

Call for FPAR sub-grantees

The European Sex Workers Rights Alliance ([ESWA](#)) is conducting new research on sex workers' experience of justice, and access to justice, in Europe and Central Asia, to ensure that sex workers can access justice and state protection from violence and exploitation. The research will be published in winter 2023.

To produce this research, we have limited funding available for our members to take part in the project, and carry out peer interviews in their national context with sex workers about their experiences of policing, using a FPAR methodology (Feminist Participatory Action Research). The information below will provide you with more details about the research project, and about how to apply for funding.

The deadline to apply for funding is **10th April 2022, 18:00 CET**. Completed applications should be sent to charlie@eswalliance.org, with the subject line 'FPAR Funding Application'. Please see the [section below](#) for more information.

The Project

ESWA aims to collect evidence that will demonstrate the issues that make it difficult for sex workers to access justice. The project will focus on policing, and the police's role in sex workers' access to justice. For many sex workers and other marginalised communities, police can be an obstacle to access to justice, when they are not direct perpetrators of violence against sex workers.

To create this research, we will ask member organisations to conduct a pilot study (of three interviews) in 2022, and to conduct further interviews in 2023. Ideally, we would like each organisation to be able to conduct around 20 interviews in total. However, if you do not think this is possible, **please still apply!** We know that different organisations have different capacities, and don't want this to be a barrier to your involvement.

This research project is also an opportunity for ESWA members to build skills around the research process, including:

- FPAR (Feminist Participatory Action Research) methodology
- Skills in data collection, including how to interview sex workers around complex and sensitive issues, and how to identify potential participants
- Ethical issues regarding confidentiality and participant safety

It is very important for our sex working members to gain skills throughout this process. As mentioned before, if your member organisation is not sex worker-led, you must hire sex workers to co-ordinate the project and to conduct the research. If you would like to read more information about the research project, see our [FPAR Information Sheet](#).

Why should you apply?

- Through interviews with sex workers at national level, you will expand your own organisations' network/ strengthen your existing networks
- This project is an opportunity to contribute to evidence that will shape the future of sex workers' experience of policing and justice
- You will receive allocated funding in order to complete the project
- You are the experts! This project is an opportunity for us to show, at a European level, what is happening on the ground, and what needs to be done for sex workers to be protected.
- You will be directly involved in the shape and results of this sex worker-led research. At every stage of the research, you will be consulted - your opinions and experience will shape the research project
- You'll learn/advance existing skills in data collection, including how to interview sex workers around complex and sensitive issues, and how to identify potential participants
- You will learn/advance existing skills in ethical issues, including confidentiality and participant safety
- You will learn/advance existing skills in different data collection methods

Eligibility and how to apply

The deadline to apply for funding is **10th April 2022, 18:00 CET**. Completed applications should be sent to charlie@eswalliance.org, with the subject line 'FPAR Funding Application'.

To be able to participate in this project, your organisation needs to:

- Be a member of ESWA*
- Be able to carry out the project, and have the ability to attend/ complete all elements involved
- Have at least two English-speaking members in your organisation. Unfortunately we don't have the capacity to translate the whole research project into other languages, but the final report will be available in Russian, Spanish, French, and English
- Meaningfully include sex workers. If your organisation is not led by sex workers, sex workers will need to be directly involved in the project. Sex workers must be hired to conduct the interviews, coordinate the project, and benefit from the project's capacity building (training, skills development, etc.)

** If your organisation is not a member of ESWA, [click here](#) to join.*

To apply, please:

- Complete the application form, [found here](#).
- Download and complete the [budget template](#). More information on how to complete this template is at the end of this document.
- Send the completed budget template to charlie@eswalliance.org with the subject line 'FPAR Funding Application'
- The deadline to apply is **10th April 2022, 18:00 CET**

Once we have received all of the applications, the ESWA selection committee will evaluate and decide on a final number of grantees. The organisations will be chosen based on funding availability and on geographical representation.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact charlie@eswalliance.org.

Project Timeline and Workload

This project will **run over two years**, finishing with a final research report that will be published in the winter of 2023. The workload of the successful applicants will be divided by year (2022 and 2023).

To participate in the project, you will need:

- at least **two individuals** in your organisation to manage the project; one will be a coordinator of the project to oversee, the other will conduct the interviews
 - *Note: you can adapt these roles to fit your organisation's capacity/ structure. For example, if it is easier for your organisation to combine the two roles/ job share among several people, you can do so. However we have limited funding available and so would not be able to provide an increased budget for this.*
- To review ESWA's research materials, both in 2022 and 2023
- To conduct a **desk-based report** on policing and access to justice in your country. You can contract somebody outside of your organisation to conduct this research if you need to. ESWA will be able to translate this into English (although if you have someone in your network who is able to translate, please let us know in the budget template).
- To attend an **in-person training** session in June (see below) - both the co-ordinator and the interviewer must be able to attend. All costs related to the participation in the training will be covered by ESWA.
- To **conduct a pilot study** (three interviews) in 2022.
- To conduct **further interviews** in 2023 (aiming for 20 over 2022 and 2023). The interviews should be recorded, and the audio files sent to ESWA to translate and process.
- To attend an **in-person focus group** at the end of the project (see below). All costs related to the focus group will be covered by ESWA.

The project will include the following workload for sub-grantees:

Year	Task	Time
2022		
	Online meetings	3 meetings 8 hours total
	In-person research training	3 days
	Desk-based research	9 days
	Document Review	2 days
	Pilot study (3 peer interviews)	3 days

2023		
	Online meetings	4 meetings 8 hours total
	Document Review	2 days
	Peer Interviews (aiming for 20 each)	15 days
	Focus group (in-person)	1 day

Please note: ESWA would like to get as large a sample size as possible. Therefore, we would like each sub-grantee to aim to conduct 20 peer interviews. However, if you do not think this is possible, please indicate how many interviews you think you can collect in your application. We can support you with the tools to conduct as many interviews as you can.

Key Dates

The key dates that you must be able to attend/ allocate time to are:

Year	Date	Responsibility
2022		
	22/4	Sub-grantees selected
	2/5	Kick-off meeting (online)
	14/6 - 16/6	In-person training
	27/6	2nd meeting to discuss research materials (online)
	July - Aug	Desk-based research Begin to identify participants for pilot study
	Sep - Oct	Conduct pilot study (3 interviews at national level)
	31/10	Deadline to send all audio files of pilot study to ESWA
	Nov - Dec	Begin to identify participants for 2023 research Begin interviews for 2023 research
	5/12	3rd meeting to discuss pilot study, and kick off 2023 research (online)

2023		
	Dec ('22) - April 2023	Conduct interviews
	23/1	Meeting to refresh knowledge of training and materials (online)
	27/6	Meeting to discuss process of research (online)
	Week commencing 5/9	Focus group, to present initial findings and reflect on research process



Funding available and Completing the Budget Template

The budget template is [available to download here](#)..

How the funding works:

ESWA has limited funding available to give to our member organisations to conduct this research. We are not allocating each sub-granted organisation the same amount of funding, because of the cost of living which varies from country to country. We are therefore asking you to indicate how much funding your organisation will need to complete the project. Not every organisation applying will need as much funding as others.

Once we have received all of the applications, the ESWA selection committee will evaluate and decide on a final number of grantees. The organisations will be chosen based on funding availability and on geographical representation.

To complete the budget template:

This section covers how to complete the budget template. If you need any support at all to complete the template, please get in touch, at charlie@eswalliance.org, who will be very happy to help you complete it.

The budget template has 8 columns, which are:

1. **Group** - the costs are divided into 3 main categories: personnel, data collection, and core costs
2. **Group Description** - the 3 main categories are divided into more specific costs. These have been filled out for you, but you can add additional/ remove those you don't need. Please do not delete any of the rows which have been indicated as Required (in the *Justification of Units* column).
3. **Item Description** - more information about the roles/items of each group description



4. **Justification of Unit** - this is where you will put the reason for the cost. For example, if your organisation does not have an office to conduct the interviews from, you can apply for funding to help cover the costs of hiring a room. The justification in this example would be 'no office'.
5. **Unit** - this is how the cost is broken down. For the personnel costs, this is divided by a day rate/ half-day rate. If your organisation already has paid staff, please use your existing day rate. If your organisation is volunteer-run, you can use this [conversion table](#) to see what the day rate is for volunteers. The table can also be used as a guide to find out how much you should pay your participants. If your organisation already has a set rate for paying participants, you can use your existing rate.
6. **# of Units** - how many days/ items, etc. you will need
7. **Cost per Unit (EUR)** - how much each day/item costs in EUR.
8. **Total** - creates a running total of how much funding you will need

A further breakdown is below:

Group	Group Description	# of Units	Responsibilities	Notes
Personnel Costs	Project Co-ordinator(s)	24 days per year	To co-ordinate and oversee the research project. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overseeing and supporting interviewers ● Liaising with ESWA team ● Hiring rooms/ organising logistics of interviews ● Creating the call for participants/ helping to identify participants ● Attending meetings ● Attend in-person training in June 2022 	<p><i>If you already have paid staff in your organisation, please follow your set rates, and explain under the Justification column.</i></p> <p><i>If your organisation is run by volunteers, you can use this conversion table to work out how much the co-ordinator and interviewer should be paid.</i></p>



	Desk-based researcher	9 days (2022)	To research and create a report based on the available evidence of sex workers' experience of access to justice and policing, at national level	
	Translator	1 - 2 days (2022)	To translate the research report into English (if applicable)	<i>ESWA will be able to translate this report into English, unless someone in your network is able to do so.</i>
	Peer Interviewer(s)	½ day for each interview (2022)	To conduct interviews in a confidential and respectful way. To ensure that each participant understands their participation and has signed a consent form. <i>Must be able to attend the in-person training in June 2022.</i>	<i>We expect each interview to be around 1 hour/90 minutes, taking ½ day for each interview in total (to account for travel time, room hire, etc.).</i>
Core Support 20% of total costs	Rent			
	Utilities			
	Equipment			<i>If you need to buy recording equipment for the interviews. A smart phone will be enough, as long as there is minimal background noise</i>
Data	Paying Participants	½ day for each interview		<i>If you don't know how much to pay your</i>



Collection Costs		(2023)		<p>participants for their time, this conversion table will give you an estimate depending on the country you're in (from the EU Commission).</p> <p>If you already have experience with paying participants and have a set rate, please use this, and explain your reasoning under the justification column in the budget template.</p>
	Refreshment Costs	Per Meal (2022 and 2023)		Refreshments for participants during the interviews
	Room Hire	Per ½ day (2022 and 2023)		We recommend conducting these interviews in a quiet, private place, where participants' confidentiality can be respected

Please Note: You can adapt the personnel roles to fit your organisation's capacity/structure. For example, if it is easier for your organisation to combine the two roles/ job share among several people, you can do so. However we have limited funding available and so would not be able to provide an increased budget for this. You also may not need funding for all of the costs shown above. For example, you may be able to use a smartphone for the interviews instead of purchasing recording equipment.