



The 2023 CHAR-LITI Call for proposals under the CERV

Specific priority on combating hate speech and hate crime



We will be
starting at
09:30 am

Online information session
Brussels,
27 Jan 2023

Warm welcome to you!

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Overview

CERV programme call for proposal to enhance civil society organisations' awareness and implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

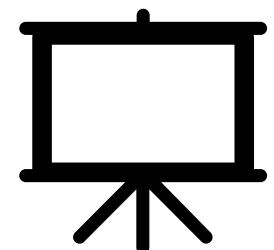
- The specific priority on combating hate speech and hate crime to promote and protect EU values and fundamental rights, Q&A
 - Break

Application process for the 2023 calls for proposals

- Timeline, eligibility, actions, impacts, portal CERV, examples, Q&As
 - Break

Ask your question!

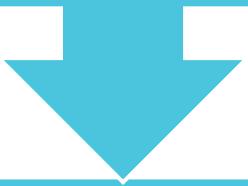
Time's up at 1 pm when the session is closing



Action to tackle hate speech and hate crime: a boost from EU funds

The legal basis for action

The **2008 Framework Decision** on combating certain forms of expressions of racism and xenophobia requires the criminalisation of public incitement to violence or hatred based on race, colour, religion, descent or national or ethnic origin.



Possible new legal basis

9 December 2021 European Commission
Communication on a Council decision to extend the current list of 'EU crimes' in Article 83(1) TFEU

In the Council now for adoption, unanimity needed.

Policy work in support of legislation

The High Level Group on combating hate speech and hate crime:

Guidance, good practices, standards to support the enforcement of the Framework Decision

MS authorities (MoJ, Mol, Social Affairs, police departments), international organisations, EU agencies, civil society organisations (CSOs)

Work structured along 4 working groups:

- Hate crime reporting and data collection
- Hate crime training for law enforcement
- Hate crime victims support
- Countering illegal hate speech online

2016 Code of conduct on countering illegal hate speech online

- 1/ Notice and action (24h turnaround time to react to hate speech notices)
- 2/ Cooperation between trusted flagger organisations, public authorities and IT companies' trust and safety teams
- **Work streams and activities in the context of the Code:**
 - Support to CSOs (trusted flaggers) to carry out monitoring activities
 - Support national authorities in their cyber investigations to ensure sanctioning of perpetrators
 - The search for cutting edge research on prevalence of hate speech in the different languages, the “ecosystems” of hatred online, triggers and strategies of hate/extremist groups
 - Prevention of hate speech, including through education and campaigns (critically looking at effectiveness of counter narrative campaigns, and innovative approaches to these

The Digital Services Act

- The DSA has entered into force on 16 November 2022.
 - New responsibilities for online service providers to limit the spread of illegal content and illegal products online including notice and action systems, increased transparency and accountability for users rights
 - Duty for very large online platforms to assess and mitigate systemic risks including in relation to spread of hate speech.
- Addressing systemic risks will imply multi stakeholder approaches, including law enforcement work on cyber investigation, empowering trusted flagger CSO and enhancing platforms cooperation

Calls/priorities on combating hate speech and hate crime

- How was until 2022:
 - Under the same programme, CERV, yet included as part of the general call on combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination (EQUAL).
 - EQUAL was including a focus on combating hate speech and hate crime in the context of anti-racism, and a dedicated call on countering hate speech online.
 - Total budget available: about **EUR 7 m** for the whole call in 2022 (to be shared with anti-racism and specific forms of intolerance) and **EUR 1,5 m** for the call on countering hate speech online.
- **What has changed in 2023-2024**
 - The priority on combating hate speech and hate crime moved under the call on enhancing CSOs role to promote the Charter of fundamental rights, as a dedicated, standalone priority.
 - In the call document, the objectives, expected activities and results are clearly spelled out, with reference to the specific activities in the HLG on combating hate speech and hate crime.
 - Bigger budget than in previous years estimated for this priority.



The 2023-2024 priority on combating hate speech and hate crime (1)

Rationale for a stand-alone priority:

- Combating hate speech and hate crime is a key part of the Commission's action to promote EU values and to ensure that the Charter is upheld.
- CSOs play a crucial role in combating hate speech and hate crime, who are contributing for safeguarding and promoting fundamental rights.
→ There is a need to enhance cooperation between CSOs and national authorities, and between CSOs and other players e.g. in the private sector (IT companies, think tanks) in the response to hate speech online.

The 2023-2024 priority on combating hate speech and hate crime (2)

- Project under this call should aim to:
 - enable civil society organisations to establish methods and mechanisms of cooperation with public authorities to support the reporting of episodes of hate crime and hate speech;
 - foster practices to enhance the support to victims of hate speech and hate crime;
 - encourage national or local action plans against hate speech and hate crime
 - support law enforcement in the investigation of hate crime and hate speech, including through training or data collection methodologies and tools.
- Project under this call should also focus on **the online dimension of hate speech**, and fund activities aimed to:
 - Report content to IT companies and map the “ecosystems” of hatred online;
 - Design innovative and effective counter narrative and awareness raising campaigns;
 - Educational activities to address the societal challenges of hate speech online.

Successful Projects are

- **Impactful** → good projects deliver sustainable concrete results, which can or will continue to be implemented even after the funding. Wealth of research and mapping on legal frameworks on hate crime are already available, research activities in this field would not add particular value.
- **Pragmatic** → Extensive guidance available, so less toolkits, mapping and guidance, more action on the ground (action plans, training, campaigns)
- **Of the right size** → bigger projects and numerous countries involved do not necessarily mean impact, often the effect is the opposite as bigger projects fail to address national specificities
- **Replicable** → Think of activities that can, if shared with other practitioners, easily be replicated in other contexts.
- **Built on existing good practice** → Think of past successful activities which can be promoted in other countries to continue previously successful projects

In view of setting up successful consortia:

Read very carefully and follow the detailed description of the expected activities and objectives set out in the call document. Some examples:

- If you plan to set up mechanisms of cooperation with public authorities, you probably need public authorities involved directly rather than promising outreach;
- To ensure effective counter narrative campaigns you may need digital partners and experts that can advise on what is an effective campaign, and also including the platforms themselves, otherwise the risk is to be ineffective.

Big budgets and/or large consortia may signal ambitious projects, but they may also imply big coordination efforts and less investments on actual concrete activities on the ground.

Any question?

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme

Overview

Budget, objective and structure

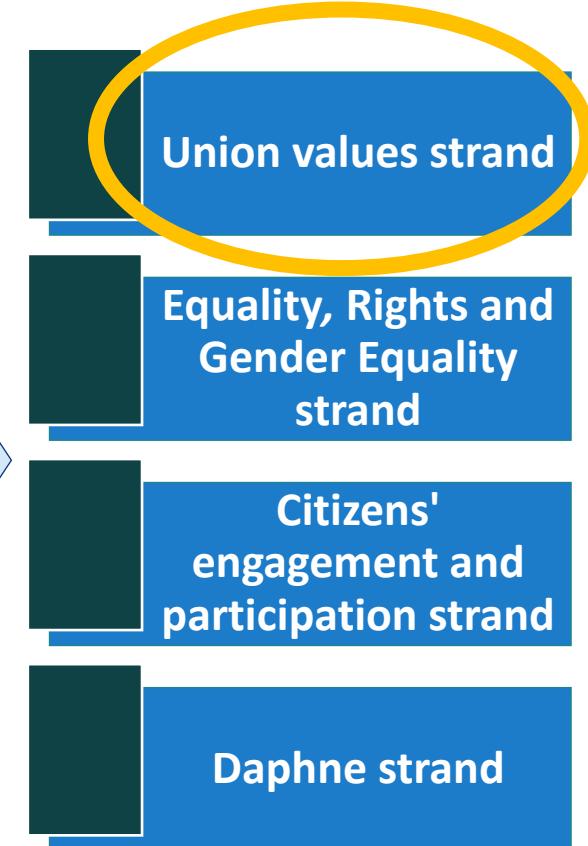
**CERV Budget
2021-2027**



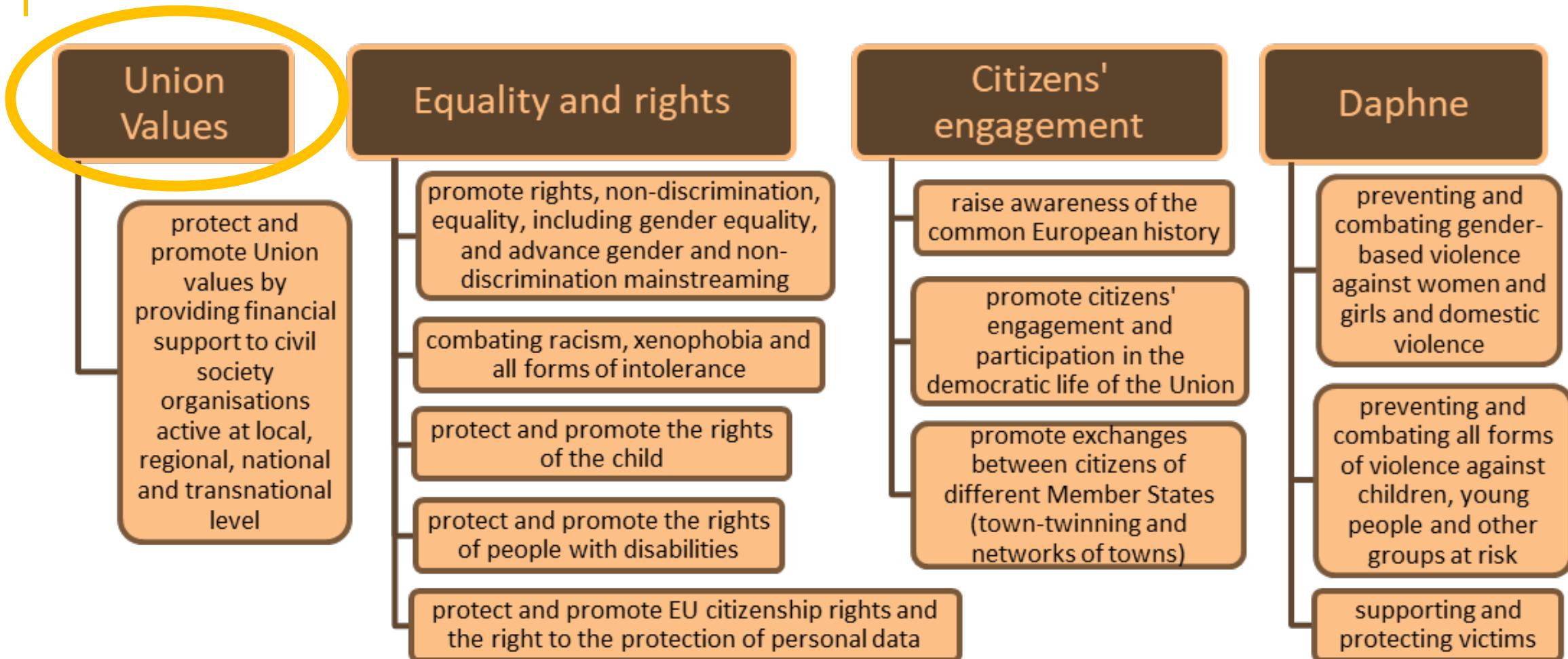
To protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties and the EU Charter

Supporting civil society organisations (CSOs) and other stakeholders active at local, regional, national and transnational level,

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



The CERV strands



New in CERV

Union Values (Re-granting)	National Contact Points	Multi-year work programme	Merging of two programmes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New call with EUR 51 million in 2022• EUR 2,5-4,5 million per organisation• Re-granting scheme to support small and grassroots NGOs <p>→ Soon for framework partners (EUR 5,6 million in 2022)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 27 national relays 19 appointed so far• Providing:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• guidance and practical information• assistance to applicants, stakeholders and beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2021-2 Work Programme with EUR 292 million• Advanced planning for all calls• Bigger transparency and earlier information for stakeholders <p>→ multi-year priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rights, Equality and Citizenship 2014-2020 combating racism, gender-based violence,...etc• Europe for Citizens 2014-2020 citizen engagement and participation, town-twinning, European remembrance

Framework partners and CSO networks

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FACTS

Key facts on CERV impact in 2021-2022

Almost 1500 CSOs supported

3616 ENTITIES reached

22 call for proposals

EUR 131 million disbursed to CSOs

EUR 51 million to local and grassroots CSOs



Key facts

2023 Call for proposals on EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

2nd EU Charter call with 8 times more budget

24 January 2023 – 25 May 2023 (16 weeks submission time)

EUR 16 million with min single grant of EUR 75.000

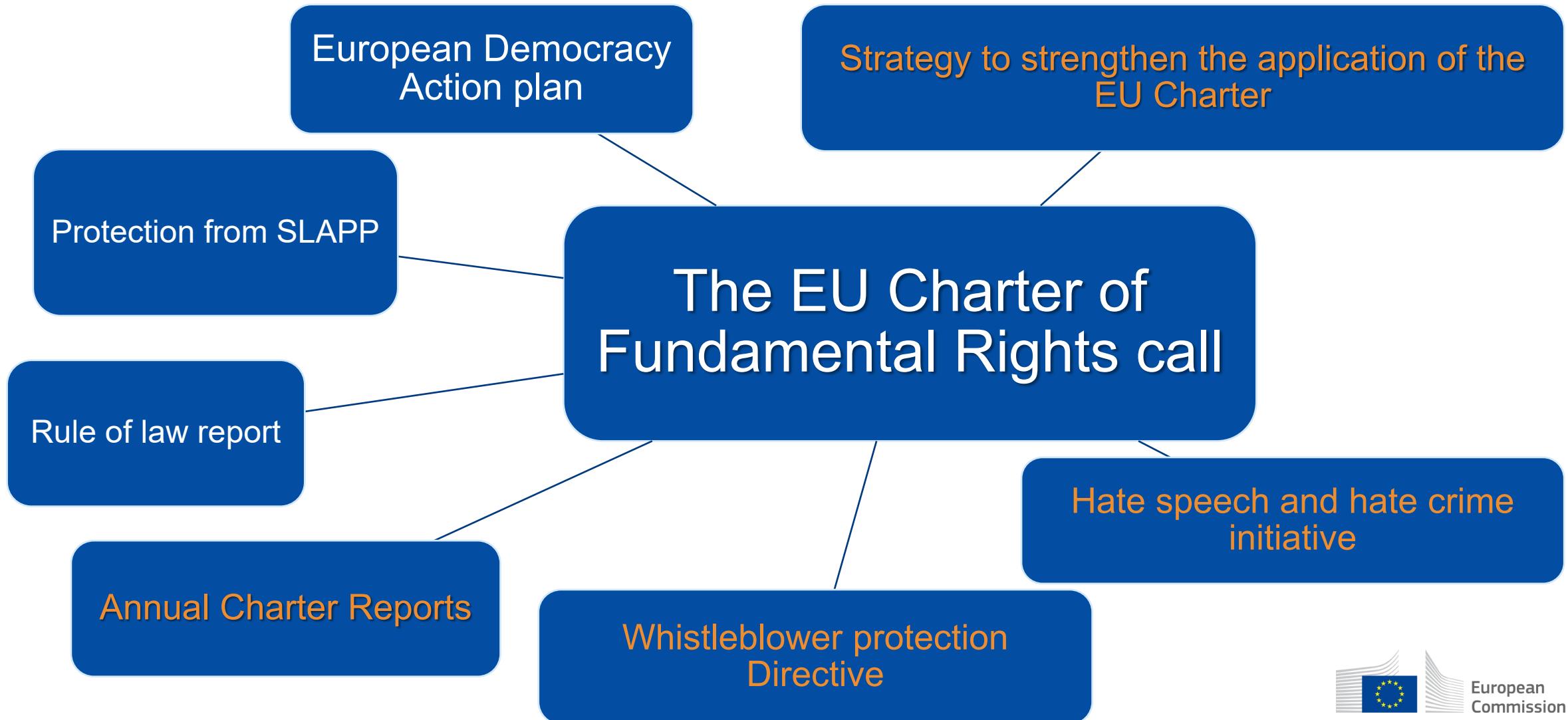
Single applicant or consortium

National or transnational projects

Only organisations established in the EU

Project duration max 2 years

The EU Charter call in DG Justice policies



The eligible participants for the 2023 Charter call

Coordinator

- Be non-profit legal entities (private bodies).

Co-applicant

- Be non-profit or profit legal entities (public or private bodies).

Other applicants

- International organisations
- National human rights institutions,
- Equality bodies
- Ombuds Institutions



[The 2023 Charter call for proposals](#)

Horizontal aspects of the 2023 Charter call



- Activities involving children must have a **child protection policy** covering the four areas described in the Keeping Children Safe Child Safeguarding Standards.
- This policy must be **available online and transparent**. It must include clear information about the recruitment of staff (including trainees and volunteers) and **include background checks** (vetting).
- It must also include **clear procedures and rules to staff**, including **reporting rules**, and continuous **training**.



- Projects' design and implementation are expected to **promote gender equality and non-discrimination mainstreaming**.
- Gender analysis, **mapping potential different needs of and impact on women and Men**
- Integrating a **gender equality perspective** in the design of the activities.
- Applicants are expected to design and implement their communication and dissemination **activities in a gender-sensitive way**.
- Proposals that integrate a **gender-perspective across all their activities will be considered of higher quality**.



- Applicants must show in their application that they **respect ethical principles**
- **Respect EU values based on Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union and Article 2 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights**
- Check of all applicants of a consortium for **EU Values compliance**



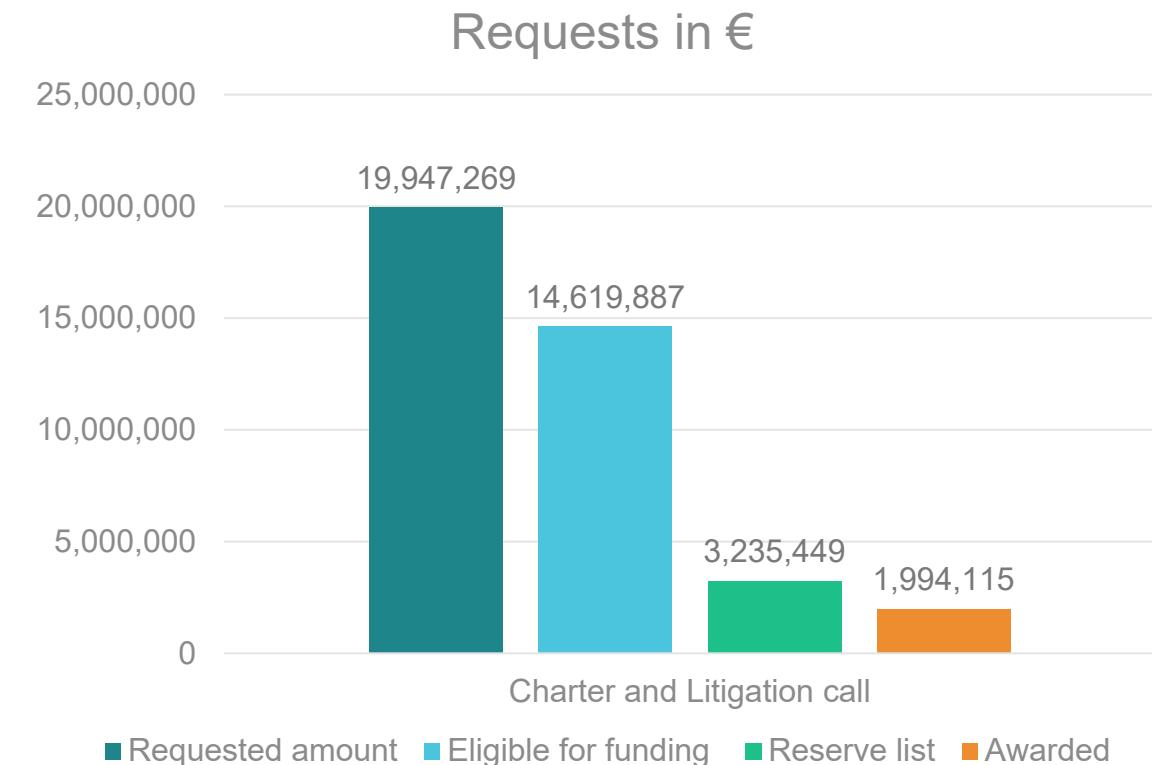
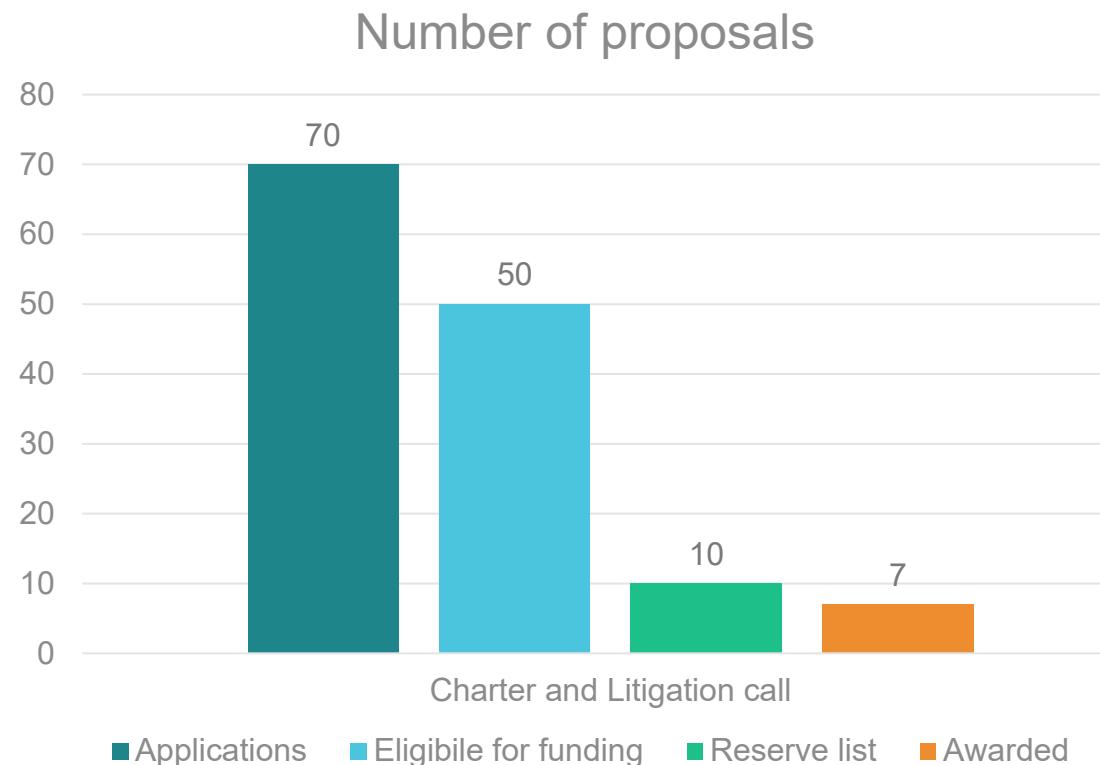
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EU Charter call and EQUAL call

2021-2 Results

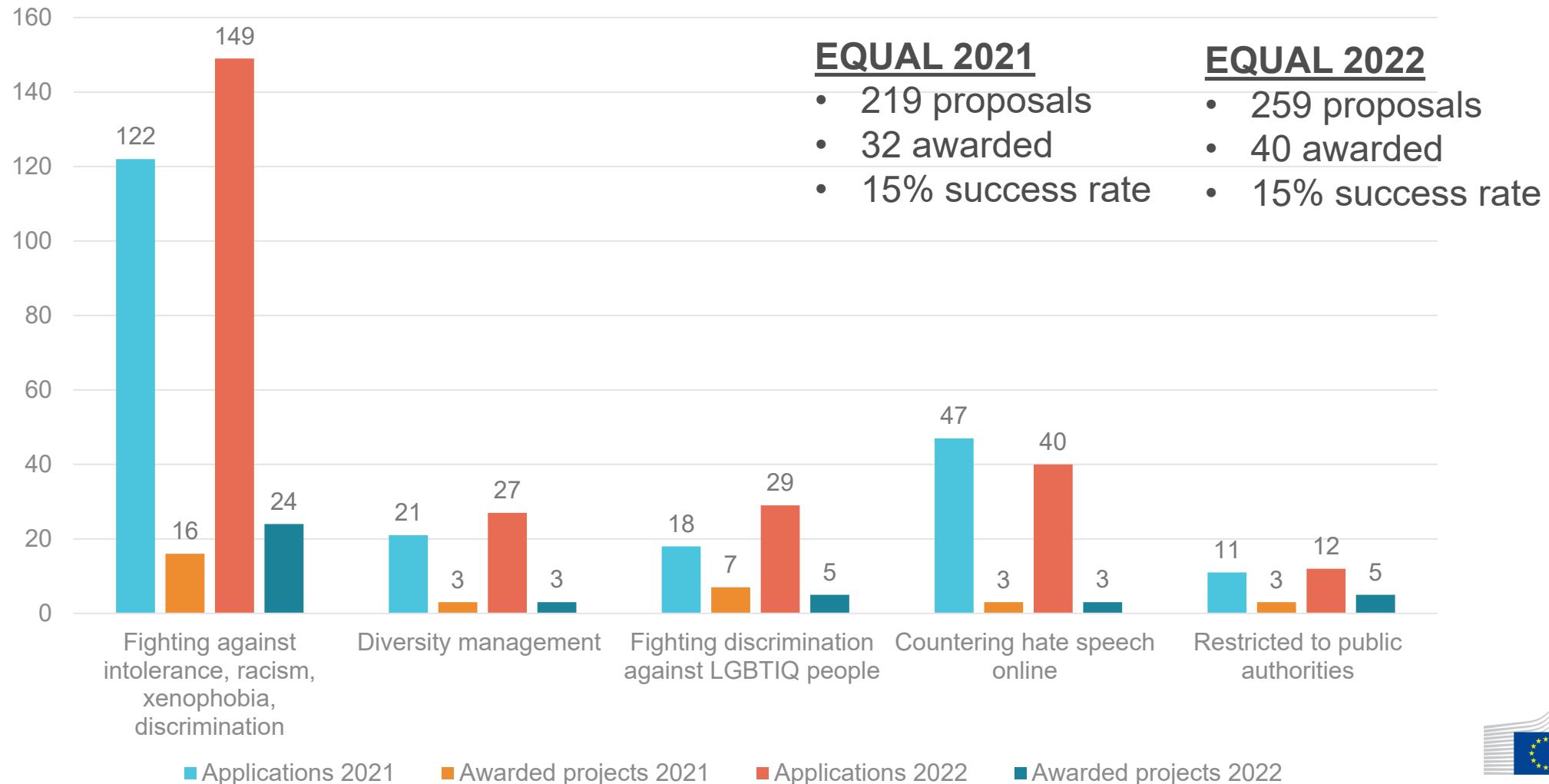
The 2022 Call for proposals

on capacity building and awareness on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and strategic litigation



EQUAL 2021-2

EQUAL call 2021 – 9,9 million euro, 2022 – 12,24 million euro

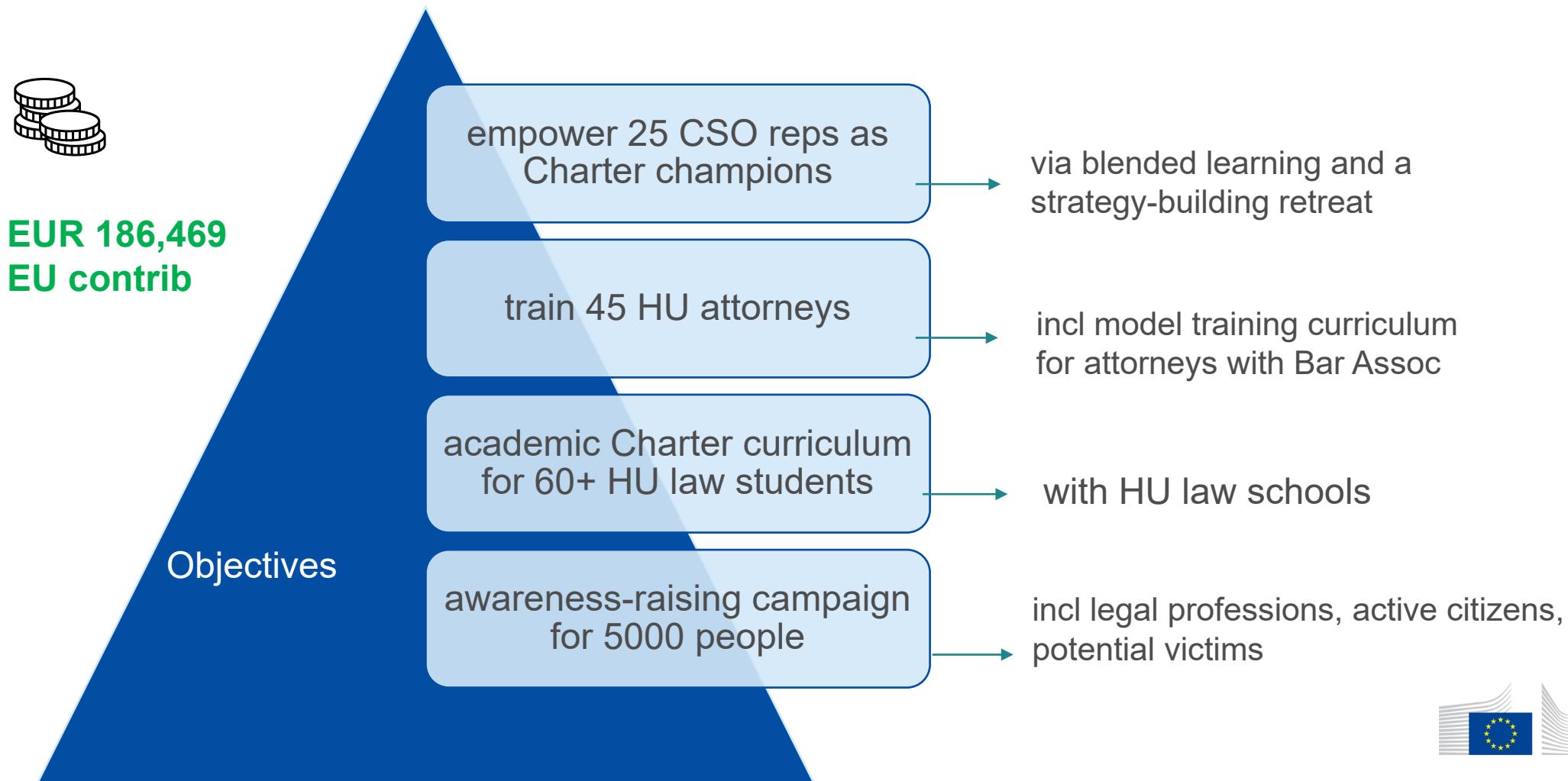


The EU Charter and strategic litigation

Project examples

Example 1

- CharterWise. Making the EU Charter a leading human rights litigation tool in Hungary
 - Project partners. Hungarian Helsinki Committee and Hungarian Civil Liberties Union



Example 2

- **CEPEUSEL**. Combatting Ethnic Profiling in the EU through Strategic Litigation by the Netherlands Jurists Committee for Human Rights
 - Project in the NL. Nederlands Juristen Comite voor Demensenrechten



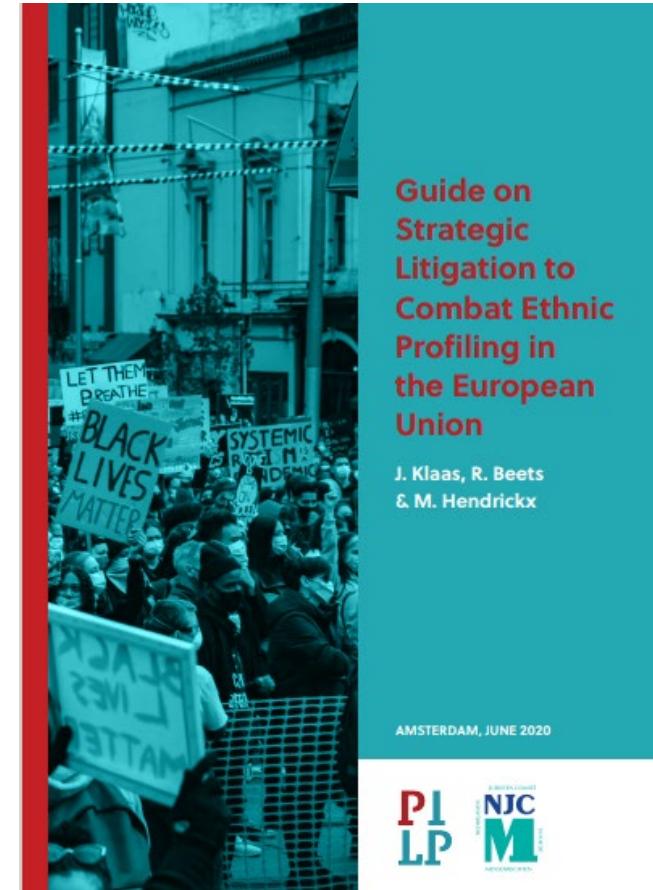
€ 120 770,90

Overall budget

€ 96 616,72

EU contribution

80%



How to apply



Go to the Funding & tenders opportunities portal
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Read carefully the text of the call document
[call-fiche_cerv-2023-char-liti_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)



Questions at EACEA-CERV@ec.europa.eu
For IT-related questions [contact form here](#)
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Application process for the 2023 call for proposals

The European Education and Culture Executive Agency

Where to find the Call and submit proposals?



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Programming period

2021 - 2027 (5)

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Programme part

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Supporting an enabling environment for the protection of whistleblowers

CERV-2023-CHAR-LITI-WHISTLE

Programme	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)
Type of action	CERV Project Grants
Opening date	24 January 2023

Capacity-building and awareness raising on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

CERV-2023-CHAR-LITI-CHARTER

Programme	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)
Type of action	CERV Project Grants
Opening date	24 January 2023

Strategic litigation

CERV-2023-CHAR-LITI-LITIGATION

Programme	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)
Type of action	CERV Project Grants
Opening date	24 January 2023

Protecting EU values and rights by combating hate speech and hate crime

CERV-2023-CHAR-LITI-SPEECH

Programme	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)
Type of action	CERV Project Grants
Opening date	24 January 2023

Promoting rights and values by empowering the civic space

CERV-2023-CHAR-LITI-CIVIC

Programme	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)
Type of action	CERV Project Grants
Opening date	24 January 2023

Timetable and deadlines

Call opening	24 January 2022
Deadline for submission	25 May 2023 - 17:00:00 CET (Brussels)
Evaluation (by external experts)	June - September 2023
Information on evaluation results	October - November 2023
Grant Agreement signature	January - February 2024

Key aspects

- **Project duration:** between 12 and 24 months
- **Project budget:** min EUR 75 000 – no limit
 - **Co-financing:** the maximum funding rate is **90%**
 - **Budget-based mixed actual cost grant** (actual costs, with unit cost and flat-rate elements)
 - **Budget categories and cost eligibility rules** - see [Call document](#) p.24-25
- 1 priority/topic per proposal
 1. [Capacity building and awareness raising on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#)
 2. [Promoting rights and values by empowering the civic space](#)
 3. [Strategic litigation](#)
 4. [Protecting EU values and rights by combating hate crime and hate speech](#)
 5. [Supporting an enabling environment for the protection of whistleblowers](#)

Eligibility criteria

- ✓ Lead applicants (e.g. the “Coordinator”): non-profit legal entities (private bodies)
- ✓ Co-applicants: non-profit or profit legal entities (public or private bodies)
 - ! Profit-oriented > ONLY in partnership with private non-profit organisations
- ✓ Single applicant or consortium
- ✓ National or transnational
- ✓ Eligible countries
 - ✓ EU Member States
 - ✓ international organisations
- ✓ Min requested amount > EUR 75.000

Admissibility criteria



Respect deadline for submission of application



Electronically: Grant Application Form using the forms provided inside the Funding and Tenders portal



Complete: Part A, part B, part C, annexes, supporting documents

Scoring (100 points) in the Award criteria

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

Looking for partners?



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Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

⚠ There will be issues with signing off documents from Wednesday 25.01.2023, 20:00 to Wednesday, 25.01.2023, 20:00.

Protecting EU values and rights by combating hate speech and discrimination

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Developing Information, Guidance, and Interconnectedness for (Charter) Rights Integration in Strategies for Enforcement (DIGIRISE)	DIGIRISE	101084676
Protecting and Promoting Fundamental Rights of Migrant Women in the European Union	FULFIL	101083937
Rooting for Rights	R4R	101084838
Rainbow Justice: Supporting the enforcement of CJEU jurisprudence for LGBTI equality	Rainbow Justice	101084819
Rule of Law in Europe for Lawyers	ROLL	101084783
Strategic Litigation for Rights in Europe: Building Knowledge, Skills and Connections for Legal Practitioners to Use the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights	STARLIGHT	101084678

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EACEA CHAR-LITI Call information session

- **Date:** 16 February 2023, 10:00-12:30
- **Registration open:** [EACEA website](#) / [Info session: CERV-2023-CHAR-LITI \(europa.eu\)](#)
- **Focus on:**
 - ✓ General Call conditions
 - ✓ Application process (technical aspects, structure)
 - ✓ Evaluation process (award criteria, eligibility conditions, selection procedure)
 - ✓ Suggestions, tips and good practices

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