

Climate Action Engagement Fund

Funding Fairer Futures – Call for Proposals - 2026(2)- Cycle III

Introduction

Funding Fairer Futures is an initiative supporting the climate movement to become more inclusive, representative, and community-led. The project is led by CAN Europe together with WECF, CBM Ireland, CAN International, Ecolise and Generation Climate Europe. It is co-funded by the European Commission under the Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) Programme.

The Climate Action Engagement Fund is led by CAN Europe.

Objectives

The objective of this call is to support civil society organisations and grassroots groups in Türkiye to strengthen public engagement, mobilisation and advocacy for climate justice and a just transition in the context of COP31 and the People's Climate Summit.

The People's Climate Summit offers an important civic space for communities, civil society and social movements to exchange knowledge, articulate collective demands and amplify perspectives that are often underrepresented in formal climate decision-making processes.

Through this call, CAN Europe aims to support initiatives **that contribute to the preparation, visibility and impact of the People's Climate Summit**, while strengthening broader civic mobilisation around COP31.

Supported projects should aim to:

- raise public awareness and understanding of climate justice and just transition;
- mobilise communities and broaden participation in climate action;
- strengthen cooperation between civil society organisations, grassroots initiatives and social movements;
- support civic engagement and advocacy linked to COP31;
- contribute to the organisational capacity and long-term resilience of climate justice

movements in Turkiye.

Priorities

When assessing applications, CAN Europe will prioritise projects that:

- contribute to the **preparation, participation or follow-up of the People's Climate Summit**;
- are **community-led and rooted in grassroots organising**;
- promote **inclusive participation**, particularly of groups whose voices are often underrepresented in climate decision-making;
- adopt an **intersectional approach to climate justice**, linking climate action with broader social and environmental justice issues;
- engage **wider publics beyond established climate networks**;
- foster **collaboration and coalition-building** between national and local organisations and movements.

Promoting equitable access to funding

We aim to **support small to medium** CSOs/groups. This includes those that usually work with small budgets, have small teams, or find it hard to get grants or core funding. We do not apply a fixed definition to 'small' or 'medium', as contexts and organisational structures vary. When reviewing applications, we will consider the overall size and the financial situation of each applicant. Our intention is to prioritise organisations that are less securely funded and for whom this support would make a significant difference to their work.

Additionally, we will favour CSOs/groups led by women/non-binary, youth, frontline communities, people with disability or people with a marginalised background or identity.

Project Scope and Requirements

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| Total funding available | € 10,000 |
| Estimated number of projects to be supported | 1 project |
| Funding limit (Maximum total project budget) | Up to € 10,000 |
| Reporting Requirements | Narrative Report on activities and results |
| Project Duration | Minimum 6 months, ending no later than October 2027. |

Funding Limits: Budget proposals should not exceed € 10,000.

Reporting Requirements: This funding is provided under the European Union's DEAR programme, which includes strict reporting, results monitoring, and documentation requirements. Therefore, all subgrantees are required to submit periodic narrative reports¹ on activities and results, along with supporting documents such as photos, outreach materials.

We will provide guidance and support to all subgrantees throughout the reporting process and address any challenges that may arise.

Visibility Requirements: All selected projects must acknowledge funding by the European Commission DEAR programme by including the EU logo and written acknowledgement of funding, and adhering to the visibility and communication requirements in all publications, references, documents, news and any other visibility and communication action relating to the project.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for funding under this Call for Proposals, applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- i) be a legal person or an entity without legal personality

¹ Ranging from every 3 to 6 months, depending on the length of the project.

- ii) be non-profit making
- iii) if a legal person, be a Civil Society Organisation (CSO) or an association of CSOs constituted in accordance with the legislation in force in the country
- iv) be established in Turkiye
- v) not be a beneficiary of a grant (neither lead, co-applicant, affiliated entity, associates, contractors) in the frame of the European Commission's DEAR programme
- vi) not have had the financial, administrative or operational capacity to compete directly for EU funding under the EC DEAR 2022 CfP EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi. This means they were not eligible or able to apply directly to the 2022 DEAR call for proposals.
- vii) adhere to EU due diligence requirements, as listed in the Declaration on exclusion criteria
- viii) declare that they have not received and are not expecting to receive financial support from another project resulting from the EC DEAR 2022 CfP EuropeAid/ 173998/ DH/ ACT/Multi

Eligible Locations: The applicants must be based in Turkiye.

Eligible Activities:

- Awareness-raising
- Public engagement
- Campaigning
- Advocacy
- Projects funded are encouraged to include capacity-building (internal/external), networking and organisational development components.

Please ensure that the proposed activities are in line with the overall objectives and campaigning priorities set out in this Call for Proposals.

Application Process

Application Deadline: Project proposals should be submitted in English by **Friday 17 April 2026**.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the following required documents
 - a. [Annex I. Narrative Proposal](#)
 - b. [Annex II. Budget Proposal](#)

- c. [Declaration on Exclusion Criteria](#)
 - d. [Declaration of Honour](#)
2. Submit the completed application by Friday 17 April to:
<https://forms.monday.com/forms/f10623177d405cb7bc2154c8c80bc1fb?r=euc1>
(maximum one application per organisation)

Application Process Support: Applicants can send their questions following email address:
fundingfairerfutures@caneurope.org

Timeline:

- **30 March:** publication of the Call for proposals
- **17 April:** deadline for proposals submission
- **April-May:** communication about selection
- **May:** Projects can start from May 2026 onwards.

Evaluation and Selection Criteria

Project proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- *Relevance (30%)*
- *Potential Impact (20%)*
- *Coherence of project design (20%)*
- *Capacity and credibility (15%)*
- *Added-value of the funding (15%)*

Preliminary results will be communicated to applicants via email. The shortlisted applicant will be subject to a partnership assessment, to evaluate their organisational, operational and financial capacity, and will be required to submit additional documentation as part of this assessment.

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| All applicants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Your official registration document ● A bank details statement |
| Non registered legal entities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group representation declaration ● Memorandum of Understanding with your selected fiscal host ● A signed Declaration on Exclusion Criteria by your fiscal host |
| All applicants will be asked to: | |

- Submit an organogram or list of key staff/volunteers short profiles
- Fill a capacity assessment and a survey on your organisational needs and inclusivity practice.

The Selection Committee may engage in a process of mutual communication with the shortlisted applicants to discuss potential adjustments or improvements to their proposals. Applicants will then have the opportunity to refine and resubmit their proposals based on this dialogue.

All applicants will be informed individually via email about the results of the selection process.

Once the reviewing and assessment process is completed successfully, selected applicants will be invited to sign the following grant agreement with CAN Europe:

- [Model Subgrant Agreement](#)
- Annex I Narrative Application
- Annex II Budget application
- [Annex III General Conditions](#)
- [Annex IV Template Narrative report](#)
- [Annex VI EU Communication and Visibility Guidelines](#)

Further information

For any questions, please contact fundingfairerfutures@caneurope.org.

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