



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION AND HUMANITARIAN AID  
OPERATIONS (ECHO)

The Director-General

Brussels,  
ECHO.E.1/

Sent by e-mail

**Subject: EU Humanitarian Partnership 2021: Award of Certificate  
(Application n° APL/2023/0472)**

Dear Partner,

The European Commission is responsible for designing and implementing the frame within which the Union finances operations in the field of humanitarian aid, pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid<sup>1</sup>, in line with the principles enshrined in the Treaties, in particular Article 214 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid<sup>2</sup>.

Considering the specificities of humanitarian aid, in implementing this Union policy, the Commission selects partners with which it shares common general objectives and wishes to establish a relationship of lasting cooperation. This partnership is based on a commitment to ensure an effective, efficient and rapid delivery of aid.

The Commission aims to promote and consolidate its relationship and co-operation with humanitarian non-governmental organisations by ensuring the respect of their mandates and by recognising the specificity of their contribution to humanitarian actions, in compliance with humanitarian principles.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Joint Statement by the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission (OJ C 25, 30.1.2008, p. 1).

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Furthermore, the Commission attaches great importance to the quality and diversity of its partners, acknowledging their respective comparative advantages in responding to diverse situations, and in discharging their specific and varied mandates.

The Commission recognises the vital role and added-value of humanitarian non-governmental organisations in providing humanitarian assistance, for their field presence, flexibility, specialisation, and for being a direct expression of active citizenship at the service of humanitarian actions.

In addition, the Commission aims at involving its partners when appropriate in the forecasting and planning of humanitarian aid, and to consult them regarding issues of mutual interest.

It is in this context that the Commission offers to humanitarian non-governmental organisations the possibility to become an EU Humanitarian Partner.

Following the request of your organisation to become a certified partner, I am pleased to inform you that we have completed our assessment and concluded that the conditions for awarding a partnership certificate are met and your organisation is therefore eligible to apply for EU Humanitarian funding under the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework. I hereby send you the certificate together with an acknowledgment of receipt that I would ask you to sign and send back to the Commission by e-mail to Mr Charles PIROTTE, Acting Head of Unit ECHO E1, European Commission, ([echo-appel@ec.europa.eu](mailto:echo-appel@ec.europa.eu)) as soon as possible. Please bear in mind that DG ECHO would not be in a position to award funding to your organisation until we have received a signed acknowledgment of receipt.

The Certificate has a duration of 7 years (running from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2027). Would the conditions under which this certificate was awarded change significantly (e.g. major change of internal rules and policies of the organisation, change of set up of relations with implementing partners...), the certified organisation shall inform the Commission without undue delay.

This acknowledgment of receipt has to be signed by a person identified by the Organisation as its Legal Entity Appointed Representative [LEAR], who must themselves have the powers to legally bind the Organisation towards third parties.

DG ECHO has already received the following documents submitted by you: the Legal Entity Form, the Financial Identification Form and the Declaration on honour signed by the LEAR, the APPEL Charter.

Please find enclosed detailed information on some specific aspects of the EU Humanitarian Partnership 2021.

We are pleased to count your organisation as one of our partners. We look forward to collaborating to the benefit of some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures:

Detailed information on some specific aspects of the EU Humanitarian Partnership  
2021

EU Humanitarian Partnership 2021-2027 Certificate

Acknowledgement of Receipt and Confirmation of Acceptance