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The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation (Kvinna till Kvinna), Office in Skopje and Coalition Sexual and Health Rights of Marginalized Communities MARGINS (Coalition MARGINS), within the project “Access to justice for marginalized communities”, funded by the European Union (EU) announce:

Call for applications for civil society organisations:

1. The objective of this Call

This call for applications is part of the project “Access to justice for marginalized communities”. The 24-month project (1st April 2020 – 31st March 2022) contributes to creating an environment that enables access to justice for marginalized communities, especially women, gender identity and sexual orientation minorities in Polog, East and Vardar regions. The action seeks to create enabling environment that is conducive to civil society activities and building the capacity of CSOs to be effective and accountable independent actors. The action focuses on strengthening and supporting local CSOs in the process of becoming state-recognised providers of free legal aid. The action is designed to foster the access to justice for marginalised communities by supporting CSOs working with these communities and empowering them in relation to recognition and protection of their human rights.

This Action takes in consideration the higher vulnerability of marginalized communities, and is designed in a way that will improve the system for human rights protection for all by implementing the innovative package of legal and psychosocial aid. This approach combines legal and psychosocial aid, and Coalition Margins already has a track record of eight years of experience in applying this approach, which has proven to be a successful practice over the years. The Action will promote the innovative package of legal and psychosocial aid, which includes specially trained lawyers and psychologists that will provide these services to members of marginalised communities.

This call provides the opportunity of financial cooperation and support to three (3) local civil society organisations (CSOs) active in the field of human rights and gender equality in three targeted regions: Polog, East and Vardar region. Sub-granting will enable the financial environment that supports the sustainability of grassroots CSOs, while ensuring that they are able to perform independently as free legal aid providers for victims of rights violations. Sub-granting will further increase the ownership and sustainability of any activities undertaken within the project in line with the innovative package.





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2. Duration of the projects

The sub-grants will run for a period of 12-15 months, depending on the types of activities proposed in the successful applications. The projects will need to start no later than 1st of October 2020 and will need to end no later than 31st of December 2021.

3. Financial support

The criteria for determining the exact amount of financial support, will be based on the presented budget of the sub-grantee, its feasibility and any overhead costs. All costs will need to comply with EU and Kvinna till Kvinna guidelines and regulations. The maximum amount that will be given to a single sub-grantee is 10 000 EUR. The maximum total amount re-granted will be 30 000 EUR. Please be aware that VAT is not considered an eligible cost.

4. Eligibility criteria

All registered CSOs, identifying as a grassroots organisation active in the field of human rights and gender equality in the three targeted regions: Polog, East and Vardar region are invited to apply to this Call.

4.1. More specifically, the criteria to be an eligible CSO for sub-granting are:

- being a registered non-profit making CSO that has been operational and carried out projects in its local community for at least the past five years from the time of opening the call (to be eligible to register under the Law on free legal aid¹);
- have implemented at least three projects for providing legal aid or legal advice;
- having the capacity to implement the sub-granted project, operating on an independent and accountable basis in accordance with Kvinna till Kvinna's policy for assessing potential partner organisations²;
- active in one/several of the targeted regions;
- willing to register under the Law on free legal aid;

¹ Please see article 10 from the Law on free legal aid available at <https://www.pravdiko.mk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Zakon-za-besplatna-pravna-pomosh-22-05-2019.pdf> for the other criteria needed in order to be registered.

² This policy covers different organizational, programmatic, management and financing issues that are going to be assessed in the application process.





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- having innovative and realistic ideas on how to implement the activities listed in the proposal including innovative package of free legal aid and psychosocial support.

4.2. The project applications eligible for financial support may include, but are not limited to activities concerning:

- Registration of the organisation under the Law on free legal aid³;
- Provision of the innovative package of free legal aid and psychosocial support;
- Raising awareness and empowerment of rights-holders;
- Local public campaign for creating an enabling environment for protection of rights of marginalized communities.

5. Application documents

To apply, please download the Kvinna till Kvinna application documents [here](#)⁴. The applications should be submitted in English, electronically to Kvinna till Kvinna's office in Skopje. All official communication related to this Call will be through the following email: skopje@kvinnatillkvinna.se. Please use "Sub-granting/name of your CSO" as subject.

All the Applications need to include the following documents:

- Project Application template
- Results Framework
- Timeline for activities
- Risk Assessment and Management
- Budget

6. Info-session

For all interested candidates, The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation together with Coalition Margins will organise an online Information-session on 17th June 2020 (Wednesday) from 10.00 till 12.00. At the Info-session, the objectives and activities within the project "Access to justice for marginalized communities" will be presented, as well as the preconditions for participation in the sub-granting process, the process of selection of applications and methodology of implementation of the grants, etc.

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⁴ Please download, read carefully and fulfil all application documents.





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To be able to participate at the info session, candidates should express their interest by sending email at skopje@kvinnatillkvinna.se no later than 15th June 2020 (Monday).

7. Criteria for evaluation of the applications

All the project applications will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Application documents (60 points):
 - Relevance of the questions and needs covered by the application (30 points)
 - a) Precise problem analysis - 15 points
 - b) Precise definition of target groups (direct/indirect) - 10 points
 - c) Precise description of the the partners/associates - 5 points
 - Quality of the suggested activities (15 points)
 - Result oriented activities (15 points)
 - a) Results framework - 5 points
 - b) Timeline for activities - 5 points
 - c) Risk assessment and management - 5 points
2. Organisational capacity and results from previous working experience (20 points)
 - Administrative, financial and management capacity (10 points)
 - a) Structure of the organisation (why and when the organisation started, organisational bodies) - 5 points
 - b) Project management (relevant description of tasks and responsibilities of project staff; relevant percentage of engagement) – 5 points
 - Relevant previous experience and results in similar projects (main focus area(s), main target group(s) and the geographical area(s) of activities) – 10 points
3. Budget (20 points)
 - Cost efficiency (10 points)
 - Adequate financial project design (10 points)

8. Other information

The sub-grantees will be signing contracts with The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation, but the process will be managed by a Project team, including staff from the Kvinna till Kvinna office in Skopje and Coalition Margins, who will mentor the sub-grantees, sharing practices and experiences. Each sub-grantee will be continuously supported, monitored and assessed. Technical assistance and advising will be provided as





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required. Sub-grantees will provide regular updates and reports (narrative and financial) to the Kvinna till Kvinna office in Skopje.

The deadline for submitting the applications is no later than **29th June 2020.**

We look forward to receiving your application.

