



CERV call for proposals - Operating Grants

Civil Dialogue Week

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How to apply



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CERV – Operating grants

CERV-2021-OG-FPA


- Call for 4-year framework partnership agreements to support European networks, civil society organisations active at EU level and European think tanks in the areas of Union values

CERV-2021-OG-SGA

- Operating grants to framework partners active in the areas of Union values

CERV – Operating grants

- **Framework partnerships (FPAs):** cooperation instruments - umbrella for regular grants
- **FPA beneficiaries:** identified through a standard evaluation and award procedure and then invited to submit their proposals for grants
- **First year:** framework partnership applications (**FPA**) and **specific grant applications (SGA) are submitted in parallel** due to time constraints

 **first complete** the **FPA** application and then use the FPA application number in the SGA application

Objectives

Protecting, promoting and raising awareness on rights by providing financial support to civil society organisations active at local, regional, national and transnational level in promoting and cultivating these rights, thereby also strengthening the protection and promotion of Union values and respect for the rule of law and contributing to building a more democratic Union, democratic dialogue, transparency and good governance.

EU policy initiatives supported


- European democracy action plan
- EU Citizenship Report 2020
- Rule of 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

Selecting policy priorities


Applicants must choose **one** of the priorities which best corresponds with the profile of their organisation – in **Part C of the application**

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Priorities

- promoting and protecting Union values
- promoting equality, preventing and combating discrimination
- promoting gender equality
- combating racism, xenophobia and all forms of intolerance
- protecting and promoting the rights of the child
- promoting European remembrance
- promoting citizen engagement
- preventing and combating gender-based violence
- preventing and combating violence against children

Available budget per priority

Promoting and protecting Union values	EUR 1 100 000
Promoting equality, preventing and combat discrimination	EUR 4 100 000
Promoting gender equality	EUR 1 600 000
Combating racism, xenophobia and all forms of intolerance	EUR 2 600 000
Protecting and promoting the rights of the child	EUR 1 200 000
Promoting European remembrance	EUR 1 700 000
Promoting citizen engagement	EUR 6 000 000
Preventing and combating gender-based violence	EUR 1 600 000
Preventing and combating violence against children	EUR 1 000 000

Timetable and deadlines

CERV-2021-OG-FPA – Framework Partnerships	
• Deadline for submission	<i>22 June 2021 – 17:00:00 CET (Brussels)</i>
• Evaluation	<i>July - August 2021</i>
• Information on evaluation results	<i>September 2021</i>
• FPA signature	<i>September - October 2021</i>

Timetable and deadlines

CERV-2021-OG-SGA – Specific Grant Applications	
• Deadline for submission	<i>29 June 2021 – 17:00:00 CET (Brussels)</i>
• Evaluation	<i>September - October 2021</i>
• Information on evaluation results	<i>November 2021</i>
• SGA signature	<i>November - December 2021</i>

Eligibility criteria

- be **legal entities, private non-profit organisations** (private bodies)
- be established in in a **Member State of the European Union**
- be a **single applicant**; in case of networks only the network or the organisation appointed as the joint secretariat/officially appointed coordinator may submit an application; the member organisations are not eligible to apply
- the applicant's statutory aims must fall under one of the **objectives of the programme as set out in Work Programme 2021-2022**
- the applicant must provide a **strategic work programme for a period of 4 years starting in 2022 (FPA)**

Eligibility criteria

Priority	Criterion for all priorities
Promote and protect Union values	an established formal network (either with own legal personality or without legal personality but represented by a joint secretariat or officially appointed coordinator), organised at European level and with members from at least 14 EU Member States
Promote equality, prevent and combat discrimination	
Promote gender equality	
Combat racism, xenophobia and all forms of intolerance	
Protect and promote the rights of the child	
Prevent and combat violence against children	

Eligibility criteria

Priority	Criterion for all priorities	Additional criteria for applicants applying under certain priorities
Prevent and combat gender-based violence	an established formal network (either with own legal personality or without legal personality but represented by a joint secretariat or officially appointed coordinator), organised at European level and with members from at least 14 EU Member States	the networks active in the area of female genital mutilation (FGM) must have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 12 Member States
Promote European remembrance		the applicant can also be a civil society organisation active at EU level or a European think tank
Promote citizens' engagement and participation		the applicant can also be an established civil society organisation active at EU level with activities in at least 14 EU Member States or a European think tank.

European think tank

An organisation which through its activities can contribute to achieving at least one of the objectives included in the call:

- Providing a **link between research and policy-making at European level**, which helps to find solutions to problems
- **Facilitating interaction between scientists, academia and decision-makers**

Activities in at least 14 EU Member

- To be declared by the applicant in **Part C** of the application form

List of member organisations/bodies or authorities/active partners

Member organisations/bodies or authorities/active partners	Country of the member organisations	
EACEA	Belgium	 >
INEA	Austria	 >
REA	Germany	 >

Eligibility check

- Part C of the application form
- Statutory documents
- Final decision on eligibility can be made once we have all documentation

Eligible activities

- analytical activities
- training and capacity building activities
- mutual learning and exchange of good practices
- awareness raising
- information and dissemination activities with EU added value

Selection criteria

Financial capacity

- Checked once at the **FPA level**

Operational capacity

- Checked at the **FPA level**
- As well as each time at **the SGA level**
- Assessed together with the award criterion 'Quality'

Selection criteria

Financial capacity


- profit and loss account
- balance sheet
- audit report produced by an approved external auditor, certifying the accounts for the last closed financial year

Operational capacity



- general profiles of the staff responsible for managing and implementing the project
- applicants' activity reports of last year
- list of previous projects (key projects for the last 4 years)

Annexes


Part B and Annexes

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Form (Part B
SEP) (CERV FPA
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List of previous
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Child protection
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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

Evaluation

- **Standard submission and evaluation procedure**
(one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)
- An **evaluation committee** assisted by **independent outside experts** will assess all applications
- All applicants will be informed about the evaluation result

What makes a good proposal

- ✓ Relevant, in line with policy priorities
- ✓ Addresses a real need in the field
- ✓ Well established methodology
- ✓ Strong partnership
- ✓ Strong EU dimension, EU added value
- ✓ Realistic and sustainable results

Legal and financial set up

- Project duration: **one year = financial year**
- Project budget - **maximum grant amount - no limit**
- **Co-financing** - the maximum funding rate is **80%**

Financial support to third parties

- In **2022** financial support to third parties is **not allowed**
- As of **2023** the **possibility for networks to re-grant to member organisations**
- **The maximum amount - EUR 60 000**

The principle of non-cumulative award

- The principle of non-cumulative award (Article 191 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046) - **costs arising from an action cannot be doubly reimbursed from the Union budget**
- In the case of **operating grants**, a beneficiary may be awarded **only one operating grant from the Union budget per financial year**
- Beneficiaries of **operating grants can apply for action grants**

Indirect costs

- For operating grants, there is **no differentiation between direct and indirect cost**
- **the operating grant covers the entire usual activity of the beneficiary-** indirect costs not eligible under an action grant
- **the operating grant covers only part of the usual activity of the beneficiary** - indirect costs under the action grant may be considered eligible if the beneficiary is able to demonstrate clearly that the operating grant does not cover any costs that may be claimed under the action grant

FPA vs SGA Applications

Application - FPA

- Multiannual work programme
- Part C should be filled in with estimations for the duration of the FPA

Application - SGA

- Detailed 2022 work programme
- Part C can be filled in with more precise estimations
- Estimated budget in Part A


Proposal structure

- **Part A** – online form
 - General Information, participants and contacts, budget (SGA)
- **Part B** – pdf document (max. **40 pages**)
 - Description of the project and applicant organisation, work packages and activities
- **Part C** – online form
 - Data and indicators

Application forms

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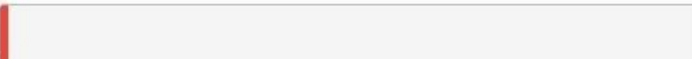


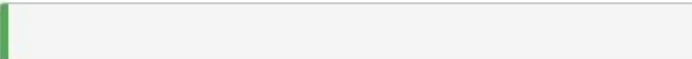


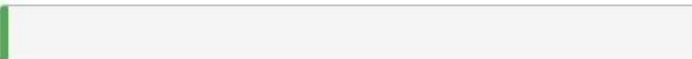


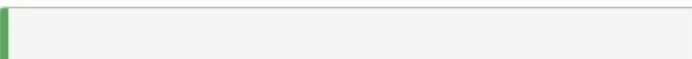


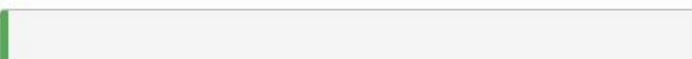


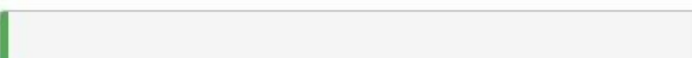


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Admissibility

- Proposals should be submitted electronically through the Funding&Tender Portal by the deadline:
 - **FPA - 22 June 2021 – 17:00:00 CET (Brussels)**
 - **SGA – 29 June 2021 - 17:00:00 CET (Brussels)**
- Proposal should be complete:
 - **Part A + B + C**
 - **Annexes**

Help

- Online manual - https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/om_en.pdf
- Portal FAQ
- Questions: EACEA-CERV@ec.europa.eu

Reference documents

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents>

- CERV Regulation
- Work Programmes
- Standard application form (in pdf)
- Model grant agreement and contract
- Reporting templates

The screenshot displays 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 visible. A filter for 'Programming period' is set to '2021-2027'. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Grants' and 'Procurement'. The 'Grants' section includes a description and a prompt to select a programme. The 'Procurement' section mentions that reference documents are published on TED eTendering. A search bar with the text 'Filter' is present, and a list of document categories is shown, including 'Legislation', 'Work programme & call documents', 'Grant agreements and contracts', 'Guidance', 'Templates & forms', and 'Funding & Tenders Portal'. The 'Work programme & call documents' and 'Grant agreements and contracts' categories are highlighted with a yellow brush.

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