

Info session

Resourcing Lesbian* Movements in Europe 2025

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Key Details from the Call for Proposals

Supported by the EU's CERV program; altogether 320.000 EUR budget is available

Only for EL*C member organizations in the EU (including overseas terr.)

Grant size, duration, start date

- a) The requested amount can be **minimum 5,000 EUR and maximum 30,000 EUR**.
- 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 8 months**.
- d) The start date should be in **June 2025**. The whole of the awarded grant amount will be paid out at the start, within the first month of the project.

Deadline for submitting the completed **application form, including the budget**, before **23:59 CET on May 12, 2025**, to the following email address: grants@lesbiangenius.org

Eligibility criteria

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

1. **Approved full member organization of EL*C** at the time of submitting the application
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))
4. **Respecting EU values** including values such as dignity, equality and justice
5. **Fully completed application form, including budget, submitted before the deadline.**

Objective(s) the project has to contribute to (you have to choose from the list)

Increasing/ developing/ strengthening one or more of the below, in order to benefit lesbian* communities:

- NGO capacity to protect and promote the rights of lesbians*, **especially in the field of rights protection, monitoring, implementation and advocacy;**
- NGO advocacy and watchdog role;
- NGO involvement in policy and decision-making processes with local, regional and national governments;
- awareness raising about EU rights and values regarding lesbians* in support of NGOs watchdog and advocacy work.

Activities that can be included in the project

- Desk research (research cannot be the main purpose of the action), baseline studies
- Training actions, study visits, field trips and internships
- Facilitation of contacts, consultations and discussions between different stakeholders
- Communication and information activities
- Organization of conferences, roundtables, workshops and seminars
- Promotion of the implementation of adopted laws and regulations
- Advocacy for the revision of existing legislation and adoption of new legislation in accordance with EU standards and requirements
- Establishment of dialogue with political parties, groups of parliamentarians or legislative bodies
- Documentation and monitoring activities, as well as monitoring international commitments
- Publication of monitoring reports
- Drafting policy or legislation recommendations
- Public awareness raising campaigns
- Publication of leaflets, manuals on best practice
- Testing of innovative approaches
- Community building activities in support of NGOs watchdog and advocacy work
- Internal/organizational capacity development activities
- Service provision to community members, in support of NGOs documentation and monitoring activities

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		

Activity Implementation Measurement Matrix

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

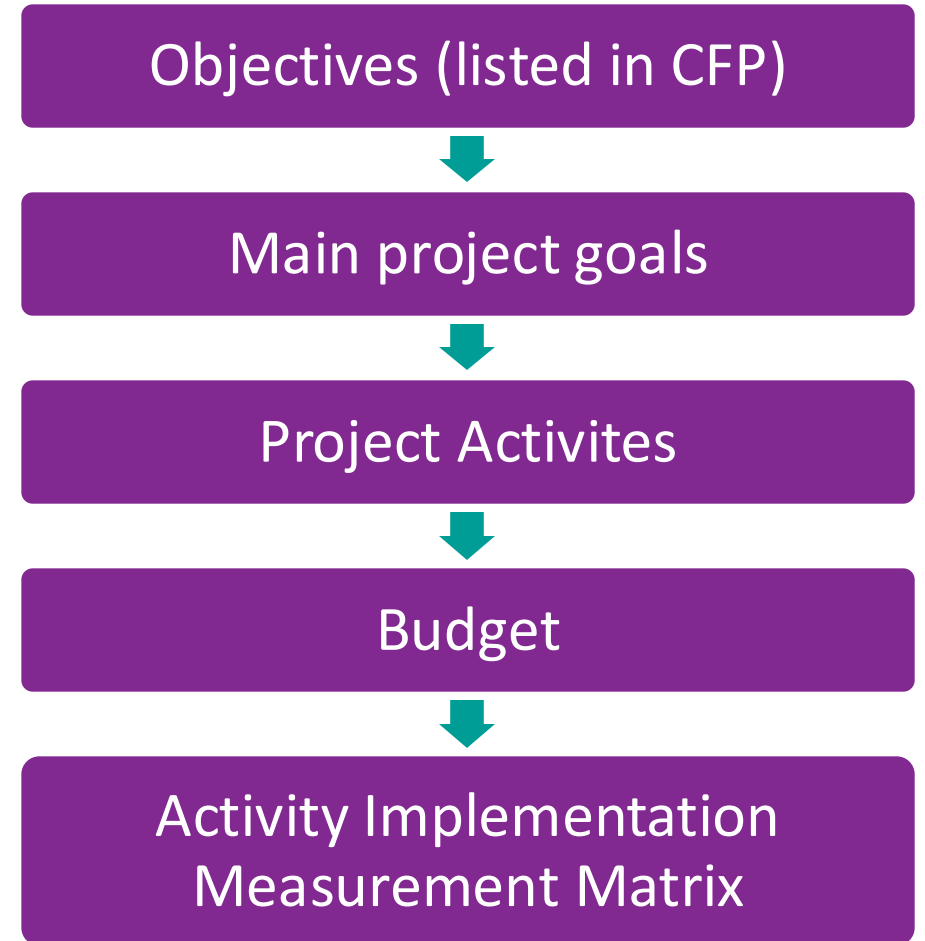
As part of the application form, you will find an **Example Activity Implementation Measurement Matrix** (Appendix III.)

Activity Implementation Matrix template

Activity	Deliverable(s)	Start date	End date	Deliverable %
1.				%
2.				%
3.				%
4.				%

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 CET on May 12, 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 early June.
- Notification on funding decision and contracting in June.
- Payments after contracting.

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 (20)
- Design and implementation approach (15)
- Sustainability (15)
- Budget and cost-effectiveness (15)
- Intersectionality (15)

Priority will be given to applicants not yet funded by EL*C in 2023 and 2024, and to those without funding. In addition, funding requests from small grassroots CSOs will be prioritized over groups with significant budgets.

Q&A