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THE EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAMME

2021 – 2027

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Research and
Innovation

Introduction to Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

Key Objectives:

- Strengthen democratic values and citizen participation.
- Safeguard and promote cultural heritage.
- Drive socio-economic transformations for inclusion and growth.

Expected Impacts (Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027)

- Democratic governance is reinvigorated by improving the accountability, transparency, effectiveness and trustworthiness of rule-of-law based institutions and policies and through the expansion of active and inclusive citizenship empowered by the safeguarding of fundamental rights.
- The full potential of cultural heritage, arts and cultural and creative industries and sectors as drivers of both sustainable innovation and a European sense of belonging is realised through a continuous engagement with society, citizens and economic sectors
- Strengthening social and economic resilience and sustainability
- Boosting inclusive growth and reducing vulnerabilities effectively



Destination Democracy and Governance (2025)

12 topics

- 8 Research & Innovation Actions (RIA)
- 4 Coordination & Support Actions (CSA)



Cluster 2 WP 2025 –list of topics (1/3)

Destination: Innovative Research on Democracy and Governance			
Topic id	Title	Type of action	Budget (EUR million)
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-01	Advisory support and network to counter disinformation and foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI)	CSA	3.50
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-02	Fostering the consolidation of European science diplomacy	CSA	3.00
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-03	Preparing the EU for future enlargement: challenges and opportunities	RIA	10.50
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-04	Open strategic autonomy, economic and research security in EU foreign policy	RIA	7.00
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-05	Countering and preventing radicalisation, extremism, hate speech and polarisation	RIA	10.50
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-06	Towards a European research hub on contemporary antisemitism and Jewish life and culture	CSA	3.50
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-07	The autocratic appeal: nature, drivers and strategies	RIA	10.50
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-08	Economic inequalities and their impact on democracy	RIA	10.50
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-09	Fighting against disinformation while ensuring the right to freedom of expression	RIA	10.50
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-10	The role of civic and citizenship education for strengthening civic and democratic participation and support for common European values	RIA	10.50
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-11	Independence of the judiciary as an aspect of rule of law compliance	RIA	10.50
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-12	Community of democracy practitioners and researchers	CSA	3.50



Destination Cultural Heritage and Cultural and Creative industries(2025)

9 topics

- 5 Research & Innovation Actions (RIA)
- 1 Innovation Action (IA)
- 2 Coordination & Support Actions (CSA)
- 1 COFUND Co-funded European partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage



Cluster 2 WP 2025 –list of topics (2/3)

Destination: Innovative Research on European Cultural Heritage and Cultural and Creative Industries			
Topic id	Title	Type of action	Budget (EUR million)
HORIZON-CL2-2025-03-HERITAGE-01	Co-funded European partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage	COFUND	60.00
HORIZON-CL2-2025-02-HERITAGE-02-two-stage	Innovative approaches to intangible cultural heritage for societal resilience	RIA	12.00
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-03	A European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage – Innovative use cases	IA	26.00
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-04	Leveraging artificial intelligence for creativity-driven innovation	RIA	15.00
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-05	Evolution of culture in a virtualising world	RIA	10.50
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-06	Europe as a global powerhouse of design for sustainable competitiveness	RIA	13.50
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-07	Cultural Strategies for Peace: culture and creativity as catalysts for conflict prevention and post-conflict reconciliation	RIA	12.00
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-08	Bridging historical past and future potential through conservation, preservation, and adaptive use of Europe’s contentious and dissonant heritage	CSA	3.50
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-09	Impacts of culture and the arts on health and well-being	CSA	2.00



Destination Social and Economic Transformations (2025)

11 topics

- 10 Research & Innovation Actions (RIA)
- 1 Coordination & Support Action (CSA)



Cluster 2 WP 2025 –list of topics (3/3)

Destination Innovative Research on Social and Economic Transformations			
Topic id	Title	Type of action	Budget (EUR million)
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-01	Tackling gender-based violence in different social and economic spheres	RIA	10.20
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-02	Historical and regional analyses of industrial transitions and their lessons for ensuring a fair green transition	RIA	10.20
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-03	Working time reduction: barriers, challenges, benefits and policy implications	RIA	10.20
HORIZON-CL2-2025-02-TRANSFO-04-two-stage	Gender differences in career trajectories of parents and their implications for gender equality and family well-being	RIA	10.20
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-05	Improving fairness in the economy through a better understanding of undeclared and underdeclared work	RIA	10.20
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-06	Evaluation and use of evidence in education policy and practice	RIA	10.20
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-07	Impact of the learning environment and the use of digital tools in everyday life on key skills and competence development	RIA	10.20
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-08	Improving mental health outcomes for people in education, training and work	RIA	15.00
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-09	Good practices for increased autonomy of persons with disabilities, including physical, mental, intellectual and sensory disabilities	RIA	10.20
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-10	Intergenerational fairness in the context of demographic change in the EU	RIA	10.20
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-11	Migration and climate change: building resilience and enhancing sustainability	CSA	2.00

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DEADLINE TO APPLY
!!! 16 September 2025 !!!
17:00 Brussels time



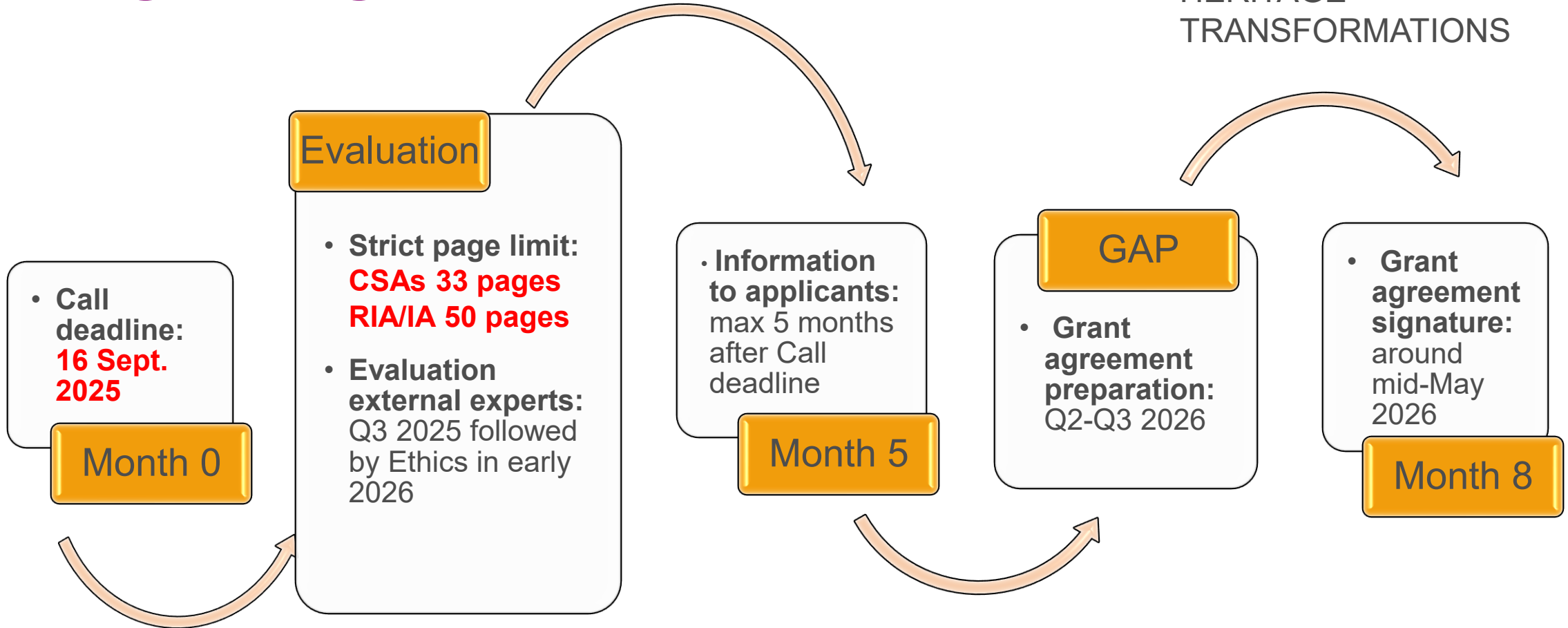
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Timeline: single-stage calls

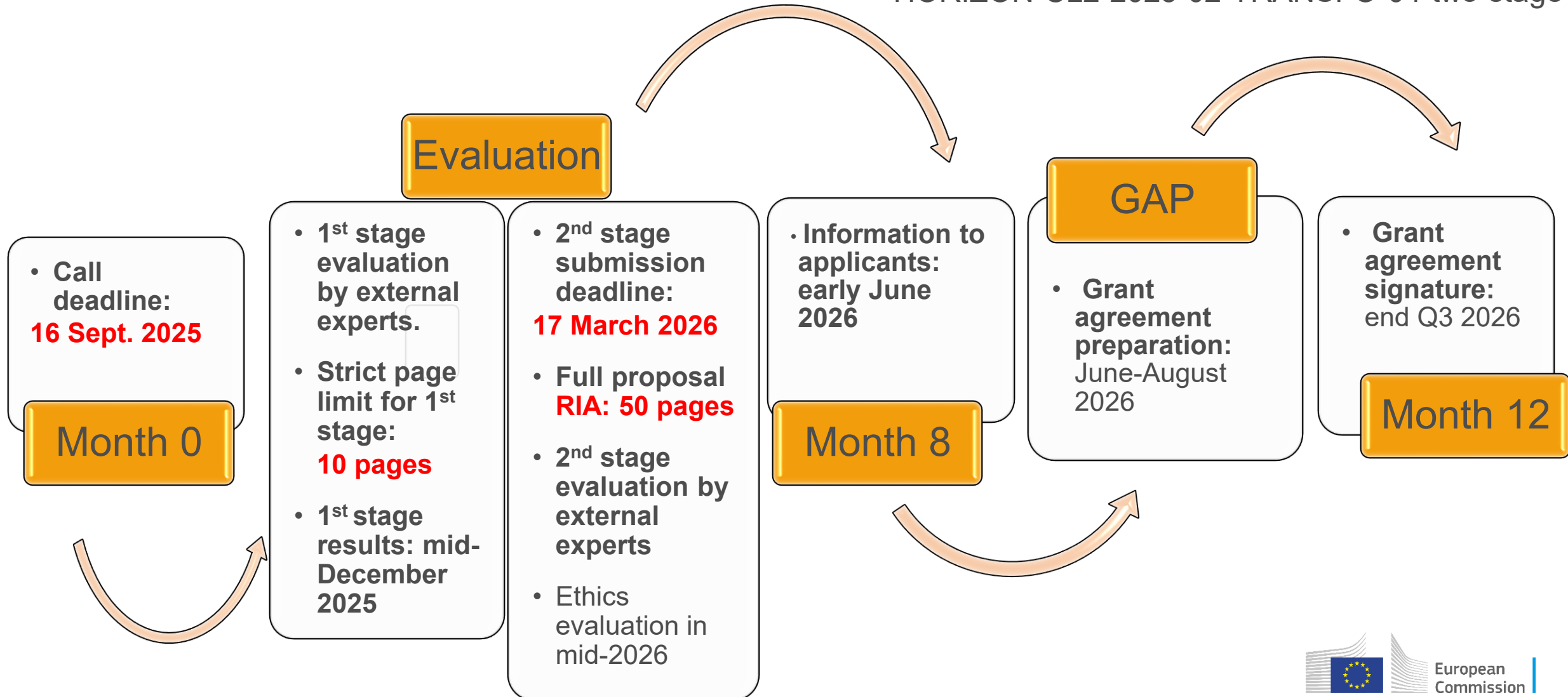
Next call: HORIZON-CL2-2025-01
Destinations: DEMOCRACY
HERITAGE
TRANSFORMATIONS



Timeline: two-stage calls

Next call: HORIZON-CL2-2025-02-TWO-STAGE

Topics: HORIZON-CL2-2025-02-HERITAGE-02-two-stage
HORIZON-CL2-2025-02-TRANSFO-04-two-stage



Tips



Read the **topic text**, the **general introduction** and the **general annexes** carefully!



Start **early** & submit **before** the deadline



Have a look at **Info Day 15 May recordings**



Ask your **National Contact Point** for help and use the **brokerage platform**

Key documents on the Funding & Tenders Portal

Horizon Europe Cluster 2 Work Programme

- Background, topics and budgets ([link](#))

General Annexes to the Work Programme

- List of countries, eligibility and admissibility conditions, award criteria and procedure, scoring and threshold ([link](#))

Submissions forms and templates

- Essential forms and guides to draw up and submit your proposal (see relevant topic page)

Horizon Europe Programme Guide

- Informs applicants about the specificities of the programme ([link to the guide](#))



Good luck!

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