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SOLUTIONS FOR COVID-19

## Polish Challenge Fund

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# POLISH CHALLENGE FUND



**APPLY BY SEP 13**



Polish aid



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Republic of Poland



# Best Practices for Zoom webinar



## MICROPHONES AND CAMERAS

Participants are muted to avoid background noise; cameras are turned off.

## STEP-BY-STEP

Presentation; Q&A session will follow.

## QUESTIONS

Click Chat and type your message.

## RECORDING

<https://www.gov.pl/web/polskapomoc>

# Webinar for Applicants

## WHAT WE'LL DISCUSS TODAY

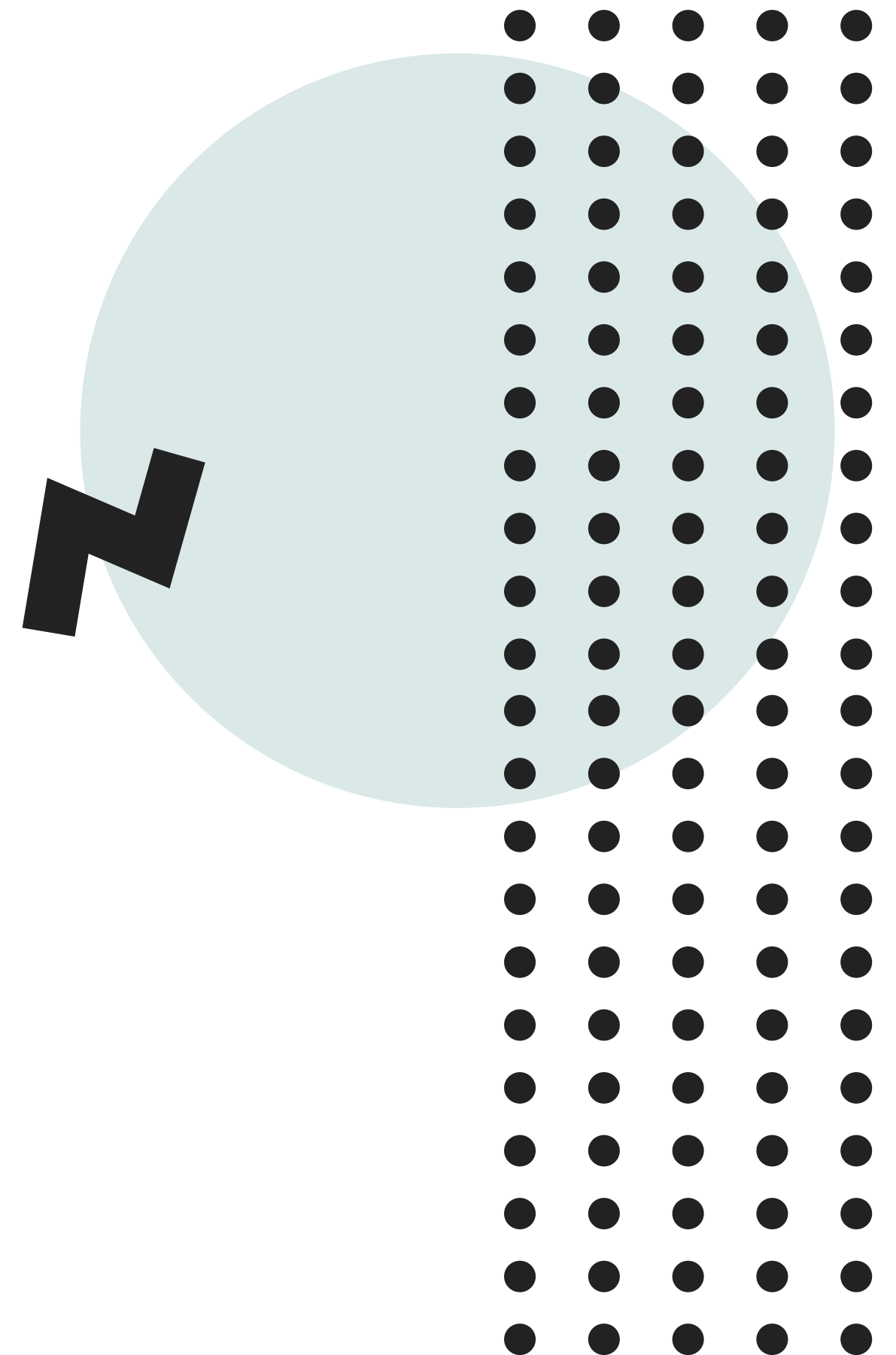
Context and Timeline

PCF Application

- How to describe the solution with activities?
- What is sustainability and how to set it up?
- How to engage with a local partner?

Budget Breakdown

Q&A session



# Context and Timeline

13 SEPTEMBER

Submission deadline.

2ND HALF OF SEPTEMBER

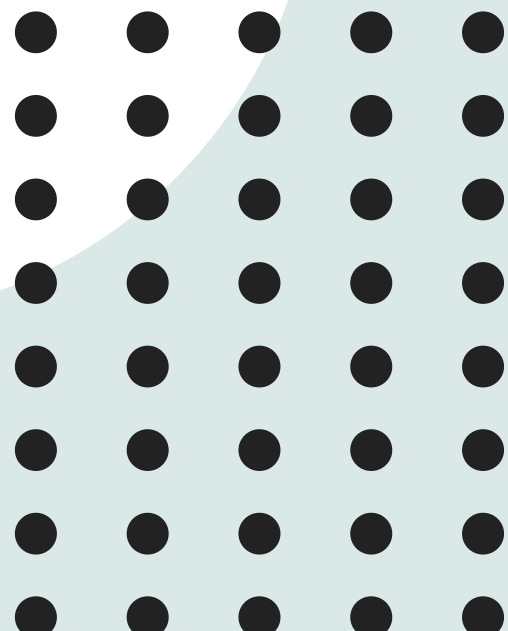
Evaluation of applications, negotiation of contracts with awardees on individual basis.

12 OCTOBER

Winners public announcement.

OCTOBER 2020 - APRIL 2021

PCF BOOST program delivery.



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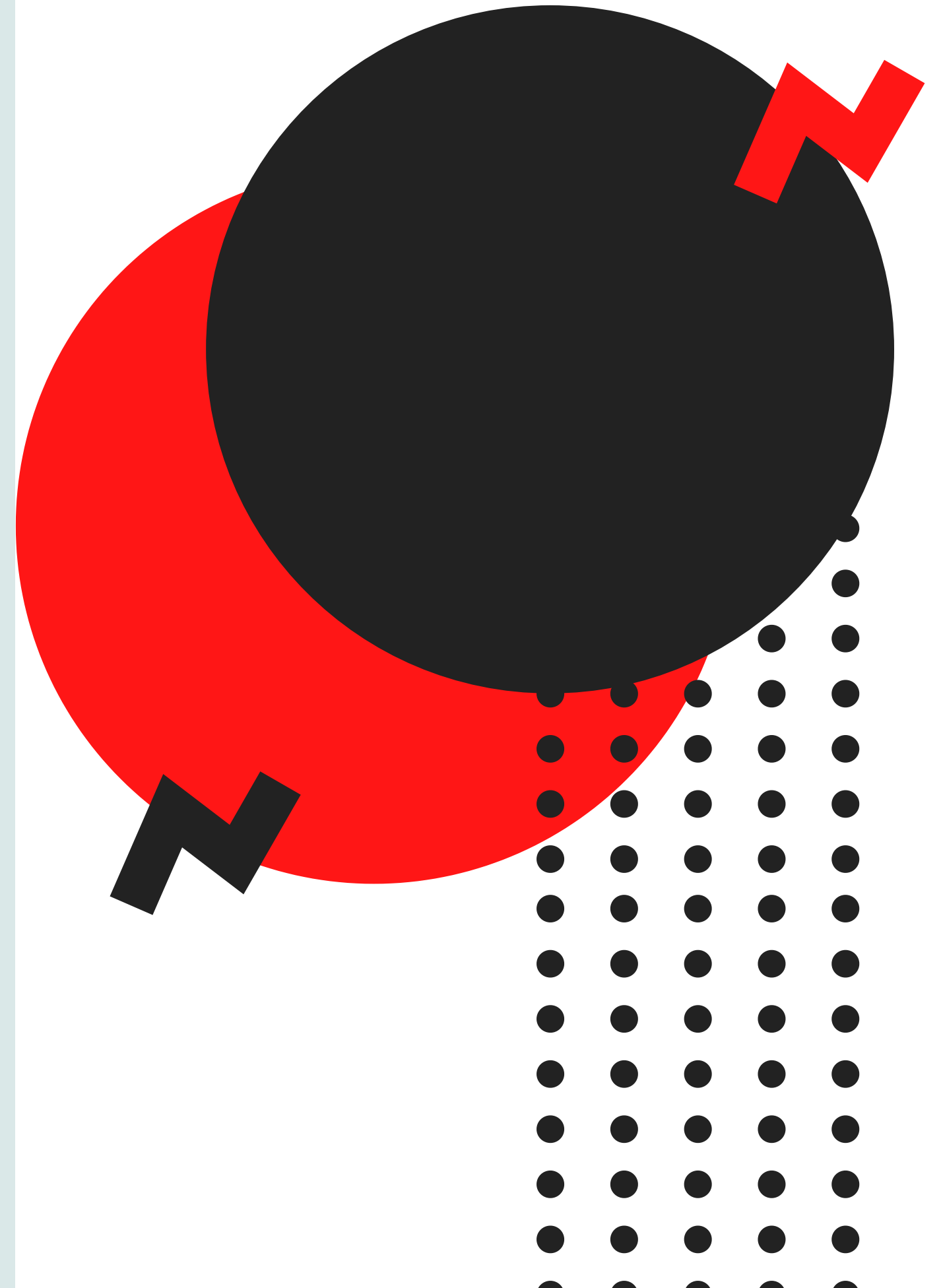
SOLUTIONS FOR COVID-19

**ACCELERATION PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL IMPACT  
INNOVATION WITH A MISSION TO BOOST AND SCALE  
SOLUTIONS TO COVID-19 CHALLENGES**

**LOOKS FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT TACKLE  
DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC:  
ECONOMY, DIGITALIZATION AND WELLBEING.**

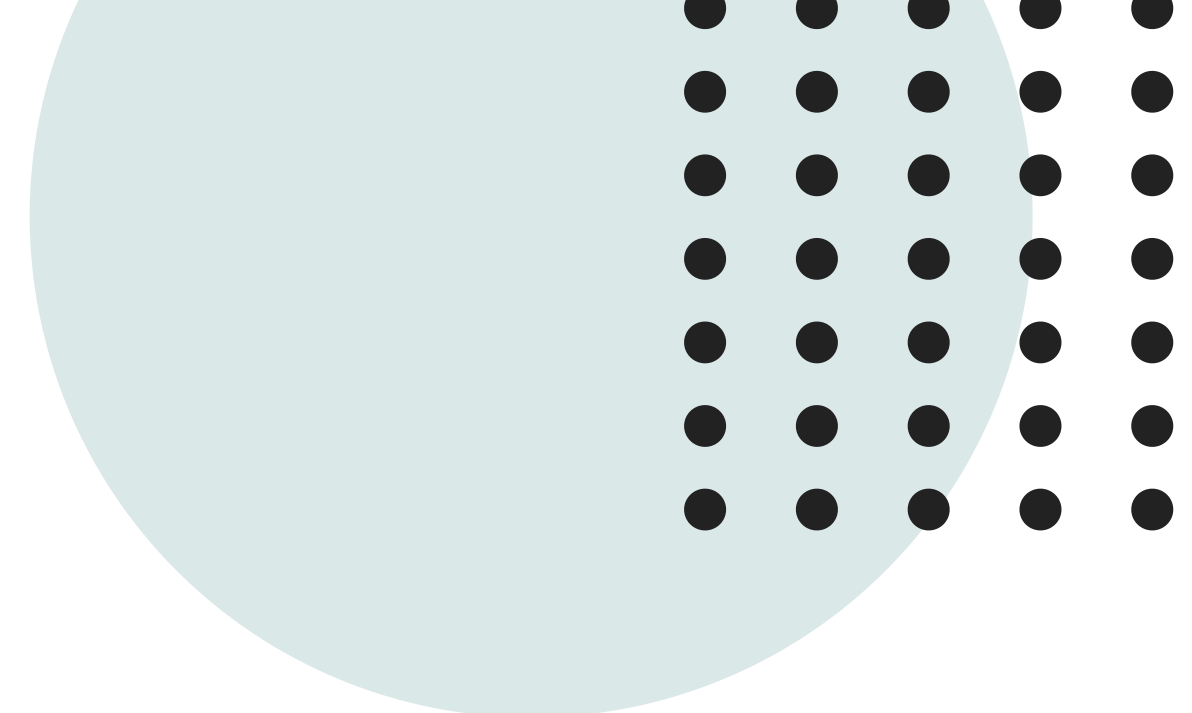
**SOLUTIONS WILL HELP US TO RECOVER, REPAIR AND  
RENEW FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

**MORE: [BOOSTIMPACT.ORG](https://boostimpact.org)**





# boostimpact.org



**Let's give Covid-19 recovery a boost!**

Join us in fighting the pandemic with BOOST, a UNDP platform that amplifies innovative solutions

[Apply for a challenge](#)

### Current and Upcoming challenges:

Challenge Name	Hosted by	Submission Deadline	Applicants	Eligible countries
<b>Civil Society Technology Challenge</b>	UNDP & Koç Holding	September 13, 2020	Civil society organizations	Turkey
<b>Innovation Challenge Fund</b>	UNDP & Slovak Ministry of Finance	September 13, 2020	private sector entities, CSOs and academia	Europe and Central Asia region
<b>Polish Challenge Fund</b>	UNDP – Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs	13 September 2020	Private sector entities (commercial companies), universities and research institutes	Republic of Poland

# boostimpact.org



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [boostimpact.org/challenges/polish-challenge-fund/](https://boostimpact.org/challenges/polish-challenge-fund/). The page is divided into two main sections: **Overview** and **Timeline**.

**Overview:** The text states: "The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted not only the health sector, but also the global socioeconomic situation. The Polish Challenge Fund is launching a second call for innovative solutions to address the emerging development issues resulting from the global health crisis." It further details that BOOST will support solutions in Ukraine and Belarus, with funding between \$20,000 and \$40,000. Below the text are three buttons: "Guiding Principles", "Budget Breakdown", and "Contract Template Form".

**Timeline:** The events listed are:

- 27 July: Open Call
- 13 September: Submission Deadline
- 12 October: Winners Announcement
- October 2020 - April 2021: BOOST program delivery
- December: Demo Day

A red "Apply Now" button is located at the bottom of the timeline section.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar with the text "Wpisz tu wyszukiwane słowa", the time "18:14", and the date "czwartek 20.08.2020".

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overview  
timeline  
eligibility criteria  
who can apply  
selection criteria  
3 issue areas  
program description



# Requirements

Ukraine and Republic of Belarus

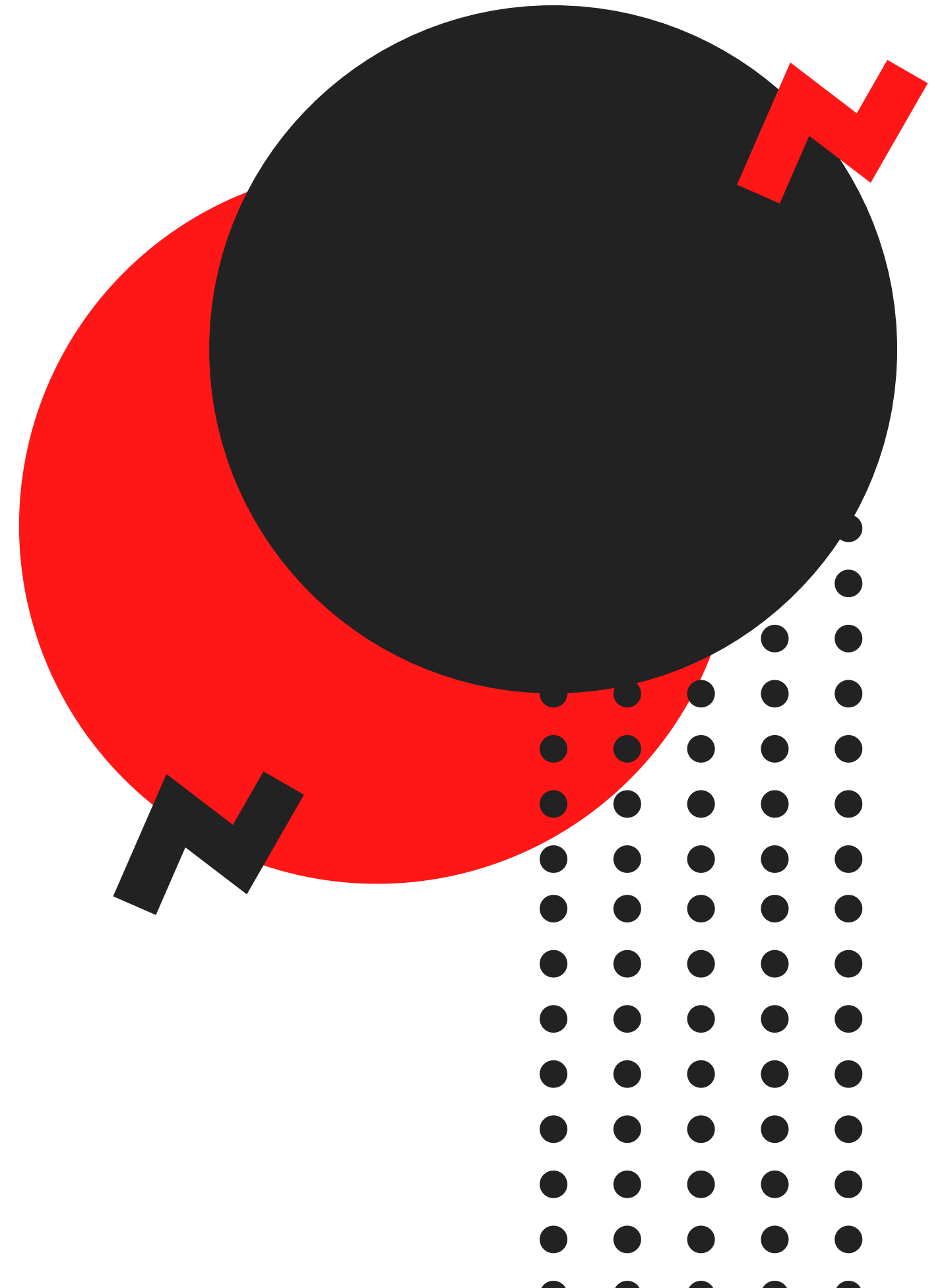
Polish private sector entities and research centers/universities

Engagement with local partner (documented)

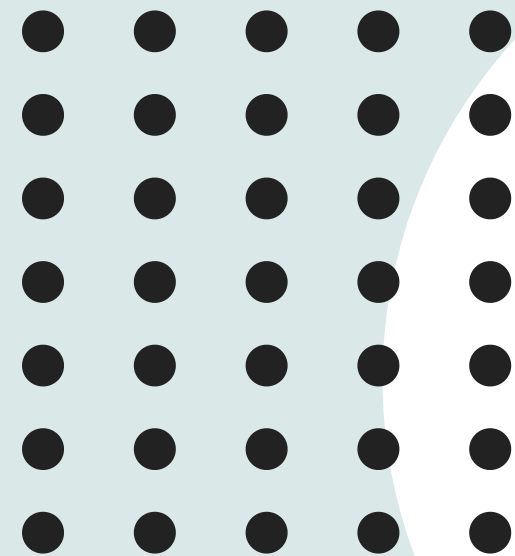
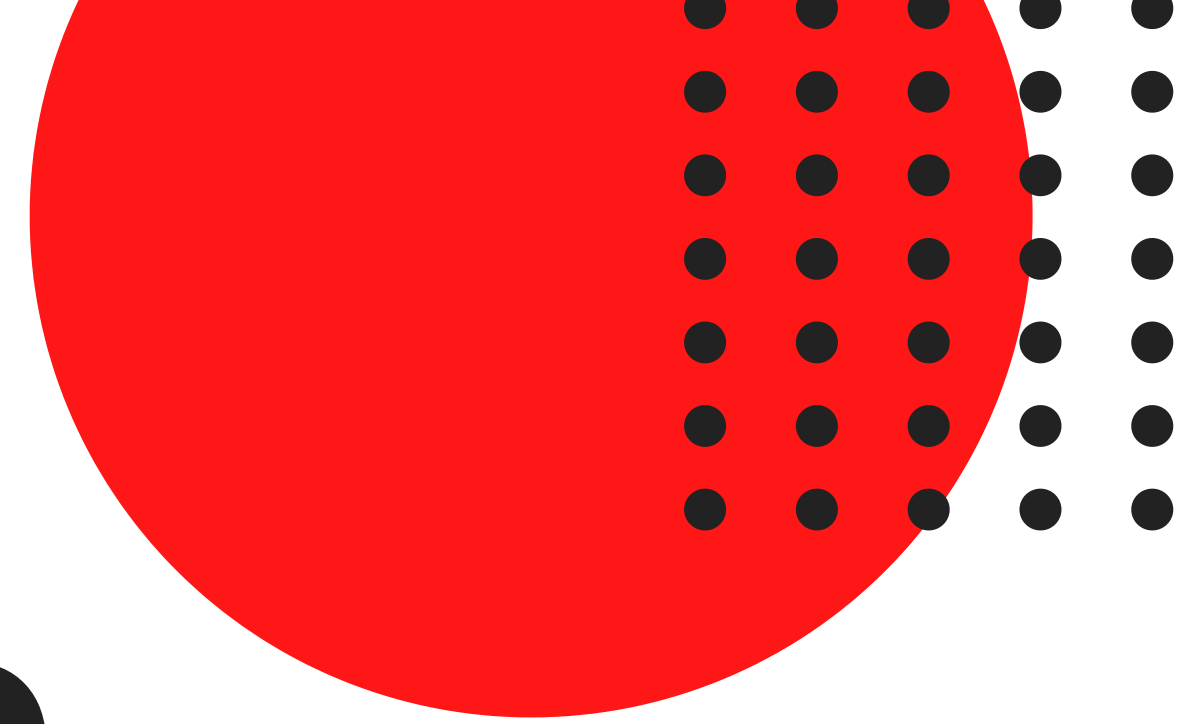
Grant: 20,000 – 40,000 USD

At least 20% co-financing

3–6 months for implementation



# Application



# How to describe the solution with activities?

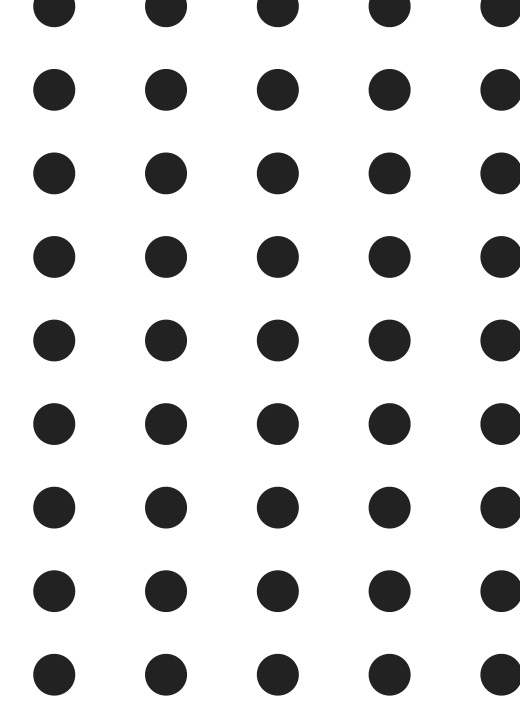
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**FOCUS ON THE LOCAL NEEDS  
AND BRING YOUR EXPERIENCE  
INTO THE PROJECT.**

Describe everything clearly and concisely.



# N Czech example: Development Challenge and Solution



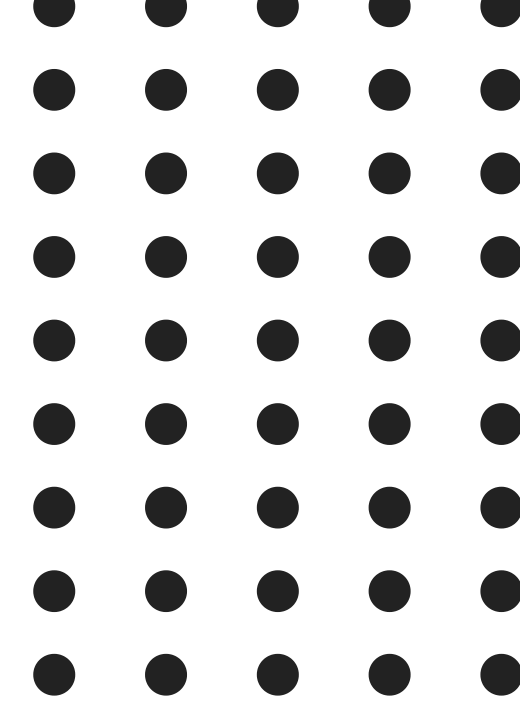
The project primarily addresses the problem of insufficient use of sustainable production technology in textile production and design, and ineffective management of waste in BiH, including the lack of recycling awareness and practice (SDG 12). Secondly, it addresses limited opportunities and low employment rates for women and girls who form the majority of potential workforce in fashion and textile industry (SDG 5). Finally, through promoting a sustained effort at the creative use of waste material and making it attractive for urban customers, impact on non-renewable energy sources used in traditional textile production is decreased (SDG 7).

Despite relative poverty rate of 16.9% population below poverty line (Household Budget Survey, 2015), households in BiH currently spend 4.9% of their monthly expenditures on clothing and footwear, which is similar to spending habits of Czech population (Czech Statistical Office, 2016). This trend is more significant in urban areas where household consumption is on average 16% higher (HBS, 2015). Bosnian-Herzegovinian urban youth population is very fashion conscious, which, however, contrasts with the lack of awareness of sustainable means of production, responsible waste use, and recycling. The project's intervention logic is thus built on the assumption that fashion presents a credible, attractive and locally relevant medium for educating on environmental awareness, while at the same time it is itself an important object of intervention due to its high toll on non-renewable energy sources and raw material.



**Upcycling  
Challenge  
in Sarajevo**

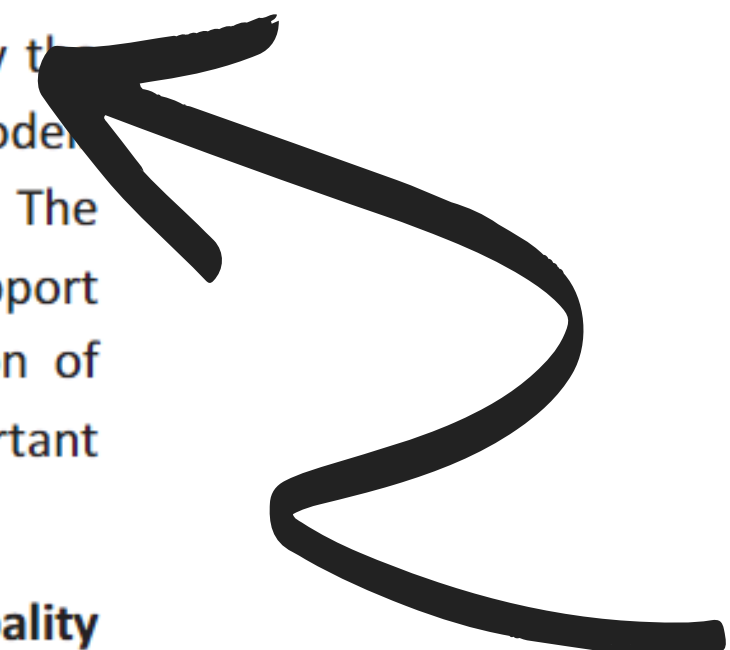
# N Czech example: Applicant's Experience



Company EVECO Brno is dedicated to the research and development of innovative waste incineration technologies. The research activity is evident from participation in research projects supported by the European Union and the Czech government. The company protects the research results by utility models and strives for pushing of the unique technologies and Czech know-how on foreign markets. The company has experience with foreign projects in developing countries, where thanks to similar support for finding suitable project partner and feasibility studies realization, technologies for utilization of alternative energy sources for heating of municipal buildings were implemented. An important reference from abroad is the project:

## **Utilization of renewable sources of energy for system of central district heating in municipality Nemila, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2011-2013**

- Supported by Czech development agency.
- General contractor: Association of companies EKO-CZT Nemila, MEVOS, Ltd.
- Turn-key delivery of functional technological unit of biomass boiler with power output of 3 MW<sub>th</sub>, including fuel buffer stock in frame of realization of the project.



**Innovative Use of  
Hospital Waste as  
source of energy in  
Moldova**



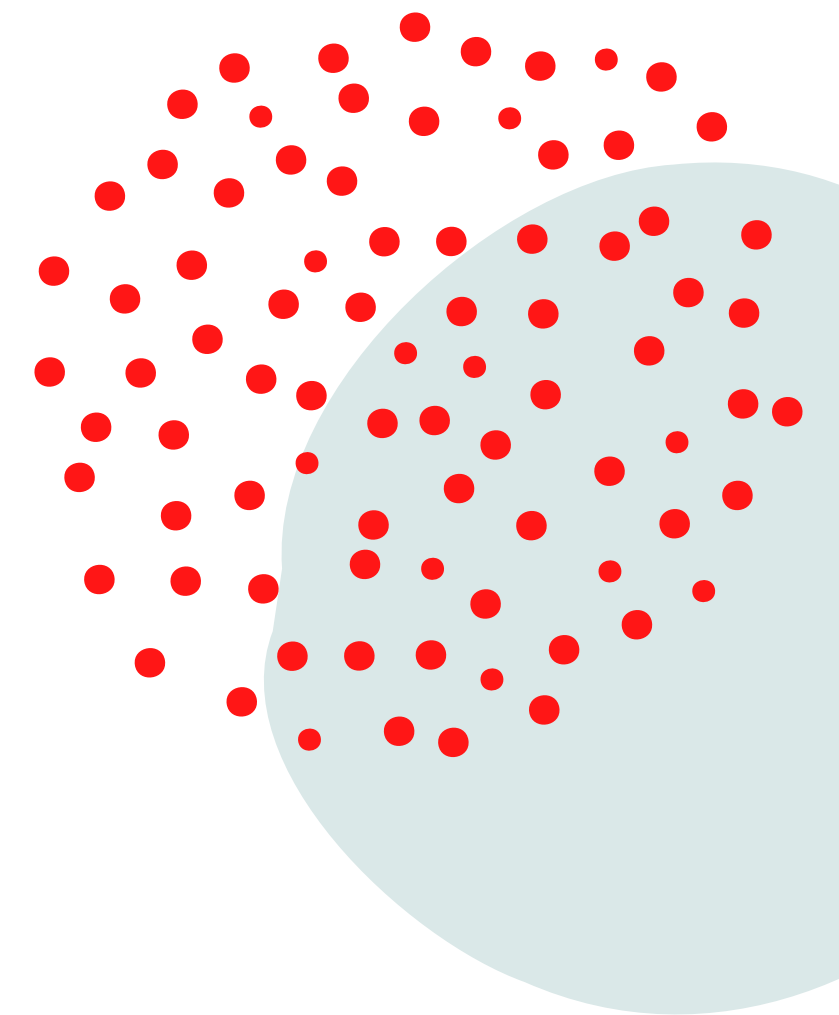
# Czech example: Activities

Proposed workplan corresponds to our experience with successful implementation of smart-city platform projects in other countries:

- A. Study trip of representatives of the City of Tuzla and municipal companies to the Czech Republic (5 people for 3 working days) to familiarize themselves with smart city projects in the Czech Republic and possibilities of the smart city platform (on the example of the City of Zlín).  
Outcome: Agenda of the study trip and list of participants  
Timeline: Month 1
- B. Analysis of systems and information that can be integrated into smart city platform Invipo in the City of Tuzla (during the first trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina).  
Outcome: Analysis with recommendations (min. 5 standard pages in English)  
Timeline: Month 2
- C. Preparation of a draft of smart city platform implementation plan in the City of Tuzla.  
Outcome: Draft of smart city platform implementation plan (min. 5 standard pages in English)  
Timeline: Months 3-4



**Introduction of Smart  
City Platform to  
Effectively Manage  
Resources in the City  
of Tuzla**





# **SUSTAINABILITY: What is it and how to set it up?**

**Describe long-term  
financial,  
enviromental and  
social benefits and  
impact.**

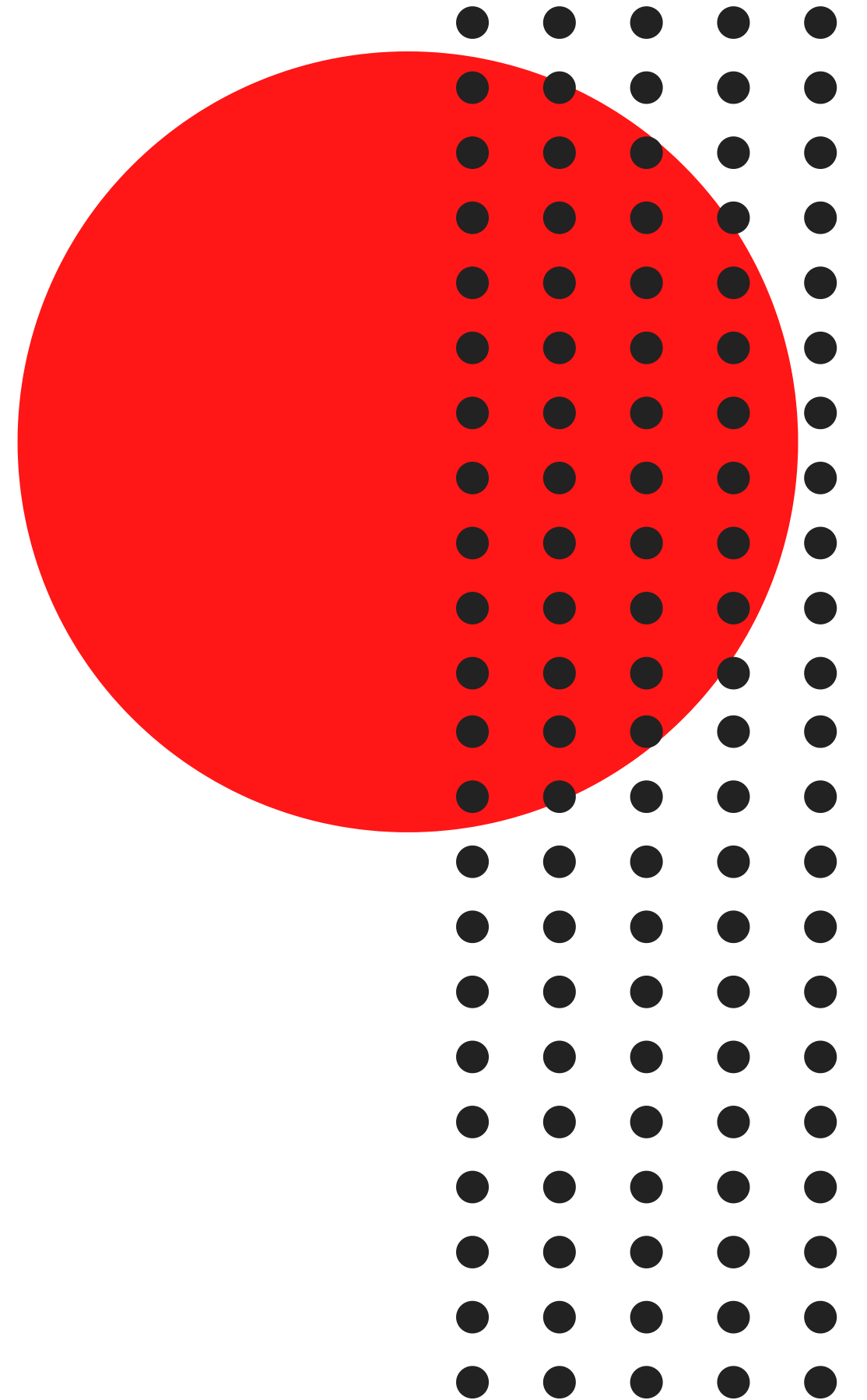
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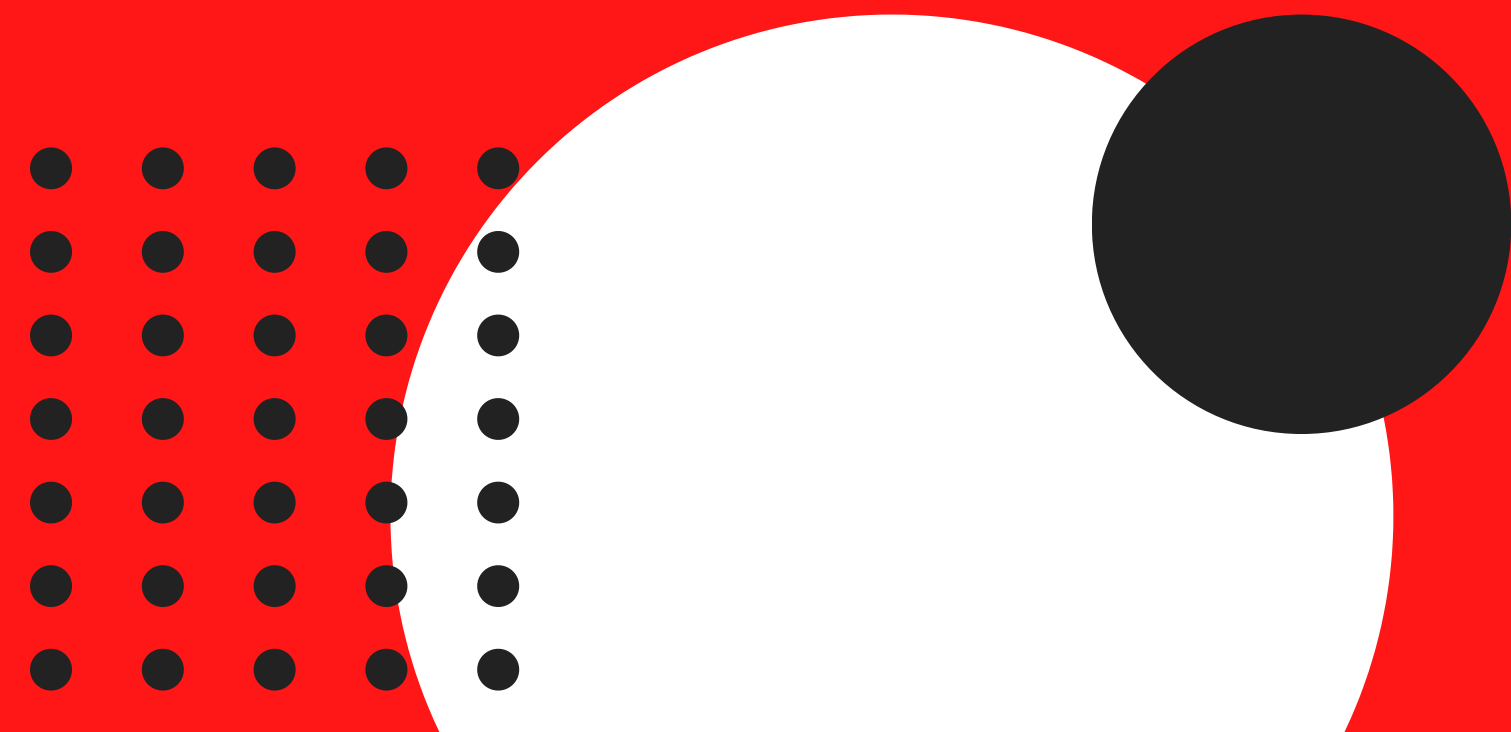
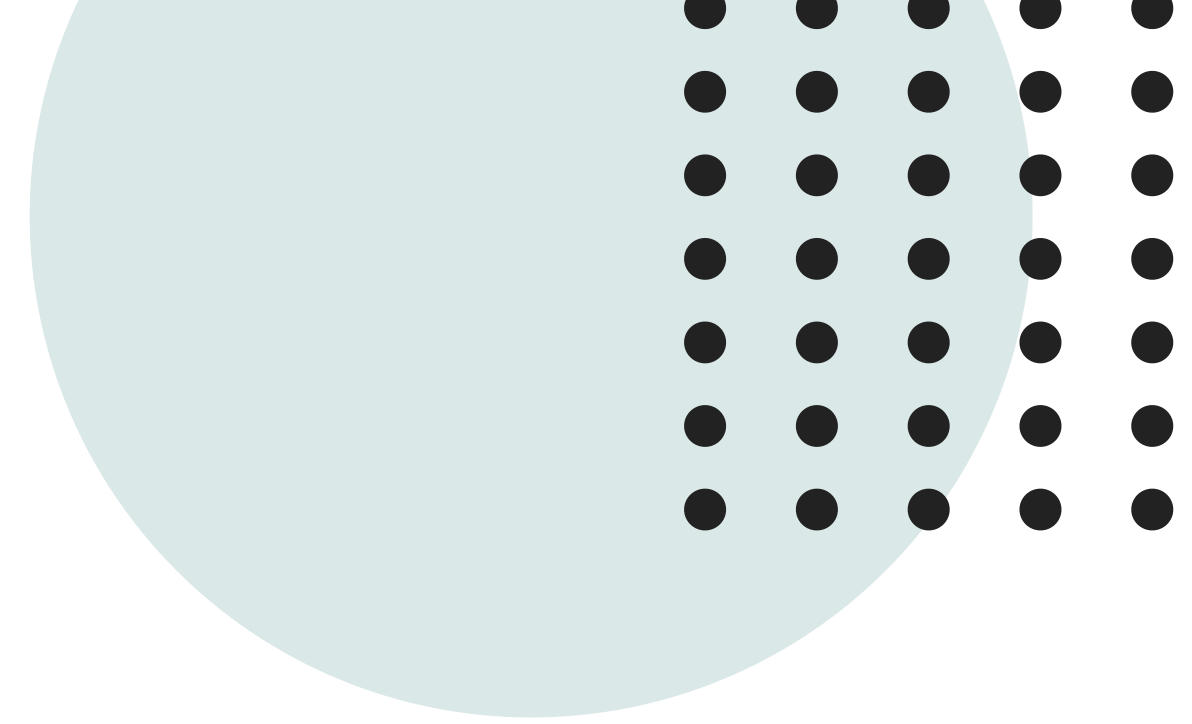
**LETTER OF INTENT**

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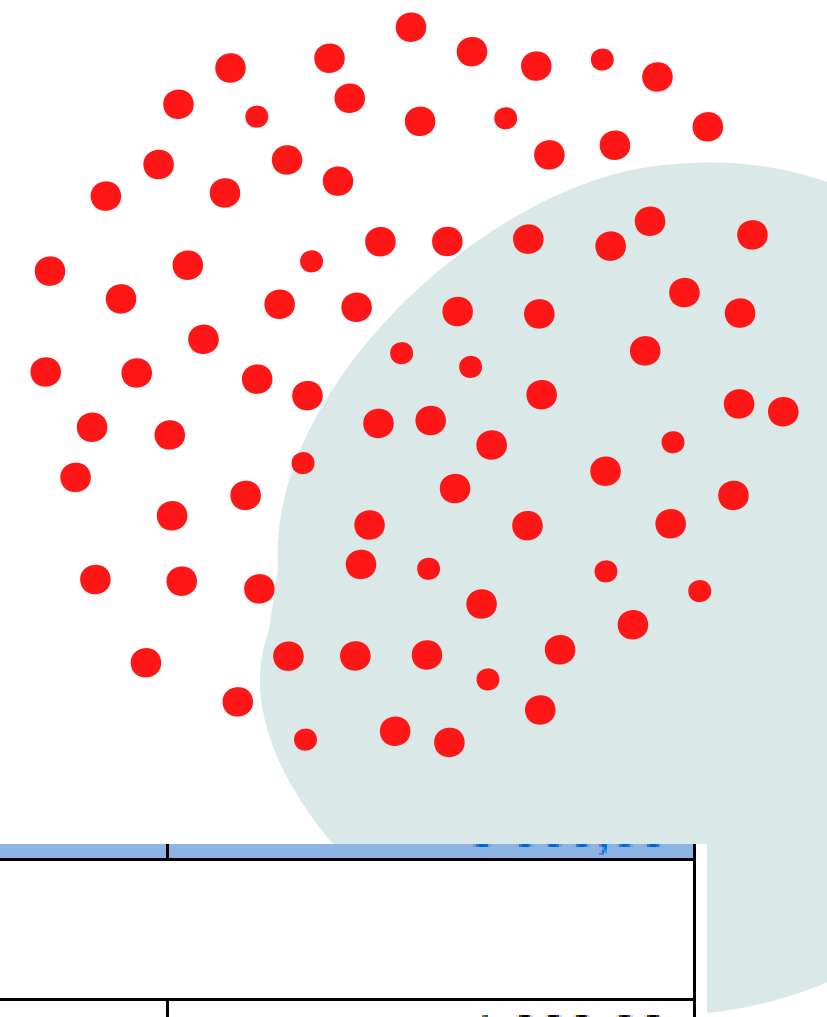
**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT/  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**



# Budget Breakdown



# Czech example: Budget Breakdown



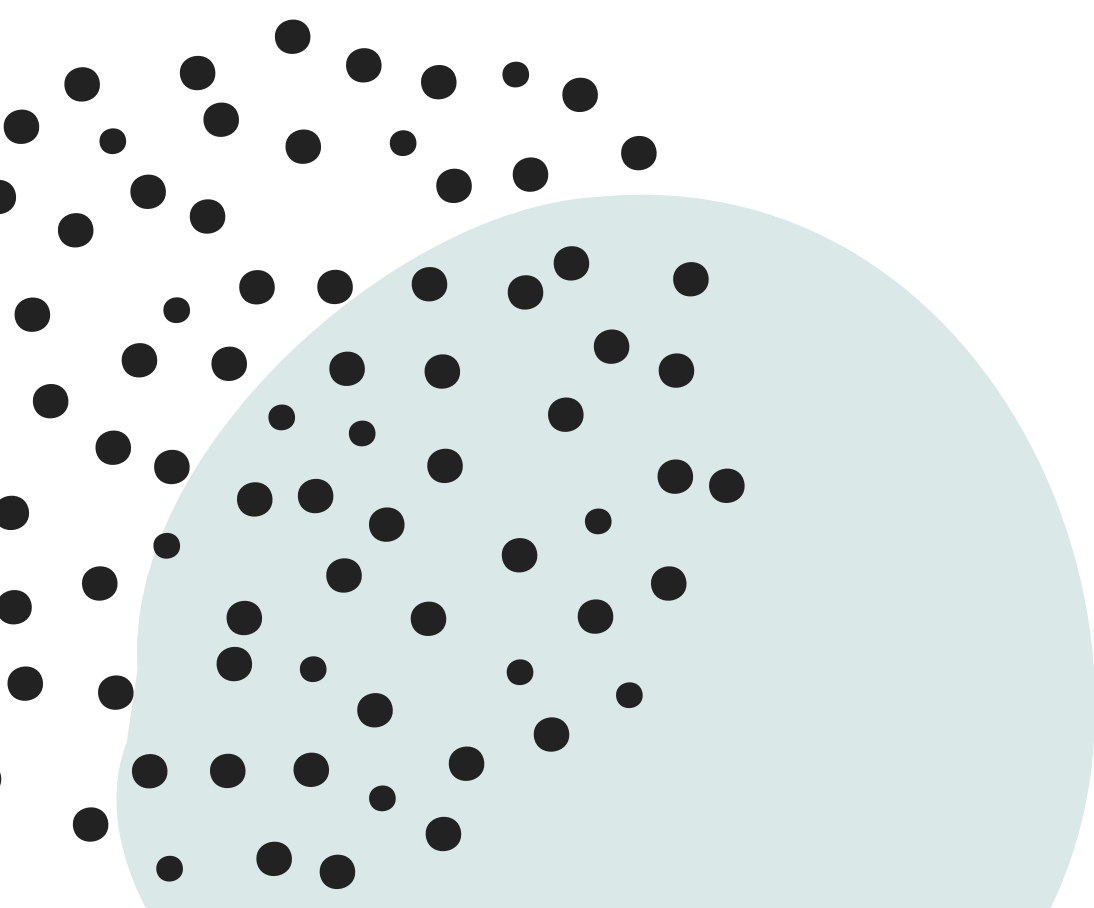
<b>Activity V (Specify)</b>				
return journey to Sarajevo	tickets	250	4	1 000,00
<b>other transport</b>	<b>tickets</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>400,00</b>
accomodation in Sarajevo	accomodation	450	1	450,00
personnel (inc. interpreter) expenses, diets	man-hours + diet rate	750	4	3 000,00
<b>conference room for presentations/lectures</b>	<b>rented</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>500,00</b>
expenses of Društvo Pčelara Kantona Sarajevo	man-hours	7	200	1 400,00
<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>6 750,00</b>

**\*Mark your co-financing with  
a different colour!**



**Transfer of Modern  
Methods in  
Beekeeping**

# Own contribution: financial and in-kind

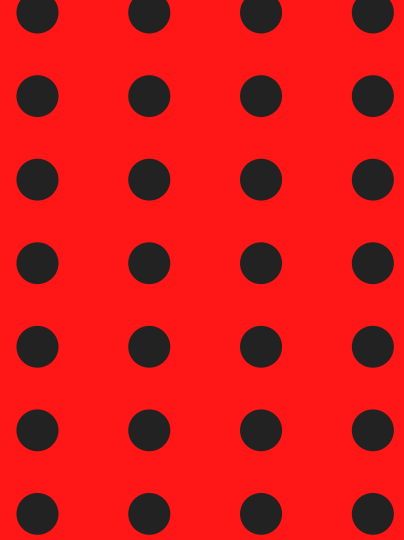


## **FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

Financial assets, resources from  
other projects

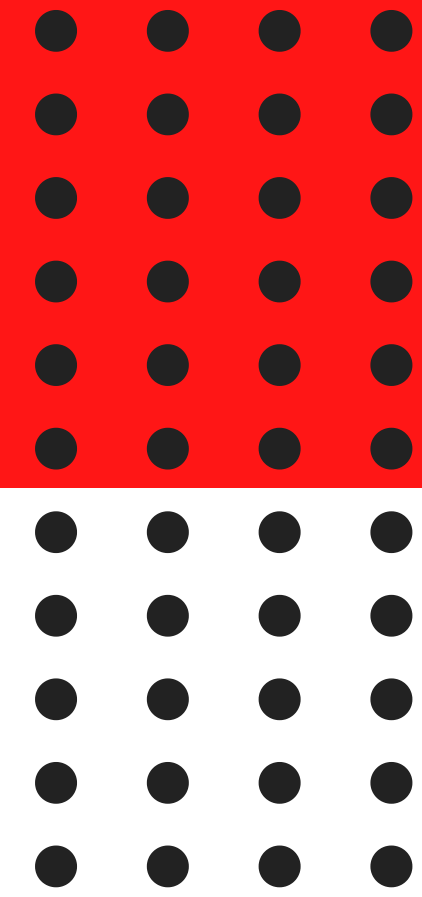
## **IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION**

Rentals of premises, travel  
expenses, pro bono consultations by  
experts



# Q&A session

**DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?  
ASK US NOW!**

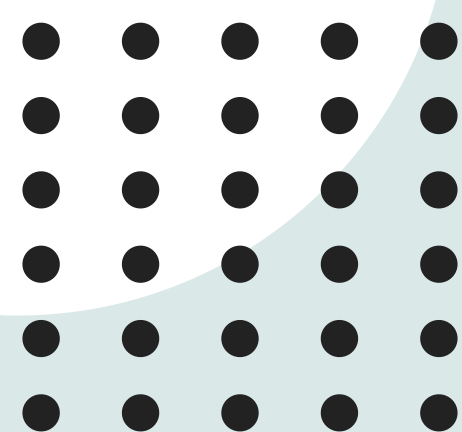


USE THE CHAT OR RAISE HAND  
TO ASK A DIRECT QUESTION!



# We are waiting for your Application!

## Apply at [boostimpact.org](https://boostimpact.org) before September, 13 and take your chance!



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**FOR ANY QUESTIONS  
YOU MAY HAVE**

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