



YOUTH CLIMATE CHANGEMAKERS FUND

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR COP32 COORDINATION 2027

In this document you'll find information about how we want to engage youth organisations.

With this call for proposals we are looking for one organisation to coordinate and bring together young people around climate justice and a just transition ahead of COP32, scheduled for Addis Ababa in November 2027.

The period between COP31 and COP32 is when momentum is either built or lost. Young people across Europe are already active on climate, but they often work in separate networks with little shared strategy and few chances to meet decision makers together. This call funds a coordinated, sustained effort rather than a one-off event.

The funded project should have two connected parts:

1. **A European youth conference or gathering** during the grant period, bringing together young people, youth groups and organisations to share knowledge, agree common priorities and build relationships. It should be accessible to people underrepresented in the climate movement and reach beyond the usual climate networks.
2. **Ongoing coordination of European youth in the run-up to COP32**, including regular contact between participants, shared messaging and positions, and preparation for engaging with COP32 and the decision makers around it.

Supported projects should aim to:

- coordinate and strengthen cooperation between youth organisations, grassroots groups and networks across Europe on climate justice and a just transition;
- develop shared priorities and messages that young people can carry into COP32 and into national and European decision making;
- create meaningful opportunities for young people to engage directly with decision makers before and after COP32;
- reach and involve young people and groups underrepresented in the climate movement, including organisations new to climate work;



- connect to the intersection of housing and energy, the focus of the shared Funding Fairer Futures campaign;
- leave behind stronger networks, skills and organisational capacity that last beyond COP32.

The role of Generation Climate Europe

The selected organisation will collaborate with GCE throughout the project, including to:

- Work together on the political direction of the conference, including which issues, moments and decision makers to focus on between COP31 and COP32;
- Develop shared priorities and messages on climate justice and a just transition, together with young people from across Europe;
- Shape the conference programme and themes;
- Connect the project with the wider youth climate movement, with each organisation bringing its own networks and relationships;
- Engage with other partners and structures operating within the EU context such as the Youth Delegate to COP of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the Youth Policy Dialogue on COP led by the European Commission (DG CLIMA).
- Visibility and dissemination of the project activities through GCE social media account and website.
- Where relevant link the project to the Funding Fairer Futures campaign on the intersection of housing and energy, and learn from each other's work;
- Access the training and organisational development support available to all Funding Fairer Futures grantees.

GCE will contribute to and advise in these areas. The selected organisation retains final responsibility on the project's content, delivery and budget.

What we are looking for

We are looking for an organisation that:

- is youth-led and has a strong track record of working with young people on climate or social justice;
- Is experienced in engaging with and attending COP;
- has experience coordinating networks, coalitions or campaigns across several European countries;
- can organise and deliver a European-scale conference or gathering, including making it accessible for young people;
- has existing links to young people and groups outside the usual climate networks;



- can engage with decision makers at national, European or international level;
- is committed to working collaboratively and openly, with GCE, with other organisations and with the young people involved;
- has the financial and administrative capacity to manage EU funding, including reporting and audit requirements;
- wants to build lasting capacity, and can explain how its work will continue after COP32.

WHAT WE OFFER

For this call we have tailored our offer specifically for registered youth organisations.

Financial Support:	The budget for this project is €32,000
Project Duration:	Projects are expected to start on 1 January 2027 and must end by 30 November 2027.
Training and networking support:	<p>Project Management and organisational development training: We will offer tailored support and provide access to training on topics such as project management, HR, finance, fundraising and inclusive leadership.</p> <p>Campaign and Advocacy training: We will offer access to training for advocacy, campaign strategy and policy development.</p> <p>Communication and mobilisation training: You will have access to training opportunities on media engagement and communications strategising.</p> <p>Fundraising Support: We will provide access to fundraising training and support for each project on fundraising strategies, how to access institutional funding and alternative funding campaigns such as crowdfunding and income generation.</p> <p>Networking opportunities: We will organise activities and events that will bring all the projects that Funding Fairer Futures supports together to collaborate, exchange and learn from each other.</p> <p>Visibility and recognition: You will be part of one of the EU's largest programmes supporting citizen engagement and climate action and benefit from being a part of a network of hundreds of organisations and individuals mobilising on a local, national and international level.</p>



WHAT WE EXPECT

Meaningful engagement: Being part of Funding Fairer Futures provides more opportunities than just financial support. Being a recipient of a grant means you will also be expected to meaningfully engage with the project and with other grantees as well as contribute to the collective campaigning of the Funding Fairer Futures project.

Co-financing: Generation Climate Europe (via Funding Fairer Futures) will cover 90% of the total budget and successful grant recipients will need to provide the financial support for the remaining 10% of the project's costs.

Appropriate reporting and communications: Receiving a grant that comes from the EU means complying with their reporting requirements. We know this isn't always easy but we'll provide support and training to help you along the way. What we expect in return is for clear and regular contact so we have the opportunity to support and guide you with your reporting. There may also be other times we need your input, for example, in consultations around the campaigns or feedback on the training you've received.

Visibility and recognition of funding: Being part of an EU project also means providing visibility to the project and its funders. This means you will need to ensure the materials you produce carry the logos of the project and funder. We'll provide all the information on this to successful applicants.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this grant, there are some conditions you must meet. They can be complicated so if you're not sure please reach out and we'll be happy to help you.

To benefit from this grant you must meet the below criteria:

1. You must be able to demonstrate your organisational and financial capacity to manage and deliver grants of a similar size.
2. You must be registered as a Legal Entity. That usually means you're registered with a national government as an organisation and have a registration number.
3. You must not be profit making. Whatever type of organisational structure you have, it cannot be profit-making.
4. Your organisation must be youth led. (meaning day to day management of your organisation must be carried out by those under 30 or the governing body is made up of a majority of people under the age of 30).
5. Your organisation must be designated as an NGO in the country in which you're registered.
6. Your organisation must be registered in one of the [EU-27 countries](#).
7. The project must take place in one or more EU member states.
8. Your organisation can't already have received, nor expect to receive, support from another fund financed by the EU's DEAR programme. *(That's any programme funded by*



EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi). You can't be a lead, co-applicant, affiliated entity nor associated or contracted in any way by a project funded by the EU's DEAR programme.

9. Your organisation can't have participated in an application to deliver the EU's DEAR 2022 programme (*You cannot have applied for the EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi in 2022-2023*).
10. Your organisation must be able to comply with the financial, administrative and operational and due diligence requirements of receiving EU funding. We'll assess this as part of the application process but also provide support to those who need it.
11. Your project must align with the objectives of the call and consist of activities such as;
 - i. Awareness raising
 - ii. Public engagement activities
 - iii. Mobilisation campaigns
 - iv. Advocacy activities
 - v. Capacity building and training activities

THINGS WE DON'T FUND

While this isn't an exhaustive list of everything we don't fund, here is a short list of some of the costs that aren't eligible as part of this grant:

- i. We do not cover the cost of new equipment
- ii. We do not fund building or capital projects
- iii. We do not fund activities that generate a profit
- iv. You cannot use any part of this grant to co-finance another EU funded project
- v. We do not fund activities or projects taking place outside of the European Union (attendance for COP can be exceptionally accepted)
- vi. This is a project grant and not an operational grant (although some operational costs are eligible when they can be directly attributable to the project)
- vii. We do not fund political campaigns or political parties
- viii. We do not fund fundraising activities
- ix. We do not fund projects that exclusively serve religious purposes

HOW TO APPLY

Application Deadline: The proposals must be submitted in English by 29 November 2026, 23:59 CET using the [Online Form](#).

How to Apply: Applicants should complete:

- The [Application Form](#)
- The [Declaration of Honour](#)
- The [Declaration on Exclusion Criteria](#)
- The [consultation survey](#)



Applications should be submitted to fundingfairerfutures@gceurope.org before the deadline.

Questions and Support: We're here to support and help you through the application process. If you have any questions about the grant, your eligibility, the process or if you just want to find out if this is the right fund for you then please reach out to josh.cope@gceurope.org before 17 November 2026.

SELECTION & EVALUATION

A team of experts will evaluate each application and decide its eligibility and suitability to be funded by the Youth Climate Changemakers Fund. They'll be particularly focused on the quality of the proposal, its impact and the likelihood of success. They will also consider the overall makeup of the group of organisations we will fund to ensure it's representative and inclusive.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Relevance will make up 30% of the points awarded
- Potential Impact will make up 20% of the points awarded
- Coherence of project design will make up 20% of the points awarded
- Capacity and credibility will make up 15% of the points awarded
- Added-value of the funding will make up 15% of the points awarded

Preliminary results will be communicated to applicants via email. We will shortlist a selection of applicants and assess their capacity, evaluate their organisation and ensure they can comply with the operational and financial requirements of the grant. At this stage, some additional documentation may be required.

We may also choose to engage with some shortlisted applicants to suggest adjustments or improvements to their proposals before making a final decision on funding. Applicants will then have the opportunity to refine and resubmit their proposals based on this dialogue.

All applicants will be informed individually via email about the results of the selection process.

Once the reviewing and assessment process is completed successfully, selected applicants will be invited to sign the following grant agreement with the Funding Fairer Futures lead partner CAN Europe:

- [Model Subgrant Agreement](#)
- Annex I Description of the Project
- Annex II Budget of the project
- [Annex III General Conditions](#)
- [Annex IV Template Narrative report](#)
- [Annex VI EU Communication and Visibility Guidelines](#)



Applicants are encouraged to review all sections of this Call for Proposals carefully and ensure that their proposals meet all requirements. Further details and the application documents can be found on our website.

ABOUT FUNDING FAIRER FUTURES

Funding Fairer Futures (FFF) wants to transform the climate justice movement to be more inclusive, accessible and representative focusing on youth, local communities, people with disabilities and ecofeminist groups. We've built a coalition with [Climate Action Network Europe](#), [Climate Action Network](#), [WECE](#), [Christian Blind Mission Ireland](#) and [ECOLISE](#) to empower more organisations and individuals to build community power, organise and hold power holders to account through providing financial support and training.

As part of the project, we are launching the Youth Climate Changemakers Fund - the biggest fund and organisational development space in Europe so far for youth organisations and informal groups to work on inclusive climate justice. We are especially focusing on engaging the actors from outside the obvious spaces as well as building bridges between climate justice and other priority issues for youth (18-30 years).

Generation Climate Europe was created by a group of young people in 2019 to amplify the voices of young people on climate toward the EU institutions. We have grown to be in a position to support our members and other youth organisations, and between January 2025 and May 2028 our coalition will be launching a range of opportunities to do just that. Through this call, we're looking to support youth organisations specifically but our partners are providing other opportunities to fund all kinds of actions.

QUESTIONS?

We're here to support and help you through the application process. If you have any questions about the grant, your eligibility, the process or if you just want to find out if this is the right fund for you then please reach out to josh.cope@gceurope.org before 24 November 2026.

If you would like to stay updated on upcoming news related to the Funding Fairer Futures project, sign up to our [mailing list](#).



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