



The Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020

Funding programmes 2007-2013

- Daphne III Programme
- Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme
- Progress Programme (gender equality, non-discrimination strands)

Funding programme 2014-2020

- Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC): 439,5 M€
- Adopted on 17 December 2013

Specific objectives

- Promote non–discrimination
- Combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia
- Promote rights of persons with disabilities
- Promote gender equality, gender mainstreaming
- Prevent violence against children, young people, women and groups at risk (Daphne objective)
- Promote rights of the child
- Ensure highest level of data protection
- Promote rights deriving from Union citizenship
- Enforce consumer rights

Aims of funding

- enhancing **public awareness** and **knowledge** of Union law and policies;
- supporting the **effective, comprehensive and consistent implementation**, application and monitoring of Union law instruments and policies;
- promoting **cross-border cooperation** and improving mutual knowledge and enhancing **mutual trust** among all stakeholders;
- improving the knowledge and understanding of **potential obstacles** to the exercise of rights and principles guaranteed by EU law;

Types of action

- Analytical activities (studies, data collection,...)
- Training
- Mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising, dissemination
- Support for main actors (key NGOs and networks, MS)

Who can participate?

- All public and private organisations and entities
- Profit-oriented organisations: limited access
- Established in MS
- Access of third countries: limited to EEA, candidate countries
- International organisation

Funding instruments

1. **Action grants** – funding for transnational or national projects
2. **Operating grant** – operating costs for EU level NGOs and similar bodies
3. **Procurement** – service contract tenders (EU studies, EU conferences, EU campaigns etc.)

What changes?

- From 6 to 2 programmes
- More flexibility
- EU added value
- More consistency: same rules
- Reporting on results: first annual report in 2015
- Simplification?

In practice

- First calls: second quarter of 2014
- Annual Work Programme to be published on:
http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/index_en.htm

Trends and challenges for future implementation

- Which types of calls: AG/OG, restricted/open, specific/general?
- approach by specific objectives
- Increased reporting on results: indicators, toolboxes?
- New IT-tool?

What makes a good project?

- ✓ **Relevant, in line with priorities**
- ✓ **Addresses a real need in the field**
- ✓ **Clear concept, well explained objectives**
- ✓ **Well established methodology**
- ✓ **Realistic/quantifiable outputs, relevant results**
- ✓ **Strong partnership**
- ✓ **Strong EU dimension, EU added value**
- ✓ **Sustainable results, good dissemination**
- ✓ **Good value for money, well planned budget**