



**Regional
Open Data
Challenge**
2024

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Q1: If the applicant is a business company, which supporting documents should we present?

A1: The application should include the following documents:

1. Application form (named after the name of the application team in the following form "Application form name of the team), available at the link <https://www.undp.org/sr/node/453091>
2. CVs (in a free form) of all the members of the team
3. Certificate of registration of legal entity or copy of the registration document, in case where the applicant is a legal entity

Q2: Could we combine organisations from different ReSPA Members, e.g., a company from Serbia and Montenegro, to apply jointly to the RODC 2024?

A2: The RODC2024 team encourages companies, civil society organizations/foundations, science and research facilities, and individuals/groups of individuals to come together at the regional level and submit applications. However, it is not mandatory to do so, and it is not a condition for application.

Please note that if you opt for a "regional approach" when applying, wherein entities from different ReSPA Members collaborate, the RODC Team encourages you to propose an idea or solution that can be replicated for the benefit of other ReSPA Members in the region.

Q3: Can we provide the Certificate of registration of a legal entity in the local language or English?

A3: The application form must be submitted in English, along with the CVs of the team members, but the certificate of registration of a legal entity can be submitted in the local language.

NOTE: When completing the application form, please ensure that you fill it out in its entirety, including all required sections. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Q4: In the Application form it is stated that it can be applied with Solution and with Idea. Can you clarify with an example what the difference is?

A4: Applicants in both categories, IDEA and SOLUTION, submit the same application form. The application form is available here: <https://www.undp.org/sr/node/453091>

If you submit an IDEA, please ensure it's realistic and feasible for development, even if you're not responsible for its implementation. Applicants in the category "IDEA" are not responsible for development of the idea, and once the winners are announced, the competition ends for these applicants.

If you submit a SOLUTION, please consider its practical development, bearing in mind that award funds will be transferred upon successfully completing the solution. Applicants in this category will be responsible for the development of their idea into a concrete solution.

Additionally, please note that all successful applicants, in both categories, will be required to enter into an agreement with UNDP, transferring their idea/solution to UNDP Templates for these agreements are available [here](#) for companies (applicable to companies, civil society organizations/foundations, and science and research facilities) and [here](#) for individuals.

Q5: If we want to make solution, should it be developed for all countries or not. More precisely, used data should include data for all countries or just for one e.g. Serbia?

A5: We encourage all applicants to consider a "regional" approach when applying, but it is not a condition. However, please remember that the solution should be replicable for other ReSPA Members, benefiting the entire region.

Q6: If there is no open data available on portals in ReSPA Members that is relevant to my proposal, is it still possible to obtain useful information for analysis and decision-making by using outsourced open data? Additionally, we must utilize one ReSPA's open data portals by default?

A6: The condition for participation is that at least one set of open data from open data portals¹ of ReSPA Members administrations is used, or one set of open data from the website of any public administration institution of ReSPA Members administrations (in case where that dataset is not available on the national open data portal). This change is also added to the text of the Public call.

Q7: Regarding the data, can we use statistical data from the State statistical offices from Western Balkans? Also, is it allowed to use Eurostat data?

A7: Applicants can use statistical data from one ReSPA Member, but they need to ensure that at least one official open data set is used (either from the open data portal of any ReSPA Member or from the website of any public institution in any ReSPA Member). It's important to note that not all statistical data is available in open data form, and in those cases it can be used as additional dataset.

Q8: Can we try to apply data which are registered in other software such as Excell so we can put it for data entry on the website?

A8: YES, if those data are open / published.

Q9: Is there a possibility to merge challenges when applying? For example the second and fourth challenges? One solution for both?

A9: YES, although each challenge is treated as a separate one, it is possible and more than welcome to merge challenges.

Q10: Is it possible that the data we want to use can be requested to another department of our country related of course of the topics of the web or the app?

A10: RODC 2024 team encourage you to advocate for opening data, especially those you need for the application on the RODC 2024. YES, you can use data opened upon your request by another department/public institution if you can ensure that those data can be published by this department/institution and thus be relevant for the public and other candidates as well.

Q11: Is it possible to use data that is public but not currently available on the internet, for technical reasons? This data can be obtained by anyone, but upon request.

A11: YES, although the condition for participation is that the condition for participation is that at least one set of open data from open data portals of ReSPA Members administrations is used, or one set of open data from the website of any public administration institution of ReSPA Members administrations (in case where that dataset is not available on the national open data portal), you can use a set of open data obtained upon request.

¹ Open data portals in the ReSPA administrations are on the following links:

- <https://opendata.gov.al>
- <https://odp.iddeea.gov.ba>
- <https://data.gov.me>
- <https://www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk>
- <https://data.gov.rs/sr/datasets/>