Crumbs for Civil Society

Public Funding for NGOs in 2024







Many of the experiences we take for granted, such as free trainings for youth, group nature walks for pensioners, art exhibitions, or civic initiatives, are made possible by NGOs supported with public funds.

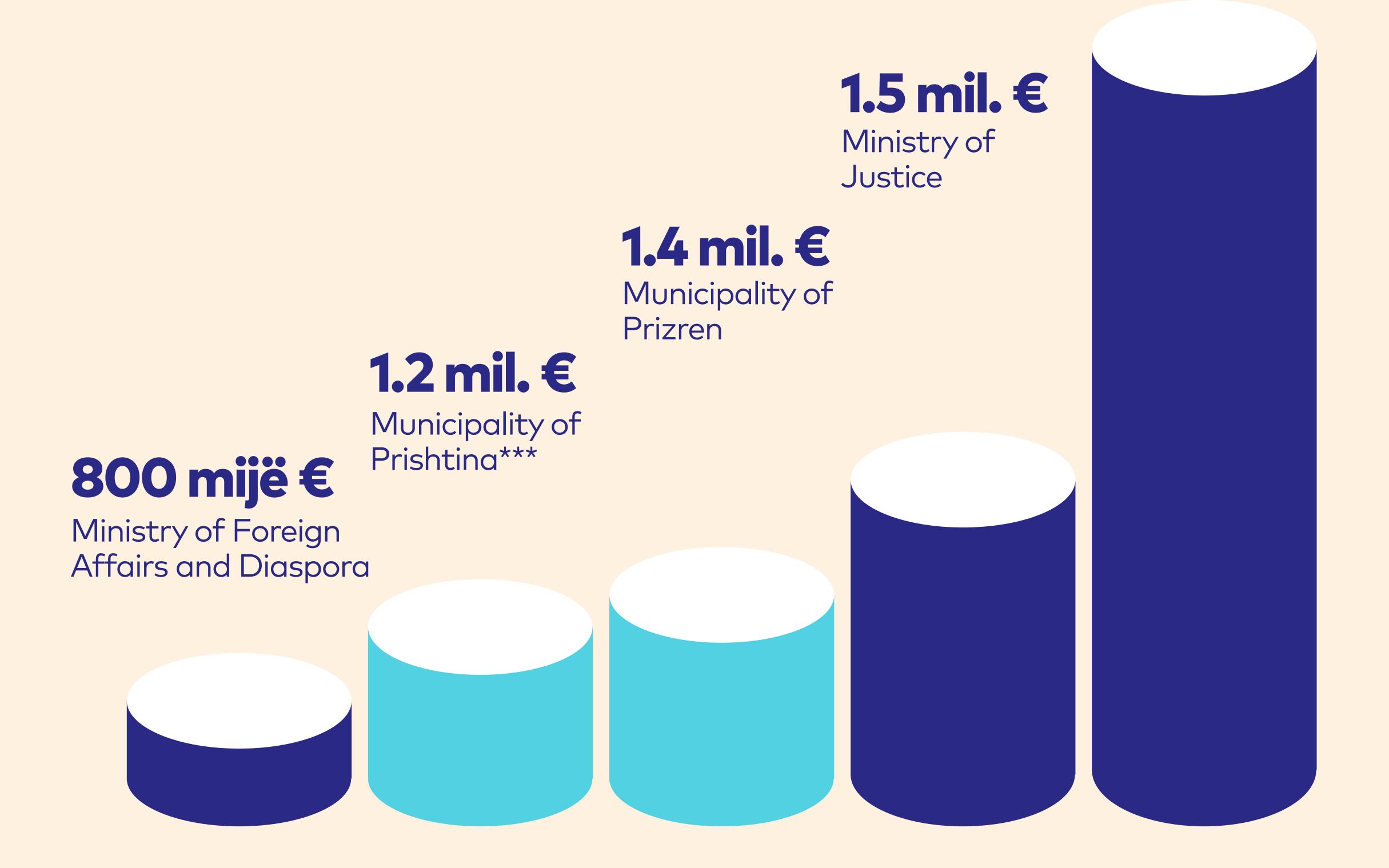
Kosovo allocated €13.34* million in grants for 1,413 NGO projects in 2024.

Largest NGO funders (2024):

4.5 mil. €**

Ministry of Culture,

Youth and Sports

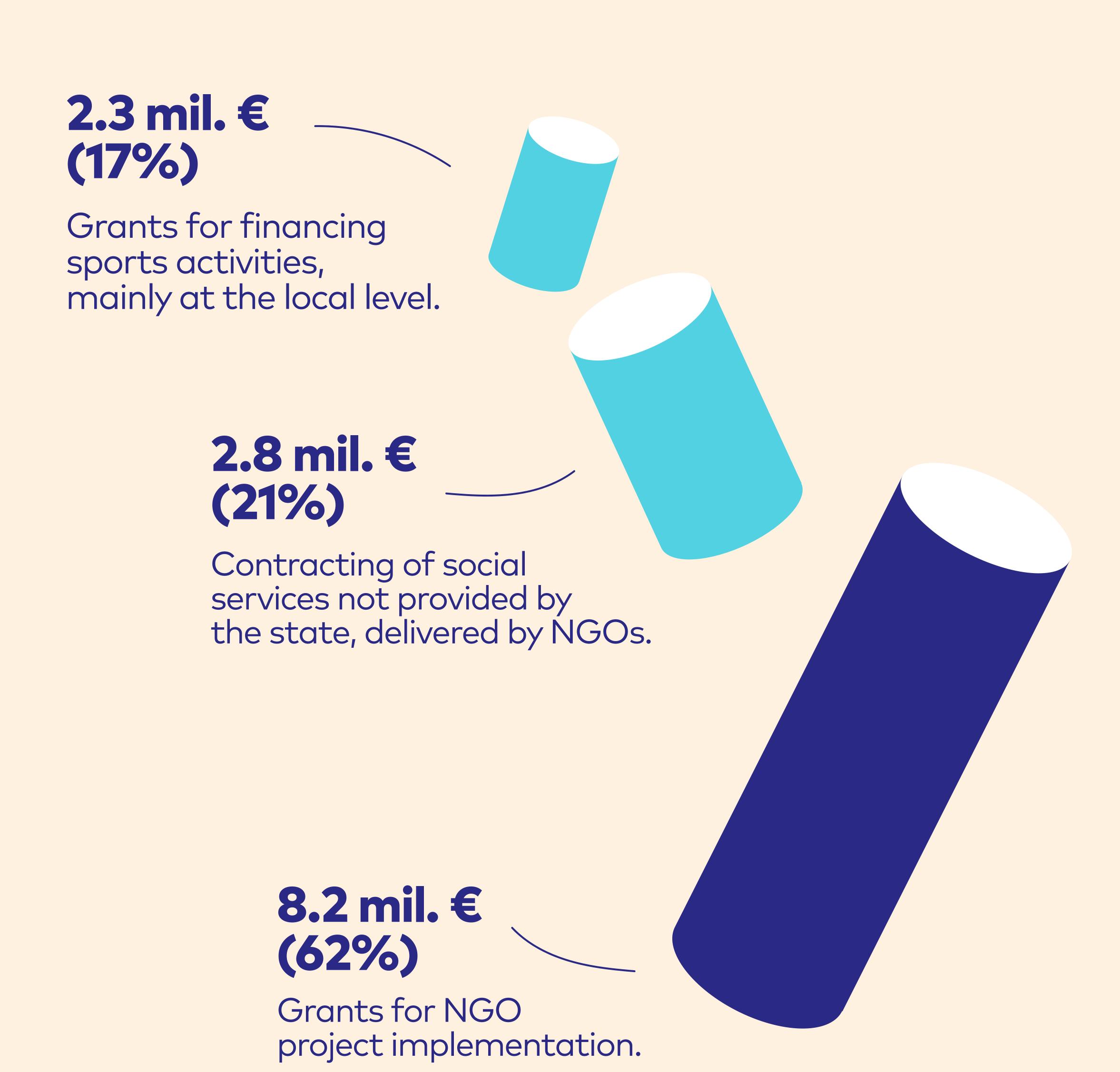


^{*}The amount of €13.34 million and 1,413 projects includes support provided by central institutions and municipalities.

^{**}Figure based on publicly available data on the MCYS website. Final reporting on the platform contained gaps.

^{***}This figure may change due to incomplete reporting of allocated NGO funding.

Of the €13.34 million in grants, only €8.2 million is dedicated to NGO projects.



What is supported through NGO project grants?

Looking specifically at NGO projects funded at the central level in 2024, the vast majority of financing went to culture and arts.

Culture and Arts 67.5 %

Non-Formal Education 18.6 %

Economic Develop. 7.5 %

Awareness-Raising Campaigns

5.1%

1.2%

Participation and Advocacy

NGO funding is small and short-term

On average, the state allocates grants of only €5,000 for projects lasting less than 12 months.

7,600€

Average grant at the CENTRAL level

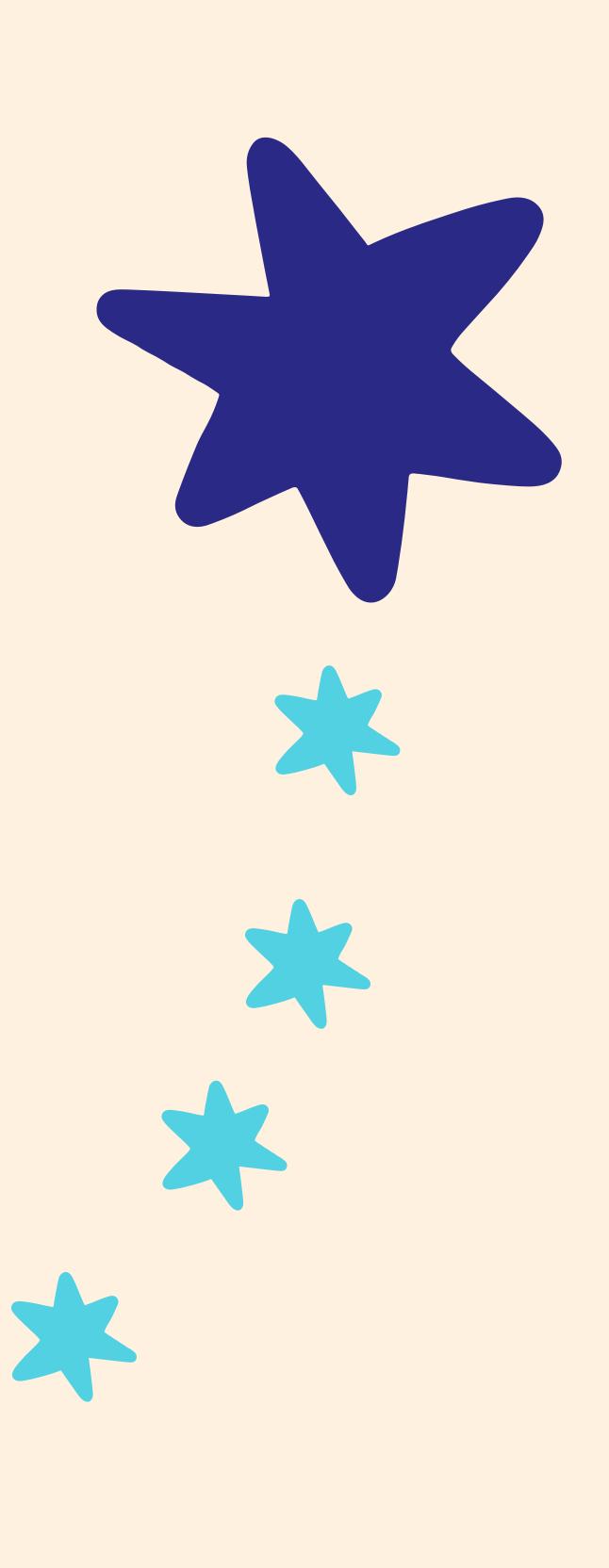


Average grant at the local level

Long-term support is possible

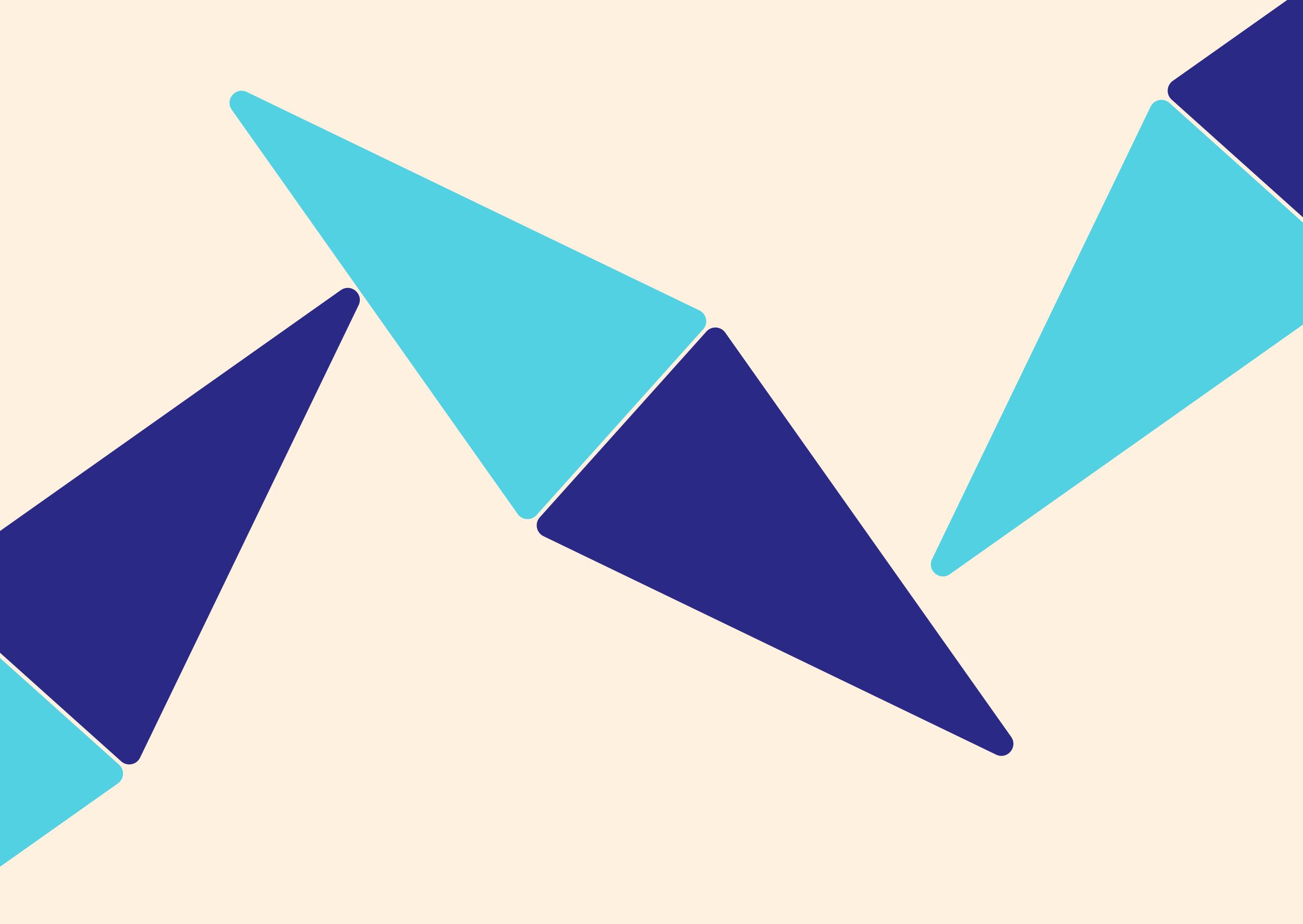
The Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports chose a different approach in 2024. Through its Call for Art, Culture and Heritage, it offered support for three-year projects, alongside those lasting less than one year.

15 independent cultural organizations, with an average of €68,000 per year, were supported by MCYS to ensure organizational and programmatic stability, a clear example of long-term, forward-looking public policy.





Funds without clear direction



8096

of public calls issued by central institutions did NOT refer to any programmatic or strategic documents.

5506

of central institutions did not conduct any form of consultation with NGOs before announcing the calls.

The state has no accurate overview of the funds it allocates.

The online platform for public financial support to NGOs, created to report public spending, has inaccuracies every year and no mechanism to verify reporting quality.



Public support for NGOs should be seen as a long-term investment in the public good, a commitment to the future of citizens, not merely a temporary or technical expense.

