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PEACEPLUS CHANGE MAKER FUNDING PROGRAMME

INVESTMENT AREA 1.2

The Empowering Communities to Embed Peace Small Grants Programme

CALL DOCUMENT: PEACEPLUS Programme 2021-2027

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

The PEACEPLUS Programme

PEACEPLUS (the Programme) is a unique cross-border structural funds programme aimed at reinforcing progress towards a peaceful, stable, and prosperous society in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. It represents the European Union’s commitment to supporting the peace process across the region, with the first PEACE Programme launched in 1995.

PEACEPLUS represents an investment of €1.144 billion in support of projects that promote peace and reconciliation and contribute to cross-border economic and territorial development. It will contribute to a more peaceful, prosperous, and stable society in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland and will leave a lasting legacy. It will build upon previous PEACE and INTERREG Programmes by combining these two funding streams into one cohesive new programme.

PEACEPLUS is supported by the European Union, the UK Government, the Northern Ireland Executive, and the Irish Government. It is managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). PEACEPLUS comprises six themes, encompassing 22 individual Investment Areas.

PEACEPLUS Programme Thematic Areas



This Call Document should be read in conjunction with the following:

- [PEACEPLUS Change Maker Applicant Guidance Document](#)
- [Applying for PEACEPLUS Change Maker Funding: Your Step-by-Step Guide](#)

Please consult these documents before completing the application form as they contain essential information to assist you in making the best application possible. These documents are available on the PEACEPLUS Support Portal: [PEACEPLUS Support Portal | SEUPB](#)

SECTION 2: DESCRIPTION OF INTERVENTION

The PEACEPLUS Programme is making a call for applications to the Change Maker Funding Programme Investment Area 1.2: Empowering Communities to Embed Peace Small Grants Programme.

This objective is to promote positive relations characterised by respect, where cultural diversity is celebrated and people can live, learn, and socialise together, free from prejudice, hate and intolerance.

It will result in communities and organisations at all levels across the Programme Area, empowered to fulfil their potential in the creation of a more peaceful and prosperous society.

Change Maker Funding Programme - Investment Area 1.2 Strand One: Empowering Communities to Embed Peace Small Grants Programme.

Investment Area 1.2 will support the delivery of people-to-people projects by civic and community organisations through the provision of a small grants programme. It will enable a bottom-up approach designed to empower people and organisations at a grass roots level, to make a direct contribution to peace and reconciliation within their community. It will incorporate measures to encourage participation by organisations with limited administrative resources and will be streamlined in nature, with simplified administrative and application processes.

Funded projects will enable organisations to work on shared challenges, on a cross-community basis. The thematic approaches will vary but central to all projects will be meaningful and purposeful contact between those from different community, cultural and political backgrounds. This is in addition to the incorporation of outcomes clearly linked to embedding peace and reconciliation. Where appropriate, this will incorporate activities designed to address and transform sectarian attitudes and behaviours. Related actions will build respect and mutual appreciation for cultural diversity and inclusivity.

If necessary, investment can be made in single identity work, where this activity clearly builds confidence and capacity and leads to meaningful and purposeful contact with individuals and groups from different community, cultural, racial and political backgrounds. An application which proposes a project that includes single identity work should engage with the Support Partners before commencing their application.

Participation will be encouraged by those from minority and marginalised groups. The Programme places emphasis on providing support to those most marginalised within our communities. These include, but this is not an exhaustive list: women; older people; those from the LGBTQ+ community; minority communities (including migrants and refugees and those from the Traveller Community); those living with disability; those with issues arising from the legacy of the conflict including ex-prisoners; members (including former members) of the security service personnel.

All applicants must clearly demonstrate how they will bring local people from diverse backgrounds together from the outset and/or as a sustained outcome of the funded activity.

Anticipated Actions: Peace and Reconciliation Projects

Peace projects funded through the Change Maker Funding Programme should incorporate meaningful and purposeful contact between individuals and groups from different community, cultural and political backgrounds, the outcomes of which are clearly linked to improved community relations.

The thematic focus of these projects may span a broad range of areas and groups, including, but not exhaustive:

- children and young people
- sport
- arts and culture
- history and narratives of the conflict
- victims and survivors
- ex-prisoners
- members (including former members) of the security services
- health and wellbeing
- community education/ safety/ regeneration
- social innovation/enterprise
- environment and climate
- disability

Intermediary Body

Pobal will deliver several of the key functions associated with the delivery of these Investment Areas. Pobal is an organisation in Ireland with responsibility for administering and managing government and EU funding aimed at supporting social inclusion and addressing social disadvantage. You can find out more information about Pobal at www.pobal.ie.

SEUPB is delivering the Change Maker Funding Programme in collaboration with Pobal and the Support Partners (Cooperation Ireland, Rural Action and East Border Region).

Role of Support Partners

A partnership agreement is in place to help underrepresented organisations to access the programme and assist them in the application process. This partnership comprises:

- Cooperation Ireland
- Rural Action
- East Border Region

These organisations operate as agents to ensure effective delivery and support for applicants.

The Support Partners play a key role in ensuring the effective delivery of the programme. Their primary responsibilities include:

- Providing guidance and support to applicants, particularly those with limited administrative capacity.
- Facilitating community engagement to ensure diverse participation.
- Acting as regional agents to promote and deliver the programme effectively.
- Ensuring inclusive access to funding opportunities for grassroots organisations.

SECTION 3: ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

It is important to note that the Change Maker Funding Programme (Investment Area 1.2) will support the delivery of people-to-people projects by local community organisations. It will enable a bottom-up approach, designed to empower people and organisations at a grass roots level to make a direct contribution to peace and reconciliation within their community.

Bids may be presented in one of three configurations:

- A project composed of a Lead Partner and one (or more) budget holding Project Partner (PP).
- A project composed of a Lead Partner and one (or more) non budget holding Associated Partner (AP).
- A project composed of a single Lead Partner without a PP or AP.

Every Lead Partner and any budget holding Projects Partners will be required to upload their current constitution or governing document with the application.

Applicants are permitted to hold more than one Letter of Offer, provided that each individual project is clearly differentiated, and the details and numbers of participants can be recorded and maintained separately for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

All projects must outline demonstrable cross-community credentials in their application. It is acknowledged that this needs to be given particular thought and attention in the case of single Lead Partner projects where it may be more difficult to demonstrate.

Who is eligible to apply

- Local community groups;
- Non-government organisations (NGOs);
- Non-profit social enterprises;
- Associations, including those focused on social inclusion opportunities, ex-offenders, sports, arts, history and cultural bodies;
- Voluntary sector organisations;
- Local Traveller and Migrant organisations;
- Disability support organisations;
- Organisations representing any of the groups listed above;
- Universities, Schools, Colleges, Higher Education, Research Institutions.
- Organisations that have a presence in both Northern Ireland and Ireland.

Please note the above is not an exhaustive list, other organisations may be considered eligible.

- Organisations that operate for private profit are not eligible to apply.

Programme Area

The programme area for the PEACEPLUS Programme is:

- Northern Ireland
- The border counties of Ireland (Counties Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan, and Sligo).

This is the core programme area. The programme, however, has flexible geography beyond its administrative borders called a functional area. This allows organisations and institutions not based in the core programme area to get involved in projects by linking with partners within the core area. The benefits of such collaborations must be significant for the core programme area.

SECTION 4: THE PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

PEACEPLUS Performance Framework is designed to measure and monitor the overall performance of the programme. All activity supported as part of the PEACEPLUS Change Maker Funding Programme – Investment Area 1.2 Strand One: Empowering Communities to Embed Peace Small Grants Programme – must contribute to the achievement of the output and result indicators established for this part of the programme.

All citizens, communities and organisations across the programme area have a role in creating a more peaceful and prosperous society and should be empowered to fulfil this potential. Investment Area 1.2 will enable organisations of all sizes to engage in peacebuilding activities and contribute to the creation of a more cohesive society.

All applicants will be required to demonstrate how their project contributes to the output and result indicators and targets for this Investment Area.

Output and Associated Result Indicators

The EU regulations state that all Investment Areas (specific objectives) supported by PEACEPLUS must consist of the following:

- Output and result indicators for each specific objective.
- Targets for output and result indicators to be achieved by 2029.

The output and result indicators at programme level for the entire Investment Area are presented in the table below. Full Details are presented in [Annex 1](#).

Output Indicator			
ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target Value
PSO1.2a	Organisations jointly engaged in local level projects	Organisations	960

Result Indicator			
ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target Value
PSR1.2a	People from different communities engaged jointly in local level projects	People	24,000

Achievement of Outputs and Results

It is expected that a minimum of 960 organisations will be jointly engaged in delivering a number of local level projects. These organisations will jointly develop and implement their proposals, providing programmes that will result in 24,000 participants from different communities to engage in meaningful and purposeful contact.

Achievement should be recorded once activity in a project has completed. An organisation may or may not be a project partner, however, a written engagement agreement is to be held demonstrating joint engagement.

Within the application form, applicants should set out indicative actions, including details of events and numbers of participants targeted for each type of event and minimum requirements for contact hours and duration. These should be recorded and retained in project implementation. Applicants must also demonstrate how they will effectively ensure participation from different communities in their project activities. Different communities relate to persons of different religious belief, ethnic or racial group.

Meaningful and purposeful contact should be worthwhile and have a function, it should result in the participation of shared activities to ensure a transformative experience. Rather than prescribing a specific number and duration of hours for engagement, the flexibility is on the applicants to define within their application form the level of contact/engagement which is meaningful and purposeful for their target participants, including those from hard-to-reach communities. Further details on meaningful and purposeful contact can be found in **Annex 2**.

Applicants must also be able to demonstrate within their application how the proposed project has been developed on a cross-community basis and will lead to increased and sustained cross-community interaction. They must also describe how they will effectively engage to ensure participation by and contact between different communities in the proposed activities to ensure meaningful interaction and make a tangible contribution to peacebuilding in the programme area.

Applicants should provide a breakdown of the anticipated community ratios they believe are achievable during the lifetime of their proposed project. More details on how to record these ratios and acceptable community representation can be found in **Annex 2**.

It is expected that participants will provide key data to allow a religious/community background, and ethnic/racial group breakdown analysis of project beneficiaries.

Contribution to the Horizontal Principles

The PEACEPLUS Programme is underpinned by three Horizontal Principles:

- Sustainable Development
- Equal Opportunities and Non-Discrimination
- Equality between Men and Women.

Pro-active contribution to and support of these principles should be part of every successful project funded by the Programme.

The Change Maker Applicant Guidance Document available [here](#), provides specific information on how to ensure your project contributes to the Horizontal Principles in line with the Programme commitments.

SECTION 5: APPLICATION PROCESS

A one-stage process will be in place for this call as detailed in the Change Maker Applicant Guidance Document. Full details of the assessment process, including admissibility criteria, are also available in the Change Maker Applicant Guidance Document.

Applicants can be a Lead Partner on multiple projects and a partner on a different project at the same time.

Groups can hold multiple Letters of Offer at one time whilst working in partnership with other organisations. The number of applications any organisation is involved in is not prohibitive.

SECTION 6: PROJECT ASSESSMENT

Project Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed and scored against seven criteria.

1. Contribution to PEACEPLUS objectives

- How does the project advance peace and reconciliation from the bottom up (i.e. at a grass roots level)?
- How will the project contribute to the output and results provided in section 4?
- Is there a clear and credible peace component showing how the activities contribute towards building positive relationships, understanding and cohesion between communities?

2. Quality of project design

- Is the work plan clearly defined with realistic and measurable aims and activities?
- Has it been demonstrated how activities and timeline fit together to promote participation from marginalized and underrepresented groups?

3. Cross-community/cross-border co-operation

- Who will the project work with across communities/borders and how will they work together?

4. Project team and implementation

- How well does the applicant demonstrate its capacity to manage delivery, monitoring, finance, communications and administration effectively?

5. Value for money

- Does the budget represent value for money and is it proportionate to achieve the proposed results?
- Are all costs eligible, relevant, reasonable, in line with market rates and well matched to the project's outputs and intended outcomes?

6. Sustainable development

- Does the project make a positive contribution to the principle of sustainable development?

7. Equality & accessibility

- Is the project open to everyone regardless of gender, religious belief, political opinion, race, age, marital status, or sexual orientation, people with a disability and persons without, and people with dependents and persons without?

SECTION 7: CALL DETAILS, BUDGET AND CO-FINANCING RATE

Call Timeline

A total value of €20 million has been allocated to Investment Area 1.2: Empowering Communities, Strand 1.

- This Call is for applications valued between €10,000 and €100,000 total eligible costs.
- This call operates on a continuous application process with an anticipated closure date in 2027. **You may apply at any time while the call remains open.**
- Eligible applications received are assessed together on a quarterly assessment basis. Typically, in March, June, September, and December.
- This is different from a standard call for funding where there is a single submission deadline, as it allows for ongoing applications to be assessed in batches throughout the year, while still providing applicants with a clear deadline to work towards in order to be considered in the next available assessment round.

Budget and Co-Finance Rate

Grants are available to cover 100% of the eligible costs of the project. All projects in the PEACEPLUS Programme are funded jointly by the EU and UK Government (via External Assigned Revenue), hereinafter collectively referred to as ERDF, together with match funding from the Northern Ireland Executive and the Irish Government.

The total value of €20,000,000 available under this call consists of €16,000,000 EAR / ERDF and €4,000,000 governmental match.

Reimbursement of Funding

Funding will be reimbursed using a Simplified Cost Option (SCO) with flat-rate financing.

Applicants must submit a Draft Budget using the [Change Maker Budget Template](#) provided.

The template is a [Mandatory Attachment](#) and divides costs into:

- Direct Costs (project delivery costs),
- Direct Staff Costs (flat rate),
- Indirect Costs (flat rate).

Successful projects will receive a Letter of Offer in euro (EUR). Support is available from Support Partners to guide applicants on budget preparation and supporting documents that are required as per the programme guidelines.

Simplified Cost Option (SCO) with Flat Rate Financing

Direct Costs

Direct Costs are the necessary delivery costs of the project and must be evidenced with a market price check in line with threshold guidance. Typical items include (non-exhaustive): facilitator/mediator services, venue hire, conference/hotel hire, participant transport, training materials, delivery-related catering, and essential programmatic equipment.

Equipment: eligible where essential to delivery and does not exceed 20% of the overall project budget.

- Equipment purchased before project approval is ineligible.
- Infrastructure and investment costs are not eligible.

Direct Staff Costs

Staff Costs are eligible for reimbursement at a flat rate of 20% of the other direct costs of the project. This is 20% of direct costs of the partner that is employing the member of staff, not 20% of the direct costs of the total project. To claim the flat rate, the Partner must confirm that they currently employ staff and provide evidence in the form of a contract of employment/work contract or an appointment letter. An outline of the roles and responsibilities relevant to the delivery of the project will also be required.

Indirect Costs

Indirect Costs are funded at 7% of Direct Costs (including the 20% flat rate for staff if applicable). Overheads and administration are covered by this flat rate. Do not include separate overhead line items in the project budget.

For detailed guidance on how to prepare a “draft” budget using the Simplified Cost Option (SCO), please refer to the Change Maker Applicant Guidance Document.

SECTION 8: SUPPORT AND CONTACT

Contact Us

For general enquiries about this call please visit the 'PEACEPLUS Support Portal' where we have provided a range of support for applicants.

On the Support Portal, applicants can access key information on submitting an application. Projects can also raise support tickets through the Support Portal, should they require further assistance or guidance. The PEACEPLUS Support Portal can be accessed at [SEUPB PEACEPLUS Support Portal](#) (Change Maker Funding Programme).

Support Partners

Support is available to applicants from the Support Partners (Cooperation Ireland, East Border Region and Rural Action) and can be accessed by contacting:

Email changemakers@cooperationireland.org

Phone 02890 32 14 62

Groups or organisations can also register online to access support at:

<https://cooperationireland.org/projects/peace-plus-change-maker-funding-programme/>

Information about the Change Maker Funding Programme is also accessible via the Special EU Programmes Body website at: <https://www.seupb.eu/peaceplus/change-maker-funding-programme>

For support, the Co-operation Ireland PEACEPLUS Change Maker Funding Programme Team helpdesk is available by emailing; changemakers@cooperationireland.org

For general information on the Change Maker Funding Programme you can also contact Pobal by emailing peaceplus@pobal.ie or via telephone on (00353) 1 5117222.

Annex 1 Performance Framework – IA 1.2

Output Indicators

Indicator Code	PSO1.2a
Indicator title	Organisations jointly engaged in local level projects
Measurement Unit (from fiche)	Organisations
Operational definitions and concepts to apply the indicator in PEACEPLUS	<p>The output measures organisations jointly engaged in local level projects, which are implemented to deliver meaningful and purposeful contact between persons from different communities.</p> <p>Organisations: The organisations counted in this indicator are the legal entities. The organisations supported in this specific objective mainly focus on community and voluntary sector organisations (community groups).</p> <p>An organisation may or may not be a project partner. However, a written engagement agreement is required.</p> <p>Jointly engaged: Supported projects will enable organisations to work on shared challenges, on a cross-community and or cross-border basis. The engagement can take place in the design, implementation and or participation in the projects and/or activities.</p> <p>If necessary, investment may be made in single identity work, where this leads to initial and sustained contact with individuals and groups from different community, cultural and political backgrounds. Participation is encouraged by those from minority and marginalised groups. Supported projects will enable community groups to work on shared challenges, on a cross-community and or cross-border basis.</p> <p>Local level projects: Local level projects are delivered by smaller organisations operating at community level. These may include those</p>

	<p>within interface areas, where, despite proximity, cross-community contact has been limited; or within sparsely populated rural areas, where limited contact has engendered negative perceptions of other communities.</p> <p>The thematic focus of these programmes will span a broad range of areas and groups, including but not exhaustive: children and young people; sport; arts and culture; history; victims & survivors; ex-prisoners; members (including former members) of the security services; health and wellbeing; community education; community safety; community regeneration; and social innovation / enterprise. It also includes local community safety interventions designed to contribute to increased levels of peace and reconciliation.</p> <p>Meaningful and Purposeful contact: Local level projects should incorporate significant contact between individuals and groups from different community, cultural and political backgrounds; the outcomes of which are clearly linked to improved community relations. Contact should be worthwhile and have a function; it should result in the participation of shared activities and be of a sufficient intensity to ensure a transformative experience.</p> <p>Different communities: Relates to persons of different religious belief, ethnic or racial group. Initiatives should evidence commitment to tackling real and complex issues, such as racism and sectarianism, which prevent the benefits of a united and shared community being realised.</p>
Achievement	<p>Measurement Unit: Organisations</p> <p>For organisations to be counted they should be involved in the design, implementation and/or participation in the local level projects and/or activities. The engagement must be documented.</p> <p>Details of indicative actions within the projects, including details of events and numbers of participants should be recorded and retained.</p>

Any exceptions in its application and conditions of achievement (if relevant)	An organisation is to be counted no more than once per project regardless of how many activities it was involved in or how many departments were involved.
Result indicator related	PSR 1.2a: People from different communities engaged jointly in local level projects

Result Indicators

Indicator Code	PSR1.2a
Indicator title	People from different communities engaged in local level projects
Measurement Unit (from fiche)	People
Operational definitions and concepts to apply the indicator in PEACE PLUS	<p>This result indicator measures the total number of participants engaged jointly in the local level project's implementation activities.</p> <p>The joint engagement is defined as meaningful and purposeful contact between persons from different communities:</p> <p>Meaningful and Purposeful contact: Local level projects incorporate significant contact between individuals and groups from different community, cultural and political backgrounds; the outcomes of which are clearly linked to improved community relations.</p>

Contact should be worthwhile and have a function; it should result in the participation of shared activities and be of sufficient intensity and duration to ensure a transformative experience.

Meaningful and purposeful contact can take place through a single event (e.g. conferences, workshops), or a multiple event (e.g. tournaments, courses). If it is a multiple event (i.e. has several sessions), the participation in each individual session should not be counted but the participation in the multievent as whole.

Within the application form the beneficiary should detail the number of people targeted for each type of event and minimum requirements for contact hours and duration. For example:

- 1500 people will engage in art workshops (single event - 3h/workshop)
- 500 people will engage in sport tournaments (multiple event – 50 over 10 weeks)
- 80 people will engage in weekend outdoor trips (single event - 30h/trip)

The contact should enable individuals and communities to collaborate across a broad range of areas of mutual interest. The thematic focus of these programmes will span a broad range of areas and groups, including but not exhaustive: children and young people; sport; arts and culture; history; victims & survivors; ex-prisoners; members (including former members) of the security services; health and wellbeing; community education; community regeneration; and social innovation / enterprise. It also includes local community safety interventions designed to contribute to increased levels of peace and reconciliation.

Different communities: Relates to persons of different religious belief, ethnic or racial group. Initiatives should evidence commitment to tackling real and complex issues, such as racism and sectarianism, which prevent the benefits of a united and shared community being realised.

If necessary, investment may be made in single identity work, where this leads to initial and sustained contact with individuals and groups from

	<p>different community, cultural and political backgrounds. Participation is encouraged by those from minority and marginalised groups.</p> <p>Local level projects: Local level projects are delivered by smaller organisations operating at community level. These may include those within interface areas, where, despite proximity, cross-community contact has been limited; or within sparsely populated rural areas, where limited contact has engendered negative perceptions of other communities.</p> <p>The thematic focus of these programmes will span a broad range of areas and groups, including but not exhaustive: children and young people; sport; arts and culture; history; victims & survivors; ex-prisoners; members (including former members) of the security services; health and wellbeing; community education; community regeneration; and social innovation / enterprise. It also includes local community safety interventions designed to contribute to increased levels of peace and reconciliation.</p>
Achievement	<p>Where appropriate, and depending on what applicants say they will achieve, data should be obtained to allow a religion/community background and/or ethnic/racial group breakdown of participants.</p> <p>The project will be accountable to deliver meaningful and purposeful contact as established in the application form.</p>
Any exceptions in its application (if relevant)	<p>The joint engagement can be a single event, or a multiple event. If it is a multiple event (i.e. has several sessions), the participation in each individual session should not be counted but the participation in the multi-event as whole.</p> <p>Considering the importance of Local Level Projects to contribute to the communities and peace and reconciliation, participations are to be counted once each time an individual engages in a joint activity or joint engagement.</p>

	Cross-border exemption: As under this specific objective the actions and indicators are supporting peace and reconciliation, the cross-border dimension of the delivery is optional ¹ .
Output indicator related	PSO1.2a: Local level projects jointly developed and implemented.

¹ In line with Article 23(3) ETC Regulations. This has been confirmed by the European Commission's representatives.

Annex 2: Cross-community engagement (including new communities)

Applicants will be required to demonstrate how they will effectively ensure meaningful and purposeful contact between people from different community backgrounds in the context of peacebuilding.

The SEUPB understands that requesting people to self-determine can be a sensitive issue and appears contrary to ensuring cohesion within the project. However, the new PEACEPLUS Programme, like those that preceded it has a primary, overarching objective to develop lasting peace and reconciliation where historical and current community-level divisions lie. Therefore, we must find a way to record and measure these interactions to demonstrate the additionality of the PEACEPLUS Programme from mainstream Government funding.

We have set out guidance below on how this can be achieved:

1. Maximise the opportunity for cross-community engagement.

Cross-community participation should primarily target the two main community backgrounds, namely the Protestant community and the Catholic community. In general, there should be an intention to achieve a 60:40 participation ratio where one part of the ratio is based on either Catholic or Protestant participants and the other part of the ratio is based on all other religious beliefs combined, including no religious belief. In practice, this means a project with 100 participants should intend to enrol between 40 and 60 people from either the Protestant or Catholic communities.

2. Participation in the Border Counties of Ireland.

Due to the population demographics of the Border Counties of Ireland (BCI), the 60:40 cross-community representation is more challenging and therefore, an 80:20 cross-community ratio is acceptable.

3. Participation of Other Communities.

Participation is also encouraged by people from other communities, including minority ethnic communities, those of different racial backgrounds and new communities. Further to this, where a project can demonstrate that the 60:40 NI or 80:20 BCI cross-community ratio is too difficult to achieve, the SEUPB will consider their inclusion acceptable within one of the threshold groups set out above.

4. Alternative means to demonstrate the involvement of several communities.

The SEUPB recognises that some participants may be reluctant to categorise themselves on religious grounds using terms such as “Protestant” or “Catholic”. We appreciate that communities are more complex and diverse now. If an applicant can demonstrate evidence that, despite significant effort, they were unable to evidence cross-community participation in terms of religious belief, the SEUPB will be open to considering other forms of evidence submitted by the applicant to demonstrate cross-community engagement.

Examples could be data pertaining to nationality, identity, political opinion, school attended, locality of home, community background of place they grew up, local area knowledge, membership of sports, youth or special interest clubs or societies, diversity of organisations in project steering groups, location of premises for shared activity, marketing activities, or something else local to the project area.

Lead Partners and Project Partners must not collect or store any identifiable information about a participant’s inferred community background. This information may only be used to generate anonymous, aggregated totals for reporting. Do not assign a proxy classification to a name or another personal identifier.

Overall totals should be reported at project level only (e.g., ‘Catholic’ – 50, ‘Protestant’ – 40, ‘No response’ and ‘Other’ – 10).

Any interim working documents should be destroyed after aggregation.

Annex 6 of the PEACEPLUS Programme Manual offers some different identity options that can be adopted as a form of measuring cross-community participation.

- New communities may be minority groups new to the area for whom integration within the local community offers a clear benefit to all regarding shared space, mutual understanding, and respect for different cultures and traditions.
- There may be circumstances where the SEUPB may accept cross-community thresholds lower than the 60:40 or 80:20 ratios outlined.

Annex 3: List of Mandatory Attachments

Applicants must upload the following documents with their application form. Items marked with an asterisk (*) have templates available on the Change Maker Funding page of the PEACEPLUS Support Portal.

- Constitution of Lead Partner and any budget holding Project Partner(s)
- Project Budget Template* (along with the supporting documentation detailed in Section 6.2 of the Change Maker Applicant Guidance Document)
- Authorisation Form* (Lead Partner only)
- Relocation and Transfer of Productive Activity Declaration Form(s)* (Lead Partner and Project Partners)

Please ensure you have uploaded all the listed documents prior to submitting your application form on Jems. You can find all the Mandatory Attachments [here](#).