

## TRANSFORM YOUR RESEARCH INTO ACTIONABLE INITIATIVES

PRODUCE EVIDENCE-BASED RESEARCH AND SHARE KEY FINDINGS AT BOTH NATIONAL AND EURO-MED LEVELS

Application deadline: 3 March 2024 (23:59 Central European Time)

### Purpose

The **ALF Knowledge for Action** Programme is designed to promote the production of evidence-based and policy-oriented research that addresses relevant dimensions of Intercultural Dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The programme seeks to enhance collaboration between research/academic institutions (think-tanks, specialised centers, and universities) and civil society organisations. This collaboration is emphasised through the production of briefs or papers addressing the following topics:

- Peacebuilding, conflict resolution/prevention, coexistence and inclusive dynamics
- Disinformation and misinformation in the Euro-Mediterranean region
- Living together in the Euro-Mediterranean context
- Youth engagement in participatory dialogues and decision making processes in the Euro-Med
- Ethics and governance of Artificial Intelligence technologies in the Euro-Mediterranean region
- Social innovation as a catalyst for social inclusion in culturally diverse Euro-Med societies
- Empowering women in the Euro-Med region as a way to challenge gender stereotypes
- Integrating social dimensions in climate change policies in the EuroMed region
- International cultural relations and cultural diplomacy to bridge both shores of the Mediterranean

### Benefits

#### 1. Financial Support

Upon successfully incorporating peer-reviewers' recommendations, authors will receive a lump sum allocation of 900 euro\*\* for selected brief and 1.500 euro\*\* for selected paper, respectively. These fixed sums apply regardless of the number of authors involved.

#### 2. Publication and Dissemination

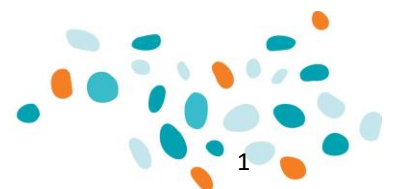
The best briefs and papers will be published by the ALF and strategically disseminated on a Euro-Mediterranean scale through dedicated outreach campaigns.

#### 3. National Outreach Events

Selected authors have the opportunity to organise outreach events at the national level to share the main findings of their work. An additional lump sum, up to 700 euro\*\*, will be allocated based on the nature of the proposed outreach event.

#### 4. Participating in ALForum 2025

Outstanding authors will be selected to organise a parallel session during the ALForum in early 2025. This session will consist of four relevant Euro-Mediterranean stakeholders. The ALF Secretariat will cover the costs of travel and accommodation for all the participants.



(\*\*) The programme does not foresee pre-financing payments.

### Process

Interested authors, affiliated with research, academic or specialised institutions, can submit their concepts via the available online form\* only {LINK} before March 3, 2024 23.59 CET. Briefs concepts or papers concepts must be in English and should include:

- Title
- A short explanation of the theme, identified challenges, research objectives and their added value
- Euro-Mediterranean aspects of the proposed brief or paper, specifying how the proposed research is relevant to the region
- Envisaged modalities of cooperation with civil society organisations, specifying their role

Selected authors will be given a three-month window period to further develop and refine their initial applications, which will then undergo a thorough peer review process. Following the review, authors will have one month to incorporate the feedback and recommendations received from the peer review process into a final version of their work. This procedure is designed to ensure that the published material contributes meaningfully to the academic discourse in the relevant field, while also allowing for a rigorous examination of the content before dissemination to broader audiences.

### Selection criteria

Selection criteria will be based on the quality of the applications received. Priority will be given to leading authors affiliated to research, academic or specialised institutions members of the Anna Lindh Foundation from the 43 Euro-Mediterranean Member States of the UfM. A gender, youth and geographical balance between regions and countries will be observed. For the evaluation process, the following elements will be considered:

- Added value of the proposed research approach concerning the chosen topic [30%]
- Euro-Mediterranean scope of the proposed brief or paper [20%]
- Innovative modalities of cooperation with CSOs and the role assigned to them [25%]
- Background of the author/s in the specific field of the proposed brief or paper [25%]

The research work must be original and must not have been previously published. The ALF maintains co-ownership of the final knowledge product's publishing rights and intellectual property.

### Indicative timeline

- 28/01/24** Launch of the call
- 13/02/24** Online information session (details will be published on the ALF website)
- 03/03/24 23:59 Central European Time (CET)** Deadline to submit briefs or papers concepts
- 24/03/24** Announcement of the preselected briefs or papers concepts
- 02/04/24** Zoom meeting with the authors to share common ground
- 16/06/24** Deadline to submit briefs or paper proposals
- June** Communication of peer-review recommendations
- 28/07/24** Deadline to submit the final briefs or papers incorporating recommendations



<b>August</b>	Contracts signature***
<b>September</b>	Organisation of outreach events at the national level
<b>October</b>	Online meeting with to evaluate the results of the call
<b>2025</b>	Organisation of ALForum parallel sessions

(\*\*): Only the applications that have been successfully concluded the final peer review process will be entitled to receive the allocated lump sums

## Definitions

- **Policy briefs** are a key tool to present research and recommendations designed to facilitate policymaking by evaluating policy options regarding a specific issue. They explain the urgency of a given issue, present findings, and provide recommendations. The policy briefs are audience-driven and their length should be between 2.000 and 2.500 words (excluding tables/graphs/illustrations).
- **Policy papers** are policy-oriented publications presenting a clear rationale, an in-depth analysis and adopting a “problem / solution-based” and outlining public policy recommendations. Policy Papers raise awareness of tackled issues among non-academic audience, experts and policy specialists, among others. They should be between 6.000 and 7.000 words (excluding tables/graphs/illustrations)

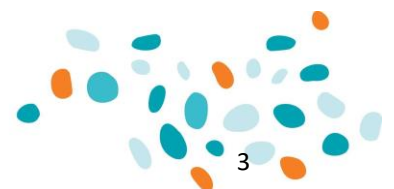
## Basic structure of the content

### Briefs

1. Title
2. Executive Summary: around 150 words aiming to grab the reader’s attention
3. Introduction: introducing the rationale, the context and the relevance of the topic.
4. Approach and results: providing two main elements – straight to the point: the research approach and the research results
5. Policy Implications and recommendations: Providing are feasible, operational, realistic recommendations.
6. References: list of the sources consulted (bibliography)

### Papers

1. Title
2. Executive Summary: around 400 words aiming to grab the reader’s attention.
3. Introduction: introducing the rationale, the context and the relevance of the topic.
4. Methodology. Narrating the research methodology and data collection.
5. Discussion and analysis of research findings: his section should interpret the data in a way that is accessible and clearly connected to the policy advice.
6. Policy Implications and policy recommendations: Providing recommendations that are feasible, operational, realistic and potential consequences of particular policies, if any
7. Conclusion: Returning to the big picture or the motive of the research analysis to remind the reader of the importance of the analysis.
9. References: list of the sources consulted (bibliography)



### Framework and financial allocation

This Programme is developed in the framework of the Action Grant NDICI-GEO-NEAR/2022/434-371 in accordance with the Anna Lindh Foundation Multiannual Work Programme 2022-2025. The indicative overall amount allocated to this call is 96.000 euro. The ALF Secretariat reserves the right not to disburse all available funds.

### Online application form [All files mandatory]

#### Description of the research/academic leading institution:

Name of the leading institution:

Website/link to FB page of the leading institution:

Street/City/Postal code:

Country/Network: [Scroll down only the eligible countries]

Is your institution a member of one of the ALF National Civil Society Networks? Yes/No

If yes, please paste the link of your institution profile on the ALF corporate website

If no, have you submitted an application to become an ALF member? Yes/No when?

(Please note that membership is offered free of charge)

#### Description of the leading author: (\*3)

Leading author's name:

Country of origin: [Scroll down only the eligible countries]

Leading author's position:

Leading author's email address:

Leading author's direct phone number with international country codes:

Gender

Age

Refer to recent publications, -including hyperlinks-, and relevant experience in the specific field of the proposed brief or paper. (300 words)

#### Description of author 2: (facultative)

Second author's name:

Country of origin: [Scroll down only the eligible countries]

Author's position in her/his institution:

Gender

Age

Refer to recent publications, -including hyperlinks-, and relevant experience in the specific field of the proposed brief or paper. (300 words)

#### Description of author 3: (facultative)

Third author's name:

Country of origin: [Scroll down only the eligible countries]

Author's position in her/his institution:

Gender

Age

Refer to recent publications, -including hyperlinks-, and relevant experience in the specific field of the proposed brief or paper. (300 words)



Description of the proposal:

For which research topic would you wish to submit a proposal? [drop-down check box]

Applying for brief or paper? [Scroll down the two options]

Title

Brief explanation of the theme and identified challenges

Brief explanation of the research objectives

Brief explanation of the research added value

Specific bibliographic references

Euro-Mediterranean scope of the proposed brief or paper, specifying how the proposed research is relevant to the region

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Did you made use of Artificial Intelligence in drafting the proposal? Yes, why/No

From where did you hear about this call?

Would you like to stay informed about the Foundation's activities and future opportunities, please consider subscribing to receive updates?

By participating in this call the lead institution (applicant) accepts the provisions of the ALF regarding patents, privacy and intellectual property and the protection of personal data {LINK TO LEGAL TEXT} [Mandatory check box to be able to submit the proposal]

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