



RESOLUTION dated June 10, 2020, modifying the 1st open competitive call for grants offered in the year 2020 to carry out activities for the promotion abroad of Catalan and Aranese literature (ref. BDNS 491337).

The Institut Ramon Llull Consortium (hereinafter, Institute Ramon Llull) is dedicated to extending the outreach of the Catalan language and culture in all of its expressions. To accomplish its aims, the Institut Ramon Llull provides support to related activities carried out abroad within the cultural sphere by the consortium's entities.

On December 11, 2019, the Institut Ramon Llull's Board of Directors approved the guidelines for the granting of subsidies focused on activities devoted to the promotion abroad of Catalan and Aranese literature.

By a resolution dated December 19, 2019, the Institut Ramon Llull's Board of Directors publically announced the Agreement approving the guidelines for the public call for grant applications (DOGC No. 8030, dated December 24, 2019).

A resolution put forth by the Director of the Institut Ramon Llull on January 9, 2020 (DOGC No. 8047, dated January 22, 2020) announced the 1st open call for 2020 grants for the promotion abroad of Catalan and Aranese literature.

In early March 2020, the coronavirus (Covid-19) was recognized as a global pandemic, leading to a declaration of emergency on March 14, 2020, put in place to manage the resulting health crisis. This pandemic has affected our economy in general and, very much within that, the cultural sphere, which has had to bring its activity to a halt.

The Catalan Government is directing its efforts to impede, to the extent possible, irreparable damages to the cultural fabric with regard to work, businesses, institutions and creative activity, and from there contribute to establishing the foundations for, and means of achieving a quick and positive recovery, given the drastic and unexpected reduction in cultural activity.

Thus, the Catalan Government approved Decree-law 8/2020, dated March 24, partially amending Decree-law 7/2020, dated March 17, regarding urgent measures to be taken in terms of public contracting, health and healthcare waste management, transparency, public transport, tax and economic matters, and the implementation of other supportive solutions whereby additional measures are adopted with regard to subsidies.

This Decree-law 8/2020, dated March 24, establishes that flexibility measures may be taken, in accordance with the rules on grants and the standard administrative procedure, regarding the regulatory guidelines and public calls for grants with the aim of giving maximum sustainability to the initiatives intended to be subsidized or supported which have been affected by the circumstances surrounding Covid-19 and the measures taken to combat it.



Likewise, the Catalan Government approved Decree-law 25/2020, dated June 16, regarding exceptional measures to be applied in social, fiscal and administrative matters and Decree-law 26/2020, dated June 23, regarding exceptional measures to be applied in health and administrative matters.

On June 17, 2020 the Director of the Department of Literature and the Humanities issued a report with the aim of mitigating the effects of the health crisis caused by Covid-19, proposing the adoption of flexibility measures to assist the cultural sector affected by this crisis and, particularly to the benefit of the recipients of this line of grants.

The report justifies the need to publish a single call for grant applications during the course of 2020, given that a great majority of applicants have experienced alterations in their publication schedules due to the health crisis caused by Covid-19.

During this period of reorganizing and re-planning their business activity, one single call for grants covering the entire year is more beneficial to applicants, given that the reduction of administrative steps and procedures allows for greater flexibility and swiftness.

By putting out one single call for grant applications rather than three, with the aim of assuring that recipients are not placed at a disadvantage, and as a further measure of flexibility, the report proposes adjusting the time period for submissions so that the call for applications remains open until October 22, 2020.

As there will be one single call for grant applications, this report also proposes modifying the budget allocation of the resolution for the call for applications dated January 9, 2020 (DOGC No. 8047 dated January 22, 2020) by accumulating in a single call for applications the allocations that were set aside for the future grant calls planned for the year 2020.

The resolution dated January 9, 2020 declaring the open call for applications, establishes that the maximum allocation for this call is €50,000 as per budget item 010-103-410302 of the Institut Ramon Llull budget for the year 2020.

This same resolution establishes that the maximum allocation can be increased depending upon the number of applications received and the availability of budgeted funds.

The Director of the Department of Literature and Humanities proposes modifying this budget allocation by including within it the €35,000 anticipated for the second and third calls for grant applications. This modification means that the single call would have a maximum financial allocation of €85,000 in the same budget item.

Given the above, and in accordance with the powers vested in me by current regulations, specifically in keeping with Article 87 and subsequent articles of the revised Text of the Public Finance Act of Catalonia, approved by legislative Decree 3/2002, dated December 24, and Royal Decree 887/2006, dated July 21, approving the Regulation of the aforementioned Law; and Law 39/2015, dated October 1, on the standard administrative procedure of public administrations; Decree-Law 8/2020, dated March 24; Decree-Law 25/2020 dated June 16; and Decree-Law 26/2020, dated June 23,



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Modify the resolution established for the 1st open competitive call for grant applications in the year 2020 for the provision of subsidies for activities focused on the promotion abroad of Catalan and Aranese literature (ref. BDNS 491337) as follows:

- a) Adjust the budgetary allocation for the open call for grants to a maximum amount of €85,000 in budget item 010-103-410302 within the Institut Ramon Llull's overall budget for year 2020. The maximum amount of funding may be increased depending upon the number of applications received and availability of budgeted funds.
- b) Adjust the earlier-established deadline for grant applications such that the call for grants remains open until October 22, 2020.

Barcelona, July 10, 2020

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