

RESOLUTION ECO/3054/2023, of 6 September, opening the call for applications for a grant in kind to develop a financial hub to promote, revitalise and enhance the competitiveness of the financial services required to foster technology, sustainable finance and entrepreneurial investment in Catalonia.

The Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Government of Catalonia seeks to encourage the development of a financial hub to promote, revitalise and enhance the competitiveness of the financial services required to foster technology, sustainable finance and entrepreneurial investment in Catalonia.

In order to boost the Catalan economy, it is essential to promote innovative, high-impact projects that generate added value by establishing a financial hub to boost the growth of the financial sector and position strategic segments to become genuine poles of attraction for talent, entrepreneurial initiative, investment and new economic activity, while at the same time promoting the Catalan financial sector and economy at an international level.

Ministerial Order ECO 202/2023, of 1 August, approves the regulatory bases for a grant to develop a financial hub to promote, revitalise and enhance the competitiveness of the financial services required to foster technology, sustainable finance and entrepreneurial investment in Catalonia (DOGC no. 8972, of 1 August 2023).

Decree 58/2022 of 29 March on the restructuring of the Ministry of Economy and Finance establishes that the Ministry is responsible for promoting the organised markets based in Catalonia and the Barcelona financial centre.

Law 19/2014, of 29 December, on transparency, access to public information and good governance, regulates and guarantees the transparency of public activity and the right of citizens to access public information and documentation.

In accordance with the provisions of Legislative Decree 3/2002, of 24 December, approving the consolidated text of the Law on the Public Finances of Catalonia; the basic precepts of the General Subsidies Law No. 38/2003, of 17 November, and its implementing regulations, approved by Royal Decree 887/2006, of 21 July; and Law 2/2023, of 16 March, on the budget of the Government of Catalonia for 2023.

I hereby resolve:

1. Subject

The purpose of this Resolution is to open the call for applications for a grant in kind to develop a financial hub to promote, revitalise and enhance the competitiveness of the

financial services required to foster technology, sustainable finance and entrepreneurial investment in Catalonia.

2. Procedure and system for awarding the grant

The award procedure for this grant is subject to the regulatory bases established for the award of a grant in kind to develop a financial hub, approved by Ministerial order ECO 202/2023 of 1 August.

The grant is awarded on a competitive basis.

3. Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of the grant awarded under this Resolution are those listed in point 2 of the Annex to Ministerial Order ECO/202/2023, of 1 August.

4. Deadline for the submission of applications

The application period, during which the application forms and accompanying documentation must be submitted, will open at 9.00 a.m. on the first working day following the publication of this Resolution in the Diari Oficial de la Generalitat de Catalunya (Official Gazette of the Government of Catalonia) and close at 2.00 p.m. on 31 October 2023.

5. Bodies responsible for processing and deciding on the procedure and deadlines

5.1. The grant award procedure will be administered by the Directorate General of Financial Policy, Insurance and Treasury.

5.2. The body responsible for ruling on this call for applications is the head of the Catalan Ministry of Economy and Finance.

5.3. The time limit for resolving and notifying the outcome of the procedure is six months from the day after the application deadline.

This six-month period may be extended in the event of exceptional circumstances, duly appreciated by the authority responsible for issuing the final decision for the awarding of the grant.

6. Decision and resources

6.1. The grant award decision must be published on the Electronic Dashboard of the Administration of the Government of Catalonia (e-tauler), although recourse to other electronic means is not excluded. This publication supersedes individual notification and has the same effect.

6.2. This Resolution completes all the required administrative procedures. However, interested parties may file an appeal against the decision with the head of the Catalan Ministry of Economy and Finance or the head of the competent body by delegation within one month, in accordance with the provisions of Article 77 of Law 26/2010, of 3 August, concerning the Legal Structure and Procedure of the Public Administrations of Catalonia, and Articles 123 and 124 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, concerning the Common Administrative Procedure for the Public Administrations; or may alternatively file a direct Administrative Litigation Appeal before the Administrative Litigation Chamber of the High Court of Justice of Catalonia, within two months from the day after publication, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 10.1a), 14 and 46.1 of Law 29/1998, of 13 July, regulating Administrative Litigation jurisdiction, or any other appeal that they may consider appropriate to defend their interests.

7. Transparency

7.1. Under article 15.c of Law 19/2014, of 29 December, on transparency, access to public information and good governance, all grants must be published on the Transparency portal (<http://transparencia.gencat.cat>).

7.2. The publication of the call for applications takes effect when the required information is sent to the Catalan Registry of Grants and Subsidies (RAIS), in accordance with Article 96 bis of Legislative Decree 3/2002, which approves the consolidated text of the Law on the Public Finances of Catalonia.

7.3. In accordance with Articles 18 and 20.8 of the General Subsidies Law No. 38/2003, of 17 November, information relating to calls for grant applications and award decisions must also be publicised through the National Subsidies Database (BDNS).

8. Processing of personal data

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, concerning the Protection of Individual Persons with regard to the Processing of Personal Data and the Free Circulation of the Said Data and which supersedes the powers of Directive 95/46/EC, and Organic Law 3/2018 of 5 December on the protection of personal data and guarantee of digital rights, the data on beneficiaries will be processed by the Ministry's Grants Management System, for which the Services Directorate is responsible. The purpose of the processing is to manage and subsequently monitor the grants awarded by the Ministry. Interested parties may exercise the rights recognised by current legislation by writing to the Services Directorate of the Ministry of Economy and Finance in electronic format, using the generic request form with signature available on the procedures portal of the electronic office of the Government of Catalonia, indicating the right or rights they wish to exercise.

This Resolution on the call for grant applications completes all the required administrative procedures. However, interested parties may bring an administrative litigation appeal before the High Court of Justice of Catalonia within two months from the day after its publication in the Diari Oficial de la Generalitat de Catalunya (Official Gazette of the Government of Catalonia).

Prior to this, interested parties may contest this Resolution on the call for grant applications with an appeal for reconsideration, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 123 and 124 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, concerning the Common Administrative Procedure for the Public Administrations and Article 77 of Law 26/2010, of 3 August, with the head of the Catalan Ministry of Economy and Finance or the head of the competent body by delegation within one month from the day after its publication in the Diari Oficial de la Generalitat de Catalunya (Official Gazette of the Government of Catalonia).

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