The aim of the Europe of Citizens Programme is to contribute to citizens’ understanding of the history, values and diversity of the EU and to foster conditions for civic participation and engagement at EU level.

Promoting solidarity
Fostering intercultural dialogue
Cultural heritage and Diversity
Remembering the victims and causes of totalitarian regimes
Reflecting on civil society and civic participation under totalitarian regimes
Commemorating major historical turning points
Debating on forms of intolerance
Debating the future of Europe and challenging Euroscepticism

The Europe for Citizens programme raised awareness on remembrance, common history and Union’s values and encouraged democratic and civic participation of European citizens. By addressing the programme multiannual priorities, the projects fostered intercultural dialogue and solidarity, promoted cultural heritage and diversity and reflected on European history, drawing lessons for today. Citizens were directly involved in debates and exchanges about the future of Europe and other themes of common interest, actively participating in the Union policy making process.
Europe for Citizens in 2014–2020

34 COUNTRIES
14 707 PARTNERS
2 529 PROJECTS
€ 167.2m BUDGET

14 707 Partners organisations involved in the projects

Civil Society Organisations
Municipalities
 Regions
 Cities
 Town Twinning Committees
 Research Centres
 Networks of Organisations
 Platforms
 Universities
Think Tanks
Partner organisations of selected projects are established in all participating countries (28 EU Member States + 6 Non-EU)

Countries with the highest number of selected projects (61 % in total) were Germany, France, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia
Action Grants in 2014 - 2020

- **Short-term**
  - Town Twinning
    - Twinning local events, grassroots
    - 1735 projects selected
  - Networks of Towns
    - Thematic and long-lasting cooperation between towns
    - 240 projects selected
  - Civil Society
    - Collaboration Partnership Societal engagement
    - 201 projects selected
  - European Remembrance
    - Collaboration Partnership Commemorations
    - 286 projects selected
  - Operating Grants
    - Structural support for the period
    - 36 organisations supported
  - Europe for Citizens Contact Points
    - Structural support for the period
    - 28 designated bodies

- **13 729 applications submitted**
- **42 Calls for proposals**
- **430 applications submitted**

**2 framework partnership periods (structural partnership) 2014 - 2017 2018 - 2020 (+2021*)**

*An extension was granted to OG to bridge with the new program 2021-2027*

Budget in 2014 - 2020

- **€ 167.2m BUDGET**
  - Town Twinning
    - 18 months projects
    - € 17 000
  - Networks of Towns
    - 18 months projects
    - € 89 400
  - Civil Society Projects
    - 18 months projects
    - € 135 900
  - Operating Grants
    - € 202 800
  - European Remembrance
    - € 131 100

**Average grant per project in 2014 - 2020**

- **€ 17 000**
  - Town Twinning
- **€ 89 400**
  - European Remembrance
- **€ 135 900**
  - Network of Towns
- **€ 131 100**
  - Civil Society
What’s next

The new Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme is available on the European Commission’s Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal (F&TP).

Strengthening and promoting EU rights and values is a top priority of the European Commission.

The new CERV 2021-2027 programme reflects this priority, and with an overall budget of 1.55 billion euro for the next 7-year period, it represents the biggest-ever EU fund for promoting and protecting fundamental rights, rule of law and democracy inside the EU.

Want to know more

Dissemination platform – project results: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/europe-for-citizens/projects


CERV 2021-2027 programme: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/cerv