





Call for proposals to promote civil society organisations' awareness of, capacity building and implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights CERV-2024-CHAR-LITI

Information session

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European Education and Culture Executive Agency 28 May 2024

Agenda

- 09:45 10:00: Welcome, presentation of the agenda and introduction of speakers Liesa SIEDENTOPP, EACEA
- 10:00 10:30: PART I Presentation of the CHAR-LITI Call
 - Main features and Eligibility conditions of the CERV-2024-CHAR-LITI Call Cristina MARCUZZO, EACEA
 - Financial aspects Serena IANNIELLO, EACEA
- 10:30 10:50: Questions & Answers
- 10:50 11:05: National Contact Points (NCPs) for the CERV Programme and their role in assisting applicants Stefanie ISMAILI-ROHLEDER, CERV NCP Germany
- 11:05 11:20: Break
- 11:20 11:50: PART II Submission and evaluation process
 - The submission process Csilla DOBOSI, EACEA
 - The evaluation process Maïté VANWESEMAEL, EACEA
- 11:50 12:05: Legal validation and Financial capacity Assessment Radu SORA and Florin PUIU, REA Central Validation Service
- 12:05 12:35: Questions & Answers
- 12:35 12:45: Feedback from the meeting and Closing remarks Cristina MARCUZZO, EACEA





Presenting the 2024 CHAR-LITI Call for Proposals

Main features and Eligibility conditions of the CERV-2024-CHAR-LITI Call

Cristina MARCUZZO, EACEA



Timeline

Call opening 23/04/24

Call deadline as per Call Document

Evaluation
Oct. '24 –
Feb. '25

Information to applicants March '25

GA Signature June '25



Who is eligible to apply?

- ✓ Coordinator: non-profit private body (EU)
- ✓ Co-applicants: non-profit or profit public or private bodies (EU)
- ✓ Single applicant or consortium
- ✓ Beneficiaries must be formally established in an EU Member State (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)!
- ✓ Activities must take place in any of the eligible countries (as above)!
- ✓ Applications will be considered eligible if their content corresponds wholly (or at least in part) to the topic description for which they are submitted



Key figures

- Available budget : EUR 16 000 000
- Project duration: between 12 and 24 months
- Project budget: min: EUR 75 000 (eligibility criterion) max: no limit
 - Co-financing: the maximum funding rate is 90%
 - Budget-based mixed actual cost grant
 - Budget categories and cost eligibility rules see <u>Call document</u>



2024 Call - Priorities: topics

Each application must address only ONE of these topics:

- Capacity building and awareness raising on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights
- 2. Promoting rights and values by empowering the civic space
- 3. Strategic litigation
- 4. Protecting EU values and rights by combating hate crime and hate speech
- 5. Supporting an enabling environment for the protection of whistleblowers



2024 Call - main novelties

Budget split per topic*:

CERV-2024-CHARLITI-CHARTER	EUR 3 100 000
CERV-2024-CHARLITI-CIVIC	EUR 3 000 000
CERV-2024-CHARLITI-LITIGATION	EUR 2 400 000
CERV-2024-CHARLITI-SPEECH	EUR 5 500 000
CERV-2024-CHARLITI-WHISTLE	EUR 2 000 000

^{*}We reserve the right not to award all available funds or to redistribute them between the call priorities, depending on the proposals received and the results of the evaluation.



Financial aspects

Serena IANNIELLO, EACEA



Budget Categories

- A. Personnel Costs
- B. Subcontracting Costs
- C. Purchase Costs
- D. Other Costs Categories
- E. Indirect Costs



A. Personnel Costs

- A.1 Employees
- A.2 Natural persons under direct contract
- A.3 Seconded persons
- A.4 SME Owners and natural person beneficiaries
- A.5 Volunteers



A.2 and A.3 Costs for natural persons working under a direct contract other than an employment contract and, costs for seconded persons by a third party against payment are eligible as personnel costs if:

- (a) they work under conditions similar to those of an employee and
- (b) the result of the work belongs to the beneficiary (unless agreed otherwise)



A.4 The work of SME owners and natural person beneficiaries may be declared as personnel costs

This budget category covers the costs of two types of persons:

- Persons who are directly owners or co-owners (regardless of their percentage of ownership) of the beneficiary, if the beneficiary is an SME and the person is not an employee of the beneficiary
- Beneficiaries who are natural persons; i.e. who signed the Grant
 Agreement on her/his own name as individuals, not on behalf of another
 legal person (e.g. a company)



A.5 The work of volunteers for the action (i.e. persons who freely work for an organisation, on a non-compulsory basis and without being paid)

The total costs declared under this category:

- may not exceed the maximum amount for volunteers for the action (which corresponds to 50% of the total (ineligible and eligible) project costs and contributions estimated in the proposal)
- may not exceed the maximum amount for volunteers for each beneficiary set out in Annex 2a
- may not make the maximum EU contribution to costs higher than the total eligible costs without volunteers



Volunteers (Decision C(2019)2646²)

Type: unit costs

Units: days spent working on the action

Amount per unit (daily rate):

Country	Daily rate in €
Denmark, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Sweden, Liechtenstein, Norway	157
Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Finland, United Kingdom, Iceland	131
Czech Republic, Greece, Spain, Cyprus, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia	78
Bulgaria, Estonia, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia	47
Australia, Canada, Hong King, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Macao, New Zealand, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Switzerland.	92
Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Cook Islands, Dominica, Gabon, Grenada, Ivory Coast, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Mexico, Montenegro, Nigeria, Peru, Saint Kitts And Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent And the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Seychelles, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe	45
Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Georgia, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Micronesia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Palestine,	32
Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Senegal, South Africa, Surinam, Swaziland, Russia, Trinidad and Tobago, Vanuatu	
Algeria, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Myanmar, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo – Democratic Republic of the-, Cuba, Korea (DPR), Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji Island, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Moldova, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Philippines, Rwanda, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Solomon, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste – Democratic Republic of, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen	17



B. Subcontracting Costs

- Subcontracting concerns the implementation of 'action tasks', i.e. parts of the project tasks that have been outsourced
- Coordination tasks cannot be subcontracted
- Rules to apply for the award of contracts:
 - best value for money (or if appropriate the lowest price)
 - ensure they are no conflict of interests between your organisation and the company providing you the service

Subcontracting (Article 6.2.B) ≠ Implementation contracts (Article 6.2.C)



Can we hire contractors from outside of the EU?

Article 6 - Eligible and ineligible costs

To be eligible all costs must meet the eligibility conditions set out in Article 6, and in particular they must comply with the applicable national law on taxes, labour and social security (..).

Article 11 — Proper implementation of the action

The beneficiaries must implement the action (...) in compliance with the provisions of **the Agreement**, the **call conditions** and all legal obligations under applicable EU, international and national law.



C. Purchase costs

C.1 Travel & Subsistance:

Travel

Accommodation

Subsistence

C.2 Equipment

C.3 Other goods, works and services











C.1 Travel and subsistence costs:

This budget category covers travels needed for the action, broken down in the following subcategories:

- Travel
- Accommodation
- Subsistence

Commission Decision of 12 January 2021 amended on 26 July 2023



Travel

Type: unit costs

Units: travel (journeys) for the action

Amount per unit:

standard:

for travel of 50 -399km (inside EU countries):

Country	Unit costs in €	Country	Unit costs in €	Country	Unit costs in €
AT	60	FI	36	PL	20
BE	46	FR	64	PT	40
BG	12	HR	36	RO	16
CZ	20	HU	28	SE	56
DE	64	IE	36	SI	27
DK	76	IT	52	SK	20
EE	16	LT	20		
EL	36	LV	16		
ES	52	NL	49		



for travel of 50 -399km (land-based; between EU countries):

MS	AT	BE	BG	CZ	DE	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK
AT				58	65						64	58	58		58					58		58		58	58
BE					82						82						50		82						
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No connection below 400 km

for travel of 50-399km not covered above:

- for calls with opening date as from 26 July 2023: EUR 245



for travel of 400 km or more* (air or rail or combined air/rail):

Distance Band	Unit costs in €	Distance Band	Unit costs in €	Distance Band	Unit costs in €
400-600	245	1601-2000	369	4501-6000	796
601-800	261	2001-2500	429	6001-7500	900
801-1200	276	2501-3500	541	7501-10000	1 201
1201-1600	288	3501-4500	659	10001-Max	1 376

All distances need to be measured using the rail calculator and flight calculator

special rates:

for travel from EU countries to EU outermost regions or OCTs:

Remote region	Unit costs in €	Remote region	Unit costs in €	Remote region	Unit costs in €
Aruba	1 343	French Guiana	905	Saint Helena	2 395
Bonaire	1 344	Martinique	958	Saint Martin	939
Curação	1 302	Mayotte	1 170	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	1 832
French Polynesia	2 204	New Caledonia	2 065	Wallis and Fotuna	2 398
Greenland	1 118	Réunion	1 040		
Guadeloupe	801	Saba	1 286		

for travel to/from location 400 km or more from a primary airport (e.g. certain regions in Finland): increase applicable unit cost by 50%



Accommodation

Type: unit costs

Units: nights spent on travel for the action

Amount per unit:

Country	Accommodation - € per night	Country	Accommodation - € per night	Country	Accommodation -€ per night
Albania	101	Greece	107	North Macedonia	95
Algeria	157	Hungary	105	Norway	145
Armenia	115	Iceland	190	Palestine	140
Austria	126	Ireland	139	Poland	103
Azerbaijan	136	Israel	187	Portugal	109
Belarus	108	Italy	114	Romania	109
Belgium	137	Jordan	140	Serbia	105
Bosnia and Herzegovina	90	Kosovo	92	Slovakia	98
Bulgaria	110	Latvia	95	Slovenia	113
Croatia	104	Lebanon	154	Spain	117
Cyprus	120	Libya	146	Sweden	158
Czechia	107	Lichtenstein	135	Switzerland	178
Denmark	158	Lithuania	94	Syria	145
Egypt	152	Luxembourg	163	Tunisia	99
Estonia	107	Malta	141	Türkiye	116
Finland	146	Moldova	133	Ukraine	122
France	166	Montenegro	98	United Kingdom	151
Germany	119	Morocco	129		
Georgia	134	Netherlands	133		



Subsistence

Type: unit costs

Units: days spent on travel for the action

Amount per unit (daily rate):

Country	Subsistence daily rate in €	Country	Subsistence daily rate in €	Country	Subsistence daily rate in €
Albania	50	Greece	82	North Macedonia	50
Algeria	85	Hungary	64	Norway	80
Armenia	70	Iceland	85	Palestine	60
Austria	102	Ireland	108	Poland	67
Azerbaijan	70	Israel	105	Portugal	83
Belarus	90	Italy	98	Romania	62
Belgium	102	Jordan	60	Serbia	60
Bosnia and Herzegovina	65	Kosovo	60	Slovakia	74
Bulgaria	57	Latvia	73	Slovenia	84
Croatia	75	Lebanon	70	Spain	88
Cyprus	88	Libya	50	Sweden	117
Czech Republic	70	Lichtenstein	80	Switzerland	80
Denmark	124	Lithuania	69	Syria	80
Egypt	65	Luxembourg	98	Tunisia	60
Estonia	80	Malta	88	Türkiye	55
Finland	113	Moldova	80	Ukraine	80
France	102	Montenegro	60	United Kingdom	125
Germany	97	Morocco	75		
Georgia	80	Netherlands	103		



C.2 Equipment:

Purchases of equipment, infrastructure or other assets used for the action must be declared as depreciation costs.

Only the portion of the costs that corresponds to the rate of actual use for the action during the action duration can be taken into account.

Costs for renting or leasing equipment, infrastructure or other assets are also eligible, if they do not exceed the depreciation costs of similar equipment, infrastructure or assets and do not include any financing fees.



C.3 Other goods, works and services:

This budget category covers the costs for goods and services that were purchased for the action, such as:

- costs for consumables and supplies
- communication and dissemination costs
- costs related to intellectual property rights (IPR)
- costs for certificates on financial statements (CFS) and certificates on methodology (CoMUC; where necessary)
- costs for financial guarantees (only if required by the granting authority)



E. Indirect Costs

This budget category covers all costs for the action that are not directly linked to it (i.e. overheads)

Indirect costs are declared as a fixed flat-rate





General Costs Eligibility Conditions

Actually incurred

Incurred during the **project lifetime**

Incurred in connection with the action

Identifiable and **verifiable**

Comply with **national** law

Reasonable, justified and compliant with sound financial management (economy and efficiency)



Specific Cost Eligibility Conditions for this Call

- personnel costs:
 - SME owner/natural person unit cost:
 Yes
 - volunteer unit cost: Yes (without indirect costs)
- travel and subsistence unit cost: Yes
- equipment costs: depreciation
- other cost categories:
 - costs for financial support to third parties: Not Allowed

- indirect cost flat-rate: 7% of the eligible direct costs
- VAT: non-deductible VAT is eligible
- in-kind contributions for free are allowed, but cost-neutral, i.e. they cannot be declared as cost
- kick-off meeting's costs: Yes
- project websites' costs: No
- other ineligible costs: No



National Contact Points for the CERV Programme

Stefanie ISMAILI-ROHLEDER, CERV NCP Germany





NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS

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LINK TO PRESENTATION:

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















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INFORMATION

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

ADVICE

- 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.

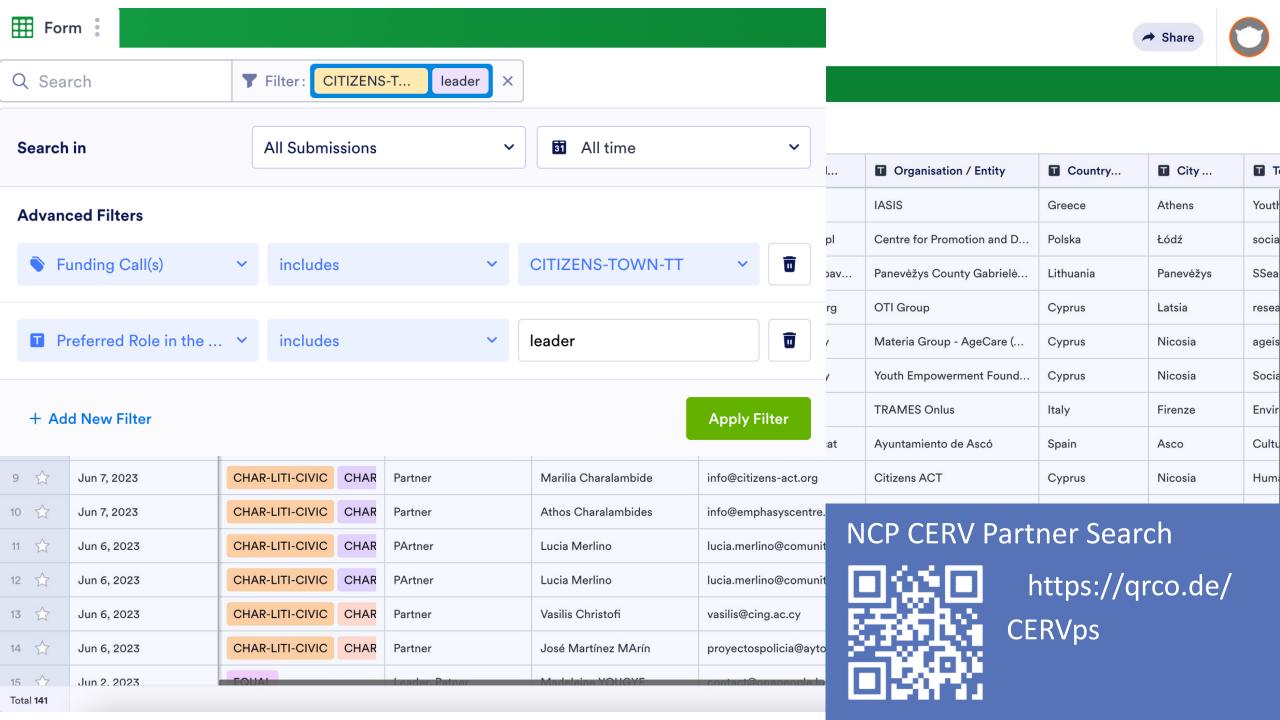
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you can find the current entries.

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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



NEXT EVENTS

tbc CERV CITIZENS' FORUM

Call: Town Twinning

concrete/more dates will be announced on the registration form



NCP Event Registration



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Proposals' submission and evaluation



Submission process

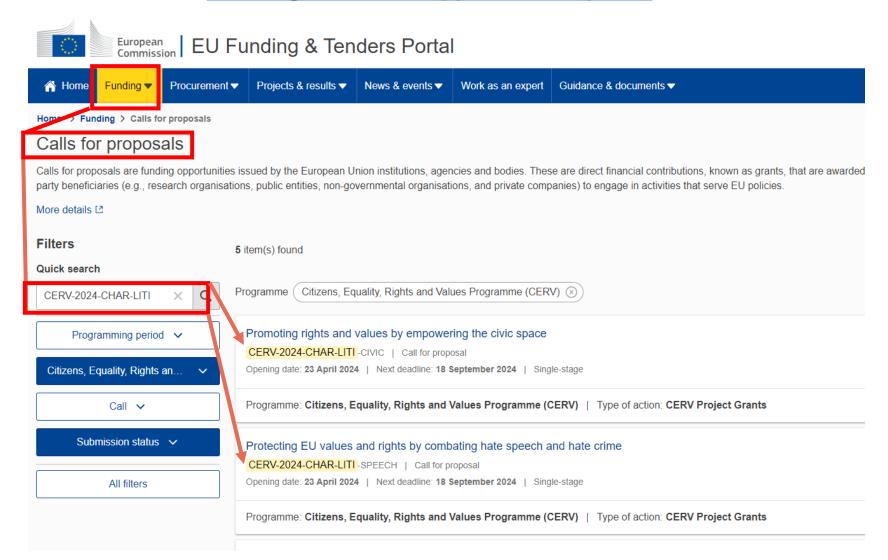
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- Where to find the Call
- How to create your application
- Proposal structure



Where to find the CHAR-LITI Call

Go to the **Funding & tenders opportunities portal**





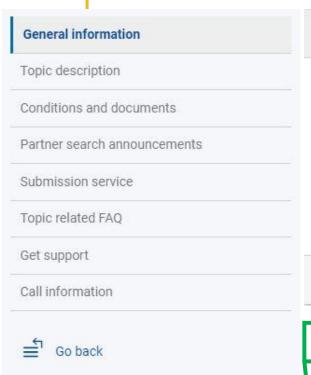
Before you create your application

Find calls for proposals

(to get a Participant Identification Code-PIC) Create your EU login account Register your organisation Create & submit your proposal **EU Funding & Tenders Portal** Calls for proposals Participant register **EU programmes** Funding updates Discove Horizon4Ukraine pportunities European Commission

Find calls for tenders

How to create your application



Topic conditions and documents

- 1. Eligible countries: as described in the Call document
- 2. Eligibility and admissibility conditions: as described in the Call document.
- 3. Proposal page limits and layout: Please refer to Part B of the Standard proposal template.
- 4. Evaluation: Evaluation criteria, scoring, threshold and process are described in the Call document.
- 5. Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement: as described in the Call document.

show more...

Start submission

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirm

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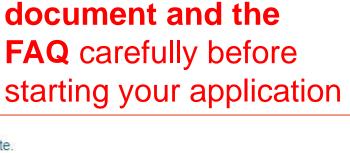
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Start submission



When you are ready, click on 'Start submission'



Read the **Call**



How to create your application Roles in the consortium

- 1. Lead Applicant/Coordinator takes care of the project management and coordination
- 2. Co-applicants/Partners help you reach objectives and solve problems
 - Consortium agreement (at contracting stage)

Reminder: All the entities involved need to be registered with a PIC number.



Admissibility criteria



Respect deadline for submission of application



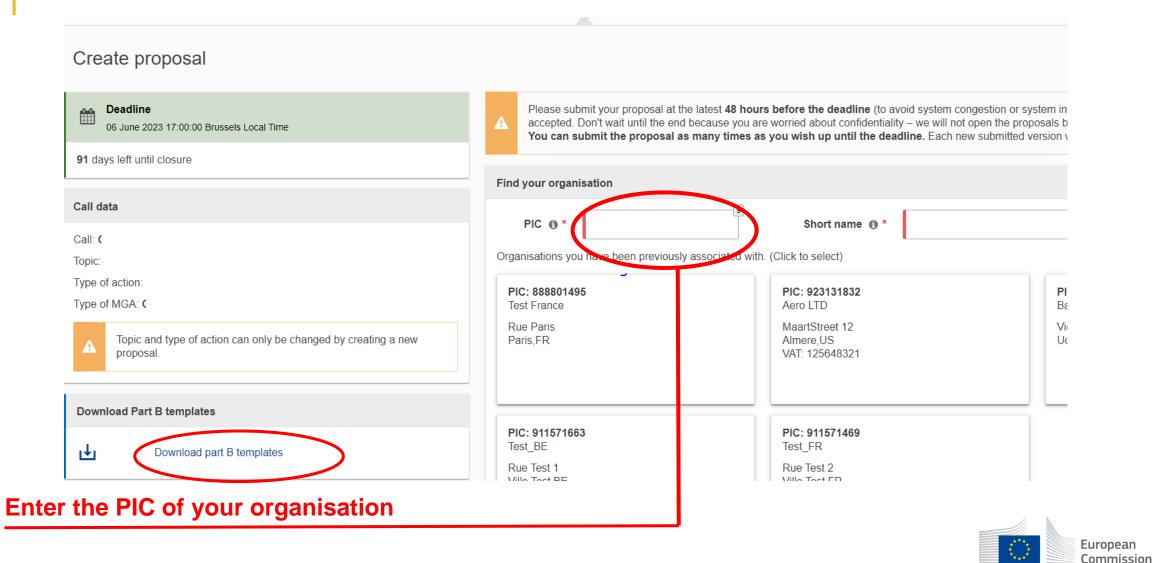
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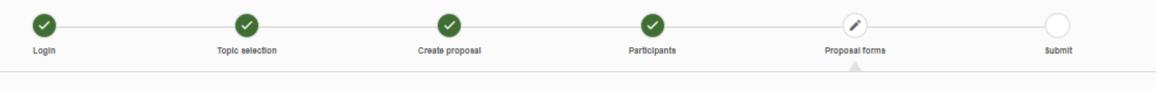


Complete: Part A, part B, part C (KPIs), supporting documents

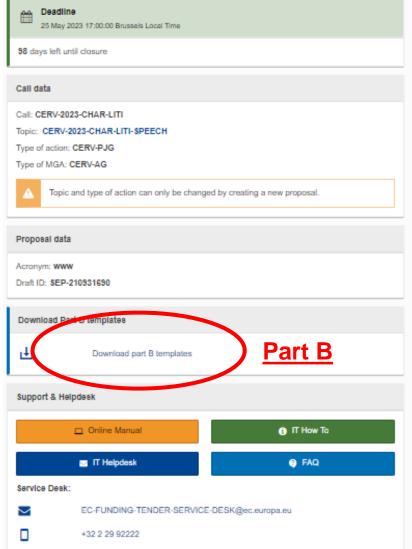


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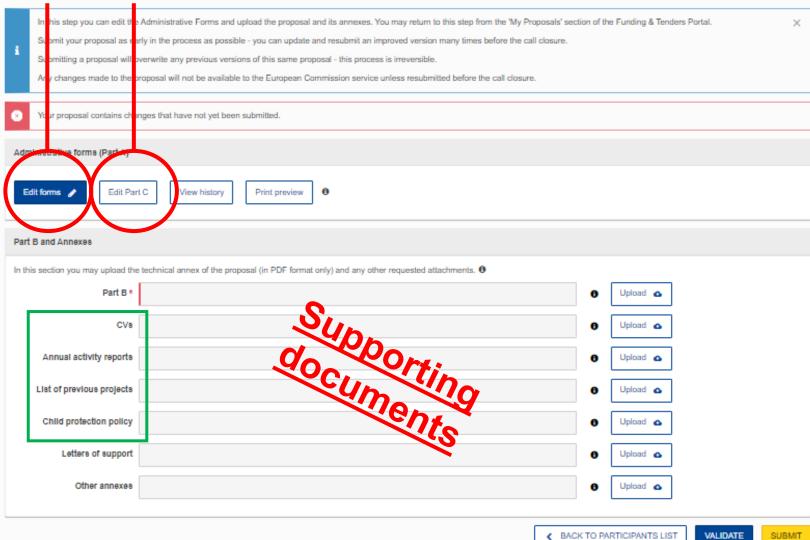




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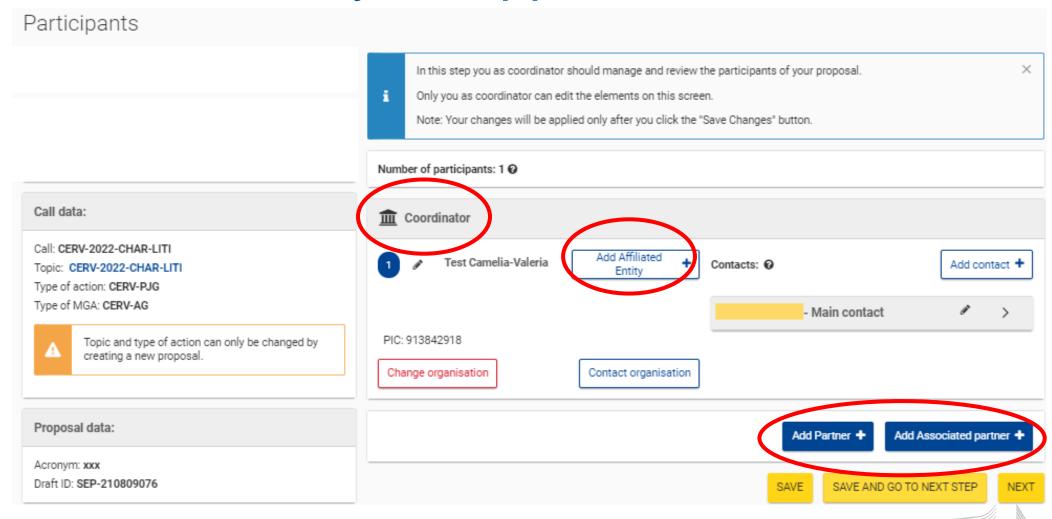
Part A Part C



VALIDATE

SUBMIT

How to create your application



European Commission

1. Part A



Section	Title	Action
1	General information	Show
2	Participants	Show
3	Budget	Show



Part A: Budget table

N	 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	Requested EU contribution to eligible costs/EUR.	Max grant amount/EUR	Income generated by the project/EUR	In kind contributions/EUR	Financial contributions/EUR	Own resources/ EUR	Total estimated project income/ EUR
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<u>AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement</u>



2. Part B

- 1. Relevance
- 2. Quality
- 3. Impact
- 4. Work plan
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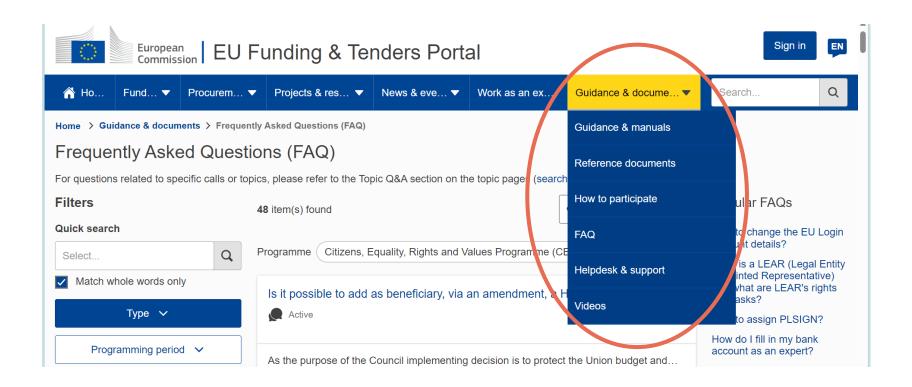
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3. Part C (KPI) (New)

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme	(CERV)		Salast one as par the main
Type of project and thematic area			Select one as per the main activity type of your project
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Output, result and impact indicators			
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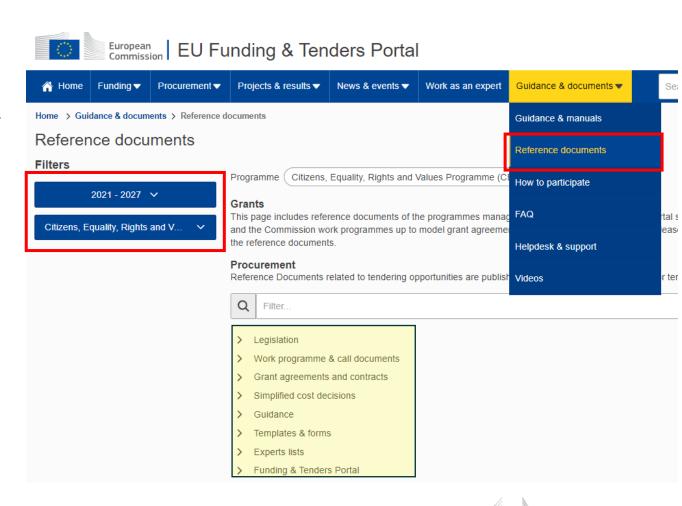
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- Online manual
- Portal FAQ
- National Contact Points
- EACEA-CERV@ec.europa.eu → add "CHAR-LITI" in the subject of your email
- Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme webpage



Reference documents

https://ec.europa.eu/info/fundingtenders/opportunities/portal/screen/howto-participate/reference-documents

- CERV Regulation
- Work Programme
- Standard application form (in pdf)
- Model grant agreement and contract
- Reporting templates



European

Evaluation process

Maïté VANWESEMAEL, EACEA



The evaluation process

Appointment of an evaluation committee

Initial checks against eligibility, admissibility and exclusion criteria, usually done by the Agency staff

Evaluation against award criteria and operational capacity completed by the evaluation committee assisted by independent outside experts

Ranking list of proposals



Award criteria – Scoring (100 points)

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance	25	40
Quality — Project design and implementation	n/a	40
Impact	n/a	20
Overall (pass) scores	70	100



Award criteria – Relevance (40 points)

- Relevance to the priorities and objectives of the call
- Clearly defined needs assessment (gender perspective)
- Clearly defined target group Contribution to the EU strategic and legislative context
- European/transnational dimension
- Transfer of good practices
- Potential to develop mutual cross-border cooperation



Award criteria – Quality (40 points)

- Clarity and consistency of the project
- Methodology for implementation (gender perspective)
- « timetable; allocation of resources; distribution of tasks between partners; risks & risk management; monitoring and evaluation »
- Logical links between identified problems-needs-solutions
- Feasibility of the project within the proposed time frame
- Financial feasibility and cost-effectiveness



Adherence to **EU values**

Eligibility criteria
Ethics and EU values (5.1 section of Part B)

Article 21 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

...Any discrimination based on any ground such as sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation shall be prohibited. ...Within the scope of application of the Treaties and without prejudice to any of their specific provisions, any discrimination on grounds of nationality shall be prohibited.

Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union

...The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities...



Award Criteria – Impact (20 points)

- Ambition and expected short, medium and long-term impact of results on target groups/public
- Communication and Dissemination strategy (gender perspective)
- Positive multiplier effect
- Long-term impact and sustainability



Tips in brief

- > In line with one of the policy priorities with a clear focus
- > Realistic objectives and relevance to participating organisations & target groups
- Concrete targets and expected results
- Well established methodology
- > Consistent with realistic project objectives, methodology, activity and budget
- Strong partnership (if in consortium)
- > Realistic and sustainable results visibility and media coverage



Tips in brief

- >Have the project idea firmly in mind before starting to complete the application
- Take time to understand how the application is structured
- ➤ Be sure your project fits into the CHAR-LITI objectives and priorities
- Ensure that partner involvement (work packages and budget) has been fully discussed and agreed
- Allow time for drafting and reviewing and redrafting
- Avoid editing the proposal with more than one user from your organisation at the same time

Suggestions to prepare with your partners (if consortium)

- ✓ Be familiar with partners' profile for a proper project implementation.
- ✓ Partners who provide low quality input to the drafting of application might not provide high quality input into the project
- ✓ Make sure that your partners are ready to implement the project if selected.
- ✓ Clarify the number & dates & venues of meetings in advance
- ✓ Make sure you have an adequate project team for implementation.
- Consortium agreement



Resources for your consideration



Gender Mainstreaming Toolkit

Gender statistics and indicators | EIGE (europa.eu)

Gender evaluation | EIGE (europa.eu)

Gender monitoring | EIGE (europa.eu)

Gender analysis | EIGE (europa.eu)

Gender awareness-raising | EIGE (europa.eu)







REA Central Validation Service

Legal validation and Financial capacity
Assessment

Presentation Outline

REA Central Validation Service

Legal validation and Legal entity appointed representative (LEAR)

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REA Central Validation Service (REA CVS)

- Verifies legal existence and legal statuses of entities
- Validates the appointment of Legal Entity Appointed Representatives (LEARs)
- Validates legal changes of validated entities
- Assesses universal takeovers (UTROs) of validated entities
- Encoding Bank Account requests
- Prepares the **Financial Capacity Assessment**
- Performs **ownership control assessments** for specific programmes
- Performs ex-post status verifications (e.g. **SME & MID cap status checks**)



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validation of legal data

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FCA

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Based upon legal documents

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COMMUNICATION VIA PARTICIPANT REGISTER



Registration of an organisation (at proposal stage)

Participant Register

Need help?

If you want to participate in a call for proposals or in a call for tenders with eSubmission, your organisation needs to be registered and have a 9-digit Participant Identification Code (PIC). Please quote your PIC in all correspondence with the Commission.

The register contains all participants of EU programmes.

Is your organisation already registered? PIC search

Please check whether your organisation has already been registered. If so, no need to register it again.

Search a PIC

Register your organisation

To register your organisation or as a natural person, you need to login into the Portal or, if you are a new user, create your account.

Check what information you need to register in the Online Manual - and keep it to hand during the registration procedure. To start registration, click on the button below.

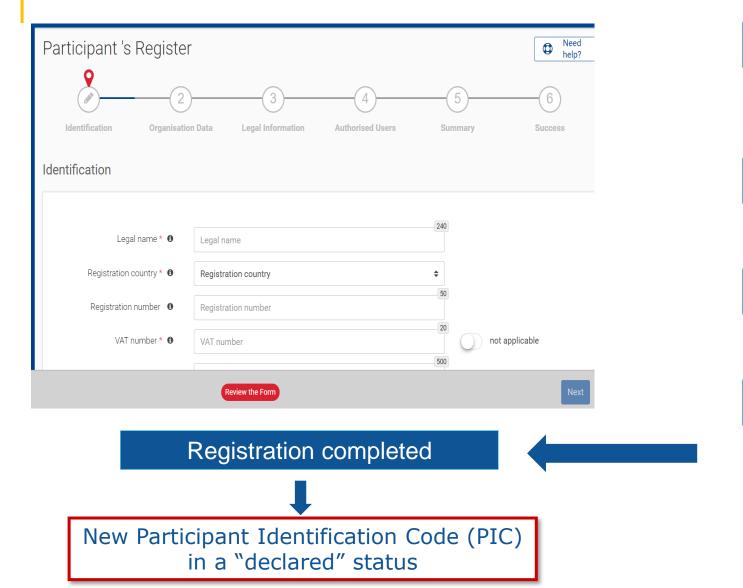
Register your organisation

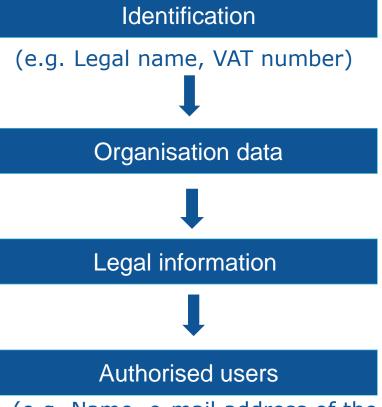
Search for a registered organisation

New registration



How to register in the Participant Register





(e.g. Name, e-mail address of the self-registrant and the back-up)



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Legal validation

- Registration data is verified by REA Central Validation Service before the signature of the Grant Agreement or Contract
- The legal validation of a participant is done **once**, when the entity has to sign its first Grant Agreement or Contract and it is reused for future participations in EU grant and procurement actions
- Validation is always performed on the basis of supporting documents, in accordance to EU Financial Regulation and the <u>Rules on Legal Entity Validation</u>, <u>LEAR</u> <u>Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment for EU Grants and Tenders</u>



Legal validation documents

- ✓ **Legal entity form** (template to be completed, dated, stamped and signed)
- ✓ VAT extract (< 1 year)</p>
 - ✓ If not registered for VAT proof of VAT exemption
- ✓ **Registration extract** (< 1 year) for private law bodies
- ✓ **Law/decree/decision** for public law bodies
- ✓ Treaty for international organisations
- ✓ **Statutes** for non-profit organisations



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LEAR role and duties

In the Single Electronic Data Interchange Area, the appointment of the Legal Entity Appointed Representative (LEAR) is mandatory.

The LEAR:

- Notifies the EU of changes in legal data/status
- Submits legal and financial documents if required
- Manages access rights of persons in the organisation (but not at the project level)
- Nominates 'Account Administrators' and individuals authorised to sign:
 - ✓ Contracts/grant agreements and their amendments (Legal signatories, i.e. LSIGN)
 - Financial statements (Financial signatories, i.e. FSIGN)



LEAR appointment documents

- 1. LEAR appointment letter and Roles and Duties of LEARs (duly signed by both the legal representative and the LEAR)
- 2. Declaration of Consent to the EU Funding & Tenders Portal Terms and Conditions (duly signed by legal representative)
- 3. Official proof of identity (ID-card/passport with photo and signature) of the legal representative and the LEAR
- 4. Proof of empowerment of the legal representative

Scanned version of these documents shall be uploaded in the Participant Register. Originals of 1 and 2 must be kept in the entity's premises.



Communication

(e.g. request to submit legal documents or to appoint a LEAR)

All communication is exclusively managed through the Participant Register

European Commission <EC-NO-REPLY-GRANT-MANAGEMENT@nomail.ec.europa.eu>

to me -

Europa / Funding & Tenders Portal notification

Dear User,

You have been granted the role of **Self Registrant** for the organisation arquicios.

In order to access your organisation data on the Funding & Tenders Portal/Supplier portal, you need to log in on the F&T Portal/Supplier Portal. If you did not have an EU Login yet, it was launched automatically for a separate e-mail with a hyperlink to finalise your account.

For more information on the Funding & Tenders Portal roles, please refer to the <u>Online Manual</u> if you participate in the <u>programmes</u> <u>managed on the Funding & Tenders Portal</u>.

For more information on the roles for e-Procurement, please refer to the e-Procurement wiki page, if you participate in a tender call.

With kind regards,

EU Single Electronic Data Interchange Area - F&T Portal team

This email has been auto-generated. Please do not reply to this account. Your email will not be read. For any inquiries please contact the Grants Procurement Systems Support +32 (2) 29 71063 or EC-FUNDING-TENDER-SERVICE-DESK@ec.europa.eu.

Messages are notified via e-mail to the contact person (i.e. self-registrant or the appointed LEAR)



Access lost to a declared or valid PIC

Declared PIC

In case the self-registrant left the organisation and no one has access to a declared PIC
 a new PIC needs to be created and REA CVS informed

Valid PIC

 If the LEAR is not available anymore and there are no Account Administrators, a new LEAR needs to be appointed – LEAR recovery procedure

https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/urf/lear-recovery/request/



Financial Capacity Assessment (FCA)

Legal basis

- Financial Regulation (2018/1046) articles 196 and 198
- Rules on Legal Entity Validation, LEAR Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment for EU Grants and Tenders.
- Call for Proposals (see the section "7. Financial capacity")

When is the FCA needed?

✓ all COORDINATORS, except for:

public bodies (including local, regional or national authorities)

individual requested grant amount of LESS than EUR 60,000

✓ may be requested for other beneficiaries/ affiliated entities



FCA supporting documents (via Participant Register)

- ✓ Balance sheet
- ✓ Profit and loss account.
- ✓ Explanatory notes and/or annexes (if available)
- √ Financial audit report

...or <u>Self Declaration</u> on the accounts

if the requested EU-contribution exceeds EUR 750.000 (art. 196 FR)

Financial Audit report

Opinior

- Unqualified
- Qualified
- Adverse
- Disclaimer

Self Declaration on the accounts

I, the undersigned declare that the accounts are:

- VALID
- no audit required

Signed

Balance Sheet

Profit & Loss account

Explanatory notes

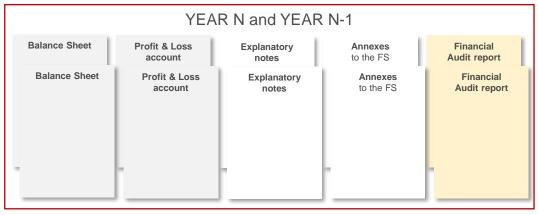
Annexes

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For the 2 most recent closed and approved financial years

- official language (for EU languages
- unofficial translation (for non-EU languages)
- dated
- signed

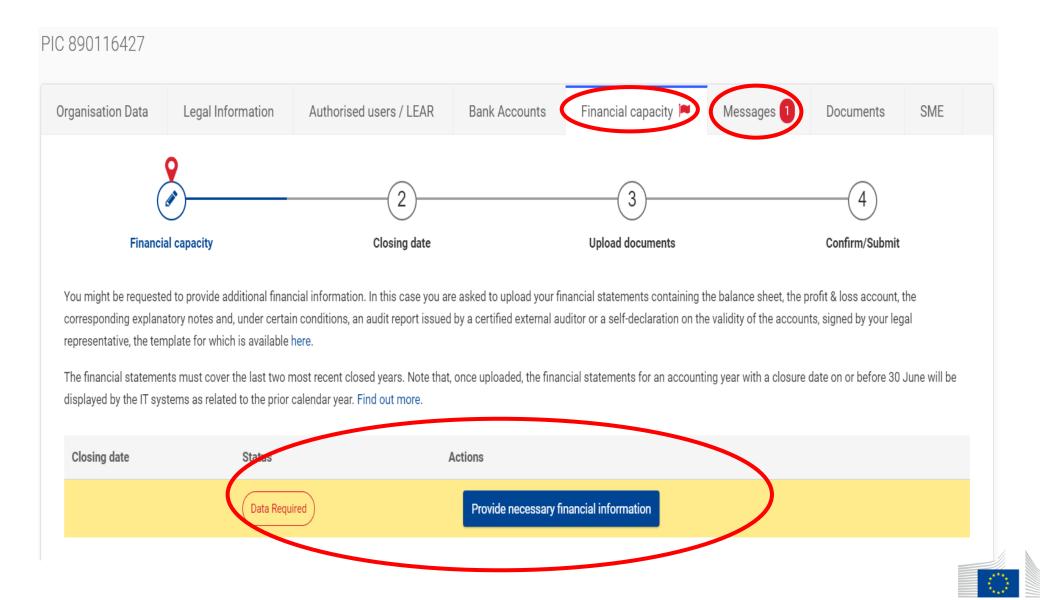
Newly established entities

✓ Business plan

Once completed, the assessment is valid for 18 months from the closing date



Financial Capacity Assessment: Requests in Participant Register



European Commission

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PIC 890116427 Financial capacity | SME Organisation Data Legal Information Authorised users / LEAR Bank Accounts Documents Messages 1 • New message Messages Read messages of your organisation and send messages to the EC ValidationServices. Subject * Context \$ Date \$ Actions Message * Financial capacity assessment -Pear Participant, Following your Financial capacity assessment 06/07/2021 ✓ View Request for documents ecent a...



Guidance documents



Rules on Legal validation, LEAR appointment and financial capacity assessment: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/rules-lev-lear-fca_en.pdf



How to register in the Participant Register: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/OM/Online+Manual



Online Manual, IT How to, IT and RES Helpdesk and specific FAQs on the Funding and Tenders Portal:

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



Legal notice on the Funding and Tenders Portal (terms and conditions, data protection): https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/legalnotice



Thank you!

