

The role of private companies in democracy

Horizon Europe

● PENDING

Code

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-07

Scope

International

Location

Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type

Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate

100%

Budget

8M€

DATES & DEADLINES

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Not defined

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DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This topic aims to improve understanding of the role and influence of large private companies, multinational corporations, technology platforms, foreign investors and business lobbying groups in democratic governance . Projects should examine how corporate activities and interests affect policymaking, political inequalities, democratic accountability, fundamental rights and the balance of power between public institutions, private actors and citizens.

The action seeks to identify both the benefits and risks of private-sector involvement in policymaking, particularly in areas such as climate change, environmental protection, data protection, privacy, civil rights and minority rights. Projects should provide policymakers, civil society and other stakeholders with evidence, tools and recommendations that promote transparency, responsible corporate conduct and the protection of the public interest.

Funding

Funding is provided under a Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action (RIA) . The topic has an indicative budget of €8 million , with approximately two projects expected to be funded. The Commission considers an EU contribution of between €3.5 million and €4 million per project appropriate, although proposals requesting different amounts may also be considered where properly justified.

As a Research and Innovation Action, projects may receive funding of up to 100% of eligible costs for all beneficiary types , including for-profit entities. The action is implemented through a lump sum grant , in accordance with the applicable Horizon Europe rules.

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
- Other

Company Typologies

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

Action Types

- Research and Innovation Action
- Pilot projects
- Policy analysis
- Capacity building
- Network development

■ Citizen engagement

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

Call ID	Cluster
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-07	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	2
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-07?keywords=HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-07&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503&order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate>

Grantavia page

<https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/the-role-of-private-companies-in-democracy>

Schedule a meeting

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