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Call information sheet – Cycle 2

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Introduction

Rooted in the EU's founding principles of human dignity, freedom, and democracy, RIZA's mission is to strengthen the capacity of 99 small-scale grassroots NGOs across EU Member States (MS) to uphold, protect, and promote EU values and fundamental rights. This will be achieved over a four-year period through three funding cycles, with a regional focus on the Nordic-Baltic, Southern-Mediterranean, and Central-Eastern regions, prioritising those in the most isolated circumstances with the least access to resources and opportunities—particularly migrant and refugee women.

The initiative will support grassroots specialist migrant and refugee women's organisations, as well as grassroots women's rights, migrant/refugee, and human rights NGOs that work with or intend to establish dedicated programmes led by and/or serving migrant women. RIZA will provide financial support and tailored capacity-building to selected civil society organisations (CSOs) and grassroots groups to help them protect, promote, and raise awareness of fundamental rights and EU values.

The document clarifies the eligibility criteria, budget requirements, deadlines, and submission guidelines for this call.

Objective of the call

The main objective of this call is to protect, promote, and raise awareness of fundamental rights and EU values by focusing on four key thematic priorities:

1. **EU VALUES AND RULE OF LAW:** to build awareness and capacity on EU values, fundamental law and other applicable international human rights instruments in their missions to support migrant and refugee women;
2. **EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS**: to build knowledge and practical skills to effectively protect migrant and refugee women from discrimination and violence;
3. **SOLIDARITY AND DEMOCRACY**: to strengthen their role in sustaining peaceful communities with healthy and transparent governance systems, and promoting cross-cultural dialogue;
4. **SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE**: to increase their operational capacity and effectiveness and multiply their presence and impact in the EU.

1. Eligibility

1.1 Types of organisations that can be funded

1st tier: Migrant, refugee women led organisation with a human right based mission.

2nd tier: Grassroots women's rights organisation with a stand-alone programme aimed at supporting migrant and/or refugee women.

3rd tier: Migrant, refugee, diaspora organisation led organisation with a stand-alone programme aimed at supporting migrant, refugee, diaspora women.

4th tier: Grassroots human rights organisation with a stand-alone programme aimed at supporting migrant, refugee, diaspora women.

1.2 Profiles of organisations that can be funded

- To be established in one of the states covered by the scope of the call, i.e. an EU state;
- To be a non-profit, non-governmental organisation or a similar legal structure (e.g. community interest company, charity, etc);
- To be **independent of any political or religious party or group**, or governmental authorities;
- To have at least 1 year of demonstrated activities, which can include the period before the legal establishment of the organisation;
- To have an operational annual budget of the **last closed financial year less than 300k**;
- Migrant, refugee, or diaspora women's and grassroots women's rights organisations must ensure that at least 80% in the governing and executive structures are women.
- Migrant, refugee, diaspora led and Grassroots human rights organisations must ensure that at least 50% in the governing and executive structures are women;
- To have operational capacity to execute the proposed activities;
- To be compliant with EU values, in particular the Art, 2 of TFE and Art 21 and 21 of EU Charter;
- The organisation must not be bankrupt, or in debt, or under any sanctions from any national financial or legal authorities;
- To be a migrant women-led organisation, or demonstrate a proven track record (i.e. a history of activities over the past year) of working with migrant, refugee, or diaspora women, who will be meaningfully included in the design and implementation of the proposed activities.

1.3 Activities that can be funded

Thematic priority 1: Support and Capacity Building of Migrant and Refugee women[1]:

[1] The project can focus on migrant women only, or refugee women only, or diaspora women (2nd and 3rd generation migrant women) only, or on a mix of several of these groups, when it is justified and relevant to the project objectives. Projects can also be targeted to a specific group of migrant or refugee women (e.g. single

Eligible activities targeting Migrant, refugee and diaspora Women:

- Supporting migrant & refugee women, and their families in understanding & exercising their rights & obligations under EU and national law;
- Increasing capacity to engage with legal practitioners, equality bodies, law enforcement and judiciaries in cases of violation of their fundamental rights and access to justice and protection mechanisms;
- Strengthening awareness of their rights and freedom as women on the territory of EU Member States, equality and non-discrimination principles, including prevention and protection from any form of violence against women and girls;
- Creating and strengthening structures and programmes aimed at supporting in the domains of health, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, pregnancy and maternity, family planning, and mental health and in the provision of multisectoral responses to women and girls victims of violence against women;
- Building capacity for self-representation and self-advocacy at communal, national levels and European level;
- Increasing public, civic and political engagement & building capacity to self-organise and establish formal and non-formal civic initiatives at local and national level.

Thematic priority 2: Advocating for the fundamental rights of migrant and refugee women

Eligible activities targeting migrant, refugee and diaspora women:

- Promoting the use of the EU Charter and other EU and international applicable law in protecting and promoting the fundamental rights of migrant women;
- Monitoring, documenting, systematising and analysing the cases of violations of fundamental rights violations of migrant women at regional and national level;
- Preparing and submitting shadow reports and contributions focused on fundamental rights of migrant/refugee/diaspora to national, regional and international bodies and committees (e.g. GREVIO, CEDAW);
- Preparing and executing campaigns at local, national and European level aimed at raising awareness on the human rights standards, rights violations and best practices in the area of fundamental rights of migrant and refugee women;
- Conducting research and producing awareness raising materials in focus areas: employment, education, housing, health, civic participation, and access to resources (areas covered by the European Plan on Integration and Zaragoza indicators).

Thematic Priority 3: Promoting the role of migrant and refugee women in democratic dialogue, community cohesion and cross-cultural solidarity.

Eligible activities:

mothers, widows, women with shared experience of a particular type VAWG, Arab, Latin American, Eastern European etc. women)

- Organisation of community actions, interventions, including artistic interventions, community dialogues focused on building inter-communal solidarity with the involvement and leadership of migrant women.
- Documenting and promoting best practices, role models, positive contributions of migrant women groups, initiatives, and individual migrant women activists.
- Campaigns and actions aimed at decreasing inter-communal conflicts and polarisation, and increasing democratic dialogue and pluralism at community level involving members of different ethnic, cultural, religious backgrounds and promoting migrant women leadership in such initiatives.
- Strengthening the role of migrant and refugee women in preventing and combating violent extremism, radicalisation, fundamentalist and extremist right discourse and actions.
- Building capacity and raising profiles of refugee and migrant women in the field of local and national policy-making and before local and national policy- and decision-makers.
- Building of formal or semi-formal networks of migrant women, or migrant women led organisations, to collaborate in the area of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls' rights protection.

1.4 Submission eligibility

- Proposals may be submitted by one organisation or a partnership of maximum 3 organisations which may be based in the same or different countries covered by the call.
- In case of a partnership proposal, if a grant is awarded, all partners will sign the grant agreement but only one (main applicant) will be responsible for financial management and reporting on the project.

1.5 Language criteria

While we strongly encourage submitting applications in English as it will facilitate the evaluation and communication process, RIZA will accept applications in one of the 24 EU languages of the country of applicants.

1.6 Regional priority

The RIZA programme operates through three granting cycles, each focusing on specific European regions. Although this Cycle (cycle two) targets the Southern-Mediterranean region, **applications are welcome and encouraged from all EU Member States**

2. Budget

2.1 Available Budget

In total, RIZA will distribute the funds of Euro 3,060,000.00.

In Cycle 2 , RIZA will sub-grant Euro 1,037,784.00 through 16 Micro, 12 Small and 6 Medium grants

Type of Grants	Amount
Micro grants	**€17,778**
Small grants	**€32,778**
Medium grants	**€60,000**

2.2 Budget eligibility Criteria

The grant will be lump sum and 100% funded with no co-financing requirement. 90% of the grant will be paid after signing the grant agreement, with the remaining 10% after the completion of the project and the capacity building programme and submission of report(s).

The **minimum** grant amount is **€17,778**. The **maximum total funding** an organisation can receive across all RIZA granting cycles is **€60,000**, whether awarded as a single grant or through multiple smaller grants. Organisations that have already received the full €60,000 will be ineligible to apply for further funding. However, organisations that have received micro or small grants may still apply in the 2nd and 3rd cycles, provided their total funding does not exceed the €60,000 limit.

Eligible expenses:

- Structural Costs
  - ➔ Salaries and wages for project personnel
  - ➔ Pro rata of the office's rent and charges, including Internet, phone line, etc.

- Direct Project Costs
  - ➔ Materials and supplies directly attributable to the project
  - ➔ Equipment costs directly related to the project, including relevant software fees, subscriptions, etc.
  - ➔ Venue renting and catering fees
  - ➔ Childcare related costs

- Travel and Accommodation
  - ➔ Reasonable travel expenses for project-related activities
  - ➔ Accommodation and subsistence costs during project-related travel
  - ➔ Travel and subsistence costs of the in-person capacity building workshop of RIZA obligatory for all grantees
  - ➔ Travel, accommodation and subsistence cost for one field trip to one of the RIZA partners.

- Paying third parties (experts)
  - ➔ Fees paid to consultants, subcontracted entities or external experts directly contributing to the project, which should not exceed 20% of total costs

- Communication and Dissemination
  - ➔ Costs for disseminating project results
  - ➔ Communication materials and outreach activities

Non-eligible Expenses:

- General Operating Costs
  - ➔ Administrative overhead unrelated to project activities

- Capital Investments
  - ➔ Purchase of assets not directly required for the project
  - ➔ Long-term infrastructure improvements unrelated to project goals

- Entertainment and Hospitality
  - ➔ Expenses related to entertainment or hospitality not directly linked to project activities

- Non-project Travel
  - ➔ Personal travel expenses unrelated to project objectives

- Non-essential Equipment
  - ➔ Purchase of equipment not essential for project implementation

3. Timetable and deadlines

Call opening stage 1	1 June 2026
Information session for applicants	9 June 2026 (via zoom)*
Deadline for submission stage 1	31 July 2026
Evaluation stage 1	1 aug 2026 - 30 sep 2026
Call opening stage 2	1 Oct 2026
Deadline for submission stage 2 (selected applicant of stage 1)	31 Oct 2026

* There will be an online information session on **9 June 2026** at **10:00 CET,** please register by this link. If you plan to attend, please register in advance. The session will be in English with French and Spanish interpretation. For those unable to join, the session will be recorded and made publicly available.

3.1 Admissibility and documents

Applications for first and second stages must be submitted before the **call deadlines.**

Proposals for the first stage of the call must be submitted **electronically** by filling in an online form. Each stage of the call requires different documents:

Stage 1

- Signed declaration only

If invited to Stage 2, documents required:

- Legal status of the organisation/legal entity/prove of formalisation
- Prove of project activities report/or any other documents (photos, social media posts) proving organisations ongoing activities
- financial report of the last closed financial year (for newly constituted organisations the description of financial operations since the legal establishment can be accepted).

4. Evaluation process

Applications will be evaluated based on their alignment with the thematic priorities of the call, the eligible countries/regions and applicant types (tiers), as well as the type of activities and beneficiaries outlined in the eligibility criteria.

The relevance of each application will be assessed by the extent to which its objectives and activities correspond to the three thematic priorities:

1. Support and capacity building of migrant women.
2. Advocacy for the fundamental rights of migrant women.
3. Promotion of the role of migrant women in democratic dialogue.

Proposals must address at least one eligible activity under at least one thematic priority. **A combination of no more than two thematic priorities and no more than four eligible activities will be accepted under the relevance criteria.**

Additionally, the extent to which proposals promote EU fundamental values (human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, and the rule of law) within their objectives will also be considered in the relevance assessment.

5. Helpdesk

For any support you can reach us by emailing:

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