

Diaspora Micro Grants

Funding criteria

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Purpose of this document

This document summarises the criteria used to check and select applications for the “Diaspora Micro Grants”. Section A contains the formal requirements, all of which must be met. Section B contains the qualitative criteria used to assess and rank eligible applications. Sections C covers eligible costs.

A. Formal eligibility (knock-out criteria)

All criteria under A must be met. If one criterion is not met, the application is rejected without further assessment. If we need for clarification, we will get in touch with you.

No.	Criterion
A1	Venue The event takes place in Germany.
A2	Diaspora membership and residence in Germany The applicant is part of the diaspora and lives or is based in Germany. Eligible applicants are individuals, informal initiatives, registered associations and registered organisations. For organisations: more than half of the members or of the executive committee have a migration background.
A3	Date of the event The event takes place no later than 31 January 2027. There are at least four weeks between the submission of the application and the first day of the event.
A4	Funding amount requested The contribution requested from GIZ does not exceed EUR 8,000.
A5	Completeness of the application The application was submitted in full and within the deadline via the ‘Good Grants’ platform. The application form has been completed in full. An agenda and a detailed breakdown of costs are enclosed.
A6	No double funding Any funding from other donors is specified in the application. The same cost items are not funded simultaneously from other public funds. No financing is provided from other or additional BMZ grants.
A7	Contribution to sustainable development in a partner country The event contributes to sustainable development in one of MEG partner countries: Albania, Cameroon, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, India, Kosovo, Nepal, Serbia, Tunisia, Ukraine, Viet Nam.
A8	Role of the diaspora Representatives of the diaspora are integrated into the organisation and implementation of the event, either as executing agencies or contributors, and bring specific expertise or contributions relevant to the event.

No.	Criterion
A9	Safeguards / Admissibility Human rights, non-discrimination, integrity and the 'do no harm' principle are observed. There are no legal, reputational or security-related reasons for exclusion.

B. Qualitative assessment criteria

Applications meeting all criteria under A are assessed against the following criteria. Important note: There is no legal entitlement to funding.

No.	Criterion
B1	Relevance to development and impact The event addresses a specific requirement or challenge. It has a clear impact objective and a suitable target group relevant to that impact. The pathway from activities to results or impact in the partner country is presented in a plausible manner.
B2	Quality and plausibility The objective, target group, content and format are well aligned. The process, timeframe and roles are sufficiently specific. The scope and number of participants are realistic. The required skills, experience or partnerships are in place.
B3	Sustainability and potential for follow-up There are tangible results that can be put to further use. A specific follow-up is planned. The event will strengthen networking and cooperation.
B4	Cost-impact ratio The budget items set out are transparent and can be clearly allocated. The costs are appropriate for the format, duration and target group. The funding is channelled into activities that contribute to the desired impact. There is additional leverage provided by in-kind contributions, partnerships, reach or similar factors.
B5	Gender Gender considerations are taken into account in the planning and implementation of the event (e.g. outreach, participation or barriers to access)). Bonus: Gender equality and empowerment of women are key objectives of the event, with plausible activities and results.

C. Eligible and non-eligible costs

The grant amounts to a maximum of EUR 8,000 per event. Details are elaborated after approval.

Eligible costs (examples)

- Fees for experts and speakers
- Venue costs, including technical equipment
- Catering costs
- Travel costs of speakers
- Interpretation and translation
- Measures for accessibility and participation
- Materials, printing and facilitation costs
- Public relations and documentation of the event

Non-eligible costs

- Ongoing staff and operating costs of the organisation
- Investments and the purchase of durable assets
- Activities outside of Germany
- Costs incurred before the grant was approved
- Passing on funds to third parties and donations
- Cost items already covered by other donors