



THE ALLIANCE FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN EUROPE

Supporting progress for gender equality and women's rights

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The Alliance for Gender Equality in Europe (the Alliance) announces funding for 13 European frontline organisations

The Alliance for Gender Equality in Europe, a recently created coalition to support progress for gender equality and women's rights, is pleased to announce the results of its first open call for proposals providing 13 grants of up to 50 000€ mainly for small, frontline organisations.

Slow progress on gender equality in the European Union was set back due to the COVID-19 crisis. Globally, according to the International Labor Organisation the number of employed women in 2021 is expected to be 13 million fewer than in 2019. In Europe, data from the European Institute for Gender Equality show that women shouldered the brunt of unpaid care by providing 35,7 hours per week of care work (against 22,7 hours for men). In 3/4 of the European countries, the demand for gender-based violence support services increased, stretching many civil society organisations to the breaking point.

The Alliance was created in this context to support, and help sustain organisations willing to work on gender equality in the region, it is supported by [Fondation CHANEL](#), [the King Baudouin Foundation](#), and the [L'Oréal Fund for Women](#) for an initial period of 3 years and hosted by the [Network of European Foundations](#) (NEF).

"One of the lessons learnt from the Covid-19 crisis is that there is a momentum for us all, donors, to work together, to pool resources because collaboration will be essential to solving the social crisis that lies ahead of us. In that sense, the Alliance for Gender Equality in Europe is a philanthropic innovation, increasing for the first-time collaboration for gender equality in the philanthropic sector. We hope this will help building resilient movements and long-lasting change."

Marion Schaefer, Managing Director Fondation CHANEL Europe

The "2021 Fund for Covid Solidarity" has just selected 13 organisations to support. These grantees come from 10 different countries from across the European Union. They work on issues such as violence against women, health and social protection; access to education and training; access to economic resources, entrepreneurship and digital divide. They support a diversity of publics, mainly targeting the people living in the most vulnerable situations. Some examples include support services for women victims of domestic violence in Hungary, self-led advocacy from refugee women in Germany, grants to feminist social entrepreneurs in Spain and empowerment of Roma activists in Latvia.

The grantees were selected by an independent group of gender equality experts from women's fund, philanthropy, academia, CSOs and the private sector.

"The selection committee worked in a concerted manner to propose a geographically diverse selection of grantees that answer some of the most pressing gender equality challenges posed by COVID-19 in the European Union."

Caroline Brac de la Perrière, Director of the Mediterranean Women's Funds and member of the selection committee

To learn more about the Alliance for Gender Equality in Europe, please visit: <http://alliance-genderequality.org/>

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