



Call for proposals to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children: call to intermediaries (giving financial support to third-party civil society organisations)

CERV-2023-DAPHNE

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/cerv-2023-daphne>

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European Commission DG Justice and Consumers
Unit JUST.D2 – Gender equality
Unit JUST.C2 – Fundamental rights
Unit JUST.04 – Programme and financial management

Draft Agenda



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| 10:30-10:40 | Connection of participants & Speakers to Webex and introduction | Call coordinators , DG JUST unit 04 Programme management |
| 10:40-11:00 | CERV-2023-DAPHNE Call for proposals Information on policy priorities, areas of intervention, budget available, expected activities and results | Policy officers , DG JUST units D2 Gender equality and C2 Fundamental rights |
| 11:00-11:25 | Application process, evaluation criteria, the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal, timeline grant signature and other topics | Call coordinators , DG JUST unit 04 Programme management |
| 11:25-11:40 | Questions & Answers session related to policy aspects and application process | Policy officers , DG JUST units D2 Gender equality and C2 Fundamental rights Call coordinators , DG JUST unit 04 Programme management |
| 11:40-12:00 | Specific budgetary aspects related to the lump sums type 2 | Grant management officers , DG JUST unit 04 Programme management |
| 12:00-12:30 | Questions & Answers session related to the budgetary aspects | Grant management officers , DG JUST unit 04 Programme management |

Daphne specific objectives under CERV

(1) preventing and combating at all levels all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls and domestic violence, in line with the Istanbul Convention;

(2) preventing and combating all forms of violence against children, young people and other groups at risk, such as LGBTQI persons and persons with disabilities;

(3) supporting and protecting all direct and indirect victims of the forms of violence referred to in points (1) and (2).



33% of women in the EU has experienced physical and/or sexual violence.



22% of women in the EU have experienced violence by an intimate partner.



55% of women in the EU have been sexually harassed.



Policy background (gender-based violence)

- EU Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025
- Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention)
- Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime
- EU Strategy on Victims' Rights 2020-2025
- LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025



Policy background (rights of the child)

[EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child](#)

[EU *acquis* and policy documents on the rights of the child](#)

[FRA/CoE Handbook on European Law relating to the Rights of the Child](#)

[Council of Europe Policy Guidelines on Integrated National Strategies for the Protection of Children from Violence](#)

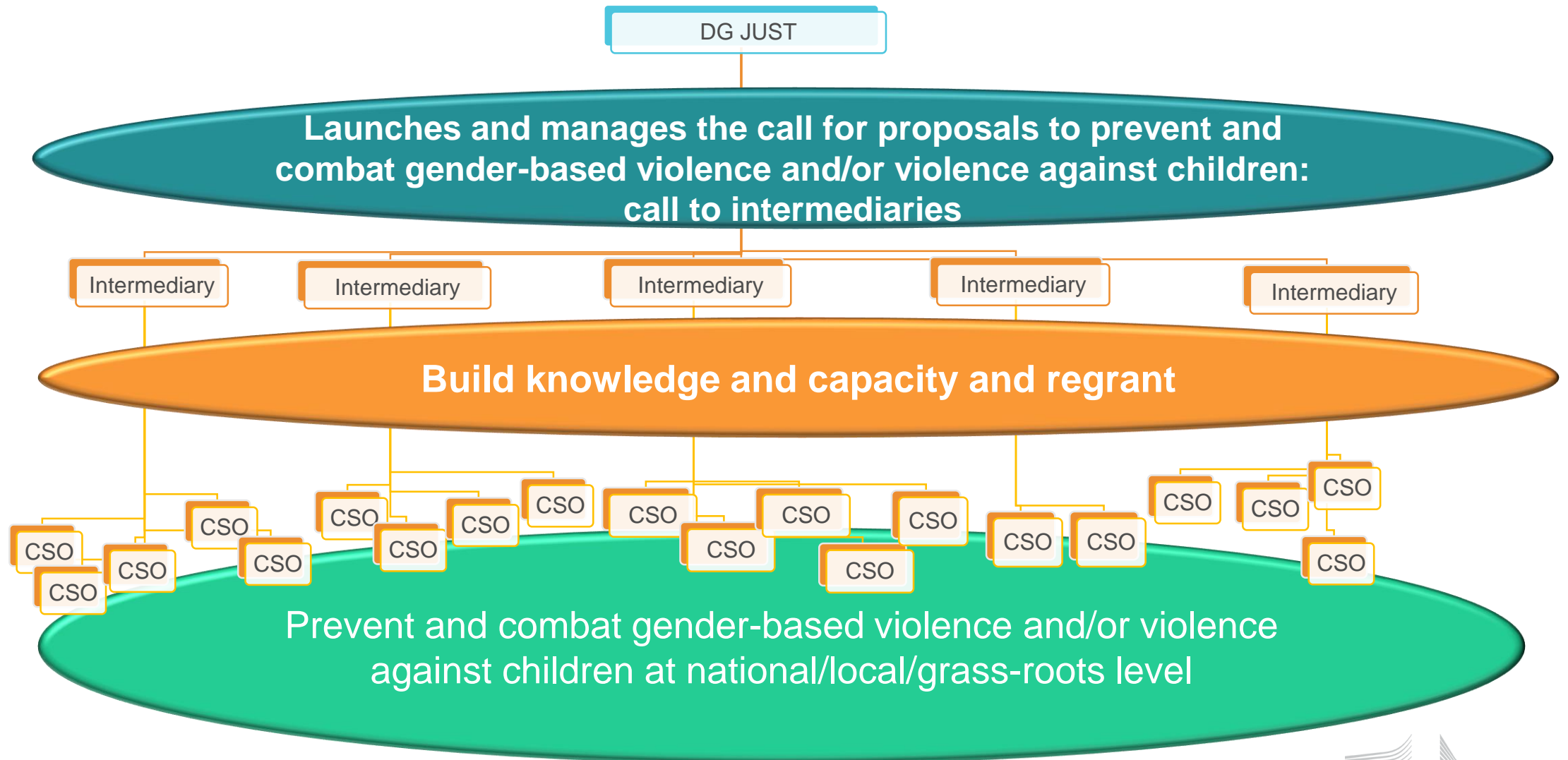
[United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child General Comment No 13 \(2011\) on the right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence.](#)



Why a call to intermediaries?

- EU funding can reach small, local, grassroots' organisations, who don't have the capacity to apply to the traditional calls for proposals
- It can strengthen civil society active in the field of combating GBV and VAC
- Under the Union Values strand of the programme, a call for proposals with similar features as already been tested with promising results.

What are the main features of the call?



Objectives of the call

- Reach out to independent civil society organisations (CSOs) active at local, regional, national and transnational level in combating GBV and violence against children (via re-granting and capacity building)
- Support, empower and build the capacity and sustainability of these CSOs through e.g., coaching, knowledge building, thematic trainings
- Focus on CSOs active in combating gender-based violence and/or violence against children
- Promote and ensure respect of EU values

Main themes/priorities of the call

- Provide gender-sensitive victim support
- Prevent violence
- Tackle gender stereotypes
- Strengthen integrated child protection system
(detailed in next slides)

Strengthen integrated child protection system

Violence (art 19 UNCRC):

“All forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect of negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation including sexual abuse”.

Strengthen integrated child protection system

- **Improving prevention**
- **Improving protection**
- Child rights-based and child-friendly **support services** for (potential) children victims/witnesses of violence and those in need of protection
- **Including multi-disciplinary cooperation**

Strengthen integrated child protection system

Activities:

- development, adaptation, implementation and/or evaluation or monitoring of **coordinating frameworks or action plans**
- **awareness-raising and capacity-building** to foster participation, ownership, and knowledge in the development, adaptation and/or implementation of legislation and/or frameworks or action plans
- **awareness-raising** on integrated child protection systems for children themselves or the general public.

Rights of the child - principles

- Best interests of the child
- No harm
- Empowering children => meaningful child participation
- Child safeguarding

Rights of the child - principles

Child participation

The design and implementation of actions should be done in cooperation with children to make sure that actions are well tailored and reply to children's needs

Child safeguarding/protection policies

Partners directly involving children must submit a child protection policy

[Funding conference on the rights of the child under the REC programme](#)

Activities of third party CSOs

- activities on preventing and combating GBV and/or violence against children
- coalitions and partnerships among CSOs
- provision of free advice, watchdog and monitoring activities on EU and international policies
- promotion of the implementation of adopted laws;
- lobbying/advocacy to influence policy and decision-making processes
- research and analysis
- provision of gender-sensitive support services
- awareness raising and communication /information's activities
- community-based mobilization
- tackling gender stereotypes
- work with perpetrators or persons at risk of offending;
- activities on prevention, protection and child rights-based and child-friendly support services
- contribution to the development, adaptation, implementation and/or evaluation or monitoring of coordinating frameworks or action plans
- awareness-raising on integrated child protection systems

Expected outcomes

- **Increased prevention** of all forms of gender-based violence and violence against children, including through **reinforced capacity of professionals** to prevent, detect and respond to such violence and including through **increased public awareness**;
- **Better cooperation of actors** involved => for a more effective prevention and protection of victims
- **Strengthened capacity of CSOs** that tackle these issues in a gender-sensitive and child rights-based and child-friendly way
- Increased **advocacy role for CSOs** and **involvement in policy and decision-making processes**;
- **Strengthened regional cooperation** within civil society

Quality/reporting

- ✓ Call need to **reply to specific needs**
- ✓ **Concrete** with real impact
- ✓ **Rights based approach** (e.g., child, gender)
- ✓ Explanation of outreach to **target groups**
- ✓ Based on **knowledge and expertise** in the area
- ✓ **Good needs assessment**

Eligible activities

(to be implemented by intermediaries)

Financial support to third parties (CSOs)

Capacity building for CSOs

60-70% of the grant

Proposals must include **both** categories of activities

EU contribution



- The maximum EU contribution corresponds to **90% of the total costs** of the project.
N.B. Since the EU grant requested should range between 1,5 million EUR and 3 million EUR, the total costs of the action should approximately range between 1,67 million EUR and 3,33 million EUR.
- The 10% co-financing should be covered by the applicant and co-applicants, (*incl. by using costs for volunteers*), while the third parties (CSOs) receiving financial support should not provide any co-financing.
- Standard pre-financing rate is 80% of EU contribution (*can be reduced/paid in instalments in case of weak financial capacity*)

Main features related to eligibility

➤ EU Grant

Minimum EUR 1.5 million

Maximum EUR 3 million

➤ Project duration

36 months

➤ Eligible countries

EU Member States

+ their overseas countries and territories

+ possibly other countries (depending on advancement of negotiations to join CERV)

➤ Total call budget

EUR 24.9 million

➤ Consortium

1 single applicant

or

several organisations in a partnership

Main features related to eligibility

Eligibility criteria

for

**lead applicants
(coordinators) for
intermediaries**

- be a **legal entity** (public or private body)
- be established in one of the **eligible countries**
- be **non-profit-making**

Main features related to eligibility

Eligibility criteria

for

**co-applicants (partners)
for intermediaries**

***NB. Associate partners do not
benefit from EU grant***

- be a **legal entity** (public or private body)
- be established in one of the **eligible countries**
- or be an international organisation (*N.B. this does not include NGOs with international vocation*)

Inter-governmental organisation established by a treaty
or
an instrument governed by international law, e.g., UN, WHO, IOM

Main features related to eligibility

Eligibility criteria for Applicant/consortia for intermediaries

- have recent proven experience of at least 3 years in implementing CSO capacity building activities
- have recent proven experience in awarding and managing grants

Projects can be **national or trans-national** – in terms of partnership and/or scope; there is no obligation to implement CSOs support in the country of the intermediary(ies)

Main features related to eligibility

Eligibility criteria

for

Third parties (end-beneficiaries)

- be established in one of the eligible countries
- be non-profit-making and be a civil society organisation
- respect EU values as laid down in Art.2 of the Treaty on European Union and the EU Charter of fundamental rights

The third parties are neither affiliated entity(ies) (of the intermediary), nor associates, nor contractors

Ethics and EU values for intermediaries and third parties 1/2

- **Transparency, equal treatment** of applicants/beneficiaries
- **Respect of EU values** as enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU
- **Respect of the rights of the child** as described in Article 24 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU

Ethics and EU values for intermediaries and third parties 2/2

- **Respect of other applicable EU, international and national law** (including the General Data Protection Regulation and UNCRC)
- Promote **gender equality** and **non-discrimination** mainstreaming
- For proposals targeting children, demonstrate understanding and respect of the rights of the child, including on child participation, provide a Child Protection Policy (if direct contact with children)

Financial support to third parties (CSOs) – main points to address in the application

- **Objectives** and **results** for third parties
- **Maximum amount** per third party/policy objective and how to determine it
- **Types of CSOs** and activities eligible for them
- Procedure for **evaluating the third parties** (needs to respect principles of proportionality, sound financial management, equal treatment and non-discrimination; be attentive to vulnerable groups, request a Child Protection Policy, if relevant)
- **Communication tools** and channels to reach third parties
- **Management costs** (% of amounts allocated to re-granting – need to be limited/reasonable)

Re-granting calls for proposals – main features

- Publish the calls for proposals in relevant EU languages
- Calls stay open for at least 2 months (incl. open-ended calls for CSOs to apply at any time)
- Prevention of conflict of interests
- Possibility to publish the calls on the Funding and Tenders Portal
- Intermediaries should provide support to applicants in the process of preparing applications (pre-application information sessions, helpdesk, etc.)
- Intermediaries must publish the outcome of the call(s) on their websites

Re-granting - budget, duration and location

- **60,000 EUR** - max. amount per CSO and per project
- CSOs do **not** have to bring co-financing (*the 10% co-financing needs to be covered by the intermediaries – can include costs for volunteers*)
- Use of **simplified cost options** and in particular **lump sums** by CSOs
- **Activities must take place in EU Member States** (other countries have confirmed interest to participate in the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme: *Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Ukraine – the aim is to include them for 2023 calls - if the association agreement enters into force before grant agreement signature. We do not have specific dates yet.*)

Capacity building for CSOs (by intermediaries)

- **Define and describe in the proposal a capacity building programme based on:**
 - Support for the preparation and implementation of activities of CSOs (e.g., helpdesk during their application phase)
 - Training and building the capacity and sustainability of CSOs
 - Knowledge building and thematic training for CSOs on EU values, law and policies on preventing and combating gender-based violence and/or violence against children
 - Fostering and facilitating networking among CSOs and with relevant stakeholders to promote and protect fundamental rights and values in the EU

Other important features for intermediaries

- **Solid control and risk management system** (for project management, selection of CSOs, support to CSOs in implementation, conflict of interests in the selection procedures, cases of irregularities and fraud, reputational risks => prevention / mitigation / detection / remediation)
- **Reporting to the European Commission** / mandatory deliverables (outcomes, achievements, risks, standardised information related to each third party CSO project, collect and review CSOs reports, respond to ad-hoc requests, nr of projects/country/objective/amounts, promising/best practices. Attendees in events should participate in the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values)

Other important features for intermediaries

Mandatory Work Packages

- ***WP1 (project management)***
- ***WP2 (support to third parties)***
- ***WP3 (capacity building)***
- ***WP4 (project internal/external communication, incl. webpage to report back on the number of projects, country of implementation, objective tackled, etc.).***

Additional work packages may be added.

How to apply



Go to the **Funding & tenders opportunities portal**
[Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](http://europa.eu)



Read carefully the **text of the calls for proposals**
especially the call document [CERV-2023-DAPHNE call document](#)



Questions: EC-CERV-CALLS@ec.europa.eu and [CERV National Contact Points](#)

For IT-related questions: [here](#)

Subscribe to DG Justice newsletter on funding opportunities: [here](#).

How to apply

Find the call on the [Funding & tender opportunities portal](#)

European Commission | Funding & tender opportunities
Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)

SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS | HOW TO PARTICIPATE | PROJECTS & RESULTS | WORK AS AN EXPERT | SUPPORT

Find calls for proposals and tenders

Call ID: **CERV-2022-DAPHNE**

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EU Programmes

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|---|--|---|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) | Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI) | Customs Control Equipment Instrument (CCEI) | Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) | Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) | Creative Europe (CREA) |
| Customs Programme (CUST) | Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL) | Europe Direct (ED) | European Defence Fund (EDF) | European Parliament (EP) | EU Anti-fraud Programme (EUAF) |

Start submission

To access the Electronic Submission Service entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this to

Please select the type of your submission:

CERV Project Grants [CERV-PJG], C

Start submission

Need help?

Standard proposal template

! Call document
Mono/Multi-beneficiary Model Grant Agreement
CERV 2021-2022 work programme
Decision authorizing the use of lump sums

Grant Citizens' engagement and participation

Forthcoming

Programme Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

ID CERV-2022-CITIZENS-CIV

Types of action CERV Lump Sum Grants

Create proposal

PIC number

Download & fill in Part B and detailed budget table

Support, assistance and screenshots

Fill in information
"Save"

TEST MODE

Deadline
10 February 2022 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time

Call data:
Call: CERV-2022-CITIZENS-CIV
Topic: CERV-2022-CITIZENS-CIV
Type of action: CERV-LS
Type of MGA: CERV-AG-LS

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

Download Part B templates
Download part B templates

Support & Helpdesk
Online Manual | IT How To
IT Helpdesk | FAQ

Find your organisation
PIC: 892863661 | Short name: Rights Movement | 242
Search for your organisation

Organisations you have been previously associated with. (Click to select)

- PIC: 458694715
Human Rights Call str. Iulea 43/2 Brasov, RO
- PIC: 952694654
Research Council Groot Begijnhof 21 Leuven, BE
- PIC: 963258741
Right Hope Ultsa 23 Bratislava, SK
- PIC: 654789321
Rights NGO SteenWeg 32 Utrecht, NL

Your role
Please indicate your role in this proposal
 Main contact

Your proposal
Please choose an acronym for your proposal.
It will appear also in the "General Information" section of the Application Form Part A and can also be updated there.

Acronym: Enter value (20)
Short Summary: Enter value (2000)

SAVE AND GO TO NEXT STEP

Proposal structure

- **Part A** – online form
 - General Information, participants and contacts, amount of EU grant requested
- **Part B** – document (max. **70 pages**)
 - Description of the project and applicant organisation, work packages and activities
- **Part C** – online form
 - Data and indicators (number of participants, disaggregated by sex)
- **Annexes:**
 - **Detailed budget (*new – related to lump sums – in xls format*)**
 - CVs key staff applicant and partners
 - Annual Activity Report of the **coordinator + partners**
 - List of key previous EU projects of the **coordinator + partners** for the last 4 years
 - Child protection policy (if contact with children)
 - Letters of support (optional)

Application forms and annexes

Topic: **CERV-2023-DAPHNE**

Type of action: **CERV-LS**

Type of MGA: **CERV-AG-LS**



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

Proposal data

Acronym: **daphne 1**

Draft ID: **SEP-210927714**

Download Part B templates



Download part B templates

Support & Helpdesk

Online Manual

IT How To

IT Helpdesk

FAQ

Service Desk:



EC-FUNDING-TENDER-SERVICE-DESK@ec.europa.eu

Administrative forms (Part A)

Edit forms



Edit Part C

View history

Print preview



Part B and Annexes

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

Part B *

Upload



Detailed budget table *

xls format !

Upload



CVs *

Upload



Annual activity reports

Upload



List of previous projects *

Upload



Child protection policy

Upload



Letters of support

Upload



Other annexes

Upload



Part B

Project summary

1. **Relevance:** objectives, needs analysis and EU legislative context
2. **Quality:** methodology, consortium, staff, management, monitoring and evaluation, cost-effectiveness, risks, work packages and activities, timetable, subcontract
3. **Impact:** impact, communication, sustainability
4. **Other:** Ethics and EU values
5. **Declarations**

Particular point of attention

Adherence to EU values

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

Outline measures to be taken and the policies in place to guarantee full compliance with the EU values mentioned in Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union and Article 21 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Evaluation

How we evaluate proposals

Evaluation criteria

- Admissibility
- Eligibility
- Exclusion
- Selection
- Award

Admissibility/Eligibility

Admissibility

- Electronically: SEP Grant Application Form
- Complete: Part A, Part B, Part C, Annexes

Eligibility

- Profile of the applicant/partners (non-profit, established in one of the EU MS, etc.)
- Application – e.g., amount requested (1,5 - 3 M EUR)

Exclusion

Self-declaration in Part A

Applicants/partners cannot participate in case they are:

- in bankrupt, subject to insolvency or winding-up procedures...
- in breach of their obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions...
- guilty of grave professional misconduct...
- guilty of fraud, corruption, links to criminal organisation, money-laundering...

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

Selection criteria

- **Operational capacity – is evaluated along with award criteria**
 - CVs of the key project staff members
 - Annual activity reports of the applicant and of the partners
- **Financial capacity** (no checks for public bodies) → documents NOT to be provided at application stage; only later, during the grant preparation, if proposal is selected for funding
 - Examples of documents requested: 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.).
 - Analysis of neutral financial indicators + other aspects, such as dependency on EU funding and deficit and revenue in previous years

Award Criteria

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

Award criteria

Relevance (40 / 100; threshold 25 / 40)

- Priorities of the call for proposals, including adherence to EU values
- Needs assessment (*incl. gender equality & non-discrimination perspective*)
- Identification of target groups
- Contribution to the EU strategic, policy and legislative context

Award criteria

Quality (40 / 100)

- Methodology = Link between needs - objectives - activities - results; meaningful participation of target groups
- Organisation of work between partners, time schedule
- Risk identification, monitoring & evaluation (*incl. gender equality & non-discrimination perspective*)
- Ethics
- Financial feasibility & cost-effectiveness

Award criteria

Impact (20 / 100)

- Results/outcomes, immediate changes on the target groups (*incl. gender equality & non-discrimination perspective*)
- Dissemination strategy (*incl. gender equality & non-discrimination perspective*)
- Multiplier effect
- Sustainability after end of EU funding, long-term impact, long-term socio-economic consequences

Reference documents

[Reference Documents \(europa.eu\)](#)

- CERV Regulation
- Work Programmes
- Standard application form (in pdf)
- Model Grant Agreement
- Reporting templates
- ...and more

The screenshot shows the 'Reference Documents' page for the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV). The page features a navigation bar with options like 'SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'WORK AS AN EXPERT', and 'SUPPORT'. Below the navigation bar, the page title 'Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)' is displayed. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Grants' and 'Procurement'. The 'Grants' section includes a 'Programming period' dropdown menu set to '2021-2027' and a 'Clear filter' button. The 'Grants' section also contains a paragraph stating: 'This page includes reference documents of the programmes managed on the EU Funding & Tenders portal starting with legal agreements and guides for specific actions. Please select the programme to see the reference documents.' The 'Procurement' section contains a paragraph stating: 'Reference Documents related to tendering opportunities are published on TED eTendering in the calls for tenders.' On the right side of the page, there is a search bar with the text 'Filter' and a list of document types, each with a plus icon: 'Legislation', 'Work programme & call documents', 'Grant agreements and contracts', 'Guidance', 'Templates & forms', and 'Funding & Tenders Portal'. The items 'Work programme & call documents', 'Grant agreements and contracts', 'Guidance', and 'Templates & forms' are highlighted in yellow.

Timetable

**Deadline for
submission**

Evaluation

**Information on
evaluation
results**

Grant signature

19 April 2023
17:00:00 CET
(Brussels time)

**May-August
2023**

**September
2023**

**October-
December
2023**

Questions from you

Question: Consortium Compositions: are networks of entities eligible to organize cascade funding calls and fund CSOs which are also affiliated to the network?

Reply: Yes, but not exclusively. The call from intermediaries should be open to all organisations that meet the criteria. Selection should respect equal treatment principles.

Questions from you

Question: Are there going to be other CERV Daphne calls coming out this year? If yes, which ones and when?

Reply: At the end of 2023 we will publish our 2024 Daphne call, which will be a “traditional” one, with priorities similar to 2022.

Questions from you

Question: Is there a specific target in terms of the size of the NGOs that should be re-granted? Smaller (what number of employees)? Target countries (which)? Underfunded (with small budget compared to activity or small budget and in this case, what is a small budget considered to be)?

Reply: We do not set such specific quantitative targets (except that CSOs/NGOs need to be established in eligible countries and respect EU values). We limit the size of the grant they can receive: cumulative condition of 60.000 EUR per CSO and per project (e.g., one CSO can apply several times during the 3-year period for a max. of 60.000 EUR or 2 or more CSOs can apply with a common project).

Questions to you

- 1. Does a call for proposals with a re-granting scheme correspond to your capacity and/or needs?**
- 2. Do you recognize the advantages that a call with a re-granting scheme can bring to the ground, if compared to a “traditional call for proposals”?**
- 3. Do you see the potential for more calls with a re-granting scheme in the future?**
- 4. What do you think would be the main challenges for such a re-granting scheme?**
- 5. Do you believe that also traditional calls should be maintained?**

 Please reply in the chat



Thank you for your attention!

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