

# Climate Action Engagement Fund

CAN Europe is happy to announce the opening of its first Climate Action Engagement Fund call for proposals on 13 January 2025. This is one of five funds hosted by the Funding Fairer Futures project, co-funded by the European Commission under the Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) Programme. You can also find information about the other funds:

- Youth Climate Changemakers Fund, coordinated by Generation Climate Europe
- Feminist Climate Action Fund, coordinated by WECF
- Global Connections for Climate Justice Fund, coordinated by CBM Ireland
- Regenerative Climate Fund, coordinated by ECOLISE

## Background

As the devastating impacts of the climate crisis become increasingly visible, the urgency to act is undeniable. Yet, many people fear that the green transition could exacerbate burdens, including job losses and higher costs for mobility and housing. Recognising the climate crisis as a social crisis is vital, as it worsens inequalities and disproportionately affects marginalised and vulnerable groups such as women and people with disabilities. The costs of inaction are heaviest for the most vulnerable, threatening living standards, public services, and social protections. We see an opportunity to build bridges between different social struggles for a fairer and greener society that operates inside planetary boundaries and prioritises equity and justice.

## Objectives and priorities

The Climate Action Engagement Fund will aim to provide financial support to CSOs/groups promoting **just transition and climate justice** in the European Union, Western Balkans and Turkey, via awareness-raising, campaigning, mobilisation, public engagement and advocacy activities.

### Specific objectives

Each funding proposal should address one or more specific objectives:

- Promote climate justice and just transition, with a focus on gender equality, social justice, inclusivity, and/or stronger solidarity between people from the Global North and Global South:
  - **Raise awareness, critical understanding, and public engagement** about climate

justice and just transition

- **Mobilise people in Europe to act** for climate justice and just transition (e.g. street mobilisation, digital campaigns, petitions, other events...)
- **Engage with decision-makers** in order to drive policy change (e.g. letter-writing, media outreach, public hearings...)
- Build **trust, connections and joint work** among the climate justice movement and with organisations beyond the climate movement which will be key allies for a just transition (e.g. social justice organisations, trade unions, housing right collectives...)

## Priorities

Each proposal should address one or more priorities:

### 1. CAMPAIGNING ON JUST TRANSITION:

We are looking for partners that will **actively engage in our Europe-wide campaign for Just Transition**, which we understand as *a comprehensive, systemic shift toward a more equitable and sustainable society that tackles the root causes of injustice within economic, political, and social structures*. Different levels of engagement will be offered.

- **The Core Team Engagement Track** requires you to organise your own mobilisation actions linked to the campaign and actively engage in the campaign planning.
- **Low Engagement track** requires you to support our key campaign moments and to attend approximately three open briefing calls per year.

### 2. SUPPORTING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INCLUSIVITY:

We are looking to support:

- climate organisations that demonstrably foresee **joint work and planning with social justice organisations** and other actors beyond the climate movement (e.g. trade unions, energy communities, housing right collectives, economic justice movements) to advance Just Transition.
- **organisations that extend beyond the climate bubble**, when they present a proposal to work with climate organisations or on climate topics.
- **matched projects**, when climate organisations present a project proposal linked to another project proposal from an organisation working on social justice or from other actors beyond the climate movement.

### 3. SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS THAT LACK ACCESS TO CLIMATE FUNDING:

We are looking to support smaller CSOs/groups with organisational development needs. In particular, we will favour CSOs/groups led by and/or reaching women/non-binary, youth, frontline

communities, people with disability or people with a marginalised background or identity (LGBTQIA+, ethnic, religious, low-income, etc.).

## Project Scope and Requirements

**Funding Limits:** Applicants should choose a funding category and propose budgets within the limits specified for each category.

- Category 1: From €10,000 to €100,000
- Category 2: From €1,000 to €10,000

**Project Duration:** We expect projects to start in May or June. All projects can have a duration between 6 to 30 months. Projects should end no later than October 2027.

**Reporting Requirements:** It is important to note that this funding is provided under the European Union's funding framework, which entails rigorous reporting and results monitoring requirements. All subgrantees will need to submit periodic narrative on activities and results, along with supporting documents such as photos, outreach materials. In addition to these, Category 1 subgrantees will be required to submit a detailed financial report with supporting documentation such as invoices, proofs of payments, and timesheets. We are committed to providing comprehensive support to all subgrantees throughout this process and will try to address any challenges that may arise.

**Capacity building:** We will offer capacity building and training sessions, depending on the needs and interests expressed by subgrantees.

**Co-financing:** Wherever possible, applicants are encouraged to include a percentage of co-financing in their budget proposals, however this is not a requirement.

## Eligibility Criteria

### Eligible Entities

Applicants must:

- i) be a legal person (category 1, 2) or an entity without legal personality (category 2 only)
- 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) not be a beneficiary of a grant (neither lead, nor co-applicant, or affiliated entity, nor associates or contractors) in the frame of the EC DEAR 2022 Call for Proposals (CfP) EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi
- v) not have the financial, administrative or operational capacity to compete directly for EU funding under the EC DEAR 2022 CfP
- vi) not receive financial support from another project resulting from the EC DEAR 2022 CfP

**Matching applications:** Only single entities can submit applications. However, we encourage the submission of matching applications supporting collaborative projects, whereby climate organisations present a project proposal that is linked to another project proposal presented by an organisation working on social justice or other actors beyond the climate movement.

**Eligible Locations:** The applicants must be based in the below-listed countries:

Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Turkey.

**Eligible Activities:**

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

## Application Process

**Application Deadline:** 7 March 2025, 23:59 CET

**How to Apply:** The complete call for proposals and templates will be published on 13 January 2025. The Application Form, the Narrative Proposal, the Budget Proposal, and the Declaration on Exclusion Criteria will need to be submitted via email to [fundingfairerfutures@caneurope.org](mailto:fundingfairerfutures@caneurope.org).

**Information webinar:** The project team will organize an information webinar on the Funding Fairer Futures funding opportunities on 22 January 2025, 11:00-13:00 CET, to further explain the process and answer the questions. You can **register [here](#)**.

For any questions, please contact [fundingfairerfutures@caneurope.org](mailto:fundingfairerfutures@caneurope.org)

