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## **Host the 2026 Knowledge Sharing Event!**

### ***Application for funding***

As you know one of the main aims of the Network is to foster knowledge exchange to build a collective force to end FGM – and YOU, our members, have a wealth of knowledge and expertise and carry out amazing work every single day. Therefore, this year, we want to give YOU the opportunity to organise the Knowledge Sharing Event in your country, inviting the network to join so that you can share good practices and learn from one another.

The Knowledge Sharing Event (KSE) aims to duplicate good practices in other members' contexts and increase its promotion at the regional level.

### **But how would it work?**

Through our Operating Grant (from the EU) we have the unique opportunity to create a small regranting scheme where you can apply for funds to host such an event. And staff costs can be covered too!

### **What is the available budget?**

The maximum available budget to organise the event is **€45 500!!!**

By applying to organise the event you would have ownership of the content and would be able to shape the event entirely according to your needs and what you want to discuss and share with the Network members.

### **When does it need to happen?**

The Knowledge Sharing Event needs to take place in the second half of 2026, between October and November.

### **Are there conditions?**

Yes, outlined below you will find the main eligibility criteria, the frequently asked questions and when the call will be out.

#### **The main eligibility conditions:**

- Only member organisations of the Network within the EU can apply for this funding opportunity.
- Proposals including realistic plans and budget matching applicant capacity must be submitted to the End FGM EU Secretariat
- Sufficient human resources (including staff members and volunteers) to carry out the organisation of the event
- Financial management capacities and/or willingness to learn
- The Knowledge Sharing Event (KSE) must take place in the country of the applicant

FAQs:

### ***What are the main objectives of the KSE?***

The KSE aims to answer our members' wish for End FGM EU to create spaces allowing knowledge-sharing among membership, key stakeholders and affected communities. In specific, this year the KSE will focus on good practices happening at national level and promote the transferability of these practices across Europe. Our objectives are:

- Increasing the sense of belonging to the membership through the ownership of the organisation of the KSE.
- Strengthen End FGM EU's role as the European expert knowledge and resources repository and exchange platform around FGM.
- Strengthen the capacity, outreach, and sustainability of End FGM EU and its Members.
- Increased knowledge and expertise on a specific topic, as well as collective peer learning and capacity building relating to this.
- Best practices from other countries brought back to national context.

The KSE also aims to bring:

- 42 representatives of Members organisations of the Network to participate in the event (non-EU members can take part as participants in the event).
- 3 to 4 Senior/Youth Ambassadors participate in the event.
- Meaningful representation and/or participation of FGM-affected communities in the KSE.
- Participation of national stakeholders, CSOs and key stakeholders in the fight against FGM.

### ***What will the KSE focus on in 2026?***

The KSE will give Members and Ambassadors a space to meet and exchange on their work around FGM and GBV. It will strengthen the European movement against FGM and increase the transnational transfer of knowledge and best practices to end FGM. The focus of 2026's edition is on sharing good practices and learning from impactful initiatives to end FGM.

### ***What is financial support to third parties?***

This year again it is possible to dedicate one work package of the operating grant of the End FGM EU (within the CERV programme) as financial support to third parties. Through the CERV programmes, the EC aims to increase access to EC funding for CSOs and smaller organisations in the EU. More information on this can be found at page 15 [here](#).

### ***What is eligible for funding?***

As part of our Operating Grant, End FGM EU has already submitted a budget proposal to the European Commission (our co-funder) on the KSE. The eligible costs are:

- Staff costs – maximum of 80 working days
- Travel and subsistence costs for 42 Members, 3 to 4 Senior/Youth Ambassadors

- Venue rental
- Subsistence costs related to the KSE
- Interpretation

### ***What are the reporting rules?***

- The successful applicant will need to follow EU financial rules
- A narrative report will need to be submitted at the end of Year (December 2026) at the latest
- A detailed financial report with supporting documents will need to be submitted at the end of Year (December 2026) at the latest

### ***Selection process and Timeline?***

#### ***Process***

#### ***The selection process consists of 2 steps:***

1 - Review and screening of all received applications by End FGM EU's Director, Programme Officer and Operations and Governance Officer, using the identified criteria and selection matrix. Two applications will be selected based on their score (the highest as per the results on the selection matrix) to be presented to the board for their final review and decision.

2 – The two finalists applicants will be reviewed by the End FGM EU Board for the final selection. The selected organisation/applicant will be notified of the decision by email.

End FGM EU will guarantee a high level of transparency of the overall process as well as limit any potential conflict of interest or biases. Thus, the selection committee and board members will not be directly involved with the applicants, neither as staff members nor as volunteers or administrators.

#### ***Timeline***

| <b>Phase</b>                                    | <b>Deadline (Timeline)</b> | <b>Responsibility</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Call for Application                            | 12 February 2026           | Secretariat           |
| Deadline for sending in your application        | 9 April 2026               | Members               |
| Evaluation and Scoring of recieved applications | 24 April 2026              | Selection Committee   |
| Final Decision of the Selection Committee       | 30 April 2026              | Board                 |
| Notification of decision to Applicants          | 1 May 2026                 | Secretariat           |

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| Signature of Sub-grant Agreements | 4 May 2026  | Secretariat |
| Implementation Start Date         | 1 June 2026 | Sub-grantee |

### ***KSE (Knowledge Sharing Event) format?***

We strongly encourage dynamic formats and genuine knowledge-sharing.

- Preferred methodologies: we encourage methodologies that capitalise on knowledge gained through action and are easily capitalise and transferable by the members/ambassadors/participants to daily work.
- Innovation: unlike previous years where formats were often conference-style, we wish to invite you to incorporate greater innovation in the design of your sessions.

### **Are you interested in organising and hosting our next Knowledge Sharing event?**

As already announced to you during the Members Forum held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, please fill in [this form](#) and send it via email to Aminata ([abah@endfgm.eu](mailto:abah@endfgm.eu)) by **the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2026**.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to Aminata Bah, Operations and Governance Officer ([abah@endfgm.eu](mailto:abah@endfgm.eu)) for any question or clarification needed.