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Ecumenical Women's Initiative Call for Proposals under the SEE BEYOND PROJECT

ABOUT THE SEE BEYOND PROJECT

SEE BEYOND is a three-year project funded by the European Union under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) Programme - Daphne strand and implemented by a consortium of three women's funds: [Calala Fondo de Mujeres](#), [Mediterranean Women's Fund \(ffmed\)](#) and [Ecumenical Women's Initiative \(EWI\)](#). Building on the achievements, lessons learned and partnerships established through the [SEE CHANGE](#) project, SEE BEYOND continues and expands the joint efforts of the three funds to prevent and combat gender-based violence across Southern and Eastern Europe.

Operating across Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and Spain, SEE BEYOND supports grassroots, women-led and feminist civil society organisations through financial support, capacity strengthening, networking, mutual learning and advocacy.

SEE BEYOND is grounded in feminist and trust-based grantmaking principles, recognising grantee organisations as experts in their own contexts. The consortium is committed to relationship-based dialogue, flexibility and mutual accountability.

The project seeks to strengthen prevention of gender-based violence, improve protection and support for victims and survivors, and contribute to the effective implementation of Directive (EU) 2024/1385 on combatting violence against women and domestic violence.

ABOUT THE SEE BEYOND METHODOLOGY

SEE BEYOND combines financial support with capacity strengthening, networking, mutual learning and advocacy. Through this integrated approach, the project seeks not only to provide financial resources but also to strengthen the long-term sustainability, knowledge, visibility and collective impact of organisations working to prevent and combat gender-based violence.

To achieve these goals, the consortium members will launch parallel Calls for Proposals in their respective countries and areas of operation. EWI in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia; ffmed in Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece and Italy and Calala in Spain. While the Calls share common objectives, eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria, each fund

may adapt specific elements of the Call to reflect its mission, strategic priorities and the context in which it operates.

ABOUT THE CALL

The SEE BEYOND Call for Proposals aims to support grassroots, women-led and feminist civil society organisations working to prevent and combat gender-based violence. Projects supported under this Call are expected to contribute to one or both of the following objectives:

Objective 1: To implement actions for the protection of and/or support for victims and survivors of gender-based violence and domestic violence.

Objective 2: To implement actions for the prevention of gender-based violence, including cyber violence.

To contribute to the achievement of these objectives and expected results, projects should include one or more of the following activities:

- Awareness-raising, including social media or press campaigns, outreach and empowerment activities, artistic and cultural activities, including communication activities and dissemination of information.
- Capacity building and training for professionals and relevant stakeholders, in particular train-the-trainer programmes, training activities of national, regional and local authorities.
- Design and implementation of strategies, protocols, development of transferable working methods and tools, coordination of platforms and groups.
- Design and provision of services and measures aimed at improving access to support for victims and survivors of gender-based violence including legal, psychological, psychosocial, shelter-based and other survivor-centred services as well as the development of guidelines, protocols and manuals to support the effective delivery of these services. Identification and exchange of good practices, cooperation, mutual learning, development of working and learning methods, including transferable mentoring programmes.
- Development of resources, toolkits and manuals to provide practical guidance for specialised support services.
- Analytical activities, such as research, and the creation and implementation of tools or data bases/data collection strategies and systems.
- Advocacy activities: strategic, data-driven campaigns aimed at public authorities and institutional stakeholders.*

* Advocacy activities may target public authorities and other relevant stakeholders at the local, regional or national level. Activities that constitute lobbying of European Union institutions (EU lobbying), or whose primary purpose is to influence the development of future EU policies or legislation, are not eligible for funding under this Call.

WHO CAN APPLY

Eligible applicants are active non-profit civil society organisations that:

- are led by women and/or have women in decision-making positions responsible for project implementation;

- are registered and implementing activities in one of the eligible countries;
- respect EU values as laid down in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;
- demonstrate commitment to women's rights and/or women's and feminist movements;
- propose projects focused on preventing and/or combating gender-based violence, (for example, forced marriage, cyber violence and sexual violence).

NB. In the case of Croatia, where both EWI and fmed operate, interested organisations may submit a project proposal to only one of their two calls.

Priority will be given to civil society organisations that:

- have not previously received direct funding from the European Union;
- have a total annual income lower than EUR 50,000;
- have been in operation for less than five years;
- are grassroots organisations working at the local, regional and/or national 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 disability;
- are led by marginalised women, such as rural women 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;
- include advocacy actions regarding gender-based violence, including the transposition of the Directive 2024/1385;
- implement projects that are part of their long-term organisational strategy and contribute to the sustainability and long-term impact of their work.

These priority criteria are reflected in the evaluation process and may result in additional points during project assessment.

SAFEGUARDING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Organisations submitting project proposals involving direct work with minors are expected to have a Child Protection Policy in place to ensure the safety, dignity and well-being of children participating in project activities. If such a policy is not available at the time of application, the organisation will be required to develop and formally adopt one before the Grant Contract is signed.

Applicants proposing direct work with victims/survivors of violence should briefly describe how they will ensure the safety, dignity and well-being of participants and minimise the risk of harm or re-victimisation during project implementation. Where relevant, they may also describe any existing policies or procedures in place.

WHO CAN BE A PROJECT BENEFICIARY

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

PROJECT DURATION

Project start: earliest 1.1.2027

Project end: latest 31.12.2028

Min. duration: 20 months

Max. duration: 24 months

GRANT TYPES

Grant type I

For organisations whose average annual income in the last two years did not exceed EUR 50,000.

- Grant size:
Min: EUR 20,000
Max: EUR 30,000

Grant type II

For organisations whose average annual income in the last two years was between EUR 50,000 and EUR 200,000.

- Grant size:
Min: EUR 40,000
Max: EUR 60,000

The total project budget may not exceed twice the organisation's average annual income in the last two completed financial years.

Funds will be allocated in two instalments. 50% of the total approved amount will be awarded after the Partnership Agreement Contract has been signed and 50% after approval of the interim report. Before signing the Contract with the selected organisations, the budget will be reconciled in accordance with the assessments and recommendations of the Evaluation Commission. EWI reserves the right to award a grant that is lower than the amount requested. Where applicable, selected organisations may be invited, before signing the Grant Contract, to revise their project budget and, where necessary, project activities in accordance with the assessments and recommendations of the Evaluation Commission.

Total amount to be awarded within this Call: EUR 590,000.

SUPPORT TO APPLICANTS

During the entire duration of the Call, support will be available via email to applicants for any possible clarifications or queries: seebeyond@eiz.hr

An informative webinar will be organised on 10th of September at 10:00 to present the content and criteria of the Public Call. Interested organisations can register their participation via [this link](#) no later than 2.9.2026.

A document with the most frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding project documentation, call criteria and the project selection process is available on the EWI website.

PROJECT ASSESSMENT

All project proposals that meet the primary conditions of the Call will be evaluated by an external, independent commission based on the criteria/points determined for this Call:

- Compliance with the Call's objectives and priorities – 40 points
- Quality of the proposed methodology – 35 points
- Capacity of the organisation to implement the project objectives assessed – 25 points

The final decision on the projects to be funded will be made by the Project Committee based on the points and comments of the external independent Commission. In the event of receipt of several projects of equal quality, priority will be given to organisations with lower annual incomes, i.e. a limited funding sources.

The results, i.e. table with the number of points awarded will be shared with all applicants. Applicants will have the opportunity to submit an appeal within 7 days of receiving notification.

CALL RESULTS

The Call results, i.e. the final list of projects selected for funding, will be published at the beginning of December on the EWI website.

BUILDING GRANTEE CAPACITIES

The grant aims not only to support project implementation but also to strengthen organisations' long-term resilience, leadership, organisational capacities and sustainability. As part of this broader support, organisations selected under this Call will also participate in capacity strengthening, networking and advocacy activities organised within the SEE BEYOND project. These activities will include online and in-person trainings, networking events, Communities of Practice, peer-learning exchanges and other opportunities designed to strengthen the capacity and impact of organisations working to prevent and combat gender-based violence.

REPORTING

Organisations awarded a grant under this Public Call will be required to submit two narrative and two financial reports: an interim report at the midpoint of the project implementation period and a final report upon completion of the project.

DATA PROTECTION AND CONTROLS

Information provided in the application documents will be used solely for the purposes of project evaluation. It may be accessed by EWI staff, associates and duly authorised external evaluators involved in the assessment process.

The personal data collected through the application process will be processed confidentially and only for purposes related to the selection, monitoring and, where applicable, implementation of the funded projects. Applicants are responsible for informing all individuals whose names or personal data are included in the application, in accordance with the applicable data protection legislation.

Basic information about the selected projects and beneficiary organisations may be published on the EWI website and on the SEE BEYOND consortium website for transparency and communication purposes.

As this programme is funded by the European Union, the granting authority, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Court of Auditors (ECA), the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), and any persons or bodies authorised by them may exercise their rights of control, including through audits, reviews, on-the-spot visits or investigations, in accordance with the applicable European Union rules.

HOW TO APPLY

We expect a high level of interest in this Call. Applicants are therefore strongly encouraged to read the Application Guidelines carefully before preparing their application and to ensure that all required documents are completed and submitted in full.

The completed forms together with accompanying documentation, must be submitted by e-mail to: seebeyond@eiz.hr no later than 15.10.2026. at 12 (noon). EWI will confirm the receipt of each application individually. Please contact us if you do not receive confirmation of receipt within 48 hours after submission.

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