EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME 2014 – 2020

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CONTEXT

the Lisbon treaty led to bringing the union closer to its citizens and fostering greater cross border debate about union policy issues.

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS

programme is important instrument aimed at getting 500 million inhabitants to play a greater part in the developement of union
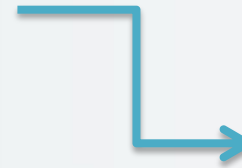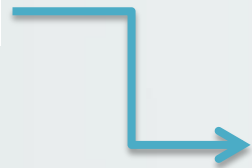
GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF "EUROPE FOR CITIZENS"

to contribute to citizens' **understanding of the Union**, its **history** and **diversity**.

to **foster European Citizenship** and to improve conditions for **Civic and Democratic participation** at Union level.
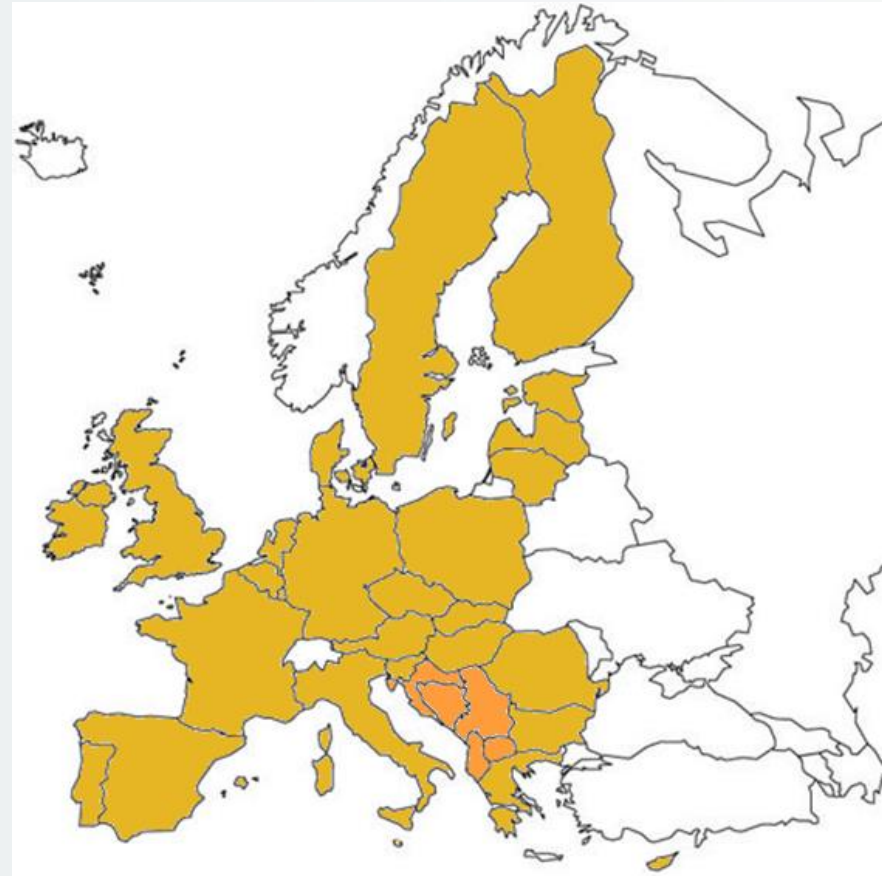
ADMINISTRATION

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

– 28 EU Member states

– Albania, Macedonia, Serbia,

Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Montenegro.

Budget for 2014–2020 is

€ 185 468 000

WHO CAN APPLY OR BE A PARTNER?

Organisations established in participating countries
with legal status

public local/regional authorities,

towns/municipalities or their twinning
committees, federations/

associations of local authorities, non-profit organisations representing local
authorities.

non-profit organisations, including

civil society organisations, associations,

cultural, youth, educational and

research organisations, associations of

twinned towns.

STRUCTURE:

- **GRANTS FOR PROJECTS**

Strand 1. European remembrance

Strand 2. Democratic engagement and civic participation

- Town twinning
- Networks of towns
- Civil society projects

- **OPERATING GRANTS**

STRAND 1. EUROPEAN REMEMBRANCE

- aims to finance projects reflecting on causes of **totalitarian regimes** in Europe's modern history (specially but not exclusively Nazism that led to the Holocaust, Fascism, Stalinism and totalitarian communist regimes) and to commemorate the victims of their crimes.

- activities concerning **other defining moments and reference points in recent European history**. In particular, it will give preference to actions which encourage tolerance, mutual understanding, intercultural dialogue and reconciliation as a means of moving beyond the past and building the future, in particular with a view to reaching the younger generation.

Specific priorities for European Remembrance (Strand 1) for the 2016 - 2020 period

1.1 Commemorations of major historical turning points in recent European history Commemorations for 2018

1918 The end of the WWI–the rise of nation states and the failure to create a European cooperation and peaceful coexistence

1938/1939 Beginning of WWII

1948 Beginning of the Cold War

1948 The Hague Congress and the integration of Europe

1968 Protest and civil rights movements, invasion to Czechoslovakia, student protests and anti-Semitic campaign in Poland

1.2 Civil society and civic participation under totalitarian regimes;

1.3 Ostracism and loss of citizenship under totalitarian regimes: drawing the lessons for today;

1.4 Democratic transition and accession to the European Union

Strand 1. European remembrance
Project duration: maximum 18 months
Grant amount: maximum €100 000
Organisations: from at least 1 country (preferable international projects)

STRAND 2. DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

•It supports activities that cover **civic participation** in the broadest sense with a particular focus on **activities directly linked to Union policies**, with a view to concretely **participate in the Union policy-making process** in areas related to the objectives of the programme.

•The strand also covers projects and initiatives that develop opportunities for **mutual understanding**, **intercultural learning**, **solidarity**, **societal engagement** and **volunteering** at Union level.

Specific priorities for "Democratic engagement and civic participation" (Strand 2) for the 2016 - 2020 period

2.1 Understanding and Debating Euroscepticism;

2.2 Solidarity in times of crisis;

2.3 Combatting stigmatisation of "immigrants" and building counter narratives to foster intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding;

2.4 Debate on the future of Europe.

Strand 2 Town twinning

Project duration: maximum 21 days

Grant amount: from €5000 to maximum €25 000

Per project **25 international participants and** at least **2 countries**

Strand 2   Networks of towns

Project duration: maximum 24 months per project and maximum 21 days per event

Grant amount: From € 12 500 to € 150 000

✓ at least 4 meetings;
✓ at least 30% of international participants;
✓ at least 4 countries;

Strand 2 Civil society projects
Project duration: maximum 18 months
Grant amount: maximum €150 000
Participants: at least 3 countries

SUPPORT FOR THE EVENTS

Applicable for the Strand 1 **European Remembrance** and for the Strand 2: **Networks of Towns and Civil Society projects**

Number of participants →	25/50	51/75	76/100	101/125	126/150	151/175	176/200	201/225	226/250	251/275	276/300	>300
Number of countries ↓												
1-3	12500	15000	17500	20000	22500	25000	27500	30000	32500	35000	37500	37500
4-6	15000	17500	20000	22500	25000	27500	30000	32500	35000	37500	40000	40000
7-9	17500	20000	22500	25000	27500	30000	32500	35000	37500	40000	42500	42500
10-12	20000	22500	25000	27500	30000	32500	35000	37500	40000	42500	45000	45000
13-15	22500	25000	27500	30000	32500	35000	37500	40000	42500	45000	47500	47500
>15	25000	27500	30000	32500	35000	37500	40000	42500	45000	47500	50000	50000

SUPPORT FOR THE PREPARATION EVENT

Applicable for the Strand 1 **European Remembrance** and for the Strand 2: **Civil Society projects**

Total number of participants in the preparatory activities	
≤ 5	EUR 2 250
> 5 and ≤ 10	EUR 5 250
> 10 and ≤ 15	EUR 7 500
> 15	EUR 10 000

% of points available	Award criteria for all Europe for Citizens programmes' strands
30%	**Consistency with the objectives of the Programme and Programme Strand:** WHY? ➢ Do you have International partners? ➢ Who are your partners? HOW your idea meet the objectives of the program?
35%	**Quality of the activity plan of the project:** WHY: ➢ You are doing what you are doing? ➢ such activities foreseen in the project? WHO is doing that? FOR WHOM you are doing that (target group)? HOW your target group is involved into project activities? WHAT KIND OF do results you expect? WHAT are the steps after projects' implementation?
15%	**Dissemination:** HOW: ➢ Do you plan to communicate your project to wide audience? ➢ Do you plan to communicate your project just in local communities? WHAT kind of results will be reachable for society and WHERE? WHO will be able to use results? HOW results are effective for Europe? HOW do you plan measure the success of the project results?
20%	**Impact and Citizen involvement:** WHAT kind of change will be for the: communities, city (its politics), Europe? HOW and WHICH group of citizens you are planing to involve? WHAT is the long term impact? WHAT are the possibilities to continue it in the future?

SHORTLY:

- <u>WHO COULD APPLY?</u>
  non-profit institutions/organisations

- <u>APPLICATIONS'DEADLINE:</u>
- ✓ 1st of March – all strands and Measures
- ✓ 1st of September - Networks of Towns and Town Twinning

- BUDGET OF PROJECT IS BASED ON **flat-rate/lump-sum** grants

- **eForm** and **eReport**
  just few documents to attach

- **WHY** <u>do you do what you do?</u>
- **WHO** does it ?
- **TO WHOM** (TARGET GROUP)?
- **HOW ARE INCLUDED:**
  - Local community
  - Young people
  - Volunteers
  - Unrepresented groups
- **WHAT** are the results?
- **WHAT** will be done after projects' implementation?

MORE INFORMATION

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME PORTAL:
http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship

EDUCATION, AUDOVISUAL AND CULTURE EXECUTIVE AGENCY
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en

AND AT PROGRAMMES NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS

THANK YOU

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS