

ANNEX

to the Commission Implementing Decision concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2017 and the financing for the implementation of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme

Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme - Work Programme for 2017

Introduction

On 25 October 2016 the European Commission adopted its work programme for 2017.¹ Justice and Consumer policy features prominently in it, supporting Commission priorities, such as those in the Area of Justice and Fundamental Rights Based on Mutual Trust and the Digital Single Market (DSM).

In order to improve the offer to European consumers and open up new opportunities for business, the Commission proposed the Digital Single Market Strategy in May 2015. The Consumer Law Database, an e-Justice project being developed in 2016-2017, will receive funding for content update from this programme.

The internet and digital technologies are transforming our world. But existing barriers online mean citizens miss out on goods and services, internet companies and start-ups have their horizons limited, and businesses and governments cannot fully benefit from digital tools. The recent major data protection reform will strengthen citizens' rights and cut costs and red tape for European business. A dedicated call will be launched in 2017 to train data protection authorities on the data protection reform. Funding is also foreseen to launch studies exploring how consumers and businesses can fully exploit the benefits brought by new digital content and services, the data economy and the Internet of Things.

This work programme also takes account of two recent developments, where Justice and Fundamental Rights policies can make a contribution: the protection of refugees and migrants, and the surge of radicalisation and intolerance phenomena. Strengthening child protection systems is one of the Commission's priorities under rights of the child. Child protection system actors need to be closely involved in dealing with children in migration.

DG Justice and Consumers will address the worrying increase of hate crime and hate speech by allocating funding to actions aiming at preventing and combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, tying in, among others, with the work of the Commission's coordinators on combating Antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred as well as the new High Level Group on combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, including dedicated work in the area of countering online hate speech (implementation of the Code of Conduct on countering illegal hate speech online) and on assisting Member States developing a common methodology on recording and collecting data on hate crimes. DG Justice also funds civil society organisations combatting racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance.

The Commission continues to promote gender equality. The funding under this work programme will continue to support the priorities and objectives highlighted in the Strategic engagement for gender equality 2016-2019, such as equal economic independence of women and men, and fighting gender based violence.

A call for action grants will support the implementation of the LGBTI List of Actions, initiatives promoting diversity management, youth and Roma integration. Under

¹ COM (2016) 710 final

procurement, an important study on trade union practices on anti-discrimination and diversity will be launched.

The promotion of Roma integration will pass through political dialogue with the Member States, close co-operation with the National Roma Contact Points-NRCP responsible for overseeing the National Roma Integration Strategies and the support to the National Roma Platform (an ad hoc restricted call). Support to and co-operation with civil society organisations active on non-discrimination and Roma integration will be encouraged through operating and action grants.

Two calls will address the problem of gender-based violence and violence against children under the Daphne specific objective. The Commission is also engaging with civil society in its aim to promote gender equality, to combat violence against women and children, and it also funds European networks working towards this goal.

Fostering the successful inclusion and political participation of mobile EU citizens in the civic and political life is one important dimension of EU citizenship. National, local authorities and NGOs have high expectations for support for such actions. In the run up to the 2019 European elections, there is a need for a specific focus on democratic participation and electoral rights.

Information campaigns are also needed, to raise awareness about EU rights, such as to their electoral rights, and how rules should be applied, and to help citizens use their rights in practice.

Overview of the 2017 Allocation of funds

Budget lines	Total Amount	% of the 2017 Programme funds
Budget line 33 02 01: Ensuring the protection of rights and empowering citizens	26 451 000 EUR	43,00 %
Budget line 33 02 02: Promoting non-discrimination and equality	35 064 000 EUR	57,00 %
TOTAL	61 515 000 EUR	100,00 %

Grants/Procurement	Total Amount	% of the 2017 Programme funds
Grants	47 510 000 EUR	77,23%
Procurement	14 005 000 EUR	22,77%
TOTAL	61 515 000 EUR	100,00 %

At present, the countries participating in the Programme are: for Budget Line 33 02 01, all the Member States and Iceland; for Budget Line 33 02 02, all the Member States, Iceland and Liechtenstein. Should additional third countries conclude an agreement with the Union on their participation in the Programme as of 2017, this will be announced in the relevant call for proposals and/or on the Programme's website.

In accordance with Art. 2 of Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013, the Programme shall finance actions with European added value. The European added value of actions, including that of small-scale and national actions, shall be assessed in the light of criteria such as their contribution to the consistent and coherent implementation of Union law, and to wide public

awareness about the rights deriving from it, their potential to develop mutual trust among Member States and to improve cross-border cooperation, their transnational impact, their contribution to the elaboration and dissemination of best practices or their potential to contribute to the creation of minimum standards, practical tools and solutions that address cross-border or Union-wide challenges.

All activities implemented under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in line with the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and shall support gender mainstreaming, child rights mainstreaming and the mainstreaming of non-discrimination.

Activities implemented under this work programme shall ensure consistency, complementarity and synergies with activities supported by other Union instruments including the Justice Programme, the "Europe for Citizens" Programme, the programmes in the areas of employment and social affairs; in the area of home affairs, such as the Internal Security Fund and the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund; and in the areas of health and consumer protection; education, training, youth and sport, such as the Erasmus+ programme; information society; enlargement, in particular the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), and the European Structural and Investment Funds.

Essential selection and award criteria for action grant calls

The essential selection and award criteria to be used for all action grant calls described in this work programme, unless specified otherwise in the specific call section, are as follows:

1. Grant applicants and co-applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:

- (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
- (b) The applicants' financial capacity: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to International Organisations and public bodies.

2. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
- (b) Quality of the proposed action;
- (c) European added value of the project;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness.

The essential eligibility criteria are specific to each call.

1. Budget line 33 02 01: ENSURING THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS AND EMPOWERING CITIZENS

On the basis of the five objectives of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for the year 2017 as follows:

- action grants (1.2):	20 206 000 EUR
- operating grants (1.3):	1 800 000 EUR
- procurement (1.4):	4 445 000 EUR
TOTAL:	26 451 000 EUR

INDICATIVE BREAKDOWN BY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence	15 906 000 EUR
Action Grants (1.2.1)	12 706 000 EUR
Action Grants (subdelegation to Eurostat, 1.2.2)	1 500 000 EUR
Operating Grants (1.3)	1 250 000 EUR
Procurement	450 000 EUR
To promote and protect the rights of the child	5 000 000 EUR
Action Grants (1.2.3)	4 000 000 EUR
Operating Grants (1.3)	550 000 EUR
Procurement	450 000 EUR
To contribute to ensuring the highest level of protection of privacy and personal data	1 995 000 EUR
Action Grants (1.2.5)	1 000 000 EUR
Procurement	995 000 EUR
To promote and enhance the exercise of rights deriving from citizenship of the Union	2 250 000 EUR
Action Grants (1.2.4)	1 000 000 EUR
Procurement	1 250 000 EUR
To enable individuals in their capacity as consumers or entrepreneurs in the internal market to enforce their rights deriving from Union law, in addition to projects funded under the Consumer Programme	1 300 000 EUR
Procurement	1 300 000 EUR

1.2 Action Grants

1.2.1. Call for proposals to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific Objective: Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence

PRIORITIES

1. Prevention of gender-based violence (GBV): The focus is on primary prevention, i.e. **changing social attitudes and behaviour, in order to end tolerance of all forms of violence**. This involves tackling prejudices and gender stereotypes and norms that encourage or condone violence, as well as preventing victimization.

(Indicative amount: 2 500 000 EUR)

2. Protection and support for victims of gender-based violence and violence against children, including through tackling under-reporting and promoting multi-disciplinary cooperation among relevant professionals.

This call aims to contribute to the implementation of:

- Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime;

- Directive 2011/99/EU on the European Protection Order; and/or

- Regulation 606/2013 on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters

For any project relevant to children, the aim is to support projects that embed in child protection systems specialist support for child victims with a child-centred and child rights approach.

(Indicative amount: 3 206 000 EUR)

3. The coordination and/or adaptation of support services for sexual and gender-based violence to include refugees and migrants (children, women, LGBTQI persons, young men and boys), in particular to ensure their recovery from such trauma. The aim is not to create new or parallel services but to adapt them in an inclusive manner. This call will not fund operating or running costs, but is intended to build capacity and adapt frameworks to include people in migration, for example where outreach to new facilities and structures are needed or where the involvement of cultural mediators could help.

(Indicative amount: 3 000 000 EUR)

4. Treatment of perpetrators, in order to prevent reoffending

(Indicative amount: 1 000 000 EUR)

5. National coordinating frameworks or action plans for violence against children (supporting Member States and other actors)

The aim is to support Member States in developing and implementing national coordinating frameworks to eliminate all forms of violence against children (which would cover a number of different areas and issues), in line with the 10 Principles on integrated child protection systems² and

² http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/files/2015_forum_roc_background_en.pdf

taking account of the Council of Europe Policy Guidelines on Integrated National Strategies for the Protection of Children from Violence.³

To ensure to achieve progress in the elimination of all forms of violence against children, the projects should be practical projects fostering multi-agency and multi-disciplinary cooperation across government (i.e. across all relevant departments), as well as outside government, in cooperation with other actors including civil society, to include legislation, policy, the setting and monitoring of targets and indicators, as well as where applicable training and capacity-building for stakeholders. Such frameworks will need to be integrated with other sectoral frameworks.

(Indicative amount: 3 000 000 EUR)

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

Project activities may include:

- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation, design and implementation of protocols, development of working methods which may be transferable to other regions or countries;
- capacity building and training for professionals;
- awareness-raising and education activities;
- empowerment of refugee/migrant communities and efforts to include them in support services;

The projects should be practical projects rather than research and should include a combination of elements to form a coherent whole.

One public authority per participating country must be actively involved in the projects, as applicant or partner or by providing substantial support. The requirement will be assessed under the award criterion b) relevance.

ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) The applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit organisations.
- (b) The project can be either national or transnational.
- (c) The application must involve at least two organisations (applicant and partner).
- (d) The EU grant requested cannot be lower than EUR 75 000.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- increased reporting of violence to the police and other services, with appropriate mechanisms in place to facilitate this;
- increased capacity of stakeholders and relevant professionals to address issues related to gender-based violence and violence against children, including through strengthened multi-agency cooperation;
- improved protection and support standards for victims of gender-based violence and violence against children including migrant women and children;
- increased awareness of gender-based violence and violence against children, including in the context of migration;

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- increased child protection systems specialist support for child victims with a child-centred and child rights approach;
- change in attitudes and behaviour as regards the issue of gender-based violence (including lower tolerance and victim-blaming) among general population and particular groups, e.g. relevant professionals, witnesses and bystanders, vulnerable groups etc;
- reduced risk of gender-based violence and violence against children;
- system-strengthening through capacity-building to ensure that structures for the prevention of and responses to violence against women, children and other groups particularly targeted are extended or adapted to also include refugees and migrants;
- expansion/adaptation to ensure a coherent and coordinated approach to the provision of support services for victims of sexual and gender based violence;
- strengthened cooperation and exchange of information between competent European/national/regional/local authorities in relation to sexual and gender-based violence and to violence against children, including in cross-border situations, in line with the 10 Principles on integrated child protection systems;
- improved conditions in reception centres for women, children and other groups particularly targeted;
- improved national frameworks for the elimination of all forms of violence against children reflect the 10 Principles and the Council of Europe Guidance;
- increased capacity of child protection actors to prevent and respond to violence against children in an integrated and multidisciplinary approach;
- national authorities responsible for addressing violence against children are better placed to cooperate and coordinate with their counterparts across the EU;
- effective prevention measures for violence against children are developed and implemented.

IMPLEMENTATION

By DG JUST

INDICATIVE PLANNING

Call Reference (Topic)	Date of Publication	Total Budget Available
REC-RDAP-GBV-AG-2017	Q3 2017	EUR 12 706 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

1.2.2. Direct action grants on social statistics including preparatory work covering gender-based violence statistics

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence

Art. 5 Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

BUDGET LINE

33 02 01 and 33 02 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The aim is to launch discussions with national statistical institutes regarding the development of a survey on gender-based violence.

Description of the activities to be funded under the invitations to submit proposals

Support on social statistics including preparatory work covering gender-based violence statistics – grants to national statistical institutes or other national authorities for their experts to work on this activity.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

To be eligible, grant applications must be submitted by National Statistical Institutes or other national authorities in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) 223/2009 (see legal basis above). The National Statistical Institutes and the other national authorities included in the list referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article may receive grants without a call for proposals, in accordance with Article 190(1)(d) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012 hereinafter "the Rules of Application").

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

The award criteria are based on

- (a) the relevance of the application in relation to the objectives of the invitation and the priorities of the annual work programme; and
- (b) the quality of the proposal including an evaluation in terms of coherence, relevance and proportionality of the estimated budget in relation with the proposed action.

Implementation

By Eurostat based on a cross sub-delegation

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the invitations to submit proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST-2017-ESTAT Budget line: 33 02 01	Q2-Q4 2017	1 500 000 EUR

JUST-2017-ESTAT Budget line: 33 02 02	Q2-Q4 2017	749 000 EUR ⁴
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Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

⁴ This amount is included in the overview on p.19.

1.2.3. Call for proposals on capacity-building in the area of rights of the child

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific Objective: to promote and protect the rights of the child

PRIORITIES

Projects shall support capacity building of professionals working for and with children on the rights of the child and child protection. Project activities shall focus on putting in place robust national or regional mechanisms to support children ageing out of/leaving alternative care and they shall encompass a strong child participation component (in project conception and design/empowerment of children/the child's right to be heard/children's involvement in reviewing service delivery).

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

EU funding is not intended to cover operational or running costs, but to support the development of robust mechanisms and frameworks for children in alternative care, to support their ageing out of care. Children in families can generally rely on family support over relatively long periods and "corporate" or "state" parents should have commensurate support mechanisms in place for children in care. The projects should be practical projects fostering the exchanges of best practices, trainings and capacity-building for stakeholders.

One public authority per participating country must be actively involved in the projects, as applicant or partner or by providing support. The requirement will be assessed under the award criterion b) relevance.

ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) Applicants and co-applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit organisations.
- (b) The projects can be either national or transnational.
- (c) The application must involve at least two organisations (applicant and partner).
- (d) The EU grant requested cannot be lower than EUR 75 000.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- all children are better supported in preparing to leave care;
- support and preparation measures start well before children age out/leave care;
- ageing out of care systems are coherent and integrated and designed to ensure that children who are care leavers have a good support network and do not fall through cracks;
- good practice is collected and shared (also across borders) with a view to being replicated.

IMPLEMENTATION

By DG JUST

INDICATIVE PLANNING

Call Reference (Topic)	Date of Publication	Total Budget Available
REC-RCHI-PROF-AG-2017	Q4 2017	EUR 4 000 000

MAXIMUM POSSIBLE RATE OF CO-FINANCING OF ELIGIBLE COSTS

80%

1.2.4. Call for proposals to improve the inclusion of mobile EU citizens and their political and societal participation

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific Objective: to promote and enhance the exercise of rights deriving from citizenship of the Union

PRIORITIES

The aim is to support Member States' efforts to address challenges arising from intra-EU mobility whilst also promoting and facilitating the effective exercise of the free movement rights by EU citizens and their family members. Project activities should foster the successful inclusion and participation of mobile EU citizens and their family members in the host EU country's civic and political life and their participation in the democratic life of the EU, particularly with a view to the 2019 European elections. Action grants will complement the work the Commission is funding in this domain following the publication of the 2016 Citizenship report, and of the work being funded through the European Parliament's pilot projects on e-voting and e-democracy.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

Development, exchanges and dissemination of best practices amongst national/regional/local authorities and civil society organisations. Support understanding of relevant national/regional/local rules and their interaction with EU citizenship rights. Directly support the participation of mobile EU citizens through information and advice.

ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) Applicants and co-applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit organisations.
- (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries.
- (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75.000.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- increased capacity of national, regional and local experts to enable and facilitate the participation of mobile EU citizens in their host Member State;
- increased capacity of national, regional and local experts to promote and welcome EU mobile citizens;
- strengthened cooperation and exchange of information between competent national, regional and local authorities in relation to enabling mobile EU citizens' participation in the host MS, including in democratic life (e.g. voting and standing as candidates) and challenges related thereto (e.g. eliminating dual voting);
- improved knowledge on the legislation and administrative practices related to enabling democratic participation for mobile EU citizens;
- alignment of the administrative practices in relation to the applicable EU rules in different Member States;
- improvement in the information provided to support the participation of EU citizens in the political and social life of their host communities.

IMPLEMENTATION

By DG JUST

INDICATIVE PLANNING

Call Reference (Topic)	Date of Publication	Total Budget Available
REC-RCIT-CITI-AG-2017	Q1 2017	EUR 1 000 000

MAXIMUM POSSIBLE RATE OF CO-FINANCING OF ELIGIBLE COSTS

80%

1.2.5. Call for proposals to ensure the highest level of protection of privacy and personal data

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific Objective: To contribute to ensuring the highest level of protection of privacy and personal data

PRIORITIES

In line with the Political guidelines of the Juncker Commission, the Data Protection Reform is one of the constituent elements of a 'Connected Digital Single Market' and an 'Area of Justice and Fundamental Rights based on mutual trust' and its application in 2018 needs effective and uniform preparation.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

Awareness raising, training, seminars with stakeholders, both general and sector specific (e.g. health, finance, etc.).

ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) Applicants and co-applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit organisations;
- (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries;
- (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75.000;
- (d) projects must not have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- increased awareness of data protection and increased capacity of national experts / civil society to address issues related to data protection;
- strengthened cooperation and exchange of information between competent national authorities in relation to data protection;
- improved knowledge on the legislation and administrative practices related to data protection;
- harmonisation of the administrative practices in relation to the relevant legislation in different Member States.

IMPLEMENTATION

By DG JUST

INDICATIVE PLANNING

Call Reference (Topic)	Date of Publication	Total Budget Available
REC-RDAT-TRAI-AG-2017	Q4 2017	EUR 1 000 000

MAXIMUM POSSIBLE RATE OF CO-FINANCING OF ELIGIBLE COSTS

80%

1.3 Operating Grants

1.3.1. Call for 4-year Framework Partnership Agreements to support European networks active in the fields covered by the specific objectives Daphne or rights of the child

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific Objectives:

- Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence**
- to promote and protect the rights of the child**

PRIORITIES

This call aims to establish 4-year Framework Partnership Agreements with European networks whose statutory aims are to prevent and combat violence against children and/or women, and to protect victims of such violence; or to promote and protect the rights of the child⁵. The annual operating grants to be signed on the basis of these Framework Partnership Agreements will enhance the capacities of these networks to contribute actively to the development and implementation of the EU policies in these areas.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

This call will support networks whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme and which will implement among others: analytical activities, training activities, mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities with EU added value.

The annual operating grant to be provided based on these Framework Partnership Agreements will finance the expenditure linked to the activities of these networks, insofar as they are in line with the objectives of the Programme in the areas concerned and with the annual priorities that may be established by the Commission. The costs of general administrative expenditure necessary for the running of these organisations may also be covered.

ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant for the Framework Partnership must be a private non-profit-oriented organisation duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme;
 - (b) the applicant for the Framework Partnership must be an established formal network with own legal personality or represent (as a joint secretariat or officially appointed coordinator) an established formal network, must be organised at European level and have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 14 participating countries. Networks active in the area of female genital mutilation (FGM) must have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 10 participating countries. Only the network or the organisation appointed as the joint secretariat/officially appointed coordinator may submit an application, the member organisations are not eligible to apply.
 - (c) the network's statutory aims must fall under the objectives of the Programme in the areas

⁵ Grounded in the United Nations Convention on the rights of the child.

of Daphne or rights of the child.

(d) the network must have a robust child protection/child safeguarding policy in place if applying in the rights of the child area.

2. The applicants for Framework Partnership must meet the following **selection criteria**:

(a) The applicant's operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed outline 4-year work programme and to maintain its activities during the 4-year period of implementation of the proposed outline work programme;

(b) The applicant's financial capability: the applicant should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout the 4-year period during which the proposed outline work programme is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

(a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;

(b) Quality of the outline 4-year work programme;

(c) European added value of the outline 4-year work programme;

(d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;

(e) Cost-effectiveness.

IMPLEMENTATION

By DG JUST

INDICATIVE PLANNING

Call Reference (Topic)	Date of Publication	Total Budget Available
REC-RDAP-NETW-2017		
REC-RCHI-NETW-2017	Q1 2017	n.a.

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

1.3.2. Operating grants to Framework Partners active in the Daphne or rights of the child areas

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific Objective:

- **Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence**
- **to promote and protect the rights of the child**

PRIORITIES

These grants aim to support the annual work programme of European networks aiming at promoting and protecting the rights of the child or active in the area of preventing and

combating all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence.

ESSENTIAL AWARD CRITERIA

The Commission will invite Framework Partners in writing to submit their proposals announcing the annual priorities. The Commission will verify that the organisation satisfies the exclusion criteria, that the proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme and will assess the proposal essentially on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) extent to which the proposed annual work programme of Framework Partners addresses the priorities announced by the Commission and is coherent with the outline work programme of the Framework Partnership Agreement;
- (b) quality of the annual work programme, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the annual work programme;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness

Expected results

In the area of violence against women, networks are expected to contribute to achieving at least one of the following objectives:

- Building the capacity of national or regional organisations working to prevent and combat violence against women, including female genital mutilation;
- increasing the number and quality of perpetrator programmes and of tailored and specialised support services for female victims of violence, particularly addressing the vulnerabilities of specific groups of women;
- building the capacity of professionals in contact with victims of all forms of violence against women, and enabling multi-disciplinary cooperation and mutual learning.

Expected results in the area of rights of the child are:

- Network partners contribute to the elimination of violence against children;
- Network partners build their capacity to develop coherent and coordinated activities to promote the protection of the rights of the child;
- The network expands its reach, including new partners in a multi-sectoral approach
- The network demonstrates a stronger child rights approach;
- The network's activities show a measurable increase in impact on children.

Implementation

By DG JUST

Indicative planning

Call Reference (Topic)	Date of Publication	Total Budget Available
REC-RCHI-NETW-OG-2017	Q1 2017	EUR 1 800 000
REC-RDAP-NETW-OG-2017		

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

1.4. Procurement

Legal basis

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Budget line

33 02 01

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged

In 2017 the Commission intends to undertake several actions through contracts following public procurement (calls for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements, if necessary. Conferences, expert meetings, seminars, communication activities may be organised, development and maintenance of IT platforms and systems may be supported, and surveys and studies and impact assessments may be undertaken as far as they are needed to monitor the proper implementation of existing legislation or to prepare, or accompany new legislation or to respond to policy changes in the area covered by the Programme. In addition, an interim evaluation study of the REC programme 2014-2020 is foreseen (Q1 2017). Procurement actions may cover in particular the following activities:

- (a) Specific objective: **Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence**
 - Survey on gender-based violence (cross delegation to DG ESTAT of 125 000 EUR) (Q2 2017);
- (b) Specific objective: **To promote and protect the rights of the child**
 - European Forum on the rights of the child and other actions related to the implementation of the EU Agenda on the rights of the child (framework contracts, Q2-Q4 2017);
 - Maintenance and upgrade of the rights of the child website for children (co-delegation to DIGIT) (Q1 2017)
 - Mapping of research and data on implementation of the rights of the child (Q2 2017);
- (c) Specific objective: **To contribute to ensuring the highest level of protection of privacy and personal data**
 - Organisation of conferences and workshops on data protection (Q2 –Q4 2017, framework contract)
 - Studies to support the implementation of the data protection reform; studies on the second step of the reform, studies regarding adequacy of third countries data protection laws, and studies related to international agreements in the field of data protection. (Q2 –Q4 2017, framework contract)
 - Awareness-raising activities on data protection (Q2 –Q4 2017)
 - Preparation of the implementation of the consistency mechanism with data protection authorities; building of a network of experts and academics in the field of data protection (Q2 –Q4 2017, framework contract)
 - Annual Report on the situation regarding the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data in the European Union - Article 29 Working Party -

- (d) Specific objective: **To promote and enhance the exercise of rights deriving from citizenship of the Union**
- EU campaign on EU citizenship rights following up on the 2016 Citizenship report (publication, leaflets, website) and in view of the 2019 EU elections (Q3 2017, framework contract)
 - Activities on democratic participation ahead of the 2019 EP elections (follow up of the 2015 elections report) (Q2-4 2017, framework contract)
 - Network of academics on Union Citizenship (Q4 2017, framework contract)
 - Support to compliance and implementation of the EU citizenship acquis (Q1-4 2017)
 - Activities to improve awareness of citizenship rights and free movement rules in national authorities (Q4 2017)
- (e) Specific objective: **To enable individuals in their capacity as consumers or entrepreneurs in the internal market to enforce their rights deriving from Union law, having regard to the projects funded under the Consumer Programme**
- Study for the preparation of policy initiatives (legislative or other) on data access, transfer and re-use, as well as civil liability related to Internet of Things, autonomous cars or robotics, including the organisation of workshops (Q2-4 2017)
 - Study analysing the legal aspects of 3D printing, including in particular uncertainties, limits and gaps in terms of contract and tort law (Q2-Q4 2017)
 - Hosting and maintenance of the UCPD Database until full integration in Consumer Law Database (Q2-3 2017)
 - Content update of the Consumer Law Database as new part of the e-Justice Portal (Q3-4 2017).

Indicative number of new contracts envisaged: 18

Indicative number of specific contracts based on existing framework contracts envisaged: 14

Total budget available

EUR 4 445 000

Implementation

By DG JUST and, where indicated, by DG ESTAT based on a cross sub-delegation

2. BUDGET LINE 33 02 02: PROMOTING NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUALITY

2.1. Introduction

On the basis of the four objectives of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for the year 2017 as follows:

- action grants (2.2):	16 254 000 EUR
- operating grants (2.3.):	9 250 000 EUR
- procurement (2.4):	9 560 000 EUR
TOTAL:	35 064 000 EUR

Table breakdown per specific objectives:

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	Total Amount
to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter	13 231 000 EUR
Action grants (2.2.1, 2.2.2)	5 255 000 EUR
Operating grants (2.3.2)	2 200 000 EUR
Operating grant to de facto monopoly (2.3.3)	1 000 000 EUR
Procurement (2.4)	4 776 000 EUR
to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance	9 360 000 EUR
Action grants (2.2.3., 2.2.4, 2.2.5)	7 000 000 EUR
Operating grants (2.3.2)	1 100 000 EUR
Procurement (2.4)	1 260 000 EUR
to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities	6 089 000 EUR
Operating grants (2.3.2)	3 500 000 EUR
Procurement (2.4)	2 589 000 EUR
to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming	6 384 000 EUR
Action grants (2.2.6, 2.2.7)	3 250 000 EUR
Action grants to Eurostat (1.2.2.)	749 000 EUR
Operating grants (2.3.1)	950 000 EUR
Procurement (2.4)	1 435 000 EUR
TOTAL	35 064 000 EUR

2.2. Action Grants

2.2.1. Call for proposals to support national or transnational projects on non-discrimination and Roma integration

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter

BUDGET LINE

33 02 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call will aim to co-fund transnational projects tackling at least one of the following grounds of discrimination of Art. 19 TFEU: racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. They should aim at:

1. Fighting against discrimination based on sexual orientation in society and promoting the rights of LGBTI people.
2. Promoting diversity management in the public and private sector: identification of existing practices, measurement of diversity management benefits, and awareness-raising. The proposed activities may be linked to the launch and implementation of Diversity Charters.
3. Fighting against discrimination of Roma through activities aiming to raise awareness and combat harmful stereotypes of Roma and thereby supporting their integration into mainstream society.
4. Raising awareness about intergenerational solidarity and non-discrimination on the basis of age (in particular of young people).

Priority will be given to fund at least one project in each of the above-mentioned four priority areas, subject to eligibility and reaching sufficient quality threshold under award criteria.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund activities on:

- data collection and survey; monitoring the implementation of non-discrimination legislation;
- training of professionals;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation, including identifying best practices which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- dissemination and awareness raising activities (including at local level), such as seminars, conferences, campaigns or social media and press activities.

Essential eligibility criteria

To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) applicant/s and co-applicants must be a public entities or a private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations;
- (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating

countries;
(c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000 or higher than 500 000 Euro;

Expected results

- design, development and/or monitoring of national, regional, or local policies aimed to fight against discrimination and/or to promote equality at the workplace and/or in society; and/or
- more effective implementation of the legislation on non-discrimination;
- increased stakeholders' knowledge of EU, national, regional and local policies and legislation as well as administrative practices in the non-discrimination field;
- implementation of the LGBTI List of Actions⁶, including fighting stereotypes and increase reporting of cases of discrimination based on sexual orientation;
- increased number of diversity charters and the number of companies affiliated to a charter;
- strengthened links between the academic/research community and the business world to quantify the benefits of diversity;
- support for the Roma integration process with particular regard to local action.

Implementation

By DG JUST

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
REC-RDIS-DISC-AG-2017	Q2 2017	3 500 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.2. *Restricted call for proposals to support National Roma platforms*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter

BUDGET LINE

33 02 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The priority of this restricted call for proposals for action grants is to support the setting up or reinforcing of national consultation processes in the Member States, through National Roma

⁶ http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/files/lgbti_actionlist_en.pdf

Platforms convened and managed by National Roma Contact Points (NRCPs).

NRCPs were appointed by Member States, in line with the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020 (http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/files/roma_nationalcontactpoints_en.pdf) to coordinate the development and implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategy, or integrated sets of policy measures within their broader social inclusion policies (thereafter: NRIS).

The Council Recommendation on effective Roma integration measures in the Member States confirms that NRCPs should facilitate the participation and involvement of Roma civil society in the implementation of NRIS and local action plans. The National Roma Platforms will contribute decisively to this process.

The National Roma Platforms are expected to encourage and facilitate dialogue and exchanges, promote mutual learning, cooperation and involvement in implementation and monitoring between all national stakeholders. Inclusion of Roma people, in particular Roma women and youth, in the Platform is strongly encouraged.

The objectives of the Platforms are:

- To empower the NRCPs in the process of Roma integration, to give them the necessary visibility towards all relevant stakeholders, whether at national, regional or local level, towards Roma and non-Roma communities;
- To ensure effective involvement of all relevant stakeholders (i.e. national, regional, local authorities, Roma and non-Roma communities including Roma youth and Roma women, Roma and pro-Roma non-governmental organisations (NGOs), private entrepreneurs, trade unions, professional associations, academia, Equality bodies, etc.) in decisions that affect Roma, taking into account the roles of each stakeholder;
- To address the gaps in the implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategy and the challenges which are specific to the national context;
- To feed reporting processes at national and EU level.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund activities supporting active partnership between stakeholders in the development, implementation and monitoring of the National Roma Integration Strategies or integrated sets of policy measures in the Member States.

Member States using Commission support under the previous call (JUST/2015/RDIS/AG/NRP2) to set up National Roma Platforms should set out how they intend to maintain and develop them.

Proposals of Member States that have not applied for support under the above mentioned previous call shall present the methodology to be used for the setting up or reinforcing and restructuring of National Roma Platforms, by inclusive and transparent involvement of all relevant stakeholders with a focus on implementation and monitoring of National Roma Integration Strategies and integrated set of measures, and for the implementation of their activities.

The National Roma Platforms should not be considered as one-off events or conferences but as an ongoing, joint process in which all relevant stakeholders work closely together towards better integration of Roma.

Activities should support nationally led participatory multi-stakeholder processes of working meetings aimed at strengthening partnership across all levels, including government authorities, regional and local authorities, civil society organisations, including Roma youth and Roma women organisations, private sector, academia, etc. The use of participatory methodologies, including with the help of professional facilitators, is encouraged.

Activities may include meetings and events at national, regional or local levels of National Roma Platforms, including their preparation, organisation and follow-up activities.

The following concrete activities might be included in the proposal:

Activities aimed at making stakeholder participation effective, including the identification of stakeholders, capacity building actions, integration of their inputs in shaping policies relevant to Roma integration;

Working meetings aiming at ensuring proper communication with all stakeholders;

Activities focusing on empowerment and participation of Roma youth and women organisations;

Organization of an opening "Kick Off" meeting with participation of all relevant stakeholders (with balanced geographical coverage) in order to explain the process as well as the Member State's approach towards Roma integration;

Organization of topical discussions/focused group discussions/good practices working meetings, notably on

- education, employment, health, housing and anti-discrimination issues, which would address the needs/priorities/obstacles/challenges at national/ regional/local level;
- funding opportunities;
- Roma education and how best to advance the education of Roma children, involving educators, Roma parents, representatives of municipalities, social workers, Roma mediators, Roma assistants;
- the involvement of trade unions, private sector in increasing employability of Roma and on an integrated approach in the area of housing and health;

Activities aimed at facilitating dialogue between Roma and non-Roma communities and local

authorities to explain the mutual benefits of Roma integration measures for both communities.

The following types of activities will not be funded by the Commission:

- Activities supporting individual political parties;
- Provision of financial support to third parties;
- Legal actions before national or international courts regardless of their grounds or objectives;

This call focuses on national activities and transnational activities are not supported (e.g. travel costs abroad are not supported)

Essential eligibility criteria

To be eligible, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) the application must be submitted by the officially appointed National Roma Contact Point. Only one application per Member State will be accepted.
- (b) the EU grant applied for cannot be higher than EUR 65 000.;
- (c) The initial duration of the project should not exceed 12 months

Expected results

- Increased number of the national Platforms seen as an integral component of the coordination and monitoring activities of the NRCPs to foster the process for dialogue, cooperation and coordination of stakeholders;
- increased capacity of national experts to address issues related to Roma integration;
- strengthened cooperation and exchange of information between competent national authorities in relation to Roma integration;
- improved knowledge on the legislation and administrative practices related to Roma integration.

Implementation

By DG JUST

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
REC-RDIS-NRCP-AG-2017	Q3 2017	1 755 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

95%

2.2.3. Call for proposals to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance

BUDGET LINE

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The call is aimed at supporting projects contributing to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance. Proposals under this call may explore the use of all available tools and forms of cooperation between national authorities, non-governmental organisations, communities and international organisations and bodies, and are encouraged to be developed on the basis of a holistic approach. While proposals do not need to be transnational, the added value of projects involving organisations from more than one participating country is of particular interest.

The call to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance will support:

- projects focusing on preventing and combating Antisemitism
- projects focusing on preventing and combating anti-Muslim hatred and intolerance
- projects focusing on preventing and combating homophobia and transphobia, also to contribute to the implementation of the Commission's List of Actions to advance LGBTI equality⁷
- projects focusing on preventing and combating other forms of intolerance, such as anti-gypsyism, xenophobia and anti-migrant hatred, Afrophobia, hate crimes against persons with disabilities

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

In relation to the above mentioned priorities, the call will fund activities on:

- mutual learning and exchange of good practices between Member States
- development of tools and practices to improve responses to these phenomena, including but not limited to means of criminal law
- supporting victims of hate crime and hate speech and addressing the issue of underreporting, including trust building between communities and national authorities
- achieving strengthened cooperation between key actors (such as different national and/or local authorities, civil society organisations, targeted communities)
- capacity building and training activities
- activities creating better understanding between communities, including through interreligious and intercultural activities and projects focusing on coalition building
- dissemination and awareness raising activities

Essential eligibility criteria

To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) applicants and co-applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations;
- (b) The project can be either national or transnational.
- (c) The application must involve at least two organisations;
- (d) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;

Expected results

⁷ http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/files/lgbti_actionlist_en.pdf

- increased capacity of national and local authorities and civil society organisations and communities to address issues related to racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, including by training activities, mutual learning and exchange of good practices;
- strengthened cooperation and exchange of information between competent national authorities and other key actors such as civil society organisations and community representatives in the area of preventing and combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance;
- improved support to hate crime victims, better awareness of the rights of victims of hate crime and hate speech and increased number of reported hate crime and hate speech incidents;
- effective prevention measures addressing manifestations of racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance developed and implemented;
- increased awareness of the general population on the impact of racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, of current trends and better understanding of the various forms of intolerance, in particular among multipliers and community leaders;
- improved understanding between communities, enhanced interreligious and intercultural dialogue and increased coalition building;
- curbing manifestations of racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance across the EU, including incidents of hate crime and hate speech.

Implementation

By DG JUST

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
REC-RRAC-RACI-AG-2017	Q2 2017	4 000 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.4. Call for proposals to monitor, prevent and counter hate speech online

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance

BUDGET LINE

33 02 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The call is aimed at supporting projects contributing to monitor, prevent and counter hate speech online.

While proposals do not need to be transnational, the added value of projects involving organisations from more than one participating country is of particular interest.

The call for proposals to monitor, prevent and counter hate speech online will support:

- Projects aimed at countering hate speech online on social platforms/Internet companies: monitoring tools, data recording, analysis of trends and enhancing transparency (as a follow-up of the Code of Conduct on countering illegal hate speech online).
- Projects aimed at building capacity of civil society on notifying hate speech online to Internet companies, including, but not limited to, training on the legal framework (including to contribute to the implementation of the Code of Conduct on countering illegal hate speech online).
- Projects on developing online alternative and counter-narratives and promoting the development of critical thinking by Internet users (as a follow-up of the 2016 Annual Colloquium on Fundamental Rights)
- Projects aiming at tackling online hate speech against journalists, collecting data related to online abuse against media actors and analysing its effects on the democratic debate (as a follow-up of the 2016 Annual Colloquium on Fundamental Rights)

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

In relation to the above mentioned priorities, the call will fund activities on:

- development of online tools countering hate speech online and data collection
- dissemination and awareness raising activities on hate speech online
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, including identifying best practices which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- capacity building and training activities.

Essential eligibility criteria

To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- applicants and co-applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations.
- The project can be either national or transnational.
- The application must involve at least two organisations.
- the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000.

Expected results

- Curbing increasing trends of illegal hate speech over the Internet;
- Improving data recording and establishment of trends, including on the chilling effects of illegal hate speech online, particularly when addressed to key democracy players, such as journalists;
- Strengthening cooperation between national authorities, civil society organisations and Internet companies, in the area of preventing and countering hate speech online;
- Empowering civil society organisations in their activities countering hate speech online and in the development of effective counter-narratives
- Increasing awareness of the general public on online hate speech and boosting public perception of the issue.

Implementation

By DG JUST

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
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REC-RRAC-ONLINE-AG-2017	Q2 2017	1 500 000 EUR
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Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.5. *Restricted call for proposals for public authorities on preventing and combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, and in particular hate crime and hate speech*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance

BUDGET LINE

33 02 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The restricted call for proposals is aimed at assisting Member States' authorities in developing tools and practices to effectively prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, and in particular hate crime and hate speech. The call is targeted at public authorities who bear a responsibility in implementing legislation and policies on preventing and combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, and in particular hate crime and hate speech. Projects involving law enforcement authorities and judicial authorities, including prosecutors, will be prioritised. Projects contributing to ensuring a more effective implementation of national provisions on hate speech and hate crimes, in particular those transposing the EU Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law, are of particular interest.

Increased support for national authorities also ties in with the work of the new EU High Level Group on combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, including dedicated work on assisting Member States developing a common methodology on recording and collecting data on hate crimes.

While proposals do not need to be transnational, the added value of projects involving organisations from more than one participating country is of particular interest.

The restricted call for public authorities will support:

- projects focusing on improving the effective investigation, prosecution and on ensuring the adequate sentencing of hate crime and hate speech cases;
- projects focusing on addressing underreporting and ensuring adequate support to victims of hate crime and hate speech;
- projects aimed at improving methodologies for recording and collecting data on hate crimes, also to contribute to enhanced comparability of Member States' data and statistics;
- projects aimed at developing comprehensive strategies to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, including, where relevant, by focussing on specific grounds.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

In relation to the above mentioned priorities, the call will fund activities on:

- mutual learning and exchange of good practices between Member States
- development of tools and practices to improve responses to these phenomena, including but not limited to means of criminal law
- supporting victims of hate crime and hate speech and addressing the issue of underreporting, including trust building between communities and national authorities
- capacity building and training activities
- achieving strengthened cooperation and coordination between key actors (such as different national and/or local authorities, civil society organisations, targeted communities).

Essential eligibility criteria

To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

(a) lead applicants must be a public authorities of one of the countries participating in the Programme; co-applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations;

(b) the application must involve at least two organisations;

(c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;

Expected results

- increased capacity of competent public authorities to effectively investigate, prosecute and adequately sentence hate crime and hate speech cases
- improved knowledge and awareness of competent public authorities of the impact of racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, and in particular hate crime and hate speech, of current trends and better understanding of the various forms of intolerance and of the legal framework, including rights of victims of hate crime and hate speech
- improved methodologies on recording and collecting data on hate crimes, and enhanced comparability of data and statistics across the EU
- strengthened cooperation and exchange of information between competent national authorities as well as other key actors such as civil society organisations and community representatives in the area of preventing and combating hate crime and hate speech;
- development and implementation of comprehensive strategies to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, including, where relevant, by focussing on specific grounds;
- improved support to hate crime victims, better awareness of the rights of victims of hate crime and hate speech and increased number of reported hate crime and hate speech incidents;
- curbing manifestations of racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance across the EU, including incidents of hate crime and hate speech.

Implementation

By DG JUST

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
REC-RRAC-HATE-AG-2017	Q2 2017	1 500 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.6. *Restricted call for proposals to address gender gaps over the life-cycle*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming

BUDGET LINE

33 02 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The aim of the call is to support projects by Member States that analyse existing gender gaps and develop effective measures to tackle them, in particular the gender gap in pensions. The underlying reasons for women's lower income and women's greater risk of poverty are manifold: women participate less in the labour market, they work fewer hours, and they are paid less than men on average. Also the take up of family-related leaves and time spent on care work have an impact on women's earnings. There are inequalities in study subject choices and careers patterns, and women often face glass ceilings when it comes to accessing decision-making positions. Gendered patterns in education partly explain the gender segregation in the labour market. All this leads to the persistence of the gender pay gap, the gender earnings gap and the gender gap in pensions. Gender gaps in pay, pensions and participation hinder women's economic independence.

The expected impact of the projects is to contribute to reducing the gender gap in pay, earnings and pensions and the higher risk of poverty faced by older women, for example by supporting men and women to make informed choices throughout their life and by combatting obstacles to the economic independence of women. At aggregate level, tackling the gender gap in pensions and its underlying causes contributes to the sustainability of social protection systems: equal economic independence at all ages means that each individual woman/man is able to live out of its own work and is able to fully contribute to the social protection system.

This specific call will also respond to the call of the Council of the European Union to raise awareness on the gender pension gap and to ensure that women and men "remain in quality employment over the whole life cycle, resulting in higher labour force participation and fuller careers and thus an earnings history that will result in an adequate pension" (Council conclusions adopted in September 2015).

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

Project activities may include:

- Testing approaches to tackle existing gender gaps;
- analytical activities;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, development of working methods which may be transferable to other countries;
- exchange and provision of information, development of information tools;
- awareness-raising activities.

Essential eligibility criteria

To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

(a) the application must be submitted:

(i) by the national authority in charge of the policy on equality between women and men (if an application is submitted by this authority, applications submitted by other entities will be ineligible); or

(ii) by the body responsible for gender equality at national level (i.e. body referred to in Art. 20 of the

Directive 2006/54/EC) (if no application is submitted by the national authority under (i), an application submitted by the body responsible for gender equality at national level will be eligible); or
 (iii) by another national authority (only if no application is submitted by the two entities under (i) and (ii), will an application submitted by another national authority be eligible);
 Co-applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations;
 (b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 100 000;

Expected results

- improved knowledge of the possible impacts of future measures to addressing gender gaps in pensions and of the gender impacts of pension reforms;
- effective approaches to tackle existing gender gaps in pension and their root causes tested;
- effective approaches to tackle existing gender gaps in pay and earnings and their root causes tested ;
- increased capacity of national experts to address issues related to the gender gaps over the life cycle, including the gender gap in pensions ;
- strengthened cooperation and exchange of information between competent national authorities in relation to the existing gender gaps over the life cycle, the gender gap in pension and its underlying causes and the way to tackle them;
- increased awareness of the existing gender gaps over the life cycle, of the gender pension gap and its underlying causes;
- increased number of men and women able to make informed career choices knowing the impacts on their pension entitlements;
- reduced risk of poverty faced by older women;
- improved sustainability of social protection systems.

Implementation

By DG JUST

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
REC-RGEN-PENS-AG-2017	Q4 2017	3 000 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.7. Action grant to monopoly – Presidency conference

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming

Article 190(1)(f) of the Rules of Application

Presidency Conferences, highly political in nature and requiring representation at the highest level both from national authorities and European representatives, are to be organised

exclusively by the Member State holding the Presidency. Given the unique role of the Presidency in the framework of EU activities, a Presidency conference can be considered as an action with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its administrative powers.

BUDGET LINE

33 02 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The priority is to fund one Presidency conference which should aim to enhance awareness and promote the debate about key challenges and policy issues on equality between women and men among stakeholders and civil society at Member States' level.

Description of the activities to be funded

This grant aims to support one Presidency Conference in the area of equality between women and men.

Essential award and selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) extent to which the proposed activities address the Commission's priorities for equality between women and men;
- (b) quality of the proposal, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the activities;
- (d) financial quality of the proposal, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget, which is coherent with the proposed activities.

Implementation

By DG JUST

Indicative timetable of the invitation to submit a proposal and indicative amount

Reference	Date	Amount
REC-RGEN-PRES-AG-2017	Q4 2017	250 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.3. *Operating Grants*

2.3.1. *Call for 4-year Framework Partnership Agreements to support European networks active in the areas of non-discrimination; racism, xenophobia, homophobia or other forms of intolerance; disabilities; or equality between women and men*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objectives:

- **to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter;**
- **to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance;**
- **to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities;**
- **to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming.**

BUDGET LINE

33 02 02

Objectives pursued and expected results

This call aims to establish 4-year Framework Partnership Agreements with European networks whose statutory aims are to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination; to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance; to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities; to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming. The annual grants to be signed on the basis of these Framework Partnership Agreements will enhance the capacities of these networks to contribute actively to the development and implementation of the policies in these areas.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will support networks whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme and who will implement among others: analytical activities, training activities, mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities.

The annual operating grant to be provided based on these Framework Partnership Agreements will finance the expenditure linked to the activities of these networks, insofar as they are in line with the objectives of the Programme in the areas concerned and with the annual priorities that may be established by the Commission. The costs of general administrative expenditure necessary for the running of these organisations may also be covered.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant for the Framework Partnership must be a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme;
 - (b) the applicant for the Framework Partnership must be an established formal network with own legal personality or represent (as a joint secretariat or officially appointed coordinator) an established formal network, must be organised at European level and have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 14 participating countries. Only the network or the organisation appointed as the joint secretariat/officially appointed coordinator may submit an application, the member organisations are not eligible to apply.
 - (c) the network's statutory aims must fall under the objectives of the Programme in the areas of non-discrimination; or racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance; or rights of persons with disabilities; or equality between women and men.
2. Applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
 - (a) The applicant's operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed outline 4-year work programme and to maintain its activities during the 4-year period of implementation of the proposed outline work programme;
 - (b) The applicant's financial capability: the applicant should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout the 4-year period during which the proposed outline work programme is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
 - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
 - (b) Quality of the outline 4-year work programme;
 - (c) European added value of the outline 4-year work programme;
 - (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
 - (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG JUST

REC-RDIB-NETW-2017 by DG EMPL based on a co-delegation

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
REC-RDIS-NETW-2017	Q1 2017	<i>n.a.</i>
REC-RRAC-NETW-2017		
REC-RDIB-NETW-2017		
REC-RGEN-NETW-2017		

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.3.2. Operating grants to Framework Partners active in the areas of non-discrimination; combating racism and xenophobia, disabilities; or equality between women and men

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objectives:

- **to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter;**
- **to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance;**
- **to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities;**
- **to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming**

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

These grants aim to support the annual work programme of European networks active in the area of equality which have signed Framework Partnership Agreements with the Commission. The Commission will invite Framework Partners in writing to submit their proposal announcing the annual priorities.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

These grants will fund operating costs and those activities of the network which have EU added value and contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme, among others: analytical activities, training activities, mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities.

Essential award criteria

The Commission will verify that the organisation satisfies the exclusion criteria, that the proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme and will assess the proposal essentially on the basis of the following **award criteria**:

- (a) extent to which the proposed annual work programme addresses the priorities announced by the Commission and is coherent with the organisation's 4 year Action plan annexed to the Framework Partnership Agreement;
- (b) quality of the annual work programme, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the annual work programme;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness

EXPECTED RESULTS

In the area of violence against women, networks are expected to contribute to achieving at least one of the following objectives:

- Building the capacity of national or regional organisations working in the areas covered by the call;
- Network partners build and increase their capacity to develop coherent and coordinated activities to promote the relevant policy objectives;
- The network expands its reach, including new partners in a multi-sectoral approach;

- The network demonstrates a stronger child rights approach;
- The network's activities show a measurable increase in impact in the respective policy areas.

In the area of disability, networks are expected to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities both at national and EU levels, by contributing to the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to the objectives of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 and of other relevant EU policies and initiatives.

Implementation

By DG JUST

REC-RDIB-NETW-OG-2017, by DG EMPL based on a co-delegation

Indicative timetable of the invitation to submit a proposal and indicative amount

Reference	Date	Amount
REC-RDIS-NETW-OG-2017	Q2 2017	2 200 000 EUR
REC-RRAC-NETW-OG-2017		1 100 000 EUR
REC-RDIB-NETW-OG-2017		3 500 000 EUR
REC-RGEN-NETW-OG-2017		950 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.3.3. Operating grant 2018 to a de facto monopoly - EQUINET

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter

Article 190(1)(c) of the Rules of Application

Article 13 of Directive 2000/43/EC; Article 12 of Directive 2004/113/EC; Article 20 of Directive 2006/54/EC

BUDGET LINE

33 02 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The beneficiary of the grant will be EQUINET AISBL (registered in Belgium). EQUINET was created in 2007 and its members are national Equality Bodies as established by Article 13 of

Directive 2000/43/EC; Article 12 of Directive 2004/113/EC and Article 20 of Directive 2006/54/EC. These articles provide that Member States will designate a body or bodies for the promotion of equal treatment of all persons without discrimination on grounds of racial or ethnic origin or sex. These bodies may form part of agencies charged at national level with the defence of human rights or the safeguarding of individuals' rights. As the designation of equality bodies by the Member States is required by the abovementioned articles, these organisations are well identified.

EQUINET is in a de facto monopoly situation, because this is the only network which can ensure coordination of activities and exchange of good practices between Equality bodies foreseen by Directives 2000/43/EC, 2004/113/EC and 2006/54/EC.

Member States must also ensure that the competences of these bodies include independent assistance to victims of discrimination in pursuing their complaints about discrimination, conducting independent surveys concerning discrimination and finally publishing independent reports and making recommendations on any issue relating to such discrimination.

The Commission considers that the national Equality Bodies play a key role in the actual implementation of Directives 2000/43/EC, 2004/113/EC and 2006/54/EC. This is comprehensive legislation taking a rights-based approach, so it will work only if citizens take cases to court. That is why there is a need for comprehensive support by the equality bodies, both in terms of direct support to the individuals and in terms of research and awareness-raising. The work with the Equality Bodies to date has shown a very varied level of knowledge and working methods among the 28 equality bodies. Consequently, European sharing of best practice is crucial to get a common level of protection of citizen's across the EU.

The Commission will invite EQUINET in writing to submit its proposal announcing the annual priorities for 2018.

Description of the activities to be funded

This grant aims to support the activities implemented in 2018 by the network of the equality bodies and encourage the sharing of experiences and good practices between them.

Essential award criteria

Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) extent to which the proposed annual work programme addresses the priorities announced by the Commission;
- (b) quality of the annual work programme, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the annual work programme;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Increased capacity of national equality bodies experts to address issues related to non-discrimination;
- strengthened cooperation and exchange of information between Equality Bodies ;
- improved knowledge on the legislation and administrative practices related to non-discrimination.

Implementation

By DG JUST

Indicative timetable of the invitation to submit a proposal and indicative amount

Reference	Date	Amount
REC-RDIS-EQNT-OG-2017	Q4 2017	1 000 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

95 %

2.4. Procurement

Legal basis

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Budget line

33 02 02

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged

In 2017 the Commission intends to undertake several actions through contracts following public procurement (calls for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements, if necessary. Conferences, expert meetings, seminars, communication activities may be organised, development and maintenance of IT platforms and systems may be supported or surveys and studies and impact assessments may be undertaken as far as they are needed to monitor the proper implementation of existing legislation or to prepare, or accompany new legislation or to respond to policy changes in the area covered by the Programme. Procurement activities may cover in particular the following actions:

(a) Specific objective: non-discrimination

- Business case for diversity: Support for initiatives promoting diversity management at the workplace across the EU (Framework Contract, Q3 2017);
- Actions necessary to prepare or accompany policy developments in the area of non-discrimination, including initiatives of EU Council Presidencies (Framework Contract, Q2, Q4 2017);
- Actions necessary to prepare or accompany policy developments in the area of LGBTI (Framework Contract, Q3-Q4 2017);
- Trade Union practices on anti-discrimination and diversity: up-date of the 2010 mapping study and qualitative assessment of impact of such practices (Framework contract, Q 2017)
- EU and national Roma Platforms, National Roma Contact Point meetings, Round Tables and other meetings with civil society & international organisations on Roma integration (Framework contract, Q1-Q4 2017);
- Provision of expertise in gender equality and anti-discrimination legislation (last renewal of the current contract, Q4 2017);
- Provision of training seminars to raise awareness among judges and legal practitioners on EU anti-discrimination legislation (last renewal of the current contract, Q4 2017);
- Journalist Award (Q3 2017)
- Awareness Raising Action on all areas covered by the Council Directive 2000/78/EC (Q3 2017);

(b) Specific objective: racism and xenophobia

- Targeted activities contributing to EU policies in the area of preventing and combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance
- Actions (i.e. seminars, workshops and expert meetings) to support Member States in mutual learning activities, and developing tools and practices to effectively prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, in particular hate speech and hate crimes, including as a contribution to the work of the EU High Level Group on combating racism,

xenophobia and other forms of intolerance (framework contracts, Q2-Q4 2017);- Call for tender to set up a monitoring tool to ensure regular notification of illegal hate speech online content and gather statistics (Q 2017);

- A study on discrimination on grounds of religion or belief in employment
- Impact assessment study to assess the scope for further action to strengthen the protection of whistle-blowers in the EU

(c) Specific objective: disabilities (Implementation by DG EMPL based on a co-delegation)

- Training of legal and policy practitioners on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Q4 2017);
- European network of academic experts in the field of disability (Q4 2017);
- Work Forum on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Q1 2017);
- European Day of Disabled People (Q4 2017);
- Access City Award (Q4 2017);
- Disability and inclusion publication (Q3 2017);

(d) Specific objective: equality between women and men

- Scientific analysis and advice on gender equality (ex-European network of experts in the field of gender equality);
- Study to assess the current framework for the implementation and enforcement of gender equality legislation, with specific reference to equal pay and the costs and benefits of new or amending measures;
- Communication activities (Framework contracts, Q1-Q4 2017).

Finally, administrative arrangement with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) to ensure that behavioural insights are integrated in activities tackling gender-based violence and gender stereotypes

Project activities will include:

- Literature review on the application of insights from behavioural sciences to prevent and combat violence against women to increase the effectiveness of awareness-raising campaigns
- Participation in info-days to disseminate the findings of the literature review
- Targeted advice on how to implement behavioural insights in selected projects tackling gender-based violence and gender stereotypes

Indicative number of new contracts envisaged: 19

Indicative number of specific contracts based on existing framework contracts envisaged: 14

Implementation

By DG JUST and, where indicated, by DG EMPL based on a co-delegation

Total budget available

EUR 9 560 000