



Citizenship



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- Aims to: promote active European citizenship.
- Places citizens in the centre and offers them the opportunity to fully assume their responsibility as European citizens.
- Responds to the need to improve citizen's participation in the construction of Europe
- Brings our common heritage to the fore and strengthens the basis for our common future



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Action 1

- "Active citizens for Europe"

Action 2

- "Active civil society for Europe"

Action 3

- "Together for Europe"

Action 4 :

- "Active European Remembrance"



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Action 1

- **Measure 1.1 Town twinning citizens' meetings**
- Town twinning citizens' meetings consist in bringing together a wide range of citizens and citizens' groups from twinned towns, taking benefit of the partnership between the municipalities for developing strong, informal and personal relations between their citizens.



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- **Action 1**
- **Measure 1.2 the thematic networking of twinned towns**
- This Programme supports thematic conferences and workshops involving at least three towns, developed within the framework of town twinning. These events should be milestones for networking and should encourage the development of a long lasting, dynamic, multifaceted cooperation between twinned towns.



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Action 1

- **Measure 2 Citizen's projects and support measures**
- These projects should gather citizens from different horizons, who will act together or debate on common European issues, at local and European level. Innovative methods enabling citizens' participation should be applied.



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Action 2

- **Active civil society for Europe**
This action supports civil society organisations and think tanks, as unique links between European citizens and the European Union.



Civil society organisations at European, national, regional and local levels are important elements of citizens' active participation in society and help to invigorate all aspects of public life

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Action 2

Active civil society for Europe

Measures:

- Structural Support for Think Tanks
- Structural Support for civil society organizations at european level
- Support to projects initiated by civil society organizations



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- **Support for Think Tanks & Civil Society:**

Organisations of general European interest can apply for an annual operating grant or for a period of two years.



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- **Action 2 Measure 3:**
- **Support to projects initiated by civil society organizations**
- The aim of this measure is to support concrete projects of civil society organisations from different participating countries. A variety of organisations, established at local, regional, national or European level, can be involved. These projects should raise awareness on issues of European interest and on concrete solutions that can be found through cooperation or coordination at European level.



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- Action 3

Together for Europe

- Measures:
- High-visibility events (by the Commission – M.S.)
- Studies
- Information and dissemination tools



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Action 4

Active European Remembrance

- Preservation of the main sites and memorials associated with the mass deportations, the former concentration camps and other large-scale martyrdom and extermination sites of Nazism, as well as the archives documenting these events.
- Projects linked to the commemoration of the victims of mass exterminations and mass deportations associated with Stalinism, as well as the preservation of the memorials and archives documenting these events.



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- **The Programme has an overall budget of 215 million euro for the seven years (2007-2013)**

The Europe for Citizens Programme supports **two types of grants**:

- grants for projects
(for example, to support a project initiated by civil society organisations under action 2.3);
- grants for the operating budget of a body promoting active European citizenship
(for example, to support an NGO under Action 2.2).



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	Deadline for submission	Period covered
Action 1 - Active citizens for Europe		
Town-Twinning & Citizens' meetings		
Phase 1	1 September in the year prior to the planned meeting	1 January and 31 March
Phase 2	1 December in the year prior to the planned meeting	1 April and 31 May
Phase 3	01/02/2007 in the same year to the planned meeting	1 June and 31 July 2008
Phase 4	01/04/2007 in the same year to the planned meeting	1 August and 30 September
Phase 5	01/06/2007 in the same year to the planned meeting	1 October and 31 December 2008
Thematic networking of Twinned Towns (conferences, workshops)	01-Dec-07	1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009
Action 2 - Active civil society for Europe		
Operating grants	23-Nov-07	Financial year 2008
Civil society projects	15-Feb-08	1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009
Action 4 - Active European Remembrance		
Remembrance projects	30-Apr-08	1 September 2008 to 31 August 2009

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- More information:
- http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.html



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