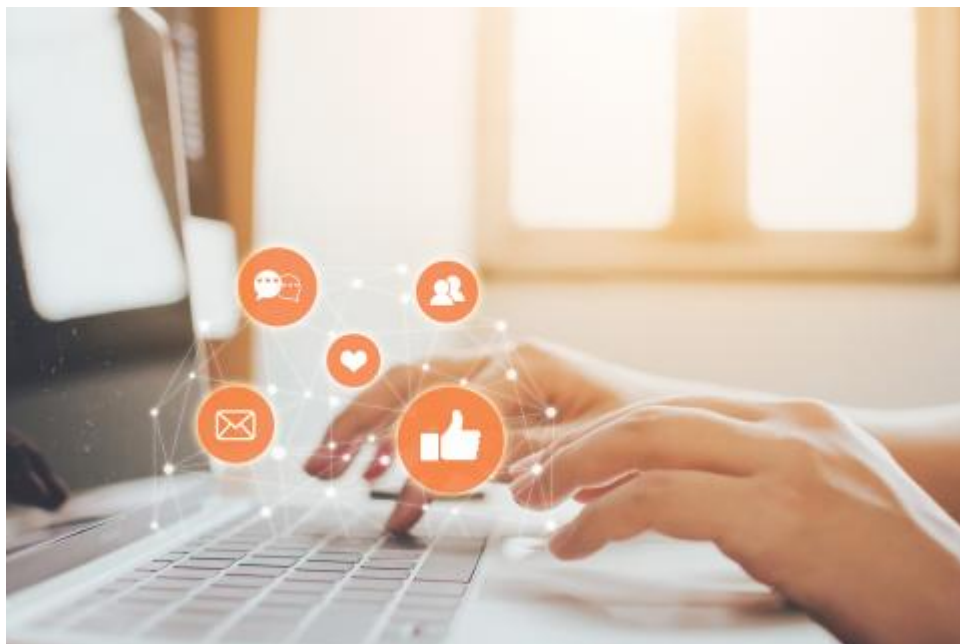


Media sector calls - Citizen engagement and public sphere

The Commission wants to stimulate a lively and diverse public sphere, in which citizens have access to reliable information about the EU.



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Support for independent production and dissemination of news content on EU affairs is available through the Multimedia Actions.

In addition, the Commission supports the development of innovative and attractive projects to engage with citizens, as well as media literacy.

OPEN CALLS

1. Multilingual EU affairs using European media platforms

A call for proposals was published on 14 June. Proposals should aim to increase the production, curation and circulation of multilingual media content on EU affairs, through open and digital delivery systems.

Deadline: 15 September 2021

Budget: €1,760,000

2. European media platforms

A call for proposals was published on 8 July. Grants will support two or three projects that aim to improve citizens' access to trusted information, by developing technical delivery systems and building on multilingual repositories, involving broadcasters and publishers.

Deadline: 6 October 2021

Budget: €5,980,000

3. Journalism educational institutions

On 3 May, DG REGIO launched a call for proposals to support develop a curriculum and teaching materials on cohesion policy for journalism students across Europe.

Deadline: 24 August 2021

Budget: €1,000,000

ONGOING PROJECTS

1. Media Literacy for All

This project enables the funding of a wide range of actions, from traditional educational actions for schools to innovative fact-checking projects aimed at both citizens and journalists.

EU support: €500,000 for 2020

2. Establishment of national EDMO hubs

National fact-checking hubs under the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO) will increase the capacity of detecting, analysing and exposing disinformation campaigns at national/regional level. They will also organise media literacy activities tailored to local needs and facilitate exchange of best practices. EDMO and its national hubs are funded through the Connecting Europe Facility. The eight national hubs, covering one or more Member States, were selected in May 2021.

EU support: approx. €11,000,000

3. EU grants for small-scale online media

This Pilot Project call supports the EU strategy to tackle disinformation and complements EDMO's activities by providing funding to specific research projects on disinformation. Projects must ensure the involvement of media organisations, and specific expertise in fact-checking, media literacy, network science, data and computer science.

EU support: €2,200,000

4. Coverage of EU affairs through television

The Commission signed a new 3-year Framework Partnership Agreement with the TV broadcaster Euronews in July 2021, supporting the production of content on EU affairs in multiple languages. Actions are renewed on an annual basis.

EU support: €16,000,000 in 2021

5. Coverage of EU affairs through multilingual platforms

A European Perspective is run by a consortium led by the European Broadcasting Union and ARTE, gathering TV broadcasters from several Member States. The project started on 1 January 2021.

EU support: up to €1,732,000

6. Coverage of EU affairs through radio

The Commission supports the coverage of EU affairs in radio programmes across Europe. A specific grant agreement was signed with Euranet Plus in August 2019 for a duration of 28 months, with a value of €2.16 million per year.

EU support: up to €5,100,000

"DATA-DRIVEN COVERAGE OF EU AFFAIRS":

7. European Data News Hub

Six leading European press agencies have joined forces in the European Data News Hub. The project aims to increase the use of data in coverage of European affairs through infographics, video, audio, podcasts and text stories in nine languages. The project started on 1 March 2021.

EU support: up to €700,000

8. European Data Journalism Network - Data Threads

EDJNet is an independent network of media outlets producing and promoting data-driven coverage of European topics in up to 11 languages. It aims to provide news media across Europe with trustworthy and rigorous content and to support journalists in covering European topics through data-driven techniques. The project started on 29 March 2021.

EU support: up to €700,000

"YOUTH MEDIA":

9. SPHERA

SPHERA gathers Babel International and 9 other youth media organisations to produce innovative content to engage youngsters in 6 languages. The project started on 1 March 2021.

EU support: up to €1,224,745

10. ENTR - your perspective

ENTR - your perspective gathers Deutsche Welle, France Médias Monde, RFI Romania, RTP Portugal, Ringier Axel Springer Polska and associated media, to produce content in 6 languages.

EU support: up to €1,275,058

11. Calls for proposals on information measures relating to the EU Cohesion policy

DG REGIO regularly issues calls providing support for the production and dissemination of information and content linked to EU Cohesion policy. See current beneficiaries.

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