**PUBLIC INVITATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR START-UP AND EXISTING BUSINESSES [SECOND CALL]**

**Project number: 2020/419-487
Call Objective: Financial support for Start-Up or improvement of existing businesses
Application deadline: 15.04.2022.**



**Call for proposals for business sub-grants “Center for Professional Education - Partesh” to support Start-Ups and Existing Companies to implement projects in the services and manufacturing sectors**

The project "Center for Professional Education - Partesh", is funded by the European Union and implemented by the Municipality of Partesh in partnership with Regional Development Agency East.

This call is part of the project "Center for Professional Education - Partesh" and it aims to support new and existing businesses to create profitable employment and generate income for young people in the Eastern Economic Region by creating jobs, reducing the unemployment rate and supporting the expansion of businesses.

This is a second and last call for proposals. The current call is divided into two lots:

* **LOT 1- New business projects (Start-Ups)**: Project funding for a single project proposals minimum 2,000.00 Euro and maximum 4,000.00 Euros.
* **LOT 2- Existing businesses**: Project funding for a single project proposals minimum 5,000.00 Euro and maximum 10,000 Euro.

The total fund set aside for financial empowerment through start-ups and existing businesses is 130,000 euros. This is the second call and the last in connection with the above project where 60,000 euros are available, funds to be paid to potential winners.

The project aims to support 25 successful applicants, 20 from LOT1 and 5 from LOT2 category. So far, 12 applicants from LOT1 and 4 from LOT2 have been supported.

We reserve the right to support more applicants than those listed above in the case of more good applications.

Only one application per applicant shall be submitted. In case more applications are registered by a single applicant, the project relevant committee reserves rights without further assessment to immediately disqualify such applications.

**Who can apply?**

To qualify for a sub-grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:

**LOT 1**

* The applicant is legally represented by a citizen of Kosovo;
* The applicant is legally establishing the business in Kosovo prior to signing the Sub-Grant Contract and/or is registered as a business for the activities envisaged by the proposed action at the time of receiving the grant;
* The applicant is directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action;
* Applicants are resident of the East Economic Region of Kosovo
* The applicant possesses sufficient labor force for activities;

**LOT 2**

* The applicant is legally represented by a citizen of Kosovo;
* Written proof that the applying business has no obligation registered in TAK;
* The applicant is directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action;
* The applicant is 100% privately owned micro or small enterprise registered in Kosovo;
* The applying business is promptly registered for the activities envisaged by the action proposed at the time of receipt of the sub-grant;
* The applying business is located in the East Economic Region of Kosovo;
* The applying business possesses sufficient labor force for activities;

**Application process:**

Download the application form from the website:
<https://kk.rks-gov.net/partesh/sr/category/konkursi-i-objavljivanja/> or by requesting the necessary documents by email: centerforprofesionaleduaction@gmail.com.

Submitted applications MUST be sent to email: centerforprofesionaleducation@gmail.com OR sent in person to the following address: Premises of the Center for Professional Education, Street Vidovdanska, Partesh, **no later than 15. April 2021, 16:00h.**

All questions and answers, as well as other important announcements for applicants will be posted on the project Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CPOPartes>, **no later than 4. April 2021.**

Questions regarding the application statuses from this call, can be addressed in written , in Albanian, Serbian or English language to centerforprofesionaleducation@gmail.com.

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