

Terms and Conditions of Participation in the HerPower Project – Women’s Strength in a Changing World

§1 General information

1. The **HerPower** project is implemented by the **Stella Virium Foundation** within the **Connect for Global Change** programme.
 2. The project has a social and educational character and is addressed to women from diverse cultural backgrounds.
 3. The aim of the project is to strengthen women’s sense of agency, raise awareness of global challenges and promote intercultural solidarity through storytelling and educational activities.
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§2 Project participants

1. Project participants are women selected through an open recruitment process.
 2. A total of **10 participants – storytellers** will be selected for the project.
 3. Participation in the project is on a **voluntary basis** and does not involve financial remuneration.
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§3 Selection criteria

1. Participants are selected based on the application form and an individual interview with a representative of the Foundation.
2. The selection process takes into account in particular:
 - relevance of the candidate’s story to the project themes (including experiences related to migration, life transitions, building mental resilience, or overcoming social or professional barriers),
 - inspirational potential of the story and its possible use in educational activities,
 - the candidate’s motivation to participate and readiness to engage in project activities,
 - availability during the project period, including willingness to participate in online meetings and workshops in Kraków,
 - ability to reflect on personal experiences and willingness to share them in a public space,

- contribution to the diversity of the project group (e.g. cultural background, life experiences, areas of activity).
 - 3. The organiser aims to create a diverse group of participants representing different environments, experiences and perspectives.
 - 4. The decision on qualification for the project is final and not subject to appeal.
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§4 Scope of participation

Participants commit to:

1. taking part in online meetings related to the project implementation (approx. 3–4 meetings between April and August 2026),
 2. cooperating in the development and editing of their story for publication in the international e-book,
 3. participating in the recording of video materials or a photo session for project purposes,
 4. leading an educational workshop based on their story/competences during the project event in Kraków in **September 2026**,
 5. supporting the promotion of the project (e.g. through social media activities or participation in project events).
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§5 Support provided by the organiser

1. The organiser provides participants with:
 - coverage of travel costs to attend the workshops in Kraków (e.g. flight or other transport), based on costs agreed in advance with the organiser (not exceeding **EUR 200**),
 - accommodation and meals during participation in the project event, based on costs agreed in advance with the organiser (not exceeding **EUR 350**),
 - substantive and organisational support in preparing their stories and workshops.
 2. The organiser does not cover any other costs not directly related to the implementation of the project.
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§6 Use of image and story

1. Participants consent to the publication of their story, image and statements in project materials, including:
 - the international e-book,
 - video and photographic materials,
 - social media and the project website.
 2. These materials may be used for educational, promotional and dissemination purposes.
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§7 Withdrawal from participation

1. A participant may withdraw from the project due to valid personal or health-related reasons.
 2. The organiser should be informed about the withdrawal as soon as possible.
 3. If a participant is unable to conduct the declared in-person workshop in Kraków, she may withdraw from personal participation only due to valid personal or health-related reasons. In such a case, she is obliged to inform the organiser without delay and declares readiness to work out an alternative solution enabling her participation in project activities, in particular by conducting the workshop online or in another form agreed with the organiser.
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§8 Final provisions

1. The organiser reserves the right to introduce changes to the project schedule due to circumstances beyond its control.
2. Participation in the project constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
3. In matters not regulated herein, the decision shall be made by the organiser.