



SEEDS FOR INTEGRATION

Call for Applications

- Pillar 1 -

*Every person in Europe has the right to education
and this also means that education has to be accessible for everyone.
In a global world, national education systems need to also open their doors to students with origin in a
different country. Education system needs to be accessible for all.*

(OBESSU Guidelines on social inclusion in education)

Education is a key for successful integration. This is one of the main reasons why school environment and school life can have a great influence on the future of young learners with refugee and migrant background.

OBESSU believes that:

- secondary schools in destination countries play a significant role in the integration process of refugee and migrant students
- local students have a substantial role in making refugee and migrant students feel welcome and personally connected to the school community
- building an inclusive school environment is a major step towards the successful integration of those refugee and migrant students who do not yet feel connected to the host society

The project **Seeds for Integration** is based on a very simple idea. We provide funding to secondary school students who care about building an inclusive school environment or national education system for all regardless to ethnicity, nationality, country of origin or mother tongue.

Sounds good?

All you have to do is **identify a problem** that migrant and refugee students in your street, town or state are having and come up with a **great idea** that will contribute to solving the problem.

All are welcome that aim:

- To **empower school students** - regardless to where they come from - to **take action** in order to enhance the inclusion of their migrant and refugee peers into the school community and the secondary education environment and to **raise awareness** on a local, regional and national level on the issues migrant and refugee students are facing throughout their integration process.
- To **build closer ties** and **create a dialogue** between the school community and the communities migrant and refugee students are coming.
- To **further engage and enable OBESSU membership** (national school student unions) to increase the dissemination efforts and visibility of Seeds for Integration on a national level and to work towards achieving a political impact with their funded initiatives.
- To foster and support initiatives that are designed and implemented as a **joint effort** of secondary school students and university students around the topic of the educational inclusion of migrant and refugee students, having a potential impact on national policy-making.

What can we offer you?

OBESSU provides **small** and **large-scale funding** for initiatives implemented by general and vocational secondary school students on local, regional and national levels.

There are no restrictions on the type of expenses the grant may be used for. However, expenses must be directly related to and necessary for the implementation of the submitted initiative proposal.

Who can participate?

General eligibility criteria

- ✓ To apply you have to be a secondary school student studying in a European country.
- ✓ Your team has to have at least 3 members, **all secondary school students**. The person who will be communicating with OBESSU must have at least medium level English language knowledge.
- ✓ You have to have a bank account for payment in Euros (student union bank account or a bank account of another organisation that will support the team in administration)
- ✓ Your initiative has to be finished until the end of 2018.

Specific eligibility criteria per grant scale

Small scale grants

- ✓ All members of the team should attend the same secondary level school or proposed initiative has to be a collaborative activity between 2 or more schools.
- ✓ The initiative has to have a local or regional impact.

Large scale grants

- ✓ The application has to be submitted by an OBESSU Member, Candidate or Affiliate Organisation.
- ✓ The proposed initiative has to be implemented on a national level.

How can you apply?

In order to apply for a small scale or large scale grant in the framework of **Seeds for Integration** programme please visit our website www.seedsforintegration.org and click on the section "Apply now". You can apply in the online form, and save your 'work in progress' - we can then give you some comments and support before your final version is ready.

Once you are done, click 'submit' and hope for the best!

This year we will accept applications **on a rolling basis**. That means that you can submit your application any time you want. Project proposals are going to be evaluated by our selection committee that will work throughout the year.

What help can we offer you?

If you want to

- develop your idea
- learn how to fill in the application form
- better understand application procedure
- ...or have any other contact before applying...

Don't hesitate to contact the Programme Coordinator, Milos at milos@obessu.org or the OBESSU Secretariat at seeds@obessu.org