

The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme 2021-2027



Overview

- 1. Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme
- 2. Current and upcoming calls for proposals
- 3. How to apply?



What are « EU values »?



Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union

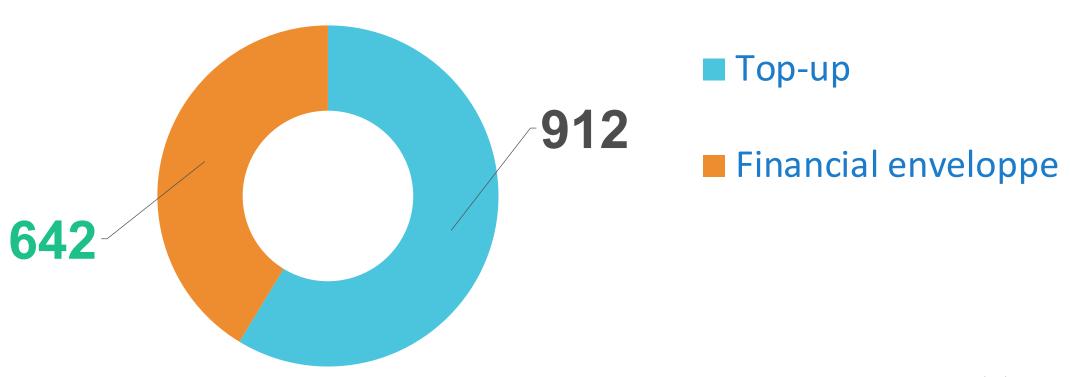
The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

These values are common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail.



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values

Budget: 1.55 billion euro



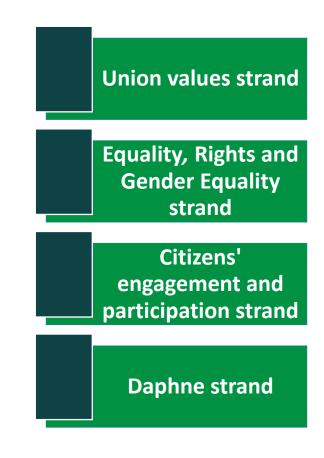


What are the objectives?

To protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties and the EU Charter

by **supporting civil society organisations** and other stakeholders active at local, regional, national and transnational level,

by encouraging civic and democratic participation, in order to sustain and further develop open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies based on the rule of law





CERV Programme – Four strands

Union Values

protect and promote Union values by providing financial support to civil society organisations active at local, regional, national and transnational level

Equality and rights

promote rights, non-discrimination, equality, including gender equality, and advance gender and nondiscrimination mainstreaming

combating racism, xenophobia and all forms of intolerance

protect and promote the rights of the child

protect and promote the rights of people with disabilities

protect and promote EU citizenship rights and the right to the protection of personal data

Citizens' engagement

raise awareness of the common European history

promote citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union

promote exchanges between citizens of different Member States (town-twinning and networks of towns)

Daphne

preventing and combating genderbased violence against women and girls and domestic violence

preventing and combating all forms of violence against children, young people and other groups at risk

supporting and protecting victims



What is new in CERV

Union Values (Regranting)

- New call with 50 million euro (2021)
- 2,5 4,5 million euro per organisation
- Re-granting scheme to support small and grassroots NGOs
- → Soon for framework partners (5,6 million euro in 2022)

National Contact Points

- 27 national relays (so far 19 appointed)
- Providing guidance and practical information
- assistance to applicants, stakeholders and beneficiaries

Multi-year work programme

- 2021-2 Work
 Programme with 292
 million euro
- Advanced planning for all calls
- Bigger transparency and earlier information for stakeholders
- → multi-year priorities

Merging of two programmes

- Rights, Equality and Citizenship 2014-2020 – combating racism, genderbased violence,...etc
- Europe for Citizens 2014-2020 citizen engagement and participation, town-twinning, European remembrance



Which actions?



Training activities, capacity building, mutual learning, workshops, experts' meetings, conferences



Awareness-raising and dissemination activities, media campaigns



Analytical activities, such as studies, researches, surveys and evaluations



Support for European networks, civil society



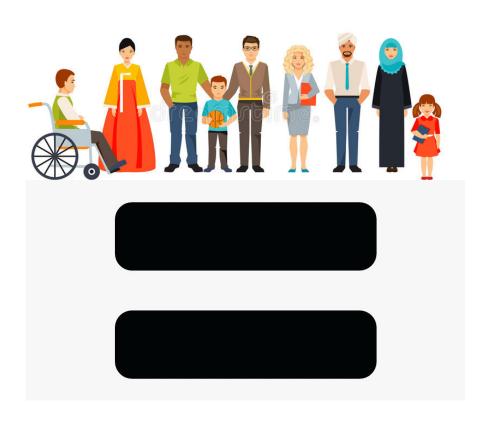
Participation to the Programme

WHO

- CSO are the main beneficiaries, both national and transnational as well as grassroots (union values strand)
- Public and private entities e.g. ministries, towns
- Profit-oriented and international organisations: limited access (depending also on the call for proposals)



Funding methods



1. Grants

- Action grants funding for national or transnational projects
- Operating grants operating costs for EU level NGOs and similar bodies
- 2. Procurement service contract tenders e.g. EU studies, EU conferences, EU campaigns
- 3. Prize financial contribution given as a reward following a contest



Equality and rights strand

CERV Calls for proposals	Call reference	Budg et	Opening	Deadline
Rromote equality and to fight against racism, xenophobia and discrimination	CERV-2022-EQUAL	12,2M	15 Dec21	24/02/2022
Restricted to National Roma Contact Points	CERV-2022-NRCP	1,9M	15 Dec21	3/03/2022
Promote gender equality	CERV-2022-GE	6,8M	15 Dec21	16/03/2022
Protect and promote the rights of the child	CERV-2022-CHILD	3M	15 Dec21	18/05/2022
National Data Protection Authorities	CERV-2021-DATA	1,8M	6 May21	08/12/2021



Citizens' engagement and participation strand

CERV Calls for proposals	Call reference	Budget	Opening	Deadline
European remembrance	CERV-CITIZENS- 2022-REM	8M	30/11/21	24/03/2022
Citizens' engagement and participation	CERV-CITIZENS- 2022-CIV	17,4M	28/10/21	10/02/2022
Town-Twinning and Networks of Towns	CERV-CITIZENS- 2022-TOWN	11M	16/11/21	24/03/2022



Daphne strand

CER	V Calls for proposals	Call reference	Budget	Opening	Deadline
	ent and combat gender-based violence violence against children	CERV-2022- DAPHNE	30,5M	15/12/21	12/04/2022



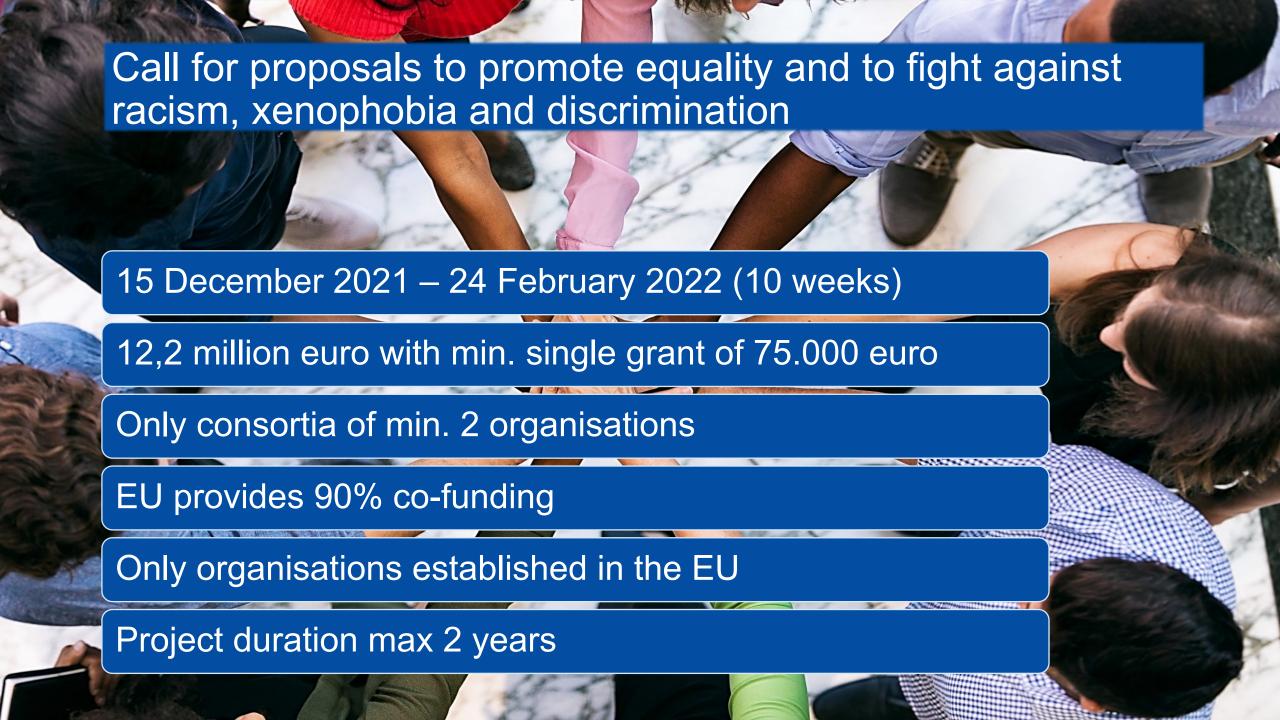
Values strand

CERV Calls for proposals	Call reference	Budge t	Opening	Deadline
Protecting and promoting Union values	CERV-2021- CITIZENS VALUES	51 M	Q4 2021	
Promote capacity building and awareness on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and activities on strategic litigation relating to democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights breaches	CERV-2022- CHAR-LITI	2 M	28/10/21	24/02/2022
Operating grants to Framework Partners active in the areas of Union values	CERV-2022- OG-SGA	32,5 M	Q3 2022	Luropean

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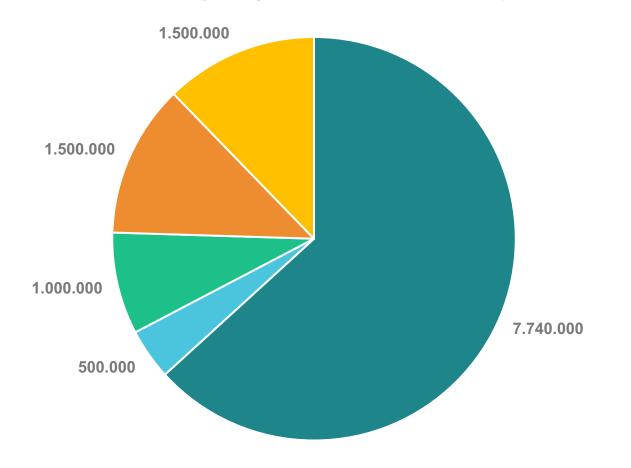




Call for proposals to promote equality and to fight against racism, xenophobia and discrimination

2022 Budget – 12,2 million euro

Racism and discrimination
 Diversity management
 LGBTIQ
 Online hate speech
 Public authorities



Timetable and deadlines (indicative)			
Call opening:	15 December 2021		
<u>Deadline for submission:</u>	24 February 2022 – 17:00:00 CET (Brussels)		
Evaluation:	February – June 2022		
Information on evaluation results:	June-July 2022		
GA signature:	September-October 2022		



Call for proposals to promote equality and to fight against racism, xenophobia and discrimination

Racism and discrimination

- Hate speech and Hate crime
- EU Roma strategic framework
- EU Strategy on combating antisemitism
- EU Anti-racism action plan
- empower the capacity of civil society organisations
- EUR 7 7400 000

Diversity management

- promote diversity and inclusion in the workplace, with regard in particular to the six grounds of discrimination
- ensure the existence of Diversity Charters

• EUR 500 000

LGBTIQ

- LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025
- focus is on the LGBTIQ people, in the most vulnerable situations
- actions that seek to tackle gender and sexuality stereotypes in and through education
- provide support to rainbow families

• EUR 1 000 000

Online hate speech

- Reporting hate speech content to the IT Companies
- Multi-stakeholder initiatives on tackling the societal challenges of hate speech online.
- Knowledge about ecosystems of hate speech online and responses to Violent Right Wing Extremist (VRWE) ideologies and groups
- EUR 1 500 000

Public authorities

- public authorities (national, regional and local level) to improve implementation on the
- the Racial Equality Directive,
- the Framework
 Decision on combating racism and xenophobia and
- Recommendation
 C(2018) 3850 on
 standards for equality
 bodies
- EUR 1 500 000



Call for proposals to promote equality and to fight against racism, xenophobia and discrimination

Project example

Combatting Ethnic Profiling in the EU through Strategic Litigation by the Netherlands Jurists Committee for Human Rights

Fnd date

Project information

Acronym Project ID
CEPEUSL 879098

Start date

01 December 2019 30 November 2021

Coordinated by

NEDERLANDS JURISTEN COMITE VOOR DEMENSENRECHTEN

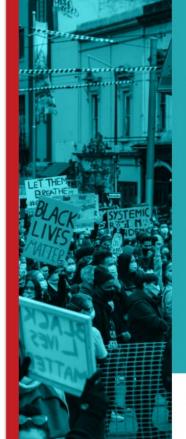


€ 120 770,90

Overall budget

€ 96 616,72

EU contribution



Guide on Strategic Litigation to Combat Ethnic Profiling in the European Union

J. Klaas, R. Beets & M. Hendrickx

AMSTERDAM, JUNE 2020







Call for proposals to promote equality and to fight against racism, xenophobia and discrimination

Project example

Advancing in LGBT Diversity Management in the Public and Private Sector by the Spanish Ministry of Equality

Project information

Acronym

ADIM

777254

Project ID

Start date

01 November 2017

Fnd date

31 August 2019

Coordinated by

MINISTERIO DE IGUALDAD 500

Funded under

Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme



€ 266 508,11 Overall budget €200 733,91 EU contribution

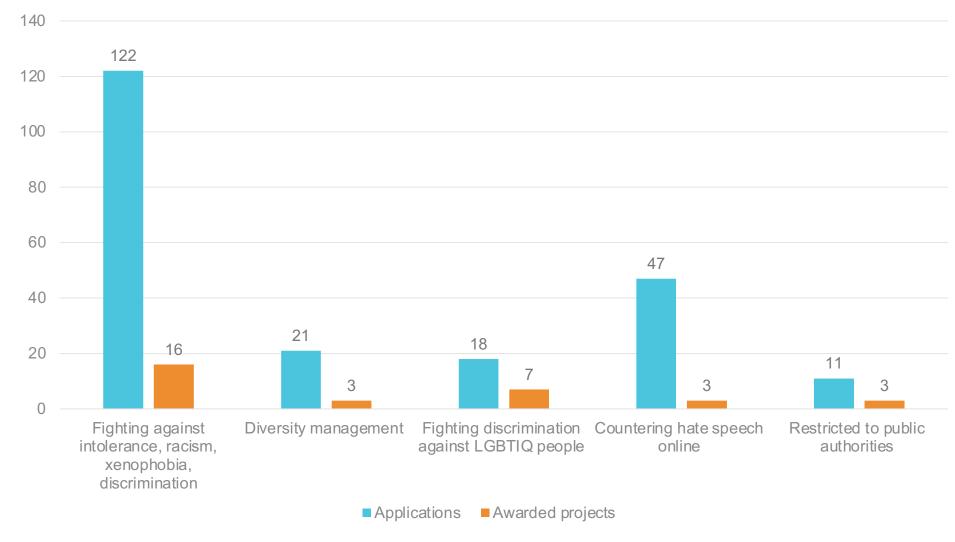
75.32%





Success rates?

EQUAL call 2021



- 219 proposals
- 32 awarded
- 15% success rate



Daphne



Prevent and combat:

- ➤ gender-based violence against women and girls, domestic violence
- violence against children, young people, other groups at risk (LGBTQI persons & persons with disabilities...)

Support and protect all direct and indirect victims of such violence



CERV-2022-DAPHNE: € 30,5 million – deadline: 12 April 2022

Priorities

- 1. Large-scale and long-term transnational actions (€12 million)
- 2. Combating and preventing violence linked to harmful practices (€ 6 million)
- 3. Primary prevention of gender-based violence (€ 7 million)
- 4. National data collection on violence against children (€ 3 million)
- 5. Prevent and support child victims of violence (€ 2,5 million)



CERV-2022-DAPHNE: formal requirements

- Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit organisations.
- The project can be either national or transnational (except for Priority 1 only transnational).
- The application must involve at least two organisations (applicant and partner).
- The EU grant applied for <u>cannot be lower than € 75 000 (€ 1 million for Priority 1)</u>
- The EU grant applied for cannot be higher than:
 - € 2 million for Priority 1
 - € 1 million for Priorities 2 and 3
 - No formal limit for Priorities 4 and 5
- Duration of projects should range between 12 and 24 months (36 months for Priority 1).



Success rates – DAPHNE 2021 call for proposals (17,7 € million)

In 2021 we had 2 priorities:

- Early detection, prevention and protection of and/or support to women, children, young people and LGBTIQ
 victims or potential victims of violence, with specific attention paid to situations emerging from the COVID-19
 pandemic
- 2. Preventing gender-based violence by addressing masculinities and the engagement of men and boys
- Number of proposals submitted: 154
- Number of eligible proposals: 149
- Priority 1 109 proposals => 30 proposals awarded (success rate 27%)
- Priority 2 40 proposals => 10 proposals awarded (success rate 25%)

Example of selected proposal – DAPHNE 2021 call for proposals

Proposal Acronym: ACT4EC

Title: Awareness-raising and Capacity-building Toolkit for the Protection of all European Children

• Total Cost: 496,640.50 € / Grant Requested: 446,273.00 €

- Partners:
 - STICHTING NEDERLANDS COMITE UNICEF.
 - Augeo Academy B.V.
 - Centro pa Desaroyo di Aruba
 - UNIVERSITY OF CURACAO DR MOISES DA COSTA GOMEZ

The project improves the existing national mechanisms for the early detection, prevention and protection of violence against children by raising the awareness and building the capacity of professionals working with and for children in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, particularly in Aruba and Curação.



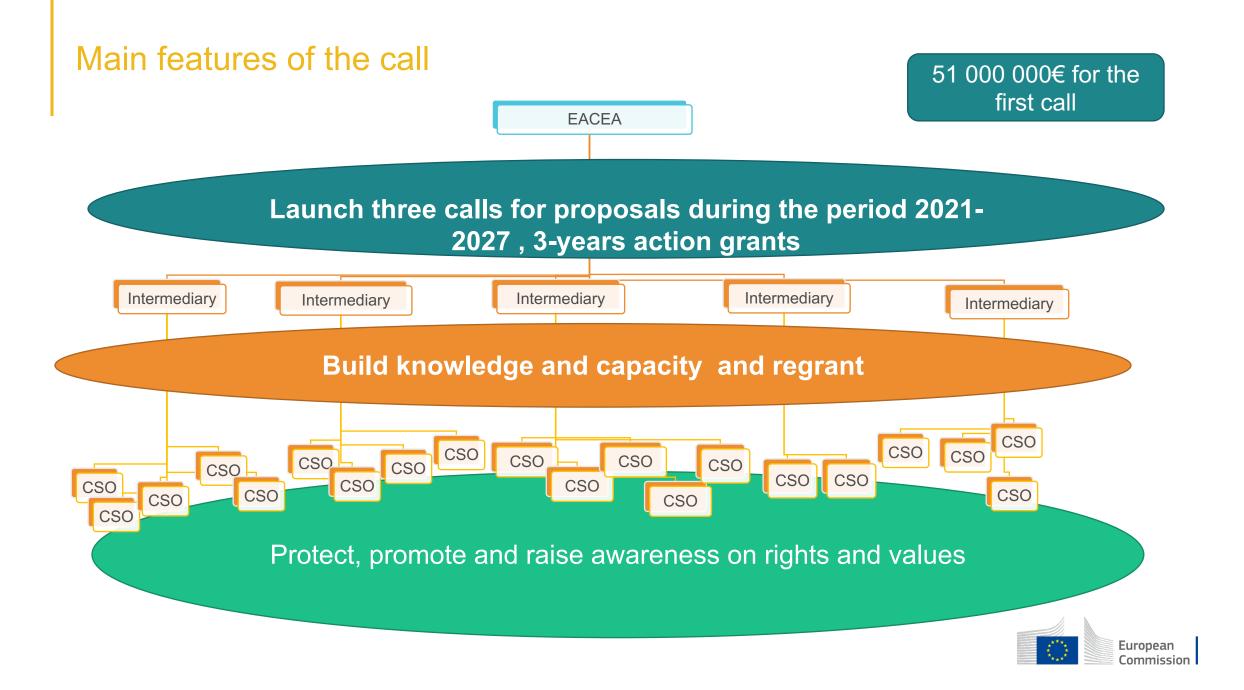
Call for proposals on protecting and promoting Union Values











The role of intermediaries

support to the preparation and implementation of activities of CSOs,

Build knowledge and capacity

train and build the capacity and sustainability of CSOs,

policy development and engagement of CSOs,

promote and facilitate networking.

and regrant



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Action grants

The list of calls for proposals can be found at

Funding & Tender Opportunities



How to apply



Go to the Funding & tenders opportunities portal

Funding & tenders (europa.eu)



Read carefully the text of the calls for proposals

e.g. call document call-fiche cerv-2021-equal en.pdf (europa.eu)



Questions: EC-CERV-CALLS@ec.europa.eu

For IT related questions: <u>here</u>

Subscribe to DG Justice newsletter on funding opportunies: <u>here</u>



Proposal structure

- Part A online form
 - General Information, participants and contacts, budget
- Part B document (max. 45 pages)
 - Description of the project and applicant organisation, work packages and activities
- Part C online form
 - Data and indicators (number of participants, disaggregated by sex)
- Annex 1 CVs key staff applicant and partners (max. 100 pages)
- Annex 2 Annual Activity Report coordinator
- Annex 3 List of key previous EU projects of the coordinator for the last 4 years
- Annex 4 Child protection policy (if contact with children)



Annex 5 – Letters of support (optional)

Part B

Project summary

- 1. Relevance: objectives, needs analysis and EU added value
- 2. Quality: methodology, consortium, staff, management, monitoring and evaluation, cost-effectiveness, risks, work packages and activities, timetable, subcontract
- 3. Impact: impact, communication, sustainability
- 4. Other: Ethics and EU values
- 5. Declarations



Particular points of attention

1. Gender equality perspective

- needs assessment
- project team
- sub-contractor
- monitoring and evaluation strategy
- risk management strategy
- impact
- communication and dissemination
- Ethics and EU values
- + there may be specific requirements depending on the topic



Particular points of attention (2)

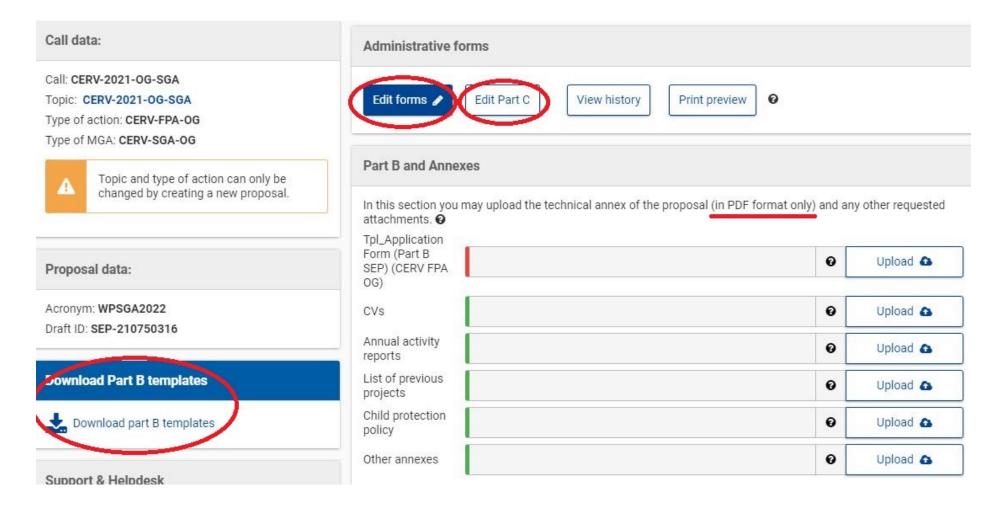
2. Adherence to EU values

- eligibility criteria
- Ethics and EU values (5.1 section of Part B)

Outline measures to be taken and the policies in place to guarantee full compliance with the EU values mentioned in Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union and Article 21 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.



Application forms and annexes





Evaluation

How we evaluate proposals

Evaluation crieteria

- Admissibility
- **≻**Eligibility
- **Exclusion**
- **≻**Selection
- > Award



Admissibility

- Electronically: SEP Grant Application Form
- Complete: Part A, part B, part C, annexes



Eligibility

- Organisations: legal entity (public or private body)
- Eligible countries: EU Member States
- Project national or transnational
- Applicant with partner(s)
- Minimum requested amount > e.g. EUR 75 000
- Project duration e.g. max 24 months



Exclusion

Self-declaration in Part A

Applicants/partners cannot participate:

- bankrupt, subject to insolvency or winding-up procedures...
- in breach of their obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions...
- guilty of grave professional misconduct...
- o fraud, corruption, links to criminal organisation, money-laundreing...

See Articles 136 and 141 of EU Financial Regulation 2018/104

Selection criteria

- Operational capacity
 - ➤ CVs of the key project staff members Annex 1
 - ► Annual activity report of the applicant Annex 2
- Financial capacity (no checks for public bodies) → documents NOT to be provided at application stage, but if proposal is selected for funding
 - ➤ Balance sheet & loss and profit accounts 2 years Participant register
 - >Audit report (grants > 750 000 €) 2 years Participant register
 - ➤ Due recovery orders, etc.



Award Criteria

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance	25	40
Quality	n/a	40
Impact	n/a	20
Overall (pass) scores	70	100



Award criteria (100 points)

- a) Relevance (40 / 100; threshold 25 / 40)
 - Priorities of the call for proposals
 - Needs assessment
 - Identification of target groups
 - ➤ EU added value: implementation of Union law, cross-border cooperation, transfer of good practices and transnational impact
 - Synergies and duplication with other Union programmes
 - ! Gender equality and gender & non-discrimination mainstreaming Luropean Commission

Award criteria

b) Quality (40 / 100)

- Methodology = Link between needs objectives activities results; meaningful participation of target groups
- Organisation of work between partners, time schedule
- Risk identification, monitoring & evaluation
- **Ethics**
- Financial feasibility & cost-effectiveness
- ! Gender equality and gender & non-discrimination mainstreaming!



Award criteria

c) Impact (20 / 100)

- Results/outcomes, immediate changes on the target groups
- Dissemination strategy
- Multiplier effect
- Sustainability after end of EU funding, long-term impact, long-term socio-economic consequences

! Gender equality and gender & non-discrimination mainstreaming!



What makes a good projects

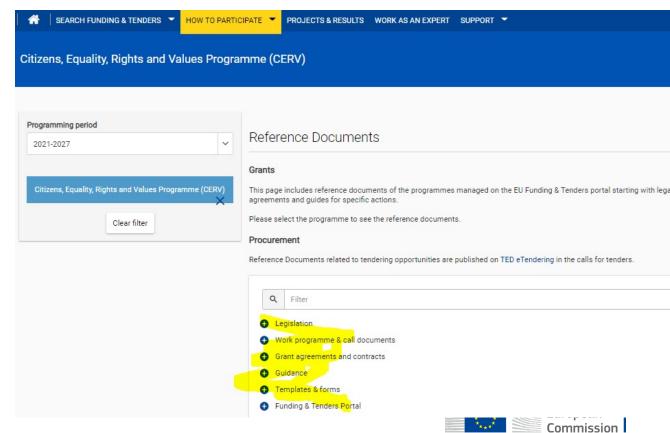
- ✓ Relevant, in line with policy priorities
- ✓ Addresses a real need in the field
- ✓ Well established methodology
- ✓ Strong partnership (established in advance)
- ✓ Strong EU dimension, EU added value
- ✓ Realistic and sustainable results



Reference documents

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents

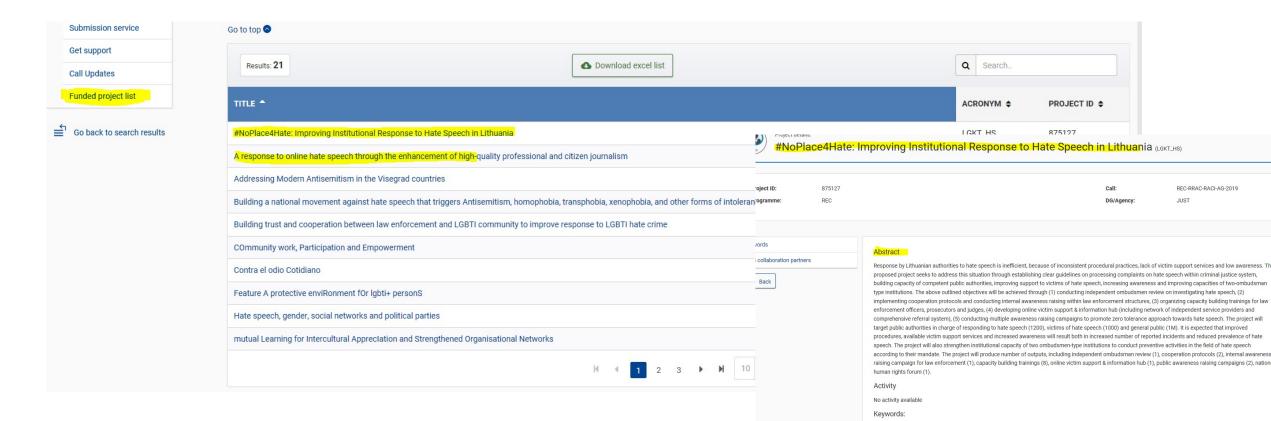
- CERV Regulation
- Work Programmes
- Standard application form (in pdf)
- Model grant agreement
- Reporting templates



List of projects awarded

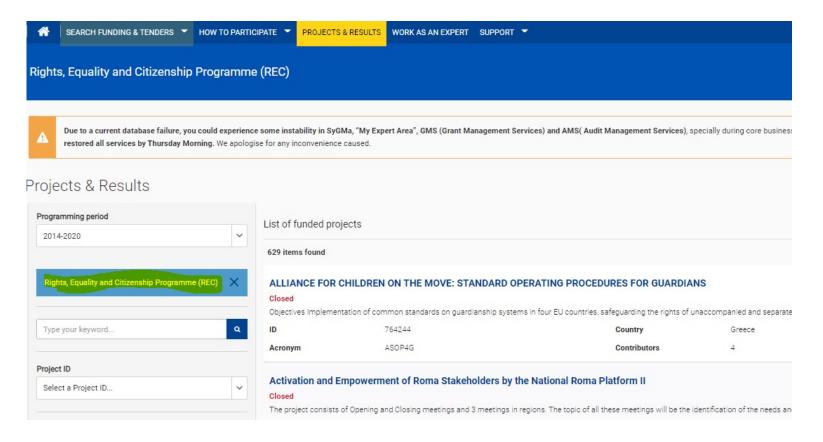
In each call for proposal webpage \rightarrow at the bottom

e.g. <u>Call for proposals to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia,</u> <u>homophobia and other forms of intolerance</u> (REC-RRAC-RACI-AG-2020)



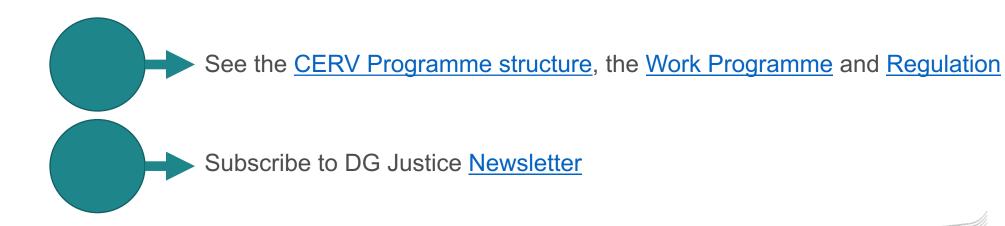
Projects & results

https://ec.europa.eu/info/fundingtenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-results;programCode=REC

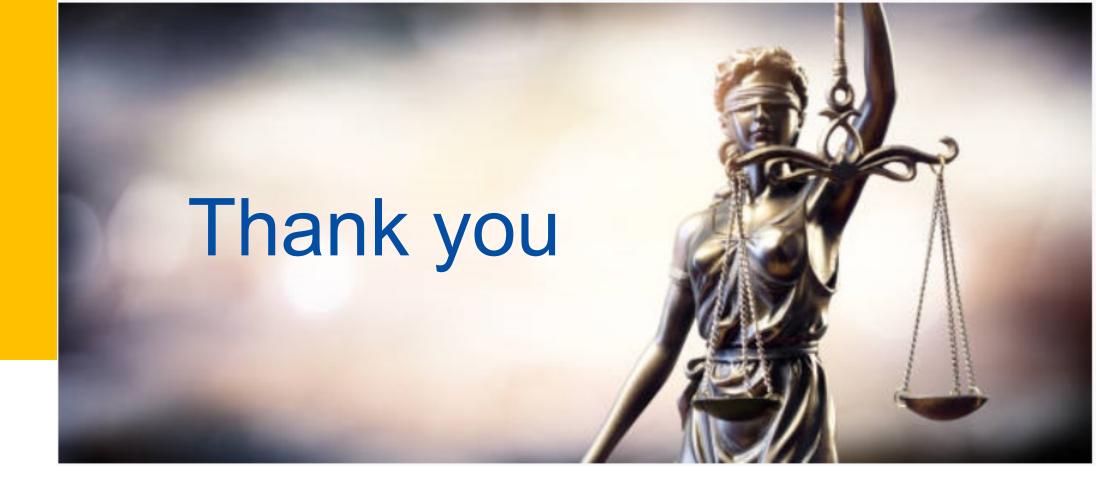




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