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EU FUNDING PROGRAMME



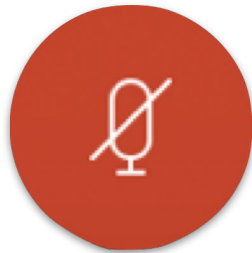
Call for proposals on the rights
of the child and children's
participation - CERV-2024-CHILD

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Agenda

Connection & Welcome	Moderator Michela Beati, Project Officer, EACEA B.3
Opening remarks	Godelieve Dutrieux, Head of Unit EACEA.B3
PART I: CERV overview, Policy Background, CHILD24 objectives, political priorities	Véronique Pain & Marta Kuljon, DG JUST, C.2
Part II Main aspects of the call and use of budget table	Vania Bonalberti & Raffaella Della Porta, EACEA B.3 Nicolas Terlinden, EACEA B.5 Marco Boursier, EACEA B.5
Gender mainstreaming	Rafael Stein, DG JUST, H.3
Project experiences National Contact Points	Inmaculada Perez Rocha, EACEA.B3 Stefan Granlund, NCP Sweden

Welcome and opening remarks

European Education and Culture Executive Agency [EACEA \(europa.eu\)](https://eacea.europa.eu)

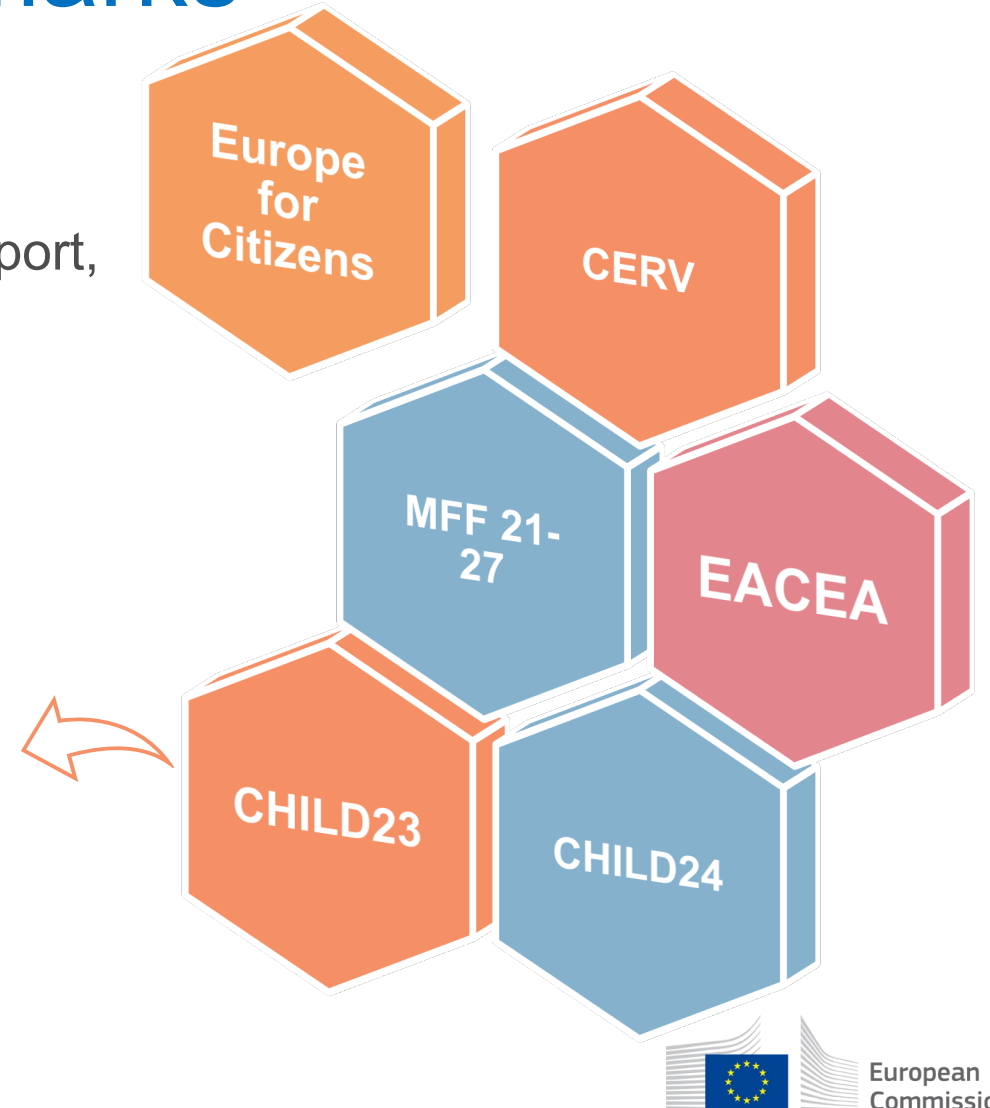
- Funding for education, culture, audiovisual, sport, citizenship and volunteering

CHILD22 call outcomes (managed by DG JUST)

- 154 submitted proposals
- 10 awarded grants
- Average EU grant amount: € 300.000
- Average consortium: 4 partners

CHILD24 call novelties (managed by EACEA)

- Budget increase **€ 3 Mil – € 12 Mil**
- Lump-sum type II



PART I - CERV overview and political priorities CHILD24

Marta Kuljon & Véronique Pain,
JUST.C2



What are the Programme's objectives?

To protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU **Treaties and the EU Charter**

by **supporting civil society organisations** and other stakeholders active at local, regional, national and transnational level,

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

Union values strand

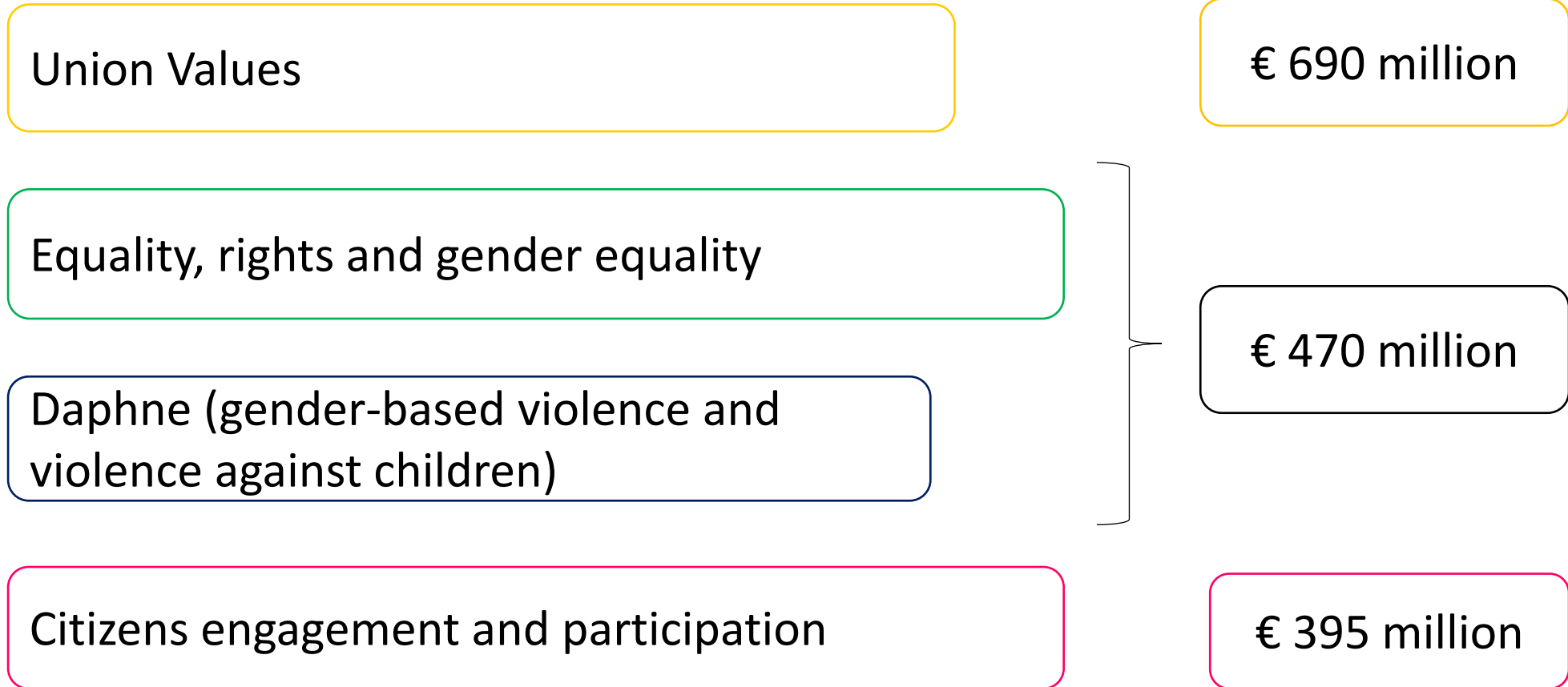
Equality, Rights and Gender Equality strand

Citizens' engagement and participation strand

Daphne strand



Budget: 1.55 billion euro for 2021- 2027



Call for proposals on the rights of the child and children's participation

Objectives:

- Supporting, advancing and implementing comprehensive policies to protect and promote the rights of the child, including the right to participate

Budget lines:

- 07 06 01: Promote equality and rights
- 07 06 02: Promote citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union

Applicants targeted:

- Civil society organisations, including international organisations and academia working in the area of the rights of the child, national and local authorities

Policy background

- o EU strategy on the rights of the child



Participation in political and democratic life



Child-friendly justice



Socio-economic inclusion, health and education



Digital and information society



Combating violence and ensuring child protection



The Global Dimension



Embedding a child perspective in all EU actions



Priorities of the 2024 CHILD call for proposals

Why these priorities ?

1. Children's mental health
 - [A comprehensive approach to mental health \(europa.eu\)](https://europea.eu)
2. Embedding a rights of the child perspective in actions at national and local level
 - Mainstreaming rights of the child in practice
3. Children's engagement and participation
 - [EU Children's Participation Platform | European Union \(europa.eu\)](https://europea.eu)
4. Understanding democratic rights, which starts in childhood
 - Focus on encouraging civic engagement for children in CERV WP 23/24

1. Children's mental health

- Not health dimension
- Prevention, protection and support
- Causes and consequences of mental health
- Making sure children heard and engaged
- Specific needs of children in different situations of vulnerability or discrimination



2. Embedding a rights of the child perspective at national and local level

- Rights of the Child mainstreaming tools
- National strategies on RoC
- Data, budgeting

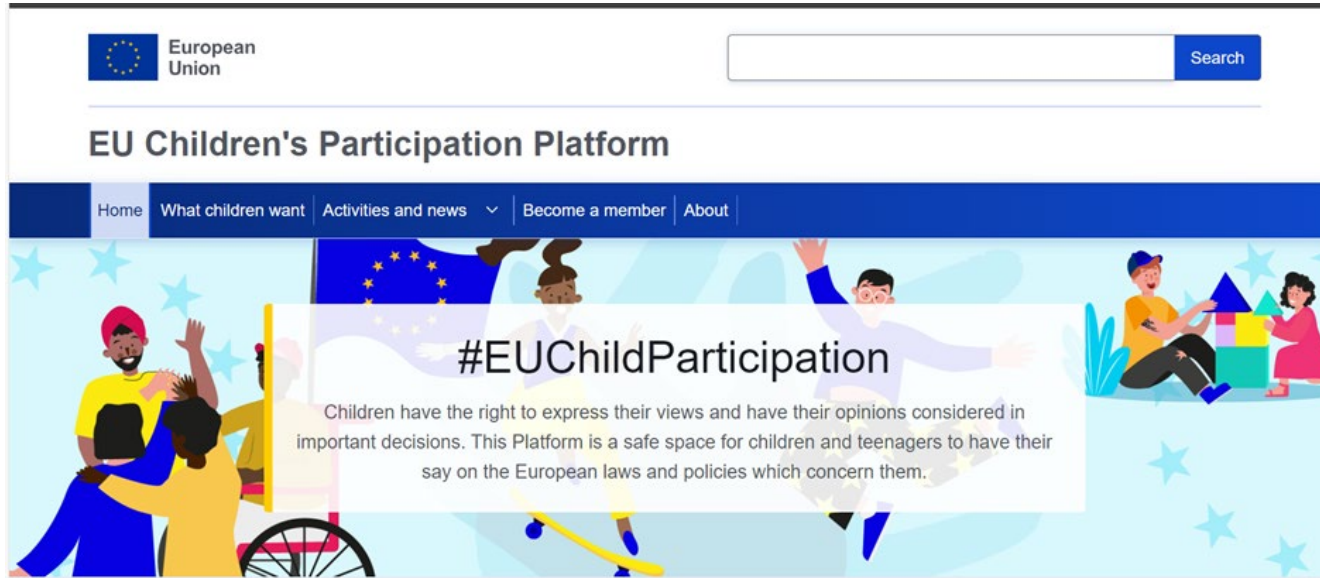


3. Children's engagement and participation

- Set up and/or support existing child participation
- Inclusive and systemic
- National and local level
- Focus on underrepresented children
- EU Children's Participation Platform



3. Children's engagement and participation



<https://eu-for-children.europa.eu/>

52 organisations
21 EU MS

ICF
Save the Children
SOS Children's Villages
Prof. Laura Lundy
Prof. Cath Larkins

Children's Panel
Advisory Board
General Assembly

Meetings/webinars
Consultations
Child friendly documents

4. Understanding democratic rights which starts in childhood

- What is democracy and how does it work
- EP elections – 6-9 June 2024
- Education, creative learning
- Different age groups



Activities to be funded

Activities may include:

- Mutual learning, trainings, exchange of good practices, cooperation and networking;
- Dissemination and awareness raising, including social media or press campaigns;
- Capacity building and training activities of national, regional and local authorities;
- Training activities and awareness raising sessions for children;
- Design and implementation of protocols, development of working methods and tools.

For more details please refer to the call document.

What we look for in proposals

- ✓ **Direct response** to the call notice, **clear rationale** linking to relevant EU policies
- ✓ Clearly defined and **realistic project's objectives**, translating into **concrete activities** supported by a **clear methodology** and in **practical and useful outputs**
- ✓ Potential for **impact** on **well-defined target groups** with **explanation of outreach**
- ✓ Strong **monitoring** and **evaluation** plan
- ✓ **Meaningful partnership** composition (Strong encouragement of participation of public authority)
- ✓ **Sustainability** prospects, measurable **impact**
- ✓ Good **value-for-money** projects
- ✓ Building on previous efforts (**no duplication**), taking into account **emerging issues**, **geographical areas** not covered yet

Proposals concerning children

❖ **Child participation**

The design and implementation of actions should be done in cooperation with children to make sure that actions are well tailored and reply to children's needs

❖ **Child safeguarding/protection policies**

Partners directly involving children must submit a child protection policy

Child Protection Policy (CPP)

Mandatory Annex if children are directly involved

- ❖ Participants with activities directly involving children **must** have a **child protection policy**



- ❖ covering the **four areas** described in the Keeping Children Safe Child Safeguarding Standards



To be assessed in award criteria + ethics

Example : Save the Children

Public entities: only declaration needed



Questions and answers

Q&A

Questions or comments?



Main aspects of CHILD24 call

Vania Bonalberti, EACEA.B3

Raffaella Della Porta, EACEA.B3

Timeline

- Call opening: **15 November 2023**
- Call deadline: **26 March 2024**
- Information on evaluation results: **September 2024**
- Grant agreement signature: **Nov-Dec 2024**
- Available Budget **EUR 12 000 000**
- Proposals maximum 70 pages

**Session on How to
apply 27 February**

**Translations available in
FR and DE**

Who can apply? - Eligibility

- Applicants must be **legal entities** (public or private) or international organisations
- Lead applicant must be **non-profit**
- Private **for profit** only as **co-applicant**
- Be established in one of the **eligible countries**
- At least **two applicants** (lead applicant + at least one co-applicant)
- Activities must take place in eligible countries



Duration: max 24 months
Min budget 100,000 EUR
Max Budget: no limit

90% Co-financing

Major changes compared to 2022 Call: Amount and budget table (Lump-sum type II)

❖ 3 MEUR in 2022  12 MEUR in 2024

4 times more budget

Minimum requested
amount: 100.000 EUR

2022

10 grants signed
Average amount 300,000 EUR
Average number partners 4,4

Around 30-40 grants?

2024

2022

From BUDGET-BASED

To LUMP-SUM TYPE II

2024

Major change: Mandatory annex Budget Table



❖ Budget-based in 2022 with Actual costs, with unit costs and flat-rate elements



❖ **Detailed budget table** required in 2024



Simplified cost option (Lump sum costs)

Budget categories



❖ Lump sum contributions required in 2024

Budget categories and cost eligibility rules

The budget categories and cost eligibility rules are fixed in the Grant Agreement (Data Sheet, point 3, art 6 and Annex 2).

Budget categories for this call:

→ Lump sum contributions

Specific cost eligibility rules for this call:

- the lump sum amount must be calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in the lump sum decision and using the detailed budget table/calculator provided.
- the lump sum calculation should respect the following conditions:
 - for lump sums based on estimated project budgets: the estimated budget must comply with the basic eligibility conditions for EU actual cost grants (see AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement, art 6)

This is particularly important for purchases and subcontracting, which must comply with best value for money (or if appropriate the lowest price) and be free of any conflict of interests. If the budget table contains ineligible costs, the grant may be reduced (even later on during the project implementation or after their end).

- Personnel costs:
 - o Volunteers unit cost: Yes (without indirect costs)

Volunteers costs — Volunteers costs are not a classic cost category. There are no costs because volunteers work for free, but they may nonetheless be added to the budget in the form of a prefixed unit cost (per volunteer) and thus allow you to benefit from the volunteers' work for the grant (by increasing the amount of reimbursement up to 100% of the normal costs, i.e. cost categories other than volunteers). More information is available in the AGA — AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement, art 6.2.A.5.

Evaluation criteria

Admissibility

- Respect the deadline
- Electronic submission
- Part A+B+C+Annexes

Eligibility

- Legal entities (public or private) from eligible countries
- Activities in eligible countries
- Min. 4 organisations
- Minimum participation for in situ and online (see [lump sum decision](#))

Exclusion

Bankrupt, fraudulent organisations, in breach of laws and contracts (Article 136, 141 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046)

Selection

Operational capacity
Financial capacity (if selected for funding)

Award

- Relevance
- Quality
- Impact



Please refer to the [Call Document](#) for complete set of requirements

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**

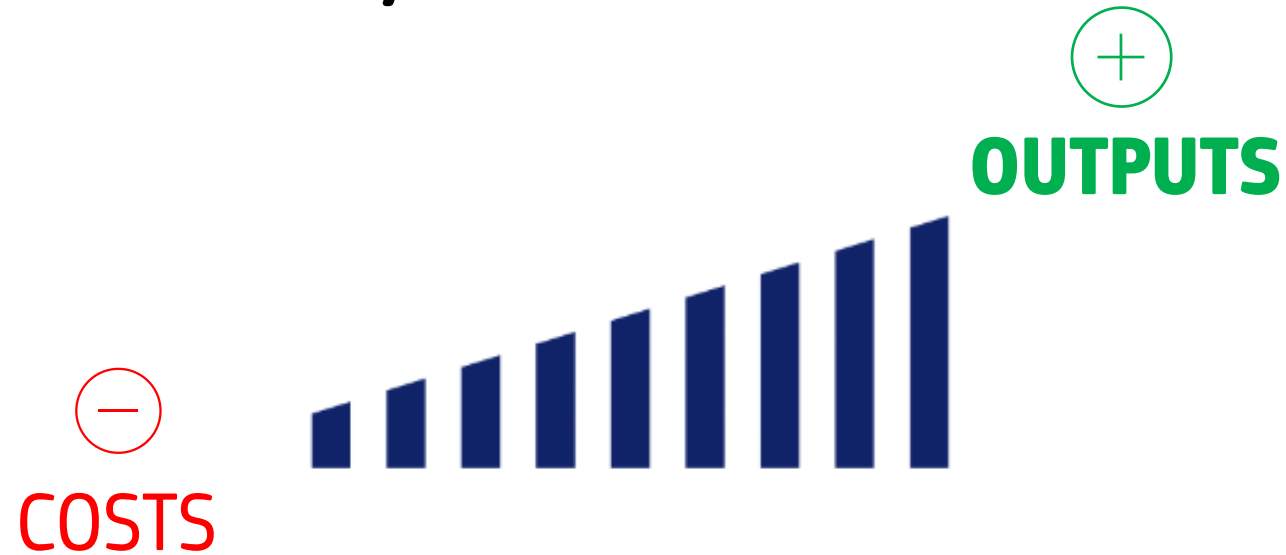
**MIN
PASS
SCORE
70
points**



How to fill in the budget table (Lump-Sum type II)

Nicolas Terlinden, EACEA.B5
Marco Boursier, EACEA.B6

Lump sum – why?



Two main reasons:

1. Focus on outputs
2. Simplification (less administrative burden and workload, simplified records keeping, faster payments, no costs reporting, no financial audit)



What changes with LS II?

- Focus on completion of work packages

Work package completed → payment at interim/final report

- Payment depends on completion of activities
- No costs justification/explanation at payment stage
- ! No financial ex-post audits



Questions and answers

Q&A

Questions or comments?



Coffee Break – See you in 10 minutes!



Gender mainstreaming

Rafael Stein, JUST.H3





Integrating a gender perspective into projects

[Introduction to Gender Mainstr...](#)

[Gender analysis | EIGE \(europa.eu\)](#)

Needs assessment

- Are project objectives designed, based on a robust analysis and aligned to strategic gender needs?
- Are women's needs in the area of your project the same as those of men?
- Have men and women been consulted to identify needs and opportunities?

Monitoring & Evaluation

- Are people from all gender involved in the monitoring and evaluation?
- Are indicators to measure project progress and goals gender sensitive?
- Does your data collection and interpretation approach allow to capture gender differences?

Implementation & Dissemination

- Are any gender specific factors (location, mobility, care work) limiting participation in the project?
- Are there specific changes introduced by the project and would they impact women and men?
- Is the project using gender sensitive language?



Project experiences from CHILD21 National Contact Points (NCPs)

Inmaculada Perez Rocha, EACEA.B3
Stefan Granlund, NCP Sweden



Project experiences CERV-CHILD-2021

- [Together: Strengthening child and youth participation in public decision-making](#) (24 months)
Main coordinator: **SOS Childrens' Villages International** (Austria)
Start date: 01/10/2022
- [Platform Citizenship: Platform design for a child participatory decision-making culture in Flanders in times of crisis](#) (24 months)
Main coordinator: **University of Ghent** (Belgium)
Start date: 01/10/2022

24 January 2024



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NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS

@CERV-2024-CHILD Info Session

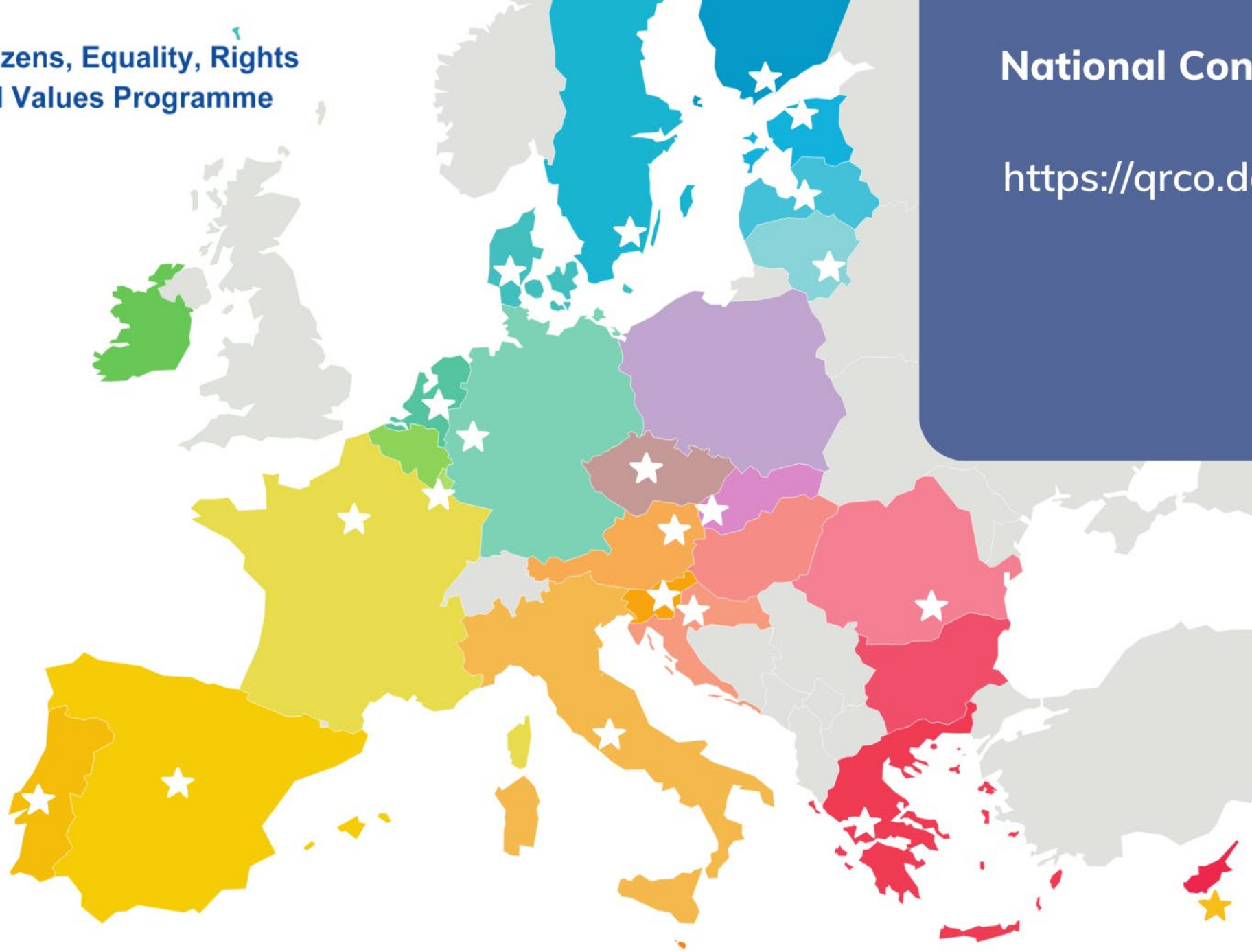
LINK TO PRESENTATION:

<https://qrco.de/CERV-NCP-Pres>





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National Contact Points
LINK

<https://qrco.de/cervNCPs>





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- providing information about the Programme & its **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES** and about the policy initiatives in the areas covered by the Programme.

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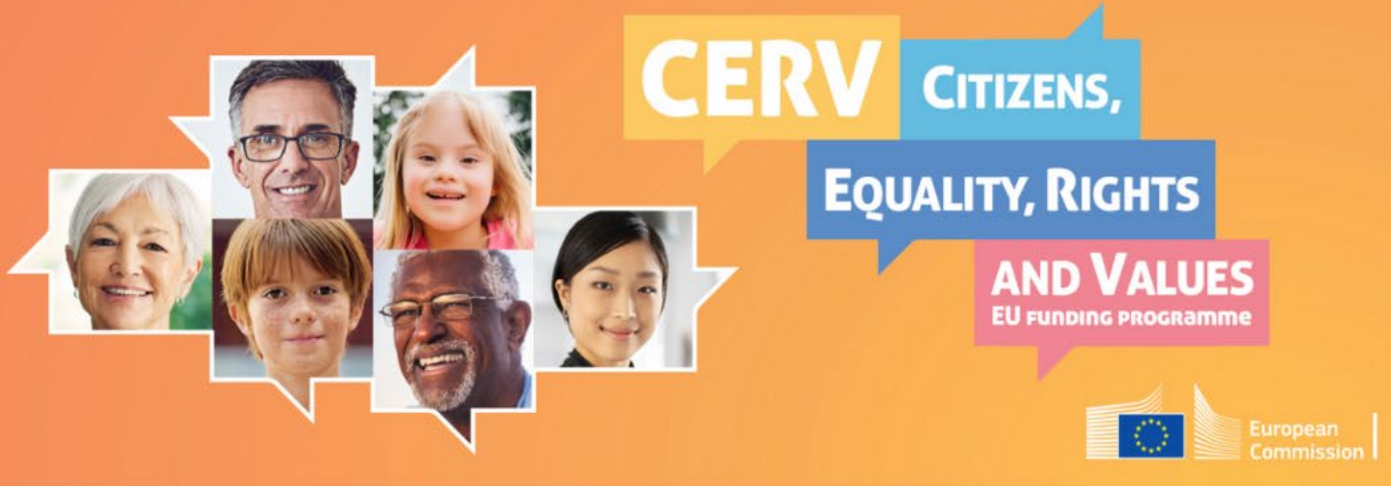
- facilitating the participation of stakeholders and giving advice to applicants;
- increasing the **CAPACITY** of stakeholders to take part in the Programme.

SUPPORT

- facilitating the **MATCH-MAKING** between potential partner entities on a transnational level;
- supporting applicants during the **APPLICATION PROCESS**.

DISSEMINATION

- dissemination of **BEST PRACTICE** projects;
- increasing knowledge and awareness of Programme results.



CERV Project Partner Search

This **partner search** is offered by the **National Contact Points** of the **CERV programme**. Here you can share your proposals in the making, project ideas, or interests in view of the **upcoming funding calls**, so that other (potential) participants & partners from around the EU can find or contact you! You can be either a prospective project leader wishing to find more partners, or a prospective project partner looking to find projects in which to participate. You could also state your wish to act as an advisor in certain fields of the programme.

HERE
you can find
the current entries.

NCP CERV Partner Search



[https://qrco.de/
CERVps](https://qrco.de/CERVps)

JOINT EVENTS



CERV Citizens' Forum

Your place to find projects & partners for CERV calls!

- Learn more about [current CERV calls](#)
- Receive [direct support](#) from the CERV national contact points
- [Present your project idea or topic](#) and moderate a break-out room (or [participate](#) in break-out rooms initiated by other participants)
- Create [new projects or join projects](#) in the making
- Expand your project team and create [synergies](#)



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NEXT EVENTS

31 Jan CERV CITIZENS' FORUM
10AM - 12PM Call: CHILD

more dates will be announced on the
registration form



NCP Event Registration



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CERV-forum](https://qrco.de/CERV-forum)



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Closing remarks

Aikaterini XETHALI

Head of Sector EACEA/B3

Last tips and tricks



- Read carefully the Call!
- Focus on eligibility criteria and mandatory documentation (e.g. eligible countries, calculation, child protection policy etc)
- Projects in scope: choose at least one specific priority
- Integrate in the proposal the gender mainstreaming and/or the child protection perspective if the activities involve minors
- Set realistic realistic objectives ; clear writing the application form
- Set a good collaboration among partners/ identify clearly the activities to be done in advance
- Set concrete targets and results
- Communicate! And don't forget the impact of your projects' results
- Don't wait until last moment to submit
- If something is not clear, contact the CHILD team and check the [FAQ](#) section in the portal

**Thank you
for your
attention**



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