

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS GRANT SCHEME LOT 3

Regional youth festival for engaged and creative youth in Northern Albania

The Objective is to establish an annual Northern youth festival that will identify, promote and build creative and entrepreneurial skills for young people in Northern Albania in arts and culture, cultural and natural heritage, tourism and agritourism, multimedia, community mobilisation and civic engagement.

The Alternative Pathways Programme aims to establish a sustainable platform for the promotion and development of creative and entrepreneurial skills for young talent from the north, develop new skills and knowledge, create new socio-economic opportunities, and enable social mobility for young people.

Eligible activities

The project proposal should include most of the following, but is not limited to them only:

- **Capacity building** activities for young people: Training courses, workshops, mentorship and coaching on entrepreneurial and/or creative initiatives related to northern cultural and natural heritage, art and creativity, community mobilisation and civic engagement
- **Establishment of a regional coalition** to deliver the festival, including the design and implementation of a capacity development programme for the members of the coalition
- **Organising the first edition of the festival** that would gather young people aged 16–20 from at least eight northern municipalities, combining new skills development, creative actions, creative productions presentations, exhibitions, performances and other engaging and entertaining events for young people
- Preparatory **local initiatives** prior to the festival and/or **follow up local actions** after the festival
- **Study Visits** for selected local youth and local organisations to other similar festivals in the country or in the region
- Etc.

Who can apply

The potential applicants could be:

Civil society organisations or companies that can demonstrate:

- A good track record of designing and implementing similar projects in scope and budget
- Partnerships with other local and regional organisations: schools, municipalities, local businesses
- Good knowledge and understanding of the mentality and socio-economic challenges of the north, especially of young people
- Good knowledge and demonstrable experience in cultural heritage initiatives: creative, arts and cultural sector, and/or tourism and agritourism entrepreneurship initiatives
- If the applying organisation is not from the region, then partnership with at least one local partner from the north is a mandatory requirement (local organisations, schools, local government and informal local groups)
- International expertise/know-how and networking is encouraged

Budget:

Maximum 53,000 GBP