Heinrich Böll Foundation

Call for Proposals 2027

Who we are

The Heinrich Böll Foundation is a German political foundation and part of the Green political movement that has developed worldwide as a response to the traditional politics of socialism, liberalism, and conservatism. Fostering democracy and upholding human rights, taking action to prevent the destruction of the global ecosystem, advancing equality between women and men, securing peace through conflict prevention in crisis zones, and defending the freedom of individuals against excessive state and economic power – these are the objectives that drive the ideas and actions of the Heinrich Böll Foundation. As a think and do tank for green visions and projects, we are part of an international network encompassing well over 100 partner projects in approximately 60 countries. We place particular emphasis on gender democracy, meaning social emancipation and equal rights for women and men. We are also committed to equal rights for cultural and ethnic minorities and to the societal and political participation of immigrants.

About this Call for Proposals

The Heinrich Böll Stiftung Middle East in Beirut is launching a Call for Proposals for the year 2027 in Lebanon and Syria to support projects in the fields listed below: Projects with a regional character need to include at least one of the two countries.

Lot 1: Lebanon

a-Ecology: Possible topics:

- Climate Justice, climate adaptation and mitigation
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Energy
- Transport and traffic

b-Democracy / Human Rights

Possible topics:

- Women Rights, Gender Democracy, Social Type rights

- Transitional Justice
- Minority rights
- Migrants` and refugee rights

c-Foreign and Security Policy

- Lebanon's role in the region
- Security Sector Reform

Lot 2: Syria

a-Ecology

- Climate Justice, climate adaptation and mitigation
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Energy
- Intersection between justice, climate and peace

b-Democracy / Human Rights

- Peace building and community security
- Transition to democracy
- Rights based reconstruction
- Women Rights, Gender Democracy, Social Type rights
- Minority rights
- Strengthening accountability, democratic institutions and the parliament

c-Foreign and Security Policy

- Syria's role in the region
- Security Sector Reform
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Who is eligible to apply:

- You are an NGO, foundation or other form of civil society organization

OR

- You are a think tank or media outlet

OR

- You are a grassroot initiative or an individual (activist, artist, researcher)

AND

- You are based in Syria or Lebanon OR the majority of your work is directed towards these countries with the funds directly benefitting people in those countries.
- Your political ideals align with those of the foundation.
- You are able to comply with the administrative regulations of the foundation including the submission of both narrative and financial reports in accordance with the Foundation's reporting requirements and agreed deadlines.

Project duration

Projects can last maximum from January 15th until November 15th. Shorter projects are possible. All project reports, financial and narrative will have to be handed in by November 30th latest, for projects ending November 15th. For projects ending earlier, individual deadlines will be arranged.

Budget range

A usual project ranges from 10-30.000 Euros. However we also encourage applications for smaller sums or for those seeking a partnership without financial contributions. It is possible to apply for gap funding for a project that also has other funders, however please make sure that none of those is a German political foundation and that the we fit well together in terms of political leaning. It is also possible to apply for institutional grants, if you are able to demonstrate a clearly related impact of such funding. It is also possible, especially for new initiatives, to apply for money that would help with equipment, as long as it can clearly be demonstrated that this equipment would serve a clear goal connected to the themes outlined above. We cannot fund construction of buildings or infrastructure.

Language

Proposals can be handed in in either English or Arabic.

How to apply / Timeline

- The deadline for proposals is **Sunday December 13th 23:59h**. Proposals received after that date will not be considered. In case you cannot make the deadline, a second call will be launched in spring.
- Whether in the positive or in the negative, we will make sure to get back to you by Friday December 18th.
- Those projects shortlisted will be invited to hand in full proposals, we will support you in this process Contracting procedures will start right afterwards.
- Projects can start January 15th and will have to end November 15th latest.

How are projects graded

- Political relevance to the focal areas outlined above is fundamental.
- Preference is given to projects that emphasize partnerships with the hbs, rather than a donor-grantee relationship.
- Preference is given to projects that actively promote gender democracy in their approach.
- Preference is given to organizations based in Syria or Lebanon, with the majority of the funds spend in country.
- Including target groups in the planning of the project is a plus.
- If your project can demonstrate direct positive and tangible effects for target groups is a plus.
- Projects including a contribution to the budget by your organization will be preferred.
- Not more than 49% of the total budget may be allocated to salary or honorary fee payments.
- Your experience in running similar projects and dealing with similar funds will be taken under consideration, however it is not an excluding factor. We do however recommend that those with more limited experience apply for a smaller total budget for their first project!
- The hbs actively fights sexual exploitation and abuse. Project contracts closed will require individuals and organisations to sign on to hbs' Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Policy. Violations of the policy or failure to disclose relevant information will lead to an automatic end of contract.

If you have any questions on how to apply, eligibility or encounter a problem, please email to:

info@lb.boell.org

Want to apply? Click here: Apply!