

Application period: 1.4.-31.05.2023

Thematic call for proposals for German-Israeli collaborative projects **Religion & Democracy**

Our theme for spring 2023

Germany and Israel are modern pluralistic states. Different religions, world views, origins, and lifestyles enrich our societies. Democratic rules are essential for successful social coexistence in a diverse society.

The right to live according to one's own religious convictions is guaranteed in principle in democratic constitutional states. However, at the same time, there are also areas of conflict. For example, this might occur when limits are placed on the public practice of religion through neutrality requirements. The question of when the setting of boundaries for the common good can be justified, is usually subject of emotional and controversial debate. While for some, the practice of religion in the public sphere is part of their fundamental democratic rights, others see a contradiction between publicly practiced religion and the democratic constitutional state.

With this call for proposals, we want to address Israeli-German initiatives that do not see *Religion & Democracy* as a contradiction, but constructively deal with the topic in their work. We are looking for groups that jointly develop sustainable ideas for a societal dialogue in this topic area and thus make a strong case for our democracies and religious pluralism.

Who can apply?

Projects that are jointly developed and implemented by at least one Israeli and one German organization are eligible to apply. The program should be implemented as equally as possible in both countries. The majority of participants must be between 18-45 years old during the project period. Diversity and gender equality will be considered when selecting the group of participants. We are looking for collaborative projects that can demonstrate concrete results and present them on a larger scale.

Project Period

Your project on the theme of *Religion & Democracy* must begin between 1.10.23-1.4.2024 and should finish by 30.9.2024 at the latest.

Funding

Within the framework of the thematic call for proposals, we fund bilateral collaborative projects up to a maximum funding amount of 10,000 euros which goes toward travel expenses, accommodation, and meals.

Application

You can apply to our thematic call for proposals from 1.4.-31.5.2023. Applications are only accepted via our [online form](#). If your project meets our funding guidelines, you will receive a request for a detailed application by 30.6.2023. The most qualified projects will then be selected from amongst the application pool for funding.

If you have any questions about the application, please contact Miriam Daur: daur@dizf.de