

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



Dates 29th of June - 1st of July 2026  
MOTERIS in-person training Budapest (Hungary)

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

MOTERIS is a EU-funded program whose goal is to **monitor and protect civic spaces for women's rights organizations and women human rights defenders** across the European Union. It specifically targets countries especially in Central, Eastern, and Baltic EU states.

MOTERIS develops a monitoring framework to track shrinking civic spaces, conducts research, fosters collaboration to co-design advocacy initiatives and provides tailored training. Within the framework of its training program, MOTERIS is offering a **2-day in-person training to 30 women human rights defenders in Budapest.**

## TRAINING PROGRAM & OBJECTIVES

The detailed schedule will be shared a few weeks before the training.

It includes:

- **Theoretical sessions** led by experts
- **Small-group activities** to put newly acquired knowledge into practice and develop tools and best practices
- **Reflection sessions** to develop the civic space monitoring tool for women's rights organizations and feminist activists
- **Activities** focused on resilience, individual and collective well-being, and time for social gatherings.

The overall objectives are:

- **Develop a shared understanding of backlash** against women's rights, including its actors, narratives and tactics, as well as its links to shrinking civic space.
- **Gain practical knowledge of the MOTERIS Comprehensive Monitoring Framework (CMF)** and learn how to apply it to analyse backlash in their own contexts.
- **Build concrete skills to respond to backlash**, including handling hostile media, navigating institutional pressure and making strategic communication choices.
- **Explore tools and approaches to protect their organisations and teams**, including legal, organisational and security-related strategies.
- **Enhance personal and collective resilience**, through exchange of practices, peer learning and feminist self-defence techniques.
- **Foster collaboration and peer support** among participants, creating opportunities for shared learning and future alliances.

## SELECTION CRITERIAS

The training targets **all women rights defenders and/or representatives of feminist organizations from the 15 countries<sup>1</sup> covered by the MOTERIS project**. It aims to gather feminists from different backgrounds, knowledge and experiences in order to foster meaningful exchange and collective learning. Thus if you are a feminist from one of the 15 states, willing to exchange and learn with other feminists, then your application is more than welcome.

Selection will be made by MOTERIS partners based upon predefined criteria, such as motivation, previous experiences in the field of civic spaces, backlash and/or monitoring tools. Particular attention will be paid to ensuring balanced representation across countries, age groups, backgrounds and experiences. Applicants who have previously engaged in MOTERIS activities (online training sessions, focus groups, research, advocacy work, etc.) will be given priority.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The MOTERIS project covers all programme-related costs, including travel, accommodation and meals. Participants organise their own travel to and from Budapest, with reimbursement based on EU guidelines.

### CALENDAR

The call is open until the 15th of May at midnight. The application needs to be made through [this form](#).

No application will be accepted by email. Selected applicants will be contacted in the last week of May.

### TO KNOW MORE

An information session will be held on the 4th of May at 2 pm (UTC+2).

To register for the info session, please click here:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/zkFoUJ00TDKwcDwaM5glZw](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/zkFoUJ00TDKwcDwaM5glZw)

If you have any questions, please contact us by email :

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