

Tamijan Fund

Call for Projects

Supporting Advocacy for the Defence, Conservation, and Enhancement of Biodiversity in Europe

An initiative of the Tamijan Fund, managed by the King Baudouin Foundation

Context

The loss of biodiversity is a major global issue. Destruction of natural habitats, overexploitation of natural resources, pollution, etc., are all factors causing the rapid decline of species and the degradation of ecosystems, jeopardizing the fight against climate change, directly impacting local communities and economic activities closely linked to biodiversity.

Laws, public budgets and political projects are essential levers to further integrate the conservation and protection of biodiversity into national and international priorities. Advocacy for biodiversity thus seems to be a crucial strategy to raise awareness, influence political decisions, and mobilize concrete actions in favour of the preservation of ecosystems and living species.

Objective

Through this call for projects, the Tamijan Fund aims to support organizations conducting advocacy activities **in Belgium** (at the local, regional, or national level) and **in Europe** (for example, targeting European Union bodies). **In the context of this call, advocacy covers all political influence strategies undertaken by civil society organizations in favour of the defence, conservation, and/or enhancement of biological diversity in Europe.**

Financial support

Each selected organization will receive a maximum budget of **€150,000** spread over **3 years**. Each year, the decision to renew the support will be submitted to Tamijan Fund's Management Committee and will be based on the submission of an activity report and a financial report presenting the progress, results, impacts of the project, and the allocation of expenses. Additionally, more informal exchanges are expected between the supported organization and the Tamijan Fund's Management Committee.

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The total budget available for this call will support 3 organisations. The jury may use the entire available budget if it deems it possible to select a sufficient number of quality projects. The jury may also decide to allocate only part of the available budget.

The support can be used for any expense related to the advocacy mission (recruitment of an advocacy officer, creation of local branches, communication, instrument and material costs, etc.). Subject to jury approval, the support may partially be used for broader awareness-raising activities **as long as the organization can demonstrate their direct link with political advocacy.**

Eligibility Criteria

- **Formal and administrative aspects:**
 - Any non-commercial organization (non-profit association, de facto association, cooperative, citizen collective, non-governmental organization, etc.) can submit an application. Commercial companies and individuals are not eligible.
 - The application must be submitted in English or French only.
 - The application must be submitted within the specified deadlines.
 - The application must be complete and contain all required annexes, including a budget table listing the planned expenses by item and the potential/established co-financing leads.
- **Location of the candidate organization:**
 - The organization must have at least one head office located in Europe.
 - The project must be carried out by a team located in Europe.
- **Scale :**
 - Advocacy must target European, national, regional, or local bodies in one or several European countries.
 - Biodiversity zones must be located in Europe
- **Purpose :** the project's main action must be **advocacy** with political decision-makers.
- **Duration :**
 - The project must be sufficiently concrete and prepared to effectively start within 6 months following the granting of the financial support.
 - The project must last at least 3 years.

Organizations that have previously received support from the Tamijan Fund are eligible for this call. In such cases, applicants are required to clearly articulate the link, complementarity, and/or differences between the proposed project and those previously supported.

Selection criteria

- **Project objective:** the project focuses on advocacy actions conducted with Belgian or European political bodies to defend, conserve, and enhance biodiversity in Europe.
- **Methods:** the application clearly shows that the project proposes a method adapted to the target audience and achieves the set objectives.
- **Realism and feasibility:** the project leads have defined achievable objectives, particularly in financial, logistical, and temporal terms.

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- **Impact :**
 - The application shows a reflection on realistic impact indicators consistent with the project's objectives.
 - Systemic approach: the project will be evaluated based on its ambition and ability to bring about sustainable systemic/global change.
 - The jury will particularly consider initiatives likely to have multiplier effects.
- **Budget :** projects with planned or acquired co-financing will be preferred by the jury.

Timeline

- Call closure: September 8, 2026
- Pre-selection of applications: September/October 2026
- Pitch of pre-selected organizations before the Jury: 19th November 2026
- Announcement of the selection: November/December 2026
- Project start: between January and June 2027.

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