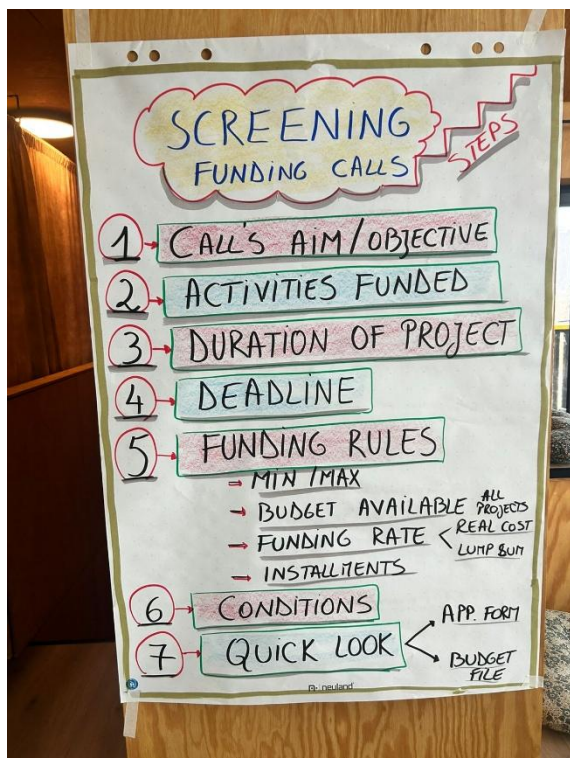


## TRAINING COURSE

### “The Joy of Writing Funding Proposals”

Balestrand, Norway | 9–14 March 2026

In the period from 9 to 14 March 2026, a representative of the Center for Innovation and Development INOS participated in the international training course “The Joy of Writing Funding Proposals”, held in Balestrand, Norway. The training was organized within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme and brought together participants from different countries, creating a diverse and collaborative learning environment. This participation represents an important step in strengthening the organizational capacities of INOS, particularly in the field of project development, fundraising, and international cooperation.



The training was designed with a strong practical orientation, focusing on real-life challenges and opportunities related to funding proposal writing. Rather than relying on theoretical lectures, the course emphasized experiential learning through interactive sessions, group work, case studies, and continuous feedback. The program was structured over four intensive working days, combining morning and afternoon sessions, reflection groups, and informal evening activities that encouraged networking and peer learning. The learning process was guided by experienced trainers with extensive backgrounds in international youth work and project development, ensuring both high-quality content and effective facilitation.

The overall aim of the training was to build the capacity of participants to diversify their funding sources and create sustainable, high-impact projects targeting young people. Throughout the training, participants explored key aspects of funding and proposal writing, including:

- Understanding the structure and priorities of major EU funding programmes such as Erasmus+, CERV, and Creative Europe
- Developing the ability to interpret funding calls and assess their relevance
- Designing coherent and impactful project concepts aligned with funding priorities
- Strengthening skills in drafting project proposals and developing realistic budgets
- Gaining practical insights into successful application strategies
- Learning how to transform ideas into fundable project proposals

A strong emphasis was placed on building confidence and motivation among participants to actively engage in proposal writing processes, regardless of prior experience. The representative of INOS actively participated in all training activities, contributing to discussions, group work, and collaborative exercises. Through interaction with participants from different countries and backgrounds, valuable knowledge exchange and sharing of experiences took place.



Particular attention was given to:

- Developing concrete project ideas in small working groups
- Analyzing real funding calls and aligning project concepts accordingly
- Receiving and providing peer feedback on project proposals
- Exploring innovative approaches to youth work and funding

This active engagement enabled the INOS representative not only to strengthen individual competencies but also to represent the organization within an international network of professionals.

Participation in the training resulted in several important outcomes for both the individual participant and the organization:

- Enhanced knowledge of EU funding mechanisms and increased understanding of available funding opportunities
- Improved skills in proposal writing, including structuring project ideas, defining objectives, and aligning with funding priorities
- Strengthened capacity in budget planning and financial aspects of project development
- Increased confidence in applying for international funding programmes
- Establishment of new partnerships and networks that can lead to future collaborations and joint project initiatives

Furthermore, the experience contributed to broadening perspectives on youth work practices and innovative project design, which can be integrated into the future activities of INOS. The participation of the INOS representative in the training course “The Joy of Writing Funding Proposals” proved to be highly valuable and impactful. The knowledge, skills, and connections gained during the training will directly support the organization’s ongoing and future efforts in developing high-quality projects and accessing international funding opportunities.

This experience represents a significant contribution to the strategic development of INOS, particularly in enhancing its role in international cooperation, youth work, and capacity building in the Western Balkans region.

