

Identifying user-focused solutions to support news media freedom

Horizon Europe

● PENDING

Code

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-06

Scope

International

Location

Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type

Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate

100%

Budget

12M€

DATES & DEADLINES

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DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This topic aims to strengthen news media freedom, pluralism and editorial independence by developing user-focused solutions that enhance the economic resilience, relevance and competitiveness of European news media. Projects should address the financial and political pressures affecting newsrooms, particularly local media, investigative journalism, public-interest news and other forms of journalism relying on original, resource-intensive content.

The action seeks to close European data gaps concerning audience behaviour, news consumption, market conditions and underserved societal groups. It should help news organisations and journalists adapt to digital transformation, reach new audiences and develop sustainable models that preserve both financial and editorial independence.

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 anticipated 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

- Culture & Creative
- Education & Training
- Social Economy
- Other

Company Typologies

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

Action Types

- Research and Innovation Action
- Policy Development
- Democratic Engagement

■ Network Building

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

Call ID	Cluster
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-06	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-06?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&keywords=HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-06&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503>

Grantavia page

<https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/identifying-user-focused-solutions-to-support-news-media-freedom>

Schedule a meeting

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