

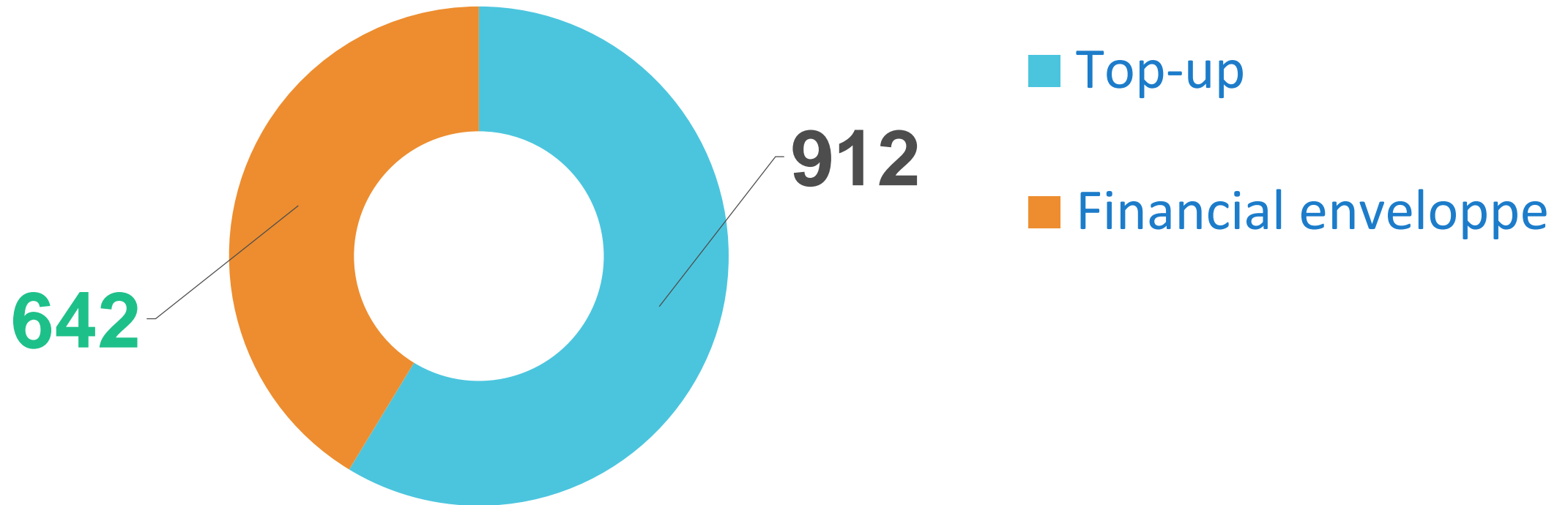
# EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

# Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme

24 November 2021

# Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values

**Budget: 1.55 billion euro**



# What are the objectives ?

To protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU **Treaties and the EU Charter**

by **supporting civil society organisations** and other stakeholders active at local, regional, national and transnational level,

by encouraging civic and democratic participation, in order to sustain and further develop open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies based on the rule of law

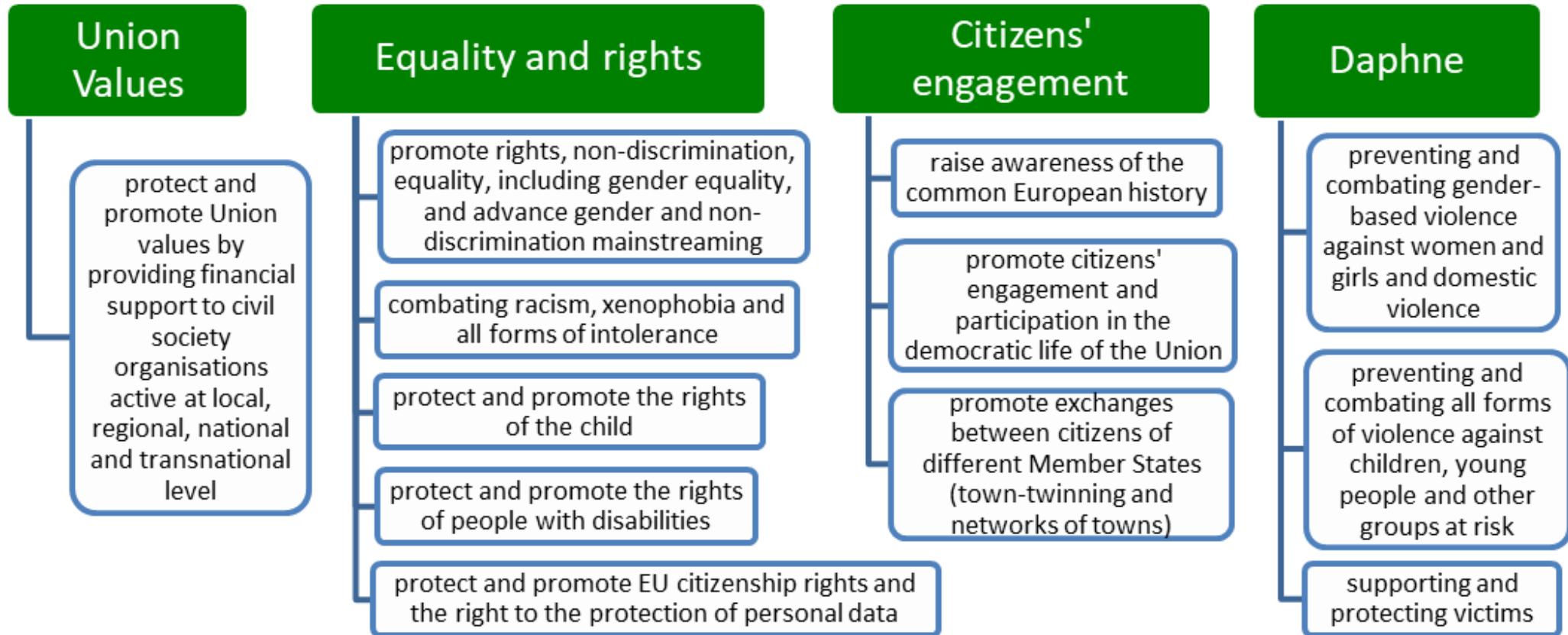
**Union values strand**

**Equality, Rights and Gender Equality strand**

**Citizens' engagement and participation strand**

**Daphne strand**

# CERV Programme – Four strands



# What is new in CERV

## Union Values (Re-granting)

- New call with **50 million euro** (2021)
- 2,5 – 4,5 million euro per organisation
- **Re-granting scheme** to support small and grassroots NGOs
- → **Soon for framework partners** (5,6 million euro in 2022)

## National Contact Points

- **27 national relays** (so far 19 appointed)
- Providing guidance and **practical information**
- assistance to applicants, stakeholders and beneficiaries

## Multi-year work programme

- 2021-2 Work Programme with **292 million euro**
- Advanced planning for all calls
- Bigger **transparency** and earlier **information** for stakeholders
- → **multi-year priorities**

## Merging of two programmes

- **Rights, Equality and Citizenship 2014-2020** – combating racism, gender-based violence,...etc
- **Europe for Citizens 2014-2020** – citizen engagement and participation, town-twinning, European remembrance

# Call for proposals on capacity building and awareness on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and strategic litigation

## 1. Capacity-building and awareness raising on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

To contribute to the effective and coherent application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, in line with the Strategy to strengthen the application of the Charter in the EU and to foster a culture of fundamental rights in the Member States.

## 2. Activities on strategic litigation

To strengthen the knowledge and ability of practitioners, legal professionals, civil society organisations and independent human rights bodies to effectively engage in litigation practices at national and European level, and to improve access to justice and enforcement of rights under EU law, including the Charter, through training, knowledge sharing and exchange of good practices.

# Call for proposals on capacity building and awareness on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and strategic litigation

## KEY FACTS

First-ever call on EU Charter and strategic litigation (previous pilot project)

28 October 2021 – 24 February 2022 (17 weeks)

2 million euro with min. single grant of 75.000 euro

Single applicant or consortium

National or transnational projects

Only organisations established in the EU

Project duration max. 2 years

# Call for proposals on capacity building and awareness on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and strategic litigation

## Eligible entities

- **legal entities** (public or private bodies, profit or non profit)
- international organisations and civil society organisations,
- **national human rights institutions, equality bodies and Ombuds Institutions**
- Member State authorities

## Actions

- **capacity building and awareness raising** activities aiming to increase the knowledge and the use of the EU Charter;
- **facilitating cooperation** between key actors in enforcing the Charter;
- Training/train-the-trainer activities, **mutual learning** and development of learning methods for professionals;
- **analytical activities**, such as data collection and research as well as **communication activities**

## Impact

- **increased awareness and better use of the Charter;**
- **improved knowledge about available redress mechanisms;**
- **improved cooperation** between CSOs, NHRIs, Equality bodies, Ombuds Institutions and Member State
- increased ability to **develop a litigation strategy**, and communicate and advocate around it,
- increased ability to **bring strategic litigation cases before courts (national and EU).**



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## Project example

### *Combatting Ethnic Profiling in the EU through Strategic Litigation* by the **Netherlands Jurists Committee for Human Rights**

#### Project information

Acronym  
**CEPEUSL**

Project ID  
**879098**

Start date  
**01 December 2019**

End date  
**30 November 2021**

Coordinated by

**NEDERLANDS JURISTEN COMITE VOOR DEMENSENRECHTEN** 

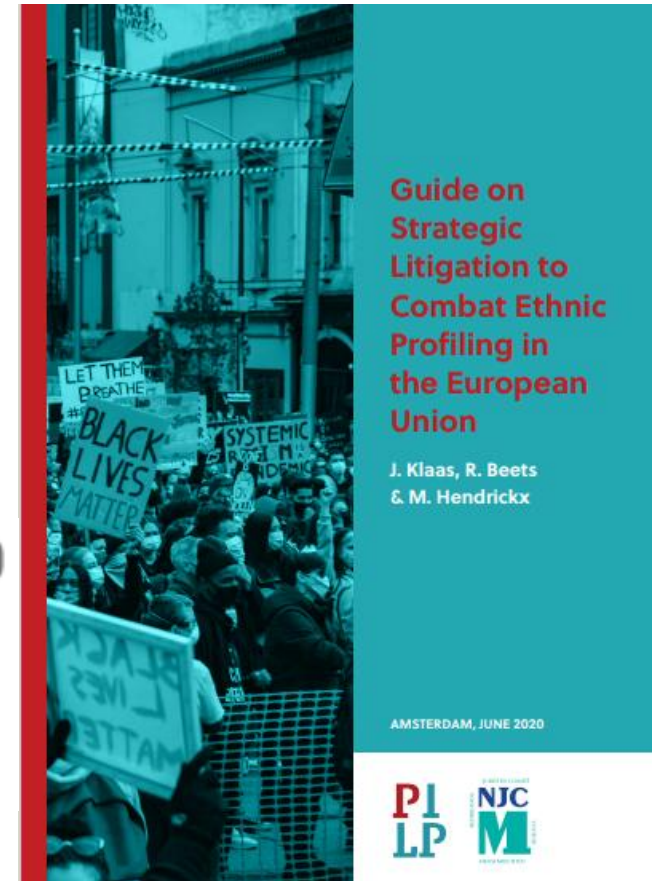


**€ 120 770,90**

Overall budget

**€ 96 616,72**

EU contribution  
**80%**



# Call for proposals on capacity building and awareness on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and strategy

## Project example


*JUST EU: equality and justice for LGBTI citizens through strategic litigation by the ASOCIATIA ACCEPT*

Acronym  
**JUST EU**

Project ID  
**879378**

Start date  
**01 March 2020**

End date  
**28 February 2022**

Coordinated by  
**ASOCIATIA ACCEPT** 

Funded under  
**Justice Programme**



**€ 272 716,25**

Overall budget

**€ 218 173,00**

EU contribution  
**80%**



# How to apply



Go to the **Funding & tenders opportunities portal**  
[Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](http://www.europa.eu)



Read carefully the **text of the calls for proposals**  
e.g. call document [call-fiche\\_cerv-2022-char-liti\\_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)



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