

# INFORMATION NOTE

## THEMATIC 'CALL FOR PROPOSALS'

**Support to Energy Security in Ukraine.  
Establishment of power back-up and hybrid supply  
systems in connection with critical infrastructure and  
public buildings. Focus on Mykolaiv and regions in  
Ukraine with particularly critical needs.**

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### **Introduction**

Under this 'Call for Proposals,' civil society organizations are invited to submit proposals that contribute to solving the acute energy crisis in Ukraine through the establishment of resilient and decentralised power back-up and hybrid power supply systems, including solar energy solutions with either battery storage or generator back-up. The objectives and priority areas are further described in Section 2 below. Additionally, Section 4 contains a description of the requirements for applicants.

### **1. BACKGROUND**

#### **Ukraine: Need for alternative energy solutions in response to acute energy crisis**

Russia's war in Ukraine is in its third year, resulting in significant human and economic costs. About one-third of the Ukrainian population is internally displaced or has left the country. Additionally, there is substantial destruction of infrastructure and production capacity. According to the latest *Rapid Damage Needs Assessment* (RDNA3)<sup>1</sup>, the direct damages caused by the war amount to USD 152 billion. The cost of fully rebuilding the damages is currently expected to be USD 486 billion.

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<sup>1</sup> RDNA3 was released in February 2024 and is prepared in collaboration between the World Bank, the Government of Ukraine, the EU, and the UN.

Particularly, Russian attacks on energy infrastructure have created critical challenges for the population in Ukraine, with approximately 50% of the country's energy production capacity destroyed. The electricity supply is severely reduced, and there are widespread power outages. This has serious consequences for public infrastructure, affecting hospitals, water supply, schools, public institutions, and traffic regulation (posing particular dangers to vulnerable citizens and schoolchildren).

Central energy facilities are vulnerable targets for Russian attacks, prompting the Ukrainian authorities to urgently seek the establishment of smaller decentralized solutions that can supplement and periodically replace disrupted central power production.<sup>2</sup> One such decentralized solution sought by the Ukrainian authorities is the establishment of smaller decentralized power back-up solutions, e.g. hybrid supply systems with installation of solar photovoltaic modules with hybrid inverters or generator solutions combined with energy storage focusing on self-consumption and ensuring back-up supply in case of unscheduled blackouts.

## **2. PRIORITY AREA - PURPOSE AND BUDGET**

**Security of energy supply in Ukraine. Establishment of power back-up and hybrid supply systems in connection with critical infrastructure and public buildings. Focus on Mykolaiv and regions in Ukraine with particularly critical needs.**

Under this "Call for Proposals," up to DKK 40 million is reserved for efforts in Ukraine regarding the establishment of decentralized power back-up and hybrid supply systems in connection with critical infrastructure and public buildings. The 'Call for Proposals' is conducted subject to final approval by the granting authorities.

**The purpose** of the initiative is to:

- Contribute to securing the energy supply for critical infrastructure (such as hospitals, water supply, schools, public institutions, and traffic regulation) by establishing decentralized back-up and hybrid supply systems.

Given the current situation in Ukraine, a prompt commencement of activities is sought.

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<sup>2</sup> According to the Law of Ukraine "On Critical Infrastructure", the following entities are guaranteed power supply, also during scheduled/rolling blackouts: governance and provision of the most important public (administrative) services; energy supply (including heat supply); water supply and drainage; food security; health care; pharmaceutical industry; production of vaccines, sustainable functioning of biolaboratories; information services; electronic communications; financial services; transport provision; defense, state security; law and order, administration of justice, detention; civil protection of the population and territories, rescue services; space activities, space technologies and services; chemical industry; research activity.

### **3. TRANSACTION COSTS AND TIME FRAME**

In order to reduce transaction costs in the form of coordination and administrative burdens for the Ukrainian authorities, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to focus the available funds on one, at most two, grants under this 'Call for Proposals.' Geographically, the initiative should be focused with 60% of the funds in Mykolaiv and 40% of the funds in other areas with critical energy supply challenges.

It is desired that the initiative, if possible, be launched within 3-6 months, with an overall implementation period of 12 months.

### **4. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS AND APPLICATION**

#### **4.1 Requirements for applicants**

To apply for funds under this 'Call for Proposals,' the applicant/application must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant must have an existing agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for ongoing Danida funding, e.g., under the Strategic Partnerships 2022-2025 (SPA agreement). This is to ensure that the applicant has the capacity to manage grants from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is able to continuously monitor in accordance with the Ministry's financial oversight obligations.
2. The applicant must document that they have experience in implementing projects and partnership collaboration within early recovery and cooperation with Ukrainian authorities, including the authorities in Mykolaiv.

#### **4.2 Application requirements and application process**

A brief application must be submitted using the application template (see Annex 1) and the mandatory annexes (see page 6 below). As for documentation and description of experience, this can be done, for example, by referring to previous project applications and annual reports attached to the application.

On Tuesday, July 16, 2024, from 11:00 to 12:00, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will hold a virtual information meeting. Here, there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the Information Note. Registration can be done by sending an email to [eunabostud@um.dk](mailto:eunabostud@um.dk). Further information and a summary of questions and answers from the meeting will be available at '[Call for Proposals': Support to Energy Security in Ukraine \(um.dk\)](#).

Should questions arise after the information meeting, they should be directed in writing to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at [eunabostud@um.dk](mailto:eunabostud@um.dk) and [eunabo@um.dk](mailto:eunabo@um.dk) no later than Wednesday, July 24, 2024. Responses to submitted questions are expected to be published within 5 working days on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website '[Call for Proposals': Support to Energy Security in Ukraine \(um.dk\)](#) and will thus be available to everyone.

The application deadline is Friday, August 2 at 12:00. The application must be sent in PDF format to EUNABO: [eunabo@dk.um](mailto:eunabo@dk.um) with [annkah@um.dk](mailto:annkah@um.dk) and [sahadn@um.dk](mailto:sahadn@um.dk) in copy.

It is crucial that the application contains all the information required for the selection process, as **applications will only be evaluated based on the submitted applications and annexes** received within the above deadline.

Applications will be evaluated by an assessment team at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs according to the following procedure:

1. First, it will be assessed whether the application meets the formal requirements and whether the application is within the scope of this 'Call for Proposals', cf. section 4.1. If the application does not meet these requirements, it will not be considered.
2. If the application meets the requirements, it will be scored according to the criteria described in section 5 below.
3. If the total score is below 60, the application will be disqualified.
4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will make the final selection and grant award based on the assessment team's recommendation and the scores of all applications. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will inform the applicants of the outcome by August 7, 2024. Grant award and final selection will be contingent upon approval by relevant authorities.

#### **4.3 Possible inception phase**

Due to the short application deadline and the current and ongoing fragile context in Ukraine, the applicant may include an inception phase (of up to 8 weeks) in their application for the final planning of activities and the establishment of partnership agreements. Upon completion of a potential inception phase, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must be presented with any changes to the application's project documents for approval.

#### **4.4 Administration and dialogue with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

This 'Call for Proposals' and the subsequent grant awards are managed by the Department for European Neighbourhood (EUNABO). The grants are administered in accordance with the guidelines for single projects, see: <https://um.dk/da/danida/samarbejsspartnere/civ-org/adm-ret/tilskudsforvaltning/enkeltprojekter/>

The selected applicants will have ongoing consultations with EUNABO and the Danish Embassy in Kyiv regarding progress.

### **5. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Applications that meet the formal requirements will be evaluated based on the specific criteria listed below.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' decision will always reflect a comprehensive assessment of the application. In light of the challenges regarding the administration of aid funds (including procurement, monitoring, and follow-up on infrastructure initiatives) in Ukraine, the evaluation will focus solely on existing Danida partner(s).

	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>
a.	The applicant's experience from work in Ukraine, including specifically Mykolaiv, as well as the applicant's administrative setup in Ukraine and Mykolaiv.	0-25 points
b.	The applicant's experience and professional in-house expertise in the delivery and installation of critical infrastructure, as well as collaboration with local authorities on this.	c-25 points
c.	Quality/realism in the description of the project's strategy, activities, and goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of the overall coherence between goals, outcomes, and planned/anticipated activities/outputs.</li> <li>- Description of risks and mitigation measures.</li> </ul>	0-20 points
d.	Existing partnerships with relevant local and national actors.	0-10 points
e.	Coordination with other partners and international organizations in the field.	0-10 points
f.	Cost effectiveness: relationship between activities, expected results and costs.	0-10 points
<b>Total</b>		<b>Max 100 points</b>

Annex 1

Format for application

**THEMATIC ‘CALL FOR PROPOSALS’ ON**

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PROJECT PROPOSAL<sup>3</sup>

(Max. 10-12 pages excl. annex 2 and 3)

<b>INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORGANISATION APPLYING (APPLICANT)</b>	
Name	
Address	
Contact person	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name</li><li>• E-mail</li><li>• Phone</li></ul>	

<b>BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT</b>	
Project title	
Objective and Outcomes	
SDG-alignment <i>Please specify relevant targets and indicators</i>	
Total amount (DKK)	

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<sup>3</sup> [“HOW WE PROCESS PERSONAL INFORMATION”](#)

Main partner(s)	
Geographical location	
Start date and duration (months)	

<b>DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT</b>
<b>1. OVERALL PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the project relate to the challenges, incl. reference to recent needs analysis?</li> <li>• What kind of change does the project intend to bring about?</li> </ul>
<b>2. CAPACITY (OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short presentation of the applicant's capacity, including compliance with relevant Danida Aid Management Guidelines and reference to 'capacity assessments' and the like.</li> <li>• Short presentation of the applicant's experience from work in Ukraine – including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presence and experience from working in Ukraine and Mykolaiv (year of initiation of activities in Ukraine/Mykolaiv/other regions, offices in Kyiv/Mykolaiv/regions, number of staff (and technical capacities)</li> <li>○ Previous experience with delivery and set-up of critical infrastructure – incl. specific projects and value of these</li> <li>○ Experience and staff related to larger procurement exercises (and value of these)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Brief presentation of other projects/programmes with relevance to energy infrastructure /early reconstruction implemented by the applicant.</li> <li>• Brief description of the comparative advantage of the organisation applying in relation to the project.</li> </ul>
<b>3. PROJECT DESIGN</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall objectives and outcome</li> <li>• Description of planned activities and outputs</li> <li>• Description of possible inception Phase. When and how – and in cooperation with whom - will specific activities be developed?</li> <li>• Short descriptions of risks and risk mitigation?</li> <li>• Description of project management set-up, including monitoring and learning</li> <li>• A presentation of the budget – including tentative budget figures to be finally defined in the inception phase (following a MFA approval)</li> </ul>
<b>3. LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short description of main national partner(s) and short assessment of their capacity/will to facilitate change relevant for the project – as well as possible weaknesses/shortcomings.</li> <li>• Short description of coordination with Ukrainian</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. COORDINATION WITH EXISTING/OTHER INTERVENTIONS</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will the project be coordinated with other relevant international initiatives and stakeholders active in Mykolaiv/Ukraine– as well as programme interventions in the same thematic fields? (Specify to the extent possible: who, which fora, institutional set-up and frequency om meetings/coordination)</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. INFORMATION ACTIVITY</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short outline of planned information in Denmark and Ukraine.</li> </ul>

**Mandatory Annexes:**

- 1) Detailed budget (to the extent possible – else indicative figures to be finalized in Inception Phase. Apply ‘Anneks 3. Budgetformat’ and ‘Anneks 4 – Note til udfyldelse af budget’, which can be accessed [here](#).
- 2) A Results Framework, describing main outputs, outcomes and means of verification (maximum three outcomes with maximum three outputs each). The Results Framework will be updated after the inception phase (see format in below annex 2).
- 3) Documentation of the applicant’s experience with administration of development financing (i.e. latest capacity assessment),
- 4) Documentation of applicant’s experience working in the thematic area.
- 5) Listing and description of national partner organisations.

## Annex 2. Format for Results Framework.

Project title			
Project objective		[The intended impact contributing to benefit to a society or community]	
Outcome		[The short-term and medium term effects of the project's outcome on the target group]	
Outcome indicator		[Quantitative or qualitative factor or variable that provides a simple and reliable means to measure achievement or to reflect the changes connected to an intervention]	
Baseline	Year		[Situation prior to engagement activities]
Target	Year		[Intended situation by the end of engagement (phase)]
Output		[Short-term result in the form of deliverables which result from a set of project activities]	
Output indicator		[Quantitative or qualitative factor or variable that provides a simple and reliable means to measure achievement or to reflect the changes connected to an intervention]	
Baseline	Year		[Situation prior to project]
Annual target	Year 1		[Intended situation after first year of implementation]
Annual target	Year 2		[Intended situation after two years of implementation]
Annual target	Year 3		[Intended situation after three years of implementation]
Output		[Short-term result in the form of deliverables which result from the project activities]	
Output indicator		[Quantitative or qualitative factor or variable that provides a simple and reliable means to measure achievement or to reflect the changes connected to an intervention]	
Baseline	Year		[Situation prior to the project]
Annual target	Year 1		[Intended situation after first year of implementation]
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Target	Year		[Intended situation when activity under the project ends ]
Output		[Short-term result in the form of deliverables which result from the project activities]	
Output indicator		[Quantitative or qualitative factor or variable that provides a simple and reliable means to measure achievement or to reflect the changes connected to an intervention]	
Baseline	Year		[Situation prior to the project]
Annual target	Year 1		[Intended situation after first year of implementation]
...	...		...
Target	Year		[Intended situation when activity under the project ends ]