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# Finnpartnership Support Function Projects

- **Eligible applicants:** educational institutions, research organizations, and NGOs
- **Requires a parent project**, i.e. project with BF DevPlat funding, or FP funding for a commercial project
- In addition to a direct link to the parent project, **develops the local community**
- Applicant organization **does not pursue commercial / business interests**
  
- **Examples of project activities:**
  - **Building the capacity of parent project stakeholders**; providing training for locals
    - Vocational, technical, business, CSR/ESG or human rights related training
  - **Developing networks and ecosystems**
    - Improvement of local inter-stakeholder collaboration
    - Developing cooperation and innovation platforms related to the parent project
  - **Organizing seminars and workshops** related to the parent project
  - **Piloting** of parent project solution (case-by-case)

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# Finnpartnership grant 85% of eligible project costs

- Max. support 400k€ (non-de minimis) or 200k€ (de minimis)
  - Support Function project de minimis determined based on parent project; Parent project classified as de minimis = Support Function project classified as de minimis
  - Typical budget range: 50k€ – 200k€
  - Costs eligible for support must be min. 30% of total budget
  - Business Partnership support must be min. 15k€
- Project budget can include subcontractors (i.e. consultants and experts)
- One parent project can have multiple Support Function projects (e.g. Educational institution and NGO)



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## What expenses can be covered?

- **Travel costs** when travelling to the target country or another country relevant to the project
- **Employee work expenses** mainly in the target country
- **External expert fees** regardless of the location where the work is being executed
- Reasonable **facility rent** for events organised in the project, as well as **travel expenses for participants and conference packages**
- **In connection with teacher training**, one pilot group for curriculum reforms, teacher training, acquisition of teaching equipment and devices, teaching facility repair work and other short-term costs to develop the capacity of stakeholders in the parent project

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# Examples of executed Support Function projects

## Example 1

- Capacitation of the specific sector in the target market by executing **training and workshops with relevant stakeholders**
- Development of **co-operation networks / platforms** between relevant stakeholders in the target country, and linking them with Finnish counterparts
- Assessment of the feasibility for sector-specific further education, and identifying and initiating co-operation with local partners for potential training courses

## Example 2

- **Training persons** employed at health centres and refugee camps, and improving health care reporting

## Example 3

- **Vocational training** of local construction workforce for improving sustainability in construction

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# Examples of executed Support Function projects

## Example 4

- Assessment of potential utilization of production side streams generated by the parent project
  - Identification of opportunities and business potential for local entrepreneurs / stakeholders throughout the overall production value chain, mapping of business environment and logistics related issues
  - **Environmental and social assessment** of above
  - **Testing** of technology and solutions

## Example 5

- **Development of training module** for improving skills of local SMEs in sustainable business, and implementation of training
- Training of local SMEs on parent project technology, and on holding roles in different stages of the value chain linked to the parent project

## Example 6

- Developing the actualization of human rights within the immigrant worker groups employed by the parent project

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## A few case examples in Finnish

- [HAMKille ja Arctic Kultasuklaalle liikeyhteistyötä kaakaobisneksen kehittämiseen](#)
- [Konttikouluja Nepaliin yritysten ja järjestöjen yhteistyöllä](#)

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## A Support Function project cannot include:

- Activities which solely advance the business goals of the parent project – primary focus should always be in developing / capacitating the local community / communities or stakeholders
- Activities for which the parent project pays the support function operator
- Activities which advance a for-profit business objective of the support function operator
- Development or implementation of vocational training at an educational institution in the target country (**Exception: teacher training pilot group**)
- R&D activities, or product/solution development

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