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Mediterranean Women's Fund's Call for Proposals Funding actions to prevent and/or tackle Gender-Based Violence

WHO ARE WE?

Calala Fondo de Mujeres (Calala), Ecumenical Women's Initiative (EWI), and the Mediterranean Women's Fund (MedWF), who launch this call, are women's and feminist funds. We take a holistic approach to achieving social and policy change by combining grantmaking, movement building, fundraising, capacity building, advocacy, and efforts to motivate individuals to support feminist and women's movement, and feminist philanthropy. Our mission is to strengthen the women's and feminist movements by providing flexible and long-term resources.

WHAT IS THE SEE CHANGE PROJECT?

The SEE CHANGE Project, implemented by Calala, EWI, and the MedWF is part of the CERV-2023-DAPHNE programme of the European Union. It aims at funding actions carried out by women's and feminist organisations that tackle gender-based violence (GBV).

The CERV programme (Citizens, Equality, Rights and Value) seeks to support and develop open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies based on the rule of law. That includes a vibrant and empowered civil society, encouraging people's democratic, civic and social participation and cultivating the rich diversity of European society, based on our common values, history and memory. It has four pillars, including the DAPHNE pillar, which aims to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women, children, young people and other at-risk groups, and to support and protect all direct and indirect victims of such violence.

COUNTRIES COVERED BY THE PROJECT

One public call, within the framework of the SEE CHANGE project, is published simultaneously by all three members of the consortium. The call is intended for organisations that already work or want to work on preventing and/or combatting gender-based violence based in the nine countries associated with the CERV programme and in which the consortium operates: ***Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Kosovo, Serbia and Spain.***

In the case of ***Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia***, where both EWI and the MedWF operate, interested organisations can submit a project proposal to only one call, either to [EWI](#) or [MedWF](#). Organisations wishing to apply ***in Spain*** must respond to the call for projects published by [Calala](#).

THE PRESENT CALL IS ISSUED BY THE MEDITERRANEAN WOMEN'S FUND

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

If you are a registered organisation **in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece and Italy** and you carry out actions that combats locally GBV, you can apply to the Mediterranean Women's Fund Call.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS

The following are criteria for the applicant organisations that will be included in all the calls. These requirements will be mandatory for all grantees:

- Active non-profit organisations registered in one of the eligible countries.
- Women's organisations, i.e. organisations led by women (majority or all of the leadership body).
- Commitment to women's rights and/or to women's and/or feminist movements.
- Projects must be focused on preventing and/or tackling gender-based violence.
- Respect to EU values: Human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law, human rights.

The consortium will encourage organisations that meet the following priorities. However, they are not mandatory.

- Have limited or no access to bilateral funding of traditional EU funding streams.
- Are small, having annual budgets under EUR 50,000.
- Have been in operation for less than 5 years.
- Are grassroots organisations working at local level.
- Work on gender-based violence and the intersection between gender and other forms of discrimination, such as race/ethnicity, migration status, domestic work, youth and/or disabilities.
- Are led by marginalised women, such as rural women, migrant women, LGBTIQ+ community, young women, racialised, or women with disabilities.
- Have ethical and safety protocols or measures to ensure that women victim/survivors of violence well-being and perspectives are in the centre of their intervention, as well as to ensure the involved professionals' safety.

TYPE OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS

This is a non-exhaustive list of eligible activities that this call can fund:

- Activities on preventing and combating gender-based violence with an intersectional perspective.
- Provision of direct support to women and LGTBIQ+ people suffering gender-based violence, such as legal assessment, psychological support, group support, collective care activities, helplines, counselling, women's shelters, etc.
- Coalitions and partnerships among organisations in the field of preventing and combating gender-based violence.
- Lobbying/advocacy to influence policy and decision-making processes in the regional, national and/or European level in the field of preventing and combating

- gender-based violence.
- Research aimed at analysing strategies of preventing and responding to gender-based violence, the dimensions and characteristics of specific forms of GBV, etc.
- Awareness-raising and communications/information activities aimed in particular at creating links and leading communities in the field of preventing and combating gender-based violence.
- Tackling gender stereotypes as root causes of gender-based violence, including through the engagement of men and boys.
- Training programmes providing for the protection of victims/survivors, professional trainings, etc.

GRANT AMOUNT

The minimum grant size will be 5,000 euros annually.

Each organisation will be able to apply for a maximum of the twice their annual budget and a maximum of 30,000 euros annually.

It is not necessary for the organization to have co-financing or assume any percentage of the budget submitted.

As consortium members can work in the same countries, the calls will be complementary and coordination mechanisms will be in place to ensure that one grantee is funded by only one consortium member.

The grant requested must represent the total cost of the proposed project.

Funds will be allocated in two instalments:

50% of the total amount will be paid after signature of the contract. The remaining 50% will be paid after approval of the interim report.

Total amount to be awarded within this Call: EUR 750,000

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

The selected projects must be implemented between July 15, 2024 to July 14, 2026 (minimum 20 months).

SUBMISSION LANGUAGES

The languages in which you can fill in the call are English and French only.

SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee made up of members of the MedWF team, which will review the proposals based on the criteria established in this call.

The results of the selection process will be shared with the participating organisations. The organisations may request further information on the evaluation of their proposals and the criteria for which they have or have not been selected. In addition, the list of selected organisations will be published on the Mediterranean Women's Fund website.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

As this funding stream is co-financed by the European Union you need to keep in mind that the granting authority, European Anti-Fraud Office OLAF, European Court of Auditors (ECA), European Public Prosecutor Office (EPPO) and any persons mandated by them can also exercise their rights towards the recipients of this regranting (e.g., checks, reviews, on-the-spot visits,

audits, investigations).

EXPLANATORY WEBINARS

A series of informative webinars will be organised on Zoom to present the content and criteria of the public call and answer a series of questions

Interested organisations can register to one of the following webinar in French or English

In [French 18 march 2024](#) 12h-2 pm

In [English 22 march 2024 12 to 2 pm](#)

In [English 25 march 2024 12- 2 pm](#)

Please for more questions and details consult the FAQ or send your question to requestseechange@medwomensfund.org

HOW TO APPLY?

Download and complete the application form (see below) and send the application form and other requested documents before the 2nd of May 2024 to the mail address: requestseechange@medwomensfund.org

Please put your organisation name as the subject of your email followed by “proposal SSE CHANGE”

CALENDAR

- Call opening date: March 1,2024
- Call closing date: May 2, 2024
- Proposal review, selection and appeal mechanism: May 2– June 15, 2024
- Agreement signature with grantee-partners: June 16-September 20, 2024
- Grantee-partners projects: July 15, 2024-July 15, 2026