

EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme

June 2021

Overview

1. Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme
2. Work Programme 2021-2022
3. How to apply?

The multi-annual financial framework (MFF) 2021-2027



European Parliament and Council agreement of 10 November 2020

Parliament and EU leaders reached a **historic agreement on the next-long term budget and the recovery instrument NextGenerationEU:**

- Largest package ever financed through the EU budget, of **€ 1.8 trillion**.
- For the first time, the EU will have a **specific mechanism** to protect its budget against breaches to the **rule of law**.
- **Ten programmes received top-ups** compared to the European Council agreement from 21 July 2020.

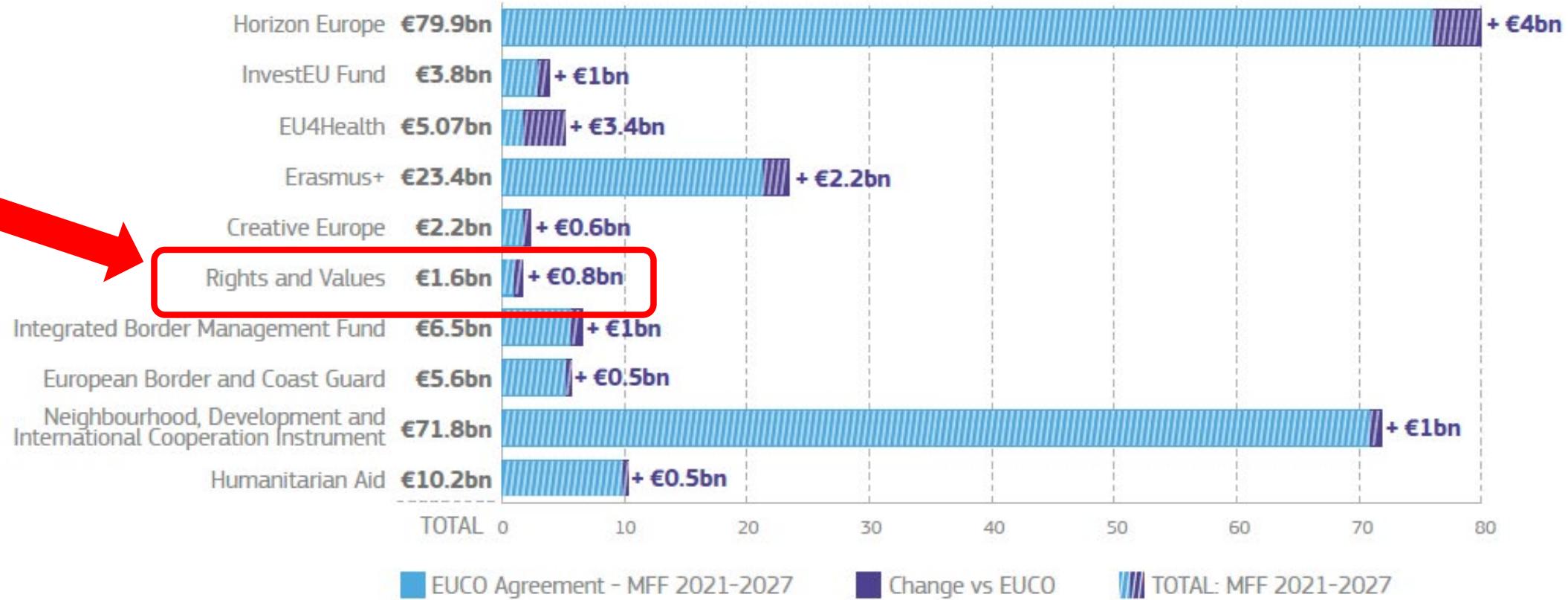
Long-term budget 2021-2027

Allocations per heading

	MFF	NEXT GEN. EU	TOTAL
1. Single Market, Innovation and Digital	132.8	10.6	143.4
2. Cohesion, Resilience and Values	377.8	721.9	1 099.7
3. Natural Resources and Environment	356.4	17.5	373.9
4. Migration and Border Management	22.7	-	22.7
5. Security and Defence	13.2	-	13.2
6. Neighbourhood and the World	98.4	-	98.4
7. European Public Administration	73.1	-	73.1
TOTAL MFF	1 074.3	750.0	1 824.3

All amounts in EUR billion, in 2018 prices

€ 15 billion top-up explained

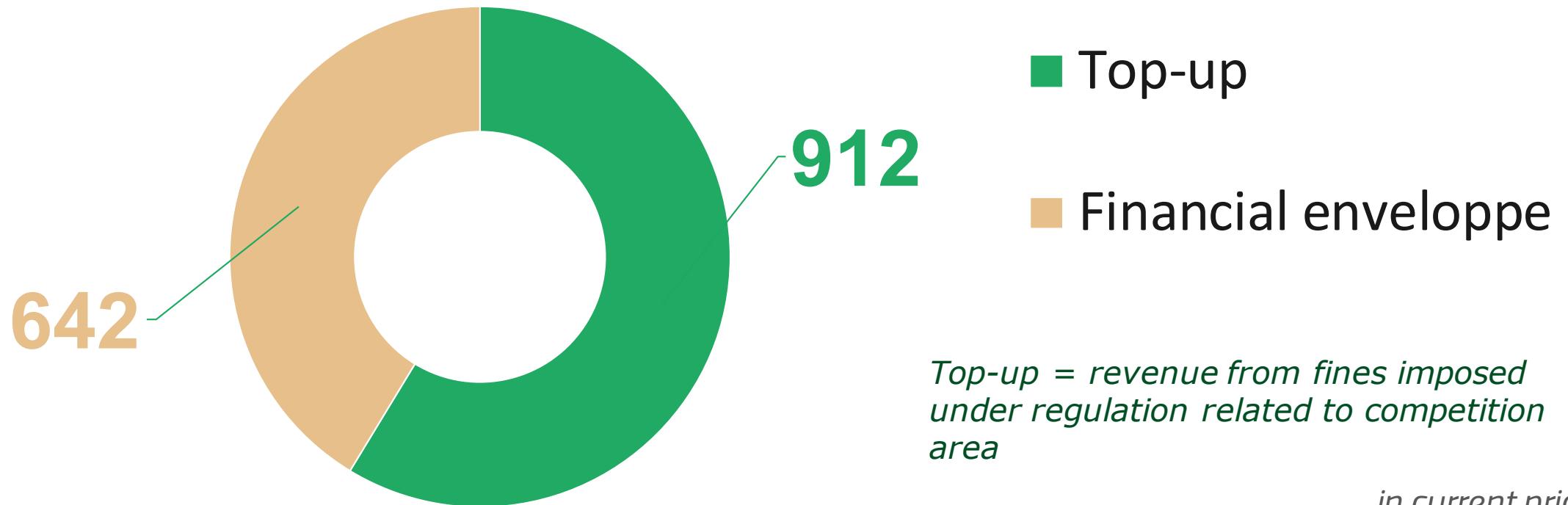


All amounts in EUR billion, 2018 prices

Source: European Commission

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values

Budget: € 1.5 billion



in current prices

EU funding opportunities

Citizens, Equality Rights and Values programme (CERV)

Merge of two existing programmes :

- the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme
- the Europe for Citizens programme

Justice programme

Financial programmes

key instruments for the implementation of EU policies



- Treaties (and Charter)
- Legal instruments
- Financial Programmes

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme



Objective: to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the Treaties, to sustain and further develop rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies based on the rule of law.

[Regulation \(EU\) 2021/692](#): EUR 1.5 billion for the 2021-2027

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.

Legal basis

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

Article 16(2)	Data protection
Article 19(2)	Non-discrimination
Article 21(2)	Citizens' rights to move and reside freely
Article 24	European citizens' initiative
Article 167	Culture
Article 168	Health

Areas of intervention

- non-discrimination
- combat racism
- rights of the child
- gender equality
- rights of persons with disabilities
- data protection
- EU citizenship rights
- fight gender-based violence and violence against children
(former Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme)



- European remembrance
- Citizens' participation
- Town-twinning and networks of town
(former Europe for Citizens programme)
- Union values



Objectives / Strands

Union Values

€ 690 million

Equality, rights and gender equality

€ 470 million

Daphne (gender-based violence)

Citizens engagement and participation

€ 395 million

Union values

Union Values



Protect, promote and raise awareness on rights by providing financial support to civil society organisations

Equality, rights and gender Equality

Equality, rights and
gender equality



*Gender & non-discrimination
mainstreaming
Gender equality
Non-discrimination
Rights of the child
Rights of persons with disabilities
Union citizenship rights
Protection of personal data*

Citizens' engagement

Citizens engagement and participation



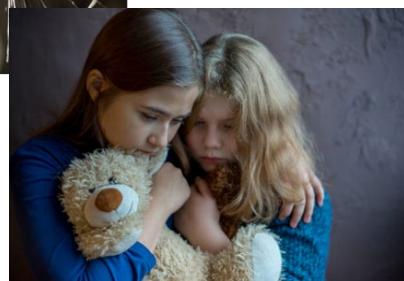
Raise awareness of common history, culture, cultural heritage and values

Promote citizens' participation in and contribution to the democratic and civic life of the Union

Promote exchanges between citizens of different countries (town-twinning & networks of towns)

Daphne

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

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

- Public and private entities e.g. ministries, towns, civil society organisations
- Legally established in EU Member States (for the moment)
- Profit-oriented and international organisations: limited access (depending also on the call for proposals)

Programme Contact Point



Providing impartial guidance, practical information and assistance to applicants, stakeholders and beneficiaries of the programme

Presentation overview

1. Rights Equality and
2. Work Programme 2021-2022
3. How to apply?
4. Funding & tender opportunities portal
5. Future: Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values

Implementation

a multiannual work programme 2021-2022 establishing:

- Policy priorities
- Budget
- Activities
- Eligibility, selection and award criteria
- Expected results



Calls for proposals action grants 2021-2022

Protecting and promoting Union values

€ 50.5 million in 2022 - published October 2021

capacity building and awareness on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and activities on litigation

€ 2 million in 2022 - published November 2021

Promoting equality and fighting against racism, xenophobia and discrimination

€ 9.9 million in 2021 - deadline 15 June 2021

€ 12.4 million in 2022 - published November 2021

National Roma Contact Points

€ 1.9 million in 2022 - published November 2021

Calls for proposals action grants 2021-2022

Gender equality

€ 6.8 in 2022 million - published November 2021

Rights of the child

€ 2.1 million in 2021 - deadline 7 September 2021
€ 3 million in 2022 - published November 2021

Restricted to Data Protection Authorities on data protection legislation

€ 1.8 million in 2021-2022 - deadline 9 September 2021

Daphne, prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children

€ 17.7 in 2021 million - deadline 15 June 2021

€ 27 in 2022 million - published November 2021

Calls for proposals action grants 2021-2022

European remembrance

€ 4.5 million in 2021 - deadline 22 June 2021

€ 7 million in 2022 - published November 2021

Citizens' engagement

€ 17.5 million in 2022 - published November 2021

Town-Twinning and Networks of Towns

€ 6.9 million in 2021 - deadline 26 August 2021

€ 11 million in 2022 - published November 2021

Union Values

€ 50.5 million in 2022 – apply as of October 2021

Priorities

Supporting, empowering and build the capacity of civil society organisations active in the promotion of values and rights, whose activities help the enforcement of rights under EU law and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, including through advocacy and watchdog activities, as well as to promote, safeguard and raise awareness of the Union's values at local, regional, national and transnational level.

Capacity building and awareness on EU Charter and activities on strategic litigation

€ 2 million in 2022 – apply as of November 2021

Priorities

1. Capacity-building and awareness raising on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights
2. Activities on strategic litigation

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

CERV-2021-EQUAL: € 9.9 million – deadline 15 June 2021

CERV-2022-EQUAL: € 12.4 million – apply as of November 2021

Priorities

1. Fighting against intolerance, **racism**, xenophobia, discrimination, hate speech and hate crimes
2. Promoting **diversity management** and inclusion at the workplace, both in the public and private sector
3. Fighting **discrimination against LGBTIQ** people and promoting LGBTIQ equality
4. Preventing, reporting and countering **hate speech online**
5. **Restricted to public authorities**

Call for proposals to National Roma Contact Points for Roma equality, inclusion and participation

CERV-2022-NRCP: € 1.9 million – apply as of November 2021

Support National Roma Platforms in:

- providing a forum and encouraging self-mobilisation and cooperation of Roma and pro-Roma civil society organisations;
- address gaps and challenges in the implementation of National Strategies for Roma equality, inclusion and participation;
- generate immediate responses to challenging situations, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applicants must be National Roma Contact Points; only one application per Member State will be accepted; no partners; the EU grant requested cannot be higher than EUR 200 000.

Gender equality

CERV-2022-GE: € 6.8 million in 2022 – apply as of November 2021

Priorities

1. Equal participation and representation of women and men in political and economic decision making
2. Tackling gender stereotypes, including with a focus on youth, and in advertising and the media

Rights of the child

CERV-2021-CHILD: € 2.1 million in 2021 – deadline 7 September 2021

CERV-2022-CHILD: € 3 million in 2022 – apply as of November 2021

Priorities

1. Contribute to the response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
2. Contribute to the implementation of recommendations of the EU Strategy on the rights of the child

Data protection

CERV-2021-DATA: € 1.8 million in 2021 – deadline 9 September 2021

Further support activities carried out by national data protection authorities to facilitate the implementation of GDPR obligations by small and medium-sized enterprises, and to raise awareness about the GDPR among the general public.

Applicants must be national Data Protection Authorities.

European remembrance

CERV-2021-CITIZENS-REM: € 4.5 million in 2021 – deadline 22 June 2021

CERV-2022-CITIZENS-REM: € 7 million in 2022 – apply as of November 2021

Priorities

1. Commemoration of and research and education about crimes committed under totalitarian regimes
2. Resistance, democratic transition and democratic consolidation in the EU

Citizens' engagement

€ 17.4 million in 2022 – apply as of November 2021

Priorities

1. 2024 European Parliament elections
2. COVID-19 crisis and democratic debate/fundamental rights
3. E-democracy
4. Disinformation and other forms of interference in democracy
5. Climate and environment

Town-Twinning and Networks of Towns

CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT & CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT

€ 6.9 million in 2021 – deadline 26 August 2021

€ 11 million in 2022 – apply as of November 2021

I. Town-Twinning

II. Networks of Towns – *Priorities*: EU citizenship rights; tackle discrimination and racism; role of minorities in Europe's cultural development; EU Charter on Fundamental Rights; free, open and healthy democratic governance; free and fair elections in Europe.

Applicants must be towns/municipalities...

Daphne (1)

CERV-2021-DAPHNE: € 17.7 million in 2021 – deadline 15 June 2021

Priorities

1. Early detection, prevention and protection of and/or support to women, children and young people 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

Daphne (2)

CERV-2022-DAPHNE: € 27 million in 2022 – apply as of November 2021

Priorities

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

Operating grants

Functioning of a body which has an objective forming part of, and supporting, a Union policy

[CERV-2021-OG-FPA](#) & [CERV-2021-OG-SGA](#)

[CERV-2021-DISA-OG-FPA](#) & [CERV-2021-DISA-OG-SGA](#)

Budget: € 26.7 million in 2021 - deadline 22-29 June 2021

€ 26.7 million in 2022 + € 5.8 million re-granting

Framework Partnership Agreement → operating grant

Presentation overview

Rights Equality and Citizenship

2. Annual Work

3. How to apply?

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5. Future: Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values

How to apply



Go to the **Funding & tenders opportunities portal**
[Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](https://funding-eu.ec.europa.eu/)



Read carefully the **text of the calls for proposals**
e.g. call document [call-fiche_cerv-2021-equal_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](https://funding-eu.ec.europa.eu/documents/call-fiche_cerv-2021-equal_en.pdf)



Questions: EC-CERV-CALLS@ec.europa.eu or EACEA-CERV@ec.europa.eu
For IT related questions: [here](#)
Subscribe to DG Justice newsletter on funding opportunities: [here](#).

Proposal structure

- **Part A** – online form
 - General Information, participants and contacts, budget (90% co-financing & 7% indirect costs)
- **Part B** – pdf document (max. 45 pages)
 - Description of the project and applicant organisation, work packages and activities
- **Part C** – online form
 - Data and indicators
- 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
- 3. Impact:** impact, communication, sustainability
- 4. Work plan:** work packages and activities, timetable, subcontract
- 5. Other:** Ethics and EU values
- 6. Declarations**

Application forms and annexes

Call data:

Call: **CERV-2021-OG-SGA**
Topic: **CERV-2021-OG-SGA**
Type of action: **CERV-FPA-OG**
Type of MGA: **CERV-SGA-OG**

 Topic and type of action can only be changed by creating a new proposal.

Proposal data:

Acronym: **WPSGA2022**
Draft ID: **SEP-210750316**

Download Part B templates

 Download part B templates

Support & Helpdesk

Administrative forms

Part B and Annexes

In this section you may upload the technical annex of the proposal (in PDF format only) and any other requested attachments. 

Tpl_Application Form (Part B SEP) (CERV FPA OG)	 
CVs	 
Annual activity reports	 
List of previous projects	 
Child protection policy	 
Other annexes	 

Evaluation

How we evaluate proposals

Evaluation criteria

- Admissibility
- Eligibility
- Exclusion
- Selection
- Award

Admissibility

- Respect deadline for submission of application
- 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 > EUR 75 000
- Project duration 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...
- fraud, corruption, links to criminal organisation, money-laundering...

See Articles 136 and 141 of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

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

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 !

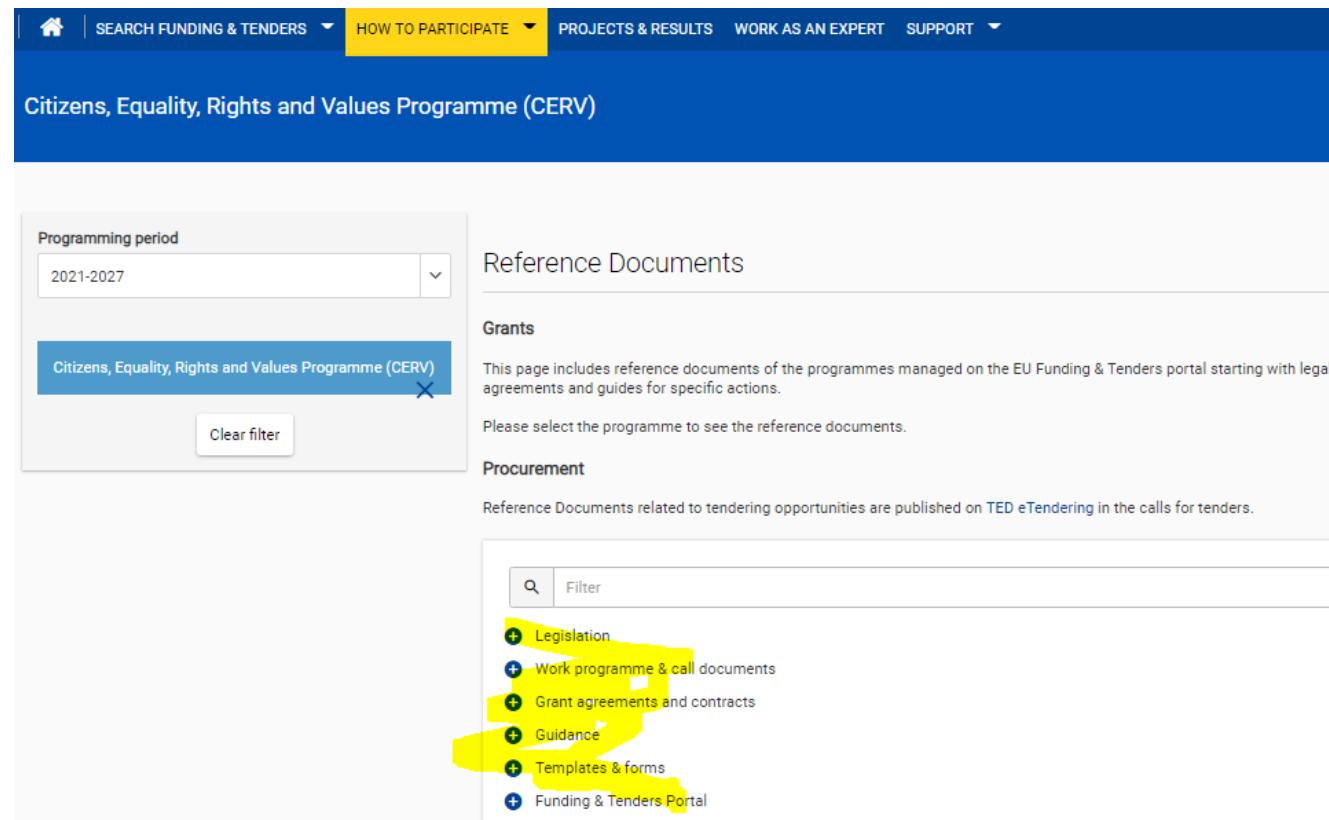
What makes a good projects

- 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 and contract
- Reporting templates



The screenshot shows the EU Funding & Tenders portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'WORK AS AN EXPERT', and 'SUPPORT'. The main content area is titled 'Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)'. On the left, there is a 'Programming period' dropdown set to '2021-2027' and a 'Clear filter' button. On the right, there are sections for 'Reference Documents', 'Grants', and 'Procurement'. The 'Reference Documents' section contains a list of document types: 'Legislation', 'Work programme & call documents', 'Grant agreements and contracts', 'Guidance', 'Templates & forms', and 'Funding & Tenders Portal'. The 'Grants' section notes that the page includes reference documents for programmes managed on the EU Funding & Tenders portal, starting with legal agreements and guides for specific actions. The 'Procurement' section states that Reference Documents related to tendering opportunities are published on TED eTendering in the calls for tenders.

List of projects awarded

In each call for proposal webpage → at the bottom

e.g. [Call for proposals to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance \(REC-RRAC-RACI-AG-2020\)](#)

Submission service

Get support

Call Updates

Funded project list

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Results: 21

Download excel list

Search..

TITLE	ACRONYM	PROJECT ID
#NoPlace4Hate: Improving Institutional Response to Hate Speech in Lithuania	LGKT HS	875127
A response to online hate speech through the enhancement of high-quality professional and citizen journalism		
Addressing Modern Antisemitism in the Visegrad countries		
Building a national movement against hate speech that triggers Antisemitism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, and other forms of intolerance		
Building trust and cooperation between law enforcement and LGBTI community to improve response to LGBTI hate crime		
Community work, Participation and Empowerment		
Contra el odio Cotidiano		
Feature A protective environment for lgbti+ persons		
Hate speech, gender, social networks and political parties		
mutual Learning for Intercultural Appreciation and Strengthened Organisational Networks		

Project details:

Object ID: 875127
Programme: REC

Call: REC-RRAC-RACI-AG-2019
DG/Agency: JUST

Abstract

Response by Lithuanian authorities to hate speech is inefficient, because of inconsistent procedural practices, lack of victim support services and low awareness. The proposed project seeks to address this situation through establishing clear guidelines on processing complaints on hate speech within criminal justice system, building capacity of competent public authorities, improving support to victims of hate speech, increasing awareness and improving capacities of two-ombudsman-type institutions. The above outlined objectives will be achieved through (1) conducting independent ombudsman review on investigating hate speech, (2) implementing cooperation protocols and conducting internal awareness raising within law enforcement structures, (3) organizing capacity building trainings for law enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges, (4) developing online victim support & information hub (including network of independent service providers and comprehensive referral system), (5) conducting multiple awareness raising campaigns to promote zero tolerance approach towards hate speech. The project will target public authorities in charge of responding to hate speech (1200), victims of hate speech (1000) and general public (1M). It is expected that improved procedures, available victim support services and increased awareness will result both in increased number of reported incidents and reduced prevalence of hate speech. The project will also strengthen institutional capacity of two ombudsman-type institutions to conduct preventive activities in the field of hate speech according to their mandate. The project will produce number of outputs, including independent ombudsman review (1), cooperation protocols (2), internal awareness raising campaign for law enforcement (1), capacity building trainings (8), online victim support & information hub (1), public awareness raising campaigns (2), national human rights forum (1).

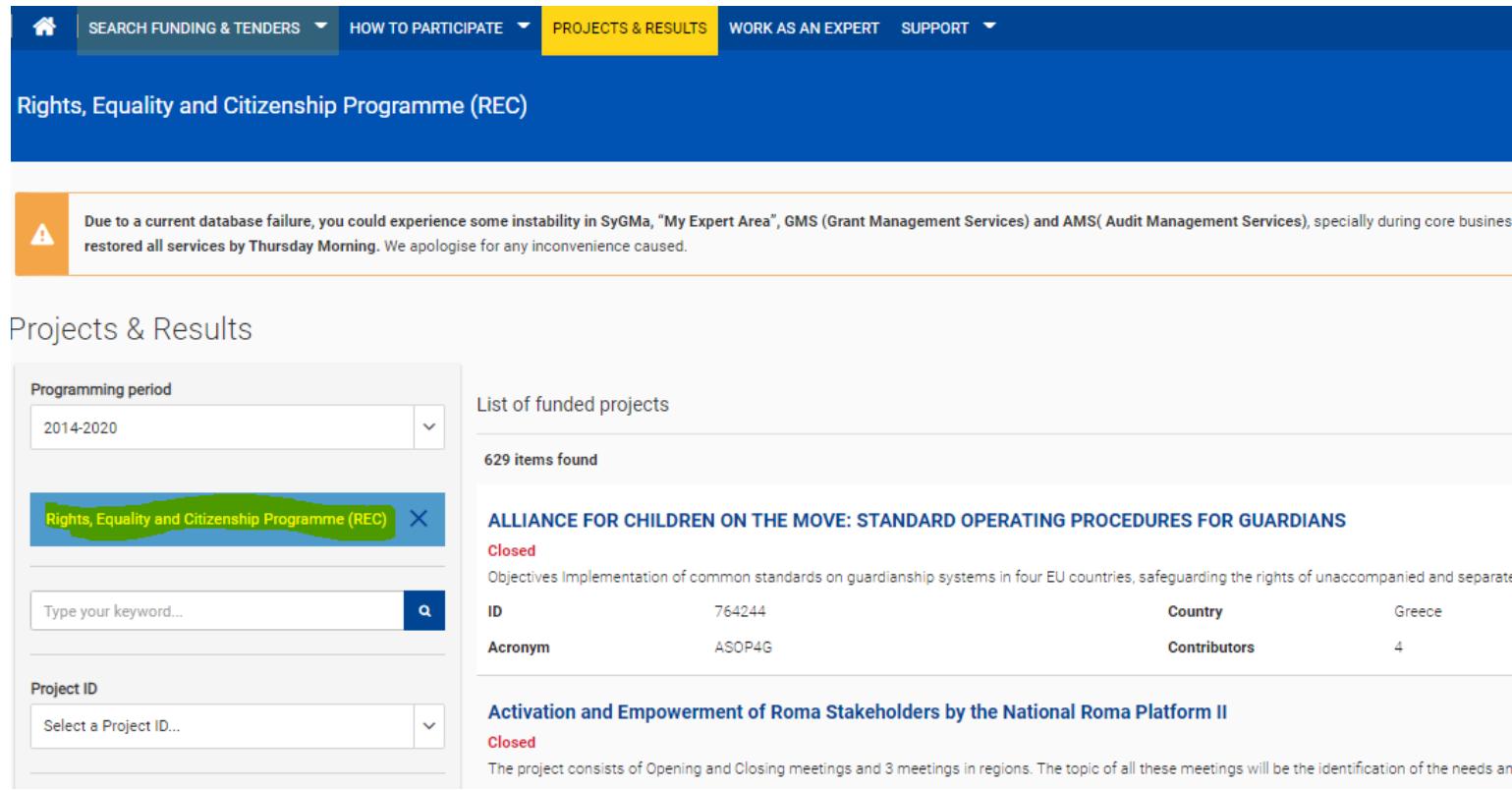
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Keywords:

Projects & results

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Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC)

⚠ Due to a current database failure, you could experience some instability in SyGMA, "My Expert Area", GMS (Grant Management Services) and AMS (Audit Management Services), specially during core business hours. We are restoring all services by Thursday Morning. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Projects & Results

Programming period

2014-2020

Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) **X**

Type your keyword... **Q**

Project ID

Select a Project ID... **▼**

List of funded projects

629 items found

ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN ON THE MOVE: STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR GUARDIANS

Closed
Objectives Implementation of common standards on guardianship systems in four EU countries, safeguarding the rights of unaccompanied and separate minors.

ID	764244	Country	Greece
Acronym	ASOP4G	Contributors	4

Activation and Empowerment of Roma Stakeholders by the National Roma Platform II

Closed
The project consists of Opening and Closing meetings and 3 meetings in regions. The topic of all these meetings will be the identification of the needs and...

Thank you



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