

**Call for proposals for
Ukrainian human rights organisations
to conduct work related to the
international accountability for Ukraine
Justice & Accountability for Ukraine:
Strengthening the role of survivor- and
CSO-led initiatives**

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Background

Ukraine is facing ongoing human rights violations and international crimes, requiring strong accountability efforts. Ukrainian civil society plays an essential role in the various aspects of advocating for international accountability. They may be involved in gathering evidence of international crimes on the ground, or in international advocacy efforts. Civil society and survivor movements play a crucial role in international accountability because they act as powerful agents of change, awareness-raising, and oversight. These movements often provide a voice for marginalized and oppressed groups, ensuring that their experiences and needs are not ignored by international actors. Victims and survivors also play a crucial role in making effective change. Rather than supporting victims to become active participants (for those who wish to) in a victims' rights movement or civil action, however, they are often shamed, stigmatized and silenced by society and other institutions. This challenge is increased by a global decline in human rights funding, which has significantly affected the sustainability of their efforts.

NHC is aiming to provide support to Ukrainian civil society in the ongoing international accountability efforts. In addition to the work already being carried out, we aim to further advance their access and networks to engage with international accountability mechanisms to present and/or submit their findings, stories, or any other pieces of work to contribute towards justice for Ukraine.

This call for proposals is soliciting projects focused on involving CSO and survivor-led organisations into international accountability mechanisms.

Objectives of the Call

The NHC is launching a call for proposals targeting Ukrainian organisations working on human rights protection, documentation of crimes, legal research, and international advocacy related to accountability for Ukraine. This initiative aims to support both existing partners and organisations outside the NHC's network, particularly in light of the recent decline in international funding for accountability-focused work. By doing so, the NHC seeks to sustain and strengthen civil society's efforts toward justice for Ukraine.

We will provide at least six sub-grants to Ukrainian CSOs to work on the activities such as (not an exhaustive list):

- comprehensive documentation and verification of human rights abuses and international crimes
- collection and preservation of legal evidence
- legal research
- awareness raising and networking activities in the field of international accountability
- analysis to support criminal accountability and preparation of reports
- events for submissions to international accountability mechanisms

Eligibility

This call for proposals is open to non-profit-making civil society organisations or consortia of non-profit-making civil society organisations with the status of a legal person, established in Ukraine. In case of consortia, the main applicant will be responsible for the overall implementation of the action.

Applications should provide evidence of the following:

- Registration status as a non-profit organisation registered under national legislation
- Demonstrated experience in budget management is preferred; however, applications from smaller or more recently established organizations will be considered where a credible plan for financial management and appropriate controls is provided
- Availability of at least one representative of the organization to join a training, organised by the NHC on 29th June 2026 – 3rd July 2026. An additional training might take place in December 2026 (tbc).

Public administration institutions, state agencies, local or regional authorities, political parties or organisations affiliated with political parties are not eligible for this call.

Grant amount and duration

NHC will support CSO's up to the maximum amount of 23.000 EUR per organization.

Proposed project duration should not exceed 30 April 2027. All activities must be implemented before this time.

NHC reserves the right to suggest to applicants that they adapt or merge proposals, particularly in regards to project design.

Ineligible costs

The budget must be in line with the activities described in the application form. The following activities and expenditures are not eligible under this call:

- Infrastructure projects (constructing roads, bridges, buildings, etc)
- Purchase of land or property
- Political or religious activities
- Environmentally harmful projects
- Retrospective activities (costs related to activities implemented prior to signing the grant agreement)

Eligible costs include all costs necessary to perform advocacy work including the reporting process: such as staff salary costs or fees, travel costs, event organisation, daily allowances, printing costs, publication costs and telephone costs.

Application Process

Applicants must submit the following:

- Annex 1 – Completed application Form (in English or Ukrainian)
- Annex 2 – Budget (in English or Ukrainian)
- Registration certificate of the organisation (if possible original with an English translation)
- Statute of the organisation (if possible in English)
- CVs of the project team
- If the proposal is submitted by a consortium: an outline of the cooperation process and the division of tasks between individual members in the application form (annex 1).

All submitted applications must be signed by the head of the applicant organisation, scanned and sent electronically.

The application package should be submitted to Anhelina Shablovska at ashablovska@nhc.nl.

Deadline for submission of full applications is **20 May 2026**. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Additional information

You may also submit your proposal related questions until 16 May 2026 via email: ashablovska@nhc.nl .

Questions will be responded to within 3 working days.

Proposal selection process

	Proposal Selection Criteria	Maximum score
1	Cost-effective and realistic budget	15
2	Advocacy experience (or interest in gaining experience) and feasible advocacy plan with relevant messaging and likely to make change (track record of applicant on advocacy trajectories, quality of relevant networks)	20
3	Relevance and feasibility of the planned project	35
4	Sustainability of the planned project	20
5	Analysis of risks and mitigation measures	10
Total:		100

You will receive answer to your proposals no later than **3 June 2026** via email.

Any concerns or feedback related to the proposal selection process can be submitted to the NHC via e-mail: ashablovska@nhc.nl



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