

**Question 1:**

I would like to find out whom I should get in touch with to discuss the possibility of obtaining project funding. The whole concept revolves around setting up a web agency, which would, in a specific way, connect consumers and sellers. Without going into too many details, the idea is unique and although I made extensive efforts I have not been able to find a similar concept in this region, and certainly not a profitable one. In order to initiate this project, it is obvious that particular funds are needed and this is where we usually see a problem. Based on your experience, what do you think which institutions could provide the funding support (international or national ones)?

Answer:

Your first option would be to present the concept to the representatives of your municipality. You can contact them in writing, by sending them a letter and the concept of your project. These would be sent to the attention of a youth officer (if there is any, however according to the Youth Law of FBiH there should be one). You can also try to arrange a meeting with a youth officer what would be the best option. If the position of a youth officer has not been established, ask for the person in charge of addressing youth issues. Furthermore, try to find out if it is common practice for your municipality to announce public calls for youth projects and whether these calls comprise business projects as well, and whether there are funds allocated for these purposes, since there are municipalities which do not offer funding allocations. Make sure to inform yourself well. A municipality has to be an institution we should be addressing and we should get used to doing so. Funds for small range projects developed by non-governmental organisations can be obtained from organisations such as SHL (up to 4.000 BAM) and the Centre for Promotion of Civil Society, but we are not sure if these funds incorporate business initiatives. The best thing for you to do would be to visit their websites and learn more about the possibilities they offer. The Delegation of European Commission to BiH also provides funds for business development but only in case of large scale projects.