

CERV-2024-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT Networks of Towns CERV Programme

Online Info Session

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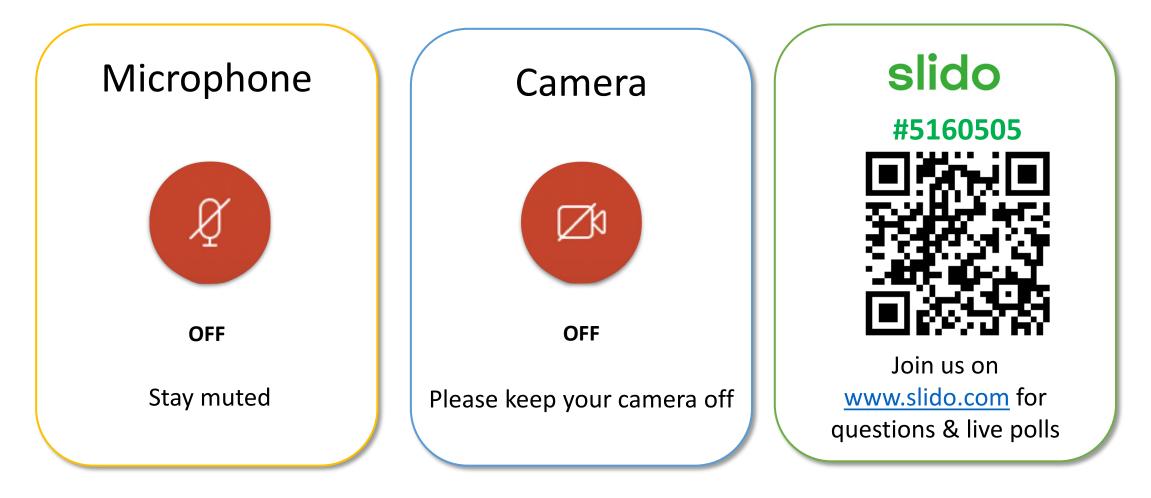
EQUALITY, RIGHTS

AND VALUES

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Which country are you joining us from?

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Live Poll (2)

Which emoji best represents how you feel at the moment?



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Live Poll (3)

How familiar are you with the Call Networks of Towns?



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Agenda	9:15-9:30	Connection of participants & speakers to Webex	SLIDO
	9:30-9:40	Welcome and opening remarks	EACEA.B3 Head of Unit DUTRIEUX Godelieve
	9:40-09:55	PART I Political priorities Information on policy priorities, areas of intervention, budget available, expected activities and results	DG JUST H3.003 SHARP Christopher
	09:55-10:55	PART I Application procedure Admissibility, eligibility and award criteria Horizontal aspects: EU values, gender mainstreaming and child protection policy Lump – sum type I financing system Submission process	EACEA.B3.01
	10:55-11:10	PART I Questions & Answers	
	11:10-11:25	Break	

Agenda

11:25-12:10	PART II Best practice testimony Communication obligations Tips & tricks of a good application	EACEA.B3 .01
12:10-12:25	Part II Question & Answers	
12:25-12:40	National Contact Points and their role in assisting the applicants (NCPs)	NCP representative ZURZE Vilma
12:40-12:45	Feedback from the meeting	SLIDO
12:45-13:00	Closing remarks	EACEA.B3.01 Programme Manager PEDONE Elena

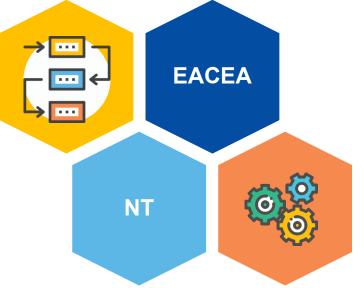
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 Citizens' engagement and participation & Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values





1) Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme

EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES Christopher Sharp DG JUST H3



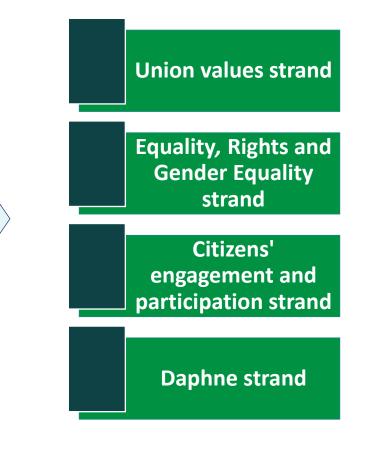


What are the Programme's objectives?

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

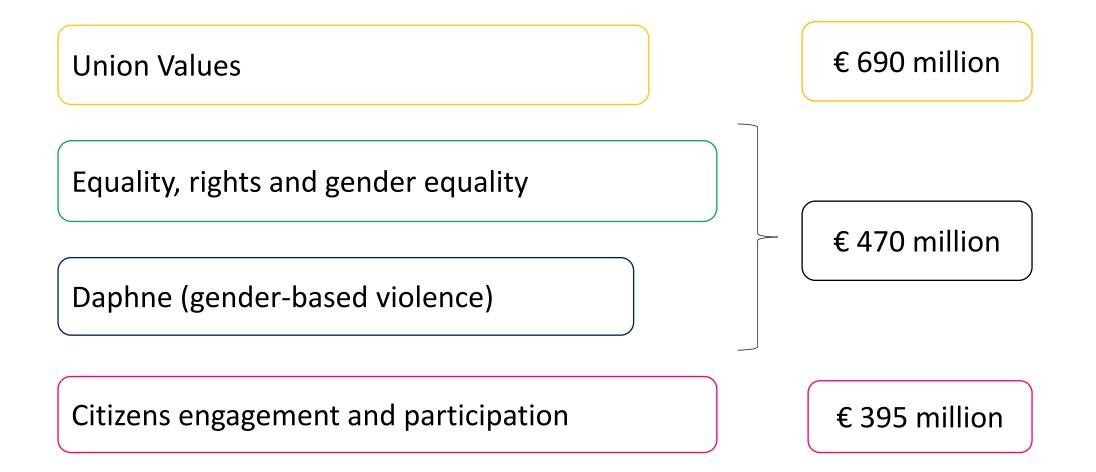
by **supporting civil society organisations** and other stakeholders active at local, regional, national and transnational level,

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





Budget: 1.55 billion euro for 2021-2027



General objectives Networks of Towns 2024

To promote exchanges between citizens of different countries, to reinforce mutual understanding and tolerance and give them the opportunity to broaden their perspective and develop a sense of European belonging and identity

To enable towns to engage citizens and communities in discussions and actions on the climate and the environment, including energy-related issues, and on solidarity and migration. To give citizens the opportunity to discover the cultural diversity of the European Union and to make them aware that European values and cultural heritage constitute the foundation for a common future To support good local governance and reinforce the role of local and regional authorities in the European integration process

To encourage cooperation between municipalities and the exchange of best practices

Specific policy Priorities Networks of Towns 2024 (I)

- Promoting awareness and building knowledge of the role of minorities, such as people with a minority and racial or ethnic background (for instance Roma and migrants), in European society and their contribution to Europe's cultural development;
- Identifying ways to further strengthen the European dimension and democratic legitimacy of the EU decision-making process and fostering free, open and healthy democratic governance in an era of low turnout in elections, populism, disinformation and challenges facing civil society, by supporting citizens' active involvement in European political life and the exercise of their electoral rights;
- Bringing citizens together to discuss actions on the climate and the environment, including energy-related issues, solidarity and sharing best practices, and thus contributing to increasing citizens' engagement in society and ultimately their active involvement in the democratic life of the Union.

Specific policy Priorities Networks of Towns 2024 (II)

- Networks of Towns projects may also more generally, but not exclusively, reflect on any impact the COVID-19 pandemic
- Projects may also draw inspiration from or be related to the New European Bauhaus initiative (<u>About the initiative (europa.eu</u>))

<u>Horizontal</u>: The **gender equality perspective** should be taken into account when designing the 'format' of the activities

Networks of Towns - Expected impact

- To develop larger-scale projects to increase projects' impact and sustainability
- To allow thematic and policy-related projects and forge lasting links with partner organisations
- To increase citizens' engagement in society and ultimately their active involvement in the democratic life of the Union

- Lasting links with partner organisations
- Greater awareness of the benefits of diversity, gender equality and the tackling of discrimination and racism
- Increase in and encouragement of mutual understanding and acceptance of European minorities, such as Roma

 Better information on the rights conferred by EU citizenship and their improved implementation in Member States

2) Timetable, main aspects, evaluation criteria

CERV-2024-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT

Luminita Stanciulescu Call Coordinator EACEA B3



Timetable (section 4 in Call Document)

Deadline for submission	Evaluation	Information on evaluation results	Grant signature
18 April 2024 17:00:00 CET (Brussels)	May – July 2024	October 2024	December 2024 January 2025

Networks of Towns - Eligibility

- Organizations must be legal entities (public or private non profit bodies)
- Be established in one of the eligible countries, updated list here: <u>list-3rd-country-participation_cerv_en.pdf (europa.eu)</u>
- Public bodies or non-profit organisations: towns/municipalities and/or other levels of local authorities or their twinning committees or non-profit organisations representing local authorities (support letter)
- Organisations from at least <u>4 different eligible countries</u> of which at least 2 are EU Member States (Consortium); it is a multibeneficiary action
- Activities must take place in at least <u>2 different eligible</u> programme countries



Duration: 12 - 24 M Budget: no limit Grant: lump sum

Overall budget for this topic 6.000.000 EUR Co-financing principle: it is not a percentage as for budget-based projects (the lump sum does not cover all the costs of the project)

Networks of Towns - Eligibility

- Under the Call CERV-2024-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT the grants are lump sums.
- The lump sum calculation is based on two parameters: number of direct participants at the events and number of eligible countries per EVENT (in situ or online). The event is linked to a meeting, an interaction with a dedicated public
- All participants are taken into account for the calculation of the lump sum not only the international ones (all direct participants from eligible countries local and travelling).
- Lump sum amounts and other requirements to be consulted here: <u>ls-decision_cerv_en.pdf (europa.eu)</u>
- For in-situ events, the lump sum amount is intended to cover staff costs, travel and subsistence, room rental/interpretation/translation/technical resources, communication/dissemination costs, costs for research and IT tools, and coordination costs.
- For online events, costs for travel and subsistence costs have been excluded.



Networks of Towns

 Subcontracting is allowed but it should be limited and observe certain criteria (for lump sums subcontracting is not applicable in the Part B - it does not have to be explained)

9.3 Subcontractors

Subcontractors may participate in the action, if necessary for the implementation.

Subcontractors must implement their action tasks in accordance with Article 11. The beneficiaries' costs for subcontracting are considered entirely covered by the lump sum contributions for implementing the work packages (irrespective of the actual subcontracting costs incurred, if any).

The beneficiaries must ensure that their contractual obligations under Articles 11 (proper implementation), 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping) also apply to the subcontractors.

The beneficiaries must ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the subcontractors.

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Subcontractors vs suppliers of goods, works and services

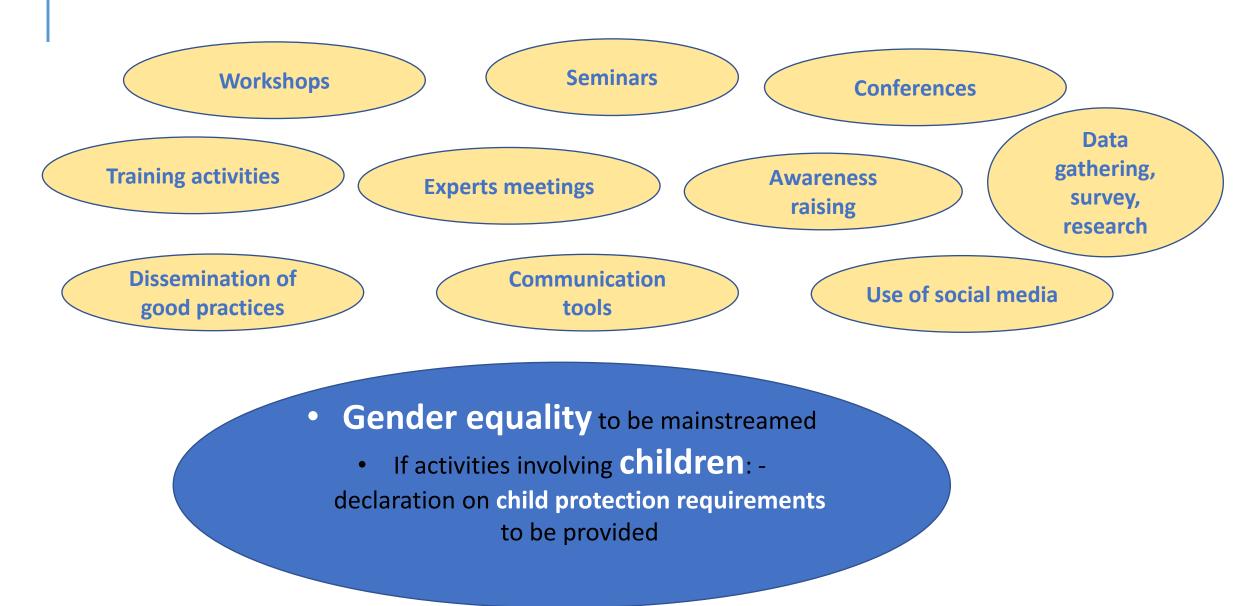
The core criterium for distinguishing between **subcontracts** and contracts/purchases is whether it concerns an action task as set out in the description of the action (Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement).

Subcontracts	Contracts/Purchases	
Subcontracts concern the implementation of 'action tasks', i.e. parts of the project/project tasks that have been outsourced.	Purchases concern travel, equipment and goods and services that are necessary for the beneficiaries to implement the work (can range from big equipment to petty goods).	
The price for the subcontracts will be declared as 'Subcontracting costs' in the financial statement.	The price for these contracts will be declared in one of the 'Purchase costs' columns in the financial statement.	

Example (subcontracts): Subcontract to organise a conference that is set as part of the tasks in the description of the action.



Types of activities









EU Values, Gender mainstreaming & Child Protection Policy

Inmaculada Perez Rocha, EACEA.B3

Adherence to EU values

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

Article 21 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

...Any discrimination based on any ground such as sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation shall be prohibited. ...Within the scope of application of the Treaties and without prejudice to any of their specific provisions, any discrimination on grounds of nationality shall be prohibited.

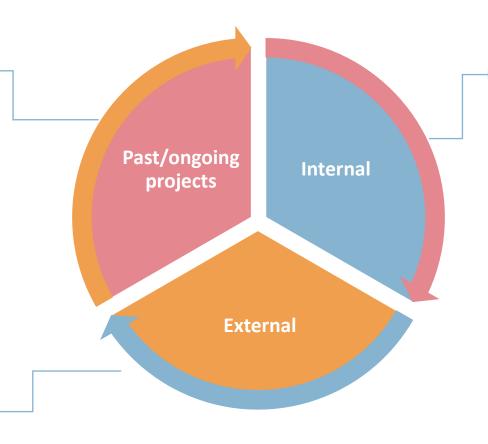
Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union

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

How can you show adherence to EU values

What **projects** have you carried out to promote non-discrimination and EU values? Have these projects advanced EU values particularly Nondiscrimination?

External - What kind of advocacy actions have you done in favour of EU values esp. non-discrimination?



Internal policies - What have you done to promote nondiscrimination in your own organisations?

Integrating a gender perspective into projects

Introduction to Gender Mainstr...

<u>Gender analysis | EIGE (europa.eu)</u>

Needs assessment

- Are project objectives designed, based on a robust analysis and aligned to strategic gender needs?
- Are women's needs in the area of your project the same as those of men?
- Have men and women been consulted to identify needs and opportunities?

Monitoring & Evaluation

- Are people from all gender involved in the monitoring and evaluation?
- Are indicators to measure project progress and goals gender sensitive?
- Does your data collection and interpretation approach allow to capture gender differences?

Implementation & Dissemination

- Are any gender specific factors (location, mobility, care work) limiting participation in the project?
- Are there specific changes introduced by the project and would they impact women and men?
- Is the project using gender sensitive language?

How to make sure you integrate a gender perspective?

When you draft your proposal, please consider the questions below

- Did I conduct a gender equality analysis to assess my project's design, implementation and impact?
- Did I take into account gender aspects in my needs assessment?

Basic

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- Will the data and indicators I collect and create be disaggregated by sex?
- Did I include in my proposal a commitment to advance gender equality?
- Did I include in my proposal a commitment to monitor and report on the gender equality results achieved by the project in the evaluation phase?
- Do I plan to create **gender-specific indicators** to measure the project's gender equality objectives?

Resources for your consideration

Please visit the EIGE Website

Gender Mainstreaming Toolkit

Gender statistics and indicators | EIGE (europa.eu)

Gender evaluation | EIGE (europa.eu)

<u>Gender monitoring | EIGE (europa.eu)</u>

Gender analysis | EIGE (europa.eu)

Gender awareness-raising | EIGE (europa.eu)



Child Protection supporting documents

- For municipalities: If an activity that you want to organise will involve children, a declaration on the respect of the child protection requirements must be provided in the proposal
- For NGOs applying on behalf of a municipality: Participants with activities involving children must moreover have a child protection policy covering the four areas described in the Keeping <u>Children Safe Child</u> <u>Safeguarding Standards</u>



International Child Safeguarding Standards

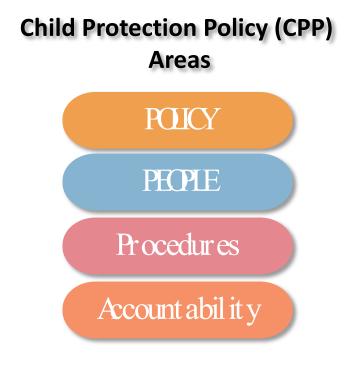
International Child standards ...

Relevant for organisations which work which work with, impact on, or come into contact with children (children are persons under 18 years old)

Represents a commitment to ensure that your organisation will "do no harm" and that you meet the responsibilities set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

The policy must be published online and transparent to everyone

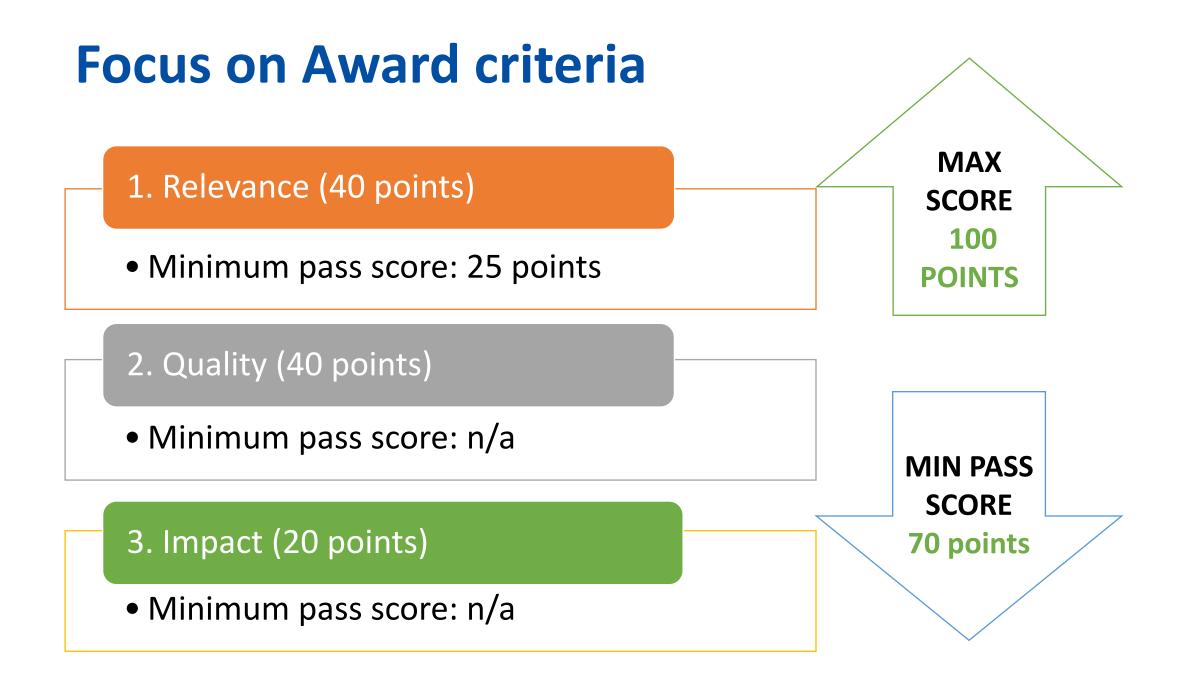
It will include information on staff recruitment, vetting, procedures and rules for staff such as reporting and training



Evaluation criteria

Admissibility	 Respect the deadline Electronic submission Part A+B+C+Annexes 	Selection	Operational capacity Financial capacity (if selected for funding)
Eligibility	 Legal entities (public or private) from eligible countries Activities in eligible countries Min. 4 organisations Minimum participation for in situ and 	Award	RelevanceQualityImpact
Exclusion	online (see <u>lump sum decision</u>) Bankrupt, fraudulent organisations, in breach of laws and contracts (Article 136, 141 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046)	RE	Please refer to the <u>call-</u> <u>fiche_cerv-2024-</u> <u>citizens-town-</u> <u>nt_en.pdf (europa.eu)</u>

nt_en.pdf (europa.e for complete set of requirements



3) How to apply?

Simona Varzan Call Coordinator EACEA B3



Toolbox for a successful application

- 1. Preliminary steps before creating your proposal
- 2. Mind the proposal structure
- 3. Create proposal, required data
- 4. Structure of work packages and Deliverables
- 5. Reference documents and Online guidance

Preliminary steps

Go to the Funding & tender opportunities portal

STEP 1 - Find the Networks of Towns call and documents

STEP 2 - Find your project partners

STEP 3 - Create your EU login account

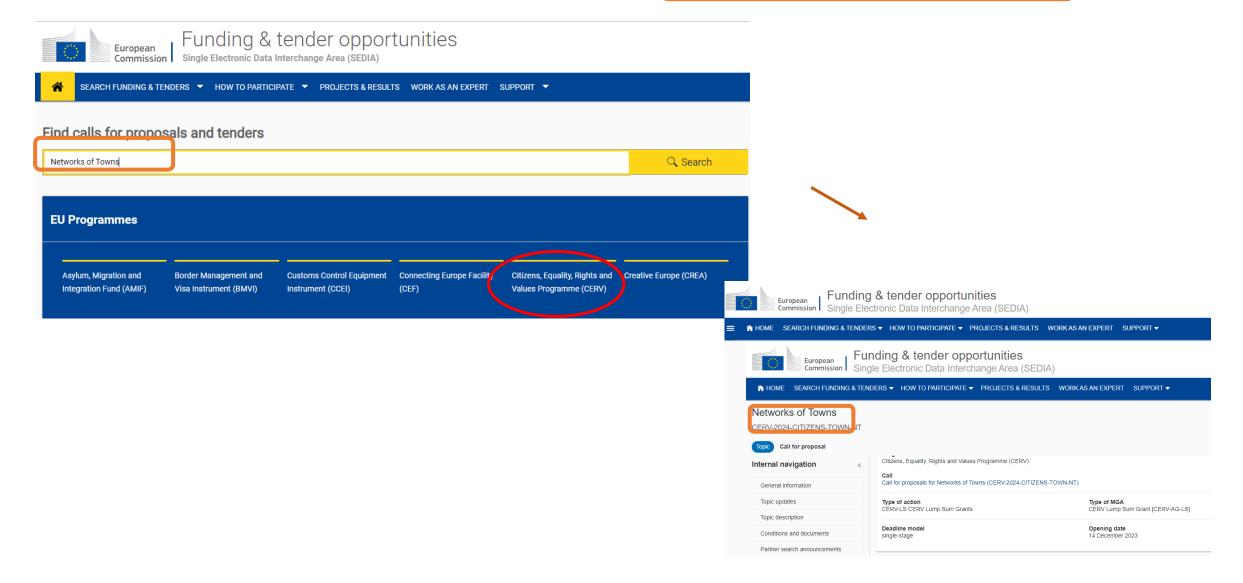
STEP 4 - Register your organisation and get your PIC

STEP 5 – Create a draft proposal



Step 1: Find the call

Call ID: CERV-2024-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT



Step 1: Find the call documents

Topic conditions and documents

1. Eligible countries: as described in the Call Document.

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Topic updates

Topic description

Conditions and documents

Partner search announcements

Submission service

Topic related FAQ

Get support

Call information

Call updates

Please add the hyperlink of the call document (as embedded link). Please send all the call documents by filling in the Publication webform. You will receive the hyperlinks to be added. Delete all the green texts before publication as these are only guidance for call coordinators. 2. Eligibility and admissibility conditions: as described in the Call Document. 3. Proposal page limits and layout: Please refer to Part B of the standard proposal template. 4. Evaluation Evaluation criteria, scoring, threshold and process are described in the Call Document.

5. Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement: as described in the Call Document

 Publication of the call:
 15/12/2022

 Deadline for submitting applications:
 April 20th,2023 17:00 (Brussels Time)

Evaluation period: May - July 2023

Information to applicants: October 2023

Signature of grant agreement: December 2023

Call document available in 24 EU languages

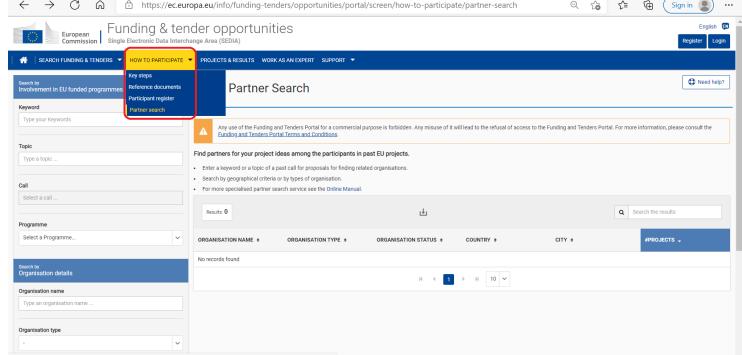
Read carefully the **Call document** before preparing your project

Step 2: Find project partners

Launch your query by selecting the criteria of your interest

USEFUL TIPS:

- Refine your partner search via the tutorial available on the FTP portal: <u>Find partners - IT</u> <u>How To - Funding Tenders</u> <u>Opportunities (europa.eu)</u>
- Contact the CERV contact points



https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/partner-searchild and the searchild and the sea

Step 3: Create your EU login account

Go to the page <u>https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/login</u> and click on the "Create an account" link

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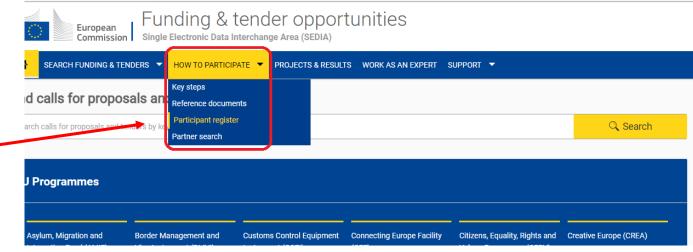
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Upon registration, you will receive your **Participant Identification Code (PIC) to be used in your online application form** and further correspondence with the EU services





C A https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home



 Check that your organisation has a PIC



- No need to register your organisation again
- Use your existing PIC

Step 5: Start submission

1. Launch Submission wizard

Start submission

Start submission

Need help?

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

Please select the type of your submission:

CERV Lump Sum Grants [CERV-LS], CERV Lump Sum Grant [CERV-AG-LS]

2. Create a draft proposal by clicking on "Start submission"

Proposal structure

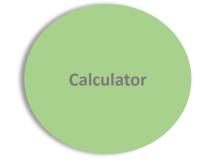


- Administrative info
- Data on project partners.
- Information about contact persons.
- pdf will be generated

Technical description

Part B

 Data on needs analysis, methodology, activities & results.



- Budget calculator
- Data on the amount requested for the action.



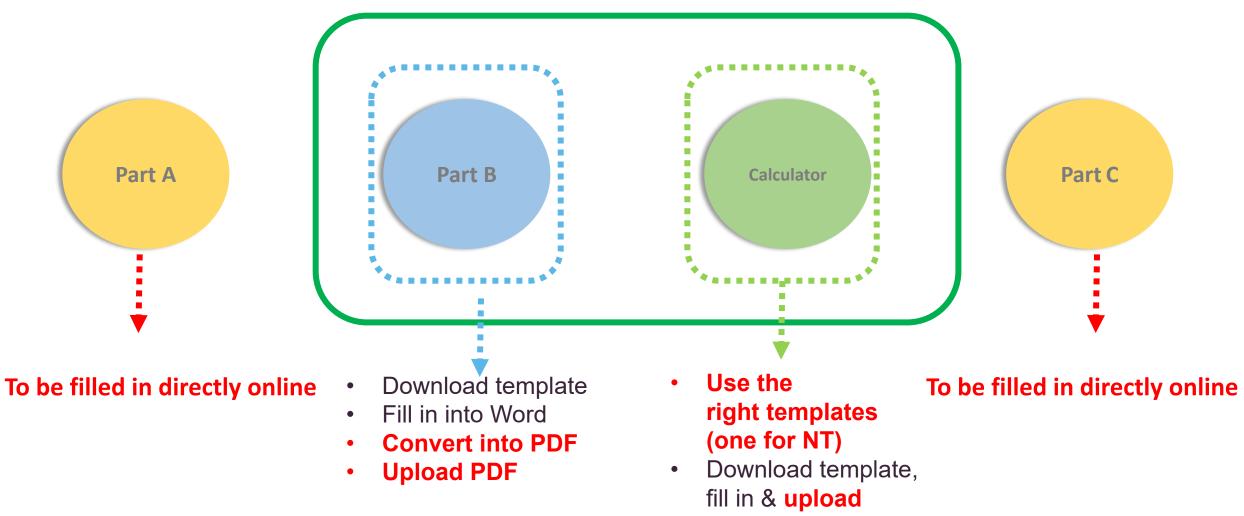
- Indicators
- Data on participants reached. At submission and grant preparation stage, the data will be on your planned indicators.
- pdf will be generated

Consistency should be ensured in the data provided across all parts of the proposal

Ex: same budget in all docs Part A and calculator

Proposal structure

To be downloaded



Create proposal Step 1



In case of technical issues, contact the Helpdesk

Encode your PIC number

Indicate your role

Download Part B templates and keep them aside

Fill in the "acronym" and the "short summary" sections

Fill in information and "Save and go to next step"

Create proposal			
Deadline 18 April 2024 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time	be accepted. Don't wait until the end t	test 48 hours before the deadline (to avoid system con because you are worried about confidentiality – we will no iny times as you wish up until the deadline. Each new	ot open the proposals before the deadline.
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Create a proposal Step 2 - Networks of Towns

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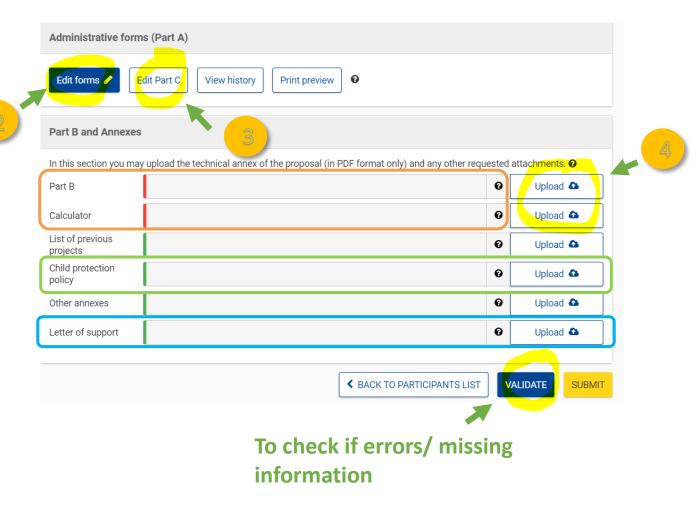
MANDATORY:

- Add "partner" (=each participant involved in the project)

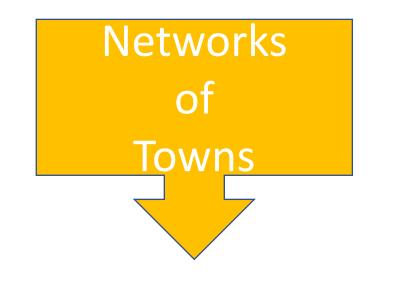
- Click Edit Forms (=part A) and fill in
- Click Edit Part C and fill in
- Upload the filled version of 'Part B templates', which include :
 - Part B
 - Calculator
- Upload the Child Protection Policy applicable in

your organisation/declaration (<u>only if activities involving children are</u> <u>foreseen</u>)

- Upload the letter of support signed by your Municipality (<u>only if a "Non for profit organisation representing a local authority" is</u> involved in the project)



Structure of work packages



1 WP = 1 event = one or more activities = 1 lump sum

Work packages - Events

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Work Package 1: [Name, e.g. Project management and coordination]										
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T1.2

Insert a relevant name for your event, e.g. NT Event / Seminar on ... / ...

WP dedicated to management and coordination is <u>NOT</u> applicable for NT

Describe objectives

List activities, e.g. Conference, workshop, publication of articles, publication on social media....

1 WP = 1 event

1 event = one or more activities

Ref. NT 2024 Call Document: Activities that can be funded, p.7

Deliverables

Insert a relevant name e.g. publication, data collection, video, website, White Paper, training material...

At least one DLV per WP (event)

Describe the DLV (type, **estimated number** of participants, countries...)

Deliverables are project outputs which are submitted to show project progress (any format). Refer only to major outputs. Do not include minor sub-items or internal working papers, meeting minutes, etc. Limit the number of deliverables (and their data volume) to max 10-15 for the entire project. You may be asked to further reduce the number during grant preparation.

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For each deliverable you will have to indicate a due month by when you commit to upload it in the Portal. The due month of the deliverable cannot be outside the duration of the work package and must be in line with the timeline provided below. Month 1 marks the start of the project and all deadlines should be related to this starting date.

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Deliverable No (continuous numbering linked to VP)	Deliverable Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Туре	Dissemination Level	Due Date (month number)	Description (including format and language)
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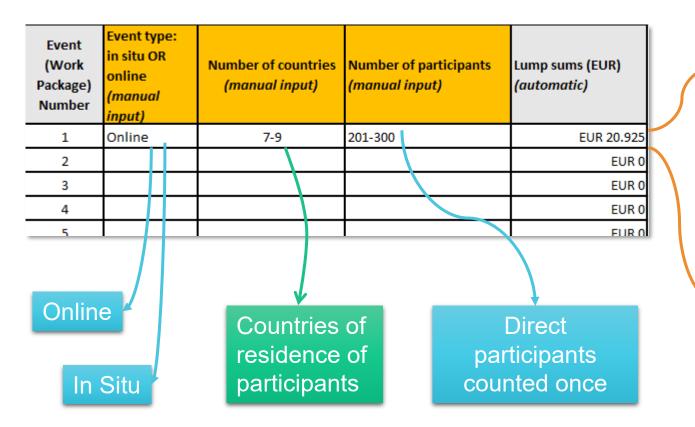
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Budget & Work packages

Budget calculator

"Tpl_Calculator (CERV LS, NETWORKS NT).xls"



An **event** is one or a series of activities, not necessarily performed on the same day and can include different types of **activities** (conferences, workshops, trainings, seminars, debates, webinars, exhibitions, film screenings/ making, campaigns, publications, surveys, research, flashmobs, etc).

Lump sum (based on n. of direct participants). It co-finances staff costs, travel and overnight stay costs, rental of rooms, communication/ dissemination costs, research and IT tools costs, indirect costs



ISSUES FROM FORMER SELECTIONS (I)

- Annexes missing such as Child Protection Policy/declaration on honour, letters of support
- Incorrect budget calculator used (not the one for Networks of Towns)
- Inconsistencies in budget between Part A and the budget calculator (total). Must be the same total amount
- Private for profit among partners
- Insufficient number of partners (for 2024 must be 4 different partners)
- The eligible countries are the Member States, Serbia, Bosnia, Kosovo (others to follow shortly)



ISSUES FROM FORMER SELECTIONS (II)

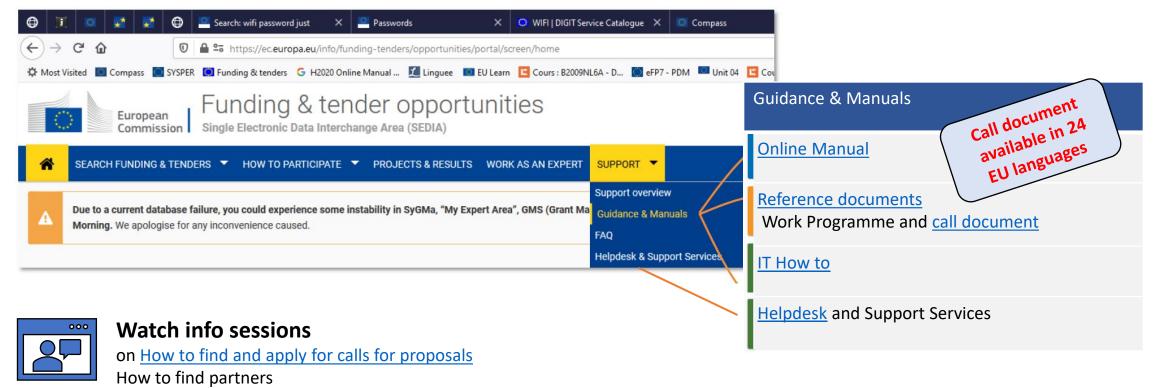
- Partners are full beneficiaries, they are not to be encoded under associated unless from a country not eligible in CERV
- Carefully choose your partners not to have them withdraw at a later stage (in case the application is successful)
- The partners should be validated as much as possible or have all documents uploaded in the Portal to save time at grant agreement signature level
- Repetition in the topic, activities, same partners from year to year (duplication); more innovation and diversity is expected



Reference documents & Online Guidance



Funding & tender opportunities



and How to get your Participant Identification Code (PIC)

Contacts and useful links



<u>CERV Contact Points</u> in most EU countries



DG Justice and Consumers <u>newsletter</u>



EACEA-CERV@ec.europa.eu



Best practices : Example of <u>funded projects</u> under previous <u>CERV call</u> and under the previous programme <u>Europe for Citizens</u>



Coffee Break – See you in 15 minutes!







Project experiences from Network of Towns Communication, Dissemination and Visibility

Inmaculada Perez Rocha, EACEA.B3 Stella Mancini, EACEA.B3

Project experiences CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN- NT

MEET: Municipalities for an equitable transformation in Europe (18 months)

Main coordinator: **Municipio de Vila Nova de Famalicao** (Portugal) Start date: 01/05/2022

○**4IncludE**: For an inclusive and democratic Europe (12 months)

Main coordinator: **Development Immigration Cooperation Association** (Italy)

Start date: 03/10/2022

Communication, dissemination and visibility

- Communication and dissemination activities are part of your project proposal (impact on the score you receive in the evaluation)
- Issues to consider:
 - Are the activities contributing to the promotion of gender equality and non-discrimination?
 - What are the communication channels identified? Are they accessible to the general audience, in particular to people from marginalized groups?
 - Is the action likely to produce a positive multiplier effect?
 - Is the visibility of EU funding ensured?



Help beneficiaries to communicate their project

DG JUST/EACEA newsletter: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/user-subscriptions/1148/create</u>

- National Contact Points: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/cerv_contact_points_16may2022</u> <u>1.pdf</u>
- EU representation in their countries: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/info/about-european-commission/contact/representations-member-states_en</u>
- EU Direct: <u>https://european-union.europa.eu/contact-eu/meet-us_en</u>
- Liaise with other projects: <u>https://european-union.europa.eu/contact-eu/meet-us_en</u>



Tips and tricks

- **Read** carefully the Call!
- Focus on **eligibility** criteria and mandatory documentation (e.g. eligible countries, letter of support, calculation etc)

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- Projects in scope: choose at least one specific **priority**
- Integrate horizontal aspects: in the proposal the gender mainstreaming and/or the child protection perspective if the activities involve minors
- Set realistic **realistic** objectives and results
- Set a good collaboration among **partners**/ **identify** clearly the activities to be done in advance
- **Clear** writing the application form
- Communicate! And don't forget the impact of your projects' results
- Don't wait until last moment to submit
- If something is not clear, contact the NT team and check the FAQ section in the portal







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NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS

@CITIZENS-TOWN-NT Info Session

LINK TO PRESENTATION:

https://qrco.de/CERV-NCP-Pres









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OUR MISSION

INFORMATION

 providing information about the Programme & its FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES and about the policy initiatives in the areas covered by the Programme.

SUPPORT

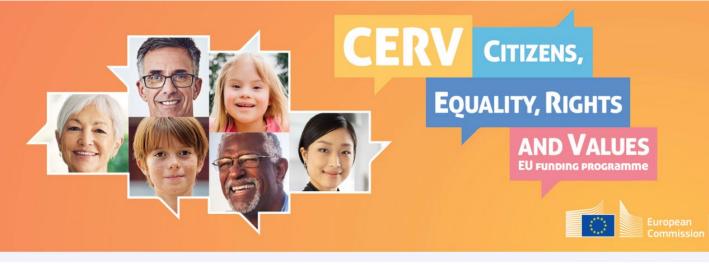
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 between potential partner
 entities on a transnational level;
- supporting applicants during the APPLICATION PROCESS.

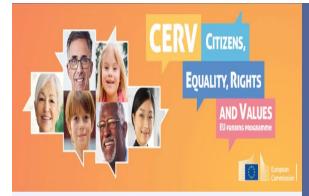
ADVICE

- facilitating the participation of stakeholders and giving advice to applicants;
- increasing the CAPACITY of stakeholders to take part in the Programme.

DISSEMINATION

- dissemination of BEST PRACTICE projects;
- increasing knowledge and awareness of Programme results.





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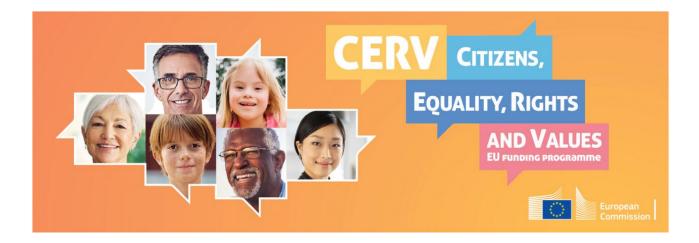


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JOINT EVENTS



CERV Citizens' Forum

Your place to find projects & partners for CERV calls!

- Learn more about current CERV calls
- Receive direct support from the CERV national contact points
- Present your project idea or topic and moderate a break-out room (or participate in break-out rooms initiated by other participants)
- Create new projects or join projects in the making
- Expand your project team and create synergies





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NEXT EVENTS

22 Feb CERV CITIZENS' FORUM

10AM - 12PM Call: Networks of Towns

- 28 Feb CERV CITIZENS' FORUM
- 10.30 AM Transversal Topic:
- 12.30 PM Gender Mainstreaming

more dates will be announced on the registration

form



NCP Event Registration



https://qrco.de/ CERV-forum

www.facebook.com/ CERVprogramme





Questions or comments?



Closing remarks

Elena Pedone

Programme Manager





Q&A session March 25th

Link will be sent in due course

Thank you and keep in touch!

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