

GREEN SPARK FUND - FIRST PUBLIC CALL

This is one of three calls that EWI is publishing this autumn. An application may be submitted for a maximum of two of them. More information is available on the website of the 25th Public Call for Project Proposals of EWI.

ABOUT THE FUND

The Green Spark Fund was established in 2026 through a joint initiative of three women's funds: Akcija Združenska (North Macedonia), Ecumenical Women's Initiative (Croatia) and Reconstruction Women's Fund (Serbia).

Through financial support, training, exchange of experiences and networking, the Fund supports organisations and initiatives that connect environmental protection, gender equality and peacebuilding.

The Fund is founded on the belief that environmental protection, gender equality and peacebuilding are inextricably linked, and that it is precisely by acting at the intersection of these areas that we can contribute to environmental justice. Climate change does not affect everyone equally. Its consequences are felt especially by women who already face various forms of discrimination and social exclusion including Roma women, rural women, women with disabilities, older women and women at risk of poverty.

ABOUT THE PUBLIC CALL

The first joint public call of the Green Spark Fund is being published simultaneously by all three partner funds, each for organisations and initiatives from the countries it covers:

- Akcija Združenska: *North Macedonia*
- Ecumenical Women's Initiative: *Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Montenegro*
- Reconstruction Women's Fund: *Serbia*

The Call is intended for grassroots women's organisations, as well as organisations and initiatives in which women play a key role in leading, designing and implementing activities.

WHERE DO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GENDER EQUALITY & PEACEBUILDING MEET

We believe that it is precisely at their intersection that change is created. We are looking for initiatives brave enough to explore these connections through experimentation, unexpected alliances and genuine resistance, and to turn them into concrete, grounded action. The Call does not prescribe predefined models of work in advance. The proposed activities should be appropriate to the local context and clearly linked to the goals of the proposed initiative.

Initiatives may include:

- learning and knowledge exchange
- strengthening organisational capacities
- research
- workshops and educational programmes
- public campaigns and activities aimed at changing narratives
- artistic and activist interventions
- street actions and other forms of civic action
- strategic advocacy
- networking and building alliances
- development of services and local initiatives
- activities that contribute to a just transition and the fight against environmental poverty.

DURATION OF THE INITIATIVE

- Start of implementation (earliest): December 1, 2026
- End of implementation (latest): September 1, 2027
- Duration of implementation: max. 9 months

GRANT SIZE

The maximum amount of support per initiative is EUR 10,000.

TOTAL VALUE OF FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED

The indicative call budget is EUR 70,000.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

All applications that meet the basic eligibility requirements will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Alignment of the initiative with the goals of the call i.e. the extent to which the initiative contributes to the goals and priorities of the call.
- Quality of the proposed methodology i.e. the extent to which the proposed activities are clear, consistent, and logically connected to the described problem and the desired change.
- Justification and efficiency of the budget i.e. the extent to which the proposed costs are justified and linked to the planned activities.

Additional advantage during the assessment will be given to initiatives that:

- propose innovative or creative approaches to solving the problem
- have the potential for a sustainable and long-term impact.

Although the Green Spark Fund shares common goals and a common assessment framework, each partner fund may adapt certain parts of the call to reflect its own mission, priorities and the context in which it operates.

ABOUT ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S INITIATIVE'S PUBLIC CALL

As this is a pilot programme, this Call is intended for organisations that have received at least one project grant from the Ecumenical Women's Initiative and have duly fulfilled all contractual obligations.

The following may apply:

- grassroots women's organisations and other civil society organisations in which women play a key role in leadership and decision-making
- organisations registered and active in Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro or Kosovo
- organisations proposing initiatives that connect environmental protection, gender equality and peacebuilding.

TARGET GROUPS

Ecumenical Women's Initiative supports activities primarily intended for women and girls over 15 years of age. When relevant to achieving the goals of the initiative, activities may also include men and boys of the same age group.

CHECK WHETHER THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION

- Initiative budget form
- Extract from the Register of Associations of the Republic of Croatia, or the corresponding register in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro or Kosovo, no older than six months.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

The deadline for submitting applications is October 1, 2026.

RESULTS OF THE CALL

The list of initiatives selected for funding will be published in early November 2026 on the website of the Ecumenical Women's Initiative.

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