



JP EU4 Gender Equality – Women's Economic Empowerment and Ending Violence Against Women

CFP Info session, 17 November 2025

General project information

- Implementing agencies: UN Women, UNDP
- Duration: 02/01/2025 - 01/31/2028 (36 months)
- Donor: European Commission
- Location: Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia)

*All references to Kosovo should be understood to be in the context of UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).

Project objective and outcomes

<i>Overall Objective</i>	<i>Outcome(s)</i>
Women and girls participate in society, fully enjoying and equally exercising economic, labour and social rights in a safe and secure environment.	1. Women’s economic empowerment is increased and more women and girls enter the STEM, green and digital fields
	2. Women and girls who have experienced violence including online and technology-facilitated violence and gender-based discrimination have access to and use multi-sectoral, inclusive and survivor-centred offline and digital services.

OUTPUT 2.1. Capacity of key stakeholders in the referral system, including government, policymakers, law enforcement officials, the judiciary, the health sector, and civil society organizations, to provide quality, coordinated offline and digital services for survivors of violence including online and TFV is strengthened.

Activity 2.1.1. To establish and operate a CoP on the development, improvement, and management of referral pathways in the region that encompass multi-stakeholder articulated and coordinated dialogue informed by best practices in the area of EVAWG across the region

Basic CFP INFO

- **WHO CAN APPLY:** women's CSO, in potential partnership with other CSOs from WB
 - Led by a **women's CSO**, which will serve as the primary applicant and coordinator. LEGAL ENTITY, MINIMUM 5 YRS of OPERATION
- **HOW MUCH FUNDS:** 120,000.00 USD – 135,000.00 USD
- **CURRENCY:** local currency (USD based on UNORE)
- **TIMEFRAME:** Jan 2025 – June 2027 (12-18 months)
- **EXPECTED START OF PROJECT:** 15 January 2026
- **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL:**
17.00 CET on 7 December 2025

- **LEAD APPLICANT: WOMEN'S CSOs**
- Do not need to be registered in the Western Balkans but must demonstrate relevant experience in managing multi-country projects and coordinating activities with multiple stakeholders across the Western Balkans, ensuring effective communication and collaboration.
- **The lead applicant holds the contractual obligation towards UN Women** and is responsible for:
 - overall project implementation, including oversight and coordination of partners;
 - ensuring that all financial, narrative, and supporting documentation from all partners is complete and submitted in line with programme requirements.
- **Distribution of the budget among partners**- at the discretion of the proponents and should reflect the roles and responsibilities of each partner.
- **UN Women issues advances to the lead partner.** However, advances are not considered expenses until they are cleared with supporting documentation.
- **The overall budget** must remain within the suggested limits and percentage allocations

Description of expected outcomes

In response to the agreed conclusions of the 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women - specialized and generalized services should address TF VAW.

- Establish a Community of Practice (CoP) to facilitate knowledge exchange among practitioners and strengthen referral pathways
 - Define CoP Structure and Governance
 - Enable capacity building and knowledge sharing (centralized and updated repository)
 - A real-time TF-VAW analytics dashboard operational, providing quarterly public briefs on emerging trends and response times across all six Western Balkan IPA beneficiaries
- Regional mapping of referral pathways and identifying promising practices, gaps, and areas for improvement in existing referral pathways and service models
- Increase capacities of partners and service providers to support women victims of TF VAWG
- Engage Cybercrime Police
- Ensure services address needs of vulnerable groups (rural women, women with disabilities)
- Develop and disseminate data protection protocols and guidelines
- Assess and address the protection needs of women activists and frontline providers exposed to TF VAW.
- Design standard operating procedures for expedited cross-border evidence preservation

Submission of proposal

Proponent must submit following annexes:

- Annex B-1: Mandatory Requirements / Pre-Qualification Criteria
- Annex B-2: Proposal Submission Template
- Annex B-3: Resumes of Proposed Personnel
- Annex B-4: Capacity Assessment Documents – for lead organization
- Submit technical and financial proposals as part of Annex B-2 and other documentation and annexes set as mandatory in **ONE EMAIL to address ecaro.cfp@unwomen.org**
- Subject line: CFP No. UNW-ECA-RO-CFP2025-5 – Name of lead applicant – PROPOSAL
- The email body should include the name and address of your organization.
- Deadline for requests for clarification: 25 November 2025

Annex B-2: Proposal Submission Template

- No longer than 9 pages, excluding implementation plan and budget
- Component 1: Organizational Background and Capacity to implement activities to achieve planned results (max 1.5 pages)
- Component 2: Expected Results and Indicators (max 1.5 pages)
- Component 3: Description of the Technical Approach and Activities (max 2.5 pages)
- Component 4: Implementation Plan (max 1.5 pages)
- Component 5: Risks to Successful Implementation (1 page)

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- Component 6: Results-Based Budget (max. 1.5 pages)

Result 1 (e.g., Output) Repeat this table for each result.					
Expenditure Category	Year 1 [Local currency]	Year 2 (Local currency), If applicable	Total [local currency]	Total (US\$)	Percentage Total
1. Personnel					
2. Equipment/Materials					
3. Training/Seminars/Travel Workshops					
4. Contracts					
5. Other costs					
6. Incidentals					
7. Other support requested					
8. Support costs (not to exceed 7% or the relevant donor percentage)					
Total Cost for Result 1					

- **in local currency**, based on the UNORE (both local currency and USD in budget template)
- maximum for **personnel related costs** on a proposal - 20% of programming costs;
- between 3-5% for **audit** (to be retained by UN Women for Responsible Party audits);
- 3% for **monitoring and evaluation**; and
- up to 7% – **support costs** – utilities, rent, etc.



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