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**Third-party Financial Support for
Missing Children Europe's Member Organisations
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Call for proposals to prevent all forms of violence and abuse that can lead to or result from children going missing, and to promote children's right to freedom from violence.





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1. Introduction

This is a call for proposals targeted at members of Missing Children Europe based in an EU Member State. Such organisations may apply for Third Party Financial Support under Missing Children Europe's 2026 Operating Grant. This call for proposals for Third Party Financial Support is in the field of prevention of all forms of violence or abuse which may lead to or result from children going missing.

The call will be managed by Missing Children Europe in accordance with the regulations laid out in the EC funding call titled "CERV-2025_OG_SGA - Operating grants to framework partners active in the area of Union values" on Financial Support for Third Parties.

We invite you **to read the full call document carefully.**

2. Scope of this call for proposals for Thirty-Party Support

The overall objective of this call is to support Missing Children Europe's member organizations to prevent all forms of violence or abuse which may lead to or result from children going missing. Missing Children Europe will select projects which best align with the objectives of this call and the values of Missing Children Europe, and which can demonstrate sustainable and long-term impact of their activities at national and European level.

3. Themes and specific objectives

Members may apply to one or more of the following themes:

1. Awareness raising of 116000 missing children hotlines network

Proposals should include a *baseline assessment of the current level of national public awareness* of the 116000 hotlines in their country. This can be done through an online survey or in any other preferred way. After the assessment, relevant campaign activities to increase awareness and reach should be completed.

A survey must also be completed after the activities to measure the impact of the project.

2. Advocacy

Proposals should include one of the following activities:

1. A mapping of national legal and policy frameworks regarding prevention, reporting and responses to missing children. The mapping template is provided by Missing Children Europe.
2. The development of national advocacy strategies in coordination with EU level advocacy
3. Implementation of coordinated and effective advocacy activities.

These activities *must be completed in the order presented above*. If you completed one or more of the steps in 2024 or in 2025, you may complete the next step.



3. Accessibility

Proposals addressing this theme should include the identification of activities or tools that can be developed to improve accessibility of the hotlines' services for children with disabilities or children who may not easily have access to phone calls.

In 2025, MCE hired a consultant to complete desk research on the characteristics and standards of an *access* criterion and presented the findings to our member network. The results have set the ground work for national organisations to identify accessibility tools that they can develop for their hotlines.

4. Activities that can be funded under each theme

Awareness raising campaign activities that can be funded:

- Videos
- Visuals
- Social media campaigns
- Live/online events
- Promotional material
- TV/public space/radio dissemination

Campaign activities may be developed with the support of external communication professionals/agencies and/or influencers.

The maximum budget for awareness raising activities is 10.000 EUR per applicant.

Advocacy activities

- Mapping legislative and policy frameworks of prevention and response for missing children at a national level
- Design, development, and implementation of an advocacy strategy
- Implementation of advocacy activities

The mapping should be comprehensive and cover all categories of missing children (e.g. parental abductions, children who run away, children in migration, etc.). The mapping template and instructions will be provided by Missing Children Europe.

The maximum budget for advocacy activities is 10.000 EUR per applicant.

In countries where there is more than one member, members are encouraged to submit a joint proposal, in which each member can submit activities for 10.000 EUR per member.

Accessibility activities

- Easy-to-read websites/webpages/information
- Chat platforms
- Video platforms/tools



- Text-to-speech
- Other tools that facilitate accessibility to the hotlines

The maximum budget for advocacy activities is 10.000 EUR per applicant.

For all activities, member organisations who do not run a 116000 hotline can only apply to this call with the written support of the national entity running the 116000 hotline.

4. Expected impact/results

Member organisations who receive funding should be able to demonstrate that they have achieved one or more of the following objectives:

- Better develop their advocacy and watchdog role
- Increase their involvement in policy and decision-making processes with local, regional and national governments
- Strengthening the hotlines’ capacity to protect and promote children’s right to freedom from violence

5. Child participation and safeguarding

Projects should respect every child’s right to participate. Therefore, we encourage both child and youth participation in activities.

For projects that include child and/or youth participation, applicants should include their child protection policies and define the measures in place to safeguarding children and young people from harm throughout their activities. Child participation is integrated in the award criterion.

6. Ethics and EU values

Applicants must demonstrate in their proposal how their projects promote gender equality, non-discrimination, and safe and meaningful child participation (should you chose to work with children and youth). Applicants must adhere to the ethical principles and EU values in Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union and Article 21 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

7. Timetable and deadlines

Indicative timetable and deadlines	
<u>Call opening</u>	21 January 2026
<u>Information session</u>	20 February 2026
<u>Deadline for applications</u>	21 March 2026
<u>Evaluation and results</u>	w/c 25 March 2026
<u>DoH signature and project set-up</u>	w/c 25 March 2026
<u>Project duration</u>	April 2026 – December 2026





8. Financial support to third parties

- The maximum amount of budget for Financial Support to Third Parties in Missing Children Europe's membership is 150.000 EUR.
- The **maximum amount of financial support per applicant is 10.000 EUR per activity. A maximum of three activities can be funded per applicant, 1 from each theme, so there is a maximum of 30.000 EUR per applicant.**

In countries where Missing Children Europe has more than one member, members are encouraged to submit a joint proposal, in which each member can submit activities for 10.000 EUR.

No co-funding rate applies to members.

9. Admissibility and documents

Documents that applicants are required to submit as part of the application include:

- Standard Proposal Form completed with a detailed breakdown of the budget in the proposal based on actual costs and the workplan.
- Proof of payment of Missing Children Europe's membership fee for the past 5 years.
- Audited annual accounts for the previous year. If you have paid the membership fee in the past 5 years, you will have already submitted these accounts for the calculation of the membership fee, and you do not need to submit them again.

10. Eligibility for funding

Only member organisations based in an EU Member State of the European Union (including overseas countries and territories) are eligible to apply for re-granting.

- Be a legal entity, non-profit organization.
- **Natural persons are not eligible** (with the exception of self-employed persons, i.e. sole traders, where the company does not have legal personality separate from that of the natural person).
 - Third parties (member organisations) **cannot** be affiliated entity (-ies) (of the framework partner) or associated partners or sub-contractors.
- **All full and applicant members** are eligible to apply (full list available at <https://missingchildreneurope.eu/about-us/#members>).
 - The applicant must have **paid its membership fees to Missing Children Europe in full** and in a timely manner **in the past five years.**

The applicant must also be able to **demonstrate sufficient resources and capacity** to successfully implement the chosen activities in the timeframe set out. The applicant can show their capacity in the Standard Proposal Form.



11. Outside resources

Applicants may work with external agencies or other local or national organisations if it supports the achievement of specific objectives, however **activities must be implemented by the applicant**. For example, hiring a communication agency for the development of visuals or working with a local organisation for increased dissemination of an activity is acceptable.

12. Evaluation and award procedure

The Regranting management and **evaluation committee** will be composed of 1-2 Board members without conflict of interest (whose national organisations are not eligible or did not apply to the call) and one member of MCE staff, which will be responsible for evaluating and selecting proposals for re-granting.

The committee will evaluate each application **against the award criteria** laid out below. Awarding grants will start with the project with the highest score. This project will be funded up to a maximum of 10K per activity. Funds will then be awarded to the next highest ranked project and so forth until the budget of 150K is depleted or a project does not reach the passing grade.

Award criteria:

- **Relevance:** Is it in line with the call's objectives and MCE's strategic objectives, in particular related to hotlines and advocacy? Is there a European dimension to the project/activities?
- **Quality:** Are the outputs clear and feasible? Is the methodology solid and are needs, objectives, activities, and results well connected? Are chosen activities in line with the organisation's expertise and capacities? Is gender mainstreaming well-integrated? Are EU values clearly promoted?
- **Demonstrated need:** Is the need for funding of the chosen activities well demonstrated and supported?
- **Impact:** Is the impact clearly measurable and defined? Is the organisation's capacity to achieve such impact well proven? Are the actions chosen the most suited to achieve the desired impact?
- **Innovation:** How original is the proposal? Is the innovation transfer feasible?
- **Gender Analysis:** does the project take into account and collect gender sensitive data? Does it analyse the problem it wants to solve in view of gender? Does it improve equity among genders? Does it pay attention to gender balance at all levels of implementation?
- **Participation:** will children and other relevant stakeholders be involved in the activity to ensure the activity will meet their needs?

13. Risk management

Applicants who will be awarded funding will be asked to sign a Standard Agreement form and a Declarations of Honor (DoH) expressing their commitment to EU values, confirming there have been



no irregularities or fraud, and that there are no conflicting interests. This DoH will also state that any breaches or irregularities by a third party may make them liable to the cancellation of funding.

14. Practical and financial set-up for third-party re-granting

All applicants will be informed of the evaluation decision after which the results will be published on Missing Children Europe's website in April 2026. All applicants who have been awarded funding will be contacted individually to sign a Standard Agreement form and a Declaration of Honor (DoH). Upon completion of all legal and practical steps, the applicant may begin the project as soon as they wish.

15. Granting and monitoring funds

Missing Children Europe will pay the full amount upfront once the Standard Agreement and the DOH had been signed by both parties.

The budget categories in a proposal should include:

Personnel costs
Subcontracting
Travel
Accommodation
Subsistence
Equipment
Other goods works and services

16. Reporting

A mid-term project meeting will be held where members are expected to present their progress to date.

A Standard Reporting Form will be provided that members must complete at the end of their projects. All members must present proof of payments made, such as pay-slips, timesheets, original supporting invoices, contracts, and other proof of payments etc. Only costs incurred during the project lifespan can be considered eligible.

All final reports will be due in January 2027.

17. Submitting a proposal

The call will remain open until 21 March 2026.

Please use the Standard Proposal Form attached with this call to complete an application. Once your application is ready, you may submit it to Missing Children Europe's Senior Programmes Manager at eugenia.miyashita@missingchildreneurope.eu and to Missing Children Europe's Senior Partnership



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and Fundraising Officer at andrea.tedde@missingchildreneurope.eu. You will receive a confirmation email to acknowledge receipt of your application.

