



FIBA WOMEN LEADERS' PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY MOLTEN

Empowering Women Leaders Driving Impact in Basketball

Europe Contest

About the initiative:

In collaboration with Molten, FIBA is proud to launch a new initiative designed to foster innovation, leadership, and impact among women in basketball.

Building on the success of the Women Lead in Basketball programs implemented across Europe, the Americas, and Oceania during the summer 2025, this new edition aims to identify and support two outstanding women-led projects from Europe, Africa, and Asia that use basketball as a vehicle for positive social change.

Program Overview

The FIBA Women Leaders' Program, supported by Molten, invites women leaders – from within or beyond the basketball community – to submit innovative project proposals that harness the power of basketball to create impact.

Projects should align with the values and vision of both the FIBA Women Leaders' Program and Molten, and may focus on areas such as:

- Increasing girls' participation and retention in basketball
- Promoting sustainability in sports
- Driving innovation in basketball
- Enhancing community engagement through basketball
- Strengthening grassroots development
- Using basketball as a tool for education, health,

Implementation & Recognition

Selected winners will develop or further implement their projects in the lead-up to the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2026 in Berlin.

At the Women's World Cup, winners will:



- Be invited by Molten to attend the FIBA Women Leaders' three-day program in Berlin (September 10–13, 2026)
- Compete for a **Molten Development Grant of up to USD 10,000**, awarded by an expert panel at the conclusion of the Women in Leadership Forum. Winning projects will also receive continued strategic support from FIBA to scale their impact and report post-World Cup results
- Present their project outcomes to an international audience
- **Participate in the Women Lead in Basketball Forum** (September 11, 2026), including a dedicated session with high-profile leaders in sport
- Access mentorship and networking opportunities with global leaders in sport and development
- Take part in monthly online webinars between January and September 2026 to exchange insights and build leadership capacity

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit the following by **25 November 2025**:

- **Project Proposal:** Complete the submission form, including a written description (maximum 2 pages) outlining your project idea or ongoing initiative, its objectives, target audience, expected impact, and implementation plan.
- **Video Pitch:** Submit a 2-minute video introducing yourself and your project. (The video must be uploaded within the submission form.)

SUBMISSION FORM: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/kj5nqhA227>

Eligibility Criteria

- Open to women aged 20 years and above
- All submissions must be in English (including written materials and video)
- Participants must demonstrate proficiency in English to engage in the program's activities

Selection Process

- By 10 December 2025, a joint FIBA and Molten panel will shortlist five finalists
- The shortlisted candidates will be invited to deliver a 10-minute online presentation of their project, followed by a 5-minute Q&A session, during the week starting 12 January 2026
- The two final winners will be announced by 22 January 2026