

Program Horizon Europe - Cluster 2 – Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society: Destination Innovative Research on Democracy and Governance 2026

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Topics 2026	Action	Budgets (mil. EUR)	Expected EU contribution per project (mil. EUR)	Number of projects
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-01: Tackling gender-based violence against politically active women and LGBTIQ people	RIA	12.00	3.50-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-02: Understanding the forms of local democracy in low-income and low-middle income countries	RIA	12.00	3.50-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-03: Government in transition – how governments change the way they work and prepare the civil service for the future	RIA	8.00	3.50-4.00	2
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-04: Sustainable paths to media viability	IA	12.00	3.50-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-05: Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality	CSA	4.50	4.00-4.50	1
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-06: Governing global commons sustainably	RIA	12.00	3.50-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-07: Supporting post-conflict democracy and reconstruction	RIA	12.00	3.50-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-08: Electoral integrity in the digital context	RIA	12.00	3.50-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-09: Citizenship education as part of lifelong learning	RIA	16.00	3.50-4.00	4
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-10: Digital and media literacy as drivers for democratic and civic resilience	RIA	12.00	3.50-4.00	3

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HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-01: Advisory support and network for countering and preventing radicalisation, extremism, hate speech and polarisation	CSA	3.50	3.00-3.50	1
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-02: Women’s, LGBTIQ and minority rights in a context of autocracy, conflict and geopolitical shifts	RIA	12.00	3.50-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-03: Student and family engagement for developing a culture of democratic/civic participation	RIA	12.00	3.50-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-04: Addressing the impact of artificial intelligence, cyberviolence, and deepfakes on equality, democracy and inclusive societies	RIA	20.00	3.50-4.00	5
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-05: Development aid and democratic governance	RIA	12.00	3.50-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-06: Identifying user-focused solutions to support news media freedom	RIA	12.00	3.50-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-07: The role of private companies in democracy	RIA	8.00	3.50-4.00	2
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-08: Global Human Rights and EU values	RIA	12.00	3.50-4.00	3

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EUROPE’S SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY AND COMPETITIVENESS				
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-01: “Artistic intelligence” : harnessing the power of the arts to address complex challenges, enhance soft skills and boost innovation and competitiveness	RIA	15.00	4.50-5.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-02: Boosting creative startups for disruptive innovation	IA	12.00	5.00-6.00	2
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-03: AI integration in CCSI work practice: catalysing innovation and competitiveness	IA	15.00	4.00-5.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-04: Towards a fair and transparent market for cultural and creative content in the era of generative AI	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-05: Creative alliances: Fostering global partnerships in cultural policies and CCI innovation	RIA	15.00	3.00-3.75	4
SUPPORTING PEOPLE, STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIETIES AND OUR SOCIAL MODEL				
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-06: Safeguarding linguistic diversity in Europe	RIA	11.50	5.00-5.75	2
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-07: Preventing and fighting illicit trafficking of cultural goods	CSA	5.00	4.50-5.00	1

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EUROPE'S SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY AND COMPETITIVENESS				
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-01: Towards a consolidated culture and creativity driven European innovation ecosystem	CSA	5.00	4.50-5.00	1
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-02: AI4Creatives Support Platform: embracing a fair AI revolution	CSA	5.00	4.50-5.00	1
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-03: Crafting routes to a circular economy	RIA	10.50	3.00-3.50	3
SUPPORTING PEOPLE, STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIETIES AND OUR SOCIAL MODEL				
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-04: Culture, heritage and creative industries for health and well-being	RIA	16.00	3.00-4.00	4
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-05: Re-imagining the creative economy: the interplay between the cultural and creative sectors and industries and the social economy	RIA	10.50	3.00-3.50	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-06: Future-proofing sustainable cultural tourism	RIA	14.50	4.00-4.80	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-07: Societal impact of cultural heritage	RIA	15.00	2.50-3.00	5
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-08: Safeguarding & transmission of intangible cultural heritage	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-02-HERITAGE-09-two-stage: Open topic: Impact-driven research on realising the full potential of cultural heritage, arts and cultural and creative industries	RIA	20.00	2.00-4.00	5

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HORIZON-CL2-2026-02-TRANSFO-01: Co-funded European Partnership for Social Transformations and Resilience	COFUND	60.00	cca 60.00	1
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-02: Open topic: Strengthen Europe's social model and sustainable competitiveness through productivity	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-03: Tackling child poverty and ensuring disadvantaged children's access to Early Childhood Education and Care	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-04: The impact of the use of digital tools outside school and for communication on educational outcomes and mental health	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-05: Contribution of basic skills to productivity, innovation, competitiveness and economic growth	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-06: Making Europe a global magnet for talent - Attracting and retaining students, researchers and high-skilled workers from outside the EU	RIA	10.00	3.00-3.30	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-07: Fostering competences for the green transition	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-08: Strengthened implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum and a focus on inclusion, integration, and health	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-09: Rethinking long-term care policy in the face of EU demographic shifts	RIA	15.00	cca 3.75	4
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-10: Fostering cooperation and integration between SSH and STEM research and innovation in the EU	CSA	3.50	cca 3.50	1

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HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-01: Impact of access to nature-positive environments in promoting social cohesion and reducing inequalities in urban and peri-urban settings	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-02: Impact of in-kind benefits on income distribution and on vulnerable populations	RIA	10.00	3.00-3.30	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-03: Rethinking sustainable competitiveness beyond traditional perspectives: role and contribution of the Social Economy	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-04: The impact of EU labour mobility on the Member States of the EU	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-05: The effective use of artificial intelligence in learning environments in pre-primary and primary education	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-06: Closing the learning gap: uncovering causes and effective policy interventions for declining youth skills in mathematics, reading, and science	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-07: Persons with disabilities: opportunities for labour inclusion and social protection through the life course	RIA	12.00	3.00-4.00	3
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-08: Scaling and deploying innovations in migration management	IA	15.00	3.00-3.75	4