



## RIAL BILATERAL COOPERATION 17<sup>th</sup> Call for virtual activities – 2024

Submission deadline: February 27, 2024

Webinar to answer questions and support proposal development: February 1. **Save the date!**

Cooperation among Ministries of Labor of the Americas to strengthen their actions, policies and programs.  
**We invite all Ministries of Labor to submit proposals.**

### VIRTUAL MEETING – Q&A SUMMARY

#### Introduction

The webinar of the **17<sup>th</sup> Call for Bilateral Cooperation of the RIAL-OAS** was held on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, with the participation of more than 90 officials from 23 Ministries of Labor of the Americas.

The webinar focused on the requirements for the preparation of proposals, the contents of the request form, the selection criteria, as well as the steps to follow of the Call. There was also a match-making space, where Ministries could identify potential cooperation partners and establish links to develop and present proposals. Each Ministry and the Technical Secretariat will be following-up on this particular aspect.

During the event, there were broad spaces for questions and answers. Below is a summary of the main points covered.

#### Questions & Answers

- 1. Is there a limit for the number of proposals per institution, either requesting or providing?**

There is no limit to the number of proposals per requesting or providing institution. Likewise, there is no limit regarding the language: the proposals could be in Spanish, English or bilingual.

- 2. Is it possible to request cooperation on a program that is not in the RIAL-OAS Portfolio of Programs?**

Of course! The RIAL-OAS Portfolio of Programs is just one of the tools for finding cooperation offers. To identify programs or providing institutions, please consult point #2 of the [Guidelines of the 17th Call](#).

We encourage Ministries to upload new programs and/or update the existing ones in the Portfolio of Programs, using their username and password.

**3. Can a requesting institution submit a proposal without the providing institution confirming its participation?**

No, in case the application does not contain the letter of confirmation of cooperation by the providing institution, **the application will be considered incomplete and cannot enter the selection process.**

The Call seeks that Ministries cooperate from the moment they are completing the Request Form. It is crucial that the providing institution comprehends the needs and objectives, in order to decide if it is possible to support the requesting institution. To achieve this, the requesting institutions should complete a preliminary version of the Request Form and share it with the potential providing institutions.

**4. Once the Request Form has been submitted, is there a 'remedy period'? For example, if we want to add/specify an objective of the proposal.**

Once the application has been submitted (through the requesting country's Permanent Mission to the OAS), it immediately enters the evaluation process by the OAS. Therefore, **no changes can be made.** However, **during the Call period**, the Secretariat is fully available to resolve any inquiries via email [trabajo@oas.org](mailto:trabajo@oas.org).

**5. Are there only virtual activities? Is there any criteria to determine whether some activities are virtual and others in-person?**

For this call, the cooperation activities will be **virtual**, considering the advantages that this modality presents. Only in exceptional cases, in-person activities could be undertaken. It will be necessary to justify why the objectives could **only** be accomplished through this modality.

**6. If selected, is the number of virtual cooperation sessions restricted to 3 sessions? Could additional sessions be provided?**

Yes, additional meetings can be provided depending on the needs of the cooperation and the elaboration of the final product.

We hope this webinar has helped clear up your doubts.

We are looking forward to receiving your cooperation proposals!