



# EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME



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## Europe for Citizens

The Europe for Citizens Programme helps promote understanding between the Union and its citizens. It funds activities carried out by a range of not-for-profit organisations, local authorities and research institutes across Europe.

The specific aim of the 2014-2020 programme is to contribute to citizens' understanding of the EU's history and diversity. It also aims to foster European citizenship and encourage democratic engagement at EU level.

## What funding is available overall?

A total of €186 million in funding is available to citizens' organisations and civil society groups across the EU.

It is estimated that €1.8M of this money could be directed towards organisations in Ireland.

## Who can receive funding?

- NGOs and civil society organisations
- Local authorities
- Think-tanks
- Trade unions
- Federations
- Educational research institutes
- Town twinning committees (Strand 2)
- Organisations doing voluntary work or amateur sport
- Associations of survivors/families of victims (Strand 1).

## What kind of activities will be funded?

Activities likely to be funded include:

- Research
- Non-formal education
- Debates/exhibitions
- New working methods/innovation
- Volunteering.

The programme also can provide 'operating grants' for an organisation's core business.



# What funding is available for my organisation?

Action grants fall into two areas, or 'strands':

# 1

## European Remembrance:

Exploring the causes of totalitarian regimes and other defining moments in recent European history.

- **Project Grants** - From **€60,000-€100,000** for up to 18 months.

## Democratic Engagement and Civic Participation

Fostering discussion on the future of Europe and stimulating civic participation.

- **Town Twinning** – Must involve a minimum of 25 people, involve at least 2 EU countries and last a maximum of 21 days. Up to **€25,000** available.
- **Networks of Towns** – Must involve at least four eligible countries for up to 24 months. Up to **€150,000** available.
  - **Civil Society Projects** – Must involve at least 3 eligible countries and run for up to 18 months. Up to **€150,000** available.

# 2

## Do we need to have EU partners?

Yes. Europe for Citizens is a transnational programme so partners from other EU member states are required.

If you don't already have links, now is the time to start building relationships with other equivalent organisations across Europe.

## How can I find out more?

In Ireland *The Wheel* is the National Contact Point for the Europe for Citizens Programme providing:

- Information on the programme criteria
- Training and workshops
- Application advice
- Partner search

## How and when do I submit an application?

Applications are made online. Before submitting an electronic application, you will need to register your organisation on the EACEA Participant Portal.

Deadlines for submission are March and September annually, depending on which Strand you are applying under.

Check the official Europe for Citizens funding page for full details: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en)

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