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Cluster 2, 'Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society'

Past, present and future of democracies

Clusterul 2, 'Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society' își propune să atingă obiectivele și prioritățile UE privind îmbunătățirea guvernanței democratice și participarea cetățenilor, protejarea și promovarea patrimoniului cultural și să răspundă la transformările sociale, economice, tehnologice și culturale.

În cadrul acestui cluster, apelurile prezentate se concentrează pe provocarea cheie/destinația "Innovative Research on Democracy and Governance" și finanțează în principal obținerea de cunoștințe, date și recomandări fundamentate din punct de vedere științific pentru a revigora guvernanța democratică și pentru a îmbunătăți încrederea în instituțiile democratice.

Activitățile vor dezvolta recomandări pentru a proteja libertățile și statul de drept și pentru a proteja democrația. Acestea vor viza extinderea participării politice, dialogul social și incluziunea socială, angajamentul civic și egalitatea de gen.

Provocarea cheie/destinația "Innovative Research on Democracy and Governance" va mobiliza, de asemenea, expertiza în științe sociale și Umaniste pentru a analiza și a răspunde la consecințele invaziei Ucrainei de către Rusia și la schimbarea contextului geopolitic al politicilor europene de vecinătate și extindere.

Topicurile lansate în luna octombrie a.c. cu termen limită 7 februarie 2024 utilizează două tipuri principale de acțiuni (propuneri de proiecte): RIA și CSA. **RIA = Research and Innovation Action**/ Acțiune de cercetare și inovare: care vizează stabilirea de cunoștințe noi sau explorează o tehnologie, produs, proces, serviciu sau soluție nou sau îmbunătățit. Finanțarea UE acoperă până la 100% din costurile proiectului.

CSA = Coordination and Support Actions (CSA) - Acțiuni de Coordonare și Suport: activități care îmbunătățesc cooperarea dintre UE și țările associate pentru a consolida Spațiul European de Cercetare, inclusiv, de exemplu, standardizare, diseminare, activități de sensibilizare, comunicare și creare de rețele, dialoguri politice, învățare reciprocă sau studii. Finanțarea UE acoperă până la 100% din costurile proiectului.

Sursa informațiilor prezentate în acest newsletter:

-Portalul Horizon Europe:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-

tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/horizon

- -"Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society" Work Programme 2023-2024
- -Documente ale Comisiei Europene

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Past, present and future of democracies

Protest politics and cultures of opposition in democracy

HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-01 (RIA)

Scope:

Research proposals under this topic should analyse further the shift towards politics of collective action, and their impact on European democracies, including their role in resisting the rise of authoritarian tendencies and in taking down authoritarian regimes. This could refer to both online and offline forms of collective political action, including artistic forms of protest (audiovisual art, literature, music, etc.). Proposals should consider drivers and factors that play a role in fostering such forms of politics (emotional, gender, socioeconomic, cultural, historical, generational, geopolitical, geographical etc.), including the role of social media platforms.

In order to achieve the expected outcomes, international cooperation is encouraged in particular with countries from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

Expected outcomes:

- Practical understanding of the role and evolution of all forms of opposition (protest, cultural opposition, non-compliance, subversion, activism), their different platforms (physical and online), and their impact on democracy, including in resisting the rise of authoritarian tendencies and in taking down authoritarian regimes.
- Policy recommendations based on a deep analysis of the potential shift from traditional party structures to social mobilisation and activism as means for democratic participation, including drivers and factors that might play a role in fostering such forms of politics.
- Innovative forms of non-conflictual constructive engagement, which can channel social and community mobilisation and protest resulting from lack of/limited channels for democratic civic engagement and collective political action.

• Rebuilding citizens' trust in the impact and validity of electoral processes at various levels.

Eligibility conditions

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Multilevel governance in times of digital and climate transitions

HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-02 (RIA)

Scope:

Proposals should analyse how different levels of government in the EU work in developing and implementing policy on the digital and climate transitions. Where is collaboration and collective agenda-setting most effective, in order for climate and digital roadmap goals to be met? How does the division of policy ownership in multi-level governance systems impact the effectiveness of policymaking in these two policy areas: where are the gaps, and where are the duplications? Questions of responsiveness and legitimacy might also be considered.

Expected outcomes:

- Encourage international cooperation through better understanding of the articulation between local, regional, international and transnational governance.
- Encourage the development and implementation of policy in two areas of transnational and multi-level importance: the digital and climate transitions, also taking into account how does the division of policy ownership in multi-level governance systems impact the effectiveness of policymaking in these two policy areas.
- Lead to better-informed decision-making and policy implementation at national and EU levels, based on the identification of where the tensions and the opportunities are in top-down and bottom-up policymaking.
- Provide policy recommendations on improvements and alternative pathways for the national and local implementation of EU law that are endorsed by the targeted public administrations, including through experimentation in deliberative processes.

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What is the long-term impact of rule of law and other European values on socioeconomic outcomes?

HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-03 (RIA)

Scope:

Proposals should explore changing valuation of public/common goods depending on different network topologies. They should investigate how are metrics of social (persons, individuals, not social media networks) and contractual (private contracts, private trades) networks associated with varying valuations public/common goods. Based on that, proposals should improve knowledge of the social cost aspects of weakening the rule of law. They should provide robust quantification strategies in the area of rights and freedoms in the national and European context.

Expected outcomes:

- Policy recommendations based on a better understanding of the impact of rule of law and other European Union values on socio-economic outcomes of individuals and states.
- Enhanced knowledge of the social cost aspects of weakening the rule of law and robust quantification strategies in the area of rights and freedoms in the national and European context.
- New datasets for this area of research, incorporating a systematic use of historical experiences, economic and econometric history approaches in conjunction with legal and political history analysis, where adequate.

Eligibility conditions

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Past, present and future of democracies

The interrelation between social, cultural and political identities, as well as the sense of belonging, and democracies

HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-04 (RIA)

Scope:

Proposals should identify and explore barriers and factors that limit or impact the engagement of certain communities in democratic practices and processes, and erode their political participation, representation or trust in democratic institutions. Moreover, they should consider and propose policies, frameworks and recommendations to prevent and revert such negative trends, as well as ways to further foster the sense of belonging to democratic societies. This could include the piloting of participatory processes or civic engagement activities targeted at identifying and discussing the issues underpinning the sense of democratic belonging in said communities.

Expected outcomes:

- Provide a comprehensive analysis of the interrelations between social, cultural and political identities, the sense of belonging and identification with a group, and democracy, including in matters of political representation, participation and trust.
- Build on findings to formulate policy recommendations to address, prevent and correct negative trends, including piloting of strategies and frameworks to prevent discrimination, marginalisation and alienation. Insights on how to contribute to encompassing identities with concrete policy recommendations are highly encouraged.

• Develop critical insights into the ways in which processes of social, cultural and political participation can contribute to further fostering the sense of belonging/ownership to local, national and European democratic institutions and processes, or the diffusion of antagonistic identities or social norms.

Eligibility conditions

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Past, present and future of democracies

Gender-roles in extremist movements and their impact on democracy

HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-05 (RIA)

Scope:

Proposals should develop innovative methods, policy approaches and tools for policymakers and practitioners to address the underlying roots of violent, discriminatory and illiberal political discourse and actions in both public and online spaces. This could include awareness-raising and training activities on the threats of identitarian and reactionary ideals for democracy and EU values, as well as innovative practices to deliberate with the targeted communities.

Expected outocmes:

- Develop a critical understanding of the construction and performance of gender roles in extremist, identitarian and nationalist movements and their impact on democracy, EU values and fundamental rights.
- Provide evidence-based insights into the role of online communities in the promotion of reactionary, identitarian and extremist ideals, focusing in particular on different forms of masculinity from an intersectional perspective and drawing on engagement with these communities and platforms.
- Examine gender roles in political leadership styles and narratives, especially in nationalist and extremist parties, and their impact on democratic participation, decision-making and trust in governance, and propose alternative models for more democratic leadership.
- Develop innovative methods, policy approaches and tools to tackle antidemocratic narratives and tendencies, characterised by identitarian, nationalist and extremist ideals.

Eligibility conditions

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Computational Social Science approaches in research on democracy

HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-06 (RIA)

Scope:

Social sciences have not yet fully embraced the breakthrough of computational science that took place in past years with costs for data transport and data storage ceasing to be a limiting factor for data-driven social science. Developing new crosscutting tools of social and computational science will indeed contribute to better understanding how the EU society acts.

Thematically, proposals may choose whichever research focus, in the area of democracy, deemed relevant to exploit the potential of CCS. They may concentrate on testing age-old questions of political economy and political sociology and see how they change or survive when tested in a highly granular simulation environment, as synthetic population data allows to do, or they may identify more recent topics such as political communication, political participation, or resilience of democracies, in relation to structural socio-economic patterns. They may also do methodological research with access to new data sources, develop new methods, or refine existing ones, like social network analysis.

Expected outcomes:

- Insights into various aspects of democracy, its institutions, its capacity to adapt to changing circumstances, interaction with structural socio-economic patterns utilising Computational Social Science (CSS) to identify systematic patterns to test working hypotheses.
- Develop and test methodologies that combine and integrate CSS and other Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) methods to study democratic governance, overcoming traditional academic boundaries in the field and producing synthetic data and simulation environments to stage full scale experiments which otherwise

are reserved to historical study.

Use of critical approaches to data and datafication of social data, the development
of alternative approaches to research including critical software studies, digital
studies and critical media studies, and development of clear and concise policy
recommendations for harmonising CSS approaches with GDPR guidelines in order to
encourage and facilitate such studies.

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Digital democracy

HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-07 (RIA)

Scope:

Proposals should investigate - building on existing literature and data - the most recent developments, especially as regards the pandemic-induced innovative edemocracy and e-participation solutions at all levels of governance (international, EU, national, regional, local). Historical analysis will allow the consideration of the wider and long-term impacts of e-participation on democracy, political and civic culture, and international cooperation will facilitate the exchange of good practice and success stories.

Research should pay particular attention to digital inclusion as a key challenge and essential element of inclusive citizen participation in public deliberations for a healthy digitally enabled democracy through equal participation irrespective of citizen's income level, education, ethnicity, gender, religion, language used, ability, geographical location, etc., and to the digital divide between generations Proposals are encouraged to collaborate with the JRC Competence Centre on Participatory and Deliberative Democracy, particularly with respect to new emerging forms of democratic participation – through or assisted by – digital means, as well as to the innovative application of frameworks and methods for citizen engagement in building and experiencing digital democracy tools and processes.

Expected outcomes:

- Policymakers, practitioners and researchers gain increased understanding of digital democracy, the challenges and opportunities involved in digital democratic deliberations, the current state of the art and the framework conditions supporting its successful implementation.
- Informed investment decisions of (any level) government based on mapping future trends, emerging next practices, related participation culture and engagement strategies for building a thriving digitally enhanced public sphere in Europe.

Eligibility conditions

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Past, present and future of democracies

Culture, the arts and cultural spaces for democratic participation and political expression, online and offline

HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-08 (RIA)

Scope:

Proposals are expected to investigate cultural activity and engagement, online and offline, as political expression, civic participation and political engagement, historically, in contemporary society, and to provide forecasts for the future. Gender, decoloniality and intersectionality should be taken into account. Investigation of examples and initiatives from outside Europe will be instrumental, given the many interesting experiences of art and activism around the world. Therefore, international cooperation is encouraged. Proposals should produce concrete policy recommendations and design proposals to allow the potential for political engagement through physical and virtual non-traditional spaces to be fully expressed, in an inclusive manner.

Expected outcomes:

- Recommendations on how to foster civic participation through a deep analysis of the use of spaces beyond classic democratic institutions, especially cultural and artistic spaces, as well as cyberspace and metaverses, for political expression.
- Forward-looking policy recommendations to ensure that digital spaces (including metaverses and social networks) can, by design, have a positive impact on democratic life and limit potential threats to democracy.
- Experimentation of solutions, methods and tools to support democratic behaviour and social well-being for the next generation of social media.

Eligibility conditions

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Past, present and future of democracies

The role and functioning of public administrations in democratic systems

HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-09 (RIA)

Scope:

Governments are excessively under pressure today to adapt and respond to rapidly changing global economic, social, political, ecological and technological trends, to develop better public policy outcomes and high-quality public services that respond to the needs of their citizens, and to transform their internal operations on the go, creating modern and innovative public administrations. This area of research intends to investigate how European Union governments are approaching public administration and governance reform i.e. what areas they strategically invest in, what challenges they encounter, what (national, European or international) support (expertise, finance) they capitalise on, and how they generally approach transforming their government administrations (through e.g. systems approaches, open government approaches, innovation portfolio approach, organisational framework conditions enabling innovation, etc.) as they face the challenges of today.

Expected outcomes:

- Better understanding of the changing concept and practices of public administrations and approaches to public management, emerging trends and paradigm shifts, and the role public institutions and public management play in in fostering democratic, economic and social stability.
- Mapping emerging innovative solutions in public management and institutional framework conditions (e.g. human resource management policies, leadership, new ways of working, changing public decision- and policymaking, etc.) that enable innovation in public administrations and deepen democratic governance.
- Recommendations for European Union Member States on key focus areas and

(from local to EU level) actions as regards public administration modernisation and reform agendas, and whole-government innovation strategies for effective, innovative, future-capable and citizen-centric government administrations in Europe.

Eligibility conditions

Admissibility conditions: described in <u>Annex A</u> and <u>Annex E</u> of the Horizon Europe Work Programme General Annexes

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Political participation in multilingual spaces

HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-10 (RIA)

Scope:

Proposals should consider outcomes from the Conference on the Future of Europe. They should explore how deliberations in multilingual settings can be best mediated, by design or through technological assistance. Special attention could be paid to linguistic minorities and people with communication impairments. Proposals under this call are encouraged to make use of participative methodologies and experimental methods. Proposals are encouraged to consider social innovation activities to stimulate social change, new social practices, social ownership or market uptake.

Expected outcome:

- Development of a European public space for citizen deliberation through a better understanding of the tools and mechanisms that can overcome barriers to political participation in multilingual spaces.
- Better management of linguistic diversity in political participation, from the local to the European level.
- Effective use of automated language tools and multilingual means of communication, through analysis of these tools and their impact on democracy-fostering processes.

Eligibility conditions

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Future scenarios and young visions for European democracy 2040

HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-11 (RIA)

Scope:

In light of the current discourse about the need to rethink and redesign virtual and real public spaces and civic engagement, this research will also investigate the future of democracy and its instruments, and will also explore the views of political institutions such as national parliaments and the European Institutions, and those of organised civil society actors as regards their visions for the future, emerging trends such as e.g. participatory and deliberative democracy models that better serve the public good, build trust between governments and citizens, and deepen democracy at large.

Particular attention should be paid to the development of future European (and national) public spaces that mutually support one another and work together, and the evolution of the current EU model (with its peculiarities and often quoted democratic deficit) into its best potential.

Expected outcome:

• Future scenario workflows, roadmap and strategy playbook to achieve the most preferred scenarios for democracy in the European Union 2040, researched, debated and co-developed through iterative, large-scale engagement processes with diverse groups of stakeholders i.e. young European citizens, political and institutional actors and organised civil society.

Eligibility conditions

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Testing and implementation of research results fostering democracy and governance

HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-12 (CSA)

Scope:

The aim is to bring to society the benefits from previously EU-funded research in the field of democracy and governance be it in Horizon 2020 or other relevant programmes (such as Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme or the Global Europe Programme). The proposals have to build on the rich stock of actionable recommendations, knowledge, toolkits, educational material, and scientific methods etc. developed in particular by the over 300 Horizon 2020 projects on democracy and governance related issues. For proposals building on Global Europe research in particular, cooperation with third countries is encouraged. Proposals should address issues in line with the European Democracy Action Plan or EU policy initiatives that emanated from this Action Plan. Proposals are also encouraged to collaborate with the JRC Competence Centre on Participatory and Deliberative Democracy, particularly with respect to actions and initiatives directly contributing to the provisions of the European Democracy Action Plan for the promotion of democratic engagement and active participation beyond elections.

Expected outcomes:

- Policymakers, practitioners and researchers have increased understanding of the validity of theoretical models, the possibilities to implement recommendations, toolkits, narratives and methodologies and other solutions for issues for democracy and governance stemming [in particular] from Horizon 2020 projects.
- Testing and uptake of research results on democracy and governance relevant for the future of democracy in the EU, involving stakeholders (non-science actors,

- including public bodies, NGOs, civil society organisations, policymakers, educational bodies, other potential end-users of the research results, etc.) to explore their readiness to implement the solutions developed in the previous research and innovation project, possibly adapting the solutions to the respective societal / administrative / political context based on the tests.
- Better informed decision-making on changes in democratic processes and governance, based on scientific, policy, legal, etc. conclusions from experiments with the results of such earlier projects in a practical / real life context, that allow to replicate the methods, recommendations for legislative changes, or translate the research results into innovations.

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