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GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF PERPETRATOR PROGRAMMES

Invitation to submit a proposal



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Introduction and background

In 2023, The European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence (WWP EN) will offer its members the opportunity to receive financial support through grants. To ensure the long-term quality of interventions its members provide, WWP EN is setting up an accreditation system to provide a victim-safety oriented/focused European standard for perpetrator work. The grants will support this standardisation process, as they will allow members to assess and improve their practices and thereby inform the development of the accreditation system and create a pathway for members to implement changes necessary to later become accredited.

WWP EN aims to reach the following groups through the re-granting:

- Perpetrator programmes in the EU, including professionals working with perpetrators and/or partners and ex-partners of perpetrators, and professionals working with children living in domestic violence situations.
- National networks of perpetrator programmes in the EU.

Objectives

The main objective of the re-granting is improving the safety and well-being of survivors by building capacity among perpetrator programmes to deliver accountable, effective, and victim safety-oriented interventions aligned with the provisions of the Istanbul Convention. This will be done through funding projects which aim to

- Train professionals working with perpetrators,
- Set up or improve procedures related to child protection, risk assessment, evaluation of the efficacy of perpetrator programmes, as well as
- Improve cooperation with victims' support services and other relevant services for a coordinated community response.

The re-granting will increase knowledge on and implementation of EU law and policy and the Istanbul Convention at national and local level. It will provide members with the means to improve their work in line with EU values.

All proposals must answer to **at least** one of the following objectives:

- Strengthened capacity to protect and promote EU rights and values
- A more supportive environment for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and rights defenders such as national human rights institutions
- Better-developed advocacy and watchdog role of CSOs
- Increased involvement of CSOs in policy- and decision-making processes with local, regional, and national governments
- Increased citizen awareness of EU rights and values
- Strengthened regional cooperation within civil society

In your application, you will be asked to **clearly** state which objective or objectives your project aims to address.

Activities that can be funded

Activities that are eligible to receive funding are:

- Training
- Capacity building
- Setting up of services
- Activities for the evaluation of the quality of service (including an external process)
- Setting up or improving the evaluation of the programme
- Improving support to victims and collaboration with victim support services
- Improving coordinated community response
- Improving specialized interventions for specific groups of perpetrators
- Improving fundraising capacity
- Improving intervention aiming at child protection (including programmes for perpetrators that are fathers, specific interventions for fathers with visitation limitations, and development or improvement of the child protection policy)
- Improving risk assessment
- Improving informatization of data collection and data management
- Improving advocacy capacity/reach with local administrations and key public authorities

Available budget

The available call budget is EUR 160 000.

Minimum and maximum cost of projects

The proposed projects must have an overall budget between EUR 15 000 and EUR 60 000, of which the grant will finance 80%. Applicants must be prepared to cover the remaining 20% as co-financing.

Timetable and deadlines

Timetable and deadlines	
Call opening	6 February 2023
Online meeting for applicants – general information	16 February 2023, 10:00 – 12:00 CET
Online meeting for applicants – budgeting and budget template information	2 March 2023, 10:00 – 12:00 CET 20 March 2023, 15:00 – 17:00 CET
Deadline for submissions	6 April 2023
Evaluation	April 2023
Information on evaluation results	April 2023
Signing of Grant Agreements	April / May 2023
Maximum project duration	1 May – 30 November 2023

Admissibility and documents

Proposals must be submitted before the call deadline (see timetable above).

Proposals must be submitted electronically via the [Online Grant Management System](#). Paper submissions are NOT possible.

Proposals (including annexes and supporting documents) must be submitted using the forms provided in the Online Grant Management System.

Proposals must be complete and contain all the requested information and all required annexes and supporting documents. Mandatory annexes include:

- Detailed budget table (template available for download at the top of the application form)
- CVs (standard) of core project team
- List of notable projects from the last ten years
- For applicants with activities involving children: the organisations child protection policy in either English or the country language of the applicant, covering the four areas described in the [Keeping Children Safe Child Safeguarding Standards](#).

Note: If the applicant and/or any of the partners work directly with/have contact with children, they must provide their child protection policy. Activities to develop a child protection policy will be eligible and are encouraged. If your organisation is already working with children and doesn't have a child protection policy, we will not fund any child-related activities, but those applicants will not be excluded from the application process for other activities.

Eligibility

Applicants must fulfil all the criteria listed below:

- Be a full member of the WWP European Network (affiliate members will not be eligible).
- Be a legal entity,
 - Priority in awarding grants will be given to applicants who are non-profit organisations,
 - Members of WWP EN who are public institutions, such as statutory services and universities are also eligible for grants.
- Be established in a Member State of the European Union (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)).
- Respect EU values as laid out in [Art.2 of the Treaty on European Union](#) and the [EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#).

Financial and operational capacity

Operational capacity

Applicants must have the **know-how, qualifications, and resources** to successfully implement the projects, including sufficient experience in projects of comparable size and nature.

This capacity will be assessed as part of the evaluation process based on the competence and experience of the applicants and their project teams, including operational resources (human, technical and other) or, exceptionally, the measures proposed to obtain it by the time task implementation starts.

Applicants will have to show their capacity via the following information:

- Description of the organisation's experience, including notable projects from the last ten years.
- General profiles (qualifications and experiences) of the staff responsible for managing and implementing the project.

Note: Additional supporting documents may be requested if needed to confirm the operational capacity of any applicant.

Financial capacity

WWP EN is currently working on options that would allow us to cover the 20% co-funding applicants are requested to provide, which would make the projects fully funded.

However, as we are still determining if this will be possible, all applicants must be prepared to cover 20% of the project costs themselves.

Exclusion

Applicants which are subject to an EU exclusion decision or in one of the following exclusion situations that bar them from receiving EU funding can NOT participate:

- Bankruptcy, winding up¹, affairs administered by the courts, arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or other similar procedures (including procedures for persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts),
- In breach of social security or tax obligations (including if done by persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts),
- Guilty of grave professional misconduct² (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant),
- Committed fraud, corruption, links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant),
- Shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant),
- Guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation [No 2988/95](#) (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant),
- Created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin or created another entity with this purpose (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-

¹ Closing the operations of a business, selling off assets, paying off creditors, and distributing any remaining assets to the owners.

² Professional misconduct includes violation of ethical standards of the profession, wrongful conduct with impact on professional credibility, false declarations/misrepresentation of information, participation in a cartel or other agreement distorting competition, violation of IPR, attempting to influence decision-making processes or obtain confidential information from public authorities to gain an advantage.

making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant).

Applicants will also be refused if it turns out that:

- During the award procedure, they misrepresented information required as a condition for participating or failed to supply that information,
- They were previously involved in the preparation of the call and this entails a distortion of competition that cannot be remedied otherwise (conflict of interest).

Award criteria

The award criteria for this call are as follows:

- **Operational capacity (yes/no):**
 - Extent to which the competencies of both the organisation and the staff assigned to the project match the scope and requirements of the proposal.
 - Structure of the organisation.
- **Financial capacity (yes/no):**
 - Clear, realistic, and cost-effective budget for the project.
 - Financial situation of the organisation for the last three years.
- **Relevance (25 points):**
 - Extent to which the proposal matches the objectives and priorities in the call.
 - Clearly identified needs and a needs assessment both in the organisation's context and, more broadly, the country it operates in.
 - Information on how the proposed project is relevant in the context of previous and current work done by the organisation.
 - Clearly identified and defined target group/s of the project and specific activities.
 - Clearly defined objectives.
 - Description of how the proposed activities will improve the quality of the work done by the organisation, especially when it comes to implementation of the gender perspective, survivor-oriented perpetrator work, child protection and risk assessment.
 - Adherence to EU values as laid out in [Art.2 of the Treaty on European Union](#) and the [EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#).
- **Quality (30 points):**
 - Methodology:
 - Information on how the project and specific activities respond to the gaps in critical needs identified.

- Adequate allocation of resources in order to achieve the proposed objectives.
- Internal management of resources.
- Monitoring and evaluation:
 - Extent to which the evaluation plan adequately and clearly presents how quantitative (e.g. number of men in the programme; the number of services provided) and qualitative (e.g. satisfaction with activities; quality of the outputs and deliverables; etc.) information will be collected throughout the project.
 - Description of instruments to collect these data.
 - Clear plan on how the collected information will be used to evaluate the project and to make informed decisions regarding the further development of the project
- Risk assessment:
 - Identification of relevant risks for achieving the objectives.
 - Extent to which the measures proposed to mitigate these risks are adequate and realistic.
- Ethical issues:
 - Ethical issues, including informed consent, gender mainstreaming, and child protection policy are addressed.
- **European added value (10 points):**
 - Clear description on how the project will take into account and contribute to promoting EU values.
- **Impact (25 points)**
 - Expected long-term results of the project.
 - Extent to which these results will be integrated into the work of the organisation long term and built upon.
 - Adequate communication strategy for the target groups and objectives planned.
 - Feasibility of the proposed budget and balance between cost-effectiveness and planned objectives.
- **Contribution to creating European standards for perpetrator work (10 points)**
 - Interest in working towards receiving a European accreditation.
 - Information on how the organisation will contribute to the development of European standards.

Award criteria	Maximum points
Relevance	25
Quality	30
European added value	10
Impact	25
Contribution to creating European standards for perpetrator work	10
Total	100

Projects will be chosen for funding based on their overall score out of 100 for the above-mentioned criteria.

Due diligence

Additionally, as part of the selection process, a due diligence process, including adherence to EU values, could be carried out. The eventual signature of a grant agreement may be subject to this due diligence process, including requests for additional information to facilitate transparency.

The due diligence process can include a review of the applicant organisation's online presence, including its social media channels and the social media channels of its key personnel and trustees/board members, and verification of other sources available in their Member State, including annual reports, state registers, etc., as well as engaging on a dialogue with the concerned organisation

Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements

If you pass the evaluation, your project will be invited for grant preparation, where you will be asked to prepare the Grant Agreement together with the Regranting Officer.

This Grant Agreement will set the framework for your grant and its terms and conditions, in particular concerning deliverables, reporting, and payments.

All grantees will be required to sign a Declaration of Honour, a draft of which is available [here](#) to ensure respect and adherence to EU principles and values.

Starting date and project duration

The project starting date and duration will be set in the Grant Agreement. The maximum duration of projects is seven months, from 1 May 2023 to 30 November 2023.

Milestones and deliverables

Applicants will need to set indicators and deliverables in their application. The indicators and deliverables for each project will be managed through the Online Grant Management System and will be reflected in the Grant Agreement.

Grantees will have to ask attendees in events to participate in the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values. This survey allows the granting authority to monitor training, mutual learning and awareness-raising events closely. The beneficiaries will receive a weblink to the survey, to be forwarded to the attendees. They will have access to the survey results for their project and can use them for their project evaluation.

Form of the grant, funding rate and maximum grant amount

The grant parameters (grant amount, total eligible costs, payment intervals) will be fixed in the Grant Agreement. The grant awarded may be lower than the amount requested.

The grant will be budget-based, based on unit-cost calculations, and paid out in lump-sum instalments. It will reimburse only certain types of costs (eligible costs).

The costs will be reimbursed at the funding rate fixed in the Grant Agreement (**80%**).

Grants may NOT produce a profit. For-profit organisations must declare their revenues and, if there is a profit, we will deduct it from the final grant amount.

Moreover, please be aware that the final grant amount may be reduced in case of non-compliance with the Grant Agreement (e.g. improper implementation, breach of obligations, etc).

Maximum total cost of grants is EUR 60 000.

Budget categories and cost eligibility rules

The budget categories and cost eligibility rules are fixed in the Grant Agreement

Budget categories for this call:

- A. Personnel costs
 - A.1 Employees or equivalent
 - A.2 Natural persons under direct contact and seconded persons
- B. Travel costs
 - B.1 Direct travel costs
 - B.2 Direct subsistence costs
- C. Purchase costs
 - C.1 Equipment
 - C.2 Other goods and services
- D. Indirect costs

Specific cost eligibility conditions for this call:

- Travel and subsistence unit cost: yes
- Car travel costs: yes
- VAT: non-deductible VAT is eligible (but please note that since 2013 VAT paid by beneficiaries that are public bodies acting as public authorities is NOT eligible)

- Other:
 - In-kind contributions for free are allowed, but cost-neutral, i.e. they cannot be declared as cost,
 - Project websites: communication costs for presenting the project on the participants' websites or social media accounts are eligible; costs for separate project websites are not eligible

Reporting and payment

The deadlines for reporting and payment will be discussed individually and set in the Grant Agreement. However, as a general rule, the payments will be split into three lump sums:

1. Pre-payment of 30% of the total sum awarded after signing the Grant Agreement,
2. Mid-project payment of a further 40% of the total sum awarded when the beneficiary is close to spending the initial payment and presents a spending summary and progress report,
3. Final payment of the remaining 30% upon project completion and reporting.

Non-compliance and breach of contract

The Grant Agreement will provide for the measures we may take in case of breach of contract.

How to apply

All proposals must be submitted directly online via the Online Grant Management System. To apply, follow these steps:

1. Register an account in the Online Grant Management System (<https://grants.work-with-perpetrators.eu/>) by clicking the “Register” button and following the instructions provided in the system.
2. Submit your application through the Online Grant Management System – after logging in, fill out your application and click “Submit”. You will receive a copy of your application via e-mail.

Help

All applicants can download a document containing Guidelines for Applicants, which contains detailed instructions on how to fill out an application (available for download at the top of the application form).

If the answer to your question is not in the Guidelines or you have a technical issue, please do not hesitate to contact us directly:

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