TACKLE

Promote the emergence of young activism against discrimination and structural racism in Europe

CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

Promote actions to fight racial discrimination and structural racism

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

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- https://asf.be/project/tackle/

For any questions, email us at propositions@asf.be

GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. Context

The TACKLE project wants to be a response to the current trends, policies and public debates in Europe which might be seen as a crisis of its founding values rooted in international frameworks on human rights, solidarity and non-discrimination. This decline in values is most clearly exemplified by the migration policies adopted in the last decades by Member States and the EU's own policies on this matter. The current political narrative on migration focuses exclusively on the alleged dangers for European societies.

Europe's fears that countries located at its external borders have become key departure and transit countries for both North-African and Sub-Saharan men and women have turned them into privileged partners for EU border control and externalization policies, as recently confirmed by the New European Pact on Migration and Asylum. Thus, international cooperation policies with countries of the Mediterranean's southern shore are increasingly focused on security, border control and push-back, without taking into account the political backgrounds of these countries, the impact such policies are having on the democratic transitions initiated after the Arab Springs (in Tunisia and, Morocco), and the deleterious effect it has on human rights protections of migrants.

In Northern countries, migration remains largely viewed through the prism of identity construction, enabling not only discriminatory behaviour to flourish but also structural racism to be institutionalized through laws and policies. One of the many perverse effects of this discourse, now politically embodied in several EU countries, is the resurgence of racist and discriminatory offenses against people and groups of immigrant origin, particularly from Arab-Muslim and African descent.

Based on these observations, the TACKLE project, funded by the European Commission's DEAR PROGRAMME,[1] aims to contribute to the emergence of a new generation of "equality advocates" among European students and groups directly concerned by racism and discriminations, and to promote a new positive narrative on migration by strengthening the advocacy and campaigning capacity of youth and grassroots civil society organizations. TACKLE is a consortium of 12 partners[2] in Belgium, France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Morocco and Tunisia, including university legal clinics and NGOs, with expertise in discrimination and human rights.

One of the outcomes of the action is to promote the emergence of concrete initiatives in the fight against discrimination and to raise awareness among European citizens of the issues related to migration. In particular, this action aims to provide technical and financial support for the implementation of initiatives and to offer a capacity-building programme and support throughout the duration of the funded projects.

1.2. Objectives of the call for projects

The aim of the call is to provide technical and financial assistance to civil society associations in order to strengthen concrete actions in the field of anti-discrimination and structural racism in the European Union, targeting actions that tackle racial discrimination, islamophobia, post-colonial inequalities, hate speech, and racial profiling through a variety of actions and network.

Through supporting local civil society in the emergence and/or continuation of concrete initiatives to address anti-discrimination and structural racism, the consortium seeks to promote the emergence and enrichment of a network of such organisations.

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[2] Avocats Sans Frontières, Alternatives Européennes, ENCLE (European Network for Clinical Legal Education), CLEDU (Legal Clinic for Human Rights), Associazione IUC (International University College) de Turin, Associazione DiFro (Diritti di Frontiera APS) - Law department Università Roma Tre, APDHA (Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucia), UAF (Action de l'Union Féministe de Tanger), Forum Tunisien pour les Droits Économiques et Sociaux (FTDES), Università degli Studi di Palermo- Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Università degli studi Roma Tre, Sciences Po - Ecole de Droit, Université Libre de Bruxelles - Equality Law Clinic, Amsterdam Law Clinics of the University of Amsterdam

1.3. Entities entitled to apply

Civil society

- GRASSROOTS ASSOCIATIONS
- ASSOCIATIONS WORKING WITH GRASSROOTS ASSOCIATIONS GROUPS
- GROUPS
- MOVEMENTS
- COLLECTIVES

Particularly encouraged are entities run by and/or working for and with people with a migration background, diaspora, racialised people, bipoc, LGBTIQ+, women, young people.

This call also foresees the possibility of working in **partnership** with other associations or groups, thus the possibility for coalitions of associations to apply for a single grant.

Number of applications and grants per applicants / affiliated entities

- The lead applicant may only submit one application as lead applicant under this call.

- The lead applicant may simultaneously be a co-applicant or affiliated entity at the same time under this call for proposals. The overall maximum budget of which an entity may be a beneficiary may not exceed 60 000 euros.

- A co-applicant/affiliated entity may not be the co-applicant or affiliated entity in more than one application per lot under this call for proposals.

1.4. Conditions of eligibility

The following eligibility criteria are mandatory and, if they are not met, constitute an exclusion criterion for grant applications:

- **be legal persons or an entity with legal personality**
- **be non-profit-making**
- **be a Civil Society Organization (CSO) or an association of CSOs**
- **be established in a Member State of the European Union[3] or in Tunisia and Morocco**
- **be neither a beneficiary of a grant (neither lead, nor co-applicant, or affiliated entity) nor associates or contractors in the frame of the DEAR 2022 call for proposals**
- **not have the financial, administrative or operational capacity to compete directly for EU funding under DEAR 2022 call for proposals.**

[3] Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.
To be determined on the basis of the organisation's statutes, which should demonstrate that it has been established by an instrument governed by the national law of the country concerned and that its head office is located in an eligible country. In this respect, any legal entity whose statutes have been established in another country cannot be considered an eligible local organisation, even if the statutes are registered locally or a 'Memorandum of Understanding' has been concluded.

PROJECT

2.1. Amount of the financial support

Project budgets are expected to range between EUR 45.000 and EUR 60.000 per project.

BUDGET CRITERIA The types of costs covered by this programme are direct project costs and can include:
Human resources (personal costs)
Administrative costs or core organisational costs which are linked to the implementation of the project (rent, utilities, IT, technology, telecommunications, accounting, administrative fees, fiscal sponsor fees, depreciation of new and existing equipment)
Travel and event costs (both physical and digital)
All activities related to the project proposal
Costs related to obtaining external expertise and/or services associated with the implementation of the project
Interpretation and translation costs
Communication activities and campaigns related to the aim of this call, including social media and traditional media fees, production of materials, design, printing
Organisational capacity building, such as training, internal learning for staff and/or volunteers and other activities aimed at building the knowledge and skills needed for organisations to meet the broader purpose of this call.

A list of eligible costs can be found at the following link.

The grant will be transferred in tranches following the submission of a narrative and financial report and all necessary supporting documents.

2.2. Implementation period

The implementation period of the selected projects must be between **18 and 24 months**. Extensions are possible, if duly justified and through an amendment. Projects are expected to begin between September and October 2025.

2.3. Geographic location (target countries)

Proposals must relate to activities taking place in the following countries: Spain, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, Tunisia and Morocco.
Although activities are to be implemented in the above-mentioned countries, applicants may come from a Member State of the European Union, Tunisia or Morocco.
Furthermore, communication and advocacy activities can have a broader coverage.

2.4. Encouraged activities

- **Coalition building**: grassroots movement support and connection with civil society and institutions, organisation of conferences, events, camps
- **Campaigning**: including digital communication, events organization, demonstrations, art, organisation of awareness raising events aimed at potential victims of discrimination and/or the general public (ex: legal caravans/street law, information sessions, public conferences, cultural events), development and dissemination of awareness tools
- **Legal and administrative support**
- **Research and documentation**
- **Advocacy**: institutional, at national, local, regional level, production of advocacy tools (ex: policy brief, report), organisation of events, strategic litigation
- **Educational/awareness raising programmes**: e.g. in schools /universities
- **Facilitating fairer/better access of racialised communities** to opportunities, services, spaces and care from which these communities have been historically excluded;
- **Strengthening internal organisational structures, skills and practices** to build a sustainable presence for and with(in) the communities and wider civic society space.
- **Art**, in its various forms of expression, as a positive and constructive way to tackle discrimination and foster equality and inclusion

Please note that charitable actions (such as providing food or social aid) will not be supported.

Submission of grant applications, selection procedure and evaluation of proposals

3.1. Submission of project proposals (concept note)

The project promoter who meets the eligibility criteria can fill in the project proposal form (available here). This is a simplified document in which the main axes of the project idea must be presented.
The document must be completed, signed and submitted electronically by **18th May 2025**.

In addition to the project proposals form, the project promoter must include:

- Extract of entity registration;
- Tax certificate and a copy of the project leader's status;
- Bank details;
- Report of the managed budget in 2024.

The project proposals form and all required documents should be sent electronically to the following address: propositions@asf.be
Please specify the subject 'TACKLE call for projects - name of lead applicant – country of intervention'.

The deadline for submission of the application file is 18/05/2025.

Additional information

Project leaders who wish to obtain clarification on the call for proposals may contact the following email address: propositions@asf.be

In accordance with the requirements of transparency and equal treatment, any response provided to an applicant concerning a question likely to be of interest to other applicants will be made available to all applicants. Therefore, responses will be made available no later than 14 days before the submission deadline ONLY HERE so that all participants have access to the information.

Click here to visit the FAQ section.

3.2. Pre-selection phase

Within three weeks of the submission of project proposals, all applications will be evaluated on the basis of:

1. Administrative and eligibility checks, in particular:

- compliance with the submission deadline and presence of all the documents required;
- compliance with the eligibility criteria (see point 1.4 Conditions of eligibility).

2. Evaluation of project proposals submitted:

Proposals which pass the administrative and eligibility check will be evaluated on the basis of a pre-selection grid which will assess **relevance**, **sustainability** (the project includes an exit strategy and/or the project is likely to represent a reproducible example), impact (the project has a direct **impact** on young EU citizens and non-citizens), and **technical and financial feasibility**.

At the end of this phase, only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.
NB: Pre-selection in no way implies final selection.

3.3 Submission of complete project applications

Only shortlisted project promoters will be contacted and invited to submit their full project proposals. At this stage, certain comments and recommendations may be given to project promoters in order to improve the full proposal.

Project leaders must submit a detailed concept note, including a logical framework and a budget. All of these documents must be sent electronically to propositions@asf.be no later than 4 weeks after the pre-selection notification.

Online information sessions will be organised for pre-selected applicants to present the documents to be submitted for final selection and the steps that will follow.

3.4. Instruction phase

Once the complete project applications have been submitted, the selection committee begins the instruction phase in order to assess the content of the applications and prepare for decision-making. In this phase, the selection committee reserves the right to contact the organizations carrying out the projects in order to inquire about any necessary information.

The objective of the instruction phase is to **produce the most accurate assessment possible of the project in terms of its relevance, quality and feasibility**. The instruction is a phase of exchange between the selection committee and the project applicants. These exchanges are also an opportunity to sometimes provide technical support to project leaders in order to clarify certain elements or dimensions of the project. This support does not consist of replacing the project lead applicant. The latter retains full freedom of proposal and responsibility for the project.

If any changes and/or revisions are proposed in this phase, the applicants have **one week to introduce all the discussed corrections** and resubmit the revised project.

3.5. Final selection

At the end of the instruction phase, the selection committee will thus conduct an in-depth analysis of the eligibility and selection criteria mentioned above, namely:

Relevance of proposal	Proposal details clearly how it will contribute to the overall objective and thematic priorities specified in the call, and address the needs and issues identified. An analysis of the context should be provided that includes the issues that the project intends to address, in order to assess the relevance of the project's responses to the identified needs.
Quality of proposal	The proposal is clear, consistent, logical and feasible in terms of timeline and budget. The approach and methodology are appropriate to address the issues identified. The target group, the target geographical areas as well as the type of activities are clearly defined.
Impact and Sustainability of intervention	Activities can be replicated / extended in the long term. Proposal expects to have a long-term impact on target public (e.g. target audience is empowered/has increased skills) and potential for a positive multiplier effect.
Cost-efficiency	Allocated budget aligns with the anticipated outcomes, proposed activities and resources. Synergies with own financial and human resources are sought to support implementation of the intervention.
Partnership and governance	Have strong ties to the local racialised communities and connections to local movement (or some parts of it); Projects led by racialised people and/or working for and with racialized communities and submitted by or in partnership with grassroots (diaspora or migrant-led) organizations will be evaluated favourably.

Particular attention will also be accorded to:

- **Sustainability and exemplarity:** the project includes an exit strategy and/or the project is likely to represent a reproducible example; Strive to establish connections, collaborations, practices and tools that can live beyond the project's lifetime;
- **Impact:** the project has a direct impact on young EU citizens and non-citizens, particularly those living in TACKLE partner countries;
- **Cost-effectiveness:** the project presents a balanced budget and realistic unit costs; Have a minimal financial capacity and some financial management system in place to implement the project
- **Sharing of good practices:** the project includes a section on the sharing of good practices and a budget is devoted to exchanges with other beneficiaries and/or partners;
- **Information and communication:** the project includes a component on data collection and analysis;
- **Monitoring-evaluation**: the project includes a monitoring-evaluation component and allocates a budget for this purpose;
- **Gender:** the gender issue is taken into account by the project lead applicant.

3.6. Award decision

The selection committee will give an informed opinion on the overall quality of the project, its general relevance and its overall feasibility. This opinion will make it possible to decide:

- ◯ Grant the financial support requested in whole or in part;
- ◯ Postpone the decision and suggest that the applicant refines the project in order to present it to other technical and financial partners;
- ◯ To refuse.

It should be noted that the selection committee may, if it deems it desirable, propose to award a grant lower or higher than that requested by the project applicant.

Commitment and contractual conditions

The successful applicants will sign an agreement with Avocats sans Frontières, the lead organisation of the Tackle project, before the start of the project.
From the beginning of the projects, the associations will be supported in the implementation of the planned activities, narrative and financial monitoring and reporting, evaluation procedures and administrative aspects.

In addition to project implementation, the programme requires a specific time commitment from the selected associations. Participation in the programme entails the following commitments:

- online meetings for programme partners to get together, share spaces and experiences, learn about each other's work, build connections;
- progress online meetings with ASF to discuss ongoing work, project implementation, needs, challenges and opportunities;
- periodic narrative and financial reports
- to assure all necessary steps to acknowledge the fact that the European Union has funded or co-funded the action (ensuring the EU emblem is prominently and correctly displayed in the material produced)

Submission of applications

Deadline: Project proposal forms must be sent no later than **18/05/2025.**
Languages: Applications may be submitted in **English** or **French**.

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