



EU Funding opportunities 2014-2020: Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme Justice Programme

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Funding programmes 2007-2013

- Daphne III Programme
- Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme
- Progress Programme (gender equality, non-discrimination strands)
- Civil Justice Programme
- Criminal Justice Programme
- Drugs Prevention and Information Programme





Funding programme 2014-2020

- Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC): 439,5 M€
- Justice Programme: 377,6 M€





REC: Specific objectives

- Promote non-discrimination
- Combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia
- Promote rights of persons with disabilities
- Promote gender equality, gender mainstreaming
- Prevent violence against children, young people, women and groups at risk (Daphne objective)
- Promote rights of the child
- Ensure highest level of data protection
- Promote rights deriving from Union citizenship
- Enforce consumer rights





Justice: Specific objectives

- Facilitate judicial cooperation
- Promote judicial training
- Facilitate access to justice
- Support drug policy initiatives re judicial cooperation and crime prevention aspects





Aims of funding

- enhancing **public awareness** and **knowledge** of Union law and policies;
- supporting the **effective, comprehensive and consistent implementation**, application and monitoring of Union law instruments and policies;
- promoting **cross-border cooperation** and improving mutual knowledge and enhancing **mutual trust** among all stakeholders;
- improving the knowledge and understanding of **potential obstacles** to the exercise of rights and principles guaranteed by EU law.





Types of actions

- **Training** activities (staff exchanges, workshops, development of training modules,...)
- Mutual learning, cooperation activities, **exchange** of good practices, peer reviews, development of ICT tools...
- **Awareness-raising** activities, dissemination, conferences,...
- Support for main actors (key European NGOs and networks, Member States' authorities implementing Union law,...)
- Analytical activities (**studies**, data collection, development of common methodologies, indicators, surveys, preparation of guides...)





Who can participate?

- All public and private entities, incl. universities
- Profit-oriented organisations: limited access
- International organisation

- Justice: All Member States, except DK and UK
- REC: All Member States + Iceland and Liechtenstein for some calls

BUT consult each call for the specific rules!





Funding instruments

1. **Action grants** – funding for transnational or national projects
2. **Operating grant** – operating costs for EU level NGOs and similar bodies
3. **Procurement** – service contract tenders (EU studies, EU conferences, EU campaigns etc.)





What changes?

- From 6 to 2 programmes
- More flexibility
- EU added value
- More consistency: same rules
- Reporting on results: indicators; first annual report in 2015





Implementation

- Annual Work Programme 2014 published at:
http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/programmes-2014-2020/rec/index_en.htm
- Approach by specific objectives
- First call launched on 25 April (OG)
- Further calls launched throughout the year:
http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/open-calls/index_en.htm





Trends and challenges for future implementation

- More calls (20 AG calls)
- more targetted, more in line with policy priorities
- FPAs 2015-2017 will replace annual OG by 3-year agreement. Specific agreements will be signed beginning 2015.
- New IT-tool?





How to prepare an application (1)

Read the call!

- Is your organisation **eligible** to apply?
- Does your project idea address the **priorities**?
- Do you have the minimum **partnership**? Is your proposed partnership appropriate for implementing your project?





How to prepare an application (2)

Read the Award Criteria and their points

- Relevance;
- Quality;
- European added value;
- Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- Cost effectiveness.





How to prepare an application (3)

- Start preparing the Annexes!
- Consult your **partners!**
- Read the **Guide** for Action Grants!
- Address any questions to the **Commission's mailbox!**



What makes a good project?

- ✓ **Relevant, in line with priorities**
- ✓ **Addresses a real need in the field**
- ✓ **Clear concept, well explained objectives**
- ✓ **Well established methodology**
- ✓ **Realistic/quantifiable outputs, relevant results**
- ✓ **Strong partnership**
- ✓ **Strong EU dimension, EU added value**
- ✓ **Sustainable results, good dissemination**
- ✓ **Good value for money, well planned budget**





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