



Citizenship education

EU funding opportunities

This leaflet gives an overview of the EU funding opportunities available to those interested in citizenship education-related activities. The leaflet introduces relevant EU funding programmes and guides you where to look for more information. Whether you want to focus on strengthening the provision of citizenship education, promoting democratic participation and critical thinking, or linking it to educational reform, these programmes can help you implement an impactful project and make a difference.

ERASMUS+

A variety of projects relevant to citizenship education can be supported by **Erasmus+**, the EU flagship programme for education, training, youth and sport. The programme features four overarching priorities on social inclusion, supporting the green and digital transitions, and promoting participation in democratic life.

For whom: Depending on the action, pupils, students, learners, education and training staff, sport staff, young people, youth workers, organisations and institutions – all in EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme. In some cases, [countries not associated to the Programme](#) may also apply.

How: Check the Programme Guide, decide which kind of Erasmus+ project you wish to set up, shape it in line with the requirements for each type of project, and submit your application, depending on the action through your [National Agency](#) or through the European Education and Culture Executive Agency ([EACEA](#)).

For more information: [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#)

E+ Jean Monnet Actions for Schools and VET

Are you enthusiastic about developing young people's critical awareness about the EU, what it stands for, how it works and what difference it makes to our daily lives? **Jean Monnet Actions for Schools and VET** aim to support, as a part of the Erasmus+, teachers in primary, secondary and vocational education.

For whom: institutions (including higher education institutions) engaged in teacher training/education, schools and VET institutions (ISCED 1-4) – all from EU Member States and countries associated with Erasmus+.

E+ Jean Monnet Actions for Higher Education

Did you know that Jean Monnet Actions were launched in 1989 to promote excellence in teaching and research in the field of EU studies? Today, **Jean Monnet Actions for Higher Education** continue, as a part of the Erasmus+, to provide valuable opportunities for strengthening students' knowledge of the EU, boosting research in the field of EU studies, and encouraging collaboration between higher education institutions.

For whom: Higher education institutions and professors from EU Member States and countries associated with Erasmus+.

How: Calls on the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

For more information: [About JMA](#)

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS (ESC)

Are you a young person eager to help your community, or an organisation seeking volunteers? Join the **European Solidarity Corps** to access or offer volunteering opportunities, set up solidarity projects, or participate in humanitarian aid.

For whom: Individuals aged 18-30 (35 for humanitarian aid volunteering), and eligible public, private, or non-profit organisations. Don't forget to check if your country is on the list of [eligible programme and partner countries](#).

How: Individuals register on the Corps [portal](#); organisations apply via annual [calls for proposals](#).

For more information: [European Solidarity Corps](#)

CITIZENS, EQUALITY, RIGHTS AND VALUES (CERV)

Are you passionate about promoting citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the EU and supporting a Union where democracy thrives? Make sure to check out the 'Citizens' engagement and participation' strand of the **CERV programme**. CERV can also fund town twinning, networks of towns and remembrance projects.

For whom: Civil society organisations and networks, including cultural and youth organisations, education providers and research institutions, and public authorities – all legally established in the EU. In some cases, non-EU organisations may also be eligible.

How: CERV calls are published on the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

For more information: [CERV programme](#), [CERV national contact points](#) or the [EACEA](#) website

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND PLUS (ESF+)

Did you know that **ESF+** is the EU's main instrument to invest in people? Among other things, it supports education and training systems to facilitate the acquisition of key competences – including those relating to active citizenship.

For whom: Public bodies, private companies and civil society organisations in EU Member States.

How: Applicants should consult their [national/regional ESF+ portals](#), as EU Member States and regions are responsible for implementing the ESF+ funds.

For more information: [About ESF+](#)

HORIZON EUROPE

If you want to research issues in the areas of democracy and values, cultural diversity, and socioeconomic transformations, check out the 'Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society' strand under the **Horizon Europe** programme.

For whom: Legal entities established in EU Member States, the Overseas Countries and Territories linked to the Member States, countries associated to Horizon Europe, and [several non-EU countries](#).

How: Available funding and how to apply information is available on the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

For more information: [Horizon Europe: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society](#)

TECHNICAL SUPPORT INSTRUMENT (TSI)

Do you represent a national authority of an EU Member State and do you want to carry out an intervention or reform in education and training for which you need expert support? Then look towards the **Technical Support Instrument**, that can offer you tailor-made expertise to design and implement reforms relevant for improving citizenship education. TSI requires no co-financing from the Member State. The Commission covers all costs.

For whom: National Authorities of EU Member States.

How: Applicants must submit their request to the Commission, via a national Coordinating Authority. This request must be submitted by 31 October of each year.

For more information: [About the TSI](#)

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS RAISING (DEAR)

Does promoting citizens' critical engagement and global justice resonate with you? The **DEAR programme** funds projects that engage EU citizens on global issues, fostering critical engagement and active citizenship.

For whom: Civil society organisations and local authorities from EU countries, and non-EU countries under certain conditions.

How: Calls are published on the [calls for proposals](#) webpage.

For more information: [DEAR programme](#)

