



AEF GRANT CYCLE - 2025-2026

CONCEPT NOTE EXAMPLE

Call for Concept Notes

July, 25 - September, 03 2025

AEF invites civil society organizations and community groups to submit proposals for initiatives that contribute to the protection and restoration of the natural environment in the Argosaronic region.

This call is open to non-profit entities, local groups, associations, educational and scientific institutions, as well as other organizations implementing locally grounded, participatory, and environmentally impactful projects.

Please complete your **form** based on the following example. The example is fictional and was created only for the convenience of requesting entities.

If you need assistance or clarification, feel free to contact us at
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Organisation Information

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| Organization Name | Ecological Initiative of Salamina |
| Legal Form | Civil Non-Profit Company |
| Headquarters | Salamina |
| Area of Operation | Argosaronic Gulf |
| Contact Person | Anna Papadaki, info@oikosalama.gr, +30 210 4650000 |
| Brief Description of the Organization | Ecological Initiative of Salamina was established in 2022 with the aim of promoting environmental awareness and community-based action on the island of Salamina. It currently has 8 members and one part-time staff member. The organisation supports the protection of coastal and marine environments through volunteer beach cleanups, collaborations with local cooperatives, and educational activities. |



About the Project

(max. 500 words)

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| Project Title | "Seas Without Plastics: Education and Action for Island Communities" |
| The Challenge The environmental challenge you aim to address | Salamina, like other islands in the Argosaronic Gulf, is severely affected by plastic pollution – mainly from single-use plastics and uncontrolled littering. Environmental education is fragmented and often lacks hands-on, experiential engagement. |
| The Solution The proposed approach | <p>Our project aims to explore different ways of communicating and addressing the issue of plastic pollution locally through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands-on environmental education workshops in 5–10 local schools (primary and lower secondary) • Organisation of 2–4 open beach clean-up events at different sites across the island • A community meeting to launch a local "Plastic-Free Champions" network with the involvement of shops and volunteers • Production of educational materials (leaflet, poster, infographic) |
| Local Community Involvement How local stakeholders will | We are a newly established organization with great enthusiasm for collaboration and networking in |



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| participate in or support the initiative | <p>Salamina. We plan to build on our existing connections with local schools and associations, such as the 2nd Junior High School of Ampelakia and the Aiantio Cultural Association, with whom we have previously worked.</p> <p>We also intend to reach out to small local businesses in the town center to launch awareness-raising activities. Our aim is to expand our network and shape an active community that will support our efforts and contribute to changing mindsets.</p> <p>We have already initiated discussions with the “Aegean ReLeaf” network, which has experience in similar island-based activities, to provide us with technical support during the implementation of our project.</p> |
| Project Duration | January 2026 - October 2026 |
| Estimated Budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total project cost: €8,500 • Requested funding from AEF: €7,000 • Own contribution & in-kind sponsorships: €1,500 |