

Enhancing the security of citizens against terrorism and lone-actor violence in confined spaces such as schools

Horizon Europe

● CLOSING SOON

Code

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-05

Scope

International

Location

Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type

Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate

100%

Budget

9.7M€

Eligible Project Value

4.8M€ - 4.8M€

DATES & DEADLINES

Publication Date

December 12, 2025

Opening Date

May 6, 2026

Deadline

November 5, 2026 at 05:00 PM GMT+1 (8 days left)

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This call aims to enhance the security of citizens against terrorism and lone-actor violence in confined spaces such as schools, places of worship, public administration buildings, and other public-access structures. The objective is to provide these environments with effective, affordable, and inclusive solutions for preventing and responding to such threats, while fully respecting fundamental rights, including privacy and data protection. Eligible applicants are consortia that must include at least three Police Authorities and at least two Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) or Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) from at least three different EU Member States or Associated Countries. The consortia should also involve relevant security practitioners, IT specialists, psychologists, sociologists, and experts in social sciences and humanities (SSH).

Funding

The support is provided as a non-refundable grant in the form of a lump sum. The funding rate is up to 70% of eligible costs for Innovation Actions, and up to 100% for non-profit legal entities. The maximum and minimum EU contribution per project is €4.84 million, with a total topic budget of €9.67 million. Two grants are expected to be awarded under this call.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Active involvement of Police Authorities and Civil Society Organisations in the consortium
- Effective contribution and involvement of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) experts
- Affordable solutions for public schools and structures with limited funding
- Mid-term assessment by security practitioners
- Building on outcomes of previous EU-funded projects
- Coordination among successful proposals to avoid duplication and increase impact
- Use of Copernicus and/or Galileo/EGNOS if satellite data is used
- Access at little or no cost to created tools and methodologies for Police Authorities
- Education and training aspects for Police Authorities and practitioners
- Synergy-building and clustering initiatives with other successful proposals

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode

Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- ICT & Software
- Culture & Creative

Company Typologies

- Micro
- SME
- Large

- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

Action Types

- Development of methodologies to detect and tackle early signs of terrorist threats and radicalisation
- Design and implementation of prevention programmes for terrorism and lone-actor violence
- Raising awareness and training for staff in schools and public administration on security risks
- Improvement of cooperation between Police Authorities and relevant staff in confined spaces
- Technological development and application for security in confined spaces
- Assessment of project mid-term outcomes by security practitioners
- Analysis of social and cultural factors influencing vulnerability to radicalisation
- Modernisation of approaches for prevention of terrorist and lone-actor attacks
- Development of affordable security solutions for public schools and accessible structures
- Building on and coordination with outcomes of previous EU-funded projects
- Planning for future uptake and upscaling at national and EU level
- Combining social research with technological innovation
- Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

Call ID	Cluster
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01	Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society
Destination	Submission Mode
D1. Better protect the EU and its citizens against Crime and Terrorism	single-stage
EU Contribution	Expected Projects
€4,835,000.00 per project	2
Funding Rate Rule	
Up to 70% for Innovation Actions (up to 100% for non-profit entities only)	

OFFICIAL LINKS

Official Regulation

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-05>

Grantavia page

<https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/enhancing-the-security-of-citizens-against-terrorism-and-lone-actor-violence-in-confined-spaces-such-as-schools>

Information Video

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/46sBAgRpL5o>

Schedule a meeting

<https://calendly.com/filipa-silva-epsa/reuniao>