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Europe for Citizens Programme**Call for proposals No EACEA-52/2019: Europe for Citizens programme — actions grants 2020**

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1. Introduction and objectives

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

2. Actions

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

Strand 1: European remembrance

— European Remembrance projects

Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation

— Town Twinning

— Networks of Towns

— Civil Society Projects

3. Eligibility

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

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

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

Applicants must be established in:

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

⁽¹⁾ C(2019) 7821.

— Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo ^(?).

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

Potentially participating countries

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

- a. acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates, in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for the participation of those countries in Union Programmes established in the respective Framework Agreements, Association Council Decisions or similar Agreements;
- b. the EFTA countries party to the EEA Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of that Agreement.

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

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

4. Budget and duration of projects

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

The availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2020 after the adoption of the budget for 2020 by the budgetary authority or if the budget is not adopted as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

The total budget earmarked for this call for proposals is estimated at EUR 17,9 million:

— European Remembrance projects	EUR 4,1 million
— Town Twinning	EUR 4,8 million
— Networks of Towns	EUR 5,1 million
— Civil Society Projects	EUR 3,9 million

The total budget earmarked for the call for proposals as well as its repartition is indicative and may be modified subject to an amendment of the Europe for Citizens Annual Work Programmes. Potential applicants are invited to regularly consult the Europe for Citizens Annual Work Programme and their amendments, published on http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/europe-for-citizens-programme/official-documents/index_en.htm as regards the available budget for each action covered by the call.

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

5. Deadline for the submission of applications

All deadlines for submission of applications specified below end at 17.00, Brussels time.

— European Remembrance projects	4 February 2020
— Town Twinning	4 February 2020 and 1 September 2020
— Networks of Towns	3 March 2020 and 1 September 2020
— Civil Society Projects	1 September 2020

^(?) This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

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

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

6. Notification and publication of the evaluation results

Applicants should be notified individually of the outcome of the evaluation procedure by a letter signed by the Authorising Officer sent as registered document to the legal Representative through the Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal (F&TP) ⁽³⁾ at the latest six months after the application deadline. During these six months assessment and selection of applications take place, followed by the adoption of the award decision. Only when these procedures are completed, the lists of selected projects will be published on the following website:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens/selection-results_en and in F&TP according to the process for migration to eGrants.

The Legal representative of the applicant organisation will receive an email explaining when the notification letter is available in F&TP. Information on how to access the notification letter is available on the following website https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en.

It is responsibility of the applicant to submit in the application the correct email address of the Legal Representative.

If the formal notification in F&TP is not opened for a period of more than 10 days (for projects) the Agency will consider the formal notification acknowledged.

7. Full details

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

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en and in F&TP.

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

⁽³⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>