

# CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

## Regional Cooperation Grant for Policy, Planning, or Implementation in the Education Sector

The Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) initiative is a multi-year project funded by the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) that was established to strengthen national education systems in GPE developing country partners. At the global level, KIX is administered by the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa, Canada. Four regional KIX hubs coordinate KIX activities and, among others, facilitate knowledge production and dissemination of national expertise and experiences. Peer exchange and policy learning across countries constitute a key aspect of the KIX initiative.

This Call for Expression of Interest invites policy experts in the KIX Europe, Asia and Pacific (EAP) region to collaborate with policy experts from other countries that currently are, or have been, working on similar challenges in their education system.

### ELIGIBILITY

The Expression of Interest needs to be submitted by a consortium of KIX representatives (national KIX coordinators, national KIX steering committee, or Local Education Group), typically based in 2–3 different countries (maximum 5 countries). The approved project needs to be signed by all consortium partners and submitted to the KIX EAP hub, based at NORRAG in Geneva, Switzerland. At the stage of Expression of Interest only the Consortium Lead needs to sign, but contacts with tentative consortium partners must have taken place. All members of the consortium need to be national organizations with legal registration in 21 KIX EAP countries. The consortium may choose to also invite one additional partner from the Europe, Asia and the Pacific region to join the consortium as an affiliate.

### PURPOSE AND BENEFITS

The purpose of the peer exchange is to learn from innovative solutions in other countries<sup>1</sup> and share experiences on what has worked and what has not worked, in terms of a particular component of an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant (ESPIG), funded by GPE, or a component of a school reform program, funded by the government or by any other development partner. Examples include, how to carry out curriculum reform, how to increase access to education for girls and other vulnerable groups, how to reform teacher recruitment, salary and promotion systems, etc. Any topic may be selected as long as evidence is provided that the topic constitutes a priority in the participating countries (see, for example, the KIX EAP thematic priorities report<sup>2</sup>, education sector plan, education sector analysis, or other policy-relevant document). A knowledge report is produced at the end of regional cooperation grant with the KIX EAP hub countries.

<sup>1</sup> Note that the innovative approaches may come from within or outside GPE member countries in the EAP region.

<sup>2</sup> Three topics emerged as thematic priorities in the study undertaken in the 21 KIX EAP countries: (i) systematic implementation of the new curriculum: Identifying gaps and misalignments; (ii) using data for planning: Exchange and learning from best practices in the region; (iii) leaving no one behind in times of a crisis: Lessons drawn from COVID-19 and other disasters. Requests for cooperation grants on topics related to gender and social inclusion in education are also encouraged.



The grant amount is from USD 5,000 up to USD 15,000 and may cover:

- Honorarium fee(s) for a maximum of three experts—nominated by the consortium—that provide advice, expertise and/or training on the topic; the experts may be national, regional, and/or international experts
- Costs related to the organisation of workshop/training sessions/meetings
- Travel, accommodation, per diem to visit each other (provided that the respective COVID-19 regulations allow travel)
- Printing, translation and editing costs, etc.

The consortium needs to appoint a coordinator who will be remunerated (USD 500/month) to carry out the grant's coordination and administration. Please note that government officials may not receive an honorarium.

## APPLICATION

The duration of the regional cooperation grant is three months. The deadline for submitting the Expression of Interest is **February 22**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. All applications must be submitted, in either English, Russian or Arabic, using the [online application form](#).

The Expression of Interest needs to identify the thematic priority and type of activities planned over the course of three months. The activities should facilitate knowledge exchange within and across countries (e.g. workshops, training sessions, meetings, inter-country visits, school visits). The KIX EAP hub and the regional KIX Knowledge Leads will assist the consortium in preparing an activity plan and a budget in compliance with the terms and conditions for all KIX EAP activities.

Please ensure that representatives of diverse constituencies participate in the consortium (e.g. government, civil society, research/think tanks/universities, private sector/foundations, development partners/international organisations). Ideally, a consortium consists of 2-3 countries. Per country, preferably 3-4 country representatives participate. The number of persons participating in this peer exchange and joint analytical work in education policy should be at the minimum 6 individuals (at the minimum two per country) At this stage, there is no need to specify the names of the participants. At the stage of contracting, however, the KIX EAP hub will need to ensure that government representatives participate and consideration has been given to also include other stakeholders (civil society, research, private sector/foundations, development partners). Please note that a country may participate in more than one consortium.

## TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	DATE
Online information session	27 January, 2022
Deadline for submitting proposals - Round 1	<b>22 February, 2022</b>
Review of EoI by KIX EAP team Selected EoI connect with respective KIX EAP Knowledge Lead to finalise proposal of activities and budget	23 Feb – 4 March, 2022
Approval of final proposals	7 March, 2022
Beginning of activities	March, 2022

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