Call for proposals for **civil society organisations** active on **protecting and promoting Union values**: call to **intermediaries** giving financial support to third parties

CERV-2024-CITIZENS-VALUES

CERV CIVIL DIALOGUE - INFORMATION SESSION

European Education and Culture Executive Agency, Unit B.3 Citizens and EU Values

7 December 2023
14h – 16.30h

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Questions & **Live polls**

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Agenda

- ❑ **14:00 – 14:30** Connection, presentation of the agenda, Welcome & opening remarks - *EACEA*

- ❑ **14:30 – 15:00** UV2024 in the context of the CERV Programme & policy priorities of the call, Question & Answers – *DG Justice and Consumers*

- ❑ **15:00 – 16:30** Call requirements, application procedure, presentation of National Contact Points, Question & Answers - *EACEA*

Welcome & opening remarks

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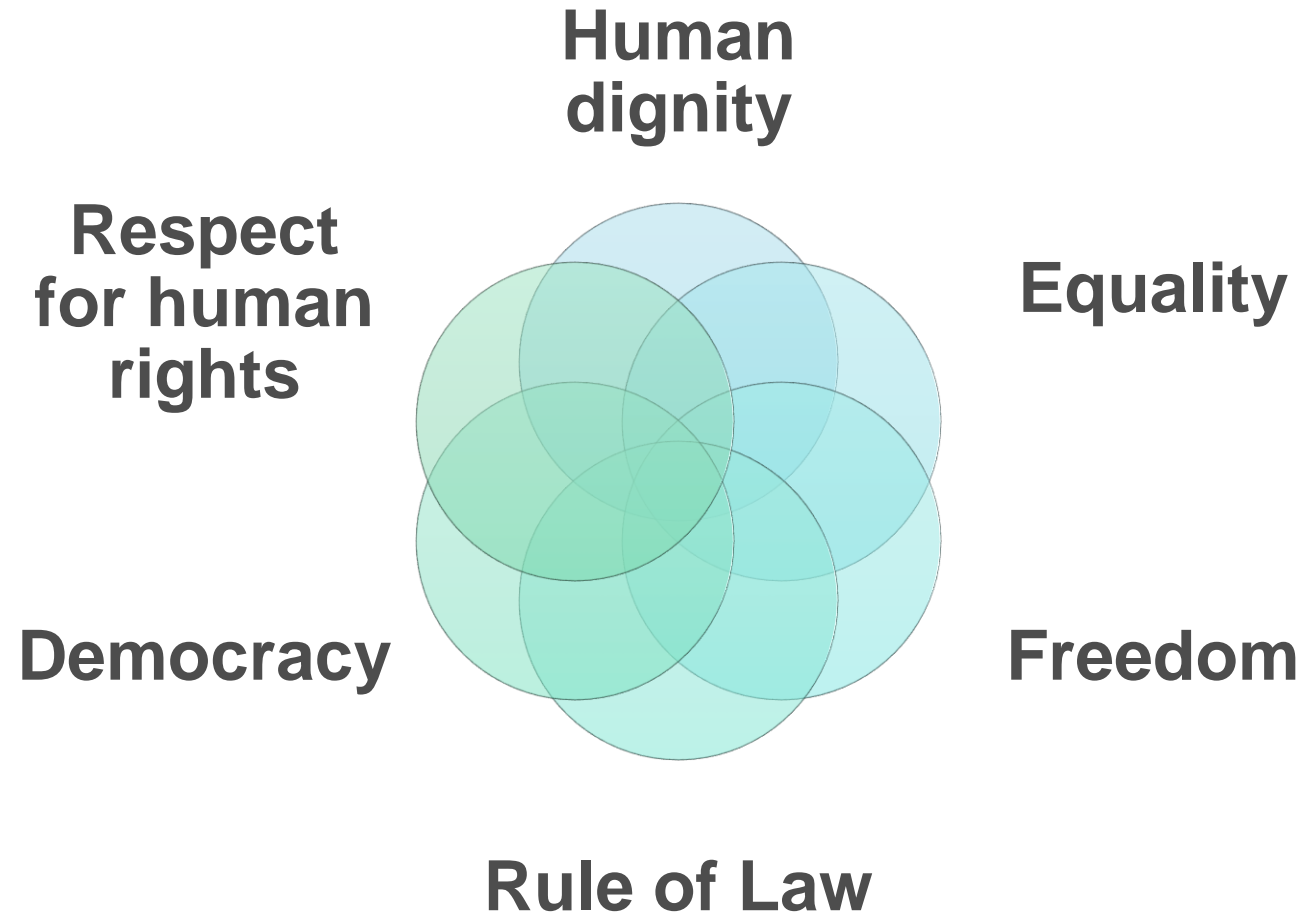https://slido.com

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Policy priorities, expected activities & results

What is the overall aim of this call for proposals?

to protect, promote and raise awareness of fundamental rights and EU values

by supporting local, regional and/or national **civil society organisations** and increasing their capacity

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What are Union values?

Human dignity

Equality

Respect for human rights

Freedom

Democracy

Rule of Law

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What are the challenges facing CSOs?

- Disadvantageous legislation or restrictive implementation of laws.

- Attacks on and harassment of human rights defenders, including negative discourse aimed at delegitimising and stigmatising CSOs (offline and online).

- Difficulties in accessing decision-makers and feeding into law and policymaking.

- Hurdles to accessing financial resources and ensuring their sustainability.

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How does the EU address the situation?

Rule of Law

Annual report.

Citizenship

Regular reports.

EU Charter of Fundamental Rights
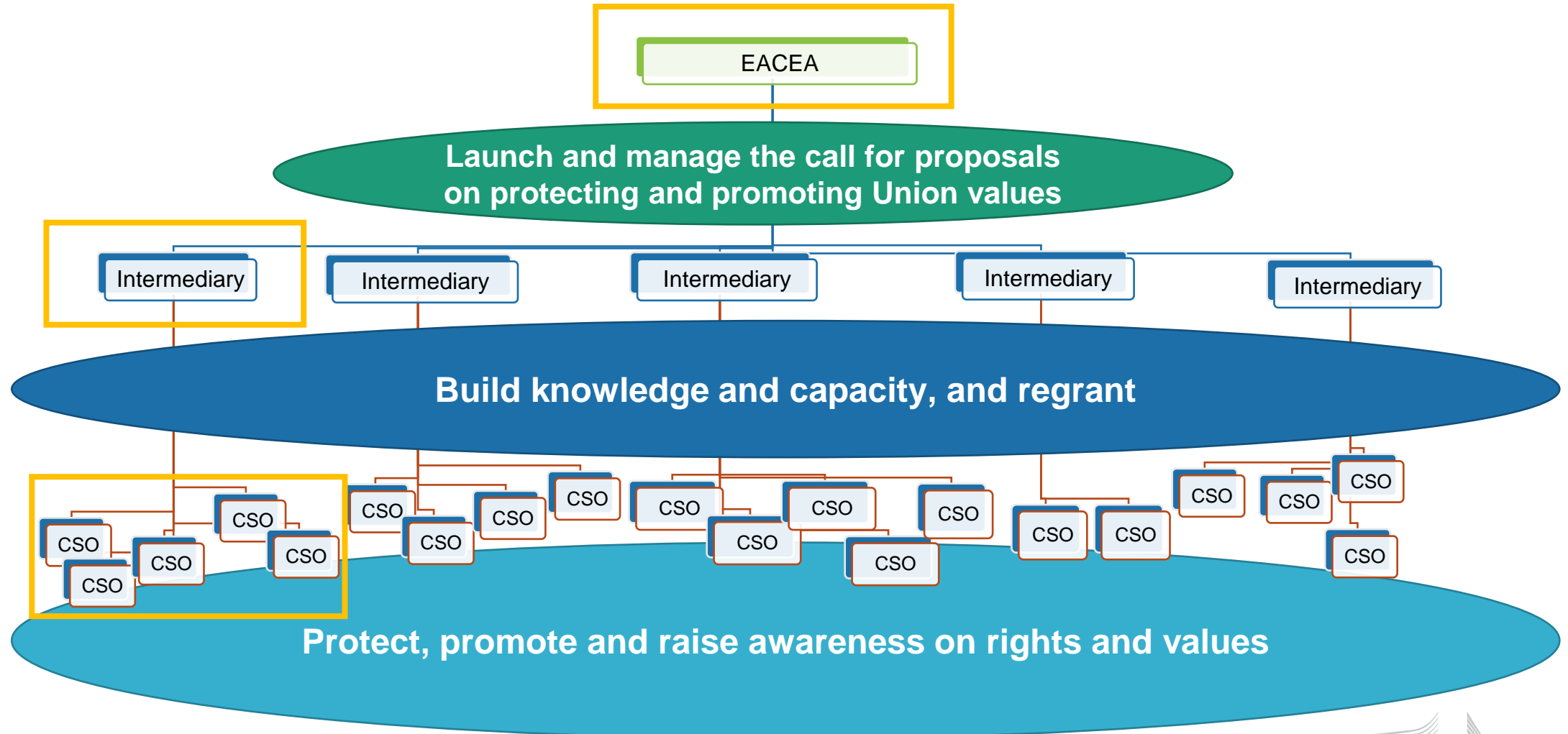
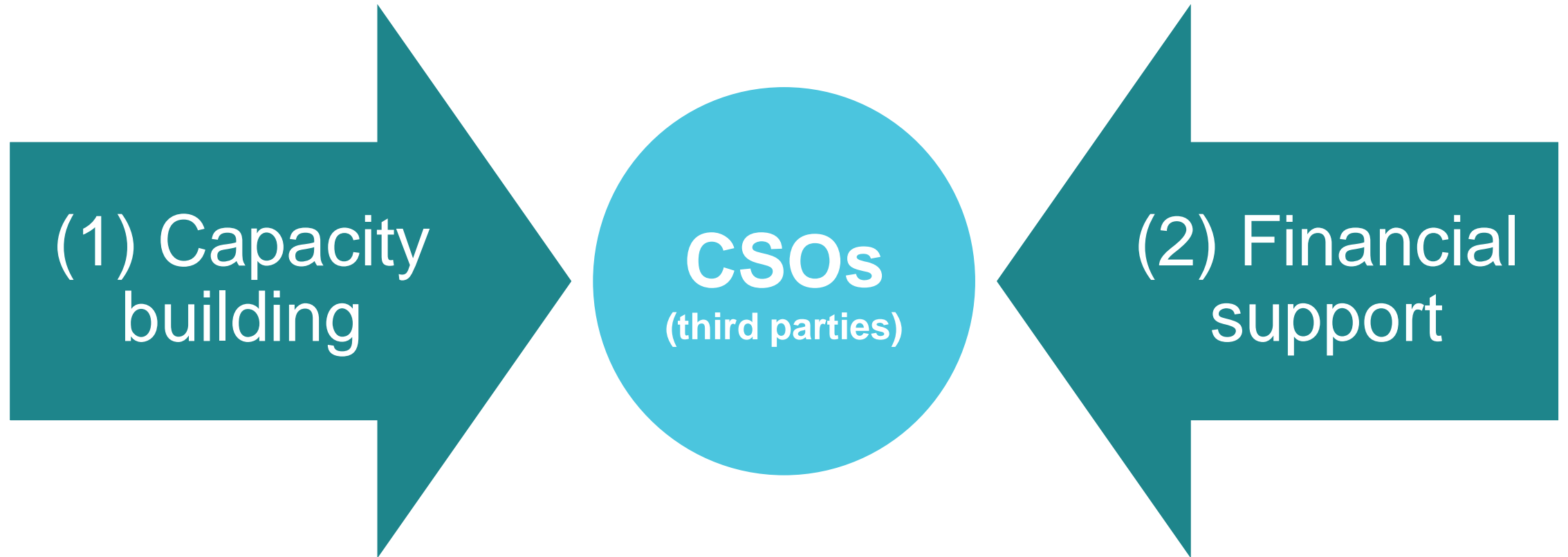2022 report on its application and work on civic space.

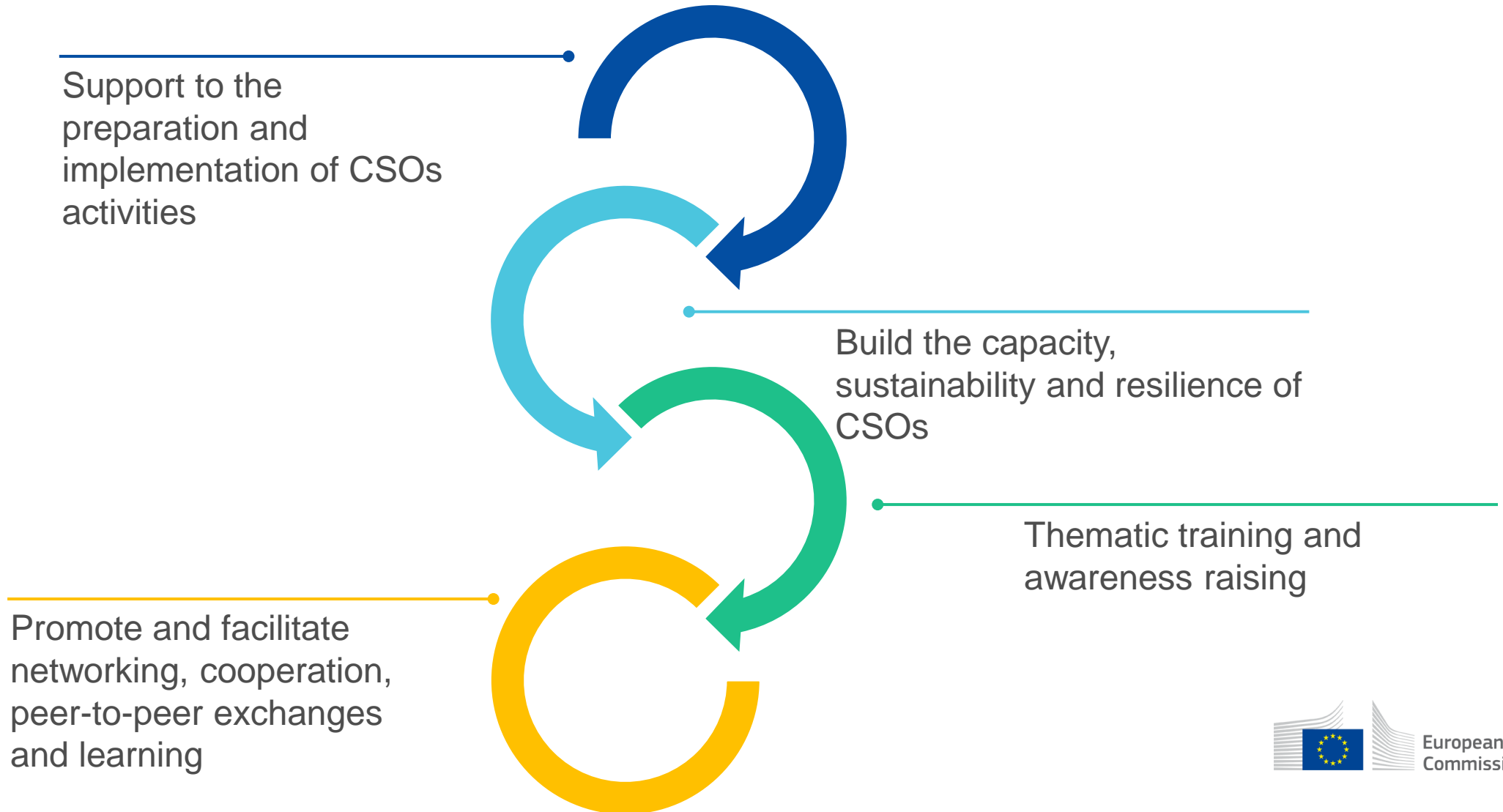**CERV programme**

Financial support to CSOs.

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What are the main features of the call?

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Launch and manage the call for proposals on protecting and promoting Union values

Intermediary Intermediary Intermediary Intermediary Intermediary

Build knowledge and capacity, and regrant

CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO CSO

Protect, promote and raise awareness on rights and values

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What are the eligible activities (to be implemented by intermediaries)?

(1) Capacity building → **CSOs (third parties)** ← **(2) Financial support**

Eligible activities (1): capacity building for CSOs

Support to the preparation and implementation of CSOs activities

Build the capacity, sustainability and resilience of CSOs

Thematic training and awareness raising

Promote and facilitate networking, cooperation, peer-to-peer exchanges and learning

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Eligible activities (2): financial support to third parties (CSOs)

Objectives and results

In line with the objectives and priorities of this call for proposals

Eligible organisations

- Established in an EU Member State.
- Non-profit-making and a CSO.
- Respect the fundamental rights and values on which the EU is founded.

Maximum amount

Selection procedure

- Intermediary's own procedures.
- Principles of proportionality, sound financial management, equal treatment and nondiscrimination.
- Prevent conflict of interests.
- Relevant EU languages.
- Adapted to capacities of CSOs.

Eligible activities

- Non exhaustive list available in the call document

Communication tools and channels

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Examples of activities implemented by CSOs (third parties)

"The Keeping Strength – Raising awareness and promoting the rights of Roma women in the care system"

"Cybersecurity Activator for NGOs in Romania – To raise awareness on the importance of cybersecurity readiness for NGOs"

"Strength for Change – Legal support and capacities to combat discriminatory practices based on race or ethnicity"

"Protection of workers' rights and human dignity in the social sector"

"Democracy on Edge – Foresight discussions and citizen's podcast engaging communities in four mid-size Polish cities."

"Youth forum theatre – Advocacy for minority rights among youth"

"Every Person Counts! Community engagement and networking of homeless people in a community of solidarity"

"Together for healthy forests – Advocacy actions for sustainable and climate-resilient forest management legislation"

"Citizens' Assemblies to Empower Local Residents"

"Civic pulse – a city monitoring tool"

Information on projects funded under the 2022 Union Values call.

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What is the expected impact?

- Increased promotion and public awareness of EU rights and values, including at local level.

- Strengthened capacity of CSOs to protect and promote EU rights and values, including at local level.

- More effective, accountable, and sustainable CSOs.

- Strengthened resilience of CSOs.

- A better developed advocacy and watchdog role for CSOs.

- Increased involvement of CSOs in policy and decision-making processes with local, regional, and national governments.

- A more supportive environment for CSOs.

- Strengthened regional cooperation within civil society.

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Questions & Answers

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Timetable, main features & evaluation process

Call Document for a complete overview

Timetable
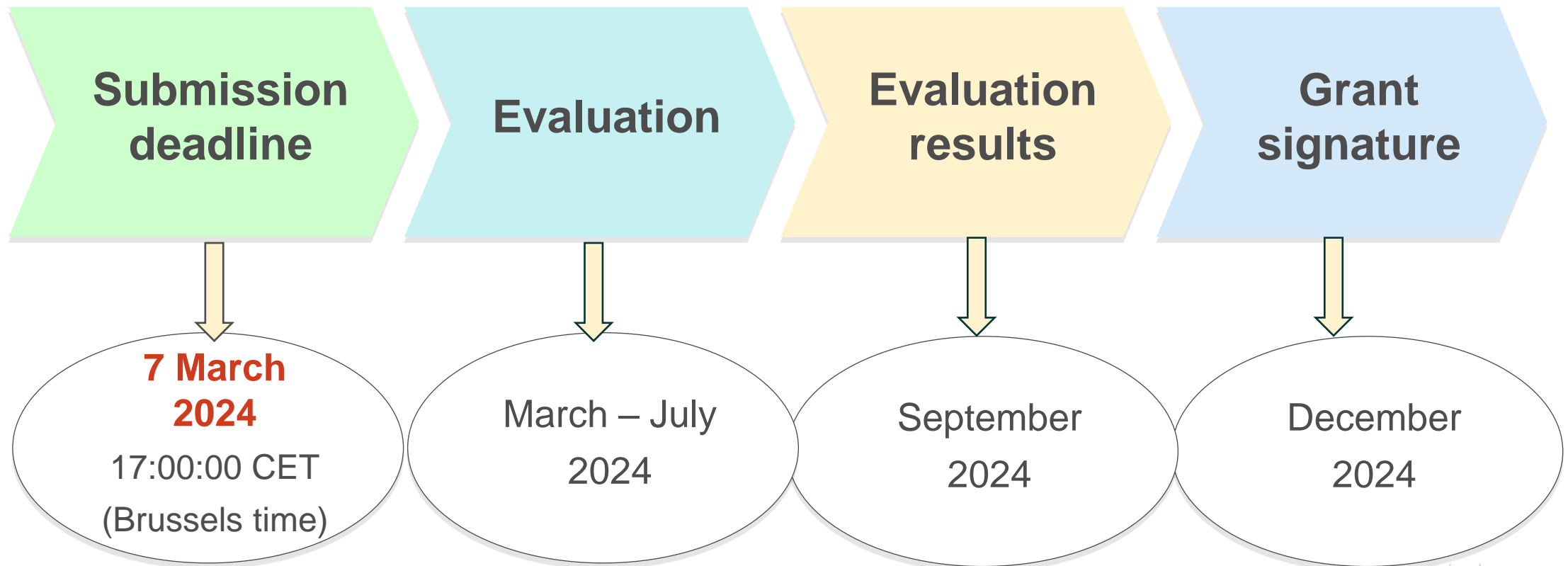
Submission deadline	Evaluation	Evaluation results	Grant signature
7 March 2024 17:00:00 CET (Brussels time)	March – July 2024	September 2024	December 2024

Main features

EU Grant	Project duration	Total call budget	Eligible countries
2,5 MEUR – 6 MEUR	36 - 48 months	74,5 MEUR	EU Member States + OCTs

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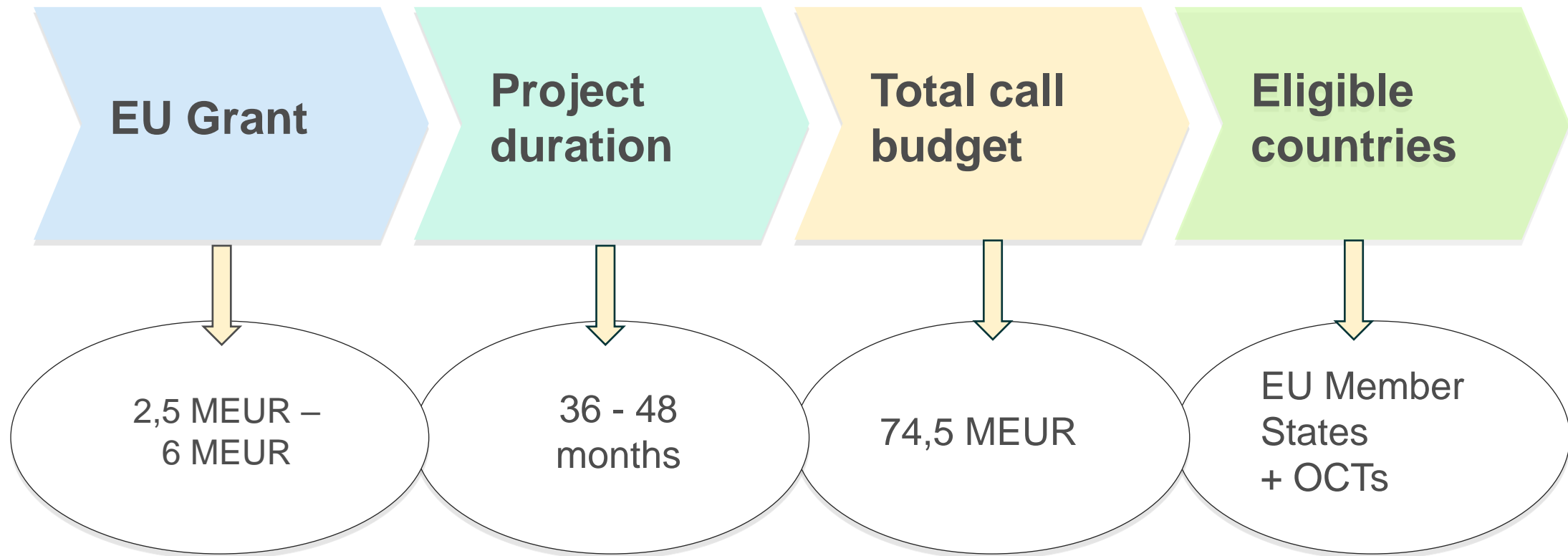
Main features

Eligibility criteria

- be a **legal entity;**

- be established in one of the **eligible countries**, i.e.: EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))

- be **non-profit-**making;

- be a **civil society organisation**;

- be legal entities formally established in one of the **eligible countries.**

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Main features

Eligibility criteria

The applicant, or at least one partner of a consortium must

- have recent proven **experience** of at least 3 years in implementing CSO **capacity building** activities;

- have recent proven **experience** in awarding and managing **grants to CSOs**

These conditions can be fulfilled either by one single member of the consortium or by different members of that consortium.

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Main features

Ethics
EU values

- highest **ethical standards;**

- **EU values:** Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union and Article 21 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

- other applicable **EU, international and national law** (GDPR 2016/679).

- Gender equality and non-discrimination mainstreaming

- Child protection policy (Activities involving children)

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Evaluation criteria

An evaluation Committee (assisted by independent outside experts) assesses all applications.

Admissibility	Eligibility	Exclusion	Selection	Award

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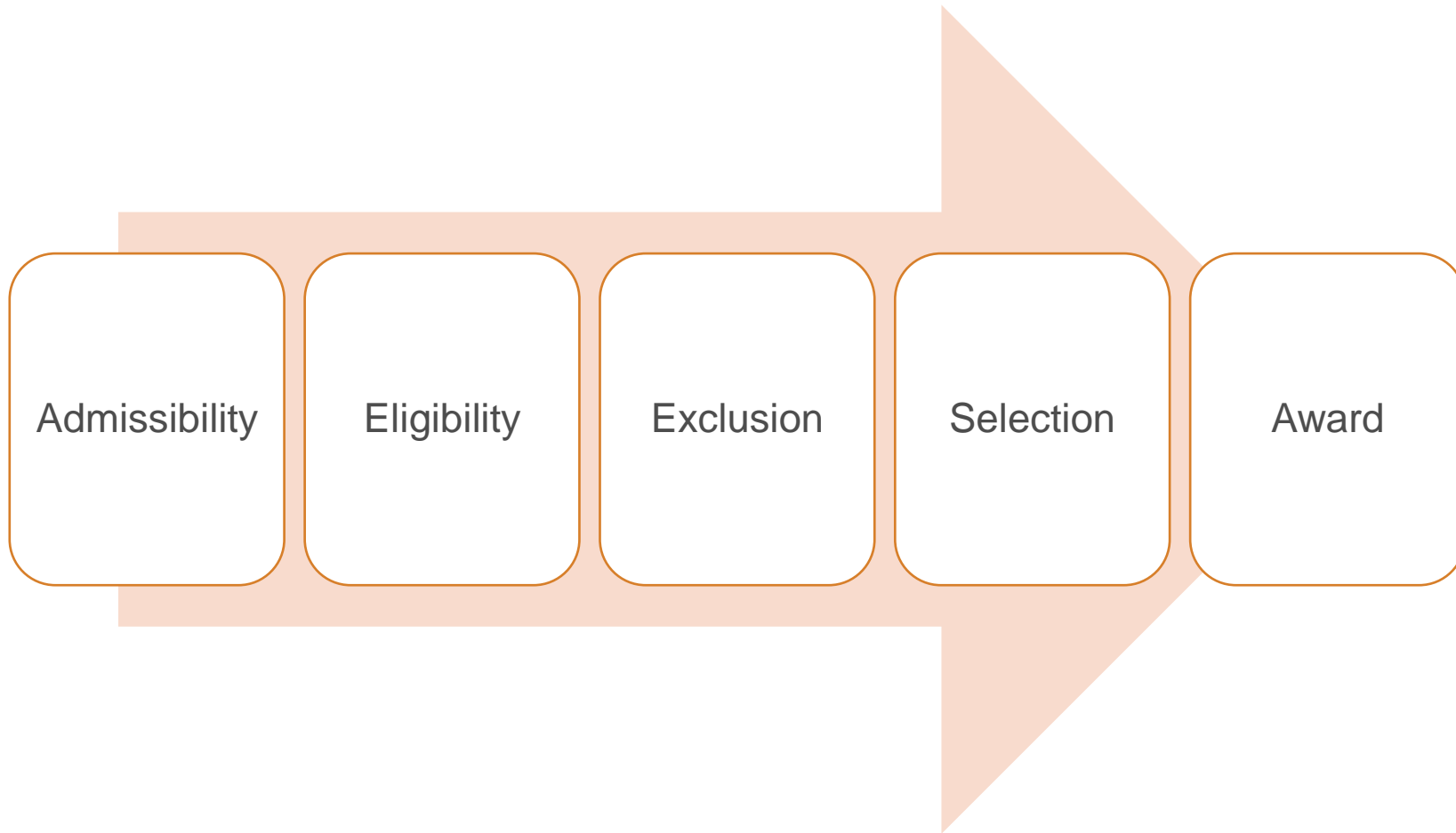
Focus on Award criteria

1. Relevance (40 points)

- Minimum pass score: 25 points

2. Quality (40 points)

- Minimum pass score: n/a

3. Impact (20 points)

- Minimum pass score: n/a

MAX SCORE 100 POINTS

MIN PASS SCORE 70 points

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Focus on Award criteria

Relevance

- **Independence** of the applicant's or the consortium's organisational structure(s) from government, public authorities, and political, religious or commercial interests.

- **Applicant's regular activities and mission**

- **Content of the proposal**

- **Capacity building and financial support to third parties**

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Focus on Award criteria

Quality

- **Clarity and consistence**
- **Logical frame concept**
- Strategy to reach out to **a large number** of CSOs
- **Approach to evaluation & selection** of third party CSOs
- **reduce administrative burden** on CSOs
- **gender perspective, ethical issues**
- **Operational capacity**
- Time and financial feasibility
- **Cost-effectiveness**
- **Risk control & management, monitoring & evaluation (***cf Framework for monitoring & control activities***)**

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Risk control & management

Solid management & control system, including for risk management

- Effective **project management**
- **Well defined procedures** (for selecting, financing and monitoring grantees) **in line with CERV objectives and requirements**

- **System to prevent/mitigate risks** (effective implementation, conflict of interest, irregularities and frauds, reputational risks or risk of lack of compliance with Union Values)

For reputational risks linked to the non-respect of Union Values

- Ensure grantees have not **breached Union Values / engaged into activities contradictory to Union Values**

- Request grantees to sign a **declaration on honour** on compliance with Union Values

- Perform **due diligence checks** in case of doubt

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Focus on Award criteria

Impact

- **Long-term impact o**n target groups/general public

- **Dissemination strategy & multiplier effect**

- **Sustainability** of results

Questions

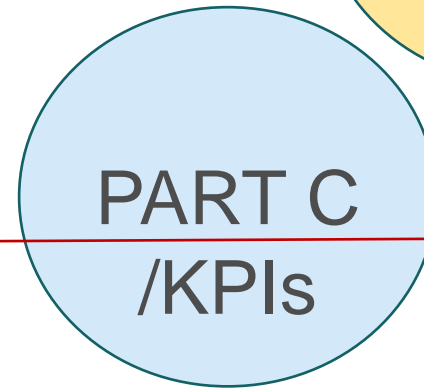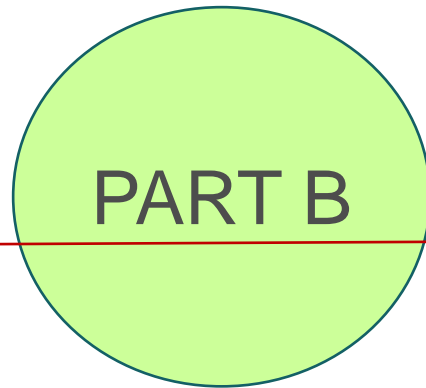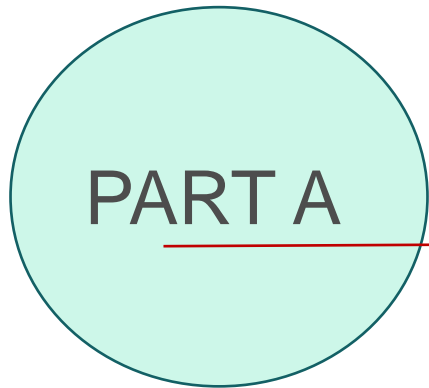https://slido.com

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How to apply?

Content

1. Proposal structure
2. Register your organisation
3. How to apply?
4. Create proposal
5. Provide data
6. Budget information
7. Work packages and Mandatory deliverables
8. CERV National Contact Points

Proposal Structure

Mandatory annexes

PART A

PART B

PART C /KPIs
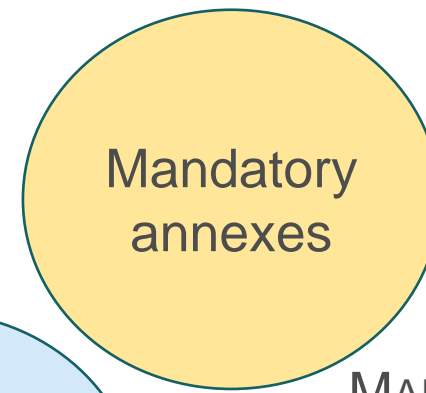
MAKE SURE **DATA** AND **INFORMATION** ARE

CONSISTENT

ACROSS **ALL PARTS** OF THE APPLICATION FORM

Administrative info

- Fill out online screens
- Data on applicant/ partners/contact persons
- Summarised budget
- PDF is generated automatically

Technical/content Description and

- Download template, fill in, upload pdf
- Provide information on activities, results,methodology, needs analysis, etc
- Text limted to 70 pages

Indicators

- Fill out online screens
- Data on participants (to contribute measuring 3 CERV KPIs)
- PDF is generated automatically
- It is to be used at proposal Submission, GAP and Reporting stages.

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Register your organisation

A recorded webinar is available to get you started

[Webinar session: The Funding & tenders Portal for beginners](#)

[The Participant Identification Code (PIC)](#)

[How to find and apply for funding](#)

[IT How to](#)

How to apply?

Find the call on the **Funding & tender opportunities portal**

Create proposal

PIC number

Download & fill in
Part B

Support,
assistance and
screenshots

Fill in information
"Save"

Deadline
29 March 2022 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time

Please submit your proposal at the latest **48 hours before the deadline** (to avoid system congestion or system incompatibility issues). Late proposals will not be accepted. Don't wait until the end because you are worried about confidentiality – we will not open the proposals before the deadline.
You can submit the proposal as many times as you wish up until the deadline. Each new submitted version will replace the previous one.

Call data:

Call: **CERV-2022-CITIZENS-VALUES**
Topic: **CERV-2022-CITIZENS-VALUES**
Type of action: **CERV-PJG**
Type of MGA: **CERV-AG**

⚠ Topic and type of action can only be changed by creating a new proposal.

Find your organisation

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Search for your organisation

Organisations you have been previously associated with. (Click to select)

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MaartStreet 12	Rue ABC, 3	FURZEBROOK ROAD 52
Almere,US	Brussels,BE	WAREHAM,UK
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Your role

Your proposal

Please choose an acronym for your proposal.

It will appear also in the "General Information" section of the Application Form Part A and can also be updated there.

Acronym [Enter value] 20

Short Summary [Enter value] 2000

SAVE AND GO TO NEXT STEP

Provide data

Number of participants: 1 ❓

🏛 **Coordinator**

① ✏ Human Rights Call | Add Affiliated Entity ➕ | Contacts: ❓ | Add contact ➕

Human Rights Call
Brasov, RO
PIC: 458694715

Natalia MEREANU - Main contact ✏ ❯

Change organisation | Contact organisation

Add Partner ➕ | Add Associated partner ➕

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Part C

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Type of project and thematic area

Type of project (main activity):

☐ Mutual learning and exchange of good practices
☑ Training
☐ ICT tools
❗ Maximum number of items (1) reached.

Output, result and impact indicators

Persons reached

Number of persons reached:

Number of persons participating in mutual learning and exchange of good practices activities:

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Administrative forms (Part A)

Edit forms ✏ | Edit Part C (KPI) | View history | Print preview ❓

Part B and Annexes

In this section you may upload the technical annex of the proposal (in PDF format only) and any other requested attachments. ❓

Part B | ❓ | Upload ☁
Cv's | ❓ | Upload ☁
Annual activity reports | ❓ | Upload ☁
List of previous projects | ❓ | Upload ☁
Child protection policy | ❓ | Upload ☁
Letter of support | ❓ | Upload ☁
Other annexes | ❓ | Upload ☁

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Budget information (Part A)

Financial support to third parties

Proposal ID **SEP-210826728**

Acronym **test**

3 - Budget

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No.	Name of beneficiary	Country	Role	Personnel costs - without volunteers/EUR	Personnel costs volunteers/EUR	Subcontracting costs/EUR	Purchase costs - Travel and subsistence/ EUR	Purchase costs - Equipment/EUR	Purchase costs - Other goods, works and services/EUR	Financial support to third parties/ EUR	Indirect costs/EUR	Total eligible costs/EUR	Ineligible costs/ EUR	Total estimated project costs and contributions/EUR	Funding rate	Maximum EU contribution to eligible costs/EUR
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			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00		0.00

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Work packages & Mandatory deliverables

1) Project and risk management

- Risk management plan

2) Financial support to third parties

- Pre-information sheet (6 mandatory conditions)
- Call evaluation summary
- Identity fiches of all third-party projects (information on the project's webpage and an EXCEL file to be sent to the Commission)

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Work packages & Mandatory deliverables

3) Capacity building

- EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values

4) Communication & dissemination (project webpage)

- Impact report on project activities
- Networking, cooperation, mutual learning and peer review activities – online community

Additional deliverables can be added

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CERV National Contact Points (NCPs)

- CERV national contact points exist in many EU Member States.

- They aim to make the CERV programme more accessible.

- They provide impartial guidance, practical information and assistance to applicants, stakeholders, and beneficiaries.

- The list of Contact Points in EU Member States is available on the website of DG Justice and Consumers.

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The Call - in a nutshell

Introduction to the Union values call

Are you an **independent EU civil society organisation** (CSO) promoting EU values?

Are you interested **in regranting funds** to low-capacity CSOs working in your field?

Then apply under this call by **7 March 2024** either on your own or in a consortium **to act as intermediary** for CERV funding to smaller organisations.

Your project must include:
- Financial support to third parties (CSOs)
- Capacity building for CSOs

Note: Regranting to small, remote and rural-based organisations is a priority.

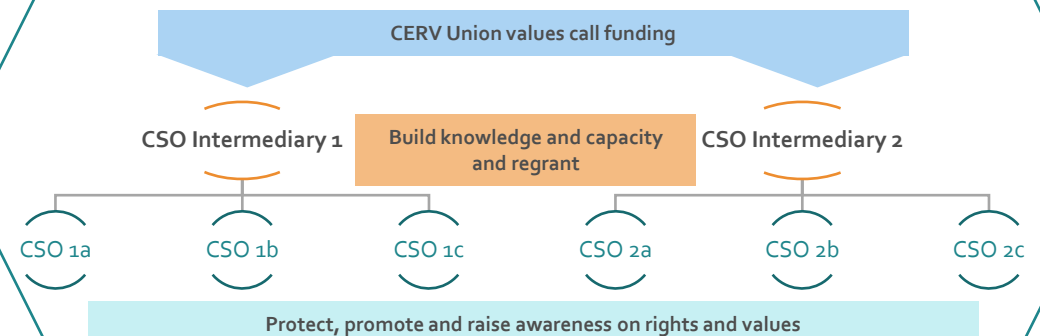## Who is this call for? CSOs which are…

- ✓ Legally established
- ✓ Not-for-profit
- ✓ Independent from State and other interests
- ✓ Established in the EU
- ✓ With proven experience implementing CSO capacity building activities
- ✓ With proven experience regranting donor funds

Main aspects

Project duration: 36-48 months

Grants per project: Minimum EUR 2.5 m Maximum EUR 6m

Mechanism

CERV Union values call funding

CSO Intermediary 1 | Build knowledge and capacity and regrant | CSO Intermediary 2

CSO 1a   CSO 1b   CSO 1c   CSO 2a   CSO 2b   CSO 2c

Protect, promote and raise awareness on rights and values

Union Values call 2022 VS call 2024

Total call budget 74.5 MEUR

Project duration 36 to 48 months

EU Grant 2.5 – 6 MEUR

Call for third parties on the Funding & Tenders portal

Independence assessed under award criteria (relevance)

Examples of activities

Strengthened management and control system

Gender analysis and mainstreaming at all levels

Intermediaries not eligible to third party calls from other intermediaries

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Questions & Answers

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https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/InfoDayUV2024_CERV

Thank you and keep in touch!

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