

Addressing the impact of artificial intelligence, cyberviolence, and deepfakes on equality, democracy and inclusive societies

Horizon Europe

● PENDING

Code

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-04

Scope

International

Location

Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type

Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate

100%

Budget

20M€

Eligible Project Value

3.5M€ - 4M€

DATES & DEADLINES

Publication Date

October 19, 2026

Opening Date

May 13, 2027

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September 23, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This topic aims to improve understanding of how Artificial Intelligence, AI-generated content, deepfakes and cyberviolence affect equality, political participation, democratic processes, public trust, social cohesion and knowledge production. Projects should examine both the deliberate misuse of AI, including disinformation, manipulated content and online harassment, and its unintended consequences, such as algorithmic opacity, biased outputs and the amplification of existing inequalities.

The action seeks to support responsible, transparent and human-centric AI governance, providing policymakers, technology developers, media organisations and civil society with evidence-based frameworks, tools and practices to protect fundamental rights and democratic integrity. Particular attention should be given to the disproportionate effects on children and young people, women, older persons, LGBTIQ people, minorities and other groups in vulnerable situations.

Funding

Funding is provided under a Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action (RIA) . The topic has an indicative budget of €20 million , with approximately five projects expected to be funded. The expected EU contribution ranges between €3.5 million and €4 million per project , although proposals requesting different amounts may be considered where appropriately justified.

As a Research and Innovation Action, projects may receive funding of up to 100% of eligible costs for all beneficiary types . Eligible costs will be covered through a lump sum grant , in accordance with Horizon Europe rules. The call follows a single-stage procedure, opening on 13 May 2027 and closing on 23 September 2027 .

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Personnel Costs
- Travel costs
- Equipment costs
- Other goods, works and services costs
- Subcontracting
- Indirect Costs

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode

Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- ICT & Software
- Culture & Creative
- Education & Training
- Other

Company Typologies

- Micro
- SME
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Large
- Private non-profit entities

- Public entities

Action Types

- Research and Innovation Action
- Multidisciplinary research on AI and democracy
- Development of detection and mitigation tools for AI-driven content
- Policy analysis of AI governance and regulation
- Academic and industry collaboration

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

Call ID	Cluster
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-04	Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
Destination	Submission Mode
D1. Innovative Research on Democracy and Governance	Single-stage
EU Contribution	Expected Projects
Around €3,500,000.00 to €4,000,000.00 per project	5
Funding Rate Rule	
Up to 100% of eligible costs for Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)	

OFFICIAL LINKS

Official Regulation

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-04?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=relevance&keywords=HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-04&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503>

Grantavia page

<https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/addressing-the-impact-of-artificial-intelligence-cyberviolence-and-deepfakes-on-equality-democracy-and-inclusive-societies>

Schedule a meeting

<https://calendly.com/sandra-cardoso-epsa/reuniao>