

# Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme

# **EU** funding opportunities

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#### **Overview**

- 1. Rights Equality and Citizenship Programme
- 2. Annual Work Programme
- 3. How to apply?
- 4. Funding & tender opportunities portal
- 5. Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme





# Financial Programmes: key instruments for the implementation of EU policies



- Treaties (and Charter)
- Legal instruments
- Financial Programmes





#### EU budget: multiannual financial framework

- Current framework 2014 2020
- EU budget for the future 2021 2027



Budgets are not bookkeeping exercises – they are about priorities and ambition. They translate our future into figures.





## **Rights Equality Citizenship Programme**



Objective: to further develop an area where equality and the rights of persons are promoted, protected and effectively implemented

Regulation 1381/2013

Budget of EUR 440 million for period 2014-2020

→ average annual budget of EUR 63 million





# **Specific objectives and funding areas**



Promoting **non- discrimination** 



Prevent violence against children, women and groups at risk



**Combating racism,** and
other forms of **intolerance** 



Rights of the child



Rights of persons with **disabilities** 



**Data Protection** 



**Gender equality** 



**EU** citizenship

+ Consumers rights



#### Which actions?



Analytical activities, such as studies, researches, surveys and evaluations



Training activities, mutual learning, workshops, experts' meetings, conferences



Awareness-raising and dissemination activities, media campaigns



Support for European-level actors/NGOs





## **Participation to the Programme**

#### **Organisations**

- Public and private entities
- Legally established in EU Member States,
   Iceland, Liechtenstein, Republic of Serbia
- Profit-oriented organisations: limited access
- International organisations





# **Funding methods**

#### **Grants**

- Action grants funding for national or transnational projects
- Operating grants operating costs for EU level NGOs and similar bodies

Procurement – service contract tenders e.g. EU studies, EU conferences, EU campaigns





#### **ACTION GRANT**

An action intended to help achieve a Union policy objective

- National or transnational... with European Added Value
- application must involve at least two organisations
- EU grant requested cannot be lower than EUR 75 000
- Maximum EU co-financing is 80% of total cost of the action





#### **OPERATING GRANT**

Functioning of a body which has an objective forming part of, and supporting, a Union policy (Framework Partnership Agreements to support European networks active in the areas 2018-2021)

#### Rights of the child

- European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC)
- Children of Prisoners Europe
- Child Helpline International





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# **Implementation of the Programme**

#### via an **Annual Work Programme**

establishes the policy priorities of intervention and the amount of funding available

#### Information on:

- Priorities and budget
- Activities
- Eligibility, selection and award criteria
- Expected results





## Calls for proposals action grants 2019

Victims of gender-based violence and violence against children € 11 700 000



Capacity-building rights of the child - child friendly justice

€ 4 000 000



Restricted call on the data protection legislation € 1 000 000

Improve awareness on EU citizenship rights, inclusion of mobile EU citizens – support national coordination networks

€ 1 500 000





# Calls for proposals action grants 2019

**Non-discrimination** 

€ 5 000 000

+ National Roma Platforms

Prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and intolerance

€ 7 000 000



Promote and protect rights of persons with disabilities

€ 1 320 000

Restricted call on closing gender pay gaps – work-life balance

- better share of care
- € 3 000 000





# AWP 2018 – Action grants Number of applications and selected projects per call

Call	Number Of Proposals	Number of projects	Success rate %
Rights of the child	28	3	10,7
EU Citizenship	19	4	21
Fight against gender-based violence	213	39	18,3
Non-discrimination	98	21	21,4
National Roma contact points	9	9	100
Gender equality	50	12	24
Anti-racism (restricted)	18	5	27,8
Hate speech online	92	3	3,3
Anti-racism	133	13	9,8





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#### How to apply?



#### Go to the Funding & tender opportunities portal

<u>https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/rec</u>



Read carefully the **text of the calls for proposals** and the **Guide for Applicants** 



**Questions:** <u>ec-rec-calls@ec.europa.eu</u>

IT related questions:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/api/contact/index.html





#### **Proposal structure**

- Part A online form
  - General Information (and declarations)
  - Participants and contacts
  - Budget (80% co-financing & 7% indirect costs)
- Part B Project description and implementation (max. 45 pages)
  - General description of the project and applicant organisation
  - Description of work packages and activities
  - Information concerning other grants / procurement
- Annex 1 CVs key staff applicant and partners (max. 100 pages)
- Annex 2 Annual Activity Report
- Annex 3 Indicators
- Annex 4 Child protection policy (if contact with children)
- Annex 5 Letters of support (optional)





#### Part B

- 1. Project summary
- 2. Project background, needs assessment and relevance
- 3. Objectives, methodology and impact
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  - 2. Cost-effectiveness
  - 3. EU added value
- 4. Activities and work packages
- 5. Participant and project management
- 6. Declarations

Human effort per month 1 year = 12 months = 220 working days, therefore 18.33 working days per month.

e.g. Each of the three partners employs a project manager working half of their time on the project for its entire duration of two years  $\rightarrow$  3 people working 6 months every year on the project = 12 person months per project partner  $\rightarrow$  a total of 36 person months.



### How we evaluate proposals

# Evaluation criteria

- > Admissibility
- > Eligibility
- > Exclusion
- > Selection
- > Award





#### **Admissibility**

- Deadline for submission of application
- Submission system
- Application package





# **Eligibility**

- Applicant organisation / partners
- Eligible countries
  - > EU Member States
  - > Iceland
  - Lichtenstein (non-discrimination and equality)
  - > The Republic of Serbia
- Applicant with partnership
- Minimum requested amount
- Project duration





#### **Exclusion**

#### Declaration in Part A

e.g. applicants/partners may not be

- 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...

See Article 136 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1046





#### **Selection**

#### Operational capacity

- CVs of the key project staff members Annex 1
- Annual activity report of the applicant Annex 2
- For EU values, website, etc. Part A

#### Financial capacity (no checks for public bodies)

- Balance sheet & loss and profit accounts 2 years Participant register
- ➤ Audit report (grants > 750 000 €) 2 years -Participant register
- Due recovery orders, etc.





#### a) Relevance (25/100; Threshold 18/25)

- > Priorities of the call
- > EU agenda/legislation
- > Needs assessment
- > Selection of countries
- Identification of target groups
- > Synergies with other (EU funded) actions





#### b) Quality (30 / 100)

- Methodology = how
- Link activities with objectives
- > Organisation of work between partners, time schedule
- Risk identification
- Monitoring
- Evaluation
- Child protection
- Gender mainstreaming
- > Ethics





#### c) European added value (15 / 100)

- Implementation of EU policies/legislation
- Cross-border cooperation
- > Transnational impact
- > Best practices and transferability of results





# d) Expected results, dissemination, impact, sustainability (20 / 100)

- Results vs objectives
- Dissemination strategy
- Long-term impact
- Sustainability after end of EU funding





#### e) Cost-effectiveness (10 / 100)

- Distribution of funds between partners reflecting the allocation of activities among them
- Management and coordinating activities and costs
- Distribution of costs among the cost categories (staff costs, direct costs)
- > Justification of travel costs in relation to the number of events, meetings, participants planned
- Subcontracting





#### Common mistakes ...

- Poor/no needs assessment
- Target group not clearly identified
- Selection of Member States not clear
- Duplication or synergies with past projects not examined
- Risks and mitigation measures not identified
- Evaluation focuses on implementation of the activities, not their quality
- Sustainability/long-term impact not shown
- Total budget in Part A and budget per work packages in Part B budget figures do not match





#### What makes a good project?

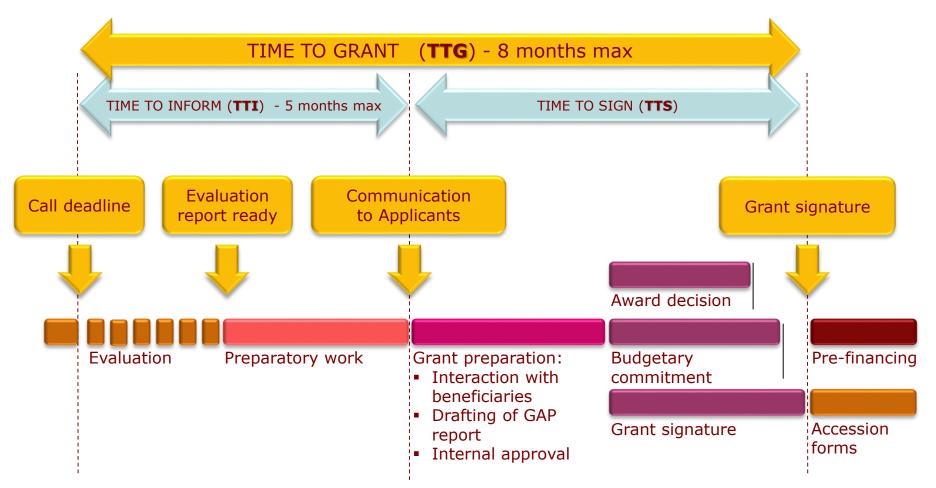
#### **SMART** Objectives

- $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$  Relevant, in line with priorities field (**S**pecific)(70/100)
- ✓ Addresses a real need in the field (**S**pecific)
- ✓ Clear concept, well explained objectives (Achievable)
- ✓ Well established methodology (Achievable) (Time -related)
- ✓ Strong partnership (established in advance)
- ☑ Strong EU dimension, EU added value
- ✓ Sustainable results, good dissemination (**A**chievable)
- ✓ Realistic/quantifiable outputs, relevant results (Measurable)
- ☑ Good value for money, well planned budget (**M**easurable) (**T**ime –related)





#### **Timeline**







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# Funding & tender opportunities portal

Step 1: Find call for proposals

Step 2: Find project partners

Step 3: Create an EU Login account

Step 4: Register an organisation

Step 5: Write and submit grant proposal

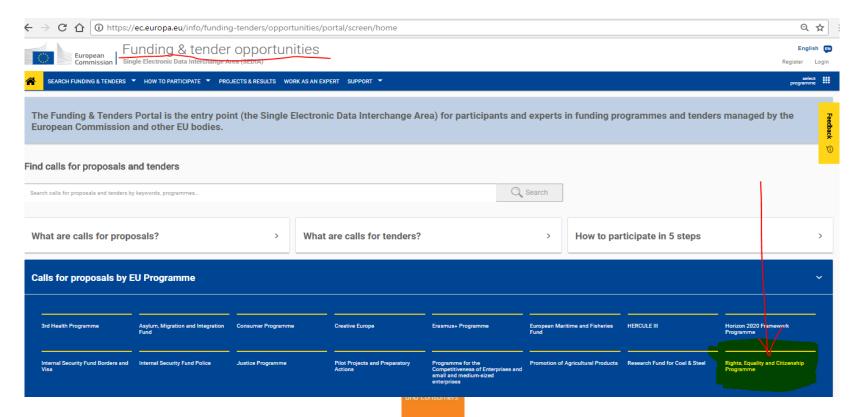




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https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home

→ Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme

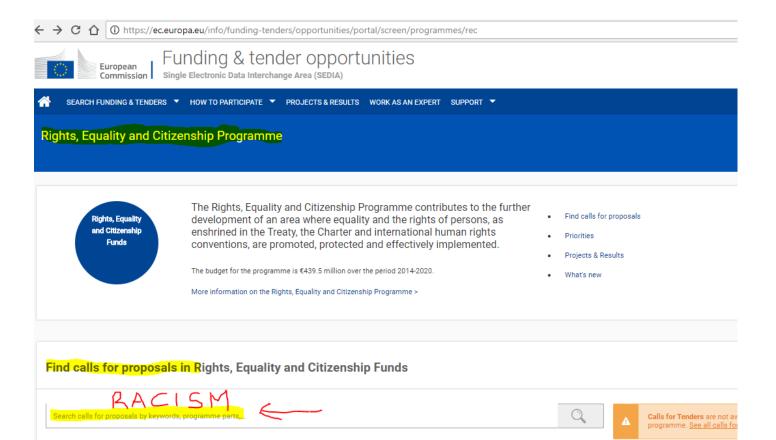




# **Application process**

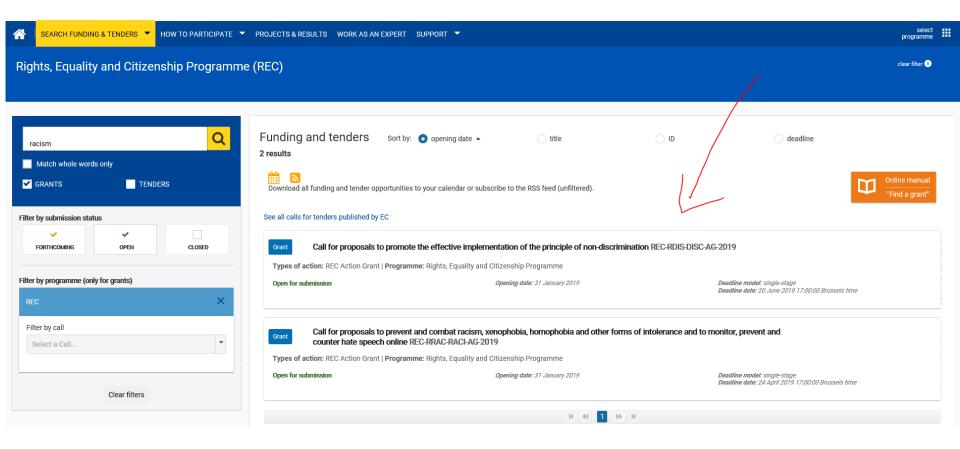
# Step 1. Find a <u>call for proposals</u>

e.g. racism (list of calls in Annual Work Programme)





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## Timetable calls for proposals in 2020

Publication: December 2019

on Funding & Tenders portal

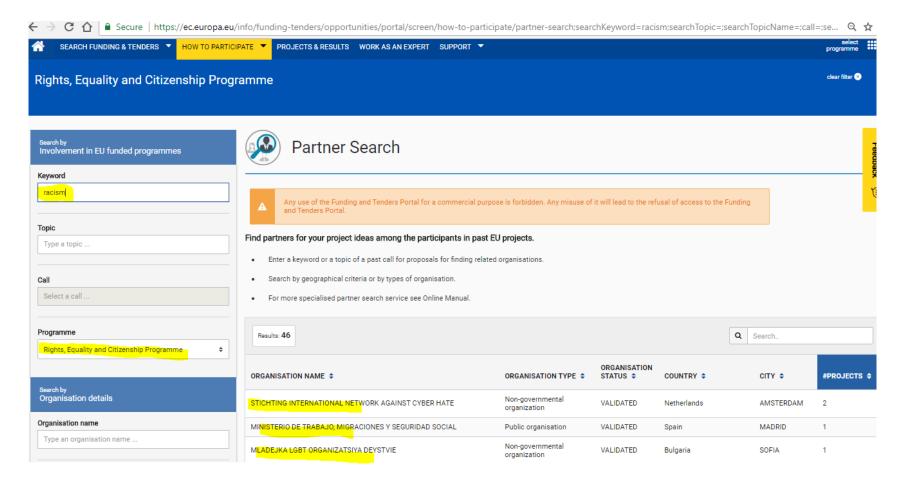
Opening: January 2020

Closing deadlines: April 2020





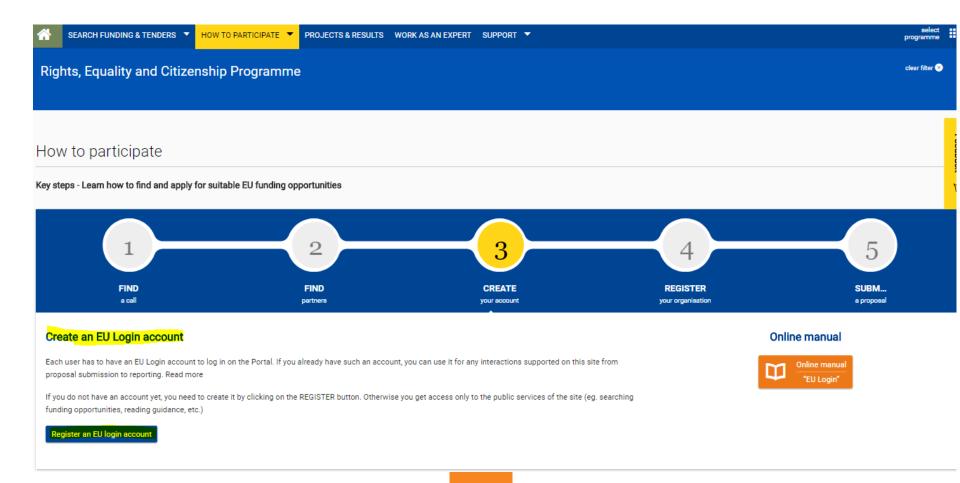
## **Step 2.** Find project partners (<u>Partner search</u>)





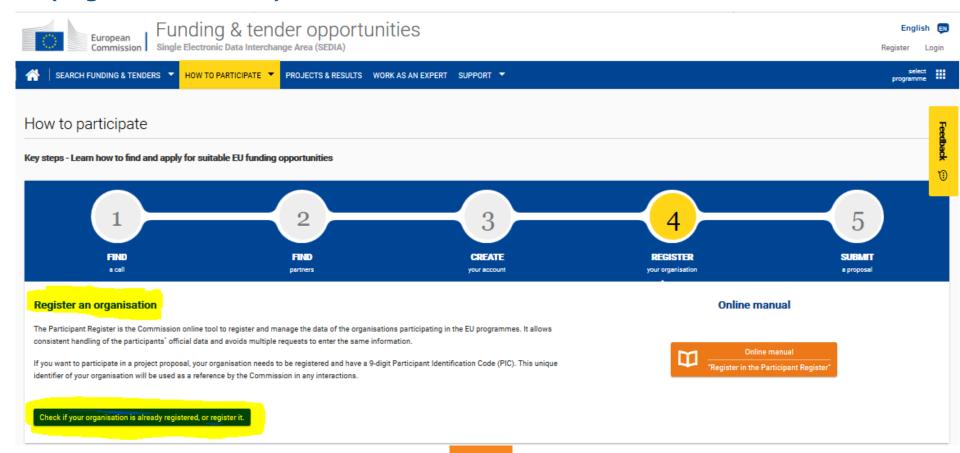


# **Step 3.** Create an EU Login account by registering your organisation on the funding & tender portal





# **Step 4.** Register an organisation Get your 9-digit Participant Identification Code number (e.g. 913270770)





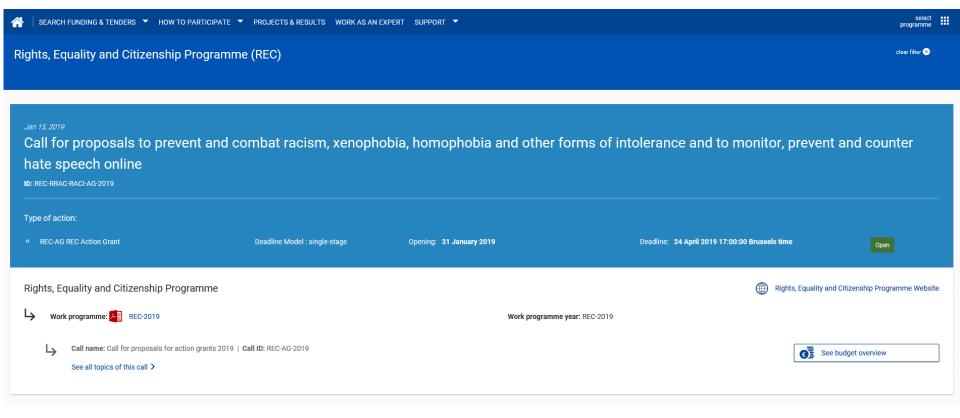
### **Ask yourself**

- Does my project idea address the priorities?
- Is my organisation eligible to apply?
   e.g.: do I have the minimum partnership?
   Is my proposed partnership appropriate for implementing your project?
- What are the award criteria and their weighting?





# e.g. Call for proposals to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance







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Taking into consideration the perpetual number of manifestations advocating racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance, such as Antisemitism, anti-Muslim hatred, Afrophobia, Antigypsyism, anti-migrant hatred, transphobia, hate crimes against persons with disabilities, and considering the need to further improve responses to these phenomena, the three priorities below shall be financed.

Whereas several measures and initiatives are listed, it is not requested to include all of them in a single project. Projects with a strong focus are very much valued.

#### 1.1. To prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance

With a focus on:

- measures to foster a better understanding and improved dialogue among different groups and communities, as well as building on the role of community leaders, youth and multipliers, on how they can contribute to such dialogue;
- · concrete measures and initiatives to prevent and combat manifestations on the ground for racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance, in particular hate crime and hate speech;
- · initiatives aimed at empowering, supporting and protecting groups, communities and individuals affected by manifestations of intolerance, in particular hate crime and hate speech;

Particular focus shall be on (i) stepping up the prevention and the fight against Antisemitism, as well as (ii) tackling intolerance and discrimination against Muslims, via:

(i)

- measures that prevent and combat all forms of antisemitic prejudices online and offline based on common standards and definitions as adopted by the European Parliament and European Council;
- measures that promote Jewish life and/or contribute to better understanding of Jewish traditions, the history and contribution of Jewish people in Europe before and after the Shoah, with a focus on local contexts and research.
- measures that foster knowledge and education about the Shoah for certain target groups, such as young people, develop new forms of remembrance in the light of dwindling knowledge about the Holocaust.
- · measures that encourage communities to collaborate or engage in the prevention and fight of all forms of Antisemitism;
- measures that develop and implement effective support for victims of antisemitic incidents and/or improve the data collection of various forms of antisemitic incidents and/or raise awareness of antisemitism being a societal threat.
- measures that aim at diminishing the perception gap of the threat of Antisemitism between the Jewish community and general population or foster knowledge about various forms of modern antisemitism.

(ii)

• measures to address negative stereotypes, intolerance and hate speech (including online) against Muslim minorities. In particular, through education and awareness raising activities including community work that builds on the role of





#### When writing

- Check regularly the Funding & tender opportunities portal and start preparing your proposal once the call (topic) is published
- Read carefully the text of the call (topic description and topic conditions) and the <u>Guide for applicants</u>
- For questions write directly to our team: <u>ec-rec-calls@ec.europa.eu</u>
- For IT related question through the helpdesk contact form: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/api/contact/index.html">http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/api/contact/index.html</a>





#### **General rules**

#### **Organisations:**

- Public and private entities
- Legally established in EU Member States + Iceland, Liechtenstein,
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- Profit-oriented organisations: limited access
- International organisations

<u>Partnership:</u> transnational projects, national projects with a strong EU added value

Minimum EU requested grant: € 75,000

EU co-financing: 80%





#### **Application package**

- Part A Administrative form
   Applicant and partners, declarations, duration, budget
- Part B Description of the action
   Relevance, objectives, methodology, etc.
   Work Packages activities, deliverables, risks, mitigation measures
- Annex 1 CVs Applicant + partner(s)
  - Annex 2 Annual Activity Report
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Justice and Consumers



#### **After submission**

- Regularly check your email: Commission may contact you to ask for clarifications/additional documents or information
- Be patient: the evaluation of calls for proposals takes between 4 and 6 months
- All unsuccessful applicants receive letter with reasons
- Successful applicants: grant agreement preparation

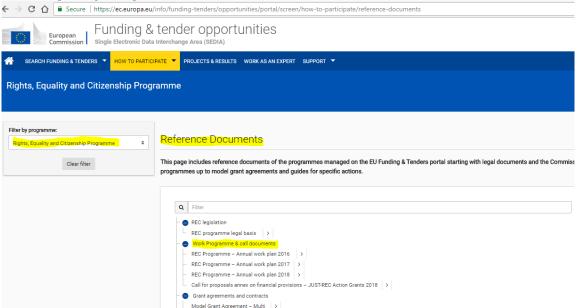




#### **Reference Documents**

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

- Annual Work Programmes
- Guide for Applicants
- Model grant agreement and contract
- Standard proposal template (in pdf)
- Reporting templates





#### How to find examples of awarded projects

In the documents of the Calls for proposals

Look into "Topic conditions and documents" → "Additional documents" → "Abstracts of selected proposals"



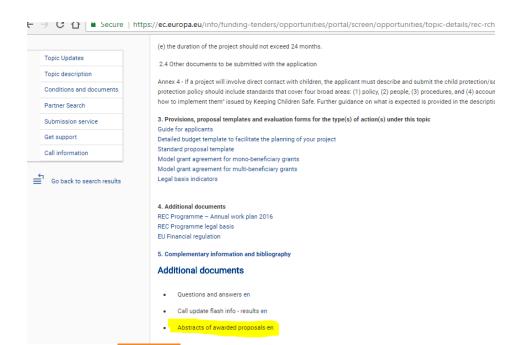


List of selected projects published in every call for proposal

e.g. Call for proposals to support capacity building on rights of the child and child protection for professionals in asylum and migration (2016)

https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/doc/call/rec/rec -rchi-prof-ag-2016/1800109-abstracts awarded - rec-rchi-prof-

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# The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme









# What will be the objectives?

Protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the Treaties, the Charter and in the applicable international human rights conventions, in particular by supporting civil society organisations and other stakeholders active at local, regional, national and transnational level, and 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

Equality, Rights and Gender Equality strand

Citizens' engagement and participation strand

**Daphne strand** 



# Equality, Gender Equality and Rights

promoting equality and preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation and respecting the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter

supporting, advancing and implementing comprehensive policies:

- (i) to promote women's full enjoyment of rights, gender equality, including work-life balance, women's empowerment and gender mainstreaming;
- (ii) to promote non-discrimination and its mainstreaming;
- (iii) to combat racism, xenophobia and all forms of intolerance including homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and interphobia and intolerance on the basis of gender identity, both online and offline;
- (iv) to protect and promote the rights of the child
- (v) to protect and to promote the rights of persons with disabilities
- (vi) to protect and to promote Union citizenship rights and the right to the protection of personal data





# Daphne (Combatting violence)

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

preventing and combating at all levels all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls and domestic violence, also by promoting the standards laid down in the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention); and

supporting and protecting all direct and indirect victims of such violence, such as domestic violence exerted within the family or violence in intimate relationships, including children orphaned by domestic crimes, and supporting and ensuring the same level of protection throughout the Union for victims of genderbased violence.







## What activities will be funded?

#### **CURRENT:**

 Awareness raising, training, mutual learning, analytical and monitoring activities, ICT tools, developing capacity of key European level networks.

#### + NEW:

- supporting civil society organisations:
  - to increase their capacity to react and to ensure adequate access for all citizens to their services, counselling and support activities;
  - to carry out advocacy activities to promote rights;
- supporting programme contact points.



# Other novelties: a civil dialogue group







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