

TRANSPARENCY

Learn more about how conflict of interest is recognized, and transparency of assessment is ensured within the application process of NDF.

Transparency of Applicants

NDF Consortium Partners cannot apply to or be a partner in a project that receives the support of the NDF. Other civil society actors affiliated with an NDF Consortium Partner - ex. as membership organisations - can apply on the precondition that they are an independent legal entity.

Civil society actors that do not live up to the obligations in a current contract with the NDF cannot apply until the defaults are remedied. Organisations that have previously not lived up to the requirements of the NDF will undergo a capacity assessment before entering a **new** contract.

Learn more about the five NDF Consortium Partners in the Annex on NDF Consortium Partners.

Transparency of Assessment

Persons and/or Consortium Partners taking part in the assessment team, the Selection Committee or otherwise involved in the process are responsible for informing the NDF Grant Management of any existing or potential conflicts of interest related to their involvement in the selection process.

A conflict of interest may exist:

- Where a person or someone involved in the assessment team, Selection Committee or otherwise has a direct, indirect, personal, financial, or business interest in the decision made.
- Where a person or a Consortium Partner involved in the assessment team, Selection Committee or otherwise involved has a direct personal, financial, or business interest in the decision made.
- Where other relevant reasons for any of the above persons make it clear that a vested interest may exist.

The Administration Group assesses each case to determine whether a conflict of interest exists. This assessment by the Administration Group must be based on transparent criteria. The conclusion of this assessment by the Administration Group must be made in written form and filed (ex. via minutes from a meeting).

If the Administration Group determines that a conflict of interest exists, then the person and/or the Consortium Partner will not be able to participate in any



decisions regarding the specified applicant, whose application has given rise to the conflict of interest.