

# 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 development 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.

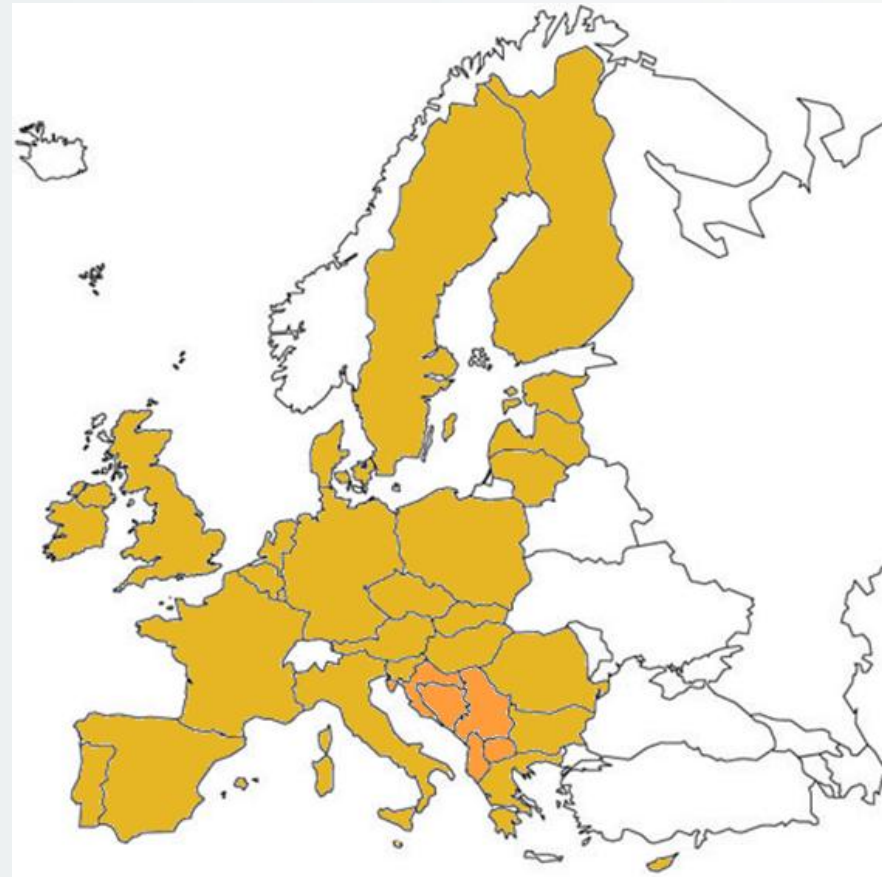


# PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

- 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**



# CALENDAR

## Strand 1. European remembrance

Deadline for submission	Eligibility period: Projects must start between
1 March	1 August of the same year as the deadline and 31 January of the year after the deadline

## Strand 2. Democratic engagement and civic participation

Measure	Deadline for submission*	Eligibility period: Projects must start between
<b>Town-Twinning</b>		
	1 March	1 July of the same year of the deadline and 31 March of the year after the deadline
	1 September	1 January and 30 September of the year after the deadline
<b>Networks of Towns</b>		
	1 March	1 July and 31 December of the same year as the deadline
	1 September	1 January and 30 June of the year after the deadline
<b>Civil Society Projects</b>		
1 March		1 August of the same year as the deadline and 31 January of the year after the deadline



# 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.





# Priorities of European Remembrance (Strand 1) for the 2016 - 2020 period

**1.1** Commemorations of major historical turning points in recent European History. **Commemorations for 2019:**

- 1979 - European Parliament elections – also 40 years since the first directly elected EP in 1979
- 1989 - Democratic revolutions in Central and Eastern Europe and the fall of the Berlin wall
- 2004 - 15 years of EU enlargement into central and Eastern Europe

**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)



# GRANT CALCULATION

Applied for projects of **European remembrance**, **Networks of towns** and **Civil society projects**. Lump-sum per event.

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



# GRANT CALCULATION: PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES

Applied for projects of **European remembrance** and **Civil society projects**.

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



## 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.



# Priorities of 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



# STRAND 2. TOWN TWINNING

Projects bringing together a wide range of citizens from twinned towns around topics in line with the objectives of the programme.

- Priority is given to projects mobilizing citizens at local and Union levels to debate on concrete issues from the European political agenda, this measure will seek to **promote civic participation in the Union policy making process** and develop opportunities for **societal engagement and volunteering at Union level.**





# STRAND 2. TOWN TWINNING

**Number of participants:** minimum **25 invited participants**, sent by eligible partners.

**Venue of activities:** one of the countries taking part in the project.

**Number of partners:** A project must involve organizations from at least 2 eligible countries.

**Maximum duration of meeting:** 21 day

**Grant amount:** from €5000 to maximum €25 000

**Deadline for application:**

- **1st March** for projects implemented between 1st July of the same year and 31st March of the next year;
- **1st September** for projects implemented between 1st January and 30th September of the next year



# STRAND 2. TOWN TWINNING

**Maximum grant: 25.000 EUR**

Grant is based on **number of international participants**

Number of participants	Lump sum (euros)
>175	25 000
161/175	24 000
146/160	22 000
131/145	20 000
116/130	18 000
101/115	16 500
86/100	14 500
71/85	12 000
56/70	10 000
41/55	7 500
25/40	5 000



# STRAND 2 NETWORKS OF TOWNS

Supports the **development of the networks** created by a series of town twinning links that are used **for thematic and long-lasting cooperation between towns.**

Networks of Towns are expected to:

- Integrate **a range of activities** around the subject(s) of common interest to be addressed in the context of the programme's objectives or annual priorities.
- Have **defined target groups** for which the selected themes are particularly relevant and involve community members active in the subject area
- Serve as **a basis for future initiatives** and actions between the towns involved, on the issues addressed or possibly on further issues of common interest.



# STRAND 2 NETWORKS OF TOWNS

## **Applicant:**

- towns/municipalities
- their twinning committees or networks
- federations/associations of local authorities
- non-profit organisations representing local authorities

## **Partners:**

in addition to applicants mentioned above partners can be non-profit civil society organisations

## **Number of partners:**

A project must involve municipalities from **at least 4 eligible 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;

**Deadlines for application:**

- 1st March
- 1st September

**Grant calculation:**

based on lump-sum table for events (no additional support for preparation activities).



# STRAND 2. CIVIL SOCIETY PROJECTS

Support for the projects promoted by transnational partnerships and networks **directly involving citizens**, that are gathering **citizens from different horizons** in **activities directly linked to Union policies**, with a view to give them an opportunity to concretely **participate in the Union policy-making process.**



# STRAND 2. CIVIL SOCIETY PROJECTS

The projects must include **at least two** of three **types of activities**:

- Promotion of societal engagement and solidarity
- Gathering of opinion
- Volunteering



# STRAND 2. CIVIL SOCIETY PROJECTS

## **Applicants:**

non-profit organisations, civil society organisations, cultural, youth, educational organisations, research institutions

## **Partners:**

Public/local regional authorities, non-profit organisations, town twinning committees and networks.

## **Number of partners:**

A project must involve organisations from **at least 3 eligible countries.**





# STRAND 2. CIVIL SOCIETY PROJECTS

**Venue of activities:** any of eligible countries

**Project duration:** maximum 18 months.

**Deadline for application:**

**1st March** for projects starting between 1st August of the same year and 31st January of the next year.

**Maximum grant:** 150.000 EUR

**Grant calculation:** based on lump-sum table for events + additional support for preparation activities.



# SUBMISSION OF PROJECT

- Applicant organisation is applying on behalf of all partners.
- Applicant and partners must register on Participant portal and get Participant Identification Number (PIC).
- The application is submitted in the format of eForm, which is filled in by the main applicant.
- Partners must provide their PIC number and required data for the eForm.
- eForm must be submitted online before 12.00 (CET) on the final date of deadline.
- NO paper copy of eForm is required to be send by post.



# DOCUMENTS

## **Documents attached to eForm:**

Declaration on Honour (signed and stamped by legal entity of Applicant organisation)

**Applicant** (only) must upload the following documents on Participant portal:

- Legal Entity form
- Financial Identification form

## **Complimentary documents ONLY to be sent upon request of EACEA :**

- a copy of an official VAT document if your organisation has a VAT number;
- a copy of the resolution, law, decree or decision establishing the entity in question (applicable only to non-profit organisations and twinning committees);
- Financial capacity form: applies only to non-public bodies and if the requested grant is higher than € 60 000.



% of points available	Award criteria for all Europe for Citizens programmes' strands
30%	<p><b>Consistency with the objectives of the Programme and Programme Strand:</b></p> <p>WHY?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Do you have International partners?</li> <li>➤ Who are your partners?</li> </ul> <p>HOW your idea meet the objectives of the program?</p>
35%	<p><b>Quality of the activity plan of the project:</b></p> <p>WHY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ You are doing what you are doing?</li> <li>➤ such activities foreseen in the project?</li> </ul> <p>WHO is doing that?</p> <p>FOR WHOM you are doing that (target group)?</p> <p>HOW your target group is involved into project activities?</p> <p>WHAT KIND OF do results you expect?</p> <p>WHAT are the steps after projects' implementation?</p>
15%	<p><b>Dissemination:</b></p> <p>HOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Do you plan to communicate your project to wide audience?</li> <li>➤ Do you plan to communicate your project just in local communities?</li> </ul> <p>WHAT kind of results will be reachable for society and WHERE?</p> <p>WHO will be able to use results?</p> <p>HOW results are effective for Europe?</p> <p>HOW do you plan measure the success of the project results?</p>
20%	<p><b>Impact and Citizen involvement:</b></p> <p>WHAT kind of change will be for the: communities, city (its politics), Europe?</p> <p>HOW and WHICH group of citizens you are planing to involve?</p> <p>WHAT is the long term impact?</p> <p>WHAT are the possibilities to continue it in the future?</p>

## MORE INFORMATION

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME PORTAL:

<http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship>

EDUCATION, AUDIOVISUAL AND CULTURE EXECUTIVE AGENCY

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en)

AND AT PROGRAMMES [NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS](#)



THANK YOU



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

