

Advancing the rights of LGBTI+ in Turkey

Grants to strengthening the core functions of LGBTI+ organisations and initiatives by supporting their operations and increasing their organisational resilience

Call for proposals

Description of the program

This call is announced under the programme “Advancing the rights of LGBTI+ in Turkey”. It has a scope to ensure that the LGBTI+ organisations in Turkey are resilient and can maintain their core functions to protect and promote LGBTI+ rights in the current challenging environment of the continuous crackdown on democracy and civil society and the attacks on freedom of assembly for LGBTI+ rights. The programme is implemented by the Association Rainbow Coalition (Ankara, Turkey) and ILGA-Europe (Brussels, Belgium) and is supported by the European Commission in Ankara.

The grants that will be provided under this call are general operating grants (grants to support core functions of organisations). The duration of the program is foreseen for 30 months starting with the **1st of April 2023**, and will consist of three consecutive funding cycles (terms): 9 months, 12 month, and 9 months. This call is for the first term, yet the activities supported under the first term can last throughout the entire programme duration.

Additionally to the regranting mechanism, the programme foresees other activities aimed at increasing organisational resilience and building capacity to manage grants. These activities will be managed by the Association Rainbow Coalition (Ankara, Turkey).

Activities and costs supported under the call

The main focus of this grant is to provide financial support for core operational costs of organisations. Through this grant, we will support activities intended to ensure efficient management and minimising existing risks faced by groups and organisations, including :

- Renting an office space/sustaining the existing office space and making it operational by providing fixed expenses for its maintenance and daily operations.
- Recruiting staff/covering the salary costs of the existing staff for organisational & operational needs and fulfilment of core functions.
- Purchase/subscription to digital tools & software for organisational needs and fulfilling core functions.
- Costs for training, coaching, counselling, consultancy, translation/interpretation, legal support, external audit and evaluation services for organisational capacity development needs (organisational capacity development refers to the improvements in organisational structures, systems, managerial and operational capacity, financial sustainability, and communications & visibility) and fulfilment of core functions.
- Becoming members of international/national networks and sustaining existing memberships.
- Purchasing equipment that is relevant to core functions.

When planning their work for the 1st term, applicants are invited to provide the list of operational activities and service costs that can be considered under for financial support through this programme and included in the budget.

This grant cannot support implementation of the grantee organisations' ongoing projects and activities (see the list of activities excluded below). However, **we ask you to describe** the core functions and work carried out by your organisation or group, which can include but are not limited to the following:

- Advocacy activities that include lobbying, monitoring, documenting, and reporting on human rights violations
- Campaigning and mobilisation activities, strategic communication activities, alliance building work
- Community building and strengthening activities, including networking and stakeholder engagement
- Activities concerning security, protection, and wellbeing of LGBTI+ people and communities
- Organisational development activities including strategic planning, fundraising, M&E
- Management activities include organisational coordination, finance & administration, risk management, and stakeholder engagement.

It is important for us to understand the overall aim of your organisation and the work you do because this helps us understand your context and your budget request.

Budget information

Maximum amount per grant is 25.000 EUR for the first term (9 months). Please follow the instructions to fill in the budget attached to this call.

Duration of the first term

The maximal duration of the first term is **9 month** with the earliest starting date for the grants 1st of April 2023 and the ending date before the 31st of December 2023.

Deadline for applications is 20 March 2023, 23:59 (Ankara time)

Eligibility criteria:

- To be a registered civil society organisation (association or foundation) with a legal entity in Turkey.
- To be a member of the Rainbow Coalition before the launch of the programme (December 2022)
- Have a clear mission and core functions that contribute to the promotion and protection of the human rights of LGBTI+ people.

The applications will be assessed according to the **below criteria to be selected:**

- Relevance of the proposed action plan **to the overall mission and core functions** of the applicant



- Relevance of the proposed action plan to the Programmes' objectives
- Relevance, coherency and efficiency of the **proposed cost** to the proposed action programme
- Sustainability of the proposed action plan taking into consideration current risks

You are expected to submit your application in English or ask any questions to ILGA-Europe's Senior Programmes and Policy Officer Boris Balaneţkii: boris@ilga-europe.org.

Below the important documents related to the call:

[Application form](#) and [an example of organisation description](#) (Q.3)

[Budget form](#)

ILGA-Europe looks forward to your applications and wishes you luck!