

## Request for Applications – EPIC Project – Slovenia – Round 1

Internews invites applications for the first round of its **Expansion of Production of Independent Content** Project in Slovenia.

### Your stories

We are looking to support **innovative and use constructive story approaches and (audio)visual storytelling tools** and can potentially reach a wide range of audiences with accessible content.

The series should tell a story or multiple related stories about **issues of public interest in Slovenia**, including, but not limited to:

- aftermath of the 2023 floods,
- climate change,
- green transition,
- human rights,
- health, living standards, social welfare,
- youth affairs,
- science and technology,
- economy.

Multimedia storytelling tools may include, but are not limited to photography, videography, animation, captioned video, infographics (charts, maps, data visualizations), graphics, drawings, audio segments, interactivity or even gamification.

### What is being offered?

**Grants are up to USD 20,000 for content production.** These funds can cover production costs, salaries, equipment, and other reasonable expenses. Additional funding of up to USD 2,000 can be available promotion, and professional support and expert consultancy is also available.

EPIC also supports regional cross-border networking and content sharing and hosts online and in-person events. Further rounds of grants will also be available for local and cross border stories.

### Who is eligible?

Independent local or regional media organizations or, alternatively, national media who have permanent local correspondents, who have been publishing Slovenian language content for at least a year for local and regional audiences in Slovenia.

Applicants must self-identify as independent, follow an independent editorial policy, have proved dedication to professional journalistic ethics and standards, have a record of producing clear, unbiased, pluralistic content about issues of public interest.

Public media are not eligible to apply for grants under this call.

### How to apply?

Please fill out **1) the application form** and **2) attach your proposed budget.**

Only fully completed applications, submitted on time and in line with the full ***Request for Applications*** will be considered. The deadline for submission of applications: 23:59 CET **March 18, 2024.**

Applications will be assessed by a selection panel of independent media experts and Internews staff.

Decisions on awarding the grants will be made within fifteen (15) working days after the deadline for applications. The eight-month implementation period will start upon signing of the grant agreement, foreseeably between May 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

**Please refer to the detailed Request for Applications for details and guidance on project proposals.**

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