

ElectroPower Fund

–FAQ–

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1. Introduction

This FAQ document provides answers to common questions regarding the ElectroPower Fund call for proposals. It aims to support applicants by clarifying eligibility criteria, application procedures, funding conditions, and reporting requirements.

The ElectroPower Fund is designed to strengthen worker-driven initiatives, enhance grassroots monitoring, and promote systemic change in the electronics sector in Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia. It supports civil society organisations, trade unions, and migrant workers' groups—formal or informal—that are actively working to prevent forced labour and improve labour rights in these sectors.

These FAQs have been compiled based on questions from project partners and their networks. The FAQ will be published on the ElectroPower website alongside the call and will be updated as needed throughout the application period.

Our goal is to ensure a transparent, accessible, and fair application process. We encourage all interested organisations to carefully read this FAQ before preparing their application.



2. Questions

Applicant Eligibility

Which organizations are eligible to apply?

We support:

- Migrant workers' associations – formal or informal
- Trade unions – local, independent or sector-specific
- Civil society organisations (CSOs) – working on labour rights, community outreach, legal advocacy, or worker-led monitoring

You should be:

- Working in Thailand, Malaysia or Indonesia
- Committed to non-discrimination, human rights, gender equality and non-violence
- Organised, inclusive, and connected to the communities you work with

You don't need to be a registered NGO or trade union – but you must apply as a group or organisation (even if as informal group not legally registered) Individuals as applicants are not eligible. What matters most is your reach, experience, and potential to make an impact.

Can individuals apply?

No, you must apply as a group or organisation (even if as informal group not legally registered). Individuals as applicants are not eligible.

Can associations that are still in the process of being legally established apply?

Yes, associations who are not yet legally established can apply.

Must the organisation be based in one of the three target countries, or is it sufficient for the activities to take place there?

Applicant organisations must demonstrate a strong operational presence and partnerships in Thailand, Malaysia, or Indonesia. Activities must take place in these countries and involve local stakeholders. Organisations registered outside the target countries are eligible if they can prove meaningful local collaboration.

Are campaigning and advocacy organisations in Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia eligible to apply?

Yes, campaigning and advocacy organisations working in Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia can apply as long as they are non-profit and the proposed activities fit the call objectives.

Can social enterprises apply?

Yes, social enterprises working in Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia can apply as long as they are non-profit and the proposed activities fit the call objectives.



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Application Modalities & Partnerships

Can multiple organisations submit a joint application, or must each project be submitted by a single lead organisation?

Multiple organisations can submit a joint application. However, one organisation must act as the lead applicant and will be responsible for the overall coordination, communication, and financial management of the project. Partner organisations should be clearly identified in the application, with defined roles and responsibilities.

Collaborative applications are encouraged, especially if they strengthen local partnerships and combine complementary skills (e.g., grassroots outreach, financial administration, legal expertise)

Can an organization submit multiple projects?

Yes, an organisation can submit multiple project applications. However, each application must be for a distinct project with clear objectives, activities, and expected outcomes. Submitting multiple applications does not guarantee that more than one will be selected for funding.

The Selection Committee will assess each application based on its individual merits and relevance to the ElectroPower Fund objectives. Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate strong impact potential, feasibility, and alignment with worker-driven approaches. Organisations should ensure they have the capacity to implement all proposed projects effectively if more than one is selected.

Can grassroots organisations working in their local languages partner with another organisation to assist with the application process, communication, and reporting in English?

Yes, grassroots organisations working in their local languages can partner with another organisation to support them with the application process, as well as with communication and reporting in English.

It is encouraged that organisations with limited English proficiency seek partnerships with organisations that can provide assistance in translating, documenting, and managing the communication flow in English for the duration of the project. However, the grassroots organisation must remain the lead in designing and implementing their project activities.

If a small grassroots organisation lacks financial management capacity, can a partner organisation support them in this regard?

Yes, if a small grassroots organisation lacks financial management capacity, it can collaborate with a partner organisation that supports them with financial administration, reporting, and compliance.

The partnership should be structured in a way that ensures the grassroots organisation is empowered to lead the project's implementation while the partner provides back-office support in financial matters. Clear roles and responsibilities must be outlined in the application.



Funding Scope & Conditions

What is the maximum funding an organization can receive?

The maximum funding an organization can receive is €30,000. Applications can request any amount between €10,000 and €30,000. The grant covers 100% of eligible costs, so no co-funding is required.

Is an organisation eligible for funding if it is already receiving support from the EU or other funding sources?

Yes, an organisation eligible for funding even if it is already receiving support from the EU or other funding sources. However, double funding is prohibited.

What types of activities are eligible for funding?

Eligible activities must support one or both of these objectives:

- Strengthen workers' capacity in the electronics supply chain to exercise their rights and prevent or remedy forced labour.
- Empower vulnerable workers—especially women and migrants—to join unions and organizing efforts against forced labour.

We fund activities that empower workers, improve grassroots monitoring, and promote systemic change in the electronics sector in Thailand, Malaysia, and nickel smelters in Indonesia.

Examples of eligible activities include:

- Worker Engagement & Mobilisation: Outreach to increase worker participation; building local or factory-based migrant worker networks.
- Monitoring & Documentation: Trainings on worker-driven monitoring, legal rights; community monitoring and evidence gathering on forced labour.
- Legal Action & Advocacy: Supporting complaints to national, EU, or global bodies; strengthening union organizing and collective bargaining.

What types of activities are not eligible for funding?

The ElectroPower Fund does not support activities that fall outside its core objectives of empowering workers, strengthening grassroots worker-driven monitoring, and driving systemic change in the electronics sector in Thailand, Malaysia, and nickel smelters in Indonesia. Specifically, the following activities are not eligible for funding:

- Activities not directly related to labour rights, forced labour prevention, or worker-driven social responsibility in the electronics sector.
- Projects that do not involve or benefit workers directly, or lack meaningful participation of affected worker communities.
- Activities that are primarily commercial, profit-oriented, or aimed at providing core operational funding to organisations.
- Academic research or purely policy-focused advocacy without direct worker involvement.



- One-off events or campaigns without a clear strategy for follow-up action or sustainable impact.
- Activities financed by another donor (double funding).
- Projects taking place outside of Thailand, Malaysia, or Indonesia.

All proposed activities must clearly align with the objectives of ElectroPower and demonstrate tangible benefits for workers and worker-led initiatives.

Is it preferable to propose ongoing activities or newly planned initiatives?

Both are eligible. You may apply with ongoing activities if the FSTP support will enhance, expand, or scale up the existing work in line with the objectives of ElectroPower. Newly planned initiatives are equally welcome, especially if they address emerging needs or innovative approaches related to labour rights, forced labour prevention, or worker-driven social responsibility in the electronics sector. In all cases, the proposal must demonstrate clear added value, feasibility, and measurable impact within the project timeframe.

How long can funded projects last?

Projects can last 1–24 months.

Financial Management & Payment

How is the funding paid out?

The funding will be disbursed in two instalments:

- 60% of the grant amount will be transferred after the grant contract is signed between Südwind and the applicant organisation.
- The remaining 40% will be paid after the submission and approval of the final narrative and financial report.

All payments will be made via bank transfer to the organisation's designated project account. Grantees must ensure compliance with the reporting requirements to receive the final payment.

How should travel and translation costs be detailed in the application, particularly for activities in geographically large countries such as Indonesia?

Travel and translation costs should be clearly listed in the budget part of the application. Please include how many trips are planned, how far you need to travel, what kind of transport you will use (for example, flights, buses), and if you need to pay for accommodation. For translation, explain if you need written translations, interpreters for meetings, or help with local languages in the community. For big countries like Indonesia, it is important to show why these costs are needed to make the project work well in different regions.

Obligations & Compliance

What are the obligations of organisations that are selected for funding?



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After signing a contract with Südwind, organisations selected for funding are required to:

- Participate in a mandatory online kick-off webinar (1.5 hours) at the beginning of the project
- Implement the project activities as described in the approved application
- Maintain regular communication with the ElectroPower coordination team and local partners, including participation in check-in calls or responding to progress inquiries.
- Submit a final narrative and financial report upon project completion, using the provided templates.
- Keep all financial documentation and receipts for at least 5 years after the end of the project until end of June 2033, in line with EU audit requirements.
- Ensure compliance with EU values, including respect for human rights, non-discrimination, democracy, and gender equality.
- Acknowledge the support of the ElectroPower Fund and the European Union in all project-related communications and materials.
- Allow the use of non-commercial content (e.g., images, videos, reports) for dissemination and visibility purposes by project partners.

What must be considered regarding use of content and intellectual property?

Any content produced within the framework of ElectroPower-funded projects (such as images, videos, reports, or other materials) may be used non-commercially by the ElectroPower project partners for visibility, dissemination, and advocacy purposes. By applying, applicants agree to grant the project partners the right to use such content in public communications, provided it respects the dignity and safety of individuals involved.

Grantees retain ownership of their original content and intellectual property but are expected to ensure that materials shared with the ElectroPower team are free from third-party copyright restrictions, or that appropriate usage rights have been secured.

All use of content must align with EU values, including respect for human rights, non-discrimination, and protection of personal data.

Are FSTP recipients required to participate in events, workshops, or conferences as part of their project obligations?

All selected organisations will be required to participate in a **mandatory online kick-off webinar** (approximately 1.5 hours) at the beginning of the project. This session will provide important guidance on project implementation, reporting requirements, and available support.

Beyond the kick-off, there are no formal obligations to attend in-person events, workshops, or conferences. However, grantees are encouraged to engage in **online exchanges, Q&A sessions, and optional capacity-building activities** offered by ElectroPower project partners throughout the project duration. These opportunities aim to support grantees, foster peer learning, and amplify the impact of their work.



Reporting & Documentation

What will be the reporting requirements for this project? Will there be calls, reports for evaluation of progress during project implementation?

Grantees will be required to submit a final narrative and financial report at the end of the project. In addition, short progress updates will be requested during implementation to monitor key milestones and address any challenges early on. These may include brief written updates or participation in online check-in calls with the ElectroPower coordination team.

The aim of these progress checks is to provide support and ensure smooth implementation, not to create an administrative burden. There will be no formal interim report. All grantees are expected to maintain regular communication with the ElectroPower team throughout the project.

What are the final reporting requirements? Must receipts be kept, and if so, for how long?

All grant recipients must submit a final narrative report and a financial report at the end of the project. The narrative report should describe the activities implemented, achievements, challenges, and lessons learned. The financial report must provide a clear breakdown of how the grant funds were used, following the approved budget.

Receipts and supporting financial documentation (such as invoices, contracts, payment proofs) must be kept by the grantee for at least 5 years after the end of the ElectroPower project, in line with EU audit requirements, until end of June 2033. While original receipts do not need to be submitted with the final report, they must be available upon request in case of audits or verification checks by the ElectroPower project coordinator or the EU.

Application Outcomes & Feedback

What happens if my submission does not meet the requirements?

All submitted applications will first be reviewed for eligibility and completeness. Only complete applications submitted before the deadline and meeting the basic eligibility requirements will move on to the full evaluation stage.

If your submission does not meet the requirements, it will not be considered for further evaluation.

What happens if my activity is not selected?

The evaluation is conducted by an independent Selection Committee, and applications are assessed using a predefined evaluation grid.

The outcome of the selection process is final and cannot be appealed.

This means: If your application is not selected, there is no possibility to challenge the decision.

Is there an opportunity to meet other FSTP recipients in the countries where project implementation will take place?





Currently, there is no possibility for in-person meetings between FSTP recipients in the countries where projects take place. However, opportunities for exchange and networking will be offered through joint online calls and virtual meetings, enabling recipients to connect, share experiences, and collaborate remotely.



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