

# EU Calls for Proposals 2021

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<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<b>Creative Europe Programme (CREA) European Festivals (CREA-MEDIA-2021-FEST)</b>	
Deadline: 24 August 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time	
<b>Scope</b>	<p><u>Expected results:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the recovery of festivals screening a significant proportion of non-national European films and audiovisual works, which have been particularly affected by the pandemic crisis;</li> <li>• Increase the impact of European audio-visual festivals aiming to reinforce promotion, distribution and circulation of non-national European films and audiovisual works to growing audiences across Europe;</li> <li>• Foster exchange of knowledge and best-practice models for cooperation among festivals through coordinated/collaborative activities targeted to expand and renew audiences;</li> <li>• Harness the digital transition.</li> </ul> <p><u>Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals</u></p> <p>European festivals programming a significant proportion of non-national European works and aiming at activities targeted to expand and renew audiences.</p> <p>Special attention will be given to applications presenting adequate strategies to ensure more sustainable and more environmentally-respectful industry and to ensure gender balance, inclusion, diversity and representativeness.</p>
<b>Objectives (bullet points)</b>	European festivals shall aim at increasing audiences' interest in non-national European audiovisual content and promoting the circulation and visibility of non-national European audiovisual content.

<p><b>Eligibility &amp; Partnership</b></p>	<p>In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must: – be legal entities (public or private bodies) – be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.: – Creative Europe Participating Countries: – EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)) – non-EU countries: – listed EEA countries and countries associated to the Creative Europe Programme (associated countries) or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature – be established in one of the countries participating in the MEDIA strand of the Creative Europe Programme and owned directly or by majority participation, by nationals from such countries; for publicly listed companies, the location of the stock exchange will be taken into account to determine its nationality – only applications from eligible entities organising audiovisual festivals in countries participating in the MEDIA strand will be accepted.</p>
<p><b>Budget specifications</b></p>	<p>The available call budget is EUR 9 000 000.</p>
<p><b>Link to the call</b></p>	<p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/crea/wp-call/2021/call-fiche_crea-media-2021-fest_en.pdf">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/crea/wp-call/2021/call-fiche_crea-media-2021-fest_en.pdf</a></p>

<p><b>Funding Programme</b></p> <p><b>European Social Fund + (ESF) National Contact Points for the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) strand under ESF+ (ESF-2021-NCP)</b>          Deadline: 25 August 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time</p>	
<p><b>Scope</b></p>	<p>The financial support shall take the form of a lump sum contribution for a standard package and an optional package. The standard packages should cover at least:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. setting up and running a helpdesk within three months from starting the implementation period by establishing and maintaining a functional mailbox</li> </ol>

	<p>and dedicated phone number available 20 hours per week over 5 working days,</p> <p>2. setting up and running a functional website within three months from starting the implementation period, which explains EaSI in the national language and contains contact details of the NCP,</p> <p>3. organising and running two EaSI related events or webinars with at least 15 participants and a minimum duration of a 4 hours for half a day.</p> <p>The optional package should contain at least the following deliverables:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. organising and running an additional EaSI related event or webinar under the same conditions as above;</li> <li>2. visiting an EaSI related project, which brings added value for the implementation of the EaSI programme,</li> <li>3. translation costs of EaSI related documents,</li> <li>4. sending employees for job shadowing to another NCP,</li> <li>5. receiving employees for job shadowing from another NCP</li> </ol> <p>The overall lump sum will be calculated based on unit costs for these various activities.</p> <p>Expected Impact: Fully operational National Contact Points reaching out to a larger pool of potential applicants and stakeholders, supporting the submission of better quality proposals under the programme and disseminating project results, thus facilitating their replication and upscaling, in synergies with other sources of funds</p>
<p><b>Objectives (bullet points)</b></p>	<p>Support national authorities in establishing and maintaining a National Contact Point (one per country) to inform about the EaSI strand, its opportunities, application requirements, projects and results in their country, assist in sharing and promoting results and support (potential) beneficiaries, the public, stakeholders, and optionally support other NCPs in their tasks.</p>

	In order to achieve the expected impact regarding replication and scaling of the results as indicated below in this call, the National Contact Points shall establish seamless cooperation with the National Competence Centres for Social Innovation, which are currently supported by the EaSI programme and ESF technical assistance.
<b>Eligibility Partnership</b>	<p><b>&amp;</b> In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must be: – legal entities – be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.: – EU Member State (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))</p> <p>– non-EU countries: – listed EEA countries and countries associated to the ESF+ (associated countries) or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature</p> <p>– public authorities (national, regional, local) or organisations (private or public) endorsed by the responsible national authority to act as the National Contact Point (NCP) for the EaSI strand for that country.</p> <p>Applications by single applicants are allowed. In case of consortia, proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 2 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities)</p>
<b>Budget specifications</b>	The available call budget is EUR 2 000 000. Project budgets are expected to range between EUR 40 000 and EUR 130 000 per project, but this does not preclude the submission/selection of proposals requesting other amounts
<b>Link to the call</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/esf/wp-call/2021/call-fiche_esf-2021-ag-ncp_en.pdf">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/esf/wp-call/2021/call-fiche_esf-2021-ag-ncp_en.pdf</a>

<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<p><b>Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) Call for proposals for town-twinning and networks of towns</b>          Deadline: 26 August 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time</p>	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>Municipalities and associations working together on a common theme in a long-term perspective may wish to develop networks of towns to make their cooperation more sustainable. Networking between municipalities on issues of common interest appears to be an important means for enabling the exchange of good practices.</p> <p>Twinning is a strong link that binds municipalities; therefore, the potential of the networks created by a series of town twinning links should be used for developing thematic and long-lasting cooperation between towns. The European Commission supports the development of such networks, which are important for ensuring structured, intense and multifaceted cooperation, therefore contributing to maximising the impact of the Programme.</p> <p>Networks of Towns are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integrate a range of activities around the subject(s) of common interest to be addressed in the context of the Programme’s objectives or policy priorities;</li> <li>- Mobilise citizens across the Europe;</li> <li>- To deepen and intensify the cooperation of towns and municipalities and offer them the possibility to debate in a long term perspective, to develop sustainable networks and to outline their long-term vision for the future of European integration.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility &amp; Partnership</b>	<p>In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– be legal entities (public or private bodies)</li> <li>– be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))</li> <li>– non-EU countries: – listed EEA countries and countries associated to the CERV Programme</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(associated countries) or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– be a public body or a non-profit organisation: towns/municipalities and/or other levels of local authorities or their twinning committees or other nonprofit organisations representing local authorities.</li> </ul>						
<p><b>Budget specifications</b></p>	<p>The available call budget is EUR 6.945.135. This budget might be increased by maximum 20%.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="727 615 1157 804"> <thead> <tr> <th>Topic</th> <th>Topic budget</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 – Town-Twinning</td> <td>EUR <b>2.745.135</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 – Networks of Towns</td> <td>EUR <b>4.200.000</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT – Town-Twinning: are expected to range between EUR 1 and EUR 30 000 per project.  CERV-2021-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT – Networks of Towns: No limit. The grant awarded may be lower than the amount requested.</p>	Topic	Topic budget	1 – Town-Twinning	EUR <b>2.745.135</b>	2 – Networks of Towns	EUR <b>4.200.000</b>
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<p><b>Funding Programme</b></p> <p><b>Erasmus+ Programme Partnership for Excellence - Erasmus+ Teacher Academies</b>  Deadline: 07 September 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time</p>	
<p><b>Scope</b></p>	<p>The Commission’s Digital Education Action Plan (2021-2027) stresses the need to ensure that all teachers and trainers have the confidence and competences to use technology effectively and creatively to engage and motivate their learners as well as to ensure that all learners develop their digital competences for learning, living and working in an ever more digitalised world.</p>



	<p>All EU countries express a desire to improve the <b>attractiveness</b> of the profession: in the EU countries participating in OECD’s TALIS survey, on average, less than 20% of lower secondary school teachers felt that their profession is valued by the society. The <b>ageing</b> of the teaching professionals is a concern as upcoming waves of retirement could result in potential shortages in the teaching workforce in a country. The 2019 <b>Education and Training Monitor</b> indicates also that a number of European countries face <b>serious shortages</b> of teachers, either across the board or in some subjects such as science, or in specific profiles such as teaching pupils with special needs.</p> <p>Despite wide offer of continuous professional development, <b>teachers still self-report a lack of professional development opportunities</b> according to the OECD’s TALIS survey. Despite the benefits of <b>mobility</b>, it is still not embedded in teacher education effectively, due to many practical obstacles that should be removed by more consistent policies.</p> <p>The Erasmus+ Teacher Academies will address these issues, complement other work done in achieving the Education Area, and help transfer the results <b>to national and regional policy making and eventually to teacher education and support for schools</b>. They will build on the innovations and effective practice that exists within national teacher education and European cooperation and develop them further. Specific attention will be paid to dissemination and exploitation of effective practice across countries and teacher education providers, and to ensuring feedback and impact also at policy level.</p> <p><b>Duration of the project - 3 years.</b></p>
<p><b>Objectives (bullet points)</b></p>	<p>The overall objective of this action is to create European partnerships of teacher education and training providers to set up Erasmus+ Teacher Academies that will develop a European and international outlook in teacher education. These Academies will embrace multilingualism and cultural diversity, develop teacher education in line with the EU’s priorities in education policy and contribute to</p>

	<p>the achievement of the objectives of the European Education Area.</p> <p>The Erasmus+ Teacher Academies will meet the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to the improvement of teacher education policies and practices in Europe by creating networks and communities of practice on teacher education that bring together providers of initial teacher education (pre-service education for future teachers) and providers of continuing professional development (in-service), other relevant actors such as teacher association, ministries and stakeholders to develop and test strategies and programmes for professional learning that is effective, accessible and transferable to other contexts.</li> <li>• Enhance the <b>European dimension</b> and internationalisation of teacher education through innovative and practical collaboration with teacher educators and teachers in other European countries and by sharing experiences for the further development of teacher education in Europe. This collaboration will address the key priorities of the European Union such as learning in the digital world, sustainability, equity and inclusion, also by offering teachers courses, modules and other learning opportunities on these topics.</li> <li>• Develop and test jointly different models of <b>mobility (virtual, physical and blended)</b> in initial teacher education and as part of teachers' continuous professional development in order to enhance the quality and number of mobility as well as to make mobility an integral part of teacher education provision in Europe.</li> <li>• Develop <b>sustainable collaboration</b> between teacher education providers with an impact to the quality of teacher education in Europe and with a view to inform teacher education policies at European and national levels.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Eligibility Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>&amp;</b> The following organisations, established in <b>Programme countries</b> (see section "Eligible Countries" in Part A of this Guide) can be involved as <b>full partners</b> or <b>associated partners</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Education Institutions (colleges, institutes, universities providing initial teacher education and/or continuing professional development) for teachers at ISCED level 1-3, including VET teachers;</li> <li>• Ministries or similar public bodies responsible for school education policies;</li> <li>• Public (local, regional or national) and private bodies responsible for developing policies and offer for teacher education as well as defining standards for teachers' qualifications;</li> <li>• Teacher associations or other nationally recognised providers of teacher education and continuous professional development;</li> <li>• Authorities responsible for education and training of teachers and supervision of their continuous professional development and qualifications;</li> <li>• Schools working with teacher education providers to allow for practical training as part of teacher education;</li> <li>• Other schools (from pre-schools to initial VET) or other organisations (e.g. NGOs, teacher associations) relevant for the project.</li> </ul> <p><b>Number and profile of participating organisations</b></p> <p>An Erasmus+ Teacher Academy must include at least <b>3 full partners</b> from a minimum of <b>3 Programme countries</b> (including at least 2 EU Member States) involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least <b>two</b> nationally recognised providers of initial teacher education from 2 different Programme countries, and</li> <li>• At least <b>one</b> nationally recognised provider of continuing professional development (in-service training) for teachers.</li> </ul> <p>Furthermore, the partnerships must also include, as <b>full partner or associated partner</b>, at</p>
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	least <b>one</b> practice/training school. The partnership may also include, as full partners or associated partners, other organisations with relevant expertise in teacher education and/or bodies defining standards, qualifications or quality assurance for teacher education.
<b>Budget specifications</b>	Call budget: 15 000 000
<b>Link to the call</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2021-pex-teach-aca;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502,31094501;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43353764;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2021-pex-teach-aca;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502,31094501;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43353764;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState</a>

<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<b>Erasmus+ Programme Partnership for Excellence - Centres of Vocational Excellence</b>	
Deadline: 07 September 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>The initiative on Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) defines a bottom-up approach to excellence where institutions for vocational education and training (VET) are capable of rapidly adapting skills provision to evolving economic and social needs. It aims to foster transnational collaborative platforms, which would be difficult for isolated member states to establish in the absence of EU incentives, technical support, and mutual learning opportunities. The concept of vocational excellence that is proposed is characterised by a learner-centred holistic approach in which Vocational Education and Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is an integrative part of skills ecosystems, contributing to regional development, innovation, inclusion, and smart specialisation strategies;</li> <li>• Is part of knowledge triangles, working closely with other education and training sectors, the scientific community, and business;</li> <li>• Enables learners to acquire vocational and key competences through high-quality provision that is underpinned by quality assurance, builds innovative forms of partnerships with the world of work, and is</li> </ul>

	<p>supported by the continuous professional development of teaching and training staff, innovative and inclusive pedagogies, mobility and internationalisation strategies.</p>
<p><b>Objectives (bullet points)</b></p>	<p>This action supports the gradual establishment and development of European platforms of Centres of Vocational Excellence, contributing to regional development, innovation, and smart specialisation strategies as well as to international collaborative platforms. Centres of Vocational Excellence will operate at two levels:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At <b>national level</b> in a given local context, by embedding CoVEs closely in the local innovation ecosystems, and connecting them at European level.</li> <li>2. At <b>transnational level</b> through platforms of Centres of Vocational Excellence to establish world-class reference points for vocational training by bringing together CoVEs that share: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>a common interest in specific sectors (e.g. aeronautics, e-mobility, green and circular technologies, ICT, healthcare, etc.) or</i></li> <li>• <i>innovative approaches to tackle societal challenges (e.g. climate change, resource depletion and scarcity, digitalisation, artificial intelligence, Sustainable Development Goals, integration of migrants, upskilling people with low qualification levels, etc.).</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>The platforms aim for "<b>upward convergence</b>" of VET excellence. They will be open for the involvement of countries with well-developed vocational excellence systems, as well as those in the process of developing similar approaches, aimed at exploring the full potential of VET institutions to play a proactive role in support of growth and innovation.</p> <p>CoVEs are intended for organisations providing vocational education and training, at any EQF levels from 3 to 8, including the upper-secondary level, the post-secondary non-tertiary level as well as the</p>

	<p>tertiary level (e.g. Universities of applied sciences, Polytechnic institutes, etc.).</p> <p>However, applications cannot include only activities that target learners at tertiary level; applications that focus on VET at tertiary level (EQF levels 6 to 8) must include at least one other VET qualification level between EQF levels 3 to 5, as well as a strong work-based learning component.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>&amp;</b> Any public or private organisation active in the field of vocational education and training, or in the world of work and legally established in a <b>Programme country</b> or in any <b>Partner Country</b> can be involved as full partner, affiliated entity or associated partner. For example, such organisations can be (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VET providers</li> <li>• Companies, industry or sector representative organisations</li> <li>• National/regional qualification authorities</li> <li>• Research institutes</li> <li>• Innovation agencies</li> <li>• Regional development authorities</li> </ul> <p><b>Number and profile of participating organisations</b></p> <p>The partnership must include at least 8 full partners from a minimum of 4 Erasmus+ Programme countries (including at least 2 EU Member States) involving:</p> <p>a) at least <b>1 enterprise, industry or sector representative organisation</b>, and</p> <p>b) at least <b>1 vocational education and training provider</b> (at secondary and/or tertiary level).</p> <p>Further composition of the partnership should reflect the specific nature of the proposal.</p> <p><b>Duration of project</b> - 4 years.</p>
<p><b>Budget specifications</b></p>	<p>Call budget: 61 000 000</p>

<b>Link to the call</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2021-pi-all-inno-edu-enterp;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502,31094501;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43353764;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2021-pi-all-inno-edu-enterp;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502,31094501;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43353764;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState</a>
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<b>Funding Programme</b>  <b>Erasmus+ Programme Partnerships for Innovation: Alliances</b> Deadline: 07 September 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time	
<b>Scope</b>	<p><b>Alliances for Innovation</b> aim to strengthen Europe’s innovation capacity by boosting innovation through <b>cooperation and flow of knowledge</b> among higher education, vocational education and training (both initial and continuous), and the broader socio-economic environment, including research.</p> <p>They also aim to boost the provision of new skills and address skills mismatches by designing and creating new curricula <b>for higher education (HE) and vocational education and training (VET)</b>, supporting the development of <b>a sense of initiative and entrepreneurial mind-sets</b> in the EU.</p> <p><b>Duration of project</b> - 4 years</p>
<b>Objectives (bullet points)</b>	<p>These partnerships shall implement a coherent and comprehensive set of <b>sectoral or cross-sectoral</b> activities, which should be adaptable to future knowledge developments across the EU.</p> <p>To boost innovation, the focus will be on <b>digital skills</b> as they are increasingly important in all job profiles across the entire labour market. Also, the transition to a circular and greener economy needs to be underpinned by changes to qualifications and national education and training curricula to meet emerging professional needs for <b>green skills</b> and sustainable development</p> <p>More info in the call**</p>

<p><b>Eligibility Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>&amp;</b> The following organisations can be involved as full partner, affiliated entity or associated partner under Lot 2 - Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills (Blueprint). They can be public or private organisations legally established in a Programme Country or in any Partner Country (see section "Eligible Countries" in Part A of <b>the Programme Guide</b>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher education institutions</li> <li>• VET providers</li> <li>• Networks of VET providers</li> <li>• Small and medium-sized or large enterprises (including social enterprises)</li> <li>• Research institutes</li> <li>• Non-governmental organisations</li> <li>• Public bodies at local, regional or national level</li> <li>• Organisations active in education, training and youth</li> <li>• Intermediaries that represent education, training or youth organisations or enterprises</li> <li>• Accreditation, certification, recognition or qualification bodies</li> <li>• Chambers of commerce, industry or labour, chambers of skilled crafts</li> <li>• European or national social partners</li> <li>• Hospitals or other care institutions, including long-term care</li> <li>• Authorities responsible for education, training or employment at regional or national level</li> <li>• Employment services</li> <li>• National statistics offices</li> <li>• Economic development agencies</li> <li>• Sectoral or professional associations</li> <li>• Sector skills councils</li> <li>• Bodies providing career guidance, professional counselling, information services and employment service</li> </ul> <p>Higher education institutions established in a Programme Country must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE). An ECHE is not required for participating HEIs in Partner Countries.</p>
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<b>Budget specifications</b>	Maximum grant amount (4.000.000 EUR) and the % of co-financing (80 %)
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<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<b>Creative Europe Programme (CREA) European Cooperation projects</b>	
Deadline: 07 September 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>European Cooperation Projects are transnational projects involving cultural and creative organisations from different countries taking part in the programme. They give cultural organisations of all sizes the possibility to co-produce, cooperate, experiment, innovate, be mobile and learn from each other. The action aims to improve access to European culture and creative works and to promote innovation and creativity. Projects can cover one or more cultural and creative sectors and can be interdisciplinary.</p> <p>Funding is available for three categories of projects (called topics):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category 1 (topic CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-1) — Small-scale projects: minimum 3 entities from 3 different eligible countries</li> <li>• Category 2 (topic CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-2) — Medium-scale projects: minimum 5 entities from 5 different eligible countries</li> <li>• Category 3 (topic CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-3) — Large-scale projects: minimum 10 entities from 10 different eligible countries</li> </ul>
<b>Objectives (bullet points)</b>	<p>This action will support projects involving a large diversity of players active in different cultural and creative sectors, to carry out a broad spectrum of activities and initiatives. The action is anchored in the policy framework of the Culture strand of the Creative Europe programme and its cross-cutting issues (inclusiveness, reduction of environmental impact and gender equality). European cooperation projects are also meant to contribute to the implementation of emerging EU policy initiatives such as the New European Bauhaus.</p>

	<p>European cooperation projects are open to all the cultural and creative sectors. However, considering that this action aims at pursuing the objectives of the CULTURE strand of the programme, projects involving exclusively organisations from the audio-visual sector and projects of an exclusive audiovisual content are not targeted for funding under it.</p> <p>Support will be given to cooperation projects contributing to the following <b>objectives</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 1 - Transnational creation and circulation:</b> to strengthen the transnational <u>creation</u> and circulation of European works and artists;</li> <li>• <b>Objective 2 - Innovation:</b> to enhance the capacity of European cultural and creative sectors to nurture talents, to <u>innovate</u>, to prosper and to generate jobs and growth.</li> </ul> <p>Concretely the targeted projects are the following:</p> <p><b><u>Transnational creation and circulation:</u></b> where trans-national co-operation is required for artistic and financing reasons. This is in line with the legal base and its priorities in order to increase the European dimension of the artistic and creative process. Co-production is also a tool to stimulate creativity, share resources and facilitate the trans-national distribution of content and the circulation of artists. Projects will have to take into account the new context such as health or environmental concerns and integrate innovative (digital) ways of producing and disseminating content.</p> <p><b><u>Innovation:</u></b> is necessary for the evolution of the sector and its competitiveness. Innovation has to be understood in a broad way. Innovations are not necessarily of a technological nature and can include the development and experimentation of new practices or new models but also the transfer and dissemination of good practices from more advanced European regions or sectors to other regions in Europe or disciplines.</p>
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<b>Eligibility &amp; Partnership</b>	<p>In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– be legal entities (public or private bodies)</li> <li>– be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:</li> <li>– Creative Europe Participating Countries:</li> <li>– EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))</li> <li>– non-EU countries: – listed EEA countries and countries associated to the Creative Europe Programme (associated countries) or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature</li> </ul>								
<b>Budget specifications</b>	<p>The available call budget is EUR 60 942 906. This budget might be increased by maximum 20%.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="768 753 1154 1104"> <thead> <tr> <th>Topic</th> <th>Topic budget</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 – CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-1 European Cooperation projects (small)</td> <td>EUR 21 330 017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 – CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-2 European Cooperation projects (medium)</td> <td>EUR 21 330 017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 – CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-3 European Cooperation projects (large)</td> <td>EUR 18 282 871</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Topic	Topic budget	1 – CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-1 European Cooperation projects (small)	EUR 21 330 017	2 – CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-2 European Cooperation projects (medium)	EUR 21 330 017	3 – CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-3 European Cooperation projects (large)	EUR 18 282 871
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<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<p><b>Justice Programme (JUST)</b> Call for proposals for action grants to support transnational projects to enhance the rights of persons suspected or accused of crime and the rights of victims of crime Deadline: 09 September 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time</p>	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>Objectives (expected outcome) The main objectives are to facilitate effective and non-discriminatory access to justice for all, and effective redress, including by electronic means (e-justice), by promoting efficient civil, and criminal procedures, by promoting and supporting the rights of all victims of</p>

	<p>crime as well as the procedural rights of suspects and accused persons in criminal proceedings.</p> <p>Themes and priorities (scope) The aims of this call for 2021 and 2022 are: (a) to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU criminal law in the area of the rights of persons suspected or accused of crime (procedural rights priority); (b) to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU law in the area of the rights of victims of crime in line with the EU Strategy on victims' rights (2020-2025) (victims' rights priority).</p>
<p><b>Eligibility Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>&amp;</b></p> <p>In order to be eligible, the applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- be legal entities (public or private bodies)</li> <li>- be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EU Member State (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs), excluding Denmark)</li> <li>- non-EU countries: countries associated to the Justice Programme (associated countries) or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>To be eligible, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria: (a) applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations; (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries; (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than € 75 000.</p>
<p><b>Budget specifications</b></p>	<p>The available call budget is EUR 6 200 000. Project budgets are expected to range: the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than € 75 000. There is no upper limit.</p>
<p><b>Link to the call</b></p>	<p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/just-2021-jacc;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094501,31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43252386;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/just-2021-jacc;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094501,31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43252386;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState</a></p>

<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<p><b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme</b> Better prepared regional and local authorities to adapt to climate change          Deadline: 14 September 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time</p>	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>his action should provide services to support regional and local authorities in their preparation to meet the current requirements of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism legislation, and the foreseen adaptation objectives in the Climate Law, underpinning the new EU strategy on adaptation to climate change in terms of research and innovation, data and knowledge, and capacity and skills.</p> <p>Furthermore, this action should take stock of past, ongoing and future activities related to climate change adaptation, including innovative approaches to climate adaptation plans to implement a mix of solutions – based on technological, non-technological, and social innovations – and to explore transformative pathways. This would give an indication of best practices and solutions already available, gaps and barriers to address climate change adaptation in a more holistic matter; as well as options for transformative and innovative approaches.</p> <p>In particular, the action should help regional and local authorities to better understand their climate risks, solutions available to mitigate such risks and ways to achieve climate resilience.</p>
<b>Objectives (bullet points)</b>	<p>Regional and local authorities gear up their preparations for meeting current and future objectives and requirements when it comes to climate adaptation and climate risk management, in the Climate Law[2] - namely in the new EU strategy on adaptation to climate change[3] - and in the Union Civil Protection Mechanism legislation[4] ;</p> <p>Regional and local authorities, citizens and other stakeholders improve their understanding of climate risk and have improved access to relevant climate science, data and information from public and private sources and services (e.g. from regional climate projections and predictions, Copernicus,</p>

	<p>GEOSS and European Research Infrastructures (ERI)[5]);</p> <p>Regional and local authorities have access to a range of funding and financing opportunities to create an enabling environment for adaptation action;</p> <p>Regional and local authorities embrace a transformative, inclusive and systemic approach, including societal transformation dimension, towards climate change adaptation action and just transition (in the wider sustainability context);</p> <p>Citizens and stakeholders are aware of climate impacts and risks, and engaged in the co-creation and sharing of data, knowledge and solutions fundamental for the transformation to become climate resilient (including by building on citizen science, social dialogue and social innovation approaches);</p> <p>Regional and local authorities adopt an integrated approach to solutions addressing climate change adaptation and climate resilience, namely no/low-regret adaptation solutions with co-benefits of adaptation actions for mitigation, zero pollution, biodiversity (e.g. nature-based solutions), resource efficiency, the economy, society, cultural heritage, human health and well-being;</p> <p>Regional authorities and communities are equipped to assess adaptation gaps in a systematic and forward-looking manner.</p> <p>The consortium should possess the expertise necessary to successfully deliver on the three main objectives. Regional and local authorities are not expected to be consortium participants, but to receive services from the consortium; in other words, they are the target groups of the project’s activities.</p> <p>The services covered by this topic should be accessible to as many regional and local authorities as possible. The consortium is expected to accompany the authorities and relevant stakeholders through the delivery of the services</p>
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	needed and to the achievement of clear outcomes. Priority should be given to regions or locations with the high vulnerability[10], limited resources and/or low adaptive capacity[11] to climate change impacts.
<b>Eligibility Partnership</b>	<p><b>&amp;</b> Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from non associated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call topic.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions;</li> <li>- the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the Member States;</li> <li>- eligible non-EU countries.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget specifications</b>	<p>Funding rate: Coordination and support action: 100%</p> <p>Call budget: 5 000 000</p>
<b>Link to the call</b>	<p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-miss-2021-clima-01-01;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=:matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=43118846,43118971,43120193,43120821,43121707;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-miss-2021-clima-01-01;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=:matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=43118846,43118971,43120193,43120821,43121707;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState</a></p>

<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<p><b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme</b> Supporting the transition towards climate neutrality within cities 1</p> <p>Deadline: 14 September 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time</p>	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>In order to contribute to the European Green Deal objectives of climate-neutrality, sustainability, prosperity and inclusiveness, cities will have to undergo a rapid and radical transformation and come up with creative, sustainable and collaborative solutions. Urban areas are characterized by diversity of resources, services, communities, interests and needs, which converge into public spaces design and management. A well co-designed public space provides the unique opportunity to improve its</p>

	<p>climate-neutrality (i.e. using bio-based and natural materials, nature based solutions, introducing new green spaces and circular economy concepts all across the construction life-cycle, new forms of work and commuting patterns, renewable energies, energy efficient lighting, smart digital services etc.) while increasing their attractiveness and social inclusiveness. As promoted by the New European Bauhaus initiative, a systemic co-designed approach to 'quality climate-neutral urban transformation' can create living space, where the best technical performances meet citizens' social, emotional, cultural and aesthetic needs and values.</p> <p>Proposals should include the following activities:</p> <p>Developing innovative and collaborative models of local governance to engage with citizens and local stakeholders in order to identify urban emblematic projects that simultaneously address the three dimensions of sustainability (including circularity), quality of experience (including aesthetics) and inclusion (including accessibility and affordability).</p> <p>Supporting cities in engaging with e.g. schools, universities, culture and arts professionals and institutions, citizens and civil society to harvest the needs, trends, challenges and expectations of citizens and communities in terms of quality climate-neutral urban transformation, in line with the New European Bauhaus initiative's objectives and to start exploring how to match those needs with the existing possibilities.</p> <p>Promoting the New European Bauhaus principles among national, regional and local authorities, citizens and stakeholders through dedicated local initiatives (i.e. events, contests, citizens' dialogues, living labs) and the development of a dedicated platform for sharing of experience and good practices on participatory governance and co-design at local level.</p>
<p><b>Objectives (bullet points)</b></p>	<p>Accelerate the transition to full climate-neutrality for all European cities aligning with the objective of the European Green Deal, while contributing to the New European Bauhaus initiative;</p>



	<p>Contribute to the objectives of the Renovation Wave for Europe Strategy, the upcoming New EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change, the European Climate Pact, the 2030 Climate Target plan, the Davos Declaration 'Towards a European vision of high-quality Baukultur' as well as of the objectives of having 100 climate neutral cities by 2030 as targeted by the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy;</p> <p>Increase awareness among local authorities and citizens on the New European Bauhaus and the benefits of a climate-neutral urban transition as an opportunity to re-think and co-create qualitative, sustainable, inclusive and aesthetical urban spaces. Support for local authorities and citizens' in identifying emblematic projects to transform the quality, sustainability, inclusivity and aesthetics of public landscapes, building upon existing initiatives at national level.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>&amp;</b> Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from non associated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call topic. To be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions;</li> <li>- the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the Member States;</li> <li>- eligible non-EU countries.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Budget specifications</b></p>	<p>Funding rate: Coordination and support action: 100%</p> <p>Call budget: 2 000 000</p>
<p><b>Link to the call</b></p>	<p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-miss-2021-cit-01-02;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=:matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=43118846,43118971,43120193,43120821,43121707;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-miss-2021-cit-01-02;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=:matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=43118846,43118971,43120193,43120821,43121707;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState</a></p>

<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<p><b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme</b> Supporting the transition towards climate neutrality within cities 2          Deadline: 14 September 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time</p>	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>Cities are at the forefront of the transition towards greater sustainability. An increasing number of European cities are active pursuing the transition towards climate-neutrality, aligning with the objectives set by the European Green Deal Strategy. Furthermore, the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy, calls for having at least 100 climate neutral cities in Europe by 2030. The Communication on the European Climate Pact calls for a large engagement of all relevant actors to build a greener Europe and support the achievement of the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development Goals, bringing together regions, local communities, civil society, industry, social partners and schools.</p> <p>While willing to commit to start the path towards climate neutrality, cities are also being confronted with national, regional and local specificities, which create both challenges and opportunities. Member States and Associated countries are characterized by inherent diversities and needs when addressing legislations and regulations, funding and financing needs and opportunities, as well as geographical, climatic and socio-cultural peculiarities. The uniqueness of the European cities requires tailored national support, translating the European objectives into the local ambitions while keeping citizens needs at the core.</p> <p>Specific national networks for these cities will support translating and tailoring the goals of the European Green Deal Strategy and all relevant initiatives launched within this framework to the local specificities in close collaboration with national and local authorities, stakeholders and citizens.</p> <p>The proposal should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In coordination with the 'Missions Core Network', support the set-up of dedicated</li> </ul>

	<p>national networks for supporting cities in their transition towards climate neutrality in the form of multi-stakeholders national platforms, promoting collaboration, cross-learning and training, exchange and replication of best practices between the European, national, regional and local level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobilize and support a large number of urban authorities in engaging in climate-neutrality transitions in line with the overarching objectives of the European Green Deal, the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy, the upcoming New EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change, the Renovation Wave for Europe Strategy, the European Climate Pact and 2030 Climate Target plan;</li> <li>• Disseminate and promote the use of supporting material for cities developed by the Direct Action grant Scientific and technical services by the Joint Research Centre – Mission on ‘Climate-neutral and smart cities’, included under Other Actions in Annex 12 of the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022 and other relevant initiatives (e.g. relevant material developed by the one-stop-shop to be established under the Horizon 2020 topic LC-GD-1-2-2020 on ‘Towards Climate-Neutral and Socially Innovative Cities’<sup>[12]</sup>).</li> <li>• Identify country-specific challenges, best-practices and opportunities concerning at least:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regulatory Framework: including interaction between national, regional and local legislations/regulations relevant for the transition to climate neutrality at city level.</li> <li>○ Funding and financing: through direct/indirect application of National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs)<sup>[13]</sup>, Cohesion Policy Funds and Recovery and Resilience Facility provisions.</li> <li>○ Urban morphology: through the mapping of geographical, climatic and socio-cultural contexts.</li> <li>○ Governance structures: through analyses of citizens’ and stakeholders’</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>roles in decision-making processes, existing living labs and hubs for innovative participative governance.</p>
<p><b>Objectives (bullet points)</b></p>	<p>National, regional and local authorities in EU Member States and countries associated to Horizon Europe are well prepared for the transition towards climate neutrality within cities by national capacity and knowledge building in close co-operation with the Preparatory action 'Coordination of complementary actions for missions'.</p> <p>Accelerated systemic transition to climate-neutrality for European cities by preparing local authorities to meet the overarching objectives of the European Green Deal and the specific targets established by the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy, the upcoming New EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change, the Renovation Wave for Europe Strategy, the European Climate Pact and the 2030 Climate Target plan.</p> <p>Enhanced synergies and common action points with the Urban Agenda for the EU in the areas of better regulation, funding and knowledge through interactions with the Urban Agenda Thematic Partnerships as well as the European Urban Initiative.</p> <p>Identification of country-specific challenges and opportunities in terms of regulatory framework, funding and financing, urban morphology and governance structures promoting exchange of best-practices.</p> <p>Enhanced synergies with R&amp;I national/international communities and partnerships (such as the proposed 'Driving Urban Transitions to a Sustainable Future' Horizon Europe Partnership), including the City Science Initiative network promoting evidence-based policy making.</p> <p>Define user requirements, while disseminate and promote the use of self-assessment toolkits and mappings adapted to national, regional and local challenges and opportunities.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>&amp;</b> Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from non associated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe</p>

	<p>Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call topic.          To be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions;</li> <li>- the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the Member States;</li> <li>- eligible non-EU countries.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget specifications</b>	<p>Funding rate: Coordination and support action: 100%          Call budget: 2 000 000</p>
<b>Link to the call</b>	<p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-miss-2021-cit-01-01;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=:;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=43118846,43118971,43120193,43120821,43121707;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-miss-2021-cit-01-01;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=:;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=43118846,43118971,43120193,43120821,43121707;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState</a></p>

<p><b>Funding Programme</b></p> <p><b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme Staying Healthy</b>          Deadline: 21 September 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time</p>	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>Digital technologies are a driving force for empowering citizens in taking on an active role in the management of their own health and well-being as well as for supporting innovations for coordinated person-centred care models.</p> <p>There is a growing body of evidence demonstrating the value of digital health interventions and solutions for health promotion, disease prevention and treatment. However, in parallel, it is vital to ensure that online-based patient-centred programmes do not leave behind the very people they are primarily designed to empower. Moreover, citizen’s digital health literacy is essential for the successful transformation of health care systems.</p> <p>Accordingly, the proposed activities should address all of the following:</p> <p>Map health literacy research in the EU (and beyond).</p>

	<p>Develop a comprehensive and inclusive European strategy in improving (digital) health literacy for the benefit of all citizens focusing on health promotion, disease prevention, treatment and (self-)care as well as on monitoring its impact on the quality of life, wellbeing, productivity and the economy, taking into account geographic, social and economic determinants of inequities in digital health literacy.</p> <p>Help patients navigate the health care systems, interact with their doctors and carers as well as better manage their own health at home, in the community and at work.</p> <p>Create a network of champions in digital health literacy across the EU (and beyond) to foster exchange and uptake of best practices.</p> <p>Set concrete targets as well as areas for improvement on health literacy levels across Europe.</p> <p>Develop monitoring mechanisms and indicators to assess health literacy levels and their evolution across Member States.</p> <p>Include stakeholders from all relevant sectors (including but not limited to education, innovation, health care, Medtech, media) and involve also citizens in the co-creation, design, planning, implementation and evaluation of the strategy, including through social innovation tools and approaches.</p>
<p><b>Objectives (bullet points)</b></p>	<p>Proposals for topics under this destination should set out a credible pathway to contributing to staying healthy in a rapidly changing society, and more specifically to one or several of the following impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizens adopt healthier lifestyles and behaviours, make healthier choices and maintain longer a healthy, independent and active life with a reduced disease burden, including at old ages or in other vulnerable stages of life.</li> <li>• Citizens are able and empowered to manage better their own physical and mental health</li> </ul>

	<p>and well-being, monitor their health, and interact with their doctors and health care providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizens' trust in knowledge-based health interventions and in guidance from health authorities is strengthened, including through improved health literacy (including at young ages), resulting in increased engagement in and adherence to effective strategies for health promotion, diseases prevention and treatment, including increased vaccination rates and patient safety.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility Partnership</b>	<p><b>&amp;</b> Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from nonassociated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call topic. To be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions;</li> <li>– the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the Member States</li> <li>– eligible non-EU countries</li> </ul>
<b>Budget specifications</b>	<p>Funding rate: Coordination and support action: 100%</p> <p>Total call budget: 3 000 000</p>
<b>Link to the call</b>	<p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-hlth-2021-stayhlth-01-03;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=.;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-hlth-2021-stayhlth-01-03;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=.;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState</a></p>

**Funding Programme**

**Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)**

Framework Partnership agreement under CERV

Deadline: 28 September 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time

<p><b>Scope</b></p>	<p>The call aims at setting up 4-year Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA) with networks active in the area of disability for the period 2022-2025. The activities to be funded include, among others, outreach activities, mutual learning among members, research activities and input for policy design.</p> <p>The networks' work programmes directly support the implementation of the UNCRPD, the European Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Semester. This partnership will enhance the capacities of these networks to contribute actively to the development and implementation of the EU policies in this area.</p> <p>The Commission expects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to benefit from the networks' expertise as regards the challenge (and ways to tackle them) that people with disabilities face in the various Member States;</li> <li>- and to be supported in its outreach activities at EU, national and local level with the aim of ensuring awareness, contribution to and implementation of EU level policies and initiatives as regards the rights of persons with disabilities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eligibility Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>&amp;</b> In order to be eligible, the applicants, established as formal networks, must be European-level organisations that comply with the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- be legal entities properly established and registered in one of the eligible countries participating in the programme, i.e.: EU Member State (entities in associated countries<sup>3</sup> are non-eligible)</li> <li>- be non-governmental, non-profit-making, and independent of industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests;</li> <li>- have statutory aims falling under the objectives and scope of the priorities of this call for proposals;</li> <li>- have national member organisations in at least fourteen (14) Member States of the European Union;</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– have members that are mainly non-profit organisations; – be mandated by their members, through a Management Board or other administrative forum, to represent these members at the EU level and to be responsible for the activities of the network;</li> <li>– be a single applicant: only the network or the organisation appointed as the joint secretariat/officially appointed coordinator may submit an application; the member organisations are not eligible to apply.</li> <li>– provide a strategic work programme for a period of 4 years starting in 2022.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget specifications</b>	<p>Annual grants' budgets are expected to range indicatively between EUR 100.000 and EUR 1.000.000 per work programme. In light of the difficulties the social civil society organizations have been facing to generate matching funds since the beginning of the sanitary crisis, the maximum cofinancing rate of 80% is temporarily and exceptionally increased to 90% for the first year of the FPA. This rate of 90% is valid for the work programme of 2022 and will be re-assessed on an annual basis. Applicants must provide a high-level 4-year outline plan and budget for the period 2022-2025. To be noted that the value of the grants shall be stable across the 4 years, irrespective of the temporary co-financing rate change.</p>
<b>Link to the call</b>	<p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/cerv-2021-disa-og-fpa;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094501,31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43251589;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLate=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/cerv-2021-disa-og-fpa;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094501,31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43251589;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLate=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState</a></p>

<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<p><b>European Social Fund + (ESF) Framework Partnership agreement under ESF-OG-2021 Social Enterprise</b>  <b>Deadline: 28 September 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time</b></p>	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>"The call aims at setting up 4-year Framework Partnership Agreements with networks active in the areas of microfinance and social enterprise finance, for the period 2022-2025. The activities to be funded include, among others, outreach activities, mutual learning among members, research activities and input for policy design."</p>

<p><b>Objectives (bullet points)</b></p>	<p>"Social enterprises and microenterprises are instrumental in the implementation of many of the principles expressed in the European Pillar for Social Rights. In particular they play a key role in delivering the following principles of the Pillar: equal opportunities (principle #3), active support to employment (principle #4), secure and adaptable employment (principle #5), inclusion of people with disabilities (principle #17), long-term care (principle #18) and access to essential services (principle #20). To support the development in this field, the Commission cooperates with EU level networks in its outreach activities at EU, national and local level. EU level networks are also key partners in the consultation and implementation of the upcoming Action Plan for Social Economy, as well as on a number of other policy files such as long-term care, green transition and social innovation.</p> <p>This partnership will enhance the capacities of these networks to contribute actively to the development and implementation of the EU policies in this area.</p> <p>The Commission expects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to benefit from the networks' expertise as regards the challenges (and ways to tackle them) that social enterprises, microenterprises and their support organisations/intermediaries face in the various Member States;</li> <li>- and to be supported in its outreach activities at EU, national and local level with the aim of ensuring awareness, contribution to and implementation of EU level policies and initiatives in the areas of social enterprise and microenterprise finance support." </li></ul>
<p><b>Eligibility Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>&amp;</b> In order to be eligible, the applicants must: – be legal entities (public or private bodies), – be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.: – EU Member State (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)          – non-EU countries: – listed EEA countries and countries associated to the ESF+ or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature,</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– be non-governmental, non-profit-making, and independent of industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests, – have their mission falling under the objectives and scope of the priorities established under each relevant section of the call for proposals,</li> <li>– have national member organisations in at least fourteen (14) Member States of the European Union,</li> <li>– be mandated by their members, through a Management Board or other administrative forum, to represent these members at the EU level and to be responsible for the activities of the network.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget specifications</b>	The total budget earmarked for grants calls under this framework partnership call for the four year period is indicatively EUR 6 400 000. Depending on the number and quality of proposals, the Commission expects to sign between four and five framework partnerships.
<b>Link to the call</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/esf/wp-call/2021/call-fiche_esf-2021-og-netw-mf-se-fpa_en.pdf">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/esf/wp-call/2021/call-fiche_esf-2021-og-netw-mf-se-fpa_en.pdf</a>

<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme</b> Twinning Western Balkans	
Deadline: 05 October 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>The special Twinning call for Western Balkans will contribute to the wide policy initiative to support of Western Balkan countries. The European Commission adopted on 6th of October a comprehensive Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans (COM(2020) 641, 6/10/2020) , which aims to spur the long-term economic recovery of the region, support a green and digital transition, foster regional integration and convergence with the European Union.</p> <p>Twining aims to enhance networking activities between the research institutions of the Western Balkan Countries and top-class leading counterparts at EU level by linking it with at least two research institutions from two different Member States or</p>

	<p>Associated Countries. Therefore, building on the huge potential of networking for excellence through knowledge transfer and exchange of best practice between research institutions and partners. Twinning actions intend to help raise the research profile of the institution from the Western Balkan country as well as the research profile of its staff including a special focus on strengthening the research management and administrative skills of the coordination institution from the Western Balkan Country.</p> <p>The purpose of the special Twinning call is to raise the bar for excellence of all R&amp;I actors in these countries. It will be implemented as one special call for Western Balkan countries with a limited eligibility for hosting the co-ordinator for the following countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia in 2021.</p> <p>This special Twinning aims to enhance networking activities between the research institutions of the Western Balkan countries and leading counterparts at EU level. It links the coordinator located in a Western Balkan country with at least two leading research institutions from two different Member States or Associated Countries in the role of the advanced partners. Therefore, it builds on the huge potential of networking for excellence through knowledge transfer and exchange of best practice between research institutions and partners.</p> <p>Twinning proposals should have to clearly outline the scientific strategy for stepping up and stimulating scientific excellence and innovation capacity in a defined area of research as well as the scientific quality of the partners involved in the twinning exercise. This scientific strategy should include arrangements for formulating new (or ongoing) joint research project(s) in the scientific area of choice and describe how Twinning will take this research to a new stage, by enlarging its scope and/or the research partnership. If relevant, any links with sustainable development objectives are to be outlined.</p>
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	<p>Such a strategy should include a comprehensive set of activities to be supported. These should include at least a number of the following: a) short-term staff exchanges; b) expert visits and short term on-site or virtual training; c) workshops; d) conference attendance; e) organisation of joint summer school type activities; f) dissemination and outreach activities. As far as appropriate these activities should take into account the gender equality plans of the participants.</p> <p>Proposals should also focus on strengthening the research management and administration skills of the coordinating institution from the Western Balkan country. A dedicated work package or task should emphasise specific activities, which will help the staff of the coordinating institution to improve their proposal preparation and project management/administration skills. If not yet in place, setting up/upgrading a research management/administration unit within the coordinating institution would be beneficial. This will be achieved by fully utilising the experience and best practices of the internationally leading partners and is expected to be a concrete deliverable of The duration of the Twinning project should be up to 3 years.</p>
<b>Eligibility Partnership</b>	<p><b>&amp;</b> <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2021-2022/wp-13-general-annexes_horizon-2021-2022_en.pdf">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2021-2022/wp-13-general-annexes_horizon-2021-2022_en.pdf</a></p>
<b>Budget specifications</b>	<p>Call budget: 21 000 000</p>
<b>Link to the call</b>	<p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-widera-2021-access-02-01;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=:matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502,31094501;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=null;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-widera-2021-access-02-01;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=:matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502,31094501;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=null;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState</a></p>

<p><b>Funding Programme</b></p> <p><b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme</b> Protecting and nurturing democracies</p> <p>Deadline: 07 October 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time</p>
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<p><b>Scope</b></p>	<p>European societies are traversed by a multiplicity of identities, attitudes, cultural backgrounds and constitutional traditions. In the face of increasing complexity, certain political forces have promoted a vision of homogeneity, hierarchical control and order. Some extremist and some populist discourses, while not necessarily overlapping, have promoted strict majoritarian and nativist interpretations of democratic governance. Some have been challenging key tenets of liberal democracy like the protection of the rule of law, the separation of powers, women’s and minorities’ rights, etc. altogether or with some variation, providing visions that often conflict with EU priorities. These narratives figure prominently in public discourse and inform public opinion. They influence public views on pluralism and fundamental rights, but also inspire counter discourses and resistance. In addition, populist rhetoric also tends to crystallise in debates about borders and border control, where a tension emerges between the liberal policies of states and the actions called for. Together with the strengthening of the powers of executives, these developments could potentially undermine the stability of democracies. Furthermore, the liberal democratic model is challenged by non-liberal global players, such as China and Russia, and other external factors such as the COVID-19 pandemic and climate crisis. These external challenges paint a poor picture of democracies’ ability to solve collective problems in comparison to other actors, while disconnecting economic and political power from democracy on the global stage. A philosophic, sociological, legal, economic, historical and political reflection is needed on the foundations of liberal democratic governance in order to establish a viable conception of liberal democracy for the future.</p>
<p><b>Objectives (bullet points)</b></p>	<p>Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce theoretically and empirically robust visions for the future of liberal democratic institutions.</li> <li>• Reflect upon and actualise what liberal democracy means in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in Europe.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop recommendations, toolkits, narratives and methodologies to reinstate the legitimacy and effectiveness of liberal democracies.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility Partnership</b>	<p><b>&amp;</b> Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from nonassociated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call topic.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions;</li> <li>– the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the Member States</li> <li>– eligible non-EU countries</li> </ul>
<b>Budget specifications</b>	<p>Funding rate: Research and innovation action: 100%</p> <p>Total budget: 9 900 000</p>
<b>Link to the call</b>	<p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl2-2021-democracy-01-01;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=:matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=43118846,43118971,43120193,43120821,43121707;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTabPageState">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl2-2021-democracy-01-01;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=:matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=43118846,43118971,43120193,43120821,43121707;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTabPageState</a></p>

<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<p><b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme</b> Inclusiveness in times of change  <b>Deadline: 07 October 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time</b></p>	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>Irregular migrants are, by definition, difficult to capture in population statistics. As such, it remains unknown how many irregular migrants are in the EU and in the various EU Member States today. This is a challenge, given that policymakers have limited capacity to develop policies targeted to a group of people that is ill-defined. This is even more challenging in situations such as the Covid-19 pandemic, given the difficulties in accounting for a sizeable part of population 'in the shadows'.</p>

	<p>Proposals should comparatively assess legal frameworks across the EU that determine the irregular status of migrants (also considering the issue of 'tolerated status'), and comprehensively assess their impact. Proposals should also evaluate this against existing statistics, analysing who is counted as regular, who as irregular and consequent discrepancies in datasets across Europe resulting from different methodologies and policy frameworks. Thereby, proposals should determine effective methodologies to address such issues. To the extent possible, they should also use available datasets to estimate number of irregular migrants residing in Member States. Project proposals should focus on at least 10 EU countries with a geographical balance across the EU. Proposals are encouraged to account for the sustainability of the project building a pan-European network with the potential to sustain and update estimates through time.</p> <p>Proposals should also build a network of stakeholders from different national contexts, including, but not limited to, researchers, policymakers (from both EU institutions and Member States), civil society and employers. This network should develop an overview and review of existing knowledge on regularisation schemes for irregular migrants, presenting policy suggestions by identifying what works and what does not. In doing so, it should identify what financial and political costs are associated with the options suggested, considering the relation of this policy with the broader migration management framework.</p>
<p><b>Objectives (bullet points)</b></p>	<p>Enhance EU migration governance by providing a rigorous review of estimates on irregular migrants living in the EU, including those working.</p> <p>Enhance statistics and data on migration by developing methodologies to estimate the number of irregular migrants across different EU legislative and statistical contexts.</p> <p>Assess viability, costs and economic, socio-demographic and health benefits of regularisation programs, including consideration for their possible signalling effect to incentivise further migration. Propose EU and context specific policy measures</p>



	accordingly, in articulation with the general EU migration management framework.
<b>Eligibility Partnership</b>	<b>&amp;</b> Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from nonassociated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call topic.
<b>Budget specifications</b>	Call budget: 3 000 000
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<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme Inlusiveness in times of change</b>	
Deadline: 07 October 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time	
<b>Scope</b>	Proposals should concentrate on the institutional, socio-economic, cognitive, cultural, linguistic gender, psycho-emotional and well-being determinants, as well as the root causes of underachievement and school dropout at primary, secondary and post-secondary levels of education. They should adopt a general life-long learning (LLL) approach, in which the development of the key competence of learning to learn is crucial. Proposals should take into account inequalities and the educational actions to overcome them. In addition, the action should examine the causes of underachievement related with the availability and quality of early childhood education and care (ECEC). This should enable the formulation of novel policy measures and targeted actions aimed at reducing the compounded impact of underachievement and school dropout on socio-economic fairness and inter-generational mobility in

	<p>Europe. The action could also consider experimental research in order to better test the tools, the methods and the organisation of education by involving social and civil society actors, as well as relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>The proposals should develop a specific diagnosis and targeted methodologies for combatting persistent low levels and negative trends in learning outcomes in Europe, by devising strategies and policy recommendations to improve social inclusion, learning and cognitive skills. The action should focus on student proficiency in reading, mathematics and science, while also taking into account the importance of supporting and reinforcing the development of other key competences and basic skills. It should look equally at the effects of tracking between different educational pathways and the impact on different target groups, especially vulnerable and marginalised communities. The action should provide a comparative assessment of existing policies targeting the achievement gap. Proposals should focus especially on the socio-economic background of multi-disadvantaged learners and their educational outcomes, as well as on the issue of persons not in education, employment or training (NEETs). Finally, they should involve relevant educational stakeholders with a double goal of allowing co-creation and enhancing societal impact in the future.</p>
<p><b>Objectives (bullet points)</b></p>	<p>Support research and policy action to address low-achievement in basic skills as well as in digital skills, prevent school dropout, thereby increasing social upward mobility in Europe.</p> <p>Examine the quality of learning outcomes for primary and secondary school pupils and their determinants, including the influence of high quality early childhood education and care (ECEC).</p> <p>Analyse and recommend possible policy approaches to address underachievement, evaluate successful and less successful policies and practices based on scientific research and evidence, as well as mobilise stakeholders to design innovative policy solutions,</p>

	<p>which can be scalable and replicable by other projects and stakeholders.</p> <p>Understand, explain and tackle better the challenge of underachievement in relation to school dropout mentioned above, i.e. in the context of early tracking policies, while focusing in particular on students belonging to vulnerable populations most affected by dropout (socio-economically disadvantaged groups, Roma, migrants, refugees, etc.).</p> <p>Explore good practices in school guidance, orientation and tutorial actions in current educational contexts, addressing low-achievement in basic skills as well as tackling early school leaving, in order to support educational stakeholders and foster school inclusiveness.</p>
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<p><b>Budget specifications</b></p>	<p>Funding rate: Research and innovation action: 100%</p> <p>Call budget: 9 000 000</p>
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<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods</b> Deadline: 19 October 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>To achieve competitive sustainability and higher levels of efficiency taking account of all costs and externalities and to maximise the utilisation of the multimodal freight transport nodes' capacity, the proposals should research and demonstrate all of the following points:</p> <p>Building on previous EU and other funded projects[1], and enabling compatibility with legacy systems, demonstrate and quantify the benefits of using different intermodal transport units (ITUs) and innovative automated loading systems to support multimodal logistics operations. Further develop standardisation strategies on intermodal transport units also focusing on different modes and logistics operators, cargo transport/transshipment procedures, technologies and interfaces to enable flexibility, efficiency and sustainability of the transport system.</p> <p>In line with the strategy for EU international cooperation in research and innovation, international cooperation on standardisation of ITUs is encouraged.</p> <p>Building on previous and on-going Horizon 2020 and CEF funded projects[2] and the Digital Transport and Logistics Forum's findings[3], deploy and demonstrate advanced cooperative logistics IT solutions in actual operational environment (minimum at TRL 7) focusing on better integration of the nodes in overall supply chains and the accessibility and usability of node services in an automated/digital manner, with a user perspective approach. The deployed IT solutions should:</p> <p>Provide full visibility of the standard services offered by the multimodal freight transport nodes, and by the companies operating in them, e.g. open and shared warehouses, terminal services, transshipment</p>

	<p>facilities, transport services from and to the terminals;</p> <p>Providing better estimated and actual times of arrival and of departure through real time track and trace of the transport and goods, benefitting from standardised identification (e.g. RFID, new sensors) and improved positioning accuracy based on European GNSS;</p> <p>Provide automated decision support system functionalities to optimise the supply chain overall performance and its resilience against disruptive events (including pandemics);</p> <p>Ensure compatibility of deployed solutions with existing legacy systems;</p> <p>Ensure the resilience of data and management systems to mitigate the consequence of accidental or malicious interventions;</p> <p>Address data ownership, confidentiality, governance and access rights;</p> <p>Facilitate greenhouse gas emissions reduction through, for example, smart scheduling and routing on expected arrivals times to nodes/terminals supporting slower approaching speeds.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>&amp;</b> Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from nonassociated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call topic.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions;</li> <li>- the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the Member States</li> <li>- eligible non-EU countries</li> </ul>
<p><b>Budget specifications</b></p>	<p>Innovation action: 70% (except for non-profit legal entities, where a rate of up to 100% applies)</p>

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<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme Fighting Crime and Terrorism 2021 (Authorities and police*)</b> Deadline: 23 November 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>Public spaces such as squares, sport venues, shopping districts, places of worship or touristic attractions have been the target of numerous terrorist and other violent attacks causing significant loss of lives and causing societal insecurity as well as economic losses. The means to carry out such attacks from one or several attackers range from sophisticated and well-planned scenarios including several attackers using explosives and firearms, up to so called low-cost attacks making use of everyday goods such as cars, axes and kitchen knives. Such attacks have proven to be very difficult to prevent and quick-reaction and preparedness to respond are the crucial elements in reducing their impact.</p> <p>The EU and its Member States have reacted to this challenge in the framework of the Action plan to support the protection of public spaces and the respective staff working document "Good practices to support the protection of public spaces"<sup>[1]</sup>. Vulnerability Assessments (VA) are an established tool for example in the area of the protection of critical infrastructures. Their aim is to identify the inherent vulnerabilities of a specific target and thus to be able to put in place appropriate mitigation measures. Such assessments are used in public spaces already by Police Authorities in case of large-scale events, official visits or as part of forward-looking city planning activities. The impact on the quality and openness of public spaces should however be minimised as much as possible. This topic requires the effective contribution of SSH disciplines and the involvement of SSH experts, institutions as well as the inclusion of relevant SSH expertise, in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research activities. The full involvement</p>

	<p>of citizens and civil society organisations is crucial to achieve solutions that meet the requirement of having a balanced approach between security and openness of public spaces. Fundamental rights (including privacy) aspects should also be taken into account.</p>
<p><b>Objectives (bullet points)</b></p>	<p>Improved vulnerability assessments by law enforcement and local managers of public spaces with a specific focus on countering and/ or preventing terrorist attacks or other forms of severe violence (amok, mass-riots), including attacks with explosives, improvised weapons and vehicles;</p> <p>Better identification of specific vulnerabilities and elaboration of mitigation strategies by security practitioners and policy-makers due to the possibility to simulate attack-scenarios in any public space in realistic conditions and to test and train different prevention and response measures;</p> <p>Improved training of Police Authorities in collaboration with different public and private actors (e. g., crisis management and civil protection authorities, fire brigades, regulatory agencies, emergency health services, security managers, private security organisations, civil society groups etc.) to enhance their preparedness to attacks on public spaces;</p> <p>Enhanced planning capabilities of security practitioners and policy-makers due to the identification of potential vulnerabilities connected to the design/refurbishment and construction/improvement of different public spaces and measures to reduce them by implementing a comprehensive security-by-design approach in urban planning (also including aspects of social inclusion);</p> <p>Enhanced modelling capabilities of security practitioners, policy-makers and research institutions due to the identification of potential vulnerabilities connected to the different public spaces, analysis of crowd behaviour and possible emergence of various threats to security in order to minimise possible threats and vulnerabilities and</p>

	supporting planning of respective resources and activities.
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<b>Budget specifications</b>	Funding rate: Innovation action: 70% (except for non-profit legal entities, where a rate of up to 100% applies).
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<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<p><b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply</b>          Deadline: 05 January 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time</p>	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>In this topic, sustainability is meant in environmental, social and economic terms. The proposal is expected to address all the following aspects:</p> <p>Coordinate the stakeholder community and propose concrete actions to promote and accelerate the development of sustainable solutions for renewable energy and renewable fuel technologies, encompassing 'circularity-by-design' (with special attention to life cycle assessment of the entire value chain, including critical raw materials and gradual</p>



	<p>substitution of fossil fuels), and identifying and assessing relevant externalities.</p> <p>Set up and initiate a structured programme to promote an innovative multi-disciplinary approach on teaching and engaging with the sustainability of all forms of renewable energy. The proposal should also actively engage with European universities in this matter. Special consideration to gender balance issues should also be given. A clear post-project life for such programme should also be addressed.</p> <p>Develop and run an industry-academia programme focused on hands-on training. This programme should identify the required skills needed for the sustainability of renewable technologies, identify and act on knowledge gaps, and identify retraining opportunities based on revamped training curricula and course content. These concerted actions are expected to develop human capital in innovative new technologies through education and training.</p>
<p><b>Objectives (bullet points)</b></p>	<p>Enhance and promote sustainability by addressing social and environmental aspects (air pollution, waste management, job opportunities, wildlife concerns, etc.) of renewable energy and renewable fuel technologies at a global level, thus ensuring the European Green Deal priorities are met.</p> <p>Support the development of training and reskilling efforts in the renewable energy and renewable fuel technology sectors, while also identifying (global and local) challenges, to realise the large deployment ambitions of the European Green Deal, and the various sectorial strategies under it (such as the recent Offshore Renewable Energy Strategy) and its external dimension.</p> <p>Support and promote circularity concepts and approaches (such as circular- and/or recyclable-by-design) in line with the Circular Economy Action Plan and the Action Plan on Critical Raw Materials.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>&amp;</b> Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from non associated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided</p>

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<b>Budget specifications</b>	Funding rate: Coordination and support action: 100%
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<b>Funding Programme</b>	
<p><b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme</b> Support the deployment of lighthouse demonstrators for the New European Bauhaus initiative in the context of Horizon Europe missions          Deadline: 25 January 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time</p>	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>This action will contribute to the Delivery Phase of the NEB, by deploying mission-oriented pilot projects that will act as 'lighthouse demonstrators' across the territory of the European Union and Associated Countries. They should embrace the key principles of the NEB initiative (sustainability, inclusion and aesthetics), using architecture, design and culture as core resources for a sustainable society, and the mission-oriented approach (impactful, measurable, targeted) in an innovative and exemplary manner. They should address one or more relevant challenges that represent the wide scope of the NEB initiative, such as:</p> <p>Environmental and climate adaptation challenges, environmental and climate risks, prevention and resilience.</p> <p>Economic and territorial changes linked to the green transition.</p>

	<p>Social challenges (poverty, segregation, social exclusion, etc.).</p> <p>Challenges linked to the use, preservation and reconversion of existing infrastructure and heritage.</p> <p>Demographic challenges (ageing, migration, depopulation, changes in property market due to tourism, etc.).</p>
<b>Eligibility Partnership</b>	<p><b>&amp;</b> Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from non associated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call topic.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions;</li> <li>- the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the Member States;</li> <li>- eligible non-EU countries.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget specifications</b>	<p>Funding rate: Coordination and support action: 100%</p> <p>Total budget: 25 000 000</p>
<b>Link to the call</b>	<p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-miss-2021-neb-01-01;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=Smart%20cities;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094501,31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=null;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-miss-2021-neb-01-01;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=Smart%20cities;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094501,31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=null;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState</a></p>

