

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

- Grant to CSO(s) to implement outputs under specific objective 1 (*Civil Society engaged in public affairs*).

(b) Type of applicant(s)

- The grants will target CSOs with experience in outreach, support and coordination with (Ghanaian) civil society. The organisation should also have specific provisions/experience in inclusion of youth, women, disability, and minority groups.

Specific Objective 2: EU-Ghana partnership as well as political and policy dialogue strengthened

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

- Twinning Grant and/or TAIEX to implement part of the selected outputs/activities under specific objective 2 (EU-Ghana partnership as well as political and policy dialogue strengthened).

(b) Type of applicant(s)

- Applicants must be EU Member State administrations or their mandated bodies.

Specific Objective 3: EU Communication and Culture strategies implemented

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

- (1) Twinning grant and/or TAIEX to implement part of the selected outputs/activities under specific objective 3 (*EU Communication and Culture strategies implemented*).
- (2) Grant to implement part of the selected outputs/activities under specific objective 3 (*EU Communication and Culture strategies implemented*).

(b) Type of applicant(s)

- (1) Applicants must be EU Member State administrations or their mandated bodies, with experience in the culture and heritage sectors in Ghana. They should have evidence of past projects and initiatives in this regard.
- (2) Applicants should be public bodies, cultural institutions, or CSOs. They should have specific experience in the culture and heritage sectors in Ghana, with a proven track record of initiatives and projects across the country.

4.4.2 Direct Management (Prize(s)) – NOT APPLICABLE

4.4.3 Direct Management (Procurement)

Procurement to implement part of the selected outputs/activities under specific objective 2 (*EU-Ghana partnership as well as political and policy dialogue strengthened*), and specific objective 3 (*EU Communication and Culture strategies implemented*).

4.4.4 Indirect Management with the Partner Country

A part of the selected outputs/activities under specific objective 2 (EU-Ghana partnership as well as political and policy dialogue strengthened) may be implemented in indirect management with the Republic of Ghana according to the following modalities:

The partner country will act as the contracting authority for the procurement and grant procedures. The Commission will control ex-ante all the procurement procedures except in cases where programme estimates are applied, under which the Commission applies ex-ante control for procurement contracts above EUR 100,000 (or lower, based on a risk assessment) and may apply ex-post control for procurement contracts up to that threshold. The Commission will control ex-ante the grant procedures for all grant contracts.

Payments are executed by the Commission except in cases where programmes estimates are applied, under which payments are executed by the partner country for direct labour and contracts below EUR 300,000 for procurement and for grants.

The financial contribution does not cover the ordinary operating costs incurred under the programme estimates.

The partner country shall apply the Commission's rules on procurement and grants. These rules will be laid down in the financing agreement to be concluded with the partner country.

The contracting authority for these activities shall be the Ministry of Finance.