

Regranting Scheme: Awarded Projects

Call for Proposals to Encourage Migrant Women's Democratic Participation under the EU CERV Structural Grant (2025–2027) WE-EMPOWER II Project



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Overview of Funded Projects

Introduction

As part of the WE-EMPOWER II project, WIDE+ launched a regranting scheme to support member organisations in developing small-scale initiatives that strengthen the democratic participation, visibility and leadership of migrant women.

Following the selection process, **17 projects** were selected for funding, with a total of **67,700 euros awarded**.

The funded initiatives reflect a range of approaches to migrant women's democratic participation. This short overview presents the funded projects and provides a general description of their objectives, main activities and expected contribution.

Together, the funded projects contribute to the wider objectives of WE-EMPOWER II by creating opportunities for migrant women to develop skills, build networks, participate in community and civic processes, engage in advocacy and make their voices more visible in public and institutional spaces.

The regranting scheme also creates opportunities for peer learning and collaboration within the WIDE+ network. Through the implementation of their projects and participation in WIDE+ activities, beneficiary organisations can exchange experiences, share knowledge and strengthen connections with other organisations working on migrant women's rights and democratic participation.

The projects will be implemented between **1 August and 30 November 2026**.

Selected Projects

1. Allies of Andalusia Forum

Organisation: ActionAid

Country: Spain

Grant awarded: 7,500 Euros

Main focus: Migrant women's leadership, advocacy and democratic participation

About the project: The Allies of Andalusia Forum will strengthen the democratic participation, leadership and advocacy capacity of migrant women across Andalusia through a participatory process led by migrant women themselves.

The project will bring together a group of migrant women from five Andalusian provinces to organise a two-day Migrant Women's Forum. Around 40 migrant women and representatives of migrant and community organisations will share experiences, strengthen advocacy skills and identify common priorities for migrant women's rights.

The project will result in a joint declaration presenting the priorities and recommendations of participating women, which will be shared with public institutions, civil society and the wider public.

2. Living Stories, Civic Voices: Co-Creating Spaces for Migrant Women's Democratic Participation in Lithuania

Organisation: Adliga Women at Risk Solidarity Fund

Country: Lithuania

Grant awarded: 7,500 euros

Main focus: Civic participation, leadership and intercultural dialogue

About the project: The project will create spaces for migrant and refugee women in Lithuania to share their experiences, build confidence and strengthen their participation in democratic and public life.

Through a series of **Living Libraries**, women from Belarus, Ukraine and Russia, together with Lithuanian women, will exchange experiences, discuss barriers to participation and identify ways to make democratic participation more inclusive. The project will also include a **Civic Voices Lab** and a policy workshop where participants will develop recommendations together.

The project will particularly seek to involve women facing multiple barriers to participation, including women with disabilities, older women, single mothers and women experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

3. The Voice of Migrant Women in Lombardy Region: Strengthening Democratic Participation and Civic Leadership

Organisation: Romanian Women's Association in Italy – ADRI

Country: Italy

Grant awarded: 4,000 euros

Main focus: Civic participation, leadership and advocacy

About the project: The project will support Romanian and Moldovan migrant women in Milan and Lombardy to become more active in civic and democratic life. Particular attention will be given to women facing barriers to participation, including domestic and care workers, single mothers, older women and women experiencing social isolation or precarious socio-economic conditions.

Through a participatory workshop on local democratic participation, leadership and advocacy training, and a digital storytelling campaign, participants will strengthen their knowledge, confidence and skills to engage with local decision-making spaces and advocate for their communities.

4. Cooperative, Care, and Power: Feminist Empowerment of Migrant Women's Democratic Participation in a Service Voucher Cooperative

Organisation: Chaska asbl

Country: Belgium

Grant awarded: 7,500 euros

Main focus: Feminist empowerment, cooperative leadership and collective participation

About the project: The project will strengthen the democratic participation, leadership and collective power of migrant women, particularly women working in a self-managed cleaning and maintenance cooperative and other precarious, feminised care sectors.

Through feminist and intercultural mental-health workshops, skills and cooperative leadership training, and advocacy activities, participants will build confidence, strengthen their capacity for collective action and develop skills to participate meaningfully in cooperative governance and representative roles.

The project will also create opportunities for migrant women to raise their voices publicly around care work, labour rights and migration, while building connections with feminist organisations and the WIDE+ network.

5. Economic Empowerment for Migrant Women Through Financial Literacy

Organisation: GADIP (Gender and Development in Practice)

Country: Sweden

Grant awarded: 4,000 euros

Main focus: Economic empowerment, rights awareness and social inclusion

About the project: The project aims to strengthen the empowerment and social inclusion of migrant women by improving their economic literacy and knowledge of rights and public services. The project includes **economic literacy study circles**, with particular attention to women who may face barriers related to language, migration status, socioeconomic circumstances, caring responsibilities or limited access to information.

The sessions will cover practical topics including personal and family finances, banking and digital financial services, employment rights, social security, consumer rights, pensions and long-term financial planning.

6. Echoes of Migrant Women

Organisation: International Women* Space

Country: Germany

Grant awarded: 7,500 euros

Main focus: Civic participation, storytelling and advocacy

About the project: The project aims to create an inclusive space for migrant women to strengthen their knowledge, confidence and participation in public and democratic life. Through **Legal Corner** sessions, participants will gain information on migration and asylum rights, women's rights, protection and civic participation, while discussing issues affecting their communities.

Migrant women will also develop media and communication skills and co-produce podcast content based on their lived experiences and community priorities. The project will particularly seek to involve women facing multiple barriers to participation, including refugee and asylum-seeking women, women with disabilities, single mothers, young migrant women and women facing language barriers.

7. Politics is for All 2.0: Empowering Migrant Women's Voices – from the Parents Council to the City Council

Organisation: KULU-Women and Development

Country: Denmark

Grant awarded: 7,500 euros

Main focus: Local democratic participation, leadership and civic engagement

About the project: The project aims to strengthen the participation of migrant and minority-background women in local democratic life in Høje-Taastrup. It will provide participants with practical knowledge about local democracy, democratic rights and opportunities to influence decisions affecting their everyday lives.

The main activity will be an interactive capacity-building and debate workshop bringing together migrant women, local practitioners and migrant women politicians. Through information-sharing, peer learning, dialogue and networking, participants will build confidence and develop skills to engage with local institutions and decision-making processes.

The project will also create opportunities for exchange between migrant women, local authorities and community organisations. Role-model stories, participant feedback and a follow-up online session will support wider learning. The project will produce practical recommendations and materials on strengthening migrant women's participation in local democracy.

8. Being Refugees: Migrant Leadership, Advocacy and Democratic Participation

Organisation: Asociación Mujeres con Voz

Country: Spain

Grant awarded: 7,500 euros

Main focus: Migrant leadership, advocacy and visibility

About the project: The project aims to strengthen the democratic participation, visibility and advocacy capacity of migrant and refugee women, particularly women human rights and land defenders. It will take place within the **II International Encounter “Refugiadas”**, creating spaces for migrant and refugee women to share their experiences, analysis and demands and contribute to public debate on asylum, human rights, gender justice and land defence.

The project will include a participatory preparation process, a public encounter in Bilbao and a working breakfast bringing together women defenders and allies. It will also strengthen connections between migrant and refugee women and feminist, anti-racist, ecofeminist, human rights and institutional actors.

9. Economic Justice and Democratic Participation of Migrant Women in Post-Separation Contexts

Organisation: SIEMPRE VZW/ASBL

Country: Belgium

Grant awarded: 7,500 euros

Main focus: Economic justice, advocacy and democratic participation

About the project: The project will address the economic insecurity and social exclusion experienced by migrant women following separation or divorce, including barriers related to employment, housing, care responsibilities, migration status and access to social protection. It will use migrant women's lived experiences as a basis for collective learning and advocacy.

Through participatory research, case studies, storytelling and peer-to-peer learning, migrant women will identify common barriers, exchange experiences and strengthen their capacity for collective participation and advocacy. Particular attention will be given to women facing multiple forms of marginalisation, including women with disabilities, Roma women, women with precarious migration statuses and women experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage.

10. Migrant Women Leading Change: Strengthening Democratic Participation, Leadership, and Collective Action in Gothenburg

Organisation: Women Empowerment and Integration Network (WEINSE)

Country: Sweden

Grant awarded: 7,200 euros

Main focus: Leadership, democratic participation and collective action

About the project: The project will strengthen the democratic participation, leadership and visibility of migrant women in Gothenburg. Migrant women will have opportunities to develop their knowledge of local democratic and political processes, as well as their leadership, communication, advocacy and community mobilisation skills.

Through leadership and civic participation workshops, mentoring, networking and public engagement activities, participants will connect with other migrant women, women leaders, migrant-led organisations and local stakeholders. Particular attention will be given to women facing multiple barriers to participation, including refugee women, young women, single mothers, women with disabilities and women with limited Swedish language proficiency.