Call for proposals - WAVE Regranting Pilot Initiative 2023

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1. BACKGROUND

Violence against women and girls is a long-term systemic problem in Europe that knows no geographical or social boundaries and is a fundamental human rights violation that contravenes EU values as specified in Article 2 of the TEU and Article 23 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. It is a severe form of discrimination against women and girls and one of the biggest obstacles towards achieving gender equality between women and men.

To tackle the impact of this severe human rights violation and strengthen the role of feminist civil society organisations (CSOs), the WAVE Network is inviting eight of its member organisations in the EU, to submit proposals for the WAVE pilot regranting initiative 2023!

This call for proposals describes the objectives, expected results, maximum amount of regranting to eligible organisations and proposed activities. It further describes the selection procedure and reporting mechanism for the management of the regranting by WAVE staff. The present call for proposals falls under the pilot regranting initiative that WAVE is carrying out in 2023. WAVE will evaluate its results to consider if further regranting is possible in the future.

2. OBJECTIVES OF REGRANTING

The aims are of the current call for proposals are:

To strengthen and support the capacity of WAVE members, to develop local, context-specific actions to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women and girls, thus contributing to the promotion and implementation of international standards at a EU level and advance EU values within the framework of the EU Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025.

To strengthen the human rights of women and children, and particularly the promotion of standards that contribute to the elimination of violence against women and girls (VAWG).

3. EXPECTED IMPACT

The regranting scheme to WAVE member organisations is expected to lead to the following results, in line with the objectives and priorities described in the CERV-2022-OG-SGA call for proposals:

- **Strengthened capacity** of women’s NGOs to protect and promote women’s and girls’ human rights within the EU rights and values framework;
- **Preventing violence against women and girls**, by developing actions linked to primary, secondary or tertiary prevention, such as education on gender roles, awareness raising campaigns, challenging gender stereotypes;

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1. (i) primary prevention, i.e. reducing vulnerability before violence occurs so that it won’t occur; (ii) secondary prevention, i.e. identifying violence and intervening to disrupt it as early as possible;
✓ **Empowering women-led CSOs** to develop focused, context-specific **advocacy at the national and regional level**, strengthening their **watchdog role** in Europe;

✓ **An increased involvement of women’s CSOs in policy and decision making** processes within local, regional and national governments.

4. **DELIVERABLES**

Proposals of WAVE members should cover one or more of the following deliverables, laid out in the list below:

1. **Training and capacity building**: for women’s CSOs in the areas of advocacy and campaigning and effective collaboration of women’s CSOs etc.

2. **Advocacy and campaigning activities**: To raise awareness and advocate against violence against women and girls as defined in the EU Gender Equality Strategy and Istanbul Convention, including for instance: advocacy for effective adoption and implementation of feminist policies/legislation, advocacy activities on EU and international legislation, effective data collection, sexual and domestic violence, online violence, gender stereotypes, female and sexual harassment.

3. **Effective prevention of violence**: Activities that tackle behavioural attitudes and social beliefs based on gender stereotypes.

4. **Sustainability of women’s CSOs and women’s specialist services**: Running campaigns at a local and national level advocating for sustainable support and resources for women survivors of violence offered by women’s specialist services, as the ones best equipped to cater to the needs of these survivors.

5. **DURATION**

The current re-granting scheme and all selected project proposals are to be implemented from (tentatively) **April to December 2023**.

All project applications must be **submitted by 31 March 2023, midnight**.

Applicants will be notified via E-Mail on the success of their application by the **14th of April 2023**.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application.

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(iii) tertiary prevention, i.e. long-term intervention to reduce the negative impact of violence and prevent reoffending

2 For e.g. EU draft directive on VAW and DV, Victim’s Rights Directive
6. **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The selection committee will consider all applications, which must be in line with eligibility criteria mentioned below. All applications which do not fit the required criteria will not be considered for the present grants. The present criteria are to be considered in conjunction with the ‘Selection criteria’ document attached to the present call.

Eligible to apply for such grants are only **WAVE members from European Union Member States.**

All project proposals submitted are to be ranked according to the following criteria:

a) **Relevance:** Project proposals must match the objectives and deliverables defined by the call. The proposed activities must have the potential to fulfil expected results.

b) **Quality:** The proposed activities must follow a logical flow and should have a clear methodology of carrying out the activities. The suggested activities are to be feasible within the proposed time frame. WAVE members applying for such grants should have sufficient experience to implement such activities.

c) **Impact:** All applications should contain a proposed impact and a target group for the proposed activities. Grantees shall consider, if possible, the sustainability of the proposed activities and results beyond the grant period.

d) **Implementation capacities of the applicant:** Priority will be given to applicants that, in their proposal, demonstrate they have the required capacity and availability to implement the proposed activities.

e) **Selection priority will be given to member organisations who collaborate** with other WAVE members and/or women’s CSOs on national and regional level. Proposals that have in their design ingrained a level of cooperativity among WAVE members between two countries or among the same country will be prioritised.

7. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (to be filled out in the project template)**

All applicants interested in submitting an application are to submit the following information:

- Application cover sheet and project proposal template
- A detailed project budget, outlining the main budget lines and expected costs

All documents to be filled out are provided with the present call for proposals.
Monitoring and Evaluation:

All proposals are expected to provide a clear description identifying the needs and gaps their initiative aims to fill, along with clearly defined objectives and intended deliverables of the activity. The proposals should include details on how the initiative will be monitored and assessed to determine its impact and how the member will strengthen the capacity of their organisation. Upon completion of the project a final report (narrative and financial) must be submitted to fulfil all requisites linked to accessing the grant.

8. BUDGET

The total budget available for re-granting is €50,000 for a maximum eight WAVE member organisations.

There are six smaller grants available of €5,000 each and two bigger grants available of €10,000 each.

As WAVE is implementing the re-granting scheme for the first time, WAVE decided to grant lump sums to a maximum of 8 organisations. These amounts were calculated considering the capacity of WAVE member organisations to absorb larger grants and consider the current re-granting scheme is a pilot project in 2023.

9. REPORTING

Successful applicants will be asked to submit short interim narrative and financial reports on a quarterly or six-monthly basis, depending on the grant amount and agreement.
At the end of the year, grantees will have to submit a final narrative and financial report, accompanied by all necessary documents justifying their expenses.

The Advocacy and Campaign Coordinator together with the Grant Development Coordinator will meet online with grantees to monitor the implementation of activities, offer support in case of need and ensure quality control.

Grantees will receive templates for all required narrative and financial reports.

The reports will be collated and analysed by the WAVE staff. All information collated will be gathered by the WAVE office in a final evaluation report to be submitted as a deliverable in frame of the CERV-2022-OG-SGO.