

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) Grants 2026 Call for Proposals

1. ABOUT THE GRANT

As part of the 2026 operating grant of the European Union (EU)-funded Citizens, Equality, Right and Values programme (CERV), IPPF European Network (IPPF EN) is launching a **call for proposals for its EU-based Member Associations (MAs) and Collaborative Partners (CPs)**.

The overarching goal of IPPF EN through CERV is to advance gender equality in the EU, where women and girls, men and boys in all their diversity are free from harmful gender norms and fully empowered to make decisions over their lives and bodies. With this regranting scheme, IPPF EN, through its MAs and CPs, wants to strengthen the European response related to gender equality within different EU countries.

Through this regranting scheme, EU-based MAs and CPs will have the opportunity to fund initiatives that advance our strategic objectives while remaining deeply relevant to their local contexts. These grants not only strengthen the capacity of our MAs and CPs but also support collaborations that significantly expand the reach and impact of both our overarching project and their locally driven initiatives.

2. OVERVIEW OF STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE 1: Strengthen, connect, and amplify a more inclusive movement for gender equality and the rights of women, girls, and marginalised communities in all their diversity, enhancing its power to shape discourse, build broader societal support, demonstrate resilience, and counter threats to democracy, the rule of law, and fundamental rights

To respond to the attacks on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), as well as women's and LGBTIQ+ rights at national level, it is crucial to raise awareness and build support among moderates, in addition to expanding public pressure on the state's duty to protect women's SRHR, and minorities targeted by extremists.

Priority for this objective will be given to EU-based MAs and CPs to facilitate cross-movement connectedness and/ or strengthen movement preparedness to strengthen inclusion, solidarity, and collective action, as well as to build resilience and, protect organisations and staff in increasingly hostile environments.

We will support initiatives that;

- Address political and social polarisation related to SRHR and gender equality by creating safe spaces, institutional dialogue, and cross-movement collaboration at national and European levels.



- Incorporate national planning and citizens' strategies, focused on countering attempts to introduce regressive legislation and policies that harm women, young people, children and minorities, including access to information and rights related to their SRHR, and the return to harmful gender roles in society.
- Focus on building safety, security and better preparedness for an increasingly hostile environment to SRHR advocacy and service delivery.

Under Objective 1, the call is open to EU-based MAs/ CPs that:

- Intend to strengthen initiatives started previously to build safety, security and better preparedness in higher risk contexts.
- Are facing political and social polarisation related to SRHR and gender equality and intend to create safe spaces for constructive dialogue and shared strategizing.
- Are operating in increasingly restrictive and regressive legislative environments that undermine EU values and systematically erode access to human rights, particularly SRHR.

OBJECTIVE 2: Act as an expert partner to the European Union and its Member States in the development, adoption, and implementation of laws, policies, and budgets that advance gender equality and the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women, girls and marginalised communities, in all their diversity, contributing to strengthening frameworks and capacities that align with these commitments

Regranting under this objective will aim to support EU-based MAs and CPs in their efforts to contribute to the development, adoption, and implementation of national legislation, policies and/ or budgets, and act as an expert partner to key stakeholders to raise their awareness and increase their understanding of and commitment to gender equality and SRHR issues.

Priority will be given to EU-based MAs and CPs who will carry out activities to support the advancement, through more effective and inclusive policy-making, of the following possible themes at national level: (i) Gender equality; (ii) The full range of SRHR for all (women and marginalised communities in all their diversity, with an intersectional perspective), and, (ii) The prevention and combating of all forms of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).

Projects shall aim to advance one or more of the following sub-objectives:

- To support the adoption, change and/ or implementation of improved legislation, policies, and/ or budgets on the aforementioned topics;
- To contribute expertise, raise awareness of, increase support, and counter opposition on the aforementioned topics, engaging with key stakeholders and the public.

These actions would notably contribute to the implementation of relevant EU policy and legislation, including the Roadmap for Women's Rights, which includes SRHR, respectful and high quality obstetric and gynaecological care, comprehensive sexuality education, and the fight against SGBV; and the EU Directive on combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence, which includes provisions on sexuality and consent education as well as access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services for victims of SGBV. MAs and CPs are



also encouraged to support and promote other EU policy processes related to SGBV and gender equality.

Under Objective 2, the call is open to EU-based MAs/ CPs under that:

- Focus on topics that contribute to one or more of the above priorities aligned with relevant EU policies and legislation, particularly in areas where national legislative progress or implementation is most needed.
- Propose a continuation of existing, ongoing activities that strengthen initiatives already embedded in work plans, ensuring long-term sustainability

A balance will be struck between MAs/ CPs that have already benefited from CERV funding and those that have not.

OBJECTIVE 3: Empower and equip young people, including those marginalised, with the skills, knowledge, and platforms needed to engage in, collaborate with, and lead youth-driven, intergenerational, and cross sectoral initiatives that challenge harmful gender norms, foster inclusive dialogue, and promote positive role models in their communities and online spaces

Regranting under this objective will aim to amplify expertise and best practices in Gender Transformative Sexual and Relationship Education (GTSRE) and/ or enhance YSAFE's capacity to work with and partner with youth from marginalised communities at national level.

Youth-led action is central to improving gender transformative approaches to programming, as young people are often the first to identify harmful norms and to develop solutions that speak to the realities of their peers. Projects under this objective should therefore support the co-design of tools that strengthen Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), improve youth-led programming and build sustainable partnerships that continue beyond the project period.

This year, an open call for proposals under this objective will be launched for all EU-based MAs. Priority will be given to proposals that strengthen youth-led collaboration with youth-focused and youth-led groups and organisations, with particular attention to LGBTQIA+ groups, and youth groups for/with young people with disabilities.

Projects must be fully youth-led, with MA staff providing support only when required. The MAs and their youth groups must partner at least one partner youth group in their country to develop activities that expand peer learning and participation and respond to the needs of young people facing marginalisation and barriers to accessing sexual and reproductive health services and information.

- **The call is open to all EU-based MAs**

OBJECTIVE 4: Strengthen the capacity of IPPF EN and its Member Associations, its regional youth network, YSAFE, and national representative youth structures to sustain well managed and governed bodies, operate at the cutting edge, provide outreach and



care, and enhance their position to act as trusted and leading partners and supporters of diverse marginalised communities, striving for gender equality and equity

Regranting under this objective will aim to strengthen and expand on the gender transformative work that the MAs/ CPs are conducting, as well as support peer-to-peer learning and sharing among the MAs and CPs. Focus under this objective will also be on gender transformative initiatives that involve working with (and with a focus on) people with mental or learning disabilities.

- (i) This call is open to MAs/ CPs that conducted gender assessments and developed gender action plans in the previous programme cycles. Regranting will support in part (or wholly) the implementation of two (2) gender action plans. The findings of this implementation will serve as the basis for further learning by other MAs/ CPs (good practices or lessons learned) in their own efforts to develop and implement a stronger gender transformative approach within their work.

Under Objective 4, this call is open to EU-based MAs/ CPs that:

- Performed a gender assessment and developed a gender action plan within the past 1 - 2 years
 - Have an action plan containing strong gender transformative approaches
 - Have identified actions that can serve as learning for other MAs and CPs in the context of our gender transformative approach
- (ii) As part of our aim to reach a more diverse group of vulnerable communities through our actions, this grant will also support SRHR-focused capacity building activities in a project addressing people with mental or learning disabilities.

Under Objective 4, this call is open to EU-based MAs/ CPs that:

- Have experience in providing or raining on CSE
- Have experience in working with (young) people with learning disabilities, and/ or have a keen interest in working with this group
- Have a CSE programme targeting people with learning disabilities and/ or their caretakers, and commits to further invest in this area in the near future
- Are familiar with the “Keep Me Safe” training guides
- Attended the 2025 IPPF supported SECS training on working with people with disabilities

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

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



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OBJECTIVE 2: ACT AS AN EXPERT PARTNER TO THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS, POLICIES, AND BUDGETS THAT ADVANCE GENDER EQUALITY AND THE SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS OF WOMEN, GIRLS AND MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES, IN ALL THEIR DIVERSITY, CONTRIBUTING TO STRENGTHENING FRAMEWORKS AND CAPACITIES THAT ALIGN WITH THESE COMMITMENTS

OBJECTIVE 3: EMPOWER AND EQUIP YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING THOSE MARGINALISED, WITH THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND PLATFORMS NEEDED TO ENGAGE IN, COLLABORATE WITH, AND LEAD YOUTH-DRIVEN, INTERGENERATIONAL, AND CROSS SECTORAL INITIATIVES THAT CHALLENGE HARMFUL GENDER NORMS, FOSTER INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE, AND PROMOTE POSITIVE ROLE MODELS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND ONLINE SPACES

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ANNEX: TEMPLATES

- i. Proposal Template
- ii. Timeline and Budget Template

(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.

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PURPOSE

Priority will be given to EU MAs and CPs to facilitate cross-movement connectedness to strengthen inclusion, solidarity, and collective action, or strengthen movement preparedness to build resilience and protect organisations and staff in increasingly hostile environments

SCOPE AND IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES

- The call is open to **EU-based MAs/ CPs**
- Activities must take place in EU Member States
- The project must be implemented between **March 2026 and 30 November 2026**
- Three grants are available under this objective, two of **€26.000,00** each and one of **€28.000,00**
- Collaboration and joint activities among eligible MAs and CPs are allowed, provided that the award recipient (granted organisation) includes in their proposal (and budget) the proposed collaborations or partnerships.
- 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:**
 - Consolidate and expand innovative approaches building efforts for MAs and CPs focused on countering the backlash to SRHR, women's and LGBTIQ+ rights.
 - Facilitate cross-movement collaboration, for example co-strategizing dialogues and/ or networking building, to foster unity and movement expansion.
 - Deepen institutional strategic partnerships to raise awareness and strengthen collaborative efforts to build support for SRHR, women and LGBTIQ+ rights in an increasingly hostile environment.
 - Scale learning on and implementation of strategic communication, values-based framing and messaging.
 - Integrate safety and security approaches to bolster organisational preparedness in an increasingly hostile environment.
 - Generate additional learning tools, resources and capacity building activities highlighting what works to further advance gender equality and counter the backlash on women, SRHR and LGBTIQ+ rights.



- Describe how the proposed activities are **contributing to the objective of increasing the engagement and mobilisation for gender equality and women's rights** in and across EU Member States and counter the backlash against them, also detailing the 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.

BUDGET GUIDANCE

- All project activities and expenses must incur within the grant implementation period with ending date **30 November 2026**.
- 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 of 10% should be applied on the total costs (including personnel 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

- An interim narrative and financial report will be requested mid-project.
- Monitoring calls with grantees might be organised, depending on the needs, to discuss progress in the implementation of activities.
- The grantees must provide a final narrative and financial report describing the activities implemented and results achieved. This information will then be integrated into the IPPF EN's report to the donor.
- **The deadline for the final narrative and financial report is 8 December 2026. The templates for reporting will be circulated in due time.**
- It is required for sub-grant receivers to keep relevant accounting records and supporting documents for a minimum of three years. European institutions or bodies (e.g. OLAF, European Court of Auditors) can audit sub-grant projects.

APPLICATION

Important: If you are interested in applying to this objective, please contact your AoC to check the selection criteria and eligibility criteria before starting your application.

The application should be completed using the attached templates. Incomplete proposals or proposals that arrive after the deadline will not be considered. Completed applications can be sent to vmandizvidza@ippf.org. The deadline for application is **6 March 2026 (23:59hrs Brussels time)**.

After a first scoring, proposals will be discussed, and selections made. Adjustments to the proposals and budgets may be required as condition for approval. If needed, final considerations will be shared with the MAs and CPs. Awarding of the proposals will happen within maximum 2 weeks following the deadline.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Projects will be scored and awarded as per the criteria below, with weighted scores for each category. The minimum total score required is 35 (out of 50).

Criteria no.	Description	Weighted Score (Total = 50)	Proportion of Total
1.	Relevance of the concept and alignment with the specified strategic objectives	12	24%
2.	Achievable objective(s) and well-defined links between activities, realistic timeline and appropriate methodology for the expected results and intended impact. Indicators and means of verification allow the capture of expected results	15	30%
3.	The proposal integrates intersectional perspectives and meaningfully includes diverse groups	8	16%
4.	The added value of the proposed activities; generation of meaningful change or the production of transferable, scalable or sustainable results	9	18%
5.	The budget is realistic, cost effective and proportional to the expected results.	6	12%

In order to prioritise awarding, for all proposals that meet the minimum required scores, the following factors will be considered;

- Diversity in terms of alignment with the 2026 IPPF EN priority areas and/ or the inclusion of marginalised communities.
- Geographic distribution across the IPPF EN network, in terms of implementation of plans within the region.
- The level of innovation for new projects.
- The level of sustainability, continuation and/ or strengthening of initiatives for ongoing projects.

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PURPOSE

Regranting under this objective will aim to support EU-based MAs and CPs in their efforts to contribute to the development, adoption, and implementation of national legislation, policies and/ or budgets, and act as an expert partner to key stakeholders to raise their awareness and increase their understanding and commitment to gender equality and SRHR issues.

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Projects shall aim to advance one or more of the following sub-objectives:

- To support the adoption, change and/ or implementation of improved legislation, policies, and budgets on the specified themes.
- To contribute expertise, raise awareness, increase support, and counter opposition, with a focus on the specified themes; engage key stakeholders and the public.

These actions would notably contribute to the implementation of relevant EU policy and legislation, including the Roadmap for Women's Rights – which includes SRHR, respectful and high quality obstetric and gynaecological care, comprehensive sexuality education, and the fight against SGBV, and the EU Directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence, which includes provisions on sexuality and consent education as well as access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services for victims of SGBV. MAs and CPs will also be encouraged to support and promote other EU policy processes related to SGBV and gender equality.

SCOPE AND IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES

- The call is open to **EU-based MAs / CPs**
- Activities must take place in EU Member States.
- Project must be implemented between **March 2026 and 30 November 2026**.
- The grants will be a maximum of **€35.000,00 per MA**.
- Collaboration and joint activities among eligible MAs and CPs are allowed, provided that the award recipient (granted organisation) includes in their proposal (and budget) the proposed collaborations or partnerships.
- No regranting by the granted organisation is allowed.

CRITERIA

The proposal should:

- Include activities that focus on **advancing gender equality, SRHR and the prevention and combating of SGBV in national laws, policies, or budgets, and in the political and public debate**, especially **advancing one or more of the sub-objectives as described above**.
- 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 advance gender equality, SRHR and 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 of the following indicators (as relevant):
 - Number and description of achievement(s), meaning successful policy initiatives and/ or legislative changes and/ or budgetary programmes and/ or implementation of measures related to preventing and combatting SGBV, advancing gender equality, women's rights and SRHR.
 - Number and description of written inputs produced and provided to key stakeholders (e.g. written materials, such as briefings, factsheets, position papers, recommendations, etc.).
 - Number and description of outreach activities to key stakeholders: emails, bilateral meetings, public events, oral inputs – specifying meeting minutes and event reports, number and description of oral inputs, and number of key stakeholders reached.
 - Number of key messages used by key stakeholders in, for example, public statements, media etc.
 - Production and distribution of communications materials towards key stakeholders and the public, and number of people reached.

BUDGET GUIDANCE

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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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- Diversity in terms of alignment with the 2026 IPPF EN priority areas and/ or the inclusion of marginalised communities.
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PURPOSE

Proposals under this objective will strengthen the capacity of MAs and increase implementation of Gender Transformative Approaches in programming.

Youth working within EU-based MAs will be able to apply for this grant to design and implement projects in partnership with youth-focused and youth-led organizations or groups made up of young people who experience marginalisation. Together these youth partners will co-create new tools that strengthen Gender Transformative Approaches in programming, support youth-led programming, encourage peer learning and lay the groundwork for future collaboration at national level.

The relationships built through YSAFE's Annual Meetings, other YSAFE activities and previous youth-led projects will be strengthened during the project design and implementation period, giving youth network members the opportunity to grow and work together toward their shared goals. Young people at national level will benefit from educational activities developed through these action plans that challenge gender stereotypes and offer strategies to address barriers to gender equality. The outputs and lessons learned from these projects will be shared across the network through resources, webinars or contributions during formal meetings to support wider peer learning and collaboration.

SCOPE AND IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES

- The call is open to **EU-based MAs**
- Activities must take place in EU Member States
- The project must be implemented between **March 2026 and 30 November 2026**
- The grants will be a maximum of **€20.000,00 per MA**.
- Collaboration and joint activities among eligible MAs are allowed, provided that the award recipient (granted organisation) includes in their proposal (and budget) the proposed collaborations or partnerships.
- No regranting by the granted organisation is allowed.

CRITERIA

- Each proposal must involve an **EU-based MA and be led by young people working or volunteering for the MA**.
- The MAs and their youth groups **must partner at least one partner youth group in their country** to develop activities that expand peer learning and participation and respond to the needs of young people facing marginalization and barriers to accessing sexual and reproductive health services and information.



- The MA must support their youth groups to develop activities and implement the project, working closely with partner youth groups or youth-led organizations in their respective countries.
- Within the proposal the MA must highlight how they will work with young people from one other EU-based organization, movement or group within their country to carry out their proposed activities.
- **Additionally, applicants will also be allowed to partner with other EU-based MAs** whose thematic priorities align with the project's goals (NB: The conditions specified for the MAs in this call will also be applicable to the partner MA)
- Activities should ensure the integration of intersectional perspectives and experiences and ensure consistent implementation of Comprehensive Sexuality Education in both formal and non-formal settings.
- Activities must be focused on engaging a wider group of young people in taking up action related to gender equality in the countries concerned.
- **Activities must be entirely designed and carried out by young people** (aged less than 25 years in the MAs and less than 30 years in the partner organizations)
- Proposals should include details of how staff time at the MA will be offered to support the young people to implement the activities; and describe how this support will be offered without taking leadership away from the youth groups.
- Preference will be given to proposals that are led by and engage young people who are at risk of specific marginalization according to the priority groups, including but not limited to young people living with disabilities, transgender youth and racialized youth.

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PURPOSE

Proposals under this objective will amplify peer-to-peer learning and sharing among the MAs/ CPs, with a particular focus on gender transformative work and the work towards (and with) those communities most vulnerable.

- (i) This call is open to MAs/ CPs that conducted gender assessments and developed gender action plans in the previous programme cycles. Two MAs will be supported to implement part of their gender action plans. The findings of this implementation will serve as the basis for further learning by other MAs/ CPs (good practices/ lessons learned) in their own efforts to develop and implement a stronger gender transformative approach within their work.

Under Objective 4, this call is open to **EU-based MAs/ CPs** that:

- Performed a gender assessment and developed a gender action plan within the past 1 - 2 years
- Have an action plan containing strong gender transformative approaches
- Have identified actions that can serve as learning for other MAs and CPs in the context of our gender transformative approach

- (ii) As part of our aim to reach a more diverse group of vulnerable communities through our actions, this grant will also support SRHR-focused capacity building activities in a project addressing people with mental or learning disabilities.

Under Objective 4, this call is open to **EU-based MAs/ CPs** that:

- Have experience in providing or training on CSE
- Have experience in working with (young) people with learning disabilities, and/ or have a keen interest in working with this group
- Have a CSE programme targeting people with learning disabilities and/ or their caretakers, and commits to further invest in this area in the near future
- Are familiar with the “Keep Me Safe” training guides
- Attended the 2025 IPPF supported SECS training on working with people with disabilities

SCOPE AND IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES



- The call is open to the **EU-based MAs/ CPs** as specified above.
- The grants will range from a **minimum of €12.500,00 to a maximum of €25.000,00**.
- Activities must take place in EU Member States
- The project must be implemented between **March 2026 and 30 November 2026**
- Collaboration and joint activities among eligible MAs and CPs are allowed, provided that the award recipient (granted organisation) includes in their proposal (and budget) the proposed collaborations or partnerships.
- No regranting by the granted organisation is allowed.

CRITERIA

The proposals should:

- Have a focus on one of the topics as stipulated above (gender action plan follow up or people with disabilities)
- Demonstrate how the proposed activities **contribute to the objective of strengthening the capacity of IPPF EN, its MAs, CPs, and YSAFE to sustain well-governed and future-focused organisations**.
- Include achievable **objectives** and **indicators** (qualitative and/ or quantitative) to capture the expected intermediate and final results of the proposed activities.
- Preference will be given to proposals that work in collaboration with local community groups – as relevant – such as people with disabilities and LGBTIQ+ organisations.

BUDGET GUIDANCE

- All project activities and expenses must incur within the grant implementation period with ending date **30 November 2026**.
- 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 of 10% should be applied on the total costs (including personnel 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

- An interim narrative and financial report will be requested mid-project.
- Monitoring calls with grantees might be organised, depending on the needs, to discuss progress in the implementation of activities.
- The grantees must provide a final narrative and financial report describing the activities implemented and results achieved. This information will then be integrated into the IPPF EN's report to the donor.



- **The deadline for the final narrative and financial report is 8 December 2026. The templates for reporting will be circulated in due time.**
- It is required for sub-grant receivers to keep relevant accounting records and supporting documents for a minimum of three years. European institutions or bodies (e.g. OLAF, European Court of Auditors) can audit sub-grant projects.

APPLICATION

Important: If you are interested in applying to this objective, please contact your AoC to check the selection criteria and eligibility criteria before starting your application.

The application should be completed using the attached templates. Incomplete proposals or proposals that arrive after the deadline will not be considered. Completed applications can be sent to vmandizvidza@ippf.org. The deadline for application is **6 March 2026 (23:59hrs Brussels time)**.

After a first scoring, proposals will be discussed, and selections made. Adjustments to the proposals and budgets may be required as condition for approval. If needed, final considerations will be shared with the MAs and CPs. Awarding of the proposals will happen within maximum 2 weeks following the deadline.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Projects will be scored and awarded as per the criteria below, with weighted scores for each category. The minimum total score required is 35 (out of 50).

Criteria no.	Description	Weighted Score (Total = 50)	Proportion of Total
1.	Relevance of the concept and alignment with the specified strategic objectives	12	24%
2.	Achievable objective(s) and well-defined links between activities, realistic timeline and appropriate methodology for the expected results and intended impact. Indicators and means of verification allow the capture of expected results	15	30%
3.	The proposal integrates intersectional perspectives and meaningfully includes diverse groups	8	16%
4.	The added value of the proposed activities; generation of meaningful change or the production of transferable, scalable or sustainable results	9	18%
5.	The budget is realistic, cost effective and proportional to the expected results.	6	12%

In order to prioritise awarding, for all proposals that meet the minimum required scores, the following factors will be considered;



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- Diversity in terms of alignment with the 2026 IPPF EN priority areas and/ or the inclusion of marginalised communities.
- Geographic distribution across the IPPF EN network, in terms of implementation of plans within the region.
- The level of innovation for new projects.
- The level of sustainability, continuation and/ or strengthening of initiatives for ongoing projects.

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