



RESIST

Fostering Queer Feminist Intersectional Resistances against Transnational Anti-Gender Politics

Call for Proposals: Documentary Film

The RESIST project (<https://theresistproject.eu>) invites proposals from film and documentary creatives to create a documentary film about the so-called 'anti-gender' politics & mobilisations, and queer-feminist resistances to it. The aim of the documentary film is to raise awareness and understanding of transphobia, homophobia, anti-feminism, anti-LGBTQIA+, anti-abortion, racism, xenophobia, and other issues related to 'anti-gender' mobilisations, drawing from the research findings generated by the RESIST project (some details about the project can be found [here](#)).

The filmmaking team will work closely with the RESIST research team to develop the concept and to ground the film in the research insight, but will have artistic freedom in its execution. We are open to a range of documentary genres (essay/expository; docufiction; poetic, etc.) and we welcome creative and imaginative approaches. The documentary film, while forming one of the RESIST Project outputs, will not be documenting the research activities of the project itself. It is expected to be a fully independent product, stand on its own, be a creative endeavour that independently expresses artistic ideas of its creators, whilst communicating the project's theoretical values, collaborative ethos, and research findings to inform public debate on these issues. Key to the project are intersectionality and a transnational (rather than comparative) analysis. Rather than essentialise particular locations (i.e. 'Eastern Europe') as the site of 'anti-gender' phenomena, we want to generate engagement with broad, diverse publics, and to empower and inform audiences about the complexities of 'anti-gender' politics across Europe.

The contracted team will be expected to manage and deliver the documentary film within a budget of up to €50,000 (inclusive of salaries, equipment, production and post-production costs, marketing and festival submission fees, other dissemination costs, as well as any travel costs and incidental expenses incurred). **Expected completion date: Summer 2026.**

Application procedure: Project proposals are only accepted via our online submission form <https://forms.gle/KELH2mKVW/ke4eEfHg>. Submissions via email cannot be considered. In the form, you will be asked to provide the following information:

- Working Title
- Logline (max. 350 characters incl. spaces)
- Synopsis/treatment (max. 3500 characters incl. spaces)
- Aesthetic format ideas / documentary genre/
- Visuals / mood board (if available)
- Audience and distribution ideas (max. 2000 characters incl. spaces)
- Format
- Countries of production
- Information about the involved production company (if applicable, company name, contact info, short presentation, www links, etc.)
- Creative team (names, contact info, short bio, www links)
- Portfolio (www links showcasing work)
- Tentative budget (including production, post-production, and distribution costs)

Closing Date for Proposals: 12 May 2024, midnight.

We respect the intellectual property of artists and creative teams, who remain the custodians of their submitted ideas and concepts. The RESIST team will not use ideas from submissions that are not successful in the selection process.

Next steps: We will aim to contact the submitting teams within 15 working days after the deadline to inform them of the outcome of this stage, and if applicable, to make arrangements for the interviews. **Interviews** will take place with shortlisted teams in early June 2024, via Zoom.

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About the project

The RESIST project addresses 'anti-gender' politics that imperil equality, gender and sexual diversity, and legitimacy of critical knowledge in contemporary Europe. We understand 'anti-gender' politics to be multiple and manifesting differently in diverse national contexts across Southern, Eastern, and Western Europe. They are present across the political spectrum of centrist, left- and right-wing orientations, spanning from illiberal and authoritarian regimes to those considered liberal and democratic. Inspired by intersectional perspectives, we understand 'anti-gender' politics to be multifaceted as they limit gendered freedoms, challenge trans* inclusion, question multiculturalism and gender and sexual equality.

While they undermine critical studies of race and academic freedoms, 'anti-gender' politics result in dangerous consequences for freedoms of speech and press, reproductive justice, sexual and gender diversity, and self-determination. Crucial to our project is to learn about the feminist and queer practices of resistance against 'anti-gender' politics, how they function and are theorised in autonomous, grassroots collectives and organisations in our 8 country cases: Ireland, Spain, Belarus, France, Switzerland, Poland, Germany, Greece, and in one transnational case of people living in exile due to 'anti-gender' politics.

RESIST is composed of queer feminist researchers who seek to collaborate in this ethos with other teams. You will find more information about our project and the people involved in it on our website: <https://theresistproject.eu>

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