

# PEACEPLUS

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## INVESTMENT AREA 1.2

**Empowering Communities – Strand 3 The Community -  
Based Safety Interventions Programme**

**CALL DOCUMENT**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Call)**

PEACEPLUS Programme 2021-2027

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## SECTION 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1. 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 €1.144bn in support of projects that promote peace and reconciliation and contribute to cross border economic and territorial development. It will build upon previous PEACE and INTERREG Programmes by combining these two funding streams into one cohesive new programme.

PEACEPLUS is funded in partnership by the European Union, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of Ireland, and the Northern Ireland Executive.

It is managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). PEACEPLUS comprises six themes, which encompass 22 individual investment areas.

### PEACEPLUS Programme Thematic Areas



The call for applications should be read in conjunction with the following:

- PEACEPLUS Programme and associated Programme Overview

- The Programme Manual
- Guide for applicants

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 SEUPB website – [www.seupb.eu](http://www.seupb.eu)

Key information on submitting an application, troubleshooting guides and FAQ resources have been provided on the PEACEPLUS Portal – [PEACEPLUS Support Portal | SEUPB](#)

## SECTION 2

### DESCRIPTION OF INTERVENTION

#### 2. Summary of call

The PEACEPLUS Programme is making a call for an application under Theme 1: Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities

**Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities- *Investment Area 1.2, Strand 3 – The Community-Based Safety Interventions Programme***

***EU Policy Objective:*** A more social and inclusive Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

***EU Specific Objective:*** PEACEPLUS Empowering Communities [Peace and Reconciliation (Article 14(2) ETC)]

This area of the Programme will promote positive relations characterized by respect, where cultural diversity is celebrated and people can live, learn and socialize 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.

#### **2.1 What does the Investment Area “Empowering Communities”, Strand 3: The Community-Based Safety Interventions Programme seek to achieve?**

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. The Empowering Communities Programme will enable organisations of all sizes to engage in peacebuilding activities and contribute to the creation of a more cohesive society. There are three strands within the Empowering Communities Programme, which are distinct and yet are interlinked (Strand 1: Changemakers and Strand 2: The Institutional Capacity Development Programme).

**Strand 3: The Community-Based Safety Interventions Programme** will support projects with the potential to improve peace and reconciliation within local communities. It will

facilitate collaborative approaches by the statutory, community and voluntary sectors, designed to address anti-social behaviours which undermine peace and reconciliation. In this way, the programme will contribute to the creation of strengthened and more cohesive local communities.

## **2.2 Anticipated Actions**

It is anticipated that the Programme will fund the following types of actions:

The main action will be a **Community-Based Safety Interventions Programme** which will include interventions designed to contribute to increased levels of peace and reconciliation.

Applicants could consider the following examples as potential topics for projects, this list is not exhaustive.

- **Celebrating Diversity:** Intergenerational projects that include activities that combat racism and promote social integration, recognising and supporting the rights of people of different races, religions, abilities, sexual orientation, cultural or ethnic backgrounds.
- **Community Based Safety Interventions:** Intergenerational projects that address controversial and complex legacy issues, local community safety issues, opposing and dissenting views, racism, sectarianism, paramilitarism, radicalisation, actual and perceived anti-social behaviour.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions:** projects that engage with people with a focus on improving services and outcomes for them through delivering practical solutions to preventing crime, vandalism, anti-social behaviour and various nuisance behaviours that could lead to criminal activity, including diversion initiatives for people at risk of resorting to crime and transitional activities for people who have served time in a detention facility, or who have been subject to a non-custodial community based sentence.
- **Restorative Interventions:** Intergenerational projects that focus on restorative practices to address behaviours/issues, promoting safety and community cohesion, community mediation and conflict resolution skills.
- **Community Security Interventions:** projects that focus on delivering practical proactive solutions to address security concerns, community safety problems, reduce crime, sectarianism and wider attacks, cyber safety and on-line safety.

The central pillars of PEACEPLUS are peace, reconciliation and prosperity. This is why all programmes must include a cross-community and/or a cross-border element. In this investment area, some element of single identity work can be considered<sup>1</sup>, where the focus of this work leads to a cross-community/PEACE/Inclusive outcome. This will need to be clearly and effectively articulated in your application if applicable.

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<sup>1</sup> Single identity projects are aimed at engaging individuals from within one community to first build their own capacity, confidence, and skill-sets, and to challenge their in-group prejudices of the "other" in readiness for cross-community work.

## **SECTION 3**

### **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**

#### **3.1 Who is eligible to apply**

- a. National, regional and local authorities;
- b. Regional and local development agencies, chambers of commerce;
- c. Universities, colleges, higher education, research institutions;
- d. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs);
- e. Sectoral agencies and business support organisations;
- f. Voluntary sector organisations;
- g. Other relevant public-like organisations contributing to the development of the programme area;
- h. Private sector – specifically micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and large companies.<sup>2</sup>

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

Within the PEACEPLUS Programme, there are also underrepresented groups cited as potential key recipients, SEUPB has identified the following groups which are currently not in receipt of funding from the programme. We would particularly welcome applicants from or from organisations supporting:

**Ex- Security Service Personnel**

**New Community or Minority Ethnic Groups (inc. Roma & Traveller groups)**

**Traditional Cultural Expression**

**Ex-Prisoners and Former Combatants**

#### **3.2 Programme Area**

The programme area for the PEACEPLUS Programme is:

- Northern Ireland;

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<sup>2</sup> Please note that private sector partners can participate as full partners, but not as Lead Partners. Refer to the PEACEPLUS Programme Manual: 3.4.3 Who is eligible for funding

- 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 for 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.<sup>3</sup>

Cross border collaboration is not strictly limited to the administrative borders of the Programme. It has a flexible geography depending on the sector involved. For some other interventions, the solution is purely local, corresponding to an area much smaller than the core Programme area.

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<sup>3</sup> Refer to the PEACEPLUS Programme Manual: Applicants from Outside the 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 Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities Programme - Investment Area 1.2 must contribute to the achievement of the output and result indicators established for this part of the Programme.

The Empowering Communities Programme 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 proposed project represents jointly engaged projects implemented and supported by The Community-Based Safety Interventions Programme.

#### 4.1 Output and associated Result indicators

The regulations state that all investment areas (specific objectives) supported by PEACEPLUS must consist of the following:

1. Output and result indicators for each specific objective
2. 2024 milestones for output indicators
3. 2029 targets for output and result indicators

The output and result indicators at Programme level for the entire **Investment Area** are presented in the tables below:

Output Indicators			
ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target Value
PS01.2a	Organisations jointly engaged in local level projects	Organisations	960

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

The indicators in the table above are combined with Strand 1 of this Investment area. It is anticipated the majority of the target values will be met through Strand 1 of Investment Area 1.2, Applicants should demonstrate through the application how they will contribute to the above indicators, of organisations and people.

#### 4.2 Achievement of Outputs and Results<sup>4</sup>

The total target value is for the entire investment area and will be achieved by a combination of both strands 1 and 3 of this Investment area.

The output measures organisations jointly engaged in local level projects, which are implemented to deliver meaningful and purposeful contact between persons from different communities.

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). We anticipate 20-40 organisations being counted in this Strand.

An organisation may or may not be a project partner. However, a written engagement agreement is required.

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.

If necessary, investment may be made in single identity work, where this leads to/on a pathway to initial and sustained contact with individuals and groups from different community, cultural and political backgrounds. Participation is encouraged by those from

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<sup>4</sup> The applicant should refer to the Peace Plus Performance Framework for full detail on the measurement of outputs and results – this is included at Annex 1

minority and marginalised groups. Supported projects will enable community groups to work on shared challenges, on a cross-community and or cross border basis.

Initiatives should evidence commitment to tackling real and complex issues, such as racism, sectarianism and paramilitarism, which prevent the benefits of a cohesive and shared community being realised.

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.

Achievement should be recorded once activity in a project has completed. Details of indicative actions within the projects, including details of events and numbers of participants should be recorded and retained.

#### **4.3 Responsibilities regarding evaluations**

In addition to reporting the achievement of output and result indicators, the project is responsible for contributing to and facilitating the PEACEPLUS Programme evaluations and as such, projects should build capacity for it. The evaluations will be longitudinal and require excellent working relationships between all parties. This basic principle will be a priority in all the SEUPB-commissioned evaluations. This responsibility may involve (but not limited to):

- Engaging with SEUPB-commissioned evaluators and supporting the impact evaluations with data collection (including data held by the Lead Partner and new data collected during the evaluation), information requests, survey completion, and participation in case studies/focus groups/interviews.
- Facilitating access to stakeholders and encouraging the engagement of key stakeholders/participants as needed.
- Gathering and providing data for evaluation-specific indicators (secondary measures) and means for measurement set by the SEUPB and/or the evaluators appointed by SEUPB. These will be in addition to the project's Output and Result Indicator requirements (primary measures). If project partners have their own internal indicators and achievement objectives for projects as part of their performance management systems, they should inform and provide the SEUPB and evaluators with the data they are collecting as part of this.

- Using the tools and mechanisms provided by SEUPB for data collection and reporting.
- Contributing to and supporting communication and visibility actions, such as attending workshops, committee meetings, and sharing evaluation reports and case studies.

The evaluation indicators (primary and secondary measures) will be put in place during the implementation period of the Programme. In due time, the SEUPB and/or the evaluators will communicate evaluation responsibilities to the Lead Partners.

To ensure every project has the appropriate administrative support every project proposal will be expected to have a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, an Administration Officer, and a Finance Officer to assist with the project delivery returns to SEUPB.

#### **4.4 Contribution to the Horizontal Principles**

The PEACEPLUS Programme is underpinned by three Horizontal Principles: Sustainable Development; Non-Discrimination and Equality between Men and Women; and Equal Opportunities. Pro-active contribution to and support of these Principles should be part of every successful project funded by the Programme. The Programme Manual and additional guidance documents on the Horizontal Principles will provide specific information on how to ensure your project contributes to sustainable development and equality in line with the Programme commitments. Please note that the assessment value for contribution to sustainable development has increased from 5% in the previous Programme to 10% under PEACEPLUS. This is in recognition of the continued commitment to sustainability and the natural environment.

## **SECTION 5**

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

A one stage process will be in place for this call as detailed in the Guide for Applicants. Full details of the assessment process, including admissibility criteria is also available in the Guide for Applicants.

## SECTION 6

### PROJECT ASSESSMENT

#### 6.1 Project Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed and scored against seven core criteria. The **PEACEPLUS Programme Manual** contains the operational definition of these criteria and the sub-criteria linked to them. Individual investment areas may have additional call specific requirements, where this is the case, they will be detailed under the relevant criterion below:

(a) The operation will have to demonstrate how they contribute to the results and outputs of the theme.

Applicants should demonstrate alignment with the following policies/strategies as relevant:

**In Northern Ireland, the relevant strategies are:**

[The Racial Equality Strategy 2015-2025](#)

[Together: Building a United Community](#)

[Refugee Integration Strategy \(Draft\) 2022-2027](#)

[Communities in Transition \(CIT\)](#)

[Programme for Government 2024-2027 'Our Plan: Doing What Matters Most' | The Northern Ireland Executive](#)

[Executive Programme for Tackling Paramilitary Activity and Organised Crime | Department of Justice](#)

[Policing and Community Safety | Department of Justice](#)

**In Ireland, the relevant strategies are:**

- [National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2023-2028](#)
- [Our Rural Future: Rural Development Policy 2021-2025](#)
- [Youth Justice Strategy 2021-2027](#)
- [Department of Justice Evaluation of Youth Diversion Projects 2023](#)

- [Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery 2017 - 2025](#)
- [Further Education, Training and Employment Progression Opportunities for Young People no longer in the Formal School System Guidance Document](#)
- [Department of Justice Young People at Risk: YPAR Case Study](#)
- [Community Safety Policy Paper](#)
- [National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030](#)
- [National Strategy for Women and Girls 2017 –2020](#)
- [National Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020-2025](#)
- [National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy II 2024-2028](#)
- [National Action Plan Against Racism](#)
- [The Migrant Integration Strategy](#)
- [Community Safety Partnerships Strategy](#)
- Anti-Social Behaviour Forum
- [National Action Plan Against Racism](#)

(b) Quality of the project design

(c) Quality of cross community and cross-border co-operation with demonstrable added value;

(d) Quality of the project team, partnership and implementation arrangements;

- The project must ensure sufficient human resources to fulfil the management, monitoring and evaluation, financial, communication and administration responsibilities of funded projects.

(e) Value for money;

- Applicants will have to demonstrate the extent to which the project budget is in accordance with the principle of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

(f) Contribution towards sustainable development;

(g) Contribution towards equality.

- Projects must ensure accessibility to persons with disabilities, gender equality and take account of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (including Section 75 in Northern Ireland)

## SECTION 7

### CALL DETAILS, BUDGET AND CO-FINANCING RATE

#### 7.1 Call Timeline

A total value of €5 million has been allocated across both strands of this call.

- Opening Date: **8 April** 2026
- Closing Date: **3 June** 2026 at 5pm
- Steering Committee Date: **4 November** 2026

#### 7.2 Budget and co-financing rate

The total value of €5 million is currently available under this call across both strands 2 and 3 (we anticipate further funding to be made available). Successful projects would have an anticipated value circa €1 million. Larger or smaller scale projects which would be commensurate with the projected outputs will also be considered. This consists of €4 million ERDF and UK ERDF equivalent funding and €1 million governmental match provided by the Government of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Executive.

Grants are available to cover **100%** of the eligible costs of the project. Projects/Partners may wish to bring additional match funding into the project, applicants should seek further advice from SEUPB on this before the call closes.

The level of grant aid may be adjusted to take due account of state aid or UK subsidy controls<sup>5</sup> and/or anticipated future revenue streams. Please consult the Programme rules for further details.

#### 7.3 Re-imbusement of Funding

Grants and payments of the eligible costs related to the delivery of the project will take the following forms based on category of costs:

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<sup>5</sup> From 1 January 2021, all subsidies provided by public authorities in Northern Ireland have had to comply with either the EU State aid rules or the subsidy control chapter of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement and any other international subsidy commitments. Public authorities should note that in some cases both regimes could apply to a scheme if beneficiary companies are from sectors both within and outside the scope of the NI Protocol.

- (a) Reimbursement of staff cost on a real costs basis<sup>6</sup> using a fixed percentage of the gross employment costs is eligible under the staff costs category. Further information can be found in Factsheet 1 of the Programme Manual.
- (b) Reimbursement of costs actually incurred and paid (real cost basis) for external expertise and services, equipment, and infrastructure and works;
- (c) Simplified Cost Options for overheads, and travel and accommodation costs.

How the funding is reimbursed needs to be taken into account when preparing and submitting the project budget. Please, refer to the PEACEPLUS Programme Manual for further information on eligible types of expenditure under each cost category, how to calculate and claim them.

Successful projects will be issued with a Letter of Offer in Euro, if there are compelling reasons a case can be made for consideration for an award to be made in Sterling.

### **7.3.1 Simplified Cost Options**

- Office and administration costs (overheads) will be funded at a flat rate of 15% of direct staff costs. Further information can be found in Factsheet 2 of the Programme Manual. When entering the budget into Jems, applicants must select the flat rate in the “Partner Budget Options” for each partner. For claiming and reimbursement, the flat rate will be automatically calculated in Jems.
- Staff travel and accommodation costs will be funded at a flat rate of 7% of direct staff costs. Further information can be found in Factsheet 3 of the Programme Manual. When entering the budget into Jems, applicants must select the flat rate in the “Partner Budget Options” for each partner. For claiming and reimbursement, the flat rate will be automatically calculated in Jems.

Costs related to these two cost categories must not be declared under other cost categories.

For further information on how to budget and claim using flat rates above refer to the **PEACEPLUS Programme Manual**.

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<sup>6</sup> The notion of real costs concerns the actual expenditure incurred and paid by a beneficiary in relation to the project. Claiming and reimbursing in real cost basis involves a verification based on supporting documents provided by the beneficiary for each reported expenditure.

## **SECTION 8**

### **Contact Us**

For general enquiries about this call please visit the new '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, troubleshooting guides and FAQ resources. Projects can also raise support tickets through the portal, should they require further assistance or guidance. The PEACEPLUS Support Portal can be accessed at [PEACEPLUS Support Portal | SEUPB](#)

## ANNEX 1 Performance Framework Methodology - Investment Area 1.2

### Output Indicator

Indicator Code	<b>PSO1.2a</b>
Indicator title	<b>Organisations jointly engaged in local level projects</b>
Measurement Unit	Organisations
Operational definitions and concepts to apply the indicator in PEACE PLUS	<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><b>Organisations</b></p> <p>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><b>Jointly engaged</b></p> <p>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><b>Local level projects</b></p> <p>Local level projects are delivered by smaller organisations operating at community level. These may include those within interface areas, where, despite proximity,</p>

	<p>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 &amp; survivors; ex-prisoners; 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><b>Meaningful and purposeful</b></p> <p>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> <p>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><b>Different communities</b></p> <p>Relates to persons of different religious belief, ethnic or racial group. Initiatives should evidence commitment to tackling real and complex issues such as racism, sectarianism and paramilitarism, which prevent the benefits of a united and shared community being realised.</p>
Achievement	<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>Achievement should be recorded once activity in a project has completed. 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)	<p>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.</p>

Result indicator related	PSR1.2a: People from different communities engaged in local level projects
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Result Indicator

Indicator Code	<b>PSR1.2a</b>
Indicator title	<b>People from different communities engaged in local level projects</b>
Measurement Unit	People
Operational definitions and concepts to apply the indicator in PEACE PLUS	<p>This result indicator measures the total amount of participants engaged jointly in the implementation activities of the local level project.</p> <p>The joint engagement is defined as meaningful and purposeful contact between persons from different communities:</p> <p><b>Meaningful and purposeful</b></p> <p>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> <p>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>The 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 multi-event as whole. Within the application form the beneficiary should detail the amount of people targeted for each type of event and minimum requirements for contact hours and duration. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>1500 people will engage in art workshops (single event - 3h/workshop)</u></li> <li>• <u>500 people will engage in sport tournaments (multiple event – 30 over 10 weeks)</u></li> <li>• <u>80 people will engage in weekend outdoor trips (single event - 30h/trip)</u></li> </ul>

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 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.

**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, sectarianism and paramilitarism, 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 different community, cultural and political backgrounds. Participation is encouraged by those from minority and marginalised groups.

**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.

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 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.
Achievement	Where appropriate, and depending on what applicants say they will achieve, data should be obtained to allow a gender, religion/community background and/or ethnic/racial group breakdown of participants. The project will be accountable to deliver the meaningful and purposeful contact as established in the application form.
Any exceptions in its application and conditions of achievement (if relevant)	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.  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.  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 <sup>7</sup> .
Output indicator related	PSO1.2a: Organisations jointly engaged in local level projects

<sup>7</sup> In line with Article 23(3) ETC Regulations. This has been confirmed by the European Commission's representatives.

## ANNEX 2: LIST OF MANDATORY ATTACHMENTS

You are required to submit the following attachments along with your application form. An asterisk (\*) is next to attachments for which templates can be found on the relevant Investment Area page of the PEACEPLUS support portal.

1. Lead Partner Organisational Chart and Project Governance chart
2. Lead Partner Constitution
3. Budget Rationale spreadsheet\*
4. Risk Register (including Risk Mitigation Plan)\*
5. Financial Management\*
6. Communications Crisis Plan
7. Authorisation Form\*
8. State Aid and UK Subsidy Law Lead Partner Self-assessment (*this assessment is now part of the online Jems application, and can be found directly below the 'Application annexes' section of the application form. **You do not need to upload this as an attachment but you must complete this section on Jems to be able to submit your application***)
9. Relocation and Transfer of Productive Activity Declaration Form\*

**Please ensure you have uploaded all of the listed documents prior to submitting your application form on Jems. Any additional attachments will not form part of the assessment process.**