Factsheet

Explanatory notes on the Global Perspectives Facility

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The Global Perspectives Facility will open in February 2027. Partos manages Global Perspectives using funds made available by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Partin is the implementing partner for some of the initiatives. This factsheet provides an overview of the key facts, figures and timelines.

About the support Global Perspectives Facility

Global Perspectives Facility supports civil society and policy dialogue, and promotes awareness of global issues through civic engagement and policy advocacy in the Netherlands. This aligns with the Van Ark et al. amendment adopted by the House of Representatives. The facility emphasises what matters to us: policy advocacy, public support, and learning together. Partos sees this as an opportunity to work with the sector to create more scope for civic engagement and policy dialogue on global issues. The facility is a temporary initiative.

Types of projects funded by the temporary facility

The facility operates through two tracks: (i) strategic policy advocacy projects run by organisations in the Netherlands and low- and middle-income countries, and (ii) civic engagement and awareness-raising projects focused on citizen initiatives.[1] All organisations, even if they are not members of Partos or Partin, may submit an application if they apply to the basic requirements.

Track 1. Civil society organisations – Strategic policy advocacy and dialogue

- Total funding available for project proposals: €2.9650.000,-
- Maximum grant per project: €300.000,- over three years (summer 2026 – summer 2030)
- Single call for proposals: mid-February 2027 (with intended start date: from June 2027)
- Closing date for the call for proposals: 4 weeks after opening

Track 2. Citizen initiatives – Civic engagement and awareness

- Total funding available for project proposals, including support: €300.000,-
- Grant amount per project approximately: €5.000,- for a 12 month period
- Four funding rounds: February 2027, December 2027, 2028 and 2029

[1] A group of people that provides support to one or more low- and middle-income countries on a structural basis (not on a one-off basis). Development cooperation is the primary objective. Autonomy, voluntary participation and small scale are three key characteristics. PI do not receive direct financial support from the government (autonomy). An organisation is considered voluntary if 20 per cent or fewer of its staff are paid. 'Small-scale' has two interpretations: either there are fewer than 20 paid staff involved in the PI, or the annual budget is less than €1 million.

Frameworks, criteria and preconditions

The exact criteria are currently being drawn up. We are also running a written feedback round from 24 November to 13 December to further develop the focus and criteria, with input from civil society through a series of targeted questions. The following frameworks and preconditions, amongst others, can already be mentioned:

Both tracks

- Projects may carry out activities in the Netherlands that contribute to: (i) raising the visibility of international efforts to combat violence against women and support women's rights defenders; (ii) strengthening the agenda on women, peace and security; (iii) strengthening the agenda on minority rights; (iv) promoting coherence between local practical experience in partner countries and Dutch policy-making; and/or (v) informing and engaging in dialogue with policymakers in the broadest sense, including members of parliament.
- Gender, climate and 'Do No Harm' are cross-cutting priorities within the facility and are reflected in the assessment criteria.
- A light Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) approach will be adopted, using a limited set of specific indicators.
- Activities must comply with the OECD-DAC ODA requirements.
- The reporting and accountability requirements associated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs grant apply to the facility. We incorporate these into the agreements concluded with organisations and initiatives for the implementation of approved proposals.
- An evaluation of the facility will take place in the second half of 2030. Activities must therefore be completed by July 2030.

Track 1

- We aim for a good balance between smaller and larger-scale initiatives.
- Project proposals do not necessarily need to align with existing projects within FemFocus or Focus on Freedom. However, the criteria favour coherent objectives that enhance impact and societal relevance.
- Partos 9001 certification/ORIA is mandatory for the application.

Track 2

- When developing and assessing initiatives, alignment with the funded initiatives in Track 1 will be taken into account. This strengthens coherence within the facility and enhances the effectiveness of the funding.

Assessment of project proposals

The assessment of project proposals is carried out independently: an independent selection committee makes the final selection. Partos is responsible for appointing this committee. The committee is independent of both Partos and Partin and has no links with the applicant organisations.

Track 1

- *Two-pager*. Organisations have four weeks from the opening of the application window to submit a brief summary or pitch of their proposal (from mid-February 2027).
- *Knock-out*. Prior to the substantive assessment, a knock-out screening will take place based on the following basic criteria: theme, target group, budget limits, existing network and track record on the theme, experience in policy influencing and advocacy, and the requirement that organisations from low- and middle-income countries may only apply in partnership with a Dutch organisation.
- *Pre-selection*. Proposals that meet the basic criteria will be assessed by an independent evaluator against the criteria published in the open call, the diversity and scope of the activities to be funded, and a good balance with the objectives. We will complete this phase in April.
- *Selection*. Based on this, we will invite 10–15 organisations to submit a full proposal. They will be given approximately four weeks to do so. At the same time, we will invite these organisations to arrange administrative and financial matters with Partos in advance, to facilitate a swift start once funding is awarded.
- *Assessment*. The independent selection committee will decide on the project proposals. This will take place by June 2027 at the latest.

Track 2

- *One-pager*. Organisations have four weeks from the opening of the application window to produce a one-pager containing a brief summary or pitch of the proposal to be submitted. For the first year, this period runs from mid-February to mid-March 2027.
- *Knock-out stage*. Prior to the substantive assessment, a knock-out assessment will take place based on the following basic criteria: theme, target group, budget limits, existing network and track record in the relevant theme, and experience in building support.
- *Pre-selection*. Proposals that meet the basic criteria will be assessed by an independent body against the criteria published in the open call, the diversity and scope of the activities to be funded, and a good balance with the objectives. We aim to complete this phase by the end of April.
- *Selection*. Based on this, 10 to 15 organisations will be invited to take part in peer-to-peer sessions.
- *Peer-to-peer learning*. The selected private initiatives will develop a full proposal while learning from one another. They will be given approximately six weeks to do so.
- *Assessment*. The independent selection committee will decide on the project proposals. This will take place following the selection in phase 1. The aim is also to complete this by June 2027.

Community

Our aim is for the facility to be more than just a series of separate project proposals. We want to make a significant contribution not only to policy dialogue, but also to strengthening Parliament's knowledge base and fostering greater civic engagement in the Netherlands. Partos therefore organises an annual networking event for civil society, which provides an opportunity to share feedback on results achieved and look ahead to the coming period. The event places particular emphasis on building on achievements that have already been funded, addressing future needs and supporting one another.

The first event will coincide with the launch of the open call for Track 1 and the first open call for Track 2. This will take place in mid-February 2027.

Contact information

The website https://www.partos.nl/en/global-perspectives/facility/ contains all the latest information, and we post updates whenever there are new developments. Would you like to stay informed? Then sign up here for a newsletter with updates. If you have questions about the facility or Track 1 that aren't answered online, please get in touch with globalperspectives@partos.nl. In 2027, a complaints mechanism will also be introduced for the start-up and project phases of the facility.