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**Call for Human Rights and Matra (Societal Transformation) project proposals 2024**

*Apply now with your video message!*

*The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Ankara and the Consulate General in Istanbul warmly welcome proposals for projects starting in 2024 in the areas of human rights and rule of law. Eligible organisations include Turkish civil society, non-profit educational institutions, semi-governmental organizations and municipalities.*

In a break with previous years, this year the Netherlands Embassy will have an **OPEN** call for proposals that fit within the Human Rights and MATRA funding programmes. Applications can be submitted throughout the year and will be considered based on a first-come, first serve principle until all funds have been allocated.

**MATRA - Priority areas for Türkiye**

Priority areas for Türkiye are identified within the overall framework of rule of law, good governance (such as inclusive decision making processes), and climate & sustainability. For more details on the MATRA priorities, please look at the links given below.

**HR-Priority areas for Türkiye**

* Equal rights for women and girls, with special focus on combating violence against women/girls, preventing early marriage and equal opportunities in business and politics;
* Equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI), with special focus on (psychosocial and legal) counseling and support for members of the community and their families;
* Freedom of expression and internet freedom, with specific focus on economic resilience and capacity building of media landscape.

**Application procedure**

**Stage I**

Applicants are asked to send a video presentation of their project idea of no more than 3 minutes, in which they address:

* what the problem/issue is,
* how the project will address the challenge at hand,
* what makes the project unique, and
* what is the expected impact of the project in concrete terms.

Start the video by stating the organization’s name, project title and a rough budget estimate. The presentation should be in English or provided with English subtitles.

NB video presentations that do not meet the criteria can be excluded.

**Stage II**

After the selection of the video’s, shortlisted applicants will be asked to submit a full project proposal in English, using the application forms in the links below.

**Please find the details on both programmes, application and reporting forms below:**

**MATRA Fund**:

[MATRA Fund in Turkiye 2024 - call](https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/documents/publications/2020/1/17/1-matra-fund-in-turkey-2020---open-call) and application guidelines

[MATRA Forms 2024 (Application & Reporting Forms- only for ongoing projects)](https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/documents/publications/2020/1/17/matra-forms-2020)

**Human Rights Fund**:

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**Applications should be sent to the following e-mail address:**

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