



Call for Applications

Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) – MIL4Peace Boot Camp

Introduction

DW Akademie, with support from the European Union, is launching a call for applications as part of the **MIL4Peace Project**. The initiative aims to contribute to stability and peace in **Tunisia and Lebanon** by strengthening youth-led civil society organizations (CSOs) and promoting inclusive youth participation in peacebuilding.

Through this call, DW Akademie will provide **Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)** to youth-led CSOs for the organization and implementation of **MIL4Peace Boot Camp**. These boot camps will use **Media and Information Literacy (MIL)** tools and methods to empower young people to critically engage with media, counter disinformation, and promote digital spaces that uphold peacebuilding values.

Objectives

- Equip youth with MIL skills and knowledge to act as multipliers within their communities.
- Support youth-led CSOs in marginalized or underserved communities to strengthen their outreach.
- Facilitate peer-to-peer exchanges and youth participation in peacebuilding through digital platforms.

Scope of Support

- **Location:** Lebanon
- **Target Group:** Youth-led CSOs interested and/or experienced in MIL, youth empowerment, or peacebuilding.
- **Beneficiaries:** 30 youth representatives, at least 50% female, with priority for marginalized and rural communities.
- **Implementation Period:** The activity is expected to be implemented over one week in October-November 2026, while alternative timing proposed by the implementer will be considered.

Eligible Applicants

- Registered **youth-led CSOs** based in Tunisia (at least 50% of the organization's leadership or board members are under 35 years old).
- Non-profit making and compliant with EU restrictive measures (PRAG Section 2.4).
- Proven interest and/or experience in MIL, youth empowerment, or peacebuilding.
- Ability to reach disadvantaged or marginalized communities with a strong geographical footprint.
- Capacity to design and implement innovative, participatory training programs.
- Ability to receive public funds from an international organization from abroad

Eligible Activities

Funded activities should focus on:

- Design and conduct MIL4Peace Boot Camps for youth representatives.
- Collaborate closely with DW Akademie's MIL4Peace trainers to co-design, coordinate, and execute the intensive boot camp sessions, ensuring the integration of international media literacy standards.
- Develop multiplier strategies to transfer skills beyond direct participants.
- Integrate the project's newly developed Arabic learning platform into the training to facilitate its dissemination and ensure all participants can easily access its educational materials.
- Incorporate a dedicated session within the boot camp to actively promote and demonstrate the use of the Hate Speech Hotlines.
- Ensure inclusive participation (minimum 50% female).

Eligible cost:

Financial support may cover:

- Human resources (staff, consultants..)
- Venue, logistics, and materials for the boot camp.
- Travel and accommodation for participants.
- Visibility and communication materials (following EU and DW Akademie guidelines).
- Administrative and coordination costs directly linked to the boot camp (up to 10% of the total budget).

- The financial support shall not be used to procure significant amounts of equipment or invest in infrastructure other than what the selection committee deems essential for the project and its sustainability.

Non-eligible costs:

- Purchase of bigger items, vehicles or furniture, land or buildings
- Debts and debt service charges (interests)
- Provisions for losses or potential future liabilities
- Costs declared by the recipient and financed by another action or work program receiving a European Union grant (including through the European Development Fund)
- Currency exchange losses
- Taxes, including VAT, unless the Recipient can demonstrate they cannot reclaim them
- Credit to third parties
- In kind contributions (e.g. valorization of existing equipment, donations, volunteer works etc.)
- Salary costs of the personnel of national administrations, unless otherwise specified in the special conditions and only to the extent that they relate to the cost of activities which the relevant public authority would not carry out if the action were not undertaken
- Performance-based bonuses included in costs of staff

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

1. Relevance and Innovation

The proposed boot camp concept demonstrates clear relevance to the objectives of the call and introduces innovative approaches to Media and Information Literacy (MIL) and peacebuilding.

2. Inclusion and Gender Balance

Strong commitment to inclusivity, ensuring participation of marginalized and underrepresented groups, with at least 50% female participants.

3. Organizational Capacity and Experience

Proven experience in managing similar initiatives, including the ability to organize and implement youth-led or community-based activities effectively.

4. **Value for Money and Realistic Budgeting**

Demonstrated efficient use of resources with a best-value-for-money approach and a clear, realistic budget that does not exceed the maximum eligible amount.

5. **Impact, Outreach, and Sustainability**

Clear potential for multiplier effect, community outreach, and sustainability of outcomes beyond the project period.

6. **Youth Empowerment and Participation**

Emphasis on youth leadership, peer-to-peer learning, and interactive engagement that enhances participants' knowledge, confidence, and ability to effect positive change in their communities.

A selection committee including representatives from DW Akademie, a MIL Consultant, and national MIL experts will oversee the selection process.

Funding and Support

Financial offers exceeding the amount of 16000 Euro will not be taken into consideration. The funds will be disbursed in two or more instalments (details to be fixed in FSTP contract). The exact amount of financial support will be determined based on the submitted concept note and budget.

Application & Submission Requirements

Interested CSOs must submit:

1. **Fill the online Full application with Concept Note** outlining the boot camp idea, objectives, methodology, expected outcomes, and multiplier strategy (Sustainability concept)
2. **Financial Proposal** (Using the provided budget template).

Timeline

- **Deadline for Submission:** 21st of August 2026
- **Selection & Notification:** September 2026
- **Implementation Start:** October-November 2026

How to Apply

1. Complete the online registration form

- Applications should be submitted in **English, or Arabic**.
- Registration form: Call for Applications Financial Support to Third Parties – MIL4Peace Boot Camp in Lebanon – Fill out form

2. Prepare a detailed budget breakdown (in EUR)

- Use the provided budget template and make sure all costs are clearly listed.
- Send the **budget breakdown** by email to: **dw-akademie.mil4peace@dw.com**

Apply before the deadline of 21st of August 2026. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Sample budget

We provide you below with a sample budget template. You do not need to use this template. You can use any other format as long as the financial reports and budgets include the minimum requirements.

Partner		City, Country	
Project Titel		Currency	
Contract Period		Cost Unit	

Budget lines	Budget category	Unit	Number of Units	Costs per Units	Total Costs	Exchange Rate	Total Costs in EUR	Justifications/
1. Human Resources								
1.1								
1.2								
Subtotal								
2. Travel								
2.1								
2.2								

Subtotal							
3. Equipment and Supplies							
3.1							
3.2							
Subtotal							
4. Local Office							
4.1							
4.2							
Subtotal							
5. Other Services							
5.1							
5.2							
Subtotal							
6. Others							
6.1							
6.2							
Subtotal							
Grand Total							

