

Lesbian Economic Power (EU), 2026

Questions and Answers Regarding the Application process	
Q	Can we send our draft application to you for an initial review before we submit it? It would be useful for us to know that we are going in the right direction with the application.
A	We cannot review or comment draft applications. Having said that, you may ask questions about the eligibility of activities and other general questions in information sessions and also in email (to grants@lesbiangenius.org) prior to June 1. We will also update this Q&A with these questions and answers.
Q	If we have a question when we write the application, should we join an info session call or should we send an email?
A	You should join an info session if you want to ask it in person, but you can send an email to grants@lesbiangenius.org any time prior to June 1.
Eligibility, selection	
Q	Is it possible to submit a joint application with other EL*C member organizations?
A	You cannot submit a joint applications, but you as the main applicant can have project partners.
Q	Can there be several applicants or just one applicant?
A	There has to be one applicant, but this applicant may involve project partners.
Q	Do the project partners have to be also EL*C member organizations?
A	No, the project partners do not have to be EL*C member organizations, but they can be.
Q	Our organization is not legally registered yet. Is it possible that another, legally registered EL*C full member organization applies on our behalf?
A	Unfortunately, it is not possible, as it is not allowed to use a third party or fiscal sponsor for the application.
Project activities	
Q	Does the project have to be a new project, or can it be the continuation of an earlier project/ activity?

A	It can be, it does not have to be a completely new project. You may decide to continue an earlier project or activity, as long as it is clear where you start from and what you want to complete/ accomplish with the project.
Q	Do we need to give you an exact timeline of the planned activities? Sometimes it is difficult to foresee, when can we have a specific workshop or other event.
A	No, in the application you do not need to provide the exact time of all activities, but when you fill out the Project Implementation Measurement Matrix, we will ask about the approximate timing of activities.
Q	Are the “Deliverables” we have to list in the Activity Implementation Measurement Matrix for EL*C or for the European Commission?
A	EL*C has its own Deliverables for the European Commission, and your Deliverables are for EL*C. In case your project is approved, we will help you finalise the list of deliverables.
Costs, budget	
Q	We are working in partnership with lesbians on other continents. Can we include activities and costs in the project that are incurred by these partners, for instance, for their Zoom subscriptions and for their possible travel costs to Europe?
A	Unfortunately, not. The project activities have to benefit actors/ communities within the EU, they have to take place within the European Union and the costs also have to be incurred within the EU.
Q	Is there any criteria on how much we can include in any of the budget lines, any limitations?
A	It is up to you, how you divide the budget that you apply for. What we will be looking at, is if the budget is in line with the objectives and the activities.
Project implementation, reporting, payment	
Q	Can you tell us about reporting? Is this a lumpsum grant?
A	Yes, these grants will be lumpsum grants. This means that once the budget is approved, you will work with that budget. Having said that, the reporting will not include financial reporting, but it will take place based on the Activity Implementation Measurement Matrix. We will provide all details about reporting at the very beginning of project implementation.
Q	For the matrix do we have to provide exact numbers e.g. on how many workshops, trainings we plan to do and when?

A	Please provide estimates to the best of your knowledge, however you do not need to worry if you cannot be very specific at this early stage. Should the project be approved, we will discuss the Matrix with all grantees and finalize it at that stage.
Q	Do we need to send EL*C our invoices? And in general, what shall we do with the invoices and other project documentation?
A	Generally: no. However, invoices should be kept for three years after the end of the project. The three years of record keeping is requested by the European Union. Should there be an audit for the project, you/ EL*C may be requested to show the invoices. This also goes for other documentation that you may be using for the project.