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# Europe for Citizens 2014 - 2020

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## Europe for Citizens 2014 - 2020

- Instrument, promoting greater **role of citizens** in developing the Union, common European **history, values** and **sense of belonging**
- Budget 2014 – 2020: **185.468.000 EUR**
- The **Programme Guide** has the status of a call for proposals.

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## Programme 2007 – 2013

- more than 5.000.000 participants in projects
- more than 1000 organisations from 30 participating countries
- great variety of beneficiaries: NGOs, local authorities, educational institutions, networks etc.
- great variety of European themes and policies covered

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## AIM of the programme:

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

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## FEATURES of the programme

- Equal access
- Transnationality and local dimension
- Intercultural dialogue
- Volunteering



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## Who can apply?

Public bodies or non-profit organisations with a legal personality can apply.

The programme is open to the

- **28 EU Member States**
- accession countries, candidate countries and potential candidates
- EFTA countries party to the EEA agreement

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## STRUCTURE of the programme:

- ***Strand 1: European remembrance***

To contribute to citizens' understanding of the EU, its history, values and diversity

- ***Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation***

To promote civic participation, mutual understanding, intercultural learning, solidarity, societal engagement and volunteering at EU level

Three specific measures:

- ✓ ***Town-twinning***

- ✓ ***Networks of towns***

- ✓ ***Civil society projects***

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# PRIORITIES of the programme

## *Strand 1: European remembrance*

- projects reflecting on causes of totalitarian regimes in Europe's modern history as well as projects concerning other defining moments and reference points in recent European history.

In 2014:

- the **100<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of the beginning of World War I,
- the **25<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall and
- the **10 years** of enlargement of the European Union to Central and Eastern Europe.



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# PRIORITIES of the programme

## ***Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation***

- projects dealing with citizens' participation in the democratic life of the EU, ranging from local democracy to the empowerment of citizens to play a full part in EU policy.

In 2014:

- the elections to the European Parliament and citizens' participation in the democratic life of the EU,
- deepening the debate on the future of Europe

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# European remembrance

## What kind of projects?

- focusing on causes of totalitarian regimes in Europe's modern history and commemorating the victims of their crimes
- other defining moments and reference points in recent European history
- encouraging tolerance, mutual understanding, intercultural dialogue and reconciliation

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# European remembrance

## Applicants / partners:

- Public local/regional authorities non-profit organisations, including civil society organisations, survivors' associations, cultural, youth, educational and research organisations, associations of twinned towns.
- at least **one member state** (but preference will be given to transnational projects)

Maximum eligible grant: **100 000 EUR**

Maximum project duration: **18 months**

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# TOWN TWINNING

## What kind of projects?

- bringing together citizens from twinned towns
- mobilising citizens at local and EU levels to debate on concrete issues from the European political agenda,
- promoting civic participation in the EU policy making process and developing opportunities for societal engagement and volunteering at EU level

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## TOWN TWINNING

### Applicants / partners

- Town/municipalities or their twinning committees or other non-profit organisations representing local authorities.
- at least **2 eligible countries**, of which at least one is an EU Member State.

Maximum eligible grant: **25 000 EUR**

Maximum project duration. **21 days**

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## NETWORKS OF TOWNS

### What kind of projects?

- on topics of mutual interest within the aims and priorities of the programme
- with well defined target groups
- basis for future initiatives

Funding for municipalities and associations working together on a common theme in a **long term perspective**, and wishing to develop networks of towns to make their cooperation more **sustainable**.

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## NETWORKS OF TOWNS

### **Applicants and partners:**

Town/municipalities or their twinning committees or networks, other levels of local/regional authorities, federations/associations of local authorities, non-profit organisations representing local authorities

A project must involve municipalities from **at least 4 eligible countries**, of which at least one is an EU Member State.

Maximum eligible grant: **150 000 EUR**

Maximum project duration: **24 months**

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# Civil Society Projects

## What kind of projects?

- projects gathering citizens in activities directly linked to EU policies, providing an opportunity for direct participation in the policy making process.
- funded activities should include: promotion of societal engagement and solidarity, gathering of opinions, volunteering



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# Civil Society Projects

## Applicants and partners:

- Non-profit organisations, including civil society organisations, educational, cultural or research institutions.
- A project must involve organisations from at least, of which at least one is an EU Member State. **3 eligible countries**

Maximum eligible grant: **150 000 EUR**

Maximum project duration. **18 months**

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# When to apply?

## Strand 1: **European Remembrance**

**1 March:** for project starting between 1 August and 31 January next year

## Strand 2: *Democratic engagement and civic participation*

### TOWN TWINNING

**1 March:** for projects starting between 1 July and 31 March next year

**1 September:** for project beginning between 1 January and 31 December

### NETWORKS OF TOWNS

**1 March:** for projects starting between 1 July and 31 December

**1 September:** for project starting between 1 January and 30 June next year

### CIVIL SOCIETY PROJECTS

**1 March:** for projects starting between 1 August and 31 January next year



## For more information

### **Information on the programme, programme guide: :**

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en)

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