



# **CALL FOR PROPOSALS – Financial Support to Third Parties**

Rapid support

**Total budget for the call: 20 000 EUR**

**Type of call: Open-end call**

**Call publication date: 13 March 2023**

**Call submission deadline: 30 July**

Link to call information and application form: <https://civic-forum.eu/members-corner>

Minimum/maximum project duration: until 31 December 2023

Minimum/maximum grant awarded: 5 000/10 000 EUR

The re-granting is an instrument of micro-financial support to civic groups, local initiatives, and movements in the European Union. The aim is to provide a flexible response and to strengthen capacity of member organisations in responding to societal and political challenges, but also build and sustain constituencies and engage in European network building and policies.

In case of urgent situations for organisations that are facing acute or unpredictable situations and need to organise action in response, such as, for example: litigation or legal expertise, advocacy and campaigning (institutional and/or media), alliance building etc.

Also, we especially encourage organisations to propose activities that fall into areas of civil society work that are particularly underfunded, such as: strategic litigation; rapid alert and crisis response activities; psychological support and safety; community engagement as part of civil society's work with its beneficiaries and support base; peer-learning; training, strategy and foresight (including new fundraising techniques). Activities connected to European 2024 elections are also welcome.

Activities shall have a potential for growth and societal impact, as well as potential to reach and empower ordinary citizens to fight societal apathy and participate in public life at local, national and EU level;



**Form of the grant and criteria for calculating the exact amount:**

Budget-based approach. ECF will pay attention to the justification of the costs in terms of the proposed work.

Criteria shall include:

- Accurate budget estimate;
- Consistency and urgency of the action, which sometimes may involve higher costs, due to shorter deadlines.

The budget breakdown may be adjusted by transfers as long as this does not imply any substantive or important change to the description of the action in Annex 1.

**Eligible types of organisations**

Organisations established in an EU country, with Full ECF membership status (i.e. fees up to date);

Although this is applicable to any ECF member organisation, applicants must expressly proclaim democratic and inclusive goals and values, respect of human dignity, human rights, freedom of expression, equality, rule of law; nondiscriminatory practices in their written or verbal communication;

**Eligible types of activities**

Analytical activities, training and capacity building activities, events, mutual learning and training, cooperation, awareness-raising, litigation, communication (including translation/interpretation) and dissemination activities;

**Evaluation procedure & selection and award criteria**

Activities should duly pay attention to a gender perspective, both at design and implementation phase, ensure an inclusive and intersectional approach with regards to for instance racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, (dis)ability, age, gender, sex or sexual orientation;

The jury, composed of 4 ECF Board members, will be in charge of reviewing the applications, with ECF Secretary General and Membership coordinator. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

A set of criteria has been given to the jury, namely:

- Relevance ;
- Quality ;
- Results and impact ;
- Justification of the cost in terms of the proposed work;
- Consistency and urgency of the action (for Rapid support).

Selected applicants will be asked to sign a grant agreement with the European Civic Forum, please note that activities cannot start before the signature of the Agreement.



All payments and reporting will be made in EUR. Prefinancing 80% to start working on the project. The prefinancing will be paid 30 days from entry into force of regranting decision. Payment of the balance at the end of the project, upon receiving a final report (narrative and financial) of the

Each selected project will be bound to submit a final activity report, together with a financial statement. All costs shall be justified and will be reviewed by an independent auditor at the end of the year, together with ECF accounts.

For any question about the re-granting modalities and the application, please contact the Membership & Communication Coordinator: [vsestovic@civic-forum.eu](mailto:vsestovic@civic-forum.eu)

