

Commitment to the Survivors of NS Persecution in Poland – Developing and Implementing Innovation in EVZ-funded projects

The Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ)

In remembrance of the victims of National Socialist injustice, the EVZ Foundation works to promote human rights and understanding between peoples. The Foundation is thus an expression of the continuing political and moral responsibility of the state, the private sector and society as a whole for Nazi injustice and towards the victims.

The Foundation supports international projects in the following areas:

- A critical examination of history
- Working for human rights
- Commitment to the victims of National Socialism

The EVZ Foundation was established in 2000, primarily to make payments to former forced labourers. The payments programmes were completed in 2007. The Foundation’s capital of EUR 5.2 billion was provided by the German Government and German industry. A total of EUR 358 million was set aside as Foundation capital in order to finance project support. The Foundation finances its long-term funding activities out of the income generated by this capital.

Commitment to the victims of National Socialism in Poland

The surviving victims of National Socialism are now very elderly. Many suffer extreme material hardship and are socially isolated. In Poland, the Foundation supports initiatives that strengthen local and national efforts to help victims of forced labour and other National Socialist injustice. It funds model projects that offer a decent standard of social care, support intergenerational dialogue and anchor responsibility in society for the concerns of the elderly and their integration into the community. At present, the Foundation and its partners are adjusting to the changing circumstances of the ageing survivors, whose needs are making ever greater demands on our range of our activities, professional experience and resources. New ideas, concepts and cooperation networks are required to enable our partners to operate more independently in the long term and to become less dependent on Foundation funding.

Objectives

- At least five current EVZ partners develop and implement new ideas, concepts and tools in their work with survivors of NS persecution.
- EVZ partners cooperate more actively with each other and with local partners.
- Three new ideas, tools or concepts are created and implemented in order to improve the support provided to survivors.

Tender procedure/Call for competition

Lot 1. Raising Hidden Treasures – Innovation process with EVZ Partners

Target group:

10 EVZ partners as implementing agencies (NGOs)

The objective is to

- *stimulate* new ideas, concepts and tools in order to meet future needs and challenges
- *activate* cooperation, exchanges and networking between EVZ partners
- *create* local networks around EVZ partners
- *identify* potentials for sustainable operations after the discontinuation of EVZ funding

We need operational support in

- *identifying* the most pressing challenges and need for innovation
- *encouraging* up to five EVZ partners to start innovation processes
- *implementing* a tender procedure for up to five pilot projects with EVZ partners
- *providing* support for the implementation of pilot projects (project terms: 6-12 months)
- *training* EVZ partners and staff in relevant future-oriented skills and tools
- *evaluating* the pilot project results and the potential for sustainability
- *identifying* feasible new ideas, concepts and tools to be implemented by EVZ partners
- *stimulating* collaboration and networks between EVZ partners

Timeline:

1 July 2019 – 1 April 2021

Lot 2. Stepping “Out of the Box” – Ideas Competition and Workshop

Target group

Creative people who are dedicated to finding solutions to the problems faced by deprived social groups

The objective is to

- *seek out* creative potentials by stepping “out of the box”
- *create* new ideas and concepts
- *find, transmit and adopt* existing good practices
- *open up and utilise* digital tools and methods where feasible

We need operational support in

- *identifying* themes that are suitable for competitions
- *issuing, publishing and disseminating* information about a public tender
- *selecting* participants for the ideas workshop
- *organising and implementing* an ideas workshop
- *selecting* three finalists
- *identifying* suitable EVZ partners or other NGOs for implementation

Timeline:

15 Sept 2019 - 1 April 2021

Qualifications, Experience and Competences

- At least five years' professional experience as experts in advising, training and evaluating NGOs, ideally making use of participatory methods and inclusive approaches.
- At least three years' professional experience in implementing funding programmes, tenders, competitions and public events, ideally with the focus on senior citizens and their organisations.
- Documented experience of working with diverse stakeholders to promote innovation, networking and cooperation, including planning experience and adapting plans in response to evolving situations.
- Ability to reach nationwide networks of organisations, initiatives and experts that work with senior citizens, especially very elderly survivors of NS persecution.
- Ability to critically assess and reflect on what is working and what is not working in order to make corresponding adjustments to consultancy and training services.
- Comprehensive understanding of the circumstances and challenges facing survivors of NS persecution and their support networks in Poland.
- Excellent English communication skills.