



Call for applications for the year of 2023

Marianne Initiative for Human Rights Defenders aims to better assist them in their struggle, both abroad and in France: www.initiativemarianne.fr

The aid programme in France provides for reception (including accommodation if necessary), the payment of a monthly grant for living in Paris, personalised support and networking with human rights defenders during a period of 6 months.

You are committed to the promotion and defence of human rights in your country:

- You are a human rights defender in the sense recognised by the United Nations (<https://www.ohchr.org/fr/special-procedures/sr-human-rights-defenders/about-human-rights-defenders>), adult and of non-French nationality, regardless of your place of residence;
- You can provide document(s)/evidence, produced by others (recommendations, press articles, etc.), attesting to your commitment/action in favour of human rights;
- You can justify that participation in the Marianne Initiative's French aid programme will strengthen your capacity for human rights action in your country and internationally, and that it will enable you to create or develop existing or planned links or projects with French organisations;
- You have a valid passport (with a validity of at least six months) or you are willing to follow the procedures to obtain one;
- You are not subject to any legal ban on leaving the territory;
- You are willing to travel to France from January 2023 to June 2023.

You can apply to be part of the 2023 class of the Marianne initiative by contacting:

- a) If you are abroad, ensuring the necessary security conditions: the French embassy/consulate or an organisation linked to the French embassy;
- b) If you are in France: a partner entity of the initiative or the interministerial delegation responsible for the reception and integration of refugees at the following address:
contact-diair@interieur.gouv.fr

Your application will include the documents listed in the application form.

It will be in French, English or Spanish.

The deadline for the application is 14 September 2022.

The procedure

After submitting your application, an independent selection committee will select **around ten laureates** at the end of September / beginning of October 2022.

From January to June 2023, the selected men and women will benefit from the financing of their arrival on French territory (travel costs), accommodation if necessary for those coming from abroad, the payment of a **monthly grant** (conditional on active participation in the programme), **support in daily life** and **support in their militant project** including:

a) Group activities:

- Project development: training in public speaking, communication, fundraising and project management; language courses ; access to certain courses at Sciences Po Paris as an auditor; networking with actors in France involved in the promotion of human rights, as well as with former winners of the programme;
- Meetings/interviews: institutional visits, meetings and interventions of high-level personalities.

Cultural (visits, trips to France, etc.) and sports activities may also be offered.

b) Individual activities based on prior identification of needs:

- Connection with a mentor throughout the programme;
- Individualised meetings according to the cause and the needs expressed.

Psychological support will be offered if necessary.

Provisional timetable:

January	February	March	April	May	June
Project definition and needs identification	Project management training and project formulation	Work on the project			Closing event

Example of a week:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	French courses	Project support	French courses	Personal activities	Personal activities
Afternoon	Group training	Individual appointments	Group training	Personal activities	Personal activities

Personal activities include implementing the project or taking courses at Sciences Po.

Examples of activities for the year of 2022:

- Training in cyber security, advocacy, public speaking, project management and negotiation;
- Courses at Sciences Po: “Is a gender equal society possible?”, “How to Conquer, Govern and Leave Power: Methods and Practices of Political Communication”;
- Interviews with French senators from the friendship groups of the countries of origin;
- Interviews with the media (e.g. *Le Grand Continent* or *Revue Esprit*) for the publication of articles;
- Meetings with NGOs active in the field of human rights and experts related to the topics addressed by the laureates;
- Trip to Lyon with a French association for the defence of human rights and to Strasbourg for the Council of Europe.

Application form

FULL NAME:

First name(s):

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Gender:

Nationality(ies) - specify if dual nationality:

Country of origin:

Country of residence (if different):

Residence address:

Occupation:

Organisation (if relevant):

Areas of human rights work:

Phone number:

Email address:

Jitsi or Skype ID:

Please let us know if you have any security concerns or communication preferences:

Please confirm your availability to travel to France from January 2023 to June 2023:

Language skills (table below):

<u>Languages/ Level</u>	I communicate in a very simple way for everyday life (getting around, introducing myself...)	I can understand the main points of a speech related to my field of activity and can deliver a simple oral presentation	I can easily read, write and work in the language concerned	Mother tongue/bilingual
<u>English</u>				
<u>French</u>				
<u>Spanish</u>				

Have you applied for or are you a beneficiary of any other French or foreign support or funding programmes? If yes specify:

Documents to attach to the file:

Form completed in English, French or Spanish	
Documents attesting to your struggle for human rights (press article, website, report, certificate from a third party natural or legal person, award or nomination for exemplary activism, etc.)	
Detailed resume	
Copy of the first 2 pages of the passport or, failing that, another identity document	
Depending on your situation, any document proving your administrative status in France or in a third country	
Copy of your professional card if relevant to your situation (lawyer's card, journalist's card, etc.)	

1) Present your commitment to human rights, specifying your motivations, the time spent, the actions carried out and, if possible, attach references to documents attesting to these activities (max. 1000 words)

2) Explain the reasons for your application and the prospects you expect from participating in the Marianne Initiative programme (max. 1000 words)

- What would be the expected objectives, outcomes and impacts?
- What activities and contacts would you benefit from under the Marianne Initiative programme and how will they strengthen your fight?
- Is participation in the programme and the availability - from January to June 2023 - compatible with your personal and professional situation?

3) Optional questions if this applies to you

3.1 Specify, if possible, the existing or planned links with French or international human rights organisations (max. 500 words)

3.2 Security and risks: if relevant to your situation, please describe the security risks you face or are currently facing (max. 500 words)

- What security risks do you face in your work as human rights defender and why? How do they affect your business? How would the programme reduce or address these risks?
- Please include the type of threats, the perpetrators and any evidence.

4) References

Please provide contact information for at least two reference persons who could support your application. These reference persons should be familiar with your human rights work, whether at local, national or international level, and be able to attest to it to the Marianne Initiative if necessary. Please provide their telephone numbers and/or email addresses so that these people can be contacted.

4.1 Reference person 1

Name:

Organisation:

Position:

Link:

E-mail address:

Phone number, Jitsi or Skype ID:

4.2 Reference person 2

Name:

Organisation:

Position:

Link:

E-mail address:

Phone number, Jitsi or Skype ID:

5) Confidentiality and communication

- Is there any specific information in your application that should be kept confidential? If so, the Marianne Initiative will not release any names or individual contact information to any party outside the Initiative.
- Are you willing to speak publicly about your experience or the human rights situation in your country to the extent that your security situation permits?

6) Other

Please indicate any additional information not previously mentioned that is important for the consideration of your application.

7) Consent

I understand and agree that the Marianne Initiative for human rights defenders may use my name, surname, address, resume, biographical information, contact details, references and any other personal data based on Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (hereinafter GDPR) that I may enter on this form, including special categories of personal data under Article 9 of the GDPR, for the sole purpose of evaluating my application. The personal data collected will be kept for up to 10 years after the end of the processing activity. For more information on our privacy practices, if you have any questions or if you wish to file a complaint, please contact us by email via the contact form on the website www.initiativemarianne.fr

I promise on my honour that the information I have provided is true and, if selected, that I will participate diligently in the activities of the Marianne Initiative programme.

Date and signature:

NOTE: *Completing this application does not mean that it will be accepted. Additional questions may be asked if necessary. Once the application is considered complete, it will be forwarded to the selection committee.*

MARIANNE INITIATIVE AND COVID-19: *Please note that the current coronavirus (COVID-19) situation may pose certain challenges to staying in France.*

These challenges may include:

- Limitations and/or changes to the programme we can offer during the stay in Paris;*
- New measures and restrictions (including a lockdown) by the French government;*
- Cancellation of flights to France*