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**MicroProgetti**  
per una Civiltà dell'Amore

## CALL FOR PROPOSAL!

Apply with your microproject and achieve one of the three General Objectives:

1. Agriculture
2. Work
3. School

**Deadline:**

**04 October 2020**

For more information: [www.microprogetti.org](http://www.microprogetti.org) Or write to : [progetti@microprogetti.org](mailto:progetti@microprogetti.org)

# The MicroProgetti Call for Proposal information sheet

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## 1. Background

Civiltà dell'Amore Committee (CCCA) is a Volunteer Association that has been operating since 1986 in promoting the microproject's model of action in development countries. This was done in collaboration with the Missionaries on site. Over 30,000 microprojects have been completed. CCCA has also promoted other initiatives such as: "Adopt a Dad in the South of the world". This allowed over 1500 people to receive an income and build a future in their own land. In 2011 CCCA launched the promotion of micro-enterprises in Africa with the "Europe embraces Africa" initiative promoted also by the EU.

To speed up microprojects as an integral tool for economic, social and environmental development, the CCCA decided to create MicroProgetti per una Civiltà dell'Amore (from here MicroProgetti). It is an internal branch of the association specialized in the realization and promotion of microprojects (for more information see the [website](#)).

In 2019 Civiltà dell'Amore Committee accepted Pope Francis' invitation to The Economy of Francesco. It is an event where the Pope aimed to reinforce the Commitment of younger people for a new economy: more fair, fraternal, sustainable. MicroProgetti believe that this Commitment must be translated also into concrete actions and proposes microprojects as a model. The first initiative is a Call for Proposal for the presentation of microprojects opened to the young.

MicroProgetti intend to encourage young people to propose new integral microprojects that fully embrace the spirit of Economy of Francesco and that address various issues of a sustainable economy.

## 2. The Call for Proposal process

The Call for Proposal is looking at **innovative microproject** proposed by associations, enterprise, individual entrepreneurs and individual young. It is divided in two main phases:

- the first phase is the Call for Interest (ended the 9<sup>th</sup> of September)
- the second phase is the Call for Proposal

### 2.1 The final results of the Call for Proposal: the White Paper and the final event

The White Paper want to be the result of this Call for Proposal. It is a document written by MicroProgetti after the end of the process and published by the 15<sup>th</sup> November. In this document we insert all Admissible (see par. 3) microprojects in an organic and commented way. The scope is to promote the microproject as a model of action that have a great immediate impact for local communities in development countries. Since be theorist is not our characteristic, we want that your microprojects get the opportunity to be realized. To promote the White Paper, is our intention since 15<sup>th</sup> of November to engage enterprises, donors and stakeholders to finance your microprojects.

We explain with few Q&A what exactly we will do to improve these actions:

- What happen after the publication of the White Paper?

MicroProgetti will publish it on its website and start to contact enterprises and donors, organizing various promotion activities such meetings and events. With this type of actions, we want to obtain found to realize your microprojects.

- What happen once an enterprise or a donor is interested on finance your microproject?

In this phase MicroProgetti will contact you to involve you and to establish a collaboration with you to present it to them. If the donor wants to proceed and give the fund to realize the microproject an “Agreement of Collaboration” will be realized between MicroProgetti, You and the Donor.

- What is your role in the “Agreement of Collaboration”?

You will realize the actions described in the Call for Proposal Application form following the Action Plan. It is possible that some adjustment will be done to better respond to the donor requisite.

- What is the role of MicroProgetti in the “Agreement of Collaboration”?

MicroProgetti is the inter-face between the donor/enterprise and your organization. It maintains also a project management role and guarantee that the project goes in a great manner.

If you have any doubt about this please contact us at [progetti@microprogetti.org](mailto:progetti@microprogetti.org)

### 3. Judgment process and Award

The Call for Proposal will be judged by a Commission composed by a panel of expert. The results are given at the sole discretion of the Commission.

There can be **four type of results**:

- 1) **Not Admissible** Microproject is an application that has not passed the minimum score in the evaluation.
- 2) **Admissible Microproject** is an application that has passed the minimum score.
- 3) **Admissible-Finalist** Microproject is the Admissible Microproject with the best evaluation.
- 4) **MicroProgetti Call for Proposal winner** microproject is the best Admissible-finalist Microproject selected by the Commission in the online final event.

#### 3.1 The evaluation criteria

The maximum evaluation rate will be 100 points according the following evaluation criteria:

- Adherence to the objectives set in the Guidelines: max 20 points
- Social, economic, environmental sustainability: max 20 points
- Awareness of the local social context: max 10 points
- Budget adhering to real expected expenses: max 10 points
- Number of Direct Beneficiaries per unit of expenditure: max 10 points
- Number of indirect Beneficiaries per unit of expenditure: max 10 points
- Socio-economic impact on the local community: max 10 points
- Completeness and clarity of the project proposal and Plausibility of financial and operational plans:: max 10 points.

### 3.2 The Awards

MicroProgetti give the opportunity for all Admissible Microproject **to be added to the White Paper** (for more info see par 2.1).

The Admissible-Finalist Microproject's Team will be also invited to present their Microproject in **the Final Online Event** in October where the Commission selected the MicroProgetti Call for Proposal winner.

The best microproject will receive a **scholarship of 500 euros**.

### 4. Key dates

27 June 2020 Opening of the Call for Interest

09 September 2020 Call for Interest applications deadline

15 September 2020 Opening of the Call for Proposal

20 September 2020 Applicants to the Call for Interest receiving a feedback on their abstracts

04 October 2020 Call for Proposal applications deadline

19 October 2020 publishing of the Call for Application's results, admissible microprojects and the finalist that receive the invitation to participate at the final event

26 October 2020 the finalists present their microprojects at the final event where will be awarded the best Microproject

From 15 November 2020 The White Paper will be published and MicroProgetti per una Civiltà dell'Amore started to present it to possible donors

## 5. Information on the characteristics of the Microproject

### 5.1 Three General Objectives

The Microproject must be in line with at minimum one of the following General Objective.

**1. Agriculture** with focus on food security, renewable energies, reforestation, waste recycling.

This Objective aim to set up climate smart food production systems (mitigation and adaptation) through experimentation and capitalizing innovative practices and mechanisms focusing on various themes:

- Adaptation, so as to ensure food and nutrition security in a climate change situation (seeds selection, climate services, agro-ecological practices, early warning systems);
- Soil restoration (agroforestry, etc.);
- Mitigation (carbon sequestration, renewable energy in the processing units, etc.);
- Competitiveness and sustainability of the regional production sectors.

The specific objectives of this General Objective are:

- To fund innovative projects with high replication and/or scaling potential and likely to mobilize additional funds, including from the private sector. This requirement on innovativeness will not focus only the technical/technological aspects, and the micro-project may address the entire agricultural value chain (inputs, production, processing and distribution);
- To promote partnership approaches between different stakeholder categories in order to streamline actions on behalf of climate smart farmers agriculture. Partnerships can exist yet or can be imagined and implemented in the future (for the scope of the Call for Proposal partnerships can be only described in the application form as an example).

**2. Work:** transfer of appropriate existing technologies, applicable and manageable in work and professional skills such as in the fields of plumbing, carpentry, nursing etc.

The projects will pilot practical, economically sustainable community-based initiatives addressing the lack of technologies in some work categories where there is an important technological divide. In this sense the priority is given to project that improving transfer of existing applicable and adequate technology in different work categories.

Projects may focus on one of the following themes, but it can cover other (this not influence the evaluation):

- Introduction of efficient technologies for increase efficiency and efficacy of organization/productive/selling. Project examples include creation and/or change of enterprises organizational system throughout the applicable technology; initiatives that implement technological-based solutions to improve a sector.
- Develop awareness, skills and competencies of workers on local level that enable them to introduce technology in their way of work. The projects selected under this theme will focus on raising awareness of youth, creating learning opportunities and supporting outreach initiatives on local levels to transfer existing technology.

The projects may also help develop the ability of young people to influence enterprise policies related to technology transfer and digitalization through their example.

The projects should be able to reach large audiences, demonstrate innovation, impact, potential for be scalable, and to influence the local context.

**3. School and professional training:** improvement and innovation in teaching, use of innovative technology, implement courses with hard and soft skills content.

Youth in developing countries very often face the barriers to implement their ideas, their skills, due to lack of awareness, innovative education and teaching of hard and soft skills in education programs. In this sense, this General Objective proposes to address these issues by empowering School system and Professional training program in development countries using innovative technology, improvement of didactic programs with hard and soft skill content and teaching innovation and entrepreneurship to young.

The Call for Application will identify innovative pilot projects that demonstrate practical and specific ways for youth engagement in school system transformation and concrete measures to address the issues in some local school. When selecting projects, priority will be given to creative and innovative youth-led experimental initiatives, which can inspire others. The projects should foster youth leadership, learning, sustainability and self-reliance and, ideally, have a potential for scaling up through national policies and frameworks.

## 5.2 Amount of the microproject

The microproject must have a maximum amount of **10.000 Euro**

The Applicant must demonstrate a realistic and comprehensive understanding of the financial and operational resources required to implement the project, and show clearly how these will be sourced and deployed

## 5.3 Length of the microproject

The length of the microproject must be no more than **12 months**

## 5.4 Who can participate

MicroProgetti wants to assure the **maximum participation** as possible to the Call for Proposal for this reason we accept application by:

- Association and NGOs of every size with as responsible of this Application possibly a young between 18 and 35 years old
- Enterprise, Company, startup and other private entity with as responsible of this Application a possibly young between 18 and 35 years old
- Non-formal teams with an average age possibly between 18 and 35 years old
- Individual young possibly between 18 and 35 years old

## 5.5 No-obligation of pre-existing partnerships or site to realize your microproject

MicroProgetti looking to non-realized microprojects so there **is not any obligation** to have any pre-existing partnerships neither a specific location where you will realize your project.

In the application is requested if your microproject needs partner to be realized but you can also imagine your partner and describe in general way which type of partners you are looking for and the same for the specific location. MicroProgetti after the end of the Call for Proposal will help you to find the right partner and the right location to realize your microproject.

## 6. How to apply

Each microproject must be submitted using the forms that you can download in the **news section** of the MicroProgetti website at the following link: [www.microprogetti.org](http://www.microprogetti.org)

This documents must be sent fully filled, signed and in pdf format in one e-mail to [progetti@microprogetti.org](mailto:progetti@microprogetti.org):

- The Call for Proposal Application Form
- The Privacy Form

### 6.1 Deadline to apply

The deadline to apply is 04/10/2020 at 23.59 (CEST time)

## 7.Contact information

For information and questions please write to [progetti@microprogetti.org](mailto:progetti@microprogetti.org)

All the news related to the Call for Interest and Call for Proposal will be published in the **news section** of the MicroProgetti website at the following link: [www.microprogetti.org](http://www.microprogetti.org)