

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2023

“MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH TOWARDS GENDER EQUITY”

Application deadline: August 30, 2023



CASCADE FINANCING

File N° (to be completed by the Coordination of the REF and the Med Youth network)

Application submission date

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A. Context

This call for projects is part of the «cascade financing» initiative **launched by the REF- Euromed France Network through the Med Youth network.**

Led by a steering committee composed of representatives of associations or youth project bearers, the Youth Med Network *is a space for networking, free speech and the construction of collective citizens' projects open to all Mediterranean youth.* They are committed to defending equality between all, solidarity and social justice in their territories. The «**Mediterranean Youth in Motion**» initiative is a mechanism to support the projects of young Mediterraneans. The aim is to make youth-related issues visible to the general public and public authorities.

For this first call for projects, the beneficiaries will receive a total of €15,000 (between €1,000 and €2,000/project). 5 to 10 youth projects will be supported in 2023. They must be executed between October 15 2023 and October 15, 2024.

The theme chosen for this call for proposals for young people is "gender equity". Violations of gender equity in the Mediterranean have far-reaching consequences for societies and particularly for the lives of young people in the region, ranging from discrimination and stereotypes linked to gender identities, to violence such as sexual harassment and domestic violence, to obstacles to access to education, employment, health and political participation. Gender equity is therefore a crucial issue for young people in the Mediterranean region, as it guarantees a more egalitarian and inclusive future that respects the fundamental rights of all, hence the importance of raising public awareness of this issue.

The projects supported can therefore be such as: the production of digital thematic media (videos, testimonies, written or graphic productions, etc.), artistic exhibitions or demonstrations, public debates, production of interpellation tools...

B. Workshops and accompaniment

As part of this call for projects, 2 meetings will be organized:

- An introductory capacity-building online workshop for setting up the different projects, bringing together all the selected project leaders, to enable them to exchange and share experiences: **October 2023.**
- A post-project online meeting for each project holder to present their work, the best practices implemented, and the obstacles encountered: **October 2024.**

Similarly, each project will be specifically accompanied by a member of the REF team and the COPIL: **throughout the implementation of the project.**

C. Eligibility Criteria

- Young women and men aged between 18 and 35 years old and from one of the following countries: *Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Spain, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey,*
- Set up a project as part of an association or as an individual applicant,
- The proposed project must be implemented between October 15, 2023 and October 15, 2024,



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- The proposed project may be an ongoing project, or a new project,
- The candidate must participate in the two online capacity building and practice exchange workshops in October 2023 and October 2024,
- The candidate must commit to being accompanied by a member of the REF team and a member of the steering committee of the *Med Youth* network.

Priority will be given to projects proposed by members of the Med Youth network. This call is above all a support to the members of the network. However, the Med Youth team reserves the right to select some particularly relevant projects submitted by external applicants.

D. a. Examples of costs that may be covered by the grant

- Support of a trip for a member-intervening in the activity,
- Room rental,
- Remuneration of an expert,
- Communication (printing flyers, layout costs of a document, etc.),
- Other.

b. Examples of costs that are ineligible to the grant

- Salaries,
- Functioning fees (rent, bank fees...),
- Investments,
- Other.

Please note: the microfinance amount will be paid in two instalments:

- 1st part: 80% of the financing will be paid upon signature of the Convention.
- Second part: 20 %. The payment of the balance will be subject to the presentation of an activity report and a financial statement (the supporting accounting documents must be available at the disposal of the REF).

Important: financial reports must be accompanied by supporting documents.

E. Communication and visibility

The selected projects must comply with the visibility and communication requirements of the call for projects, which means including **the logo of the Jeunesses Med network and the REF - Euromed France network** in publications and publication documents.

All photos/videos of the event must be received by the REF no later than one month after the event.

A brief communication document for the general public, giving details of the activities, should be completed and submitted to the REF team at the end of the project. This document will allow to communicate around the event on the networks of the REF and with its institutional partners or civil society.



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F. Evaluation and selection of applications

Applications will be reviewed by the members of the Steering Committee of the Med Youth network, with the assistance of the REF team.

G. Cascade Funding Allocation Calendar

- July 2023: Call for applications launch date
- August 30, 2023: deadline for applications
- September 2023: Cascade Funding Allocation Committee meeting, selection of files and cascade funding allocation notifications sent to steering committee members
- October 15 2023 - October 15, 2024: project implementation

Gf. Application Form

a-1) Information sheet to be completed by the project holder

| | |
|---|--|
| Surname and given names of the project holder | |
| Are you member of the <i>Med Youth</i> network? | |
| Postal address | |
| Date of birth | |
| Telephone | |
| Email address | |
| Website | |
| Connection with partner 1 | |
| Connection with partner 2 (if relevant) | |
| Connection with partner 3 (if relevant) | |

a-2) Information sheet to be completed by the initiative's reference association

| | |
|---|--|
| Full legal name | |
| Abbreviation | |
| Official / postal address | |
| Place of head office, if different from the official/postal address | |



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| | |
|---|--|
| Date of creation | |
| Telephone | |
| Fax | |
| Email address | |
| Website | |
| Person responsible for the initiative | |
| Telephone | |
| Email address | |
| Connection with partner 1 | |
| Connection with partner 2 (if relevant) | |
| Connection with partner 3 (if relevant) | |

b) Description of the initiative

| | |
|---|--|
| Title of the initiative | |
| Date/Duration | |
| Initiative territory(ies) (if existing) | |
| Total budget | |
| Budget requested from the Jeunesses Med network via the call for projects | |
| Other donors to the initiative (if relevant) | |

Describe the activity:

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How was your initiative born? (context, challenge to which it responds...)

What is the overall objective of the activity?

Is your project a new one? In case your project has already started, kindly precise to which part of your project you wish to receive the grant

Will you work with partners and, if so, how will the different partner structures work together?

What are the deliverables and/or expected outcomes?



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Kindly provide a detailed budget for your initiative (insert below or as an attachment).

The completed form must be sent **by August 30, 2023** to Laetitia EL HADDAD, coordinator of the Med Youth network (l.elhaddad@euromed-france.org) and to Marion ISVI, Executive Director of the REF - Réseau Euromed France (m.isvi@euromed-france)

An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to the person representing the initiative, within 48 hours of receipt of the form of response to the call for projects «Mediterranean Youth Towards Gender Equity»



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H. Annex: Selection Grid

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| A | General criteria | /35 |
| A1 | Respect of basic criteria (age, country, type of applicant) | /5 |
| A2 | Clarity of the project | /5 |
| A3 | Relevance : Is the proposal relevant to the specific needs and constraints of the target country(ies) or region(s)? | /5 |
| A4 | Relevance : Is the proposal relevant to the objectives and one or more of the priorities of the call for proposals? | /5 |
| A5 | Budget : Is the ratio between estimated costs and expected results satisfactory? Is the proposed expenditure necessary to carry out the action? | /5 |
| A6 | Feasibility | /5 |
| A7 | Impact : Is the action likely to have a tangible impact on the target groups? | /5 |
| Sub-total | | |
| B | Specific criteria | /10 |
| B1 | Quality of the proposed deliverables. | /5 |
| B2 | Creating/strengthening synergies and partnerships | /5 |
| Sous-total | | |
| C | Particular criteria | /10 |
| C1 | Coherence, integration and values with the "Med Youth" philosophy | /10 |
| | | |
| TOTAL | | |



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