**CALL FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THIRD PARTIES UNDER THE CERV-ELEVATED GRANT**

# **Dialogue on the future of EU migration and asylum policies in the context of the New Pact reforms**

**Total budget for the call:** 20,000 EUR

**Type of call/** Open-end call

**Call publication date**: 1 February 2024

**Minimum/maximum project duration:** Up to 31 December 2024

**Minimum/maximum grant awarded:** One grant of up to20,000 EUR

**Completed application forms to be sent to** [**i.valeva@epc.eu**](mailto:i.valeva@epc.eu)

This re-granting action will intersect with the work of the EPC’s European Migration and Diversity (EMD) programme on the future of EU migration and asylum policies. Against the background of the negotiations on the New Pact on Migration and Asylum, the final stages of which are taking place under the auspices of the current Belgian Council Presidency, the EPC endeavors to facilitate and contribute to debates on the reforms set to be adopted by the time of the European Parliament elections in June 2024 and the priorities for the upcoming legislative cycle. The EU’s ability to achieve agreement of reforms and provide sustainable solutions is key to addressing EU citizens’ long-standing priorities and concerns and will be vital for building trust between policymakers and citizens in and around the election period. Clarifying and managing expectations on the impact of the reforms informed by evidence will be a crucial part of this process.

To complement its analysis on key aspects of EU migration and asylum policies, the EPC is seeking intellectual and organisational support to organise stakeholder dialogues to advance the thinking on the impact and the implementation of the New Pact reforms, and challenges therein, as well as the setting of a future strategic agenda for the EU in relevant policy areas. Importantly, these dialogues aim to involve a wide range of stakeholders to allow for a comprehensive assessment of the legal, political, and practical implications of the reforms, including EU and national policymakers, academics, practitioners, civil society, and international organisations. These dialogues also seek to identify what actions the EU should take to strengthen migration and asylum systems in the upcoming legislative mandate (2024-2029). This will help to maximise the positive impact of the reforms on European societies and indicate future priorities for the upcoming cycle with the broader public interest in mind.

**Objectives and expected results of the Call**

This re-granting call aims at complementing the EPC’s operational and research capacity in 2024. The selected partner organisation would work closely with the EPC strengthen the dialogue on EU migration and asylum policies by contributing to the conceptualisation, organisation, and delivery of a corresponding series of events, including through:

* identification of relevant stakeholders, which will include EU and member state policymakers, academics, practitioners, representatives from civil society, and international organisations;
* definition of key questions relating to the practical impact of the reforms, implementation challenges, and overarching considerations to be explored during the events;
* input analysis to be presented in the context of the events drawing from the intellectual expertise and legal knowledge of the reforms by the partner organisation;
* support the identification of complementary EU actions (in the form of policy, operational, or financial support, among others) to be prioritised to strengthen the implementation of the reforms with an eye to the public interest and the development of policy recommendations for the upcoming EU legislative cycle 2024-29 in accordance with EU values and laws.

In line with the above objectives, the partner will be expected to provide conceptual and organisational support for the event series. It will provide intellectual input and complement EPC’s expertise on EU migration and asylum policies.

**Form of the grant** *(budget based, lump sum, other)* **and criteria for calculating the exact amount:** Budget Based

The partner should provide a detailed budget with the expected expenditure, such as personnel, travel and accommodation (following EC rates), purchase of goods, works and services and a maximum of 7% flat rate for indirect costs.

The costs must be identifiable and verifiable, occur during the eligibility period and not exceed the agreed total amount. They should be calculated in EUR and cannot be double funded by any other EU institution.

A final report should be submitted within 15 calendar days after the end of the last deliverable. It should include a short narrative report on the activities and a financial report on the expenditure (with supporting documents, such as timesheets and copies of invoices).

**Eligible types of organisations:[[1]](#footnote-1)**

EPC Think Tank Members based in EU member states.

**Eligible types of activities (fixed list):**

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| * Expert roundtables taking place in Brussels (in-person or hybrid) * Written outputs |

**Evaluation procedure & selection and award criteria (max. 500 words):**

Award criteria:

**Bloc A:** A clear project proposal with well-defined objectives, tasks, deliverables that fulfils all the objectives of the call (see above) before 31 December 2024.

**Bloc B:** Evidence of in-house capacity to complete the tasks set out above, by demonstrating: Expertise on migration and asylum policies, with a focus on legal aspects of the New Pact reforms; A large network of stakeholders and experts and convening capacity to fulfil the project’s goals of fostering a dialogue; Expertise in organising events and workshops with policymakers at EU and national, experts, and other key stakeholders.

**Bloc C:** A clear budget including a reporting schedule, management structure and CVs of key people involved in the project.

**Selection procedure:**

All applications will be treated with confidentiality. Only the names of the successful organisations and their public information will be posted on the EPC website. To prevent conflicts of interest, and to ensure that all the correct information is provided, an Application Screening Team (AST) will be established made up of the EPC’s COO, CFO, the Deputy CEO, and one Associate Director, who will evaluate the proposals according to the criteria and process outlined above. Its quality will be assessed with a point scale of 0-10 (poor - excellent) with a total of 30 points to be received. The selection will be considered and approved by the EPC Management Team.

**Prevention and mitigation measures for avoiding potential conflicts of interest during the selection procedure:**

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| The AST will evaluate applications based on the criteria above but also ensure that the following COI criteria are taken into account:   * No one under contract to the EPC should be involved in the applicant’s proposal * No family member of anyone under contract to the EPC should be applying to work on the project * The applicant organization has to be a member of the EPC   The whole review process by the AST will be independently verified by the EPC Management Team in order to provide a double check to ensure that there have been no conflicts of interest. The CEO will have the final say if the Management Team votes do not indicate a clear decision. |

**GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

**EPC RE-GRANTING PROCEDURE UNDER OPERATING GRANT**

**CERV-ELEVATED – 101104835**

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**1.General information**

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| **Organisation:**  *Legal name* |  |
| **Legal form** |  |
| **Legal registry number** |  |
| **Country of registration** |  |
| **Mission of the organisation** |  |
| **Primary Contact:** *name, title, phone, email*  *Daily project contact* |  |
| **Signatory Contact:**  *name, title, phone, email*  *Legal authority to bind the organisation* |  |
| **Requested grant amount** *(in EUR)* |  |

**2. Project proposal**

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| **Objectives and expected results** |  |
| **Please describe how your project proposal is relevant to the call** |  |
| **Deliverables** |  |
| **Risk Mitigation Strategy** |  |
| **Project Budget Total** |  |
| **Project Management Stucture** |  |
| **Project Reporting Outline** |  |

**3. About the applicant organisation**

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| **Short description of the organization** |  |
| **Does your organization have a fixed policy for Gender, Diversity and Inclusion?**  **(Provide link or annex if available)** |  |
| **List of relevant projects, publications or other activities in the past 5 years** |  |

**4. Supporting information**

Please Include the following annexes:

* CVs of everyone involved in the project
* Detailed Budget
* Audited Accounts for 2023

1. Eligible participants

   In order to be eligible for financial support, organisations must:

   be a member of the EPC;

   be a legal entity, non-profit organisation;

   be established in a Member State of the European Union (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs);

   respect EU values as laid down in Art.2 of the Treaty on European Union and the EU Charter of fundamental rights.

   Natural persons are NOT eligible (with the exception of self-employed persons, i.e. sole traders, where the company does not have legal personality separate from that of the natural person).

   The third parties (member organisations) can neither be affiliated entity(ies) (of the framework partner) nor associated partners nor sub-contractors. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)