Call for proposals on protecting and promoting Union Values

CERV-2022-CITIZENS-VALUES

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

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Agenda

❑ **Welcome & opening remarks** by **Alessandra Luchetti**

 EACEA Head of Department B Creativity, Citizenship and Joint Operations

❑ **Information on policy priorities, funded activities and expected results** by **Muriel Bissières**

 DG JUST Unit 04 Policy Officer

❑ **Evaluation & application process** by **Pascale Biver** and **Miroslav Minev**

 EACEA Unit B.3 Citizens and EU values Call Coordinator

Moderated by Tatiana Niskacova, Head of Sector Unit B.3

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Welcome & opening remarks

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- **European Education and Culture Executive Agency – EACEA**

- **Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme – CERV**

- **Call for proposals on protecting and promoting Union Values –**
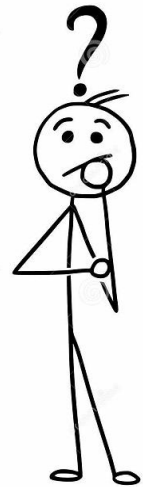 **CERV-2022-CITIZENS-VALUES**

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Policy priorities, expected activities & results

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What are Union Values?

Article 2 Treaty on the EU:

- 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.

- These values are common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail.

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What are the challenges facing CSOs?

- Disadvantageous changes in legislation or inadequate implementation of laws;

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

- Attacks on and harassment of human rights defenders, including negative discourse aimed at delegitimising and stigmatising CSOs

- Hurdles to accessing financial resources and ensuring their sustainability.

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How does the EU address the situation?

The Rule of Law report

The Report on the application of the Charter of fundamental rights

The Citizenship report

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How does the EU address the situation?

- The European democracy action plan

- November 2021 package of measures on protecting elections integrity and promoting inclusive democratic participation and open democratic debate

- Council recommendations on strengthening judicial independence or the anti-corruption framework, or on improving access to public information and ensuring effective public consultations.
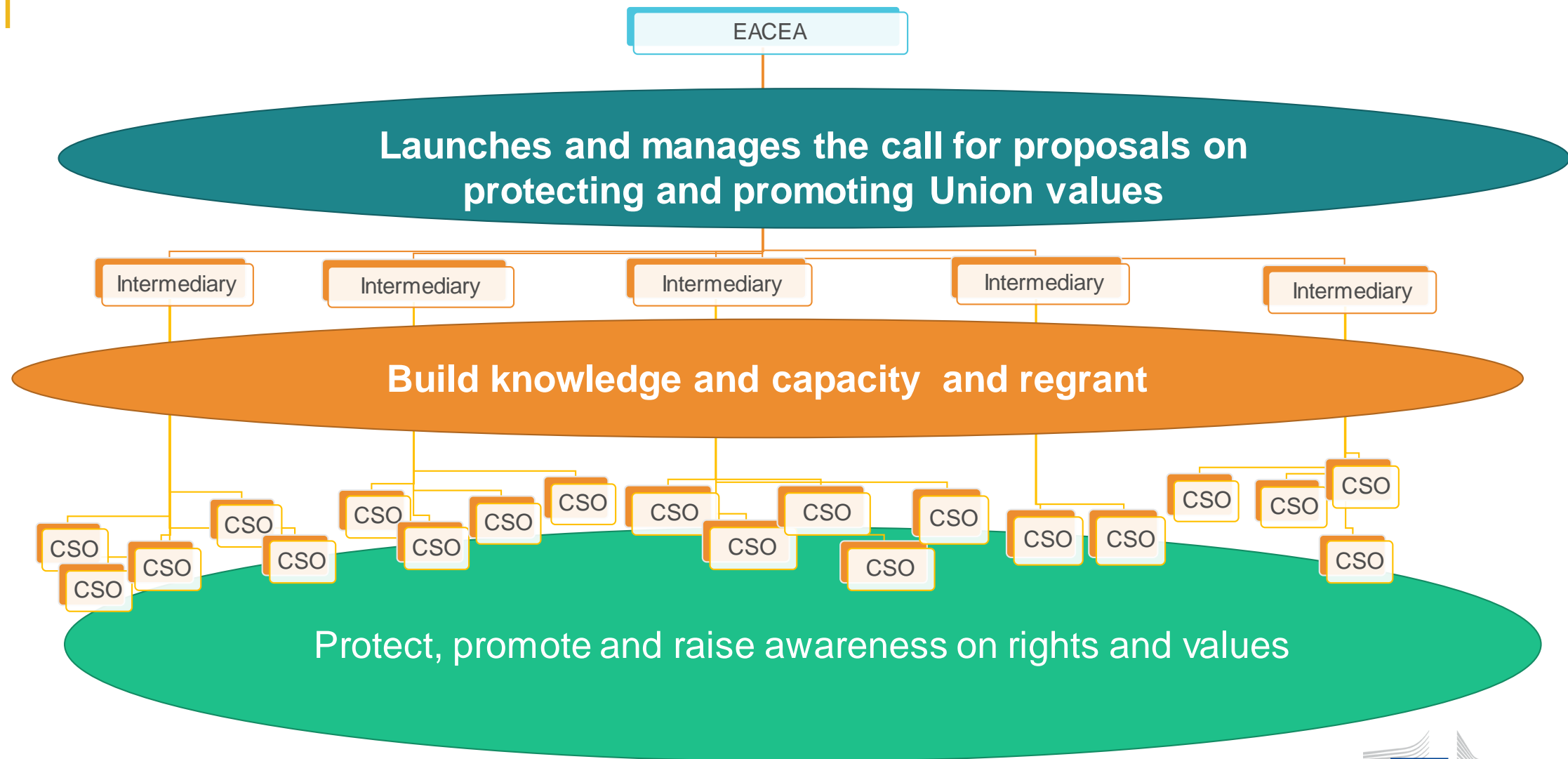
- Financial support through the CERV programme

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What is the overall aim of this call for proposals?

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

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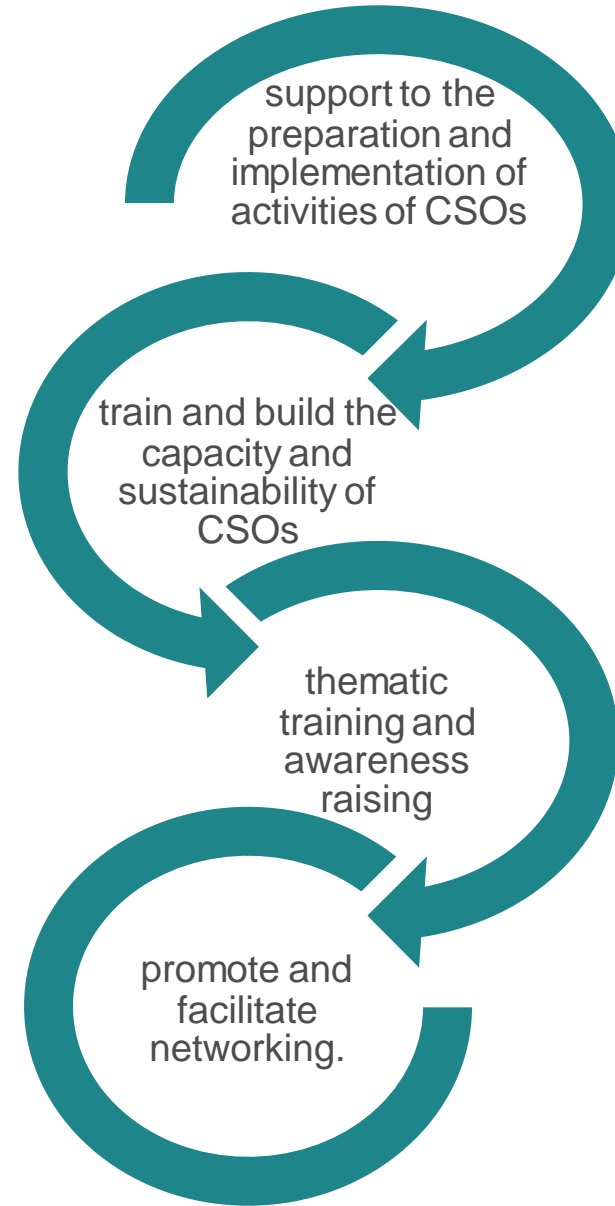
and increasing their capacity

thereby also strengthening the effective application of the Charter and the respect of the rule of law and of democracy in the EU

What are the main features of the call?

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Launches and manages 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

Protect, promote and raise awareness on rights and values

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

Capacity building for CSOs

support to the preparation and implementation of activities of CSOs

train and build the capacity and sustainability of CSOs

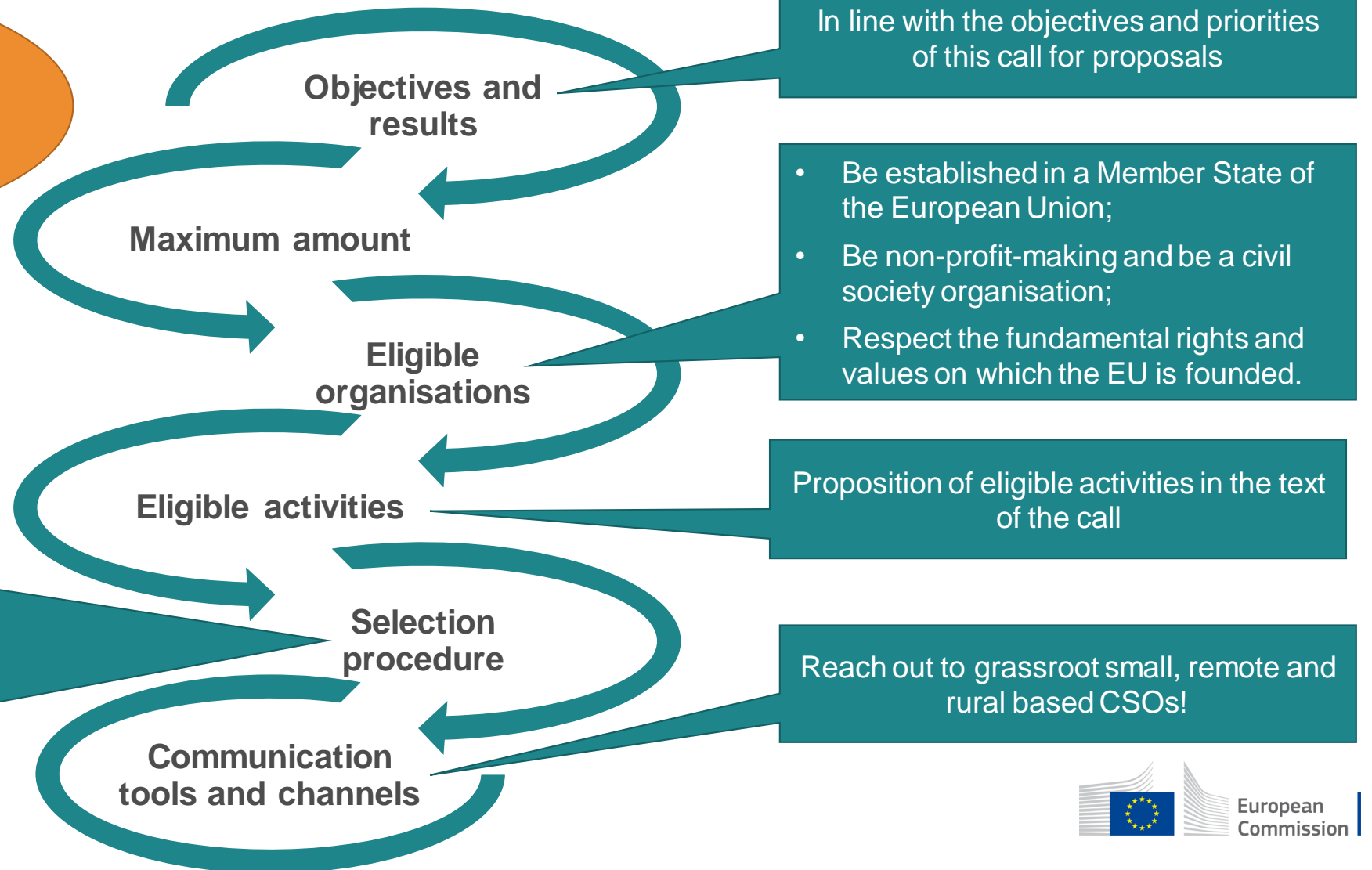thematic training and awareness raising

promote and facilitate networking.

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

Financial support to third parties (CSOs)

Objectives and results

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

Maximum amount

- Be established in a Member State of the European Union;
- Be non-profit-making and be a civil society organisation;
- Respect the fundamental rights and values on which the EU is founded.

Eligible organisations

- Own procedure.
- Comply with the principles
- of proportionality, sound financial management, equal treatment and nondiscrimination.
- Prevent conflict of interests.
- Use EU languages relevant to the local context.
- Adapt to the technical and managerial capacities of local organisations

Eligible activities

Proposition of eligible activities in the text of the call

Selection procedure

Communication tools and channels

Reach out to grassroot small, remote and rural based CSOs!

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What are the expected results and impacts?

- strengthened capacity of CSOs that aim to protect and promote EU rights and values;

- a more supportive environment for CSOs;

- more effective, accountable and sustainable CSOs;

- a better developed advocacy and watchdog role for CSOs;

- increased public participation in civic activities;

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

- increased public awareness of EU rights and values;

- empowerment of vulnerable groups;

- strengthened regional cooperation within Civil Society.

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How to measure expected results and impacts?

Capacity building for CSOs

The EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values

Satisfaction questionnaire

Information on the awareness of participants on EU policies and laws

The intermediary organizes awareness-raising, training and/or mutual learning for CSOs

At the end of the event the participants respond to the EU survey

The intermediary uses the results for the evaluation of his project

The Commission compiles the results from all intermediaries projects to feed in the evaluation of the call for proposal and of the CERV programme

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How to measure expected results and impacts?

Financial support to third parties (CSOs)

Name of the third party	
Title of the project	
Budget received from the intermediary	
Target group reached	
Summary of the project	
Qualitative results	
number of publications	
number of awareness raising actions / campaign carried out	
number of people engaged in the CSO activities	
number of national policies or laws influenced	
number of beneficiaries of service provided (hotline, legal advice, counselling services, informal education…)	
Other quantitative results	

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Timetable, main features & evaluation process

Timetable *(see Call Document section 4)*

Deadline for submission	Evaluation	Information on evaluation results	Grant signature
29 March 2022 17:00:00 CET (Brussels time)	April – June 2022	June - July 2022	June/July-October 2022

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Main features

EU Grant

Minimum EUR 2,5 million

Maximum EUR 4 million

Total call budget

EUR 51 million

Project duration

36 months

Consortium

1 single applicant

or

several organisations in a partnership

Eligible countries

EU Member States

+ their overseas countries and territories

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Main features

Eligibility criteria

for

applicants /intermediaries

- be a **legal entities** (public or private bodies)

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

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

- be **independent** from government, public authorities, political, religious or commercial interests;

- be a **civil society organisation**;

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Main features

Eligibility criteria

for

applicants /intermediaries

The applicant, or at least one partner 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**

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Main features

Ethics

EU Values

Projects must comply with:

- highest **ethical standards;**

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

- other applicable **EU, international and national law** (including the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679).

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Evaluation criteria

Admissibility

- Deadline
- Electronic submission
- Complete application: part A,B, C + annexes

Eligibility

- Independant, non-profit, CSO
- EU Member State
- Experienced in capacity building /financial support to third parties
- Legal entity

Exclusion

- Bankruptcy, in breach of laws and contracts (Art 136, 141 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046

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Evaluation criteria

Selection

- Operational capacity
- Financial capacity (if selected for funding)

Award

- Relevance
- Quality
- Impact

 # _Call document_ *for all requirements and detailed information*

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

- **applicant's regular activities and mission;**
  - capacity development of CSOs in the EU, needs and constraints of the target country(ies), region(s); capacity to reach out to the most remote regions and marginalised or vulnerable groups, etc.

- **Content of the proposal:**
  - priorities and objectives of the call; high quality overview and analysis of the CSOs sector in the target country(ies), region(s); needs analysis and gender perspective of target group(s)

- **Capacity building and financial support to third parties**
  - Balanced, well-structured, relevant

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Focus on Award criteria

Quality

- **Clarity, consistence, quality of the proposal;**
  - Logical frame concept, financial feasibility,

- **Strategy for reaching small, rural, grass-root CSOs**

- **Evaluation & selection of third party CSOs to be funded**
  - Conflict of interest, adherence to EU Values

- **Gender perspective, ethical issues**

! - **Risk management & control**, **monitoring & evaluation**

Risk management & control

The intermediary's system for preventing, mitigating, detecting, reporting on and remedying:

1. **risks** to the **effective implementation**
   - Good governance, effective project management, calls for selecting third parties are well defined and in line with CERV objectives, targeted communication, absence of conflict of interest, reliable risk assessment of third party projects, adequate grant agreements, etc.

2. **reputational risks – non respect of EU values**
   - Well defined and effective system & means to check grantees are in line with EU values (explicit mention in calls for proposals, due diligence checks in case of doubt, etc.), use of declaration on honour, etc.

Focus on Award criteria

Impact

- **Long-term impact on target groups/general public**

- **Dissemination strategy & multiplier effect**

- **Sustainability of results**

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How to apply?

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Proposal Structure

PART A

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

PART B

Technical/content description
- Download template, fill in, upload pdf
- Provide information on activities, results,methodo logy, needs analysis, etc

PART C

Indicators
- Fill out online screens
- Data on participants
- PDF is generated automatically

MAKE SURE **DATA** AND **INFORMATION** ARE

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ACROSS **ALL PARTS** OF THE APPLICATION FORM

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Register your organisation

A recorded webinar is available to get you started

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

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

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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.

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Gdansk,PL

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.

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Short Summary   [Enter value] 2000

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Provide data

MANDATORY

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 | ✏ | ＞ |

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MANDATORY

Part C

Proposal ID	Call for Proposal	Topic
SEP-210826728	CERV-2022-CITIZENS-VALUES	CERV-2022-CITIZENS-VALUE

Main Activity Type

☐ Training Activities
☐ Awareness Raising Activities
☐ Mutual Learning Activities
☐ Analytical Activities
☐ ICT Tools

Please select minimum 1 option(s)

People Reached

Deliverable Number	Activity Name	Activity Type	Activity Mode	Duration (days)	Male Attendees / Male Reached	Female Attendees / Female Reached

Administrative forms (Part A)

Edit forms ✏   Edit Part C   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

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

4 mandatory work packages:

Project management, including risk management

Capacity building

Support to third parties

Project webpage

Additional work packages can be added.

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Mandatory deliverables

2 mandatory deliverables:

Capacity building ⟹ • **Intermediaries** ask attendees in events to participate in the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values.

Financial support to third parties ⟹ • **Intermediaries** set up a webpage with identity fiches of all third party projects
➢ This information is **also sent to the Commission** in an EXCEL file

Additional deliverables can be added

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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 **29 March 2022** 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.

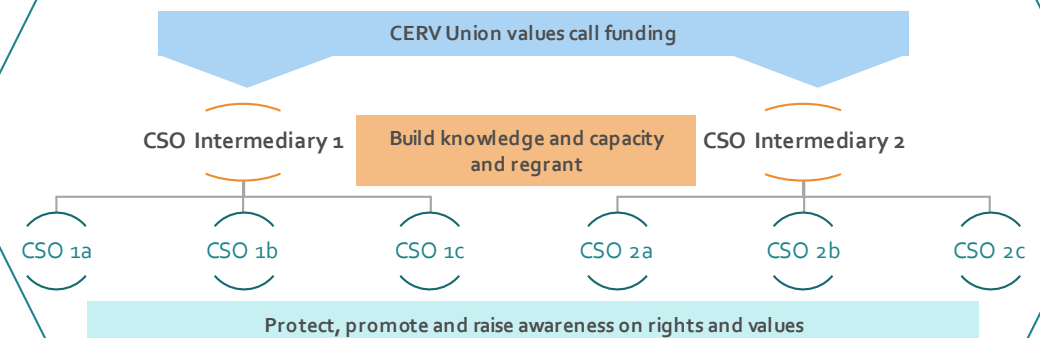## Who is this call for? CSOs which are...

- ✓ 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 months

Grants per project:
Minimum EUR 2.5 m
Maximum EUR 4m

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

To be contacted for future events or follow up, register here

(https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Union_Values_Call_2022_Follow_up)

Thank you and keep in touch!

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