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Europe for Citizens Programme

EFC (Europe for Citizens Programme):

Funding initiatives to **strengthen remembrance and enhance civic participation** across the EU.

The aim of the Europe for Citizens programme in **2014-2020** was to fund projects that:

- contribute to citizens' understanding of the history, values and diversity of the EU;
- foster conditions for civic participation and engagement at EU level.

For the 2014–2020 programming period, Europe for Citizens had a **total budget of € 187,718,000**.

The programme was implemented through two strands: European Remembrance, and Democratic Engagement and Civic Participation.



CERV - Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme

The biggest-ever EU fund for promoting and protecting fundamental rights inside the EU – over **EUR 1,55 billion** for the period 2021–2027.

This programme aims to **protect** and **promote Union rights and values** as enshrined in the EU Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

CERV stems from the fusion of the previous programmes “Europe for Citizens” and “Rights, Equality and Citizens”.

It provides structural support to bodies pursuing an aim of general EU interest, to **raise awareness** on European rights and values, and to encourage **democratic and civic participation**.



CERV is built on 4 pillars



(1) UNION VALUES

The first priority of the new CERV programme classically remains to protect and promoting Union values. Union values are inscribed in Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union and include respect for human dignity, freedom democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

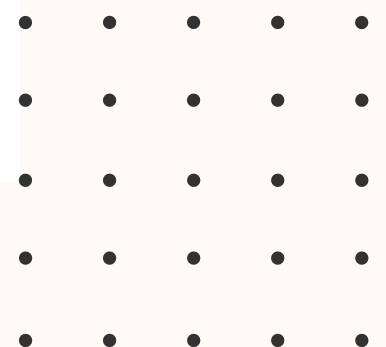
Projects in this strand focus on protecting, promoting and raising awareness on rights by providing financial support to civil society organisations active at the local, regional and transnational level in promoting and cultivating these rights, contributing to the construction of a more democratic Union, democratic dialogue, transparency and good governance.

(2) EQUALITY, RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY

The second strand of the programmes focuses on promoting rights, non-discrimination, equality, including gender equality, and advance gender and non-discrimination mainstreaming. Projects in this area will:



- Promote: Union values, equality, gender equality, European remembrance, citizen engagement; the rights of the child;
- Prevent and combat: discrimination, racism, xenophobia and all forms of intolerance; gender-based violence; violence against children.



(3) CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION



The third strand of the CERV programme aims at promoting citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union and exchanges between citizens of different Member States, as well as raising awareness of the common European history.

Projects in this area will:

- remember, research and educate about defining events in recent European history;
- promote citizens and CSOs participation in and contribution to the democratic and civic life of the Union by making known and publicly exchanging their views in all areas on Union action;
- promote exchanges between citizens of different countries (e.g., town-twinning and networks of towns).

(4) DAPHNE

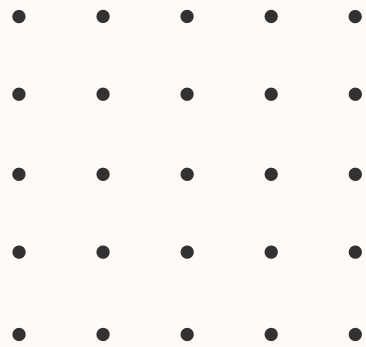
The Daphne strand is designed to prevent and combat different forms of violence including gender-based violence and violence against children. More specifically, within this strand, the Commission will support the projects aiming to:



- prevent and combating at all levels all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls and domestic violence;
- promote the standards laid down in the Istanbul Convention;
- preventing and combating all forms of violence against children, young people, as well as violence against other groups at risk, such as LGBTQI persons and persons with disabilities;
- support and protect all direct and indirect victims of such violence,

Budget

Budget lines	2023 (€)	2024 (€)
Budget line 07 06 04: Protect and promote Union values	108 683 873	88 151 507
Budget line 07 06 01: Promote equality and rights	36 863 099	36 019 970
Budget line 07 06 02: Promote citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union	32 154 085	55 671 418
Budget line 07 06 03: Daphne	25 257 735	25 146 869
TOTAL	202 958 792	204 989 764



CERV : Instruments



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACTION GRANTS AND OPERATING GRANTS?

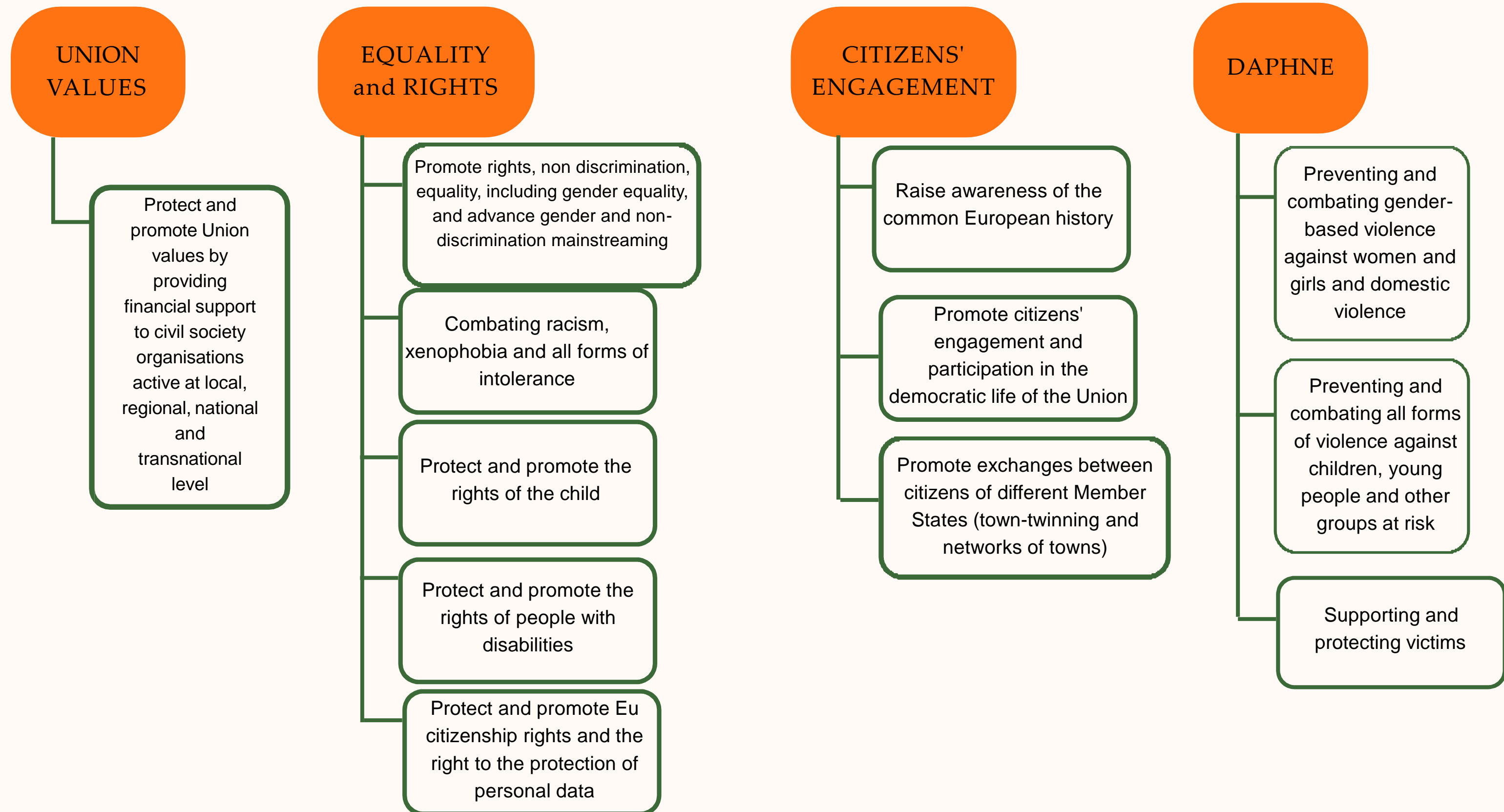
An **action grant** funds a specific action intended to help achieve one of the program policy objectives.

An **operating grant** funds the operating costs of an organisation pursuing an objective supporting the program policies.

CERV : Eligibility



CERV at a glance



CERV Instruments

POLICY DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PROJECTS

in European Remembrance

- EU Strategy on combating antisemitism,
- EU anti-racism action plan 2020-20255,
- EU Roma strategic framework on equality, inclusion and participation

in Equality and Participation

- **European democracy action plan,**
- EU Citizenship Report 2020,
- Rule of the law report,
- Strategy to strengthen the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the EU,
- **Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025,**
- EU anti-racism action plan,
- EU Roma strategic framework on equality, inclusion and participation,
- **LGBTIQ Equality Strategy,**
- EU Strategy on the rights of the child, upcoming EU Strategy on combating antisemitism

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European Democracy Action Plan (EDAP)

How to strengthen European Democracies?

Individual rights and freedoms, transparency and accountability are at the heart of the EU's response set put in the European Democracy Action Plan

Protect the integrity of elections and promote democratic participation by:

- Introducing new rules on transparency in political advertising in 2021
- Revising existing rules on the financing of European political parties in 2021
- Setting up a new operational mechanism for electoral resilience, rooted in structured cooperation of Member States to counter threats to electoral process
- Promoting respect in the public debate and fight against online speech

Strengthen media freedom and media pluralism by:

- Proposing a recommendation on safety of journalists in 2021
- Presenting an initiative to protect journalists and civil society against abusive litigation (SLAPP) in 2021
- Providing sustainable funding for projects on legal and practical assistance to journalists inside and outside the EU
- Supporting cooperation, journalistic partnerships and standards
- Strengthening media diversity and transparency (including transparency of media ownership with a new Media Ownership Monitor, transparency of state advertising)

Counter disinformation, foreign interference and information influence operations by:

- Developing the EU's toolbox for countering foreign interference in our information space
- Issuing guidance for a reinforced Code of Practice on Disinformation in Spring 2021 and setting a permanent monitoring framework
- Boosting media literacy, raising awareness and support for civil society

50.66%
of EU citizens eligible to
vote took part in the
2019 elections

73%
of women journalists
globally have experiences
online violence in the
course of their work
(survey UNESCO)

2.5 million
accounts were
challenged in August
2020 by Twitter's
COVID-19 guidance

Gender Equality Strategy 2020 - 2025

- Improving the balance between women and men in decision-making positions, including on company boards and in politics
 - by adopting EU-wide targets on gender balance on corporate boards
 - by encouraging the participation of women as voters and candidates in the 2024 European Parliament elections
- Encouraging a more balanced participation of women and men in all work sectors for more diversity in the workplace
 - by promoting the EU platform of Diversity Charters in all sectors
 - by addressing the digital gender gap in the updated Digital Education Action Plan

THE GENDER EQUALITY STRATEGY ALSO MEANS...

...**gender mainstreaming** = including a gender perspective in all policy areas, at all levels and at all stages of policy-making. **For example:**

● Specific needs, challenges and opportunities in different sectors, such as transport, energy and agriculture, will be addressed within the Commission's gender mainstreaming actions.

● The Commission will address the gender dimension in its major initiatives responding to European challenges such as climate change and digitalisation

...**intersectionality** = all women are different and may face discrimination based on several personal characteristics. For instance, a migrant woman with a disability may face discrimination on three grounds

● The intersectionality of gender with other grounds of discrimination will be addressed across EU policies

...**and dedicated funding for a gender equal future**

● In the EU budget (2021 - 2027), gender equality-related projects will be supported and funded through a number of EU programmes: from dedicated grants under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme to big structural, social and cohesive EU funds.

LGBTIQ+ Equality Strategy 2020 - 2025

FIRST-EVER EU LGBTIQ+ STRATEGY

The European Commission steps up action to promote a Union of Equality for all by adopting the first-ever EU LGBTIQ+ Equality Strategy. It sets out a number of key objectives across four pillars to be achieved by 2025



1. Tackling discrimination against LGBTIQ+ people

- ▶ Enforcing and improving legal protection against discrimination
- ▶ Promoting inclusion and diversity in the workplace
- ▶ Combating inequality in education, health, culture and sport
- ▶ Upholding the rights of LGBTIQ+ applicants for international protection



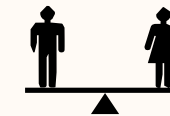
2. Ensuring LGBTIQ+ people's safety

- ▶ Reinforcing legal protection for LGBTIQ+ people against hate crime, hate speech and violence
- ▶ Strengthening measures to combat anti-LGBTIQ+ online hate, speech and disinformation
- ▶ Reporting for anti-LGBTIQ+ hate crime and exchanges of good practices
- ▶ Protecting and promoting LGBTIQ+ people's body and mental health



3. Building LGBTIQ+ inclusive societies

- ▶ Ensuring rights for LGBTIQ+ people in cross-border situations
- ▶ Improving the legal protection for rainbow families in cross-border situations
- ▶ Improving the recognition of trans and non-binary, and intersex people
- ▶ Fostering an enabling environment for civil society



4. Leading the call for LGBTIQ+ equality around the world

- ▶ Strengthening the EU's engagement on LGBTIQ+ issues in all its external relations

CERV: Development Process

 **European Commission**

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News

08 Dec, 2022

Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-2024 adopted, calls available online

The European Commission adopted the Horizon Europe Work Programme for 2023-2024 on 6 December 2022; they are now available online. Please read the related Press...

28 Nov, 2022

Evaluation of the six Executive Agencies (EACEA, ERCEA, EASME, CHAFAEA, INEA, REA) - consultation of stakeholders

Under the Council Regulation 58/2003 the European Commission is required to carry out regular evaluations of the Agencies every three years. In this context, th...

31 Oct, 2022

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CERV-2023-DAPHNE

Programme	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)	Status	Open for submission
Type of action	CERV Lump Sum Grants	Deadline model	single-stage
Opening date	08 December 2022	Deadline date	19 April 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time

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

CERV-2023-EQUAL

Programme	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)	Status	Forthcoming
Type of action	CERV Lump Sum Grants	Deadline model	single-stage
Opening date	08 December 2022	Deadline date	20 June 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time

European Remembrance

CERV-2022-CITIZENS-REM

Programme	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)	Status	Closed
Type of action	CERV Lump Sum Grants	Deadline model	single-stage
Opening date	30 November 2021	Deadline date	24 March 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time

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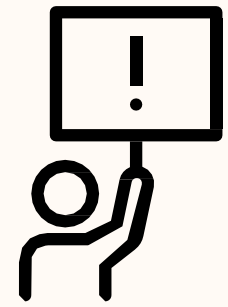
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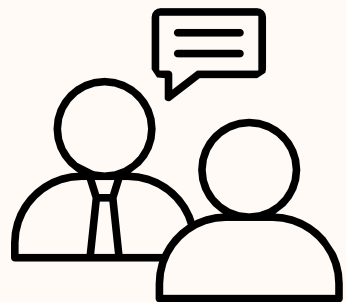
How does a CERV project begin?



**SPECIFIC AND
SHARED NEEDS**



**COMMON
OBJECTIVES**



**FOLLOW
UP**

CERV: HINTS and TIPS



- **CAREFUL READING OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AND CALL**
 - **AMBITIOUS PARTNERSHIP**
 - **WRITING PROCESS**
 - **INDICATORS**
 - **IMPACT ON CITIZENS**
 - **BUDGET**





STAND-UP

Standing up against hate in the EU

STAND UP Project

« Standing up against hate in the EU »

European Public Law Organisation, Public Prosecutor's Office at the Ordinary Court of Venice, Fundacion Euroarabe de altos estudios, National Commission for Human Rights, AGENFOR.

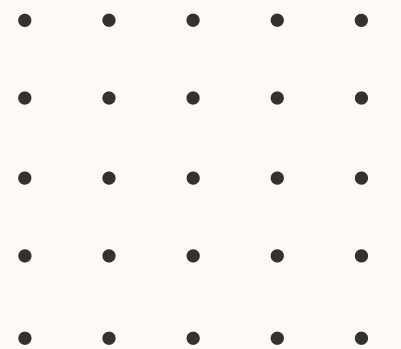
OBJECTIVES and ACTIVITIES

- Enhance multi-agency cooperation in countering hate crime;
- Standardize reporting procedures;
- Deepen relevant actors' understanding of the phenomena of hate speech and hate crime;
- Strengthen support for victims;
- Design and implement training for CSOs, LEAs, and prosecutors and judges on reporting, investigating, prosecuting, and preventing (RIPP) hate crimes and discrimination.



Citizen participation

Activities to **raise awareness** of STAND-UP and its outcomes, as well as well as to heighten awareness of hate crime and its impact on victims, are carried out throughout the project



MOVING ON

- GEA - SOCIETA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE IT
- FARE NETWORK STICHTING NL
- INEX - SDRUZENI DOBROVOLNYCH AKTIVIT Z S CZ
- THE EUROPEAN ROMA RIGHTS CENTRE BE FEDERACIÓN DE ASOCIACIONES GITANAS DE CATALUÑA ES
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OBJECTIVES and ACTIVITIES

- **Promote equal access to sport** for Roma, Sinti and Travellers as tool to prevent discriminations and enhance equal opportunities and wellbeing
- **Increase capacity of grassroots sport sector**, social organizations and public authorities to promote inclusion through sport
- **Assess and reduce the impact of the Covid-19 on the possibilities** to engage in sport for the target group and provide alternatives for meaningful participation
- **Promote positive storytelling around stories and successful practices of inclusion** through sport and in sport of RST people
- **Promote awareness on the role of sport as a tool of inclusion** and its valorisation in the implementation of EU Roma strategic framework at local, national and EU level



Citizen participation

Promoting inclusive sport activities for Roma, Sinti and Travellers minorities and non-Roma **at local level**, the project will favor **community development, active citizenship**, dialogue and trust between these minorities and **local communities**, as well as between Roma, Sinti and Travellers, civic society organizations and municipal authorities.





Eu For Citizens Programme





EU sceptic OBSERVE

WiseEuropa, Political Capital, Malmo University, EuropaNova, Friends of Europe

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

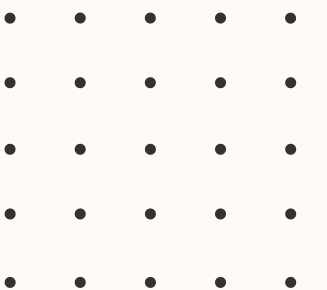
- to **foster European citizenship** and to improve the conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.
- **Creation of a website “Observatory tool”**: The website will provide users with an in-depth analysis of the state of play of the Eurosceptic political parties in Europe and their positions.

Citizen participation

Events across Europe:

Several cities across Europe have been carefully selected on the basis of specific challenges to tackle. The event will be divided in two parts:

- A **citizens' workshop** in which several groups will have a solution-oriented debate to provide practical recommendations that will be collected in a political manifesto;
- A **round-table** between local practitioners, academic experts, civil society members representing different political opinions (both pro-EU and Eurosceptic).





Cities And Metropolises in Europe Labouring Onward Together

Milan, Porto, Stuttgart, Zagreb, Bari, Gdansk, Craiova and Barcelona



OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- **promote the cohesion of a network** of Metropolitan cities by sharing knowledge on specific topics throughout international events hosted by each partner.
 - build a **thematic network of European Metropolitan Cities** that will exchange experiences about the management of the European funds and the role of metropolitan cities in the future of European governance, keeping as a central focus the participation of citizens.
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Citizen participation

- **Nine international events**, one in each partner's city. The conferences represented a moment for citizens to acquire the fundamental knowledge of their **EU institutions and decision-making processes**, in order to consolidate a real active and mature European citizenship.
- a **forum for debate** on the institutional and political future of Europe, focusing on the role of metropolitan cities in European governance.



Awareness of Common History for Identifying and Extending the Values of Europe

Peje Municipality, Zavidovici Municipality, Herceg Novi Municipality, Central and Eastern European Citizens Network, Čajetina Municipality, Mioveni Municipality, Erdut Municipality, House of National Minorities, Regional Association of Municipalities Central Stara Planina, Centre for European Policy Studies on Regional and Local Development – CRLDS

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- Encouraging civic and democratic participation of citizens at the EU level by developing their knowledge on the process of political elaboration of EU and promoting opportunities of civic, volunteer, or intercultural engagement at the EU level.
- Raise awareness to the common memory, history and values of EU countries and to the EU objectives (like peace promotion), its values and the wellbeing of its inhabitants through debates, reflections and networks

Citizen participation

- “**Global Citizenships’ map**” built through which citizens identify creative ways to develop messages countering the growing distrust and disaffection for Europe
- Local events with citizens
- International events



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EU Citizens' Actions for Smart Historic Villages

Dagda Municipality, Cheshinovo Municipality, Comunidade Intermunicipal do Alto Alentejo, LAG Zagorje–Sutla Unioni dei Comuni della Grecia Salentina, Bolyarovo Municipality

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- **Creation of transnational thematic working groups** in the framework of the European historic network of villages;
- **Identification of local development strategies** based on the assets, historical values and cultural heritage of rural areas;
- **Mapping and analysis of best practices** and successful initiatives stemming from synergies between social innovation and cultural heritage;
- **Development of joint development strategies** and action lines for smart historic villages;
- **Elaboration of a transferability and sustainability plan** to ensure the continuity of the network beyond the duration of the project.

Citizen participation

- **Forty small rural municipalities** with nearly 10,000 inhabitants participated in the project
- **A wide range of activities of citizen participation** was carried out by the transnational thematic working groups in the framework of the European smart historic villages network set by the project. T

Recommendations for Eu For Citizens

- **Workshop & participatory activities** can have a direct impact on the active involvement of citizens
- **Conferences** allow to reach a large number of citizens
- **Exchange practices:** is a 'win-win' type of activity that makes it possible to enhance the experiences and capacities of the partners and foster a real impact of the project in terms of transnationality.
- **Local path:** s a key activity for citizen and local community awareness and involvement

Cross-activity recommendations

- **Training/capacity-building sessions** could be envisaged, also in terms of exchange between partners in the initial phase of the project to enable everyone to have an adequate level with respect to implementation needs.
- **More qualitative and thematic additional requirements** could be envisaged already at the project proposal writing stage to favour the organisation and valorisation of exchange events and activities
- A better **balance of online/offline activities** and the type of impact
- **Follow up actions** can be designed and defined jointly within the consortium already in the second half of the project (and not at the end), since it envisages actions that favour a sustainability of the network.



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