



Europe for Citizens Programme

Call for proposals N° EACEA-40/2017: Europe for Citizens programme – actions grants 2018

WARNING:

Please note that the standard grant agreements/decisions of the Agency are currently under revision due to the entry into force of the new Financial Regulation and its Rules of Application in 2018. For this reason the draft grant agreements/decisions related to this call are sent as an example and consequently the Agency reserves the right to introduce changes or additional details subject to the adoption of the final text of the Financial Regulation and Rules of Application. In this case the Agency will announce the changes as soon as possible and at the latest before the signature of the grant agreements or grant decisions.

1. Introduction and objectives

This call for proposals is based on the Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 establishing the "Europe for Citizens" programme for the period 2014-2020 and the 2018 Annual Work Programme for the "Europe for Citizens" programme¹. The "Europe for Citizens" programme covers the period 2014 to 2020. The general and specific objectives of the "Europe for Citizens" programme are listed in Articles 1 and 2 of the Regulation.

2. Actions

This call for proposals covers the following strands and measures of the "Europe for Citizens" programme:

Strand 1: European remembrance

- European Remembrance projects

Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation

¹ C(2017) 5385 final

- Town Twinning
- Networks of Towns
- Civil Society Projects

3. Eligibility

Applications must fully comply with the eligibility criteria common to all strands of the Programme as presented below as well as with the specific eligibility criteria applicable to each measure as detailed in the Programme Guide.

Applicants (the notion of applicants concerns applicants and partners) must be either public bodies or non-profit organisations with legal personality.

Participating countries

Applicants must be established in one of the countries participating to the Programme. At least one EU Member State must be involved in the Remembrance and Town Twinning projects and at least two Member States must be involved in the Networks of Towns and Civil Society Projects.

Eligible countries under the Programme are:

- the Member States of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

- Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.

For British applicants: please be aware that eligibility criteria must be complied with for the *entire* duration of the grant. If the United Kingdom withdraws from the EU during the grant period without concluding an agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that British applicants continue to be eligible, you will cease to receive EU funding (while continuing, where possible, to participate) or be required to leave the project.

Potentially participating countries

The Programme is potentially open to the following categories of countries provided that they have signed an International Agreement with the European Commission on its participation in the Europe for Citizens Programme:

- a) acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates, in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for the participation of those countries in Union Programmes established in the respective Framework Agreements, Association Council Decisions or similar Agreements;

the EFTA countries party to the EEA Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of that Agreement.

Information on signature of International Agreements for the participation to the "Europe for Citizens" programme will be provided at the following website

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en

4. Budget and duration of projects

The implementation of this call for proposals is subject to the following conditions:

The availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2018 after the adoption of the budget for 2018 by the budgetary authority or if the budget is not adopted as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

The total budget earmarked for this call for proposals is estimated at EUR 16,3 million:

- European Remembrance projects EUR 3.7 million
- Town Twinning EUR 4.6 million
- Networks of Towns EUR 4.5 million
- Civil Society Projects EUR 3.5 million

The total budget earmarked for the call for proposals as well as its repartition is indicative and may be modified subject to an amendment of the Europe for Citizens Annual Work Programmes. Potential applicants are invited to regularly consult the Europe for Citizens Annual Work Programme and their amendments, published on:

http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/europe-for-citizens-programme/official-documents/index_en.htm

as regards the available budget for each action covered by the call.

The levels of grants awarded as well as the duration of projects vary according to the measures. Details are provided in the Europe for Citizens Programme Guide.

5. Deadline for the submission of applications

All deadlines for submission of applications specified below end at 12.00 (noon), Brussels time.

- European Remembrance projects 1st march 2018
- Town Twinning 1st march 2018 and 3rd September 2018
- Networks of Towns 1st march 2018 and 3rd September 2018
- Civil Society Projects 1st march 2018

The Eligibility periods of projects are detailed in the Europe for Citizens Programme Guide.

Please refer to the Europe for Citizens Programme Guide for detailed instructions for the submission of applications.

6. Notification and publication of the evaluation results

Applicants should be notified individually of the outcome of the evaluation procedure by a letter signed by the Authorising Officer sent via email - with receipt and read acknowledgment - at the latest four months after the application deadline. During these four months assessment and selection of applications take place, followed by the adoption of the award decision. Only when these procedures are completed, the lists of selected projects will be published on the following website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens/selection-results_en.

7. Full details

The detailed conditions of this call for proposals, including priorities, can be found in the Europe for Citizens Programme Guide at the following internet address:

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en

The Europe for Citizens Programme Guide constitutes an integral part of this call for proposals and the conditions for participation and funding expressed therein apply in full to this call.