

Development aid and democratic governance

Horizon Europe

● PENDING

Code

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-05

Scope

International

Location

Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type

Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate

100%

Budget

12M€

Eligible Project Value

Up to 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 the relationship between development aid and democratic governance , supporting more effective and equitable EU development cooperation. Projects should examine how development assistance affects democratic institutions, human rights, the rule of law, security, poverty reduction and socio-economic and gender inequalities, particularly in EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood countries and in low- and lower-middle-income countries.

The action seeks to equip EU and national policymakers, development agencies and cooperation organisations with evidence and practical recommendations for designing strategies that strengthen democratic institutions, inclusive governance and sustainable peace. It should also identify opportunities to reinforce the EU's geopolitical influence and soft power across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus, including through climate, water and science diplomacy.

Funding

Funding is provided under a Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action (RIA) . The topic has an indicative budget of €12 million , with approximately three 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 EXPENSES

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

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode

Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Other
- Social Economy
- Education & Training
- Consulting

Company Typologies

- Micro
- SME
- Large
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

Action Types

- Research and innovation Action
- Policy analysis
- Capacity building
- Stakeholder engagement

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

Call ID	Cluster
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-05	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	3
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-05>

Grantavia page

<https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/development-aid-and-democratic-governance>

Schedule a meeting

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