

## **PROGRAMMA DIRITTI, UGUAGLIANZA E CITTADINANZA**

**TOPIC:** Prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance

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### **Topic Description**

#### Scope:

##### *1. Priorities and activities to be funded*

##### *1.1. Priorities*

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

##### *1.2. Description of the activities*

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

- mutual learning and exchange of good practices between Member States, with a view to build capacity and assist national authorities and practitioners alike in replicating and adapting to different national contexts effective tools, measures and policies to address racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance. Projects in this area should include a strong component related to ensuring transferability of practices and building capacity to ensure long-term sustainability;
- development of tools and practices to improve responses to these phenomena, including but not limited to means of criminal law. This may include, for example, the development of protocols, practical toolkits, IT systems and programmes, educational material, trainings and action plans, aimed at supporting the work of competent authorities in the field of law enforcement and criminal justice, but also other relevant areas such as non-discrimination, education and culture, health, sport, social inclusion and integration, or a combination of these. The involvement of relevant national authorities will be considered an added value in this context.
- supporting victims of hate crime and hate speech and addressing the issue of underreporting, including trust building between communities and national authorities. Projects contributing to the effective implementation on the ground of relevant provisions of the EU Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime are of particular interest, including as regards victims' rights and awareness, access and referral to specialist victim support services and the individual assessment on vulnerability and specific needs. Projects aimed at improving reporting rates of hate crime and hate speech to the competent authorities are equally of particular interest, as well as projects focussed on improving and strengthening trustful relations and cooperation between national authorities (such as police, prosecutors, health authorities and educational personnel) and relevant groups or communities, including through the establishment of formal or informal agreements or partnerships.
- achieving strengthened cooperation between key actors (such as different national and/or local authorities, civil society organisations, targeted communities) through the establishment or the development of multi-actor and multi-sectorial partnerships aimed at achieving relevant objectives related to better preventing and countering racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance (for example, monitoring and data collection, data sharing, awareness raising activities and campaigns, etc.). Projects involving civil society or community based organisations representing different target groups or communities are of particular interest.
- capacity building and training activities, including but not limited to the area of criminal law (i.e. the implementation of relevant national legislation on hate crime and hate speech). Projects in this area should be focused on the design and delivery or implementation of capacity building and training programmes, which may be addressed to public authorities and bodies across different areas of interest (such as justice, law enforcement, education and culture, health, sport, social inclusion and integration); as well as to non-state actors such as legal professionals, civil society organizations, community leaders, etc.
- activities creating better understanding between communities, including through interreligious and intercultural activities and projects focusing on coalition building. These may include, for example, the establishment or development of networks and spaces for

dialogue and exchange, awareness raising activities and campaigns, projects focussing on the empowerment of communities and community leaders, initiatives for the youth, projects aimed at fostering social cohesion and stimulate a sense of belonging including through arts.

- dissemination and awareness raising activities. Projects aimed at fostering a well-informed public debate on issues related to racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, building positive narratives and breaking prejudice and stereotypes, possibly on the basis of a participatory approach, are of particular interest.

### *1.3. Expected results*

- 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.

### **Topic conditions**

Please read carefully all provisions below before the preparation of your application.

#### List of eligible countries

The Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU), including their overseas departments, Iceland and Liechtenstein

## Eligibility and admissibility conditions

2.1 Admissibility requirements are described under point 1 of part C of the Guide for applicants

### 2.2 Eligibility of the applicant and of the partners

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.

### 2.3 Eligibility of the application

- (a) The project can be either national or transnational;
- (b) The application must involve at least two organisations (applicant and partner);
- (c) The EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000.