





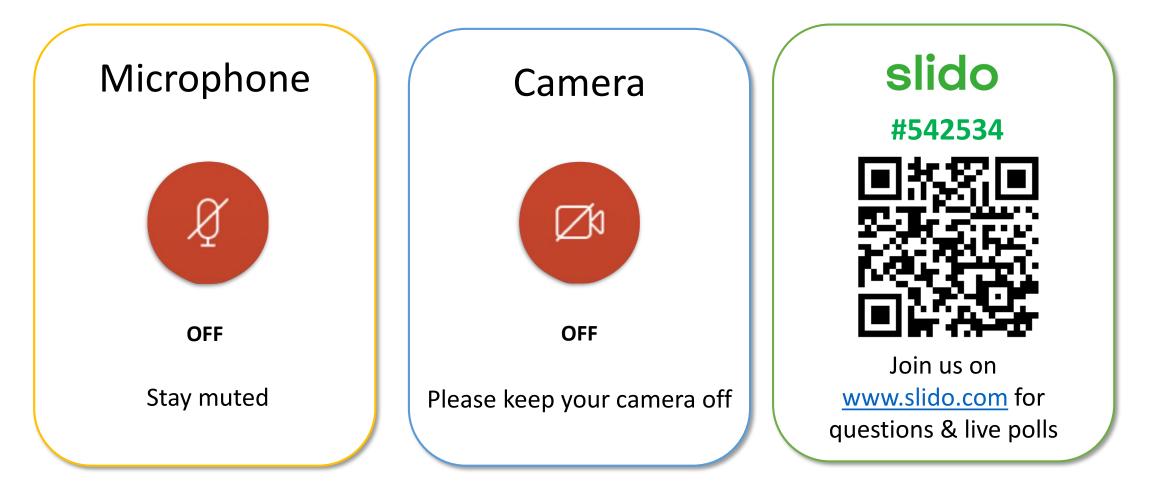
#### CERV-2022-TOWN Call for Proposals Networks of Towns and Town Twinning CERV Programme

**Online Info Session** 

European Education and Culture Executive Agency

**08 February 2022** 

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#### Agenda

Welcome and opening remarks by Gilles Pelayo EACEA Unit B.3 Citizens and EU values - Head of Unit

Part 1: Presentation of CERV Programme by Daniela Mormile DG JUST Unit 0.4 Programme and financial management - Policy Officer

Part 2: Presentation of TOWN 2022 Call by Vania Bonalberti and Luminita Stanciulescu EACEA Unit B.3 Citizens and EU values - Call Coordinators

Coffee break (10 min)

Part 3: "How to apply?" by Noelle Aboya-Chevanne EACEA Unit B.3 Citizens and EU values - Project Officer

Moderated by Aikaterini Xethali, Head of Sector Unit B.3



### Live Poll (1)

From which city are you connected?



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## Live Poll (2)

Have you applied before to the Call Town Twinning or Networks of Towns?



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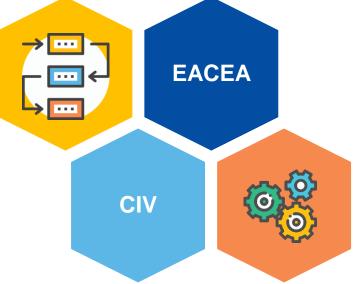
#### Welcome and opening remarks



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1) Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme

#### **EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**



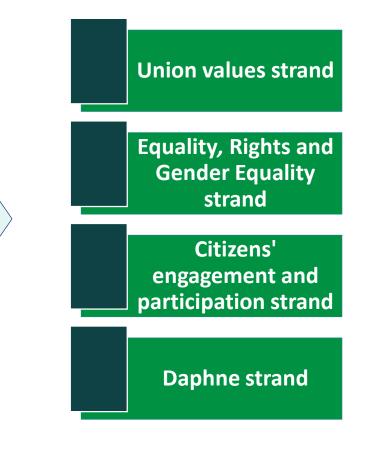


#### What are the Programme's objectives?

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

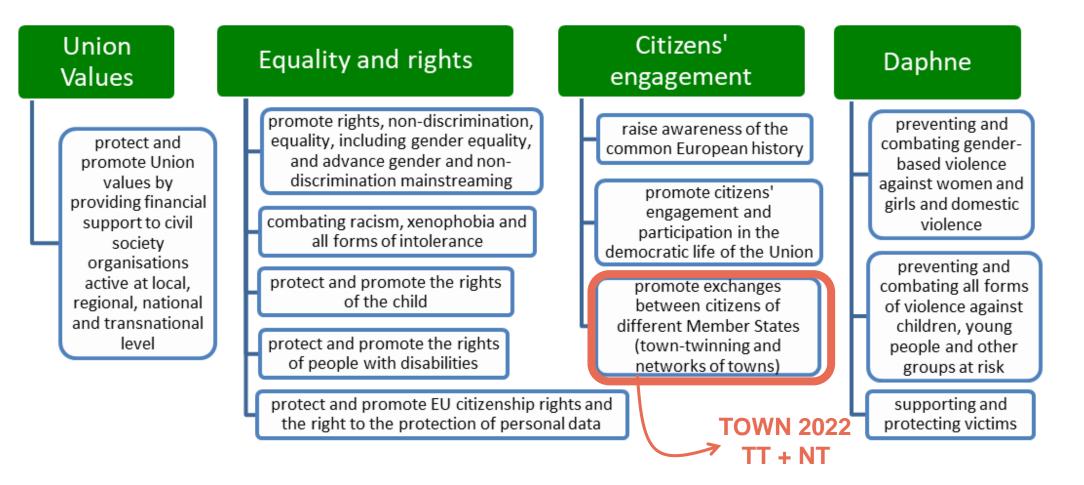
by **supporting civil society organisations** and other stakeholders active at local, regional, national and transnational level,

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





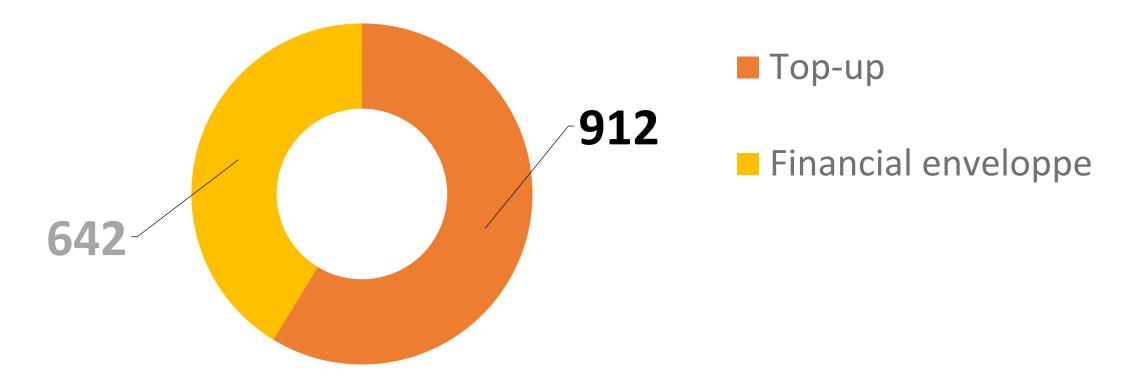
#### **CERV Programme – Four strands**



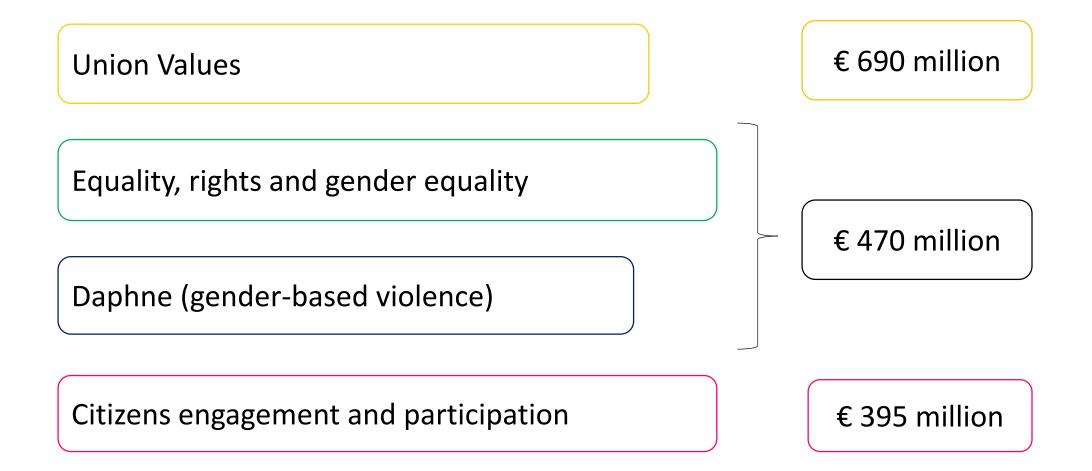


#### Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values

#### **Budget: 1.55 billion euro**



#### Budget by strands



#### Which actions?



Training activities, capacity building, mutual learning, workshops, experts' meetings, conferences



Awareness-raising and dissemination activities, media campaigns



Analytical activities, such as studies, researches, surveys and evaluations



Support for European networks, civil society

# Why you should pay specific attention to gender mainstreaming in your proposal?

- The Commission has revised its evaluation methodology and mainstreamed gender across the evaluation criteria to ensure funding creates a strong added value for everybody involved in funded projects. Your attention to gender mainstreaming has an impact on the score you receive in the evaluation.
- Integrating a gender perspective in the design and implementation of your project increases the quality of your proposal by ensuring that women, men, boys and girls in all their diversity benefit from your intervention in a non-discriminatory way
- For more information on gender mainstreaming please visit: <u>https://eige.europa.eu/gender-mainstreaming</u>

# How to make sure you integrate a gender perspective?

When you draft your proposal, please consider the questions below

- Did I conduct a gender equality analysis to assess my project's design, implementation and impact?
- Did I take into account gender aspects in my needs assessment?

Basic

Basic

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- Will the data and indicators I collect and create be disaggregated by sex?
- Did I include in my proposal a commitment to advance gender equality?
- Did I include in my proposal a commitment to monitor and report on the gender equality results achieved by the project in the evaluation phase?
- Do I plan to create **gender-specific indicators** to measure the project's gender equality objectives?

# Town Twinning and Networks of Towns 2022 - Call objectives

To promote **exchanges between citizens of different countries**  To discover the cultural diversity of the European Union

To guarantee peaceful relations between Europeans

To reinforce mutual understanding and friendship To encourage cooperation between municipalities and the exchange of best practices To support good local governance and reinforce the role of local and regional authorities in the European integration process

#### Town Twinning 2022 - Call priorities

4.500.000 €

Raising awareness on the richness of the cultural and linguistic environment in Europe

Raising awareness of the importance of **reinforcing the European integration process based on solidarity** 

Fostering a sense of belonging to Europe by promoting the debate on the future of Europe = NT

Reflecting on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the local communities



#### Networks of Towns 2022 - Call priorities

6.500.000€

Strengthening the European and democratic dimension of the EU decision-making process

Supporting free and fair elections in Europe

Fostering a sense of belonging to Europe by promoting the debate on the future of Europe

= TT

Reflecting on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the local communities



# 2) Timetable, main aspects, evaluation criteria

**CERV-2022-CITIZENS-TOWN** 



#### Timetable (section 4 in Call Document)

Deadline for submission	Evaluation	Information on evaluation results	Grant signature
24 March 2022 17:00:00 CET (Brussels)	March– June 2022	June-July 2022	August– November 2022

#### Town Twinning – Expected Impact

To increase and encourage **mutual understanding and friendship** between a diverse range of citizens at a local level To involve a diverse range of citizens from local communities' experience and recognise the added value the EU provides through grassroots-approach

To foster an increased sense of belonging to the EU

#### Town Twinning - Eligibility

In order to be eligible, the applicants (Coordinator and Associated partners) shall meet the following criteria:

- Organizations must be legal entities
- Public bodies or nonprofit organisations: municipalities and/or other levels of local authorities or their twinning committees or nonprofit organisations representing local authorities (support letter)
- be established in one of the **eligible countries**:
  - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)
  - Non-EU countries: associated to the CERV Programme or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature – currently no country at this level
- Therefore only EU Member States are currently eligible



Duration: up to 12 Months Budget: up to 30.000 EUR Grant: lump sum

Overall budget for this topic 4.500.000 EUR

#### Town Twinning – Other eligibility criteria

Municipalities of at least **two different countries**  Number of participants: minimum of **50 participants** in the Town Twinning events, of which: **25 are invited (international participants) = traveling participants to the TT event** 

**Geographical** location: activities must take place in eligible countries participating to the project.

**NB:** Projects must comply with ethics and EU values

#### Networks of Towns - Expected impact

- To develop larger-scale projects to increase projects' impact and sustainability
- To allow thematic and policy-related projects and forge lasting links with partner organisations
- To raise awareness of the benefits of diversity and to tackle discrimination and racism
- To encourage mutual understanding towards European minorities, such as Roma
- To raise awareness on the EU Charter on Fundamental Rights and its application and promote a culture of fundamental rights
- To inform on the rights conferred by EU citizenship and improve their implementation in Member States

#### Networks of Towns - Eligibility

- Organizations must be legal entities (public or private bodies)
- be established in one of the eligible countries
- Public bodies or non-profit organisations: towns/municipalities and/or other levels of local authorities or their twinning committees or non-profit organisations representing local authorities (support letter)
- organisations from at least <u>5 different eligible countries</u> of which at least 3 are EU Member States (**Consortium**)
- activities must take place in at least <u>2 different eligible</u> programme countries



Duration: 12 - 24 M Budget: no limit Grant: lump sum

Overall budget for this topic 6.500.000 EUR

#### Types of activities Both TT and NT

Each project can have 1 or more **events**. Each event can include different types of **activities**, as:

Workshops, seminars, conferences, training activities, expert meetings, webinars, awareness-raising activities, data gathering and consultation, development, exchanges and dissemination of good practices amongst public authorities and civil society organisations, development of communication tools and the use of social media



#### Evaluation criteria

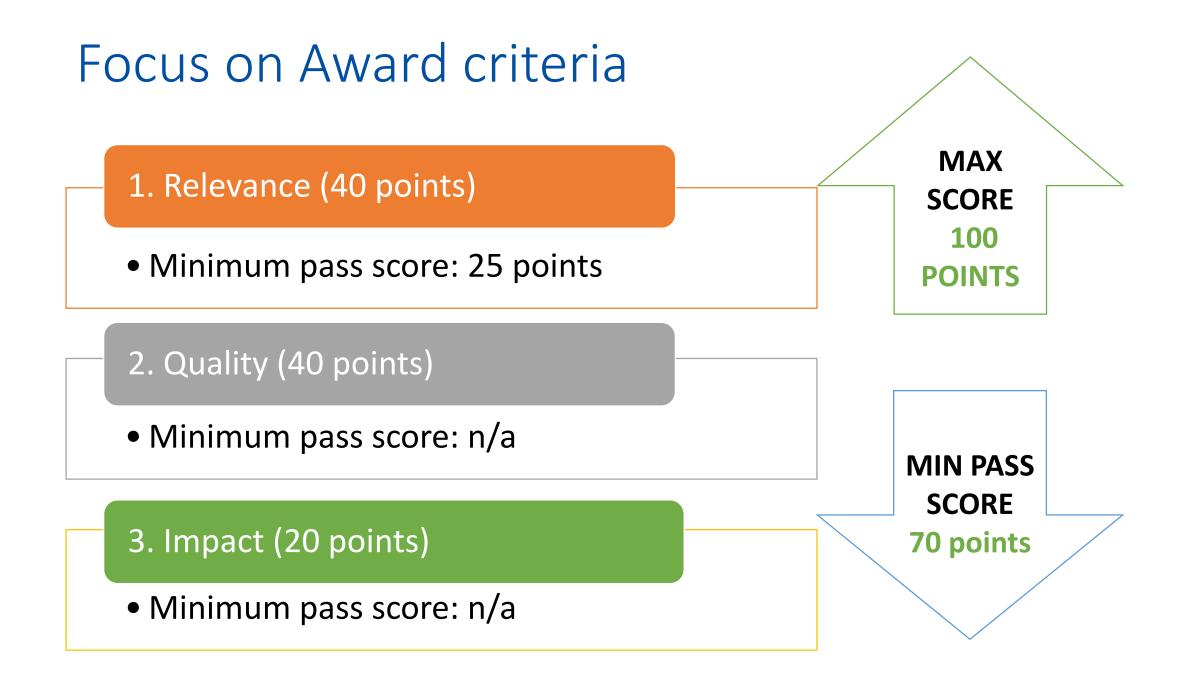
Admissibility	<ul> <li>Respect the deadline</li> <li>Electronic submission</li> <li>Part A+B+C+Annexes</li> </ul>	Selection	Operational capacity Financial capacity (if selected for funding)
Eligibility	<ul> <li>Legal entities (public or private) from eligible countries</li> <li>Activities in eligible countries</li> <li>Min. 5 organisations for NT</li> </ul>	Award	<ul><li>Relevance</li><li>Quality</li><li>Impact</li></ul>

Exclusion

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



Please refer to the <u>Call</u> <u>Document</u> for complete set of requirements



#### How to be successful?

- Closely align with EU Policy Priorities
- Realistic objectives with relevance to participating organisations & target groups
- Strong collaboration with other participants/partners
- Concrete targets and results
- Don't wait until last second





Questions or comments?



#### Coffee Break – We start again at 11:20



## 3) How to apply?



#### Toolbox for a successful application

- 1. Preliminary steps before creating your proposal
- 2. Mind the proposal structure
- 3. Create proposal, required data
- 4. Structure of work packages and Deliverables
- 5. Reference documents and Online guidance

#### Preliminary steps

Go to the Funding & tender opportunities portal



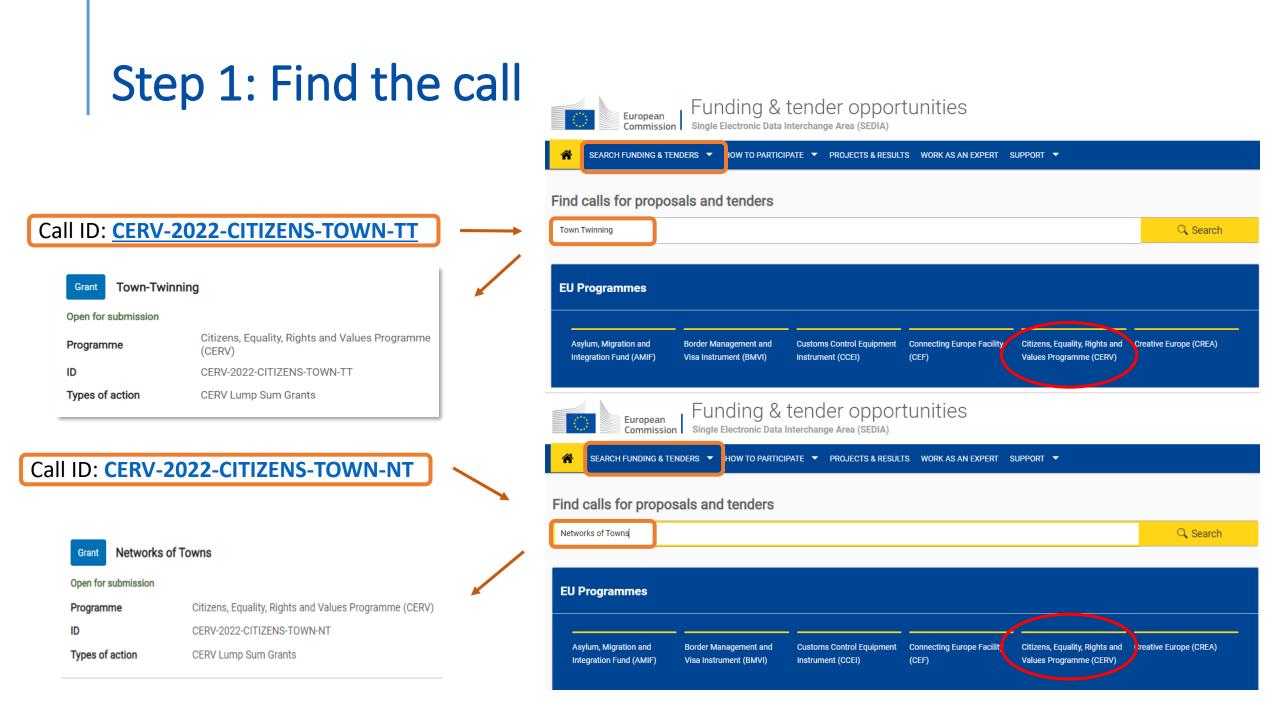
**STEP 1** - Find the Town Twinning/ Networks of Towns calls and documents

**STEP 2** - Find your project partners

**STEP 3** - Create your EU login account

**STEP 4** - Register your organisation and get your PIC

**STEP 5** – Create a draft proposal



#### Step 1: Find the call documents

Topic conditions and docu

General information	Topic conditions and documents	
	1. Eligible countries: as described in the Call document.	
Topic updates	2. Eligibility and admissibility conditions: as described in the Call document.	
Topic description	3. Proposal page limits and layout: Please refer to Part B of the standard proposal template.	
Conditions and documents	4. Evaluation Evaluation criteria, scoring, threshold and process are described in the Call document.	Read carefully the Call
Partner search announcements	5. Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement: as described in the Call document.	document before
Submission service	Publication of the call: 16/11/2021 Deadline for submitting applications: March, 24 17:00 (Brussels Time)	preparing your project
Topic related FAQ	Evaluation period: March- June 2022	
Get support	Information to applicants: June-July 2022 Signature of grant agreement: August- November 2022	
Call information		
Call updates	6. Proposal templates, guidance and model grant agreements (MGA):	Call document available in 24
	Standard proposal tempeste (available in the Funding: Submission Service by clicking on Start Submission) Call document	EU languages
	Mono/Multi-beneficiary Model Grant Agreement CERV 2021-2022 Work Programme Decision authorising the use of lump sums	
	Lump Sums Calculator (available in the Funding: Submission Service by clicking on Start Submission)	
	CALL DOCUMENT TRANSLATIONS	

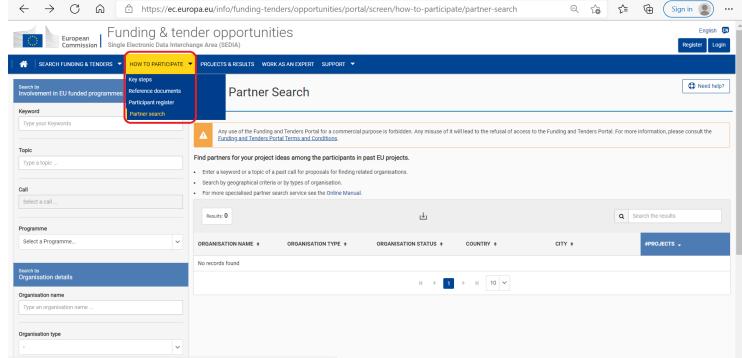
Translations into 23 EU languages of the CERV-2022-CITIZENS-TOWN Call document are available in this link

### Step 2: Find project partners

Launch your query by selecting the criteria of your interest

#### **USEFUL TIPS:**

- Refine your partner search via the tutorial available on the FTP portal: <u>Find partners - IT</u> <u>How To - Funding Tenders</u> <u>Opportunities (europa.eu)</u>
- Contact the CERV contact points



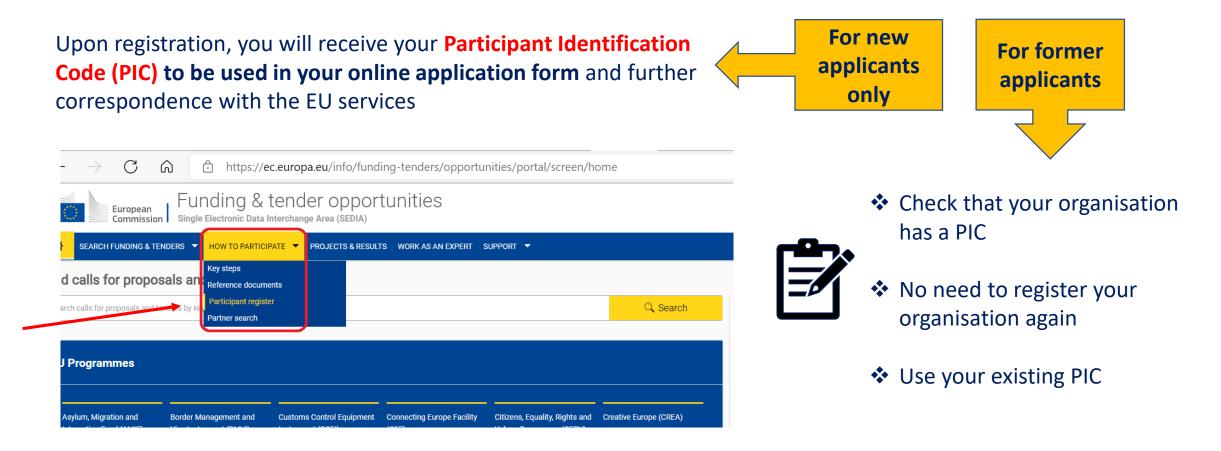
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/partner-search

### Step 3: Create your EU login account

Go to the page <u>https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/login</u> and click on the "Create an account" link

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	Create an account Cancel			

#### Step 4: Register your organisation and get your PIC



### Step 5: Start submission

#### **1. Launch Submission wizard**

#### **Start submission**

Start submission

D Need help?

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

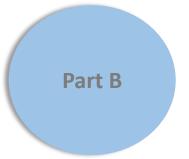
#### Please select the type of your submission:

CERV Lump Sum Grants [CERV-LS], CERV Lump Sum Grant [CERV-AG-LS]

#### 2. Create a draft proposal by clicking on "Start submission"

### Proposal structure



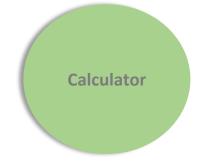


- Administrative info
- Data on project
   partners
- Information about contact persons
- pdf will be generated

Technical description

 Data on needs analysis, methodology, activities & results

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- Budget calculator
- Data on the amount requested for the action



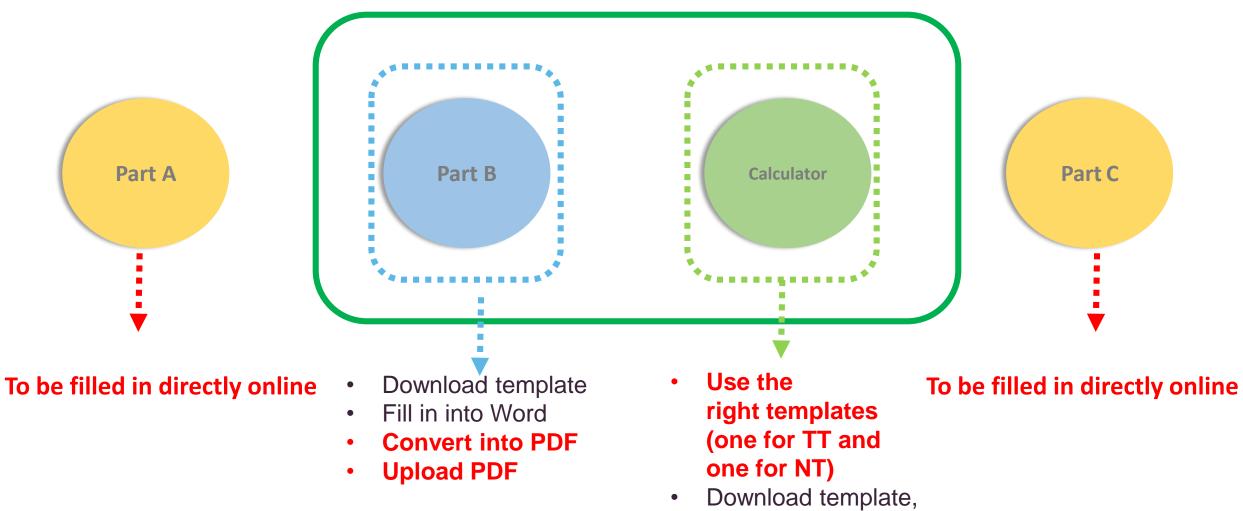
- Indicators
- Data on types of organisations, list of events, direct participants pdf will be generated

Consistency should be ensured in the data provided across all parts of the proposal

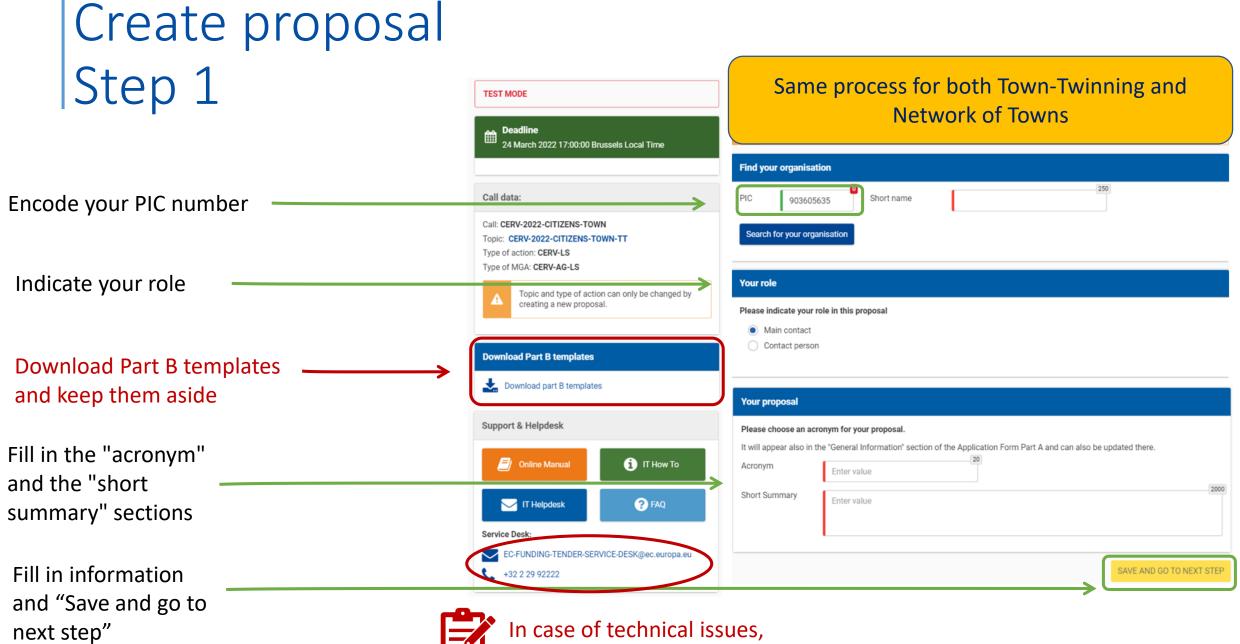
Ex: same budget in all docs

### Proposal structure

#### To be downloaded



fill in & **upload** 



contact the Helpdesk

# Create a proposal Step 2 - Town twinning

n this step you as coordinator should manage and review the participants of your proposal

Note: Your changes will be applied only after you click the "Save Changes" button.

Only you as coordinator can edit the elements on this screen

4 March 2022 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time



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#### MANDATORY:

- Add associated partner (=other participants involved in the project)
- Click Edit Forms (=part A) and fill in
- Click Edit Part C and fill in
- Upload the filled version of 'Part B templates', which include :
  - Part B
  - Calculator

- Upload the Child Protection Policy applicable in your organisation (only if activities involving children are foreseen)

- Upload the letter of support signed by your Municipality (only if a "Non for profit organisation representing a local authority" is involved in the project)

Call data:	Number of participants: 1 😧		<u>is involved in the project</u> )
Call: CERV-2022-CITIZENS-TOWN Topic: CERV-2022-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT Type of action: CERV-LS	<b>m</b> Coordinator		Administrative forms (Part A)
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#### To check if errors/ missing information

# Create a proposal Step 2 - Networks of Towns

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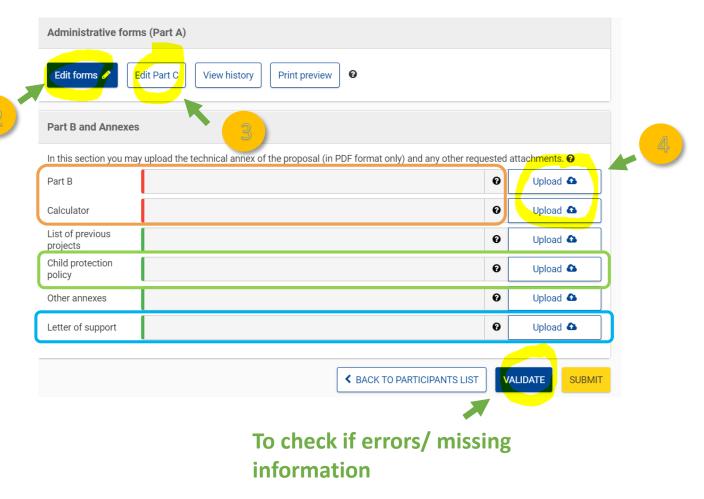
#### **MANDATORY:**

- Add "partner" (=each participant involved in the project)

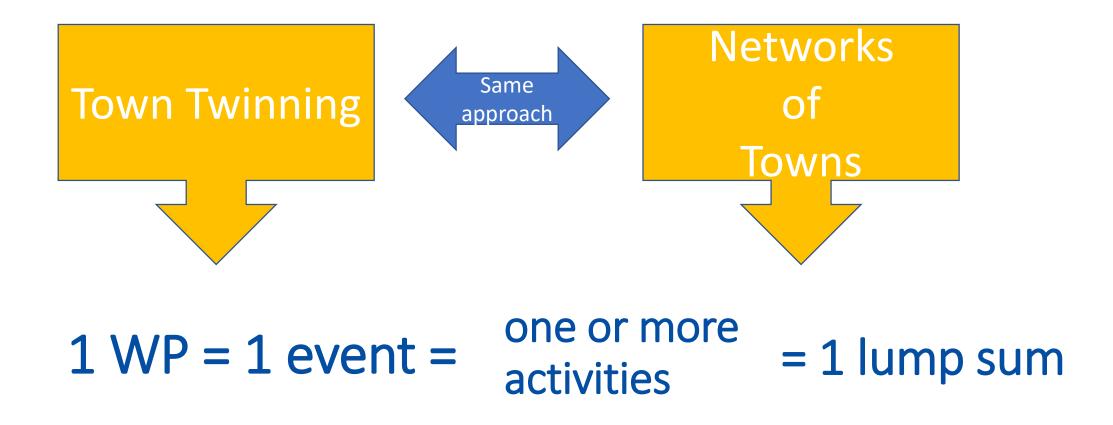
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### Structure of work packages



### Work packages - Events

Work Pack	age 1: [Name	, e.g. Project mai	nageme	ent and coordination]	
Duration:		MX - MX	Lead B	Beneficiary:	1-Shor
Objectives					
List the specifi	c objectives to whi	ich this work package i	s linked.		
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Activities (w	hat, how, wher	e) and division of v	vork		
Provide a cond	cise overview of th	e work (planned tasks)	. Be spec	ific and give a short name and number for each	task.
Show who is p	articipating in eacl	h task: Coordinator (CO	00), Bene	eficiaries (BEN), Affiliated Entities (AE), Associa	ted Partne
Add informatio	n on other particip	ants' involvement in th	e project	e.g. subcontractors, in-kind contributions.	
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If there is subc	contracting, please	also complete the tabl	le below.		
Task No		Task Name		Description	

Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Task Name	Description	
T1.1			
T1.2			

#### Insert a relevant name for your event, e.g. TT Event / Seminar on ... / ...

WP dedicated to management and coordination is <u>NOT</u> applicable for TT and NT

#### Describe objectives

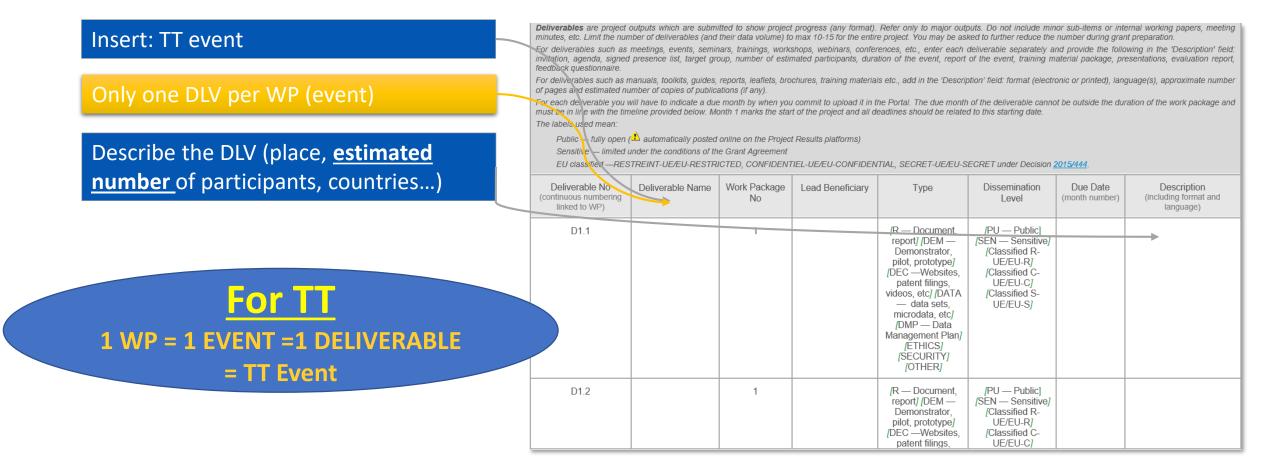
List activities, e.g. Conference, workshop, publication of articles, publication on social media....

1 WP = 1 event1 event = one or more activities

Ref. TT 2022 Call Document: Activities that can be funded, p.9 & 10

# **Deliverables for Town Twinning**

**Only one deliverable should be included per Town-Twinning.** The deliverable is the Town-Twinning event itself. If more than one TT event is foreseen, each one should be a separate WP and therefore a separate DLV.



### Deliverables for Networks of Towns

Insert a relevant name e.g. publication, data collection, video, website, White Paper, training material...

#### At least one DLV per WP (event)

Describe the DLV (type, estimated number of participants, countries...)

Deliverables are project outputs which are submitted to show project progress (any format). Refer only to major outputs. Do not include minor sub-items or internal working papers, meeting minutes, etc. Limit the number of deliverables (and their data volume) to max 10-15 for the entire project. You may be asked to further reduce the number during grant preparation.

For deliverables such as meetings, events, seminars, trainings, workshops, webinars, conferences, etc., enter each deliverable separately and provide the following in the 'Description' field: invitation, agenda, signed presence list, target group, number of estimated participants, duration of the event, report of the event, training material package, presentations, evaluation report, feedback questionnaire.

For deliverables such as manuals, toolkits, guides, reports, leaflets, brochures, training materials etc., add in the 'Description' field: format (electronic or printed), language(s), approximate number of pages and estimated number of copies of publications (if any).

For each deliverable you will have to indicate a due month by when you commit to upload it in the Portal. The due month of the deliverable cannot be outside the duration of the work package and must be in line with the timeline provided below. Month 1 marks the start of the project and all deadlines should be related to this starting date.

The labels used mean:

Public — fully open (<sup>1</sup>) automatically posted online on the Project Results platforms)

Sensitive — limited under the conditions of the Grant Agreement

EU classified — RESTREINT-UE/EU-RESTRICTED, CONFIDENTIEL-UE/EU-CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET-UE/EU-SECRET under Decision 2015/444.

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D1.1		1		[R — Document, report] /DEM — Demonstrator, pilot, prototype] [DEC — Websites, patent filings, videos, etc] /DATA — data sets, microdata, etc] /DMP — Data Management Plan] [ETHICS] [SECURITY] [OTHER]	(PU — Public] (SEN — Sensitive) (Classified R- UE/EU-R) (Classified C- UE/EU-C) (Classified S- UE/EU-S)		
D1.2		1		/R — Document, report/ /DEM — Demonstrator	[PU — Public] [SEN — Sensitive] [Classified R-		
				pilot, prototype/ /DEC —Websites, patent filings,	UE/EU-R] [Classified C- UE/EU-C]		

# Budget & Work packages - Town Twinning

#### **Budget calculator**

"Tpl\_Calculator (CERV LS Town TT).xls"

Event (Work Package) Number	Number of International participants (manual input)	Lump Sum (automatic)
1	25/40	EUR 5.285
2		EUR O
3		EUR 0
4		EUR 0
5		EUR 0
6		EUR 0
	Total Amount	EUR 5.285

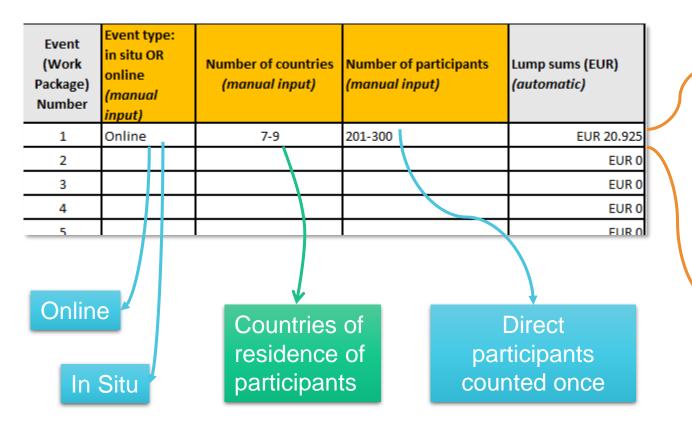
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Lump sum (based on number of international participants i.e. invited participants). It co-finances travel and overnight costs.

### Budget & Work packages – Networks of Towns

#### **Budget calculator**

"Tpl\_Calculator (CERV LS, NETWORKS NT).xls"



An **event** happens within a defined timeframe and can include different types of **activities** (conferences, workshops, trainings, seminars, debates, webinars, exhibitions, film screenings/ making, campaigns, publications, surveys, research, flashmobs, etc).

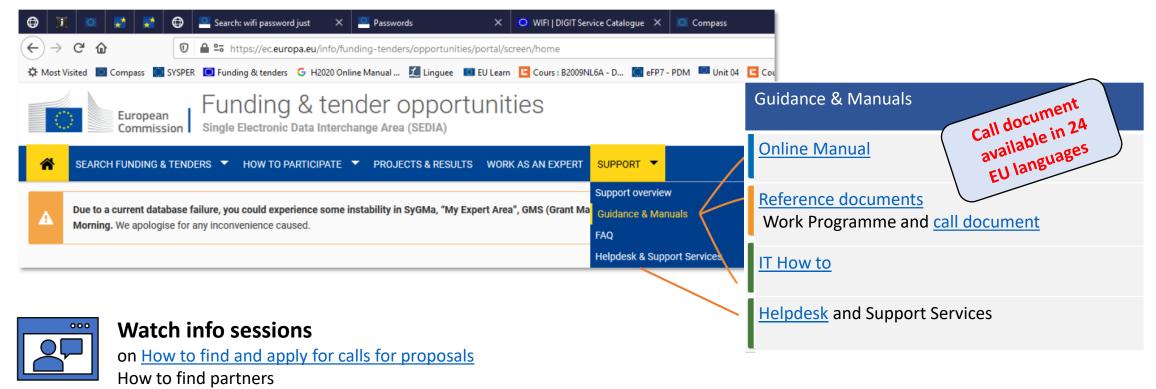
Lump sum (based on n. of direct participants). It co-finances staff costs, travel and overnight stay costs, rental of rooms, communication/ dissemination costs, research and IT tools costs, indirect costs



# Reference documents & Online Guidance



#### **Funding & tender opportunities**



and How to get your Participant Identification Code (PIC)

# Contacts and useful links



**<u>CERV Contact Points</u>** in most EU countries



DG Justice and Consumers <u>newsletter</u>



EACEA-CERV@ec.europa.eu



Best practices : Example of <u>funded projects</u> under previous <u>CERV call</u> (soon available) and under the previous programme <u>Europe for Citizens</u>



Questions or comments?



# Thank you and keep in touch!

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