CALL FOR PROJECTS

2026

Practical information sheet

This is your opportunity to propose initiatives that support our shared political goals and strengthen collaboration across the EFA network!

Submit your proposals before **31 January 2026**.

BUT FIRST... REVIEW THE PRACTICAL INFO SHEET!

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Ensure political relevance and EU focus

Projects must align with EFA's mission at the EU level, demonstrate a clear European dimension, and ideally connect to relevant EU policies. Any project taking place outside the EU requires prior approval from the finance team.

Choose appropriate project formats and contributors

Projects may be events, publications or videos.

Include proper EFA visibility

Clear EFA branding and sufficient photos showing the event and EFA presence . Any advertising or promoted content must follow EFA's tagging and transparency rules.

Cost Transparency Rules: Show the cost split and keep every invoice

Projects must clearly specify the cost-sharing arrangement between EFA and the Member Party, detailing which partner pays each expense. All supplier invoices must be addressed directly to EFA, as **EFA cannot transfer funds to member parties**; this requirement ensures **full cost transparency** and avoids any form of direct or indirect financing of national parties or candidates. **Partners must keep all invoices, receipts, and a detailed cost-sharing Excel file** listing the supplier, service description, invoice number, amount, payer, and VAT. *

*All activities must comply with EFA's statutory objectives and Regulation (EU) 1141/2014.

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WORKING GROUPS

2 possible formats...

1 Fully EFA-owned Projects

The project proposals must be submitted by the Working Group coordinators and the project i**s fully funded by EFA**. All branding and visibility remain with EFA and the Working Group. If it is an event, it should preferably be held online or in Brussels to maintain EFA ownership. **EFA retains full decision-making authority** over the final format.

2 Project with a host party

The Working Group designates one or more member parties to co-host the project. **EFA funds 70%** while the **host party contributes 30%** or more and receives a corresponding **share of visibility and branding.** Events may be held in the host party's territory. The project design is negotiated between EFA and the host party, and proposals can be submitted by either the Working Group coordinators or a host party.

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MEMBER PARTIES

Member parties may submit projects under 4 eligible funding streams *
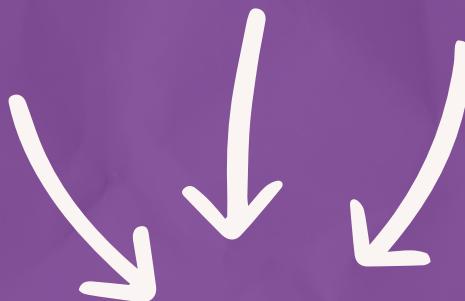
1 Empowering women & young leadership

Strengthening cooperation between EFA local councillors **2**

3 Building narratives to confront the far right

Local-to-European storytelling campaign **4**

All proposals must be jointly submitted by at least **3 EFA member parties** from at least **2 different states** to encourage cross-border cooperation. The EFA Secretariat and Bureau can help connect parties.

Co-financing: EFA typically funds up to **70% of member-party projects**; partners contribute the remaining 30% (or more, if desired), though EFA must retain majority ownership.

* Non-members may also apply, but EFA's contribution is capped at 49%, and proposals must align with EFA's values and priorities.

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You've submitted your proposal on time, what happens next?

THE EVALUATION PROCESS

PHASE I

APPLICATION & REVIEW

Working Groups and Member Parties submit project ideas. The EFA Secretariat reviews strategy, budget, and visibility. The Politics Unit prepares the final proposal draft.

PHASE II

APPROVAL & ASSIGNMENT

The Bureau considers the project and decides whether to approve it, appoints a Project Lead, and confirms contact points in all units and with the MP/WG.

PHASE III

CONTRACTING & IMPLEMENTATION

Cooperation Agreement is signed. Project starts with ongoing supervision and periodic monitoring (budget, results, visibility).

PHASE IV

FOLLOW-UP & REPORTING

Feedback session with MP/WG, internal evaluation, and submission of all final documentation for audit.

For more info please check the Call for Project Guidelines, or reach out to info@efaparty.eu

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