



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) grants 2023: call for proposals

1. About the grant

As part of the 2023 operating grant of the EU-funded Citizens, Equality, Right and Values (CERV) programme, IPPF European network regional office (ENRO) is launching **a call for proposals for its EU based member associations (MAs) and Affiliated Collaborative Partners (CPs).**

Through a regranting scheme, IPPF wants to strengthen the European response related to gender equality within different EU countries through its members. EU-based MAs and CPs will have the opportunity to fund initiatives which will directly contribute to one of the programme's strategic objectives at the level of EU Member States.

The overarching goal of IPPF EN's CERV programme is to advance gender equality in the European Union, where women and girls, men and boys in all their diversity are released from harmful gender norms and fully empowered to make decisions over their lives and bodies.

To ensure a fair distribution of limited financial resources, MAs receiving unrestricted discretionary advocacy grants are not eligible for this call; furthermore, to ensure the alignment of the regranting scheme to the programme's four strategic objectives, the call is open to specific MAs and CPs only, as per the criteria described under each programme objective.

The four programme objectives and the MAs and CPs that can apply are the following:

- **Increase engagement and mobilization for gender equality and women's rights in and across EU Member States and counter the backlash against them (objective 1).**
Priority will be given to EU MAs and partners who need resources to consolidate or build upon pilot projects that have shown an innovative approach to strategic communications, social mobilization and countering the opposition, and are starting to positively influence public opinion on SRHR.
Open to the following MAs/CPs: Italy, Croatia, Malta, Denmark
- **Accelerate the development, adoption and implementation of national and EU laws, policies and budgets that protect and advance gender equality and women's rights, including SRHR within the European Union (objective 2).**
Priority will be given to EU MAs and partners where national legislation on consent-based definition of rape is about to be adopted or newly adopted; and where MAs and partners can build on the work done under CERV in 2022, in particular on the learnings from the case studies and peer-to-peer exchange on promoting national policy changes in EU countries to adopt a consent-based definition of rape and/or on implementing these changes.
Open to the following MAs/CPs: Finland, Netherlands
- **Strengthen the capacity of IPPF EN Members to design, implement and sustain intersectional, gender transformative initiatives on the ground (objective 4).**
Priority will be given to EU MAs and partners who undertook a gender assessment (GA) and need resources to consolidate or build upon the action plan stemming from the GA.

Open to the following MAs/CPs: EU MAs/CPs that undertook a gender assessment and developed a plan of action in 2022 or earlier.

And this specific objective

- **Increase access to Gender Transformative Sex and Relationships Education (GTSRE) – implementation in Portugal of the study on the contribution of GTSRE to the prevention of SGBV (objective 3)**

Priority will be given to the MA in Portugal (Associação Para o Planeamento da Família) to provide additional support for the study implementation.

Open to the following MAs/CPs: given the nature of this outcome, only APF is eligible for a grant under this objective.

2. Eligibility criteria

Click on the strategic objective of interest for your application for more details on the content and criteria for proposals¹.

Objective 1: increase engagement and mobilization for gender equality and women's rights in and across EU Member States and counter the backlash against them.

Objective 2: accelerate the development, adoption and implementation of national and EU laws, policies and budgets that protect and advance gender equality and women's rights, including SRHR within the European Union.

Objective 3: increase access to Gender Transformative Sex and Relationships Education (GTSRE) – implementation in Portugal of the study on the contribution of GTSRE to the prevention of SGBV.

[Objective 4: strengthen the capacity of IPPF EN Members to design, implement and sustain intersectional, gender transformative initiatives on the ground.](#)

Annex: templates

Template proposal

Template budget and timeline

¹ In accordance with the Annotated Model Grant Agreement (aga_en.pdf (europa.eu)), the beneficiary will ensure the comply with Art. 12 (avoiding conflict of interest); Art.13 (confidentiality and security obligations); Art. 14 (ethics); Art. 17 (visibility to EU funding); Art. 19 (information obligations); Art. 20 (record keeping). All selected grantees will need to sign an agreement and declaration of honour following approval of their proposal.

Objective 1: increase engagement and mobilization for gender equality and women's rights in and across EU Member States and counter the backlash against them.

Proposal under this objective must contribute to strengthening **capacities of IPPF EN MAs and CPs which are implementing winning and innovative strategies to advance SRHR and counter the anti-gender movement.**

Scope and criteria

Scope and implementation modalities

- The call is open to the following MAs/CPs: Italian Association for Women in Development (Aidos, Italy), Association for human rights and civic participation (PaRiter, Croatia), The Women Rights Foundation (Malta), Sex & Samfund - The Danish Family Planning Association (Denmark).
- Activities must take place in EU Member States.
- Project must be implemented between **April 2023 and end November 2023.**
- The grants will range from a **minimum of €20,000 to a maximum of €40,000² (including estimated €4,500 to conduct the gender assessment³).**
- Collaboration and joint activities among eligible members and partners are allowed, provided that each entity submits its own proposal (mentioning the collaborations/partnerships) and budget request: no regranting by the granted organisation is allowed.

Criteria

The proposal should:

- Clearly show that the proposed **activities fit in one or more of the following categories:**
 - o Scale learning on and implementation of strategic communication, values-based framing and messaging;
 - o Consolidate and expand capacity building on women, SRHR and LGBT movements' mobilisation and countering the backlash of members and partners;
 - o Generate additional learning tools and resources on what works to further advance gender equality and counter the backlash on women and LGBT rights.
- Demonstrate how the **one-year achievements fit and add value within a wider programme, strategy or organisational Theory of Change**, providing indication of the sustainability of the results achieved.
- Describe how the proposed activities are **contributing to the objective of increasing the engagement and mobilisation for GE and women's rights** in and across EU Member States and counter the backlash against them, also detailing the intermediate expected results of the action.
- Include achievable **objectives and indicators** (qualitative and/or quantitative) to capture the expected intermediate and final results of the proposed activities. In particular, the proposal should include **one or more (if relevant)** of the following indicators:
 - o Number of activists (disaggregated by gender) trained on value base framing and messaging.

² Including overhead, see budget guidance.

³ For members and partners that are not required to perform a gender assessment (see criteria), the estimated amount to implement this activity (4,500) is deducted from the maximum allowed grant: the maximum amount for them is €35,500.

- Number of CSO and social movement actors (and countries) deepening and/or expanding reframed GE messages in their communication strategies **AND/OR** changes in the capacities of an organisation to integrate reframed GE messages in its communication strategies and campaigning.
- Outreach of (and reaction to) these campaigns.
- IPPF full members are required to include the implementation of a gender assessment as part of the grant in case such assessment hasn't been performed yet. IPPF collaborative partners are encouraged to conduct a gender assessment. This assessment will support organisations in identifying areas to strengthen their gender transformative approach (see <https://www.ippf.org/resource/gender-assessment-toolkit>). The assessment includes a Rapid Situation Analysis (context); organisational self-assessment and the development of an action plan (priority actions to strengthen gender transformative approach).

Budget guidance

- All project expenses should be made between **April and end November 2023**;
- The estimated costs in the budget should be calculated based on rate per day or price per unit when possible and lump sums when it is not possible – please refer to the budget template for the budget categories definitions;
- Overhead is fixed at 10% of direct costs;
- The proposal should contain a clear rationale for the activity costs;
- Proposed staff time should be duly motivated (what is their role within the project, total salary cost prorated with the time dedicated in the project (average number of days per month) - see budget template on how to calculate personnel costs);
- The grant cannot be used to fund existing projects; double funding is not allowed.

Reporting requirements

The grantees must provide a final narrative and financial report describing the activity implemented and results achieved. The deadline for the final report is the 20/12/2023. An interim financial report will be requested mid-project. This information will then be integrated into the IPPF ENRO's report to the donor. The templates for reporting will be circulated in due time.

Monitoring calls with grantees will be organized regularly, depending on their needs, in order to discuss progress in the implementation of activities.

To be noted that European institutions or bodies (e.g. OLAF, European Court of Auditors) can audit sub-grant projects. It is required for sub-grant receivers to keep relevant accounting records and supporting documents for a minimum of three years.

Application

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Evaluation criteria

Projects will be scored and awarded as per the below criteria, with a maximum score of 10 points per category. The minimum score required to be considered for project awarding is 30 (out of 50).

General concept and actions proposed are aligned with the CERV's strategic objectives.
Achievable objective(s) and well-defined links between activities, intermediate and final expected results.
Indicators and means of verification allow to capture expected results.
The timeline and budget are realistic.
The added value of the proposed action to programme work and the way the 1-year objectives fit within a wider programme / Theory of Change are well defined.

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Objective 2: accelerate the development, adoption and implementation of national and EU laws, policies and budgets that protect and advance gender equality and women's rights, including SRHR within the European Union.

Proposals under this objective must contribute to the **MAAs and CPs' advocacy efforts at the national level, with the thematic objective of combatting SGBV.**

Scope and criteria

Scope and implementation modalities

- The call is open to the following MAs: Väestöliitto (Finland), Rutgers (Netherlands)
- Activities must take place in EU Member States.
- Project must be implemented between **April 2023 and end November 2023.**
- The grants will range from a **minimum of €20,000 to a maximum of €40,000⁴ (including estimated €4.500 to conduct the gender assessment⁵).**
- Collaboration and joint activities among eligible members and partners are possible, provided that each entity submits its own proposal (mentioning the collaboration/partnerships) and budget request: no regranting by the granted organisation is allowed.

Criteria

The proposal should:

- Include **political advocacy and strategic communication activities that clearly focus on combatting SGBV**, especially advocating to adopt a consent-based definition of rape and/or promoting the implementation of a newly adopted legislation on this topic or promoting the concept of consent in sexual relationships; advocating for the provision of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), as a key measure for the prevention of SGBV and/or for the provision of comprehensive support services to all victims/survivors of SGBV, including SRHR services, with an intersectional approach. Activities to support and promote EU policy processes on SGBV at national level would also be more than welcomed (e.g., present / promote / defend the proposed EU Directive on Violence Against Women towards national decision-makers)
- Demonstrate how the **one-year achievements fit and add value within a wider programme, strategy or organisational Theory of Change**, providing indication of the sustainability of the results achieved.
- Demonstrate how the proposed activities **contribute to the objective of accelerating the development, adoption and implementation of national and or EU law, policies and budgets to prevent and combat SGBV**, also detailing the intermediate expected results of the action.
- Include achievable **objectives and indicators** (qualitative and/or quantitative) to capture the expected intermediate and final results of the proposed activities. In particular, the proposal should include one or more (if relevant) of the following indicators:
 - o Number (and description) of advocacy wins, meaning regional, national, subnational, and local successful policy initiatives and/or legislative changes and/or

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- Number of key messages used by target audience (decision makers or other key influencers) in e.g. public statements, media...
- Number of inputs provided to decision makers
- Outreach of the advocacy events: number and description of decision makers and other key influencers reached.
- IPPF full members are required to include the implementation of a gender assessment as part of the grant in case such assessment hasn't been performed yet. This assessment will support organisations in identifying areas to strengthen their gender transformative approach (see <https://www.ippf.org/resource/gender-assessment-toolkit>). The assessment includes a Rapid Situation Analysis (context); organisational self-assessment and the development of an action plan (priority actions to strengthen gender transformative approach).

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Objective 3: increase access to Gender Transformative Sex and Relationships Education (GTSRE) – implementation in Portugal of the study on the contribution of GTSRE to the prevention of SGBV

The proposal under this objective must be about conducting the **Study on the contribution of Gender Transformative Sex and Relations Education to the prevention of SGBV in Portugal**.

Scope and criteria

Scope and implementation modalities

- Given the nature of this outcome, only Associação Para o Planeamento da Família (APF, Portugal) is eligible for a grant under this objective.
- Activities must take place in EU Member States.
- Project must be implemented between **April 2023 and end November 2023**⁶.
- The grant will be for an amount of maximum €50,000 (including overhead, see budget guidance).

Criteria

The proposal should:

- Include **activities as follows**:
 - o Undertake steps to have a training of trainers accredited by the responsible educational institution in Portugal
 - o Organize a training in English for certified trainers based on the Toolkit SfSGB
 - o Organize training for 20 teachers in Portuguese on using the SfSGBV toolkit
 - o Provide supervision and support to teachers implementing the SfSGBV toolkit
 - o Provide guidance on integrating the SfSGBV resources in the curricula of the subject Citizenship and Development
 - o Facilitate the relations between the researchers and the educational authorities, schools, and teachers
- Include achievable **objectives** and **indicators** (qualitative and/or quantitative) to capture the expected intermediate and final results of the proposed activities. In particular, the proposal should include one or more (if relevant) of the following indicators:
 - o 5 trainers accredited to conduct training of teachers
 - o 20 teachers trained to use SfSGBV toolkit in the implementation of Citizen and Development subject
 - o 10 schools are willing to use SfSGBV toolkit in the implementation of Citizen and Development subject
 - o Number of supervision and support sessions conducted

Budget guidance

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⁶ Being the study a 4-year project, activities for its implementation are continuing and scheduled to start in early March.

- The proposal should contain a clear rationale for the activity costs;
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Objective 4: strengthen the capacity of IPPF EN Members to design, implement and sustain intersectional, gender transformative initiatives on the ground.

Proposals under this objective must contribute to **fight harmful gender norms and stereotypes and how they impact gender equality and wellbeing through gender-transformative projects.**

Scope and criteria

Scope and implementation modalities

- The call is open to EU MAs/CPs that undertook a gender assessment and developed a plan of action in 2022 or earlier. Depending on the available funds and requested budgets, we expect to be able to fund around 3 proposals.
- Activities must take place in EU Member States.
- Project must be implemented between **April 2023 and end November 2023.**
- The grants will range from a **minimum of €20,000 to a maximum of €40,000⁷.**
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Criteria

The proposal should:

- Clearly show that the proposed **activities fit in one or more of the following categories:**
 - o Consolidate and expand the organisational capacity to design and implement gender transformative projects as indicated in their action plan.
 - o Capacity building, sharing, and learning between different MAs and partners with a focus on gender transformative actions and intersectionality.
- Demonstrate how the **one-year achievements fit and add value within a wider programme, strategy or organisational Theory of Change**, providing indication of the sustainability of the results achieved.
- Describe how the proposed activities are **contributing to the objective of strengthening the capacity of IPPF EN Members to design, implement and sustain intersectional, gender transformative initiatives** on the ground, also detailing the intermediate expected results of the action.
- Include achievable **objectives** and **indicators** (qualitative and/or quantitative) to capture the expected intermediate and final results of the proposed activities. In particular, the proposal should include one or more (if relevant) of the following indicators:
 - o Number (and %) of actions from the action plan implemented
 - o Number of youth (by gender) sensitized on gender norms and stereotypes
 - o Number of MAs and partners participating to peer learning, sharing events
 - o Number of policies / guidance changed in line with the assessment done, to strengthen GE within the association

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