



Europe for Citizens 2014 - 2020

Commission proposal State of play



General objectives

- to "**strengthen remembrance and enhance capacity for civic participation at the Union level**".
- **developing citizens' organisations capacity** to engage citizens in the democratic life of the Union.
- Stimulate debate, reflection and cooperation on **remembrance, Union integration and history**
- Develop **citizens'** understanding and capacity **to participate in the Union policy**
- making process and develop opportunities for **solidarity, societal engagement & volunteering at Union level**
- increase the capacity of the Commission to set **more firm indicators**
- it is planned **to link** the activities carried out under the next generation of the "Europe for Citizens" programme **much more closely with concrete policy making**

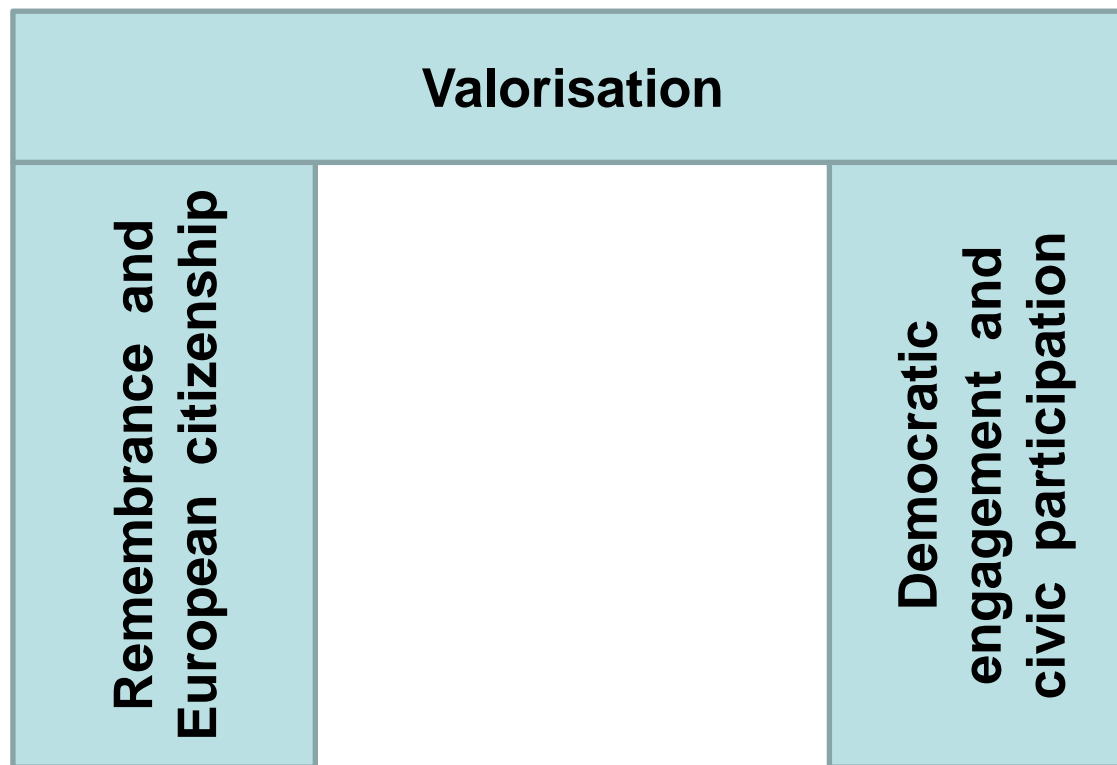


Operational objectives

- *Support organisations* to promote **debate and activities on remembrance, European values and history**;
- *Support organisations* of a **general European interest, transnational partnerships and networks** to promote citizens' interactions on Union matters;
- *Horizontal dimension* **Analysis, dissemination and valorisation** of project results through internal and external activities.



Structure / individual actions





Detailed structure

- In the case of "**Remembrance and European citizenship**", the programme seeks to support organisations to promote debate and activities on European integration and history at a transnational level or when a clear European dimension is addressed. For certain actions under "history", a European dimension suffices. Historical archives, sites of remembrance are, per se, bound by their location but have in many cases a Union-wide significance.



Detailed structure

- In the case of "**Democratic engagement and civic participation**", the programme seeks to develop citizens' understanding and capacity to participate in the Union policy making process and to develop opportunities for solidarity, societal engagement & volunteering at Union level.
Such a wide scope and ambition could only be addressed at a Union level.



Detailed structure

- In the case of "**Valorisation**", this is a horizontal dimension of the programme as a whole. It will focus on the analysis, dissemination, communication and valorisation of the project results from the above-mentioned strands. National and regional platforms would help collecting best practices and ideas about how to strengthen civic participation but pan-European platforms and common tools are also needed to broaden the perspective and facilitate the transnational exchange.



Types of action

- **Citizens' meetings, town-twinning**
- Creation and operations of **transnational partnerships and networks**
- Support for **organisations of a general European interest**
- **Community building and debates** on citizenship issues **based on the use of ICT and/or social media**
- Union level events
- Debates/studies and interventions on defining moments in European history, in particular **to keep the memory alive of the crimes committed under Nazism and Stalinism**
- Reflection/debates on **common values**
- Initiatives to **raise awareness on the EU institutions and their functioning**
- Actions that exploit and **further valorise the results** of the supported initiatives
- **Studies** on issues related to citizenship and civic participation
- Support of **programme information/advice structures** in the Member States



Additional specifications

- the programme is **complementary to and additional to the work carried out by the Representations of the European Commission** in the Member States. The **Representations will be involved** in the communication and promotion of the programme **to the greatest extent possible** consistent with their mandate of outreach to citizens and communication at country level.
- **EUR 229 million** in current prices will be allocated for a "Europe for Citizens" programme.
- Special attention should be paid to the **balanced integration of citizens and civil society organisations from all Member States** into transnational projects and activities



Additional specifications

- The programme will develop the principle of **multi-annual partnerships** based on agreed objectives, building on the analysis of the results, in order **to ensure mutual benefits for both civil society and the European Union**
- The elements of **networking and focussing on the multiplier effects, including the use of state of the art information and communication technologies (ICT) and social media**, will be important and will be reflected both **in the types of activities and the range of organisations involved.**
- The development of **interaction and synergy among the various types of stakeholders** involved in the programme will be strongly encouraged



Additional specifications

- the programme should be further **simplified by recourse to lump-sums, flat-rate financing and the application of unit-cost rates**
- Preference will be given to grants for **projects with a high impact**, in particular those **which are directly linked to EU policies** with a view to participate in the shaping of the EU political agenda
- The Commission shall have a **regular dialogue** with the beneficiaries of the programme and relevant stakeholders and experts



Timeline

- **14.12.2011**: proposal by the European Commission
- **2012**: Discussion and voting in the national parliaments
- **Spring 2013**: decision by the EP and Council
- **01.01.2014**: start of new programme



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**Thank you very much
for your attention**

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