



Europe for Citizens Programme

The EU funding programme to promote civic participation in Europe,
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What is it for..

The aim of this Programme is

- To contribute to citizens' understanding of the EU, its history and diversity
- To foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at EU level.
- To raise awareness of remembrance, common history and values
- To encourage democratic participation of citizens at EU level, by developing citizens' understanding of the EU policy making-process and, by promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at EU level.



Specific objectives of the programme

- to raise awareness of:
 - Remembrance,
 - common history and values
 - the Union's aim that is to promote peace
 - its values and the well-being of its peoples by stimulating debate, reflection and development of networks;
- to encourage democratic and civic participation of citizens at EU level:
 - by developing citizens' understanding of the EU policy making-process
 - by promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at EU level.



What does it support?

1. **European remembrance** – raising awareness of remembrance, common history, values and the aim of the EU

Projects under this strand should:

- include different types of organisations (local authorities, NGOs, research institutes etc.)
- develop different types of activities (research, exhibitions, public debates, non-formal education etc.)
- involve citizens from different target groups
- be implemented on a transnational level, or with a clear European dimension



What does it support?

2. **Democratic engagement and civic participation** – encouraging democratic and civic participation of citizens at Union level

- Town Twinning
- Networks of towns
- Civil society projects

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- Initiatives developing opportunities for mutual understanding, intercultural learning, solidarity, societal engagement and volunteering at EU level.



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2. Democratic engagement and civic participation

The strand includes three specific measures:

- **Town twinning** – supporting projects bringing together citizens from twinned towns. By mobilising citizens at local and EU levels to debate on concrete issues from the European political agenda, this measure will seek to promote civic participation in the EU policy making process.
- **Networks of towns** – providing funding to municipalities and associations working together on a common theme in a long term perspective, and wishing to develop networks of towns to make their cooperation more sustainable.
- **Civil society projects** – supporting projects gathering citizens in activities directly linked to EU policies, providing an opportunity for direct participation in the policy making process. Funded activities may include: promotion of societal engagement and solidarity, gathering of opinions, volunteering.



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What support is available?

1. **European remembrance Action grants** – for actions with a limited timeframe during which specific activities are implemented
 - The maximum eligible grant for a project is 100 000 €.
 - The maximum project duration is 18 months.
2. ***Democratic engagement and civic participation* Action grants** – for actions with a limited lifetime during which proposed specific activities are implemented
 - I. **Town twinning:**
 - The maximum eligible grant for a project is 25 000 EUR
 - The maximum project duration is 21 days.
 - II. **Networks of towns:**
 - The maximum eligible grant for a project is 150 000 EUR.
 - The maximum project duration is 24 months.
 - III. **Civil society projects:**
 - The maximum eligible grant for a project is 150 000 EUR.
 - The maximum project duration is 18 months.



Who can apply

The programme is open to the 28 EU Member States, and provided they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commission, to Accession countries, candidate countries and potential candidates and to EFTA countries.

To be eligible to apply, organisations must:

- Be a **non-profit organisation**
- Be active in the field of European citizenship (as defined in their articles of association or mission statement and correspond to one of the categories listed in the specific call ([link](#)))
- Be **established legally** and have had a legal personality **for at least four years** (on the date of submission of their application) **in an eligible country**.



Who can apply

Civil society organisations at European level and Civil society organisations for European remembrance must have members or activities **in at least 12 eligible countries;**

Platforms of pan-European organisations must have at least **20 umbrella member organisations**, who must each have members in at least 15 Member States, and which, taken as a whole, cover the 28 Member States;

European public policy research organisations (think tanks) do not need to have any specific geographical coverage in order to be eligible.

Provisional timetable

Calls for proposals	Actions	Status	Deadline for application
Civil society projects	Democratic engagement and civic participation	Planned	01/03/2014 - 12:00 (CET/CEST, midday Brussels time)
Networks of towns	Democratic engagement and civic participation	Planned	01/03/2014 - 12:00 (CET/CEST, midday Brussels time)
Town twinning	Democratic engagement and civic participation	Planned	01/03/2014 - 12:00 (CET/CEST, midday Brussels time)
Networks of towns	Democratic engagement and civic participation	Planned	01/09/2014 - 12:00 (CET/CEST, midday Brussels time)
European remembrance	European remembrance	Planned	01/03/2014 - 12:00 (CET/CEST, midday Brussels time)
Town twinning	Democratic engagement and civic participation	Planned	01/09/2014 - 12:00 (CET/CEST, midday Brussels time)



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