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

Call for proposals

### **Networks of Towns (CERV-2025-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT)**

The programme promotes exchanges between people of different countries, reinforces mutual understanding and tolerance and gives them the opportunity to broaden their perspective and develop a sense of European belonging and identity through networks of towns.

While maintaining a bottom-up approach, the programme also provides, in particular to networks of towns, an opportunity to focus on EU priorities.



## *Objectives*

- To promote exchanges between citizens of different countries, in particular through networks of towns, to give them practical experience of the wealth and diversity of the common heritage of the Union and to make them aware that these constitute the foundation for a common future.
- To develop sustainable networks of towns, deepening and intensify their cooperation, while outlining their long-term vision for the future of European integration.



## *Themes and priorities*

- Bringing citizens together to discuss and share best practices, and thus helping to increase citizens' engagement in society and ultimately to their active involvement in the democratic life of the Union;
- Promoting awareness and building knowledge of EU citizenship rights, free movement of people and associated European common values and common democratic standards, making them more tangible for EU citizens;



- Promoting awareness, building knowledge and sharing best practice on the benefits of diversity as well as effective measures on how to tackle discrimination and racism at local level;
- Promoting prevention measures and awareness raising efforts, sharing best practices policies aiming to curb violence against women, domestic violence and violence against children at the local level, as well as bullying;
- Projects may also promote awareness of the importance of the citizens' democratic participation through cultural activities;



## *Activities that can be funded*

Activities may include, among others:

- workshops, seminars, conferences,
- training activities, expert meetings, webinars,
- awareness-raising activities,
- high-visibility events,
- data gathering and consultation,
- development, exchanges, and dissemination of good practices among public authorities and civil society organisations,
- development of communication tools and the use of social media.



- Networks of Towns are expected to integrate a range of activities around subjects of common interest related to the programme’s objectives, to involve community members active in the subject area and to aim for sustainability.
- The gender equality perspective should be taken into account when designing the ‘format’ of the activities, to ensure that it is accessible to women and men on equal terms, and both women and men are able to participate in the activities.



## *Expected impact*

- Increased citizens’ engagement in society and ultimately their active involvement in the democratic life of the Union;
- Enhanced participation of citizens and civil society organisations to local, national and European policy-making processes;
- Stronger awareness of the contribution of migration, migrants and their descendants to the cultural richness, diversity and common history of Europe;
- Increased awareness of the importance of citizens’ participation, including through cultural activities;
- Increased awareness of effective prevention policies at the local level regarding violence against women, domestic violence, and violence against children



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<b>Timetable and deadlines (2024/2025)</b>	
Call opening:	<b>17 December 2024</b>
Deadline for submission:	<b>27 March 2025 – h.17.00</b>
Evaluation:	<b>April - July 2025</b>
Information on evaluation results:	<b>September 2025</b>
Grant Agreement signature:	<b>December 2025</b>



## Consortium composition

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least four applicants (beneficiaries, not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions:

- The application must involve at least four applicants (not being affiliated entity or associated partner) from at least four different eligible countries of which at least two are EU Member States.



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## *Duration*

Projects should range between 12 and 24 months  
*(extensions are possible, if duly justified and through  
an amendment)*

## *Project budget*

Minimum grant amount: EUR 100.000.

Maximum grant amount: no limit.

*The grant awarded may be lower than the amount  
requested.*



## Award criteria

**Relevance:** extent to which the proposal matches the priorities and objectives of the call; clearly defined needs and robust needs assessment; clearly defined target group, with gender perspective being appropriately taken into account; contribution to the EU strategic and legislative context; European/trans-national dimension; impact/interest for a number of countries (EU or eligible non-EU countries); possibility to use the results in other countries (potential for transfer of good practices); potential to develop mutual trust / cross-border cooperation. (40 points)



## Quality:

clarity and consistency of project; logical links between the identified problems, needs and solutions proposed; methodology for implementing the project with gender perspective being appropriately taken into account (organisation of work, timetable, allocation of resources and distribution of tasks between partners, risks & risk management, monitoring and evaluation); ethical issues, measures and policies to guarantee child safeguarding (for activities involving children), and compliance with EU values are addressed; feasibility of the project within the proposed time frame; original and innovative proposals. (40 points)



## Impact:

ambition and expected long-term impact of results on target groups/general public;  
the foreseeable impact, notably for the identified target groups, is clearly defined and measures are in place to ensure that the impact can be achieved and evaluated. The project outputs have the potential to support long-term changes, improvements, or developments for the benefit of the target groups concerned; guaranteeing the visibility of the CERV Programme and the EU support; appropriate dissemination strategy for ensuring sustainability and long-term impact; potential for a positive multiplier effect; sustainability of results after EU funding ends. (20 points)



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## NETWORK of TOWNS – Examples of approved Projects

### "FemminiCity"

Network of Cities for Women Participation in Policy Making

Start date: 01 December 2024 - End date: 30 November 2026

**Budget: 338 270,00 €**

Coordinated by: **TEATRUL MAGHIAR DE STAT CSIKY GERGELY (Romania)**

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

TEATRUL MAGHIAR DE STAT CSIKY GERGELY (Romania)	– € 105.710
STOWARZYSZENIE KOBIETOSTAN (Poland)	- € 58.140
FONDACIJA NOVI SAD -EVROPSKA PRESTONICA KULTURE (Serbia)	- € 42.285
TRUPA DRZ NE DAJ (Serbia)	- € 15.855
Drustvo ZIZ (Slovenia)	- € 58.140
UNIVERSITE PAUL-VALERY MONTPELLIER3 (France)	- € 58.140



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### **“FemminiCity” OBJECTIVES**

Although various legal documents, especially on the EU level, have been adopted to protect women rights and increase their participation in democratic decision making, in practice it seems that it is not the case.

Violence against women, inequality in the labor market, stereotypes and prejudices in the political arena etc. are still women's everyday reality.

By using community theater as a tool, The FemminiCity project aims to contribute to political articulation of women's needs, encourage higher women participation in policy-making and foster gender equality in 5 cities across Europe.



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### "FemminiCity" ACTIVITIES

**12 international activities are planned** to be implemented:

- 1 training
- 5 community theater co-productions
- 5 international festivals
- 1 conference.

#### **Final Outputs:**

- White paper publication on gender policy recommendations
- A documentary based on interviews with participating women

#### **Participants number:**

- 150 Direct
- 5000 Indirect



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### "YMCA"

#### Youth Municipal Climate Action

Start date: 01 January 2025 - End date: 30 June 2026

**Budget: 245 780,00 €**

Coordinated by: **MUNICIPALITY OF ALBA IULIA (Romania)**

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

MUNICIPALITY OF ALBA IULIA (Romania)	– € 34.355
ASSOCIAZIONE AMICI PER SANDRA (Italy)	- € 39.645
AS. DE DEZVOLTARE INTERCOMUNIT. MOTII TARA DE PIATRA (Romania)	- € 37.000
MESTSKA CAST PRAHA-KOLOVRATY (Czechia)	- € 55.500
ASOCIACION BUILDING BRIDGES (Spain)	- € 34.355
ASOCIACIJA MANO EUROPA (Lithuania)	- € 44.925
Federación Regional de Asociaciones Vecinales de Madrid (Spain)	- € 0
JONAVOS RAJONO SAVIVALDYBES ADMINISTRACIJA (Lithuania)	- € 0



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### “YMCA” OBJECTIVES

The project is the result of a previous CERV project, that created a very strong network of European partners. YMCA focuses on climate action and the active inclusion of young people in the political discourse around Climate Change (CC) and municipal policies. The aim is to create a safe space in which young people and political representatives can learn and then engage in fruitful discussions for the implementation of CC mitigation and adaptation measures.

This project aims to moderate between those two parties, providing local policymakers with the tools to understand young people’s demands, and giving young generations a safe space to express their needs and concerns, as they have the right and ability to influence local, national, and European climate policies.



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### "YMCA" ACTIVITIES

The partners will implement events like:

- workshops and seminars
- exchange of best practices and roundtables

#### **Final Outputs:**

- a manual of best practices on municipal policies and facilities tackling climate change
- online brochure for young people listing opportunities and sources on information on the addressed topics
- YMCA Manifesto to be presented in the local councils and their Regions

#### **Participants number:**

892 Direct

100.000 Indirect



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