Call for Project Proposals
European Parliament Elections 2024

December 2023 – January 2024

Deadline: 19 November

Scope of the Grant

As the European Parliament elections approach, we're facing a complex political landscape. Europe is dealing with the rise of far-right factions, populist sentiments and movements that not only challenge democratic values but also express scepticism, if not outright antagonism, towards racial equality and promote racist discourse and policy; thus also undermining European unity, diversity, and cooperation. This shifting political landscape anticipates an atmosphere which puts marginalised and racialised communities more at risk. These communities, already subjected to diverse forms of racism, may find themselves even more vulnerable in such a negatively-charged environment. It's clear that we urgently need to take proactive measures and advocate for the rights and dignity of racialised communities in this challenging environment.

For these reasons, fighting racism and exclusion in all its forms should be a continuous goal of all political groups in the European Parliament in accordance with Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union.

As ENAR, we would like to bring racism and its eradication to the forefront of the political discourse and use the unique opportunity to work even closer together with our members mobilising for the European Elections at the local, regional, and national level.

This grant opportunity is dedicated to fostering projects and activities that contribute to building an inclusive, diverse, and equitable European society.

Applicants and Eligibility

The call is open for all ENAR member organisations that have paid their membership fee in 2023 or who have received confirmation for the solidarity fund membership.

If you were already granted under an Empowerment and Resilience Fund of the ENAR Foundation in 2023, or under any other re-granting calls of ENAR Aisbl, you are welcome to apply but please note that we will, depending on the number of applications we receive, prioritise organisations that have not received any funding from us in 2023.

The selection will be made based on the guidelines and priorities mentioned in the point below.

Guidelines and Priorities

While the grant is designed to offer flexible support and based on the diverse needs of the members, the grant can only cover concrete activities supporting racialised communities in the scope of the call (European Elections 2024).

This means that the application will be evaluated on the basis of its relevance to the scope of the call, its response to the main objectives, quality of the programme proposed, as well as the communication plan and impact of the project.
The activities under this grant should contribute to:

- Ensuring that anti-racism stays in the political agenda of EU Member States and is adequately prioritised by parties and candidates.
- Supporting, facilitating, and boosting grassroots engagement, democratic participation, and autonomy, as well as voter mobilisation.
- Strengthening cooperation with local, national, and European civil society organisations and facilitating meaningful synergies to influence election outcomes.
- Fortifying solidarity-building mechanisms within the ENAR network and providing tools, trainings, and actionable advocacy opportunities.
- Strengthening intercultural and intergenerational exchanges that support solidarity and coalition building.

The proposed initiatives could include but are not limited to anything related to community organising: workshops, meetings, awareness-raising campaigns for racial justice and implementation of national and local strategies, as well as voter mobilisation. Physical, digital, or hybrid, the format of the event is left entirely up to you.

Please note that the activities connected to the project have to be non-partisan. This means that the applicants can organise meetings with parties to advocate for anti-racist policies but should not in any way be directly involved in partisan elections campaigning or work of the political party.

Individual organisations are very much welcome to apply, however we highly encourage collaborations between ENAR members, and are looking forward to receiving also applications from more than one applicant.

**Grant Amount**

The maximum budget per project is 5,000 EUR.

If granted, the payment will be done in two instalments: 80% once the contracts are signed and invoice sent, and 20% following the approval by ENAR of the project’s final narrative and financial report.

**Timeline**

Applications should be submitted through this online form till 19 November 2023 (23:59 CET). Don’t forget to upload a budget indicating your estimated costs. Excel template can be found here.

The results will be announced till 27 November 2023.

The granted organisations should sign contracts and send their invoice till 15 December 2023.

The supported activities should take place between 16 December 2023 till 30 June 2024.