

Info session Preventing and Combating Gender-based Violence against Lesbians* - 2025

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 **EL*C GRANTS**

*Preventing and
combating gender-
based violence (GBV)
against lesbians**



Please note that EL*C uses the term lesbian with an asterisk (lesbian*) as inclusive of cis, trans and intersex women, and non- binary persons who self-identify as lesbian, bisexual, and queer.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants meeting the following eligibility criteria will be considered for funding:

- 1. Lesbian* CSOs** - organisations with lesbian leadership and/or lesbian focus.
 1. Lesbian leadership: in the main decision-making position(s) there is a lesbian majority.
 2. Lesbian focus: the main focus of the organization's activities is lesbians, the lesbian community.
- 2. Legally registered, non-profit and non-governmental, civil society organization**
- 3. Established in a Member State of the European Union** (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)) **and CERV-participating countries**, currently Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Ukraine.
- 4. Respecting EU values** including values such as dignity, equality and justice.
- 5. Fully completed application form, including budget, submitted before the deadline.**

Key Details from the Call for Proposals

Supported by the EU's CERV program; 1,104,044 EUR budget is available in 2025

Grant size, duration, start date

- a) The requested amount can be **minimum 10,000 EUR and maximum 60,000 EUR**.
Please note that if you received funding in 2024 in the previous cycle of this grant, the cumulative amount of 60,000 EUR cannot be overstepped in the two cycles.
- b) **No co-funding** is necessary, EL*C will cover 100% of the costs.
- c) The length of the project may be **between 6 months and 12 months**.
- d) The start date should be **between September 15 and October 30, 2025**.
- e) **50% of the grant amount** will be paid out immediately and the other 50% following the approval of the interim report.

Deadline for submitting the completed **application form, including the budget**, before **23:59 CEST on July 31, 2025**, to the following email address: grants@lesbiangenius.org

Projects need to contribute to one or more of the below objectives:

- To understand and meet the specific needs of lesbians* who are victims of gender-based violence (GBV) and provide tailor-made support for them.
- To ensure that systems for protection and prevention of GBV are used to serve lesbians* and advocate for changes as needed.
- To strengthen the sustainability, skills and capacities of lesbian* CSOs in responding to the GBV-related needs of lesbians* and in becoming visible representatives for the topic.

Please note that the project activities have to serve the objectives of actors/communities within the EU and the CERV participating countries. Also, they must take place within the European Union and CERV participating countries.

Activities that can be included in the project

- Activities on preventing and combating gender-based violence against lesbians*
- Partnerships among lesbian* CSOs and feminist CSOs in the field; coordination and strategic cooperation between lesbian* CSOs, feminist CSOs and other stakeholders, public or private sector entities;
- Provision of free advice, watchdog and monitoring activities in the field, e.g. the Istanbul Convention or other EU legal and policy documents;
- Promotion of the implementation of adopted laws on GBV
- Lobbying/ Advocacy to influence policy and decision-making processes
- Research and analysis in this field
- Provision of gender-sensitive support services to lesbians*, such as victim support tailored to the specific needs of victims who are lesbians*
- Awareness raising and communication/information's activities aimed in particular at creating links and animating communities
- Community-based mobilization with direct involvement of lesbians* (e.g., working with violence survivors, with cultural mediators, with community leaders, etc.);
- Tackling gender stereotypes as root causes of gender-based violence against lesbians*;
- Awareness-raising and capacity-building to foster participation, ownership, and knowledge in the development, adaptation and/or implementation of legislation and/or frameworks or action, for instance, through a multidisciplinary working group (which meets regularly and has appropriate decision-making power), enhancement of coordinating mechanisms and procedures (e.g., protocols).

Budget

You can choose between the budget template in the application form or the Excel template provided by EL*C.

For each activity you are planning, you have to divide the costs into seven categories:

- A. Personnel
- B. Subcontracting
- C.1a Travel
- C.1b Accommodation
- C.1c Subsistence
- C2. Equipment
- C3. Other goods, works and services

As part of the application form, you will find the **Explanation of these budget lines** (Appendix I.) and a **Budget Example** (Appendix II.)

Budget template

Activities:	Budget lines	Cost (EUR)	Cost Justification: Please provide a breakdown of all expenses required to execute the activity. This should include a detailed explanation of all listed costs.
Activity 1: [type here name of the activity]	A. Personnel		
	B. Subcontracting		
	C.1a Travel		
	C.1b Accommodation		
	C.1c Subsistence		
	C.2 Equipment		
	C.3 Other goods, works and services		

This is a lumpsum grant – what does this mean?

No financial reporting.

The reporting is not based on what and how you spent, but **what you did, created, completed (implementation of project activities)**.

Instead of a financial report, we use “**Deliverables**” as **evidence** you can show to prove that an activity has happened (eg. photos, reports, attendance lists, agendas, publications).

Activity Implementation Measurement Matrix

The Matrix aims to make it easy to monitor the progress of each activity.

The Matrix will serve as the basis of reporting.

We ask you to define deliverable(s) for each activity.

What is a deliverable?

- The deliverable is the evidence you can show to prove that the activity has happened
- When thinking about deliverables, please consider **what will be the result or outcome of the activity**, and how you can show that result to others.
- Some examples: reports, attendance lists, agendas, photos, publications, etc.

As part of the application form, you will find an **Example Activity Implementation Measurement Matrix** (Appendix III.)

Activity Implementation Matrix example

Activity	Deliverable(s)	Start date	End date	Deliverable %
1. Project management and coordination	Timeline of project activities, Internal meeting notes, Interim report, Final report	01.10.25	31.09.26	35%
2. Research on GBV against lesbians in XX country Quantitative research with at least 150 participants 2 focus groups	Questionnaire (in original language), screenshots/links to dissemination social posts and website article Participants list, summary/notes on the 2 focus groups, photos Report on research results	15.11.25	31.03.26	40%
2. Awareness Raising on Research Report Social media campaign and 3 community meetings where we present the report	Screenshot of 10 social media posts, short report on the results of the campaign Agenda, attendance list, and photos of the 3 events	15.05.26	31.08.26	25%

- **Deliverable %:** How important is that activity overall for the project, and how much of the resources are going into the activity. When adding up the percentages, the number should be 100%.

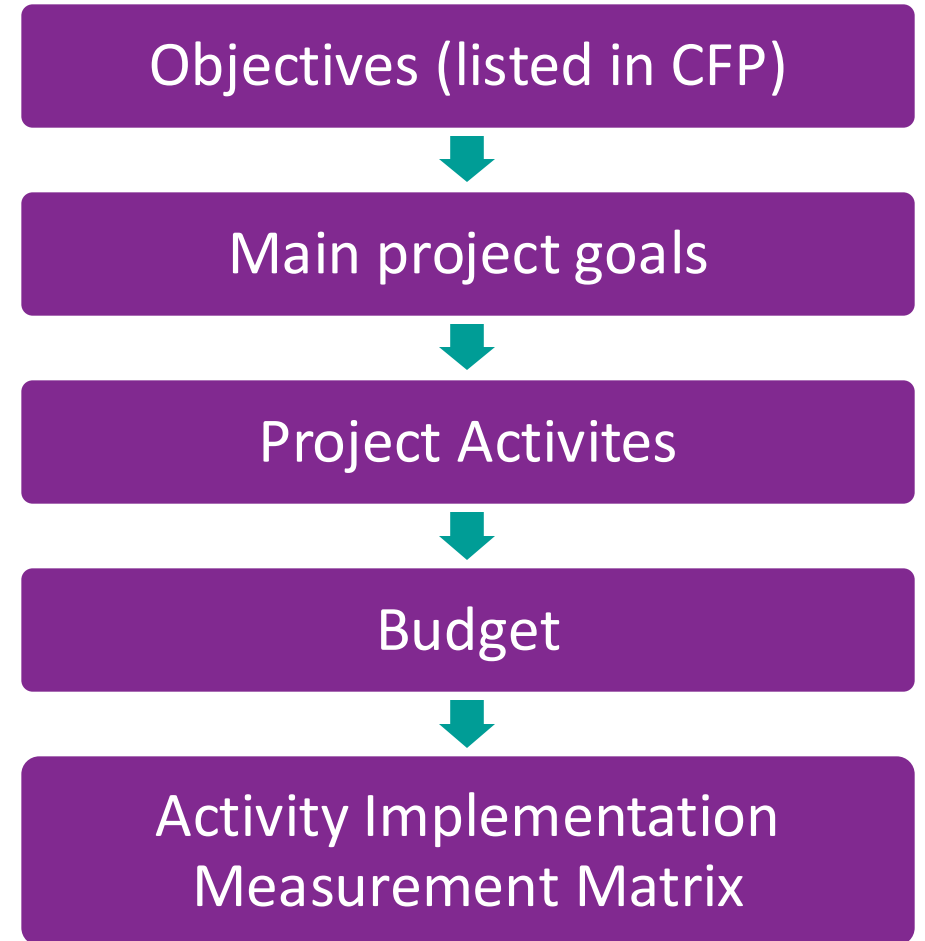
Activity: Project Management

Please include Project management (or project coordination, leadership – wording does not matter) as a separate activity:

- In the **narrative** part of the project application
- In the **Budget** (example for that in Appendix II. of the application form)
- In the **Activity Implementation Measurement Matrix** (possible Deliverables here: project timeline, timesheet of project manager/coordinator, meeting notes from internal meetings)

Keep in mind

1. The main goal of your project has to be linked closely with the objective(s) you select from the list in the Call for Proposals.
2. The planned activities of your project have to be linked closely with the main goal of your project.
3. Your budget has to be directly in line with your planned project activities. (Activities have to be the same, with the same name as the ones you listed earlier for the planned activities.)
4. Your Project Implementation Measurement Matrix has to follow the structure of your Budget. (Activities have to be the same as in your budget, in the same order.)



Timeline and selection

Timeline

- Deadline for submitting the completed **application form, including the budget: 23:59 CEST on July 31, 2025**
Please make sure not to send it last minute, as it may take a few minutes for mail servers to send the emails.
- Funding decisions by the Selection Committee in mid-September.
- Notification on funding decision and contracting in September.
- Payments after contracting (50% of the grant amount).

Selection

Eligible proposals will be assessed by 3 Selection Committee members (EL*C Board members) along the below selection criteria (for more details, please see the CFP):

- Operational capacity (20)
- Relevance for the lesbian* community and for objectives listed in the CFP (20)
- Design and implementation approach (15)
- Sustainability (15)
- Budget and cost-effectiveness (15)
- Intersectionality (15)

Q&A