

THE CITIZENS, EQUALITY, RIGHTS AND VALUES PROGRAMME (CERV)



**YOUR ESSENTIAL GUIDE
FOR THE NEW PROGRAMMING PERIOD
2021-2027**

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1.55 bln

is an estimated budget of the new CERV programme for 2021-2027 period.

ABOUT:

Strengthening and promoting EU rights and values is a top priority of the European Commission.

The new Citizens, Equality, Rights & Values programme reflects this priority, and with an overall budget of 1.55 billion euro for the next 7-year period, it represents the biggest-ever EU fund for promoting and protecting the rights and values as enshrined in the Treaties, the Charter and in the applicable international human rights conventions.

Budget composition

EUR 642 mln

of the budget comes from the MFF



● Top-Up ● MFF Financial Envelope

EUR 912 mln

of the budget is Top-up coming from revenue from fines imposed under regulation related to competition area

The new CERV programme replaced former Europe for Citizens programme, whose calls were managed by EACEA during the 2014-2020 funding period, as well as the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme.

The new €1.55 billion CERV programme will be based on four strands:

(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,

CERV FUNDING

The new Multiannual Financial Framework for the next seven years, amounting to EUR 1.8 trillion, is structured in 7 budget headings according to various EU policies and covers almost 40 spending programs one of which is CERV.

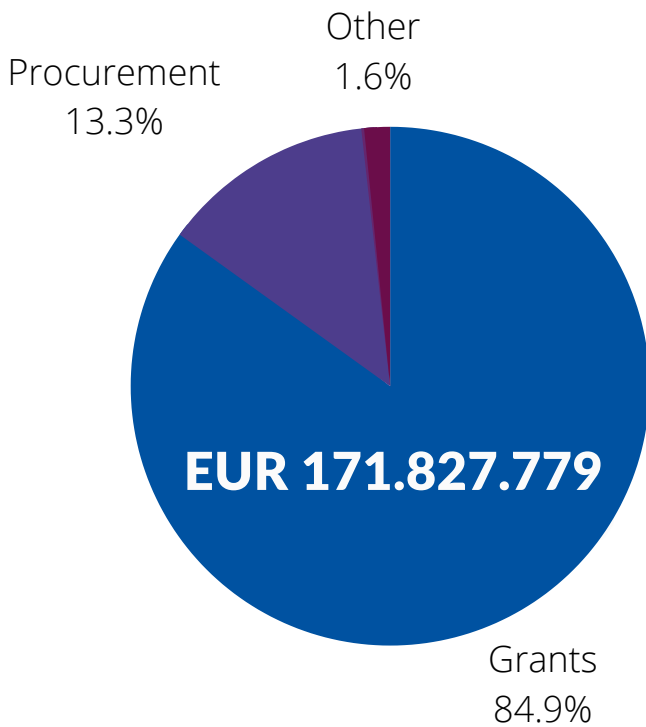
	MFF	NGEU	TOTAL
1. Single Market, Innovation and Digital	149.5	11.5	161.0
2. Cohesion, Resilience and Values	426.7	776.5	1 203.2
3. Natural Resources and Environment	401.0	18.9	419.9
4. Migration and Border Management	25.7	-	25.7
5. Security and Defence	14.9	-	14.9
6. Neighbourhood and the World	110.6	-	110.6
7. European Public Administration	82.5	-	82.5
TOTAL	1 210.9	806.9	2 017.8

The CERV programme is a part of the Cohesion, Resilience and Values policy. Together with the Justice programme, CERV forms part of a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2021-2027
Investing in People, Social Cohesion and Values	16,554	17,426	17,949	18,588	19,241	19,914	21,055	130,726
European Social Fund+	12,915	13,307	13,710	14,146	14,594	15,056	15,533	99,261
<i>Of which employment and social innovation</i>	102	104	107	109	111	113	115	762
Erasmus+	2,663	3,116	3,292	3,475	3,663	3,858	4,507	24,574
<i>In addition, allocation under MFFR Article 5 (illustrative annual breakdown)</i>	-	307	313	319	326	332	341	1,938
European Solidarity Corps	136	138	141	144	147	150	153	1,009
Creative Europe	306	313	235	240	244	249	254	1,842
<i>In addition, allocation under MFFR Article 5 (illustrative annual breakdown)</i>	-	109	111	113	115	118	120	686
Justice, Rights and Values	134	135	135	136	136	136	135	947
<i>In addition, allocation under MFFR Article 5 for Rights and Values (illustrative annual breakdown)</i>	-	144	147	150	153	156	162	912
Other	187	189	191	192	194	196	197	1,347
Decentralised agencies	213	228	244	256	262	269	276	1,747
MARGIN	-57	57	59	60	61	62	63	305

The amount of funds allocated for the years 2023-2024 is set at EUR 202.958.792 for 2023 and EUR 204.989.764 for 2024.

PROGRAMME INSTRUMENTS

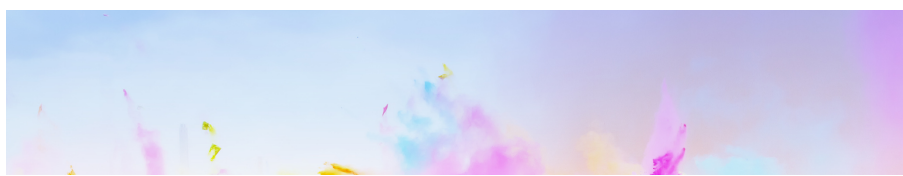


2023

This year, the total amount of funds allocated for the CERV programme is **EUR 202 958 792**. The overwhelming majority of these funds is dedicated to supporting Action and Operating Grants - EUR 171.827.779 (84.7%). Around EUR 26.881.013 (13.2%) will be spent on Procurement purposes, EUR 350.000 (0.2%) for Prizes, and EUR 3.250.000 (1.6%) for other expenditure.

2024

In 2022, the total amount of funds allocated for the CERV programme is **EUR 204.989.764**. The amount of funds dedicated to supporting Grants is EUR 180.272.222 (87.9%). Around EUR 23.717.542 (11.6%) will be spent on Procurement purposes, EUR 350.000 (0.2%) for Prizes, and EUR 0 (0.0%) for other expenditure.



GRANTS

- Action Grants
- Operating Grants

PROCUREMENT

(Service providers, framework contractors)

PRIZES

OTHER EXPENDITURES

(Experts)

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



POLICY DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PROJECTS

in European Remembrance

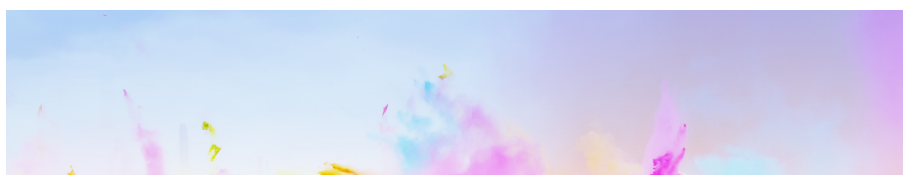
- EU Strategy on combating antisemitism,
- EU anti-racism action plan 2020-20255,
- EU Roma strategic framework on equality, inclusion and participation

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.

ELIGIBILITY

As for now, only the EU countries are eligible to participate. Should any non-EU country qualifies for participation, this information will be published in the relevant call for proposals.





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