

THE:PLACE

TURKEY HAND IN HAND WITH EUROPE:
PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES
AND CIVIL SOCIETY'S EXCHANGE



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What is **THE:PLACE**?

- Turkey **H**and in Hand with Europe: Programme for Local **A**uthorities and **C**ivil Society's Exchange
- a sub-grant exchange program between civil society organizations from Turkey and Europe
- collaborative partnership program between CSOs and local authorities
- funded by Stiftung Mercator
- co-managed by ALDA and MAD,
- divided into 2 rounds each lasting 2 years, in total it is a 4 years long programme between 2021-2025

Objectives of **THE:PLACE**

The programme aims to:

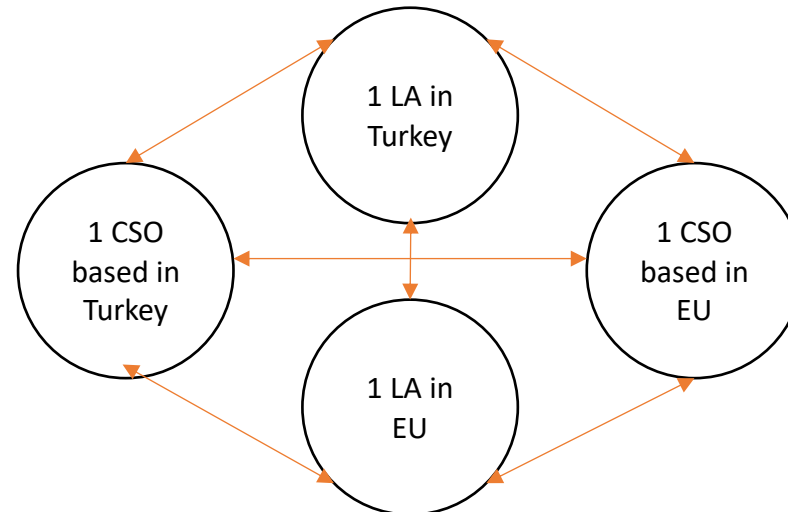
- favor the empowerment of CSOs and Local Authorities (LAs) as actors of local development
- build up lasting Turkey – European Union networks of CSOs that work on local issues

through

- **exchanging** knowledge and best practices between CSOs from Turkey and Europe
- promoting **cross collaborations** between CSOs and local authorities
- introducing novel methods of **mutual/peer learning** and co-design processes
- strengthening the capacity of CSOs

Who is **THE&PLACE** for?

- Participants of the project need to be **rights/development-based non-profit CSOs** from Turkey and the EU that aim to tackle social challenges by working together with local authorities
- Local authorities will become **associated partners** of the participating CSOs.
- The programme will create quadrilateral partnerships composed



Which CSOs can't apply

- Universities&Research Institutes
- Social Enterprises
- Private Companies
- Unions
- Trade Associations
- Trade Chambers

Which CSOs can apply in Turkey

- Derneks,
- Vakıfs,
- Non-profit Cooperatives

Activities of **THE:PLACE**

Activity 0 – Selection of Participants:

- Interest in **exchanging** with TR/EU CSOs & motivation
- Fields of interest (non exhaustive list): urban development, social issues, climate change, digital participation, disaster prevention, participatory budgeting, local democracy, decentralized cooperation, migration management, health...
- **SDGs** framework
- Closing of the Applications - **21st January 2022**
- Selection of 20 CSOs , 10 from Turkey and 10 from EU - **February 2022**

Activities of **THEPLACE**

Activity 0.1 – Online Match-Making Event – February 2022

- 1 preliminary online meeting
- Open to all pre-selected CSOs (10 TR + 10 EU)
- **Thematic virtual tables** on topics of interest identified by CSOs themselves > possibility to debate around potential project proposals

Activities of **THEPLACE**

Activity 1.1 – Capacity Building – Intensive Coaching

- 5 days between **28.03 - 01.04.2022** in person in Istanbul, 1 or 2 participants per from selected CSO
- Focus on team building (networking activities: group work, study visits, reflection sessions, social events...)
- Consolidation of the match-making between the CSOs
- Introduction to project development
- Informative session on stages of democratic participation at the local level
- LA representatives invited as keynote speakers

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Activity 1.2 – Capacity Building – Online Learning Programme

- 2 months, online, **April-May 2022**
- More **technical**, aimed to provide detailed information & skills about identified topics of interest
- Some modules will be free to readapt the content to the needs of the participants
- Experts will be invited to deliver specific modules, together with ALDA and MAD

Activity 2 – Design of the Partnership Projects

- **coach** the partnership in the preparation of a proposal
- 6 partnership will be selected out of 10

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Activity 3 – Implementation of the partnership projects

- up to 12 months + 1 month for reporting, between **October 2022** – **September 2023**
- Budget is up to 25.000 € per partnership (covering local activities, capacity building activities, meetings, events, job-shadowing, joint activities...)
- Selected 6 projects will have to comply with the following indications:
 - the objectives of the programme
 - the grant needs to be jointly managed and spent both in Turkey and EU
 - entail an exchange component, with capacity building and transfer of knowledge among partners & respective territories
 - include a sustainability plan & fundraising strategy for the partnership to establish a long-term cooperation

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Activity 3 – Implementation of the partnership projects

- Monitoring by ALDA & MAD with regular check-ins + mid-term report
- Production of videos on the projects

Activity 4 – Closing event (October 2023)

- in Brussels aimed to project dissemination and follow up, as well as launching the second round of the programme

Q&As from Infoday

Eligibility related questions

Q1: Is it admissible if applicant CSO would like to make a collaboration with a local authority out of its district?

A1: Yes, it is possible even though the program prefer collaborations within your local area. In the application form you will be asked to explain why this collaboration is relevant. Please be as specific as possible, so to help us best understanding the type and relevance of your relationship with that local authority.

Q2: May applicants apply from a candidate country to EU?

A2: Unfortunately, only Turkey and EU members based CSOs are eligible to apply.

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Eligibility related questions

Q3: Would it be a problem for the assesment if CSO had zero income in the last fiscal year, due to the pandemic and restrictions related to that?

A3: The financial operational capacity is one of the evaluation criteria, as to guarantee the capacity of the NGO to manage cash flow, etc. Please do explain in the application form your reasons for your current situation. We will take those exceptional cases into consideration at the evaluation process, if they have reasonable ground.

Q4: Are the associations of local authorities eligible for the collaboration CSOs would like to establish or strengthen?

A4: Yes, they are acceptable for collaboration along with municipalities and metropolitan municipalities.

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Project Implementation related questions

Q1: What kinds of costs will be eligible costs during the project period?

A1: Costs related to project management (human resources, travels & accomodation, material, communication, etc.) The coverage will be detailed at the time of the project period.

Q2: Should CSOs find partners for the projects before the programme application?

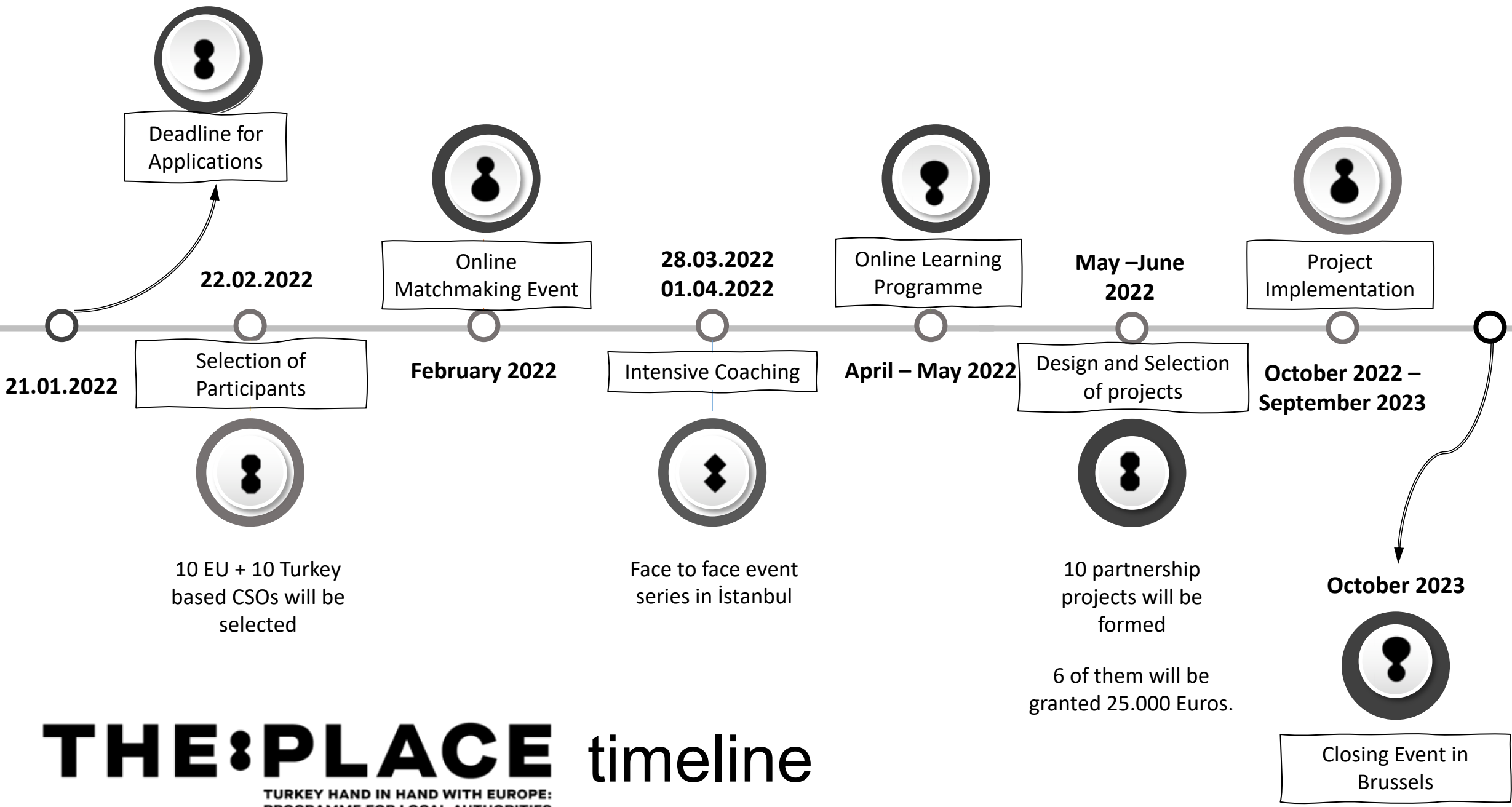
A2: No, you don't need to. Partnerships will be built through the matchmaking, intensive coaching and online learning programme activities among pre-selected 10 Turkey and 10 EU based CSOs.

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Project Implementation related questions

Q3: The costs for capacity-building activities, such as flight and accommodation for intensive coaching in İstanbul, will be covered by the 25.000 Euros grant?

A3: No, the programme's budget will compensate for those costs separately. The grants will only be used for the projects related costs.



THE:PLACE timeline

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Thanks for listening!

