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0. Introduction

This is a call for proposals for EU **action grants** in the field of European Remembrance under the **Citizens, Equality, Rights and Value Programme (CERV)**. The regulatory framework for this EU Funding Programme is set out in:

- Regulation 2024/2509 ([EU Financial Regulation](#))¹
- the basic act (CERV Regulation [2021/692](#))².

The call is launched in accordance with the 2026-2027 Work Programme³ and will be managed by the **European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)** ('Agency').

 Please note that this call is subject to the final adoption of the budget 2027 by the EU budgetary authority. In case there are substantial changes, we may have to modify the call (or even cancel it).

The call covers the following **topics**:

	Topic/priority code	Topic/priority title
1	CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-TRANSITION	Remembering democratic transitions, the (re-)building and rebuilding democratic institutions, and strengthening society based on the rule of law, democracy, and fundamental rights.
2	CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-HOLOCAUSTJEW	Strengthening the remembrance of the Holocaust against Jewish people.
3	CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-GENCRIME-1 CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-GENCRIME-2	Strengthening the remembrance of the Holocaust, acts of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity to strengthen democracy in the EU. • Priority 1: Strengthening the remembrance of Roma victims. • Priority 2: Strengthening the remembrance of LGBTIQ+ victims and other victims.
4	CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-HISTMIGRATION	Fostering remembrance of the legacy of colonialism, slavery, and migration and their impact on contemporary multicultural European societies.

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) ('EU Financial Regulation') (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024).

² Regulation (EU) 2021/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (OJ L 156, 5.5.2021, p. 1).

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2025) 8076 final of 1.12.2025 concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2026-2027 and the financing decision for the implementation of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme.

Each project application under the call must address only one of these topics or priorities.

Furthermore, the same application can only be submitted to one topic or priority.

The lead applicant (i.e. Coordinator) cannot submit more than one application under this call for proposals, across all topics/priorities. In case of multiple proposals submitted by the same lead applicant, all the proposals will be rejected and will not be evaluated further.

We invite you to read the **call documentation** carefully, and in particular this Call document, the Model Grant Agreement, the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal Online Manual](#) and the [EU Grants AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#).

These documents provide clarifications and answers to questions you may have when preparing your application:

- the [Call document](#) outlines the:
 - background, objectives, scope, activities that can be funded and the expected results (sections 1 and 2)
 - timetable and available budget (sections 3 and 4)
 - admissibility and eligibility conditions (including mandatory documents; sections 5 and 6)
 - criteria for financial and operational capacity and exclusion (section 7)
 - evaluation and award procedure (section 8)
 - award criteria (section 9)
 - legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements (section 10)
 - how to submit an application (section 11)
- the [Online Manual](#) outlines the:
 - procedures to register and submit proposals online via the EU Funding & Tenders Portal ('Portal')
 - recommendations for the preparation of the application
- the [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#) contains:
 - detailed annotations on all the provisions in the Grant Agreement you will have to sign in order to obtain the grant (*including cost eligibility, payment schedule, accessory obligations, etc*).

You are also encouraged to visit the [Europe for Citizens Programme Project Results website](#), [REC Programme results webpage](#), the [Daphne Toolkit](#) and [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) to consult [the list of projects funded](#) previously in the framework of the calls CERV-2021-CITIZENS-REM, CERV-2022-CITIZENS-REM, CERV-2023-CITIZENS-REM, CERV-2024-CITIZENS-REM and CERV-2025-CITIZENS-REM.

Please note that this call covers the years 2026 and 2027 and that there will not be a specific European Remembrance call published in 2027.

1. Background

The legacy of recent European history is a crucial pillar of the values the EU stands for.

At a time marked by historical distortion and revisionism, a return of war in Europe due to the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, and an unprecedented rise of antisemitism, deeply rooted and widespread antigypsyism and other forms of hatred in Europe, remembrance of and education about common 20th century European experiences become even more pertinent for all parts of society, particularly for the next generation and people in positions of power.

For European remembrance, the call will support projects that commemorate, research, and educate about defining experiences in 20th century Europe. These include the causes and consequences of authoritarian and totalitarian regimes, resistance against these regimes and path to democratic transition and (re-)-building democratic institutions, the darkest hours of Europe's history – the Holocaust, genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, and the legacy of colonialism and migration within and to Europe.

2. Objectives — Themes and priorities — Activities that can be funded — Expected impact

Objectives

Supporting projects aimed at commemorating defining events in modern European history of the 20th century, including the causes and consequences of authoritarian and totalitarian regimes, slavery and colonialism, and the Holocaust, and at raising awareness among European citizens, of their common history, culture, cultural heritage and values, thereby enhancing their understanding of the Union, its origins, purpose, diversity and achievements and of the importance of mutual understanding and tolerance. Gender mainstreaming will be crosscutting to all the priorities.

Policy initiatives supported:

- [EU Strategy on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life 2021-2030](#)
- [Anti-racism Strategy 2026-2030](#)
- [EU Roma strategic framework on equality, inclusion and participation \(2020-2030\)](#)
- [LGBTIQ+ Equality Strategy 2026-2030](#)
- [No place for hate: a Europe united against hatred](#)
- [Gender Equality Strategy \(2026-2030\)](#)
- [Guide to EU citizenship](#)
- [2020 European Democracy Action Plan](#)
- [European Democracy Shield](#)

Themes and priorities (scope)

European Remembrance is fundamentally linked to the realisation and protection of EU values and rights today. The European experience of the 20th century, including totalitarian and authoritarian regimes and their crimes, the democratic transition based on the rule of law, the history of migration and de-colonisation all contribute to encouraging Europeans to be vigilant and to defend fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law, and particularly the rights of minorities.

Authoritarian regimes see democracies as a threat and deploy increasingly aggressive

tactics to weaken them. By spreading deceitful narratives, sometimes including the manipulation and falsification of historical facts, they try to erode trust in democratic systems. Protecting democracy and building the democratic resilience of citizens, societies and institutions, including through European remembrance, is an urgent collective endeavour, which requires a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

Proposals are encouraged to serve the implementation of EU policies and more precisely to serve the implementation of the policy initiatives -mentioned above.

Across the different priorities, an overarching aim is to promote a more nuanced understanding of historic events and their memory. Applicants are encouraged to apply different lenses when addressing the call's priorities. Applicants are encouraged to work towards a European understanding of a common history, including "negative history", and to reconcile divergent and alternative regional and national narratives. In this endeavour, applicants are encouraged to integrate a gender and minority groups perspective into their projects. However, the focus of the proposal should remain on European Remembrance.

Applicants must ensure a meaningful participation of their target groups, taking into account their target group's characteristics, including their gender, ethnic origin, religious belief, sexual orientation or colour of skin.

Projects can be national or transnational. Transnational projects are particularly encouraged.

Each project application under the call must address **only one** of these topics / priorities:

1. CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-TRANSITION - Remembering democratic transitions, the (re-)building of democratic institutions, and strengthening society based on the rule of law, democracy, and fundamental rights.

The EU is a community of values, and all its Member States committed to respect the principles of **democracy, the rule of law, and respect for fundamental rights**. Europe's experiences in the 20th century demonstrates the need for resilient democracies and the need for people to actively engage in and protect democratic institutions and values. Historical experience such as in the 1920s and 1930s, when some European democracies went through particularly challenging times, are stark reminders of the importance to promote democracy, also in a historical perspective. Today, democracy faces several challenges, which underlined the need to strengthen public trust in democratic processes and institutions and to recall the importance of democracy in people's daily life.

Democratic transitions (defined as the transition from a non-democratic to a democratic system, a transition undertaken by several European countries before joining the EU) are not only political and legal processes but also societal transformations.

The transition and consolidation of democracies through institutional and legal reforms have been essential. In addition, delivering justice to victims and affected communities after the fall of totalitarian and authoritarian regimes (including communist and fascist dictatorships) can aid in societal healing, bolster and reinforce resilience against present and future threats to democracies.

Projects under this topic can focus on:

- The ongoing development and nurturing of democracies in the context of past transitions from authoritarian and totalitarian regimes (including communist and

fascist dictatorships) across various European countries, reveals important lessons for defending and upholding EU values such as democracy, the rule of law, and fundamental rights.

- They can also reflect on both shared patterns and national specificities, while underlining the lasting impact of the totalitarian or authoritarian past, and how its difficult legacy continues to be remembered, interpreted, and engaged with today.
- Examining and giving visibility to acts of resistance and organised opposition to past totalitarian and authoritarian regimes, as part of the ongoing effort to nurture and protect democracy in the face of enduring and emerging challenges.
- Transition from authoritarian and totalitarian regimes (including communist and fascist dictatorships) towards democracy.
- Promoting remembrance and education about past events in which fundamental rights such as freedom of expression, assembly, thought, conscience, religion, and electoral rights were suppressed under past totalitarian and authoritarian regimes. These examples serve to reinforce the importance of protecting democratic values today, including the right to express dissenting opinions and ensuring a political space where opposition voices can be freely and safely heard.
- Exploring the means of historical justice, be it through trials, restitution or amnesty, and possibility still today to work on restorative justice.

The elements described above to strengthen democracies, such as fighting foreign interference, including the manipulation and falsification of historical facts, strengthen citizen engagement, critical thinking, media literacy, and societal resilience, are closely related to the context of remembrance, as they help ensure that the dramatic events of the past are not repeated in contemporary Europe.

2. CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-HOLOCAUSTJEW - Strengthening the remembrance of the Holocaust against Jewish people.

The Shoah is a defining legacy for the EU. Six million Jewish children, women and men were murdered, and all others were persecuted. While other groups were persecuted, the Nazis have set up across Europe and beyond a state policy with the sole aim to kill every single Jews they could find.

First-hand accounts of the Shoah continue to have the most powerful impact on following generations. As there are less and less survivors to share the story of their survival, the importance of memorial sites and education increases, as well as the work done by second and third generations of survivors and associations.

Current events show the instrumentalization of the Holocaust by Kremlin propaganda claiming to denazify Ukraine. In parallel, there is also an increasing politicization of the Holocaust in several EU Member States, and a tendency to minimize the atrocities of the Shoah. In addition, since the 7 October 2023 attacks by Hamas and the wars that ensued, we have seen a growing conflation of the Shoah with the conflicts in the Middle East. Citizens should be empowered to counter this conflation.

Holocaust distortion fuels antisemitism. In addition, hate speech relating to the condoning, denial or gross trivialisation of the Holocaust is criminalised under the Council Framework Decision on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law⁴.

⁴ Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008 on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law, [EUR-Lex - 32008F0913 - EN - EUR-Lex](#)

Wounds of mass atrocities of the 20th century are still open today, fuelling divergences among Europeans. Free, open and independent research, education and memory on all aspects of the Shoah is essential to increase understanding. This implies exploring Europe's negative history with the aim to reconcile divergent regional and national narratives related to the Shoah and its immediate aftermath.

European citizens should become ambassadors of this memory. Teachers, policymakers, university students (especially history students) could be among key target audiences and be empowered to develop a common European history, to counter historical falsification, distortion and inversion. Target groups could include local public authorities and policy makers, to raise awareness about their responsibility to safeguard the sites and combat antisemitism. Target groups could include newcomers and migrants that do not have a direct link with the Shoah. Target groups could also include journalists, to raise awareness about Holocaust distortion, Holocaust inversion and Holocaust-related contemporary events (such as for example Neo-Nazi marches).

In line with the EU Strategy on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life (2021-2030), as well as with other key policy initiatives, this topic supports projects that can focus on developing networks of Young European Ambassadors to promote Shoah remembrance. This topic will also support projects that contribute to Holocaust sites especially regarding their educational purposes, and encourage cooperation with ESHM, the network of European Sites of Holocaust Memory. Jewish communities are today small, as a direct consequence from the Holocaust. This results in direct responsibility to support Jewish life and raise awareness about Jewish presence in Europe.

Projects under this topic could focus on:

- Addressing how the Shoah took place, how the crimes were committed, which actors were involved, as well as pre-war and immediate postwar historical developments.
- Countering Holocaust denial, distortion, trivialisation and victims' inversion. This includes countering false comparisons, antisemitic conspiracy theories, and conflation with the Middle East conflict.
- Monitoring and countering on the online sphere Holocaust distortion and inversion, as well as Nazi glorification. Addressing divergent and opposite national historical narratives, on regional basis, of the history of the Shoah, including parallelism with other negative common shared historical regional events.
- Promoting memory activism related to the Shoah including by supporting grassroots commemorative work.
- Digitalising historical material and testimonies of witnesses for education and training purposes.
- Shedding light on Jewish life before and after the Shoah.
- Raising awareness on Jewish life, history and culture, to contribute to strengthening multicultural European societies.
- Marking International Holocaust Remembrance Day and national Holocaust remembrance days.
- Raise awareness on the Shoah and memorial sites at local level, including through visits of local authorities. Combating glorification of Nazism, countering neo-Nazis manifestations and activities.
- Promoting provenance research on looted art to foster awareness raising, mutual learning or training activities.

3. Strengthening the remembrance of the Holocaust, acts of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity to strengthen democracy in the EU.

Projects under this topic should focus on the non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust as well as other genocides, war crimes and crimes against humanity of the 20th century's Europe.

Projects under this topic should NOT address the Holocaust against Jewish people which are covered by Topic 2.

CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-GENCRIME-1 - Priority 1: Strengthening the remembrance of Roma victims

The genocide of Roma and Sinti under Nazi rule, known as Porajmos or Samudaripen, is a defining yet insufficiently recognized legacy for the European Union. An estimated 500,000 Roma, including Sinti and Travellers, were murdered, and countless others were persecuted, deported, forcibly sterilized, and subjected to inhuman treatment. The Nazi regime implemented racial policies aimed at the systematic destruction of Roma communities across Europe, culminating in mass killings such as the liquidation of the Roma camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau on 2 August 1944, now commemorated as European Roma Holocaust Memorial Day.

The Roma Holocaust must be understood within a longer continuum of antigypsyism in Europe. Roma were enslaved for nearly five centuries in the territories of present-day Romania, deprived of legal personhood and basic rights. In the 20th century, persecution continued under fascist and communist regimes and, in several countries, through forced sedentarisation, assimilation policies, and coercive practices including forced sterilizations. These historical injustices have had lasting socio-economic consequences.

Despite this, Roma persecution remains underrepresented in school curricula, museums, and public memorials. Dedicated research centres, permanent monuments, and teaching materials on Roma history and the Roma Holocaust are limited. This structural invisibility contributes to persistent antigypsyism, distortion, and denial.

As survivor numbers decline, preserving testimonies, memorial sites, and archival materials becomes increasingly urgent. Commemorative initiatives such as 2 August – European Roma Holocaust Memorial Day – and 16 May – Romani Resistance Day require stronger institutional support and integration into European remembrance culture.

Current political developments also demonstrate the vulnerability of Roma Holocaust memory. Historical distortion, trivialization, and denial — often intertwined with broader antigypsyist narratives — undermine democratic values. Memory competition and selective recognition of victimhood risk reinforcing exclusion. Citizens must be empowered to counter distortion, denial, and the minimization of the Roma genocide. In line with the EU Roma Strategic Framework for Equality Inclusion and Participation 2020-2030, special priority will be given to projects that strengthen Roma Holocaust remembrance while addressing the deeper roots of antigypsyism.

Projects under this priority could focus on:

- Documenting the implementation of the Roma genocide and its historical context, including slavery, post-war persecution and totalitarian persecutions.

- Countering denial, distortion, trivialization, and the marginalization of Roma victimhood.
- Developing networks of Roma and non-Roma youth ambassadors to promote remembrance and counter antigypsyism.
- Supporting grassroots commemorative initiatives, including activities marking 2 August – European Roma Holocaust Memorial Day, 16 May – Romani Resistance Day, etc.
- Developing and disseminating teaching materials that integrate Roma history and the Roma Holocaust into national curricula.
- Digitalizing testimonies, archival documents, and historical research to preserve memory for future generations.
- Promoting research on Roma restitution, forced displacement, and long-term consequences of historical injustice.
- Collecting, documenting and disseminating stories of Roma resistance, heroes, rescuers, intellectuals, artists and community leaders, highlighting Roma agency, resilience and contribution to European history.
- Applying transitional justice approaches, including truth-seeking, recognition of harm, restitution research, and guarantees of non-repetition through education and memorialization.
- Developing inclusive, participatory ways to remember, educate about, and teach about these crimes in order to prevent the resurgence of hatred, including antigypsyism. This may include artistic memory projects, memory activism, and other approaches that foster an enabling learning environment.

CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-GENCRIME-2 - Priority 2: Strengthening the remembrance of LGBTIQ+ victims and other victims

Projects under this priority should not address projects focusing on the remembrance of Roma victims (Projects focussing on the remembrance of Roma victims should apply under Priority 1).

Europe's 20th century was marked by horrific crimes, genocides, war crimes and crimes against humanity as well as the crimes committed under authoritarian and totalitarian regimes, including those of communist and fascist dictatorships. The remembrance of these gravest crimes committed on European soil plays a critical role in upholding these values.

Despite growing efforts to preserve the memory of the victims of these crimes, the experiences of many groups remain overlooked, marginalised or insufficiently recognised in public memory. This includes, among others, LGBTIQ+ people and other communities targeted on the basis of their identity, beliefs or perceived social status.

Throughout history, LGBTIQ+ people have faced systemic persecution under a wide range of political and social regimes, often shaped by prevailing religious, cultural, and legal norms. Under the Nazi regime, it is estimated that 50000 gay and bisexual men were subject to 'severe jail sentences in brutal conditions', with around 10-15000 being sent to concentration camps. Lesbian women, transgender people, and others whose identities did not conform to Nazi ideals of gender and sexuality also faced surveillance, discrimination, violence, and social exclusion, with their experiences largely unrecognized for decades.

As a result, the history of LGBTIQ+ persons in Europe is marked by both struggle and resilience. The preservation and recognition of LGBTIQ+ history and memory are essential to building an inclusive European identity rooted in dignity, diversity, and human rights. Remembering and recognising these atrocities is essential to restore justice as underlined in the LGBTIQ+ equality strategy 2026-2030.

Greater awareness of all these histories contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of the causes, mechanisms and consequences of mass atrocities and contributes not only to preventing their recurrence but also to reinforcing democratic resilience, fostering civic engagement, and building a common European culture of remembrance.

Projects under this topic could focus on:

- Addressing how genocides, war crimes and crimes against humanity were organised, which actors were involved and how they were committed, the roles of collaborators, perpetrators and bystanders.
- Finding new ways of remembering, educating and teaching about these crimes to protect society against resurging threats of hatred. They can include artistic work on memory projects, as well as stimulating memory activism. These new methods should be inclusive, where applicable participatory and create an enabling learning environment.
- Fostering awareness raising, mutual learning or training activities that accurately reflect the persecution of LGBTIQ+ people, and other minorities throughout history.
- Countering historical falsification and memory competition related to the persecution of LGBTIQ+ people, genocides, war crimes and crimes against humanity, especially among Europeans that shared a common history but have divergent views on their common past.
- Fostering awareness raising, mutual learning or training activities that accurately reflect the persecution of LGBTIQ+ people, and other minorities under the Nazi regime while countering denial, distortion, trivialization, and especially false comparisons.
- Addressing divergent and opposite national historical narratives, on regional basis, of these darkest hours of Europe history and other negative common shared historical events.
- Digitalising historical material and testimonies of witnesses for education and training purposes.

4. CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-HISTMIGRATION - Fostering remembrance of the legacy of colonialism, slavery, and migration, and their impact on contemporary multicultural European societies.

Migration, de-colonisation, enslavement, and imperialism have left a mark on global history and are embedded in the European history, with profound consequences for society today. Their remembrance plays a key role in combating structural racism, empowering people impacted by racism, and raising awareness of exclusion and stereotypes.

While for many it is considered a chapter in history, de-colonisation, the dismantlement of colonial empires particularly in the 20th century and the emerging post-colonial European societies continue to have harsh consequences in the lives of people facing racism and racial discrimination. Following the decolonisation process in international relations in the early 20th century, the UN World Conference on Combating Racism,

Racial Discrimination, and Xenophobia established that today's structural inequalities are caused by the consequences of colonialism and slavery.

Stemming from this observation, in its EU Anti-Racism Action Plan 2020-2025 and EU Anti-Racism Strategy 2026-2030, the Commission made efforts to communicate on addressing the historical roots of racism and established a key priority to combat structural racism. This entails an examination of the past, present and future of the cultural fabric of Europe. Prejudices and stereotypes can be addressed by acknowledging the historical roots of racism, including from an intersectional perspective.

Migration has also a long and varied history in Europe. Population movements in Europe, from economic, political migration to expulsion and deportation after the Second World War, from fleeing violence and persecution to migration after the creation of the EU, have marked 20th century European history. Forced migration, internal displacement and expulsion is an experience shared by many Europeans during the period of war. This includes the forced displacement and persecution of Roma populations during and after the Second World War, and its long-term consequences. The specific history of female migration can also be considered.

Projects in this priority should contribute to a better understanding of how these historical legacies - rooted in colonialism, enslavement and imperialism - shape contemporary inequalities, discrimination, exclusion and barriers to equal opportunities in European societies. Projects are encouraged to examine the links between these historical legacies and contemporary manifestations of structural racism, including anti-Black racism, antigypsyism, antisemitism, anti-Muslim hatred and anti-Asian racism.

Projects under this topic could focus on:

- Acknowledging the legacy of colonialism and its ongoing impact on contemporary multicultural European societies, with a view to contributing to the objectives of the EU Anti-Racism Strategy 2026-2030, including addressing topics such as structural discrimination and racism.
- Promoting anti-racism education, historical literacy and awareness-raising initiatives aimed at young people, educators and wider society, including through innovative and participatory approaches that foster mutual respect, inclusion and democratic values.
- Supporting the collection, preservation and dissemination of testimonies, archives and community-based knowledge that contribute to a stronger evidence base on the historical roots and contemporary manifestations of racism and discrimination in Europe.
- Raising awareness of Roma history and culture to contribute to strengthening multicultural European societies, in line with the EU Roma Strategic Framework for equality, inclusion and participation.
- Examining common European experiences of migration linked to historical events such as wars, transition moments, colonisation and de-colonisation, economic impacts, or persecution.
- Adopting an intersectional approach to cover several minority groups, including People of African descent, Jews, Roma, overseas citizens, and other minority groups with a long history of migration, to promote a more nuanced understanding of multicultural European societies.

Activities that can be funded (scope)*(applies to all topics)*

Projects are expected to:

- Link different types of organisations to create synergies (between non-profit, grassroots, local, regional and national administration, academia, with museums, memorial and learning sites and educational institutions).
- Develop different types of activities (training activities, exhibitions, public debates, non-formal education, awareness raising, research, collection and digitisation of testimonies, publications, online tools, innovative and creative actions, etc.)⁵.
- Establish and conduct trainings for rights defenders, civil servants, members of the judiciary, law enforcement officials, journalists and policymakers, including on structural racism, unconscious bias, inclusive communication, anti-racism education and the prevention of racial discrimination and hate speech.
- Promote inclusive, participatory and forward-looking approaches to remembrance, with a focus on education, intergenerational dialogue, and outreach to diverse audiences.
- Establish and conduct education activities. Target groups can include pupils, students, young people, teachers, and other education professionals.
- Provide opportunities for inter-generational exchanges between witnesses and future generations.
- Support and empower memory activists and local grassroots organisations. local and community-based remembrance initiatives that contribute to anti-racism action at local level and strengthen cooperation between public authorities, civil society organisations and communities affected by racism.
- Involve people from different target groups and gender, including, where possible, people facing racism, antisemitism, antigypsyism, LGBTIQ-phobia or other forms of discrimination and intolerance, as well as newcomers and migrants.
- Promote media literacy, critical thinking and counter-narratives to challenge stereotypes, prejudice, racism and historical distortion, including in online environments.
- Projects should have a European dimension and preferably be implemented on a transnational level (involving the creation and operation of transnational partnerships and networks).
- Projects' implementations are expected to promote gender equality and non-discrimination mainstreaming. This includes a gender analysis, mapping relevant gender-differences in the context of European Remembrance. To this end, applicants are encouraged to watch the recording of DG JUST online workshop on gender mainstreaming project proposals. Applicants are also encouraged to consult the key questions listed on the EIGE website when conducting their gender analysis. Unintended negative effects of the intervention on either gender should be avoided (do no harm approach). Applicants are expected to design and implement their communication and dissemination

⁵ Activities must involve direct participation of the target groups to be eligible for funding. For more details, please check the section "Budget categories and cost eligibility rules" of this call document.

activities in a non-discriminatory and gender-sensitive way. The same applies to the design and implementation of monitoring and evaluation activities. Applicants are also expected to integrate a gender-perspective across their communication, dissemination and monitoring in their proposals.

Expected impact

(applies to all topics)

- Contribution to the implementation of the policy initiatives supported by the call for proposals.
- Engagement of Europeans from different backgrounds – including young people and people who are multipliers (state administrators, law enforcement officials, members of the judiciary, policymakers, journalists, right-defenders, teachers, educators, etc) in advocating, strengthening and supporting democratic institutions and structures based on the rule of law.
- Serve the development of a common historical narrative, of a European culture of remembrance, including on Europe's negative history.
- Improved recognition of the contribution and experiences of communities and minorities affected by racism in European history and contemporary societies.
- Digitisation of historical material and testimonies of eyewitnesses for education and training purposes.
- Inclusion of a European dimension in relevant national and international debates on important historical events and moments of recent European history.
- Facilitate debate on divergent and opposite national historical narratives, especially on common negative history, at regional and European levels, leading to creating a common shared history.
- Identification, safeguarding and availability in particular online, of archival material, testimonies and authentic sites for education purposes, commemoration and research.
- Engagement of Europeans in combating racism, antisemitism, antigypsyism, anti-Muslim hatred, LGBTIQ-phobia and all types of intolerance.
- Increased number of transnational coalitions on European memory.
- Enhanced combating of historical distortion, revisionism and negationism, including Holocaust denial, distortion and trivialization, and victims' inversion.
- Stronger awareness of the contribution of minorities, such as Jews, Roma, Muslims, LGBTIQ+ people and other ethnic and racial minorities to the cultural richness, diversity and common history of Europe.
- Enhanced knowledge of the history of antisemitism and Jewish life in Europe.
- Enhanced knowledge of the history of antigypsyism and Roma culture in Europe.
- Ensure remembrance of victims of antigypsyism, violence and persecution throughout history.
- Enhanced knowledge of the history of LGBTIQ-phobia and LGBTIQ+ culture in Europe.
- Ensure remembrance of victims of LGBTIQ-phobia and related violence and persecution throughout history.
- Enhanced knowledge of the history and legacies of colonialism, enslavement and the slave trade and the overall historical roots of racism; recognition of the histories of People of African descents (PADs) in Europe.

3. Available budget

The estimated available call budget is **EUR 28.000.000**.

Specific budget information per topic can be found in the table below:

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1	CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-TRANSITION	Remembering democratic transitions, the (re-)building and rebuilding democratic institutions, and strengthening society based on the rule of law, democracy, and fundamental rights.	4 000 000
2	CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-HOLOCAUSTJEW	Strengthening the remembrance of the Holocaust against Jewish people.	14 000 000
3	CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-GENCRIME-1 CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-GENCRIME-2	Strengthening the remembrance of the Holocaust, acts of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity to strengthen democracy in the EU. • Priority 1: Strengthening the remembrance of Roma victims. • Priority 2: Strengthening the remembrance of LGBTIQ+ victims and other victims.	5 000 000, out of which: 2 500 000 2 500 000
4	CERV-2026-CITIZENS-REM-HISTMIGRATION	Fostering remembrance of the legacy of colonialism, slavery, and migration and their impact on contemporary multicultural European societies.	5 000 000

The availability of the call budget still depends on the final adoption of the budget 2027 by the EU budgetary authority.

We reserve the right not to award all available funds or to redistribute them between the call priorities, depending on the proposals received and the results of the evaluation.

4. Timetable and deadlines

Timetable and deadlines (indicative)	
Call opening:	21 October 2026
<u>Deadline for submission:</u>	<u>24 February 2027 – 17:00:00 CET</u> (Brussels time)
Evaluation:	February 2027 – August 2027
Information on evaluation results:	August 2027
GA signature:	August-November 2027

5. Admissibility and documents

Proposals must be submitted before the **call deadline** (see *timetable section 4*).

Proposals must be submitted **electronically** via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System (accessible via the Topic page in the [Calls for proposals](#) section). Paper submissions are NOT possible.

Proposals (including annexes and supporting documents) must be submitted using the forms provided *inside* the Submission System (⚠ NOT the documents available on the Topic page — they are only for information).

Proposals must be **complete** and contain all the requested information and all required annexes and supporting documents:

- Application Form Part A — contains administrative information about the participants (future coordinator, beneficiaries and affiliated entities) the Lump Sum Budget * **NEW** * and the summarised budget for the project (*to be filled in directly online*)
- Application Form Part B — contains the technical description of the project (*template to be downloaded from the Portal Submission System, completed, assembled and re-uploaded*)
- Part C (KPI tool) — contains additional project data regarding the project's contribution to EU programme key performance indicators (*to be filled in directly online; all sections to be completed*)
- **mandatory annexes and supporting documents** (*templates to be downloaded from the Portal Submission System, completed, assembled and re-uploaded*):
 - list of previous projects (key projects for the last 4 years) (*template available in Part B n/a for newly established organisations⁶*)
 - For any participant organisation implementing activities involving children (persons under the age of 18):
 - **Private entities** must provide their child protection policy (CPP) covering the four areas described in the [Keeping Children Safe Child Safeguarding Standards](#)⁷.
 - **Public entities** must provide a declaration of honour (template available [here](#) or [to be downloaded from the Portal Submission System](#) –completed and attached to the Application) or their child protection policy (CPP), if any (see *section 6 Ethics and EU values*).
 - **Other annexes will not be retained for consideration and will not be evaluated.**

⁶ Newly established organisations: an organisation that cannot provide validated documents such as previous project reports or financial accounts as it has less than 12 months of existence

⁷ See also [The International Child Safeguarding Standards - Keeping Children Safe](#)

At proposal submission, you will have to confirm that you have the **mandate to act** for all applicants. Moreover, you will have to confirm that the information in the application is correct and complete and that all participants comply with the conditions for receiving EU funding (*especially eligibility, financial and operational capacity, exclusion, etc*). Before signing the *grant agreement*, each beneficiary and affiliated entity will have to confirm this again by signing a declaration of honour (DoH). Proposals without full support will be rejected.

Your application must be **readable, accessible and printable** (please check carefully the layout of the documents uploaded).

Proposals are limited to maximum **70 pages** (Part B). Evaluators will not consider any additional pages.

You may be asked at a later stage for further documents (*for legal entity validation, financial capacity check, bank account validation, etc*).

 For more information about the submission process (including IT aspects), consult the [Online Manual](#).

6. Eligibility

Eligible participants (eligible countries)

In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:

- for lead applicants (i.e. the “Coordinator”): be non-profit legal entities (public or private bodies) or an international organisation;
- for co-applicants: be non-profit or for-profit legal entities (public or private bodies). Organisations which are for profit may apply only in partnership with public entities, private non-profit organisations, or with international organisations;
- be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:
 - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))
 - non-EU countries:
 - countries associated to the CERV Programme or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature ([list of participating countries](#)).

Other eligibility conditions:

- Activities must take place in any of the eligible countries.
- The minimum grant requested cannot be lower than EUR 50.000
- Projects can be either national or transnational.
- The application must involve **at least two applicants** (lead applicant and at least one co-applicant, **not being an affiliated entity or associated partner**).

Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the [Participant Register](#) — before submitting the proposal — and will have to be validated by the Central Validation Service (REA Validation). For the validation, they will be requested to upload documents showing legal status and origin.

Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions, etc (see section 13).

Specific cases and definitions

Natural persons — Natural persons are NOT eligible (with the exception of self-employed persons, i.e. sole traders, where the company does not have legal personality separate from that of the natural person).

International organisations — International organisations are eligible. The rules on eligible countries do not apply to them.

Entities without legal personality — Entities which do not have legal personality under their national law may exceptionally participate, provided that their representatives have the capacity to undertake legal obligations on their behalf, and offer guarantees for the protection of the EU financial interests equivalent to that offered by legal persons⁸.

EU bodies — EU bodies (with the exception of the European Commission Joint Research Centre) can NOT be part of the consortium.

Programme Contact Points - Are eligible as coordinator or beneficiary in this call, if they have procedures to segregate the project management and the information provision functions and if they are able to demonstrate cost separation (i.e. that their project grants do not cover any costs which are covered by their other grant). This requires the following:

- use of analytical accounting which allows for a cost accounting management with cost allocation keys and cost accounting codes AND application of these keys and codes to identify and separate the costs (i.e. to allocate them to either one of the two grants)
- recording of all real costs incurred for the activities that are covered by the two grants (including the indirect costs)
- allocation of the costs in a way that leads to a fair, objective and realistic result.

Associations and interest groupings — Entities composed of members may participate as 'sole beneficiaries' or 'beneficiaries without legal personality'⁹. ⚠ Please note that if the action will be implemented by the members, they should also participate (either as beneficiaries or as affiliated entities, otherwise their costs will NOT be eligible).

Countries currently negotiating association agreements — Beneficiaries from countries with ongoing negotiations for participation in the programme (see *list of participating countries above*) may participate in the call and can sign grants if the negotiations are concluded before grant signature and if the association covers the call (i.e. is retroactive and covers both the part of the programme and the year when the call was launched).

EU restrictive measures — Special rules apply for entities subject to [EU restrictive measures](#) under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)¹⁰. Such entities are not eligible to

⁸ See Article 200(2)(c) EU Financial Regulation [2024/2509](#).

⁹ For the definitions, see Articles 190(2) and 200(2)(c) EU Financial Regulation [2024/2509](#).

¹⁰ Please note that the EU Official Journal contains the official list and, in case of conflict, its content prevails over that of the [EU Sanctions Map](#).

participate in any capacity, including as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties (if any).

EU conditionality measures — Special rules apply for entities subject to measures adopted on the basis of EU Regulation 2020/2092¹¹. Such entities are not eligible to participate in any funded role (beneficiaries, affiliated entities, subcontractors, recipients of financial support to third parties, etc). Currently such measures are in place for Hungarian public interest trusts established under the Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity they maintain (see [Council Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2022/2506](#), as of 16 December 2022).

 For more information, see [Rules for Legal Entity Validation, LEAR Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment](#).

Consortium composition

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 2 applicants (lead applicant ("Coordinator") and at least one co-applicant, not being affiliated entity or associated partner).

Other conditions applying to all priorities/topics:

The lead applicant (i.e. "Coordinator") **cannot submit more than one application under this call for proposals, across all priorities/topics**. In case of multiple proposals submitted by the same lead applicant, **all those proposals will be rejected and will not be evaluated further**.

Eligible activities

Applications will only be considered eligible if their content corresponds wholly (or at least in part) to the topic description for which they are submitted.

Eligible activities are the ones set out in section 2 above.

Projects should take into account the results of projects supported by other EU funding programmes. The complementarities must be described in the project proposals (Part B of the Application Form).

Projects must comply with EU policy interests and priorities (*such as environment, social, security, industrial and trade policy, etc*). Projects must also respect EU values and European Commission policy regarding reputational matters (*e.g. activities involving capacity building, policy support, awareness raising, communication, dissemination, etc*)¹².

Financial support to third parties is not allowed

Geographic location (target countries)

Proposals must relate to activities taking place in the eligible countries (*see above*).

Duration

Projects should normally range between 12 and 24 months.

¹¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget (OJ L 325, 20.12.2022, p. 94).

¹² See, for instance, [Guidance on funding for activities related to the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of Union legislation and policy](#).

Extensions are possible, if duly justified and through an amendment.

Project budget

Minimum grant amount: EUR 50.000 (the **minimum grant requested** cannot be lower than EUR 50.000)

Maximum grant amount: EUR 500.000 (the **maximum grant awarded** cannot be higher than EUR 500.000)

The grant awarded may be lower than the amount requested.

Ethics and EU values

Projects must comply with:

- highest ethical standards
- EU values based on Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union and Article 21 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and
- other applicable EU, international and national law (including the General Data Protection Regulation [2016/679](#)).

Projects must seek to promote gender equality and non-discrimination mainstreaming in accordance with the [Gender Mainstreaming Toolkit](#). Project activities should contribute to the equal empowerment of women and men in all their diversity, ensuring that they achieve their full potential and enjoy the same rights. They should also seek to reduce levels of discrimination suffered by particular groups (as well as those at risk of multiple discrimination) and to improve equality outcomes for individuals. Proposals should integrate gender and non-discrimination considerations in proposals and target a gender-balanced representation in project teams and activities. It is also important that individual data collected by the beneficiaries are broken down by sex ([sex-disaggregated data](#)), disability or age whenever possible.

Applicants must show in their application that they respect ethical principles and EU values based on Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union and Article of the 21 EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Private entities implementing activities involving children must moreover have a child protection policy covering the four areas described in the [Keeping Children Safe Child Safeguarding Standards](#)¹³. This policy must be available online and transparent to everyone who comes in contact with the organisation. It must include clear information about the recruitment of staff (including trainees and volunteers) and include background checks (vetting). It must also include clear procedures and rules to staff, including reporting rules, and continuous training.

Public entities with activities involving children must provide at least a declaration on the respect of child protection requirements (template available [here](#) or to be downloaded from the Portal Submission System, completed and re-uploaded) (see section 5 Admissibility and documents) or their child protection policy (CPP), if any.

7. Financial and operational capacity and exclusion

Financial capacity

¹³ See also [The International Child Safeguarding Standards - Keeping Children Safe](#)

Applicants must have **stable and sufficient resources** to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share. Organisations participating in several projects must have sufficient capacity to implement all projects.

The financial capacity check will be carried out on the basis of the documents you will be requested to upload in the [Participant Register](#) during grant preparation (*e.g. profit and loss account and balance sheet, business plan, audit report produced by an approved external auditor, certifying the accounts for the last closed financial year, etc*). The analysis will be based on neutral financial indicators, but will also take into account other aspects, such as dependency on EU funding and deficit and revenue in previous years.

The check will normally be done for coordinators, except:

- public bodies (entities established as public body under national law, including local, regional or national authorities) or international organisations
- if the project requested grant amount is not more than EUR 60 000.

If needed, it may also be done for affiliated entities.

If we consider that your financial capacity is not satisfactory, we may require:

- further information
 - an enhanced financial responsibility regime, i.e. joint and several responsibility for all beneficiaries or joint and several liability of affiliated entities (*see below, section 10*)
 - prefinancing paid in instalments
 - (one or more) prefinancing guarantees (*see below, section 10*)
- or
- propose no prefinancing
 - request that you are replaced or, if needed, reject the entire proposal.

 For more information, see [Rules for Legal Entity Validation, LEAR Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment](#).

Operational capacity

Applicants must have the **know-how, qualifications** and **resources** to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share (including sufficient experience in projects of comparable size and nature).

This capacity will be assessed together with the 'Quality' award criterion, on the basis of the competence and experience of the applicants and their project teams, including operational resources (human, technical and other) or, exceptionally, the measures proposed to obtain it by the time the task implementation starts.

If the evaluation of the award criterion is positive, the applicants are considered to have sufficient operational capacity.

Applicants will have to show their capacity via the following information:

- general profiles (qualifications and experiences) of the staff responsible for managing and implementing the project
- description of the consortium participants

- list of previous projects (key projects for the last 4 years) (*template available in Part B, n/a for newly established organisations*).

Additional supporting documents may be requested, if needed to confirm the operational capacity of any applicant.

Public bodies, Member State organisations and international organisations are exempted from the operational capacity check.

Exclusion

Applicants which are subject to an **EU exclusion decision** or in one of the following **exclusion situations** that bar them from receiving EU funding can NOT participate¹⁴:

- bankruptcy, winding up, affairs administered by the courts, arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or other similar procedures (including procedures for persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts)
- in breach of social security or tax obligations (including if done by persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts)
- guilty of grave professional misconduct¹⁵ (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- committed fraud, corruption, links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of EU Regulation [2988/95](#) (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin or created another entity with this purpose (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)

¹⁴ See Articles 138 and 143 of EU Financial Regulation [2024/2509](#).

¹⁵ 'Professional misconduct' includes, in particular, the following: violation of ethical standards of the profession; wrongful conduct with impact on professional credibility; breach of generally accepted professional ethical standards; false declarations/misrepresentation of information; participation in a cartel or other agreement distorting competition; violation of IPR; attempting to influence decision-making processes by taking advantage, through misrepresentation, of a conflict of interests, or to obtain confidential information from public authorities to gain an advantage; incitement to discrimination, hatred or violence or similar activities contrary to the EU values where negatively affecting or risking to affect the performance of a legal commitment.

- intentionally and without proper justification resisted¹⁶ an investigation, check or audit carried out by an EU authorising officer (or their representative or auditor), OLAF, the EPPO, or the European Court of Auditors.

Applicants will also be rejected if it turns out that¹⁷:

- during the award procedure they misrepresented information required as a condition for participating or failed to supply that information
- they were previously involved in the preparation of the call and this entails a distortion of competition that cannot be remedied otherwise (conflict of interest).

8. Evaluation and award procedure

The proposals will have to follow the **standard submission and evaluation procedure** (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)

An **evaluation committee** (assisted by independent outside experts) will assess all applications. Proposals will first be checked for formal requirements (admissibility, and eligibility, *see sections 5 and 6*). Proposals found admissible and eligible will be evaluated (for each topic) against the operational capacity and award criteria (*see sections 7 and 9*) and then ranked according to their scores.

For proposals with the same score (within a topic/budget envelope) a **priority order** will be determined according to the following approach:

Successively for every group of *ex aequo* proposals, starting with the highest scored group, and continuing in descending order:

The *ex aequo* proposals within the same topic will be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for the award criterion 'Relevance'. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on their scores for the criterion 'Quality'. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on their scores for the criterion 'Impact'.

All proposals will be informed about the evaluation result (**evaluation result letter**). Successful proposals will be invited for grant preparation; the other ones will be put on the reserve list or rejected.

 No commitment for funding — Invitation to grant preparation does NOT constitute a formal commitment for funding. We will still need to make various legal checks before grant award: *legal entity validation, financial capacity, exclusion check, etc.*

Grant preparation will involve a dialogue in order to fine-tune technical or financial aspects of the project and may require extra information from your side. It may also include adjustments to the proposal to address recommendations of the evaluation committee or other concerns. Full compliance will be a pre-condition for signing the grant.

If you believe that the evaluation procedure was flawed, you can submit a **complaint** (following the deadlines and procedures set out in the evaluation result letter). Please

¹⁶ 'Resisting an investigation, check or audit' means carrying out actions with the goal or effect of preventing, hindering or delaying the conduct of any of the activities needed to perform the investigation, check or audit, such as refusing to grant the necessary access to its premises or any other areas used for business purposes, concealing or refusing to disclose information or providing false information.

¹⁷ See Article 143 EU Financial Regulation [2024/2509](#).

note that notifications which have not been opened within 10 days after sending will be considered to have been accessed and that deadlines will be counted from opening/access (see also [Funding & Tenders Portal Terms and Conditions](#)). Please also be aware that for complaints submitted electronically, there may be character limitations.

9. Award criteria

The **award criteria** for this call are as follows¹⁸:

- 1. Relevance:** extent to which the proposal matches the priorities and objectives of the call; clearly defined needs and robust needs assessment; clearly defined target group, with gender perspective being appropriately taken into account; contribution to the EU strategic and legislative context; contribution to the implementation of the relevant EU equality strategies and policies¹⁹; European/trans-national dimension, impact/interest for a number of countries (EU or eligible non-EU countries), possibility to use the results in other countries (potential for transfer of good practices); potential to develop mutual trust/cross-border cooperation; building synergies and avoiding duplication with previous projects (40 points)
- 2. Quality:** clarity and consistency of project; logical links between the identified problems, needs and solutions proposed (logical frame concept); methodology for implementing the project with gender perspective being appropriately taken into account (organisation of work, timetable, allocation of resources and distribution of tasks between partners, risks & risk management, monitoring and evaluation); ethical issues and measures/policies to guarantee compliance with EU values are addressed; feasibility of the project within the proposed time frame (40 points)
- 3. Impact:** ambition and expected long-term impact of results on target groups/general public; appropriate dissemination strategy for ensuring sustainability and long-term impact; potential for a positive multiplier effect; sustainability of results after EU funding ends (20 points)

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

¹⁸ For detailed instructions please refer to Part B template to be downloaded from the Portal Submission System

¹⁹ Please see **Policy initiatives supported** under section **2. Objectives**

Maximum points: 100 points.

Individual threshold for the criterion 'Relevance': 25/40 points.

Overall threshold: 70 points.

Proposals that pass the individual threshold for the criterion 'Relevance' AND the overall threshold will be considered for funding — within the limits of the available budget (i.e. up to the budget ceiling). Other proposals will be rejected.

10. Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements

If you pass evaluation, your project will be invited for grant preparation, where you will be asked to prepare the Grant Agreement together with the EU Project Officer.

This Grant Agreement will set the framework for your grant and its terms and conditions, in particular concerning deliverables, reporting and payments.

The Model Grant Agreement that will be used (and all other relevant templates and guidance documents) can be found on [Portal Reference Documents](#).

Starting date and project duration

The project starting date and duration will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 1*). The starting date should be after grant signature (normally within 6 months). A retroactive starting date can be granted exceptionally for duly justified reasons — but never earlier than the proposal submission date.

Project duration: *see section 6 above*.

Milestones and deliverables

Activities must be grouped into work packages which are major sub-divisions of the project. (For the distribution of the work packages please see the section "Budget categories for this call".)²⁰

For each work package, an objective and lists of tasks/activities, milestones and deliverables must be defined. The deliverables and milestones must be quantifiable and measurable. Their structure should be logical and guided by identifiable outputs with clear indicators.

The milestones and deliverables for each project will be managed through the Portal Grant Management System and will be reflected in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement.

The following deliverables will be mandatory for all projects:

Reports on the implementation of work packages, one report for each work package/event (template available on [the Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal](#), section Project reporting templates, file name "[Event description sheet \(CERV REM, CIV and NETW\)](#)") Other deliverables may be linked to Work packages, such as: policy recommendations, training materials, event conclusions, publications, analyses, audio-visual materials, dissemination materials.

²⁰ Please note that lump sum type 1 proposals should not follow the standard distribution of work packages (i.e. Management and coordination, Research, Communication etc.). They should follow the "1 lump sum = 1 work package = 1 'event' = one or several activities" approach described in the section "Budget categories for this call"

The following milestone will be mandatory for all projects:

- Milestone related to “**EU survey on Justice, Right and Values**”. Beneficiaries will have to ask attendees in events to participate in the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values. This survey allows the granting authority to closely monitor training, mutual learning and awareness-raising events. The beneficiaries will receive a weblink to the survey, to be forwarded to the attendees. They will have access to the survey results for their project and can use it for their project evaluation. The granting authority will aggregate the results of all the projects financed under the CERV programme.

Other milestones are optional.

Form of grant, funding rate and maximum grant amount

The grant parameters (*maximum grant amount, funding rate, total eligible costs, etc*) will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 3 and art 5*).

Project budget (requested grant amount): *see section 6 above*.

The grant will be a lump sum grant. This means that it will reimburse a fixed amount, based on a lump sum or financing not linked to costs. The amount will be fixed by the granting authority on the basis of the variable amounts it has prefixed and the estimates indicated by the beneficiaries in their project budget. Project budget should be established by filling out the lump sum budget in the Application Part A (“Work packages” and “Beneficiary Calculation Sheet”), to be filled directly online. *** NEW ***

Budget categories and cost eligibility rules

The budget categories and cost eligibility rules are fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 3, art 6 and Annex 2*).

Budget categories for this call:

- Lump sum contributions²¹
- the lump sum amount must be calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in the lump sum decision and by filling out the Administrative forms (Part A) ('Work packages' section)
- One lump sum must correspond to one Work Package ('event') in the Application Form.
- 1 lump sum = 1 work package = 1 'event' = one or several activities
- An 'event' happens within a defined timeframe and can include one or several activities (e.g. conferences, workshops, trainings, seminars, debates, webinars, exhibitions, campaigns, surveys, research etc), aiming at gathering people (i.e. involving direct and verifiable participation of the target group(s)) to discuss a thematic defined in advance. An event aims at reaching a determined output as defined in the work package of reference.
- Projects should be built around the organisation of several work packages/ 'events' gathering Citizens and/or stakeholders (mandatory for each work package).

²¹ [Decision](#) of 26 March 2021 authorising the use of lump sums for actions under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (2021-2027).

- The lump sum calculation is based on two parameters: number of direct participants and number of eligible countries per 'event'. 'Events' can take place either in-situ or online.
- EU officials shall not be counted for the purposes of the calculation of the lump sum thresholds, in accordance with the Decision authorising the use of lump sums for actions under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (2021-2027). EU officials or EU policymakers may participate; however, they are not the intended target group of this call, which is designed to engage citizens and civil society actors through participatory and interactive processes. Only the active and verifiable participation of citizens or stakeholders is considered eligible for the purposes of calculation of the lump sum.
- To be eligible for funding, the total number of direct participants involved in the event must comply with the minimum requirements of participants/countries as set in the lump sum decision.
- Double funding is not allowed. Direct participants can be counted only once for the whole work package/'event' even if they participate in several activities. In addition, activities involving the same direct participants but belonging to different work packages should, in principle, not have overlapping timeframe (i.e. taking place on the same/consecutive days). Should that occur, the same direct participants must be counted only once under one work package.

Reporting and payment arrangements

The reporting and payment arrangements are fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 4 and art 21 and 22*).

After grant signature, you will normally receive a **prefinancing** to start working on the project (float of normally **60%** of the maximum grant amount; exceptionally less or no prefinancing). The prefinancing will be paid 30 days from entry into force/financial guarantee (if required) — whichever is the latest.

Payment of the balance: At the end of the project, we will calculate your final grant amount. If the total of earlier payments is higher than the final grant amount, we will ask you (your coordinator) to pay back the difference (recovery).

All payments will be made to the coordinator.

 Please be aware that payments will be automatically lowered if you or one of your consortium members has outstanding debts towards the EU (granting authority or other EU bodies). Such debts will be offset by us — in line with the conditions set out in the Grant Agreement (*see art 22*).

Please also note that you are responsible for **keeping records** on all the work done.

Prefinancing guarantees

If a prefinancing guarantee is required, it will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 4*). The amount will be set during grant preparation, and it will normally be equal or lower than the prefinancing for your grant.

The guarantee should be in euro and issued by an approved bank/financial institution established in an EU Member State. If you are established in a non-EU country and would like to provide a guarantee from a bank/financial institution in your country, please contact us (this may be exceptionally accepted, if it offers equivalent security).

Amounts blocked in bank accounts will NOT be accepted as financial guarantees.

Prefinancing guarantees are normally requested from the coordinator, for the consortium. They must be provided during grant preparation, in time to make the prefinancing (scanned copy via Portal AND original by post).

If agreed with us, the bank guarantee may be replaced by a guarantee from a third party.

The guarantee will be released at the end of the grant, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Grant Agreement (*art 23*).

Certificates

Depending on the type of action, size of grant amount and type of beneficiaries, you may be requested to submit different certificates. The types, schedules and thresholds for each certificate are fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 4 and art 24*).

Liability regime for recoveries

The liability regime for recoveries will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 4.4 and art 22*).

For beneficiaries, it is one of the following:

- limited joint and several liability with individual ceilings — *each beneficiary up to their maximum grant amount*
 - unconditional joint and several liability — *each beneficiary up to the maximum grant amount for the action*
- or
- individual financial responsibility — *each beneficiary only for their own debts*.

In addition, the granting authority may require joint and several liability of affiliated entities (with their beneficiary).

Provisions concerning the project implementation

IPR rules: *see Model Grant Agreement (art 16 and Annex 5)*:

- rights of use on results: Yes

Communication, dissemination and visibility of funding: *see Model Grant Agreement (art 17 and Annex 5)*:

- additional communication and dissemination activities: Yes

Other specificities

Consortium agreement: Yes

Non-compliance and breach of contract

The Grant Agreement (chapter 5) provides for the measures we may take in case of breach of contract (and other non-compliance issues).



For more information, see [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#).

11. How to submit an application

All proposals must be submitted directly online via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System. Paper applications are NOT accepted.

Submission is a **2-step process**:

a) create a user account and register your organisation

To use the Submission System (the only way to apply), all participants need to [create an EU Login user account](#).

Once you have an EULogin account, you can [register your organisation](#) in the Participant Register. When your registration is finalised, you will receive a 9-digit participant identification code (PIC).

b) submit the proposal

Access the Electronic Submission System via the Topic page in the [Calls for proposals](#) section (or, for calls sent by invitation to submit a proposal, through the link provided in the invitation letter).

Submit your proposal in 4 parts, as follows:

- Part A contains administrative information about the participants (future coordinator, beneficiaries and affiliated entities) and the Lump-Sum Budget for the project *** NEW ***. Fill it in directly online
- Part B (description of the action) covers the technical content of the proposal. Download the mandatory word template from the Submission System, fill it in and upload it as a PDF file
- Part C (KPI tool) containing additional project data. To be filled in directly online, all sections to be completed.
- Annexes (*see section 5*). Upload them as PDF file (single or multiple depending on the slots). Excel upload is sometimes possible, depending on the annex type.

The proposal must keep to the **page limits** (*see section 5*); excess pages will be disregarded.

Documents must be uploaded to the **right category** in the Submission System, otherwise the proposal may be considered incomplete and thus inadmissible.

The proposal must be submitted **before the call deadline** (*see section 4*). After this deadline, the system is closed, and proposals can no longer be submitted.

Once the proposal is submitted, you will receive a **confirmation e-mail** (with date and time of your application). If you do not receive this confirmation e-mail, it means your proposal has NOT been submitted. If you believe this is due to a fault in the Submission System, you should immediately file a complaint via the [IT Helpdesk webform](#), explaining the circumstances and attaching a copy of the proposal (and, if possible, screenshots to show what happened).

Details on processes and procedures are described in the [Online Manual](#). The Online Manual also contains the links to FAQs and detailed instructions regarding the Portal Electronic Exchange System.

[Guidance on the use of generative AI tools for the preparation of the proposal](#)

When considering the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools for the preparation of the proposal, it is imperative to exercise caution and careful consideration. The AI-generated content should be thoroughly reviewed and validated by the applicants to ensure its appropriateness and accuracy, as well as its compliance with intellectual property regulations. Applicants are fully responsible for the content of the proposal (even those parts produced by the AI tool) and must be transparent in disclosing which AI tools were used and how they were utilised.

Specifically, applicants are required to:

- Verify the accuracy, validity, and appropriateness of the content and any citations generated by the AI tool and correct any errors or inconsistencies.
- Provide a list of sources used to generate content and citations, including those generated by the AI tool.
- Double-check citations to ensure they are accurate and properly referenced.
- Be conscious of the potential for plagiarism where the AI tool may have reproduced substantial text from other sources. Check the original sources to be sure you are not plagiarizing someone else's work.
- Acknowledge the limitations of the AI tool in the proposal preparation, including the potential for bias, errors, and gaps in knowledge.

12. Help

As far as possible, ***please try to find the answers you need yourself***, in this call document, and the other documentation (we have limited resources for handling direct enquiries):

- [Online Manual](#)
- Topic Q&A on the Topic page (for call-specific questions in open calls; not applicable for actions by invitation)
- [Portal FAQ](#) (for general questions).

Please also consult the Call and Topic pages regularly, since we will use them to publish call updates, including an invitation to the info session for applicants after the opening of the call (if any). (For invitations, we will contact you directly in case of a call update).

Contact

For individual questions on the Portal Submission System, please contact the [IT Helpdesk](#).

Non-IT related questions should be sent to: the [CERV National Contact Point](#) of your country (if established), or otherwise to the following email address: EACEA-CERV@ec.europa.eu.

Please indicate clearly **the reference of the call and topic** to which your question relates (*see cover page*).

13. Important

IMPORTANT

- **Don't wait until the end** — Complete your application sufficiently in advance of the deadline to avoid any last minute **technical problems**. Problems due to last minute submissions (*e.g. congestion, etc*) will be entirely at your risk. Call deadlines can NOT be extended.
- **Consult** the Portal Call and Topic pages regularly. We will use them to publish updates and additional information on the call (call and topic updates).
- **Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Exchange System** — By submitting the application, all participants **accept** to use the electronic exchange system in accordance with the [Portal Terms & Conditions](#).

- **Registration** — Before submitting the application, all beneficiaries, affiliated entities and associated partners must be registered in the [Participant Register](#). The participant identification code (PIC) (one per participant) is mandatory for the Application Form.

- **Consortium roles**— When setting up your consortium, you should think of organisations that help you reach objectives and solve problems.

The roles should be attributed according to the level of participation in the project. Main participants should participate as **beneficiaries** or **affiliated entities**; other entities can participate as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions. **Associated partners** and third parties giving in-kind contributions should bear their own costs (they will not become formal recipients of EU funding). **Subcontracting** should normally constitute a limited part and must be performed by third parties (not by one of the beneficiaries/affiliated entities). Subcontracting going beyond 30% of the total eligible costs must be justified in the application.

- **Coordinator** — In multi-beneficiary grants, the beneficiaries participate as consortium (group of beneficiaries). They will have to choose a coordinator, who will take care of the project management and coordination and will represent the consortium towards the granting authority. In mono-beneficiary grants, the single beneficiary will automatically be coordinator.
- **Affiliated entities** — Applicants may participate with affiliated entities (i.e. entities linked to a beneficiary which participate in the action with similar rights and obligations as the beneficiaries, but do not sign the grant and therefore do not become beneficiaries themselves). They will get a part of the grant money and must therefore comply with all the call conditions and be validated (just like beneficiaries); but they do not count towards the minimum eligibility criteria for consortium composition (if any). If affiliated entities participate in your project, please do not forget to provide documents demonstrating their affiliation link to your organisation as part of your application.
- **Associated partners** — Applicants may participate with associated partners (i.e. partner organisations which participate in the action but without the right to get grant money). They participate without funding and therefore do not need to be validated.
- **Consortium agreement** — For practical and legal reasons it is recommended to set up internal arrangements that allow you to deal with exceptional or unforeseen circumstances (in all cases, even if not mandatory under the Grant Agreement). The consortium agreement also gives you the possibility to redistribute the grant money according to your own consortium-internal

principles and parameters (for instance, one beneficiary can reattribute its grant money to another beneficiary). The consortium agreement thus allows you to customise the EU grant to the needs inside your consortium and can also help to protect you in case of disputes.

- **Balanced project budget** — Grant applications must ensure a balanced project budget and sufficient other resources to implement the project successfully (*e.g. own contributions, income generated by the action, financial contributions from third parties, etc*). You may be requested to lower your estimated costs, if they are ineligible (including excessive).
- **Completed/ongoing projects** — Proposals for projects that have already been completed will be rejected; proposals for projects that have already started will be assessed on a case-by-case basis (in this case, no costs can be reimbursed for activities that took place before the project starting date/proposal submission).
- **No-profit rule** — Grants may NOT give a profit (i.e. surplus of revenues + EU grant over costs). This will be checked by us at the end of the project.
- **No cumulation of funding/no double funding** — It is strictly prohibited to cumulate funding from the EU budget (except under 'EU Synergies actions'). Outside such Synergies actions, any given action may receive only ONE grant from the EU budget and cost items may under NO circumstances be declared under two EU grants; projects must be designed as different actions, clearly delineated and separated for each grant (without overlaps).
- **Combination with EU operating grants** — Combination with EU operating grants is possible, if the project remains outside the operating grant work programme and you make sure that cost items are clearly separated in your accounting and NOT declared twice (see [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement, art 6.2.E](#)).
- **Multiple proposals** — **Applicants cannot submit more than one proposal as coordinator** under this call. Multiple proposals will be rejected.
- **Resubmission** — Proposals may be changed and re-submitted until the deadline for submission.
- **Rejection** — By submitting the application, all applicants accept the call conditions set out in this this Call document (and the documents it refers to). Proposals that do not comply with all the call conditions will be rejected. This applies also to applicants: All applicants need to fulfil the criteria; if any one of them doesn't, they must be replaced, or the entire proposal will be rejected.
- **Cancellation** — There may be circumstances which may require the cancellation of the call. In this case, you will be informed via a call or topic update. Please note that cancellations are without entitlement to compensation.
- **Language** — You can submit your proposal in any official EU language (project abstract/summary should however always be in English). For reasons of efficiency, we strongly advise you to use English for the entire application. If you need the call documentation in another official EU language, please submit a request within 10 days after call publication (for the contact information, see *section 12*).
- **Transparency** — In accordance with Article 38 of the [EU Financial Regulation](#), information about EU grants awarded is published each year on the [Europa website](#).

This includes:

- beneficiary names
- beneficiary addresses
- the purpose for which the grant was awarded
- the maximum amount awarded.

The publication can exceptionally be waived (on reasoned and duly substantiated request), if there is a risk that the disclosure could jeopardise your rights and freedoms under the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights or harm your commercial interests.

- **Data protection** — The submission of a proposal under this call involves the collection, use and processing of personal data. This data will be processed in accordance with the applicable legal framework. It will be processed solely for the purpose of evaluating your proposal, subsequent management of your grant and, if needed, programme monitoring, evaluation and communication. Details are explained in the [Funding & Tenders Portal Privacy Statement](#).