



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2024 Membership Support Regranting Scheme

1. Basic information

Technical details	Re-granting under the 2024 EWL Operating Grant
Funds made available by	DG Justice of the European Commission, managed by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency EACEA, under the CERV Programme (CERV-2023-OG-SGO)
Official name under the original call	Financial support to third parties
Proposal stages	Single stage
Contract type	Funding agreement
Total budget available	350,000€

2. Background and purpose of the call for proposals

The regranting scheme will enable the EWL members to carry out projects that provide arguments, good practices, and outreach to the EWL annual work programme and 2022-2026 Strategic Framework. Grantees can design and implement tailor-made capacity-building initiatives, skills-sharing activities, research projects, collection of best practices, policy work, and advocacy campaigns adapted to their national, regional, and local realities.

Funding will be granted to candidates who show, in their proposals, the aim to respond to one or more of the following strategic objectives:

- Increase the visibility of issues and changes in policies and laws regarding women and gender equality (for example, pay transparency, work-life-balance, European Care Strategy, (proposed) directive on violence against women, Istanbul Convention, etc.)
- More effective and empowered women's organisations at local, regional, and national levels
- Increased knowledge and understanding of the issues for the general public and relevant stakeholders



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- Increase the field of knowledge and expertise of the organisation and/or external stakeholders on specific topics (such as, but not limited to, intersectionality)
- Foster collaboration between women's organisations on the ground

In line with the EWL Membership Development Plan adopted in 2023, the EWL aims to reinforce the impact and visibility of its members' activities by enabling them to connect, exchange, and develop links with young feminists as well as increase their knowledge and engagement of the priorities listed below.

3. Priorities

The three priorities of the call are the following:

1. Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
2. Equal representation of women in decision-making and 2024 EU elections' follow-up activities
3. Capacity building on SRHR, Gender budgeting, and EU advocacy

Applicants should select only one of the above for each project and plan the activities accordingly.

4. What is the available budget?

The total budget for the call is 350,000€.

The maximum amount per project is 30,000€. The grant covers 100% of the project costs. Thus, no co-funding is required from the members.

The eligible member can apply for **up to three projects** for a maximum funding support of a total of 60,000€. EWL members can apply for projects in a consortium with one or more of their members or with other EWL national coordinators based in EU countries. [The] One EWL member applying for the funding will be the only responsible for the budget, taking care of the entire administrative and financial burden, and functioning as a contact point for communication with the EWL. This is valid also for transnational projects which should be submitted only once by a single applicant member.

The criteria for calculating the exact amount of financial support will depend on different factors, which articulate with EWL priorities:

- The nature, number, and scope of the proposed activity,
- The budget submitted by the candidate for its proposal and the relevance of this budget to carry out the activities,
- The number of members requesting support.



Each priority is allocated a specific budget, and project selection is contingent upon the available resources. The budget allocation for the first priority can range between 100,000€ and 220,000€; the one for the second priority can range between 100,000€ to 220,000€; the one for the third priority can range between 30,000€ to 150,000€.

The EWL reserves the right not to award all available funds depending on the proposals received and the evaluation results. The EWL reserves the right to propose a lower budget to the applicant if the project proposal is assessed as financially inefficient.

The project budget should be calculated using the maximum budget amounts for each activity. The grant will be disbursed based on the real costs incurred during the project implementation upon submission of invoices and receipts from the grantee. Two advance payments will be made (70% upon contract signature and 30% upon the final report's approval).

The EWL Secretariat reserves the right to request a reimbursement if the member fails to deliver on the expected deliverables and responsibilities or does not provide evidence for the incurred costs.

5. When can the projects start and what is the maximum project duration?

Projects can last between 3 to 6 months, starting from 24 May 2024 and ending at the latest on 29 November 2024.

6. Which are the eligible activities and the assigned budget for those?

The following is an exhaustive list of activities eligible within the applicant's projects for this call.

• Research and/or development work (Category 1)

Funding will be allocated to members researching issues related to the call priorities that advance evidence-based realities on the ground, public knowledge as well as advocacy and policy work. The category includes survey distribution, collection of good practices, and drafting of policy papers.

Maximum budget amounts: 6000€ at the national level / 4000€ at the regional level / 2000€ for the local level

• Advocacy and Communication campaigns (Category 2)

Funding will be allocated to members carrying out advocacy campaigns to raise awareness about issues related to women's rights and gender equality that transcend national boundaries. The advocacy campaigns could be held in specific periods of the year such as the "16 Days of Activism" on violence



against women and human rights. The category includes public awareness campaigns, local campaigns, focus groups and the creation of webpages for citizens.

Maximum budget amounts: 4000€ at the national level / 2500€ at the regional level / 1500€ for the local level.

• Training opportunities (Category 3)

Funding will be allocated to members conducting training workshops and seminars to build the capacity of their members and develop their skills. If projects are focused on the first two priorities of the call, these activities should align with those. If projects are focused on capacity building, these activities can tackle a wider range of topics.

Maximum budget amounts: 5000€ at the national level / 4000€ at the regional level / 3000€ for the local level.

• Event organisation (Category 4)

Funding will be allocated to members organising events such as conferences, seminars, and workshops. These events should facilitate networking and exchange opportunities between member women organisations and stakeholders such as civil society organisations, policymakers, and the general public.

Maximum budget amounts: 3000€ at the national level / 2000€ at the regional level / 1000€ at the local level.

• Participation in events/capacity-building opportunities (Category 5)

Funding will be allocated to members participating in strategic events and capacity-building opportunities.

Maximum budget amounts (per person/ per event): 200€ for a national participant / 700€ for a European participant.

The proposed budgets will factor in costs for the project coordination, administration and promotion: the Membership Support Regranting Scheme cannot cover grantees' operational costs.

7. Who can apply?

Only applicants that satisfy the following criteria can apply:

- Applicants should be EWL National coordinations based in EU countries;
- Applicants must have legal registration as a non-commercial legal form (“registered non-profit organisation”);



- Applicants must demonstrate that none of the project activities proposed are supported by another funder;
- Applicants should be able to demonstrate an alignment with the EWL strategic objectives and values in accordance with the Strategic Framework 2022-2026 and full adherence to the EU values.

EWL National coordinations based in EU countries could apply on behalf of the EWL Working Structures (namely the Regional Taskforce, Feminist Economics Working Group, Taskforce on SRHR and sexual exploitation, Women in Politics Working Group, and Observatory on Violence Against Women). Like for other partnerships, only one of EWL Working Structure member meeting the eligible criteria above, may apply for and lead the project.

Project activities must take place in European Union Member States.

8. What are evaluation criteria for the project proposals?

Relevance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent to which the proposal matches the priority of the call and attain its specific objectives. • Extent to which the proposal is in line with the EWL Strategic Framework and 2024 Work Plan • Extent to which the applicant cooperate with their members in the same country or with other EWL eligible members 	<p>40 points</p> <p>Minimum pass score: 25</p>
Approach and methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistency of the project • Methodology • Feasibility of the project within the proposed timeframe • Implementation capacities of the applicant • Financial efficiency • Demonstrating the commitment to address the identified needs of different groups of women during project implementation 	<p>40 points</p>
Impact and necessity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact at regional, national and local levels • Innovation of the proposed results • Complementarity with ongoing projects and activities • Project's financial sustainability measures 	<p>20 points</p>



9. How are projects reviewed and selected?

The selection procedure will consist of three phases:

1. In the first phase, the Secretariat will carry out the first screening of proposals to ensure eligibility criteria and admissibility according to the conditions stipulated in the Call.
2. In the second phase, an independent external evaluator will evaluate the proposals on the basis of the criteria established in the Call, clear guidelines on the nature and process of the re-granting scheme, and the 2024 EWL work programme adopted by the EWL membership.
3. In the third phase, the Selection Committee will assess the ranking provided by the external evaluator and confirm which applications will receive funding support. The Selection Committee is composed of a guarantor, four members of the EWL Secretariat (the EWL Secretary General, one from the Policy and Campaigns Hub, one from the EWL Programme Hub, and one from the EWL Finance and Administration Hub), and four members of the EWL Executive Committee (ideally members of the Finance and Funding or Membership Committees).

The guarantor is chosen among former EWL Presidents/Treasurers or other previously elected members (Vice-President, Board members, etc.). Current ExCo, Board, or GA members of the EWL are not eligible for this position in order to ensure that the guarantor does not have a vested interest in the process¹. She chairs the Selection Committee, assesses the objectiveness of the evaluation procedure, and serves as a contact person in case of complaints. She also provides factual and impartial input on the applicants' selection and is in charge of initiating the due diligence process, which will include a thorough assessment of the organisation's ethical standards (using online and offline material available to the public or provided by the member). Towards the end of the year, the guarantor performs a comprehensive SWOT analysis about the Regranting Scheme process to provide strategic recommendations to the EWL governing bodies for their consideration and decision-making.

¹ Should you have recommendations on the right person for this role, please send those to programme@womenlobby.org



10. What is the Membership Support Regranting Scheme timeline?

Call Opening	9 th of February 2024 (TBC)
Deadline for submission	9 th of April 2024
Results publication	24 th of May 2024
Contract signature	31 st of May 2024
Start of projects	As of the 1 st of June 2024
End of projects	At the latest until the 30 th of November 2024
Final report due date	9 th of December 2024

11. How can I apply?

To apply, please fill in the application form available at this link ([GForm](#)) by the 9th of April 2024. For questions and clarifications, contact the EWL Secretariat at programme@womenlobby.org. The EWL Secretariat will publish a FAQ document with all the questions received in order to ensure information transparency among applicants.

12. Key documents

The following key documents are available in the dedicated webpage and in the EWL Living Room:

1. 2024 Membership Support Regranting Scheme - Call for applications
2. 2024 Membership Support Regranting Scheme - Application form template
3. EWL 2024 Work Programme