

## GRANTS FOR SMALL ISLANDS SOLUTION (GSIS)

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Call launch:

**May 26 2020**

Call end:

**June 30 2020**

**Eligible projects:** Actions carried out on small islands of less than 150 km<sup>2</sup> in Senegal, Cape Verde, Tunisia, São Tomé and Príncipe, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Madagascar

**Type of organisation:** Civil society organisations

**Grant amount:** €1,000 to €3,000

**For:** Actions carried out during the period going from July 2020 to February 2021

**On the following topics:** Biodiversity and ecosystems conservation, sustainable development

### CONTEXT

Small islands are both fragile and unique. As they are at the forefront of global changes, they face many issues: limited resources, biological diversity needing protection, pressures associated to human activities... However islands can contribute to finding pragmatic and effective solutions to these issues, making small islands pioneers of more sustainable development.

[SMILO NGO](#) supports small islands of less than 150km<sup>2</sup> towards the sustainable management of their territory and resources. It bolsters integrated operations for the preservation of islands' natural resources, in relation to water and sanitation, waste, energy, biodiversity, landscapes and heritage issues. The Sustainable Island label rewards the positive local dynamics and sustainable practices. Currently, 18 islands are involved in the labelling process. SMILO provides further support with the Islands Fund, which finances concrete and sustainable operations on the ground. To strengthen cooperation and solidarity between islands, the NGO coordinates an international network, with members from West Africa, the Indian Ocean, Southeast Asia, Europe and the Mediterranean.

Today, SMILO launches the **Call for proposals – Grants for Small Islands Solutions (GSIS)**, thanks to the support of the [French Facility for the Global Environment](#) (*Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial*) as part of the implementation of the Sustainable Small Islands Initiative, carried out in cooperation with the [Conservatoire du littoral](#). This call aims to strengthen our support to small islands representatives and local associations, and more broadly the action of the civil society in Senegal, Cabo Verde, Tunisia, Sao-Tome & Principe, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Madagascar. It will also allow SMILO to discover and support stakeholders from islands that are not already part of its network. We strongly believe that they have the potential to create inspiring initiatives that will contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and which are therefore worth being promoted to other islands, on a larger scale.

The GSIS is launched on the occasion of the international event CELEBRATE ISLANDS 2020, co-organised by the [Conservatoire du Littoral](#), the [PIM Initiative for Mediterranean small islands](#) and [SMILO](#) with the theme “Our solutions are on islands”. This 7<sup>th</sup> edition will take place from **June 1 to 7, 2020**. In this unprecedented context of global health crisis, it will give islands worldwide the opportunity to share their experience in facing Covid-19, through short videos that will be shared throughout the week. A series of webinar in different languages will also take place during this week, with the participation of experts and islanders from all around the world.

## WHO CAN APPLY? WHICH OPERATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE?

You are a civil society organisation and your activities take place on an **island smaller than 150 km<sup>2</sup> in Tunisia, Cape Verde, Senegal, Madagascar, São Tomé and Príncipe, Guinea-Bissau or Mozambique?** Whether you are a member of SMILO’s network or not, you can apply to this grant!

Your project is eligible under three conditions:

- 1) **It is part of a sustainable development approach, as described in the SMILO strategic principles** (available [here](#)). Its main **objective is to meet the need for biodiversity and ecosystems conservation** (e.g. it concerns the conservation of endemic species of your island or the protection of an essential ecosystem for the biodiversity of your island, such as a mangroves or coral reefs...). In a complementary way, it could fall under one of the following sustainable development areas:
  - Sustainable management of clear water and sanitation;
  - Energy, sustainable energy and energy efficiency, etc.;
  - Waste reduction and treatment, development of alternatives to plastic;
  - Landscape and heritage (integration of landscape in projects, enhancement and conservation of exceptional cultural and/or natural heritage, etc.);
- 2) It is **innovative and inspiring for your territory, its population and its biodiversity**. As such, it could:
  - a. Motivate other islands to replicate it (e.g. *the island of Bolama (Guinea-Bissau) would like to replicate the organic waste treatment project that has been implemented on the island of Principe (São Tomé and Príncipe)*);
  - b. Could possibly be developed over the medium/long term by creating a local initiative (e.g. *the “Zlarin plastic-free island” initiative which purpose is to make the island of Zlarin (Croatia) the first plastic-free Croatian island*) or a new artisanal production chain (e.g. *creation of traditional jewellery from recycled glass on the island of Gorée (Senegal)*);
  - c. Mobilise numerous local stakeholders over multiple months through the implementation for example of an awareness campaign for tourists, involving well-known local personalities (such as actors, singers, politicians, etc.).
- 3) **The funded activity will be implemented during the period going from July 2020 to February 2021.**

Eligible costs include: costs related to communication, transport/travel, purchase or renewal of equipment.

## GRANT AMOUNT

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The amount of this grant goes from €1,000 to €3,000. There are two possibilities for the payment of the grant: separate payments on due dates or a one-full payment. The decision is subject to the appreciation of SMILO Secretariat, depending on the estimated budget submitted by the organisation (attached in the application form) and on the duration of the funded activity.

## CALENDAR

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The application deadline is **June 30 2020, 4 pm (CET)**. SMILO will analyse the applications and announce which ones are selected in early July 2020. SMILO will contact the selected organisations to proceed with the signature of the grant agreement, which will set out the arrangements. Selected organisations will be required to submit a final report to SMILO by the end of March 2021 at the latest.

## PROJECTS EVALUATION

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The project evaluation will depend on the duration of the operations. Therefore:

- If the grant is required for activities that will be conducted over less than 3 months, the beneficiaries will have to submit a final report to SMILO.
- If the grant is required for activities that will be conducted over more than 3 months, a mid-term interview will take place. The beneficiaries will also have to submit a final report to SMILO.

In both cases, the report should not only be a simple description of the activities. It must include all the elements that could be used to illustrate what has been conducted, including:

- Pictures, videos, feedbacks, diagrams, etc.
- Justifications and proofs of the grant use

so that SMILO can easily and precisely communicate on the project.

## COMMUNICATION

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SMILO is active on numerous social networks and also has a website. We intend to create posts and a web page to promote the selected projects. Applying organisations are therefore invited to present in a few words how they consider communicating about the project, and/or how they already communicate about their current projects.

## HOW TO APPLY?

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Download and fill in the application form available here, and send it with the mandatory documents to [secretariat@smilo-program.org](mailto:secretariat@smilo-program.org) and [c.lam-muzerelle@smilo-program.org](mailto:c.lam-muzerelle@smilo-program.org) before **June 30, 2020, 4 pm (CET)**.