



ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S INITIATIVE 25th PUBLIC CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

This is one of three calls that EWI is publishing this autumn. An application may be submitted for a maximum of two of them. More information is available on the website of the 25th Public Call for Project Proposals of EWI.

Who can apply

Grassroots civil society organisations* in which women have decision-making roles and are responsible for the project's implementation, and women theologians working in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, North Macedonia or Serbia. Applications from current EWI project grantees who are required to conclude all their contractual obligations by the end of November 2026., will be considered.

Women theologians/students of theology can submit their project proposals exclusively through institutions, religious/monastic communities or civil society organisations within which they operate.

Thematic areas

Proposed projects must comply with one of the following areas:

- Peace and reconciliation
- Ecumenical and inter-religious cooperation
- Women's human rights

Grant amount

- min. grant request: EUR 5,000
- max. grant request: EUR 10,000

Total value of funds to be allocated

The indicative call budget is EUR 100,000

Grant duration

Total duration of support: up to 9 months

- Earliest starting date: 1. 2. 2027.
- Latest finishing date: 1. 11. 2027.

Who can benefit from the project

EWI supports activities designed especially for women and girls (over 15 years of age), however men and boys of the same age may also be included.

Project assessment

Following an initial eligibility check, the evaluation process will be carried out on three levels. Consideration will be made to the clarity, relevance, coherence and effectiveness of each project proposal. In the case of several projects of equal quality being submitted, priority will be given to organisations with a lower annual income and a limited funder network.

Results of the Call

Results will be published in the middle of December 2026 on the EWI website.

How to apply

Carefully read the Application Guidelines. The completed forms together with required accompanying documentation should be sent by e-mail to: natjecaj2021@eiz.hr by **1.10.2026**. EWI will confirm receipt of all applications. For any additional information, please contact the EWI office.

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* GRASSROOTS CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

Locally owned community organisation whose members share a common vision to address localised problems using self-organisation, collective action and community mobilisation to effect change at local, national, or international level.

ⁱ **PEACEBUILDING AND RECONCILIATION** is a commitment to social change within a framework of peaceful conflict resolution. This framework includes work on reconciliation and the creation of public policies that prevent the resurgence of violent conflict. Nonviolence is centred on resistance to passive acceptance of social injustice as well as to counter militarism for the violent resolution of conflict. As an ecumenical organisation we recognise peacebuilding as a component of religious and personal identity: working towards sustainable peace, we testify to our relationship with people and with God.

ECUMENICAL AND INTER-RELIGIOUS COOPERATION has a special focus on women believers and theologians who draw strength and inspiration from their religious identity to work towards a common good with others from different religious traditions. Its aims are community in diversity and faith that connects and supports peaceful coexistence. Since all traditional religions are burdened by patriarchy, we see an opportunity to expand religious spaces for the full affirmation of women.

WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS support and promotes women as subjects of social change and empowers women to advocate for their interests and goals and, alongside men, equally influence community development, the definition of strategic priorities and political decisions. EWI supports and promotes practical action against violence and injustice against women. We engage our own religious traditions against the patriarchal dominance of men over women as we consider it to be against our religious traditions, values, and authentic practice. In the selection of project topics supported, EWI's orientation is towards priorities recognised by women in the region of southeast Europe in their local and religious communities. EWI does not have a focus on issues of sexual orientation, reproductive rights, or the topic of sex workers.