



# Tackling gender-based violence against politically active women and LGBTIQ people

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Violence occurs in various forms, including sexual and physical threats and assaults, harassment, character assassinations, hate speech, disinformation campaigns exploiting misogynistic or anti-LGBTIQ narratives and deceptive image manipulation. Consequences of online harassment extend to the physical world, causing physical and psychological harm, as well as impacting professional and personal reputations, quality of life, and family. Proposals should, therefore, explore the wide range of impacts, including the chilling effect on victims, such as their withdrawal from social media and public debates.

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# Understanding the forms of local democracy in low-income and low-middle income countries

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-02

Proposals should gather evidence on how actors in economic, political, and social ecosystems at the local level could foster democratic practices, increase citizens' trust in governance and democratic institutions, improve transparency of decision making, and promote respect for human rights. Proposals are also encouraged to gather evidence on different forms of democratic participation and governance at local level, paying particular attention to the inclusion of women and marginalised and underrepresented groups.

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# Government in transition – how governments change the way they work and prepare the civil service for the future

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This investigation intends to shed light on the disruptions currently reshaping the work of governments, the complex tasks they are grappling with, their internal innovation efforts and change processes little known by the public, and to showcase the immense investment and good practices governments developed and are developing to deal with their core business in radically new ways. Governments take various paths that best suit their ambition, vision, leveraging power and the characteristics of their national context.

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# Sustainable paths to media viability

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To compete in the digital age, European media need to embrace innovation. The Commission’s 2023 European Media industry outlook signalled that “an early adoption and usage of new technologies is key to adapt and open new markets”. Thus, applicants are invited to work together with news media organisations from the start to enhance innovation across the news media sectors, including by designing industrial and user-driven applications.

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# Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-05

The network should support the implementation of gender-inclusive and intersectional strategies to combat disinformation, reduce societal polarisation, and re-engage citizens in democratic practices. These efforts could also aim at promoting critical thinking, media literacy, and active civic participation across diverse groups including youth and underrepresented groups. The network could also leverage foresight to anticipate emerging challenges to democracy and inform effective policy responses. Its work should be informed by close contact with elected representatives at local, regional, national and EU levels.

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Támogatás projektenként:	4 – 4,5 M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	1
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# Governing global commons sustainably

## HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-06

The underlying question is how a sustainable governance of global commons can look like in a multipolar world with competing hegemonic powers that do not necessarily share a common understanding of the merits of cooperation, multilateralism, or even international law. Hence, the overall aim of this call is to develop interdisciplinary concepts and solutions for governing the global commons sustainably, including through the use of science diplomacy as a soft power and by learning from best practices in the different types of commons, such as the Ocean, Antarctica and Outer Space.

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# Supporting post-conflict democracy and reconstruction

## HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-07

This research aims to investigate the complex relationships between post-conflict reconstruction, democracy, inequality, and international cooperation, with the ultimate goal of promoting reconciliation, accountability, and social dialogue in conflict and post-conflict areas. By analysing the causes and consequences of conflicts, examining the role of historical narratives and cultural sensibilities, and gathering evidence on key factors such as ethnic violence, inequalities, and conflict legacies, this research seeks to inform the development of effective prevention, resolution, and reconciliation strategies. Proposals are encouraged to examine the prevention of fractured transitions in post-conflict situations, assessing past, present, and future divisions, and incorporating intergenerational and transgenerational perspectives to address potential challenges and promote a more sustainable transition

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# Electoral integrity in the digital context

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-08

The integrity of European elections is facing unprecedented challenges in the digital age. The digital transformation of democratic processes has created new avenues for citizen engagement, but it also poses significant risks to the integrity of information and the electoral and other political processes. Concerns about external interference have underscored the need for robust measures to safeguard the electoral process, including enhancing cybersecurity and voter verification to prevent electoral manipulation. Social media platforms, in particular, have become critical battlegrounds in the fight for public opinion, with AI-powered tools being used to spread disinformation, manipulate public discourse, and influence voter behaviour.

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# Citizenship education as part of lifelong learning

## HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-09

Research should look at how vocational education and training (VET) (e.g. at secondary and post-secondary levels), including apprenticeships, or adult education programmes, can raise civic knowledge, political awareness, and attachment to democratic values, such as respect for human dignity, freedom, equality and the rule of law. Projects should examine either VET or adult education programmes. Research should further investigate how involvement in these programmes is linked to increased civic actions like voting or standing as a candidate in elections, engaging in public policy-making processes, or broader democratic participation such as volunteering or engaging with civil society organisations.

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TRL szint:	nem releváns
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# Digital and media literacy as drivers for democratic and civic resilience

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-10

Proposals should investigate how algorithms amplify emotive content, fostering polarization and undermining trust in democratic institutions, and develop media literacy strategies to counter emotionally manipulative narratives, such as populist and post-truth discourses. The research should also examine the factors that influence digital literacy, information-seeking habits, and online engagement, with a focus on improving (digital) citizenship and informed decision-making. At a time when disinformation is used for sowing discord by exploiting the fears of citizens, it is crucial to ensure that democratic decisions are informed by the most reliable and widely accepted facts and sources of information available. Research should explore the critical role media and digital literacy can play in fostering societal resilience, by allowing citizens to navigate and resist misinformation, disinformation and propaganda.

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# Advisory support and network for countering and preventing radicalisation, extremism, hate speech and polarisation

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European research should combine a clear understanding of the mechanisms that play a fundamental role in the circulation of online hate speech, radicalisation, extremism, and polarisation with the development of strategies to prevent and counter these phenomena, while promoting the Union values enshrined in the Treaty on European Union, such as human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, and the protection of democratic institutions, as a condition for everyone's talents to flourish and for fostering a cohesive society and a culture of tolerance and pluralism. This will contribute to enhance the prevention of violent extremism, hate speech and hate crime and the promotion of a more inclusive and resilient society.

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# Women's, LGBTIQ and minority rights in a context of autocracy, conflict and geopolitical shifts

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-02

The proposed research should examine the intersection of age, gender, sex, sexual orientation, minority status, or migratory background, in contexts of democratic erosion, authoritarian governance, and geopolitical crises. It can focus on one or multiple vulnerable groups, such as women, LGBTIQ people, ethnic and/or religious minorities. Case studies could be selected to reflect a wide range of geopolitical contexts, including regions undergoing democratic erosion, post-conflict reconstruction, or consolidation of authoritarian rule. The proposed research should analyse how legal and institutional frameworks are weaponised and leveraged by authoritarian actors to restrict rights, the role of civil society in resisting repression, and the impact of digital surveillance, algorithmic discrimination and online disinformation to target specific vulnerable groups.

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# Student and family engagement for developing a culture of democratic/civic participation

## HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-03

Research should examine the active role of families in building children and young people's civic identity. Parents/caregivers and the wider family are key in children and young people's informal learning, shaping their interests, values, and world-views; family involvement in school citizenship education might vary in more diverse communities, depending on the family's cultural, migrant or socio-economic backgrounds; some families may not appreciate the importance of teaching about social issues, democracy, or civic participation or may feel excluded or disconnected from schools' efforts to provide civic and citizenship education. Research should examine how citizenship education is reinforced or challenged outside the classroom, especially with growing polarization and diversity of our societies. The research should provide recommendations of how to effectively engage families from diverse backgrounds in their children's citizenship education.

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# Addressing the impact of artificial intelligence, cyberviolence, and deepfakes on equality, democracy and inclusive societies

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-04

Proposals should explore how AI-driven technologies either exacerbate or mitigate inequalities and discriminations based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, racial or ethnic background, religion or belief, age, and disability, particularly in access to information, decision-making, and representation. A critical analysis is needed of how data - often reflecting existing social biases - can reinforce or challenge dominant social structures and safety, and how such technologies shape public perceptions and knowledge production.

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# Development aid and democratic governance

## HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-05

Key areas of investigation include the impact of development aid on democratic institutions, the reduction of socio-economic and gender inequalities, and the identification of funding gaps for democratic governance initiatives, as well as the consequences of declining democratic trends on the effectiveness of global development strategies and the achievement of sustainable development goals. Proposals should also seek to identify new opportunities to enhance the EU's soft power and geopolitical influence across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus, including through the development of dedicated diplomacies (e.g., climate diplomacy, water diplomacy, science diplomacy, etc.). The actions should strive to include development aid civil society organisations in the activities.

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# Identifying user-focused solutions to support news media freedom

## HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-06

There is evidence of market failures affecting these sectors, with phenomena such as emerging news deserts, limited coverage of certain regions and/or societal groups and newsrooms closing. As a result, certain societal groups are underserved in the media landscape, so the proposed research will benefit from adopting an intersectional approach. There are still important quantitative and qualitative data gaps at European level that can help the news media sectors address these concerns, including accurate diagnoses of the challenges and opportunities for the news sectors.

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# The role of private companies in democracy

## HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-07

Particular attention should be given to the role of corporate lobbying, public-private partnerships, the role of corruption, perceived corruption, and undue influence in undermining democratic governance and the public interest, as well as other forms of corporate engagement in shaping global governance outcomes. This includes examining the potential for corrupt practices, such as bribery, revolving doors, and other forms of undue influence, which can erode trust in institutions and perpetuate inequalities.

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# Global Human Rights and EU values

## HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-08

There is a need for research to identify innovative approaches to promoting and protecting human rights and gender equality. This includes examining the impact of trade policies and investments policies (including Global Gateway infrastructure investment strategy) on human rights, and on the perception of the EU as a values-based actor, developing effective diplomatic strategies and cooperation frameworks, and investigating the role of national courts and international organisations in promoting accountability.

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# Open topic on reinvigorating and shielding European democracy

## HORIZON-CL2-2027-02-DEMOCRACY-09-two-stage

Under this open topic, proposals are expected to address existing, upcoming or unforeseen challenges and/or creative or disruptive solutions for protecting European democracy, enhancing citizens' trust and political participation, and expanding inclusiveness and fairness of democratic institutions and practices. Proposals should address unmet research needs, complementing previous Horizon Europe calls (since Work Programme 2021-2022 and including also the present Work Programme).

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