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FOREWORD

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“In 2018 the Europe for Citizens programme continued to stimulate EU citizens' democratic engagement to debate and act on the issues that are at the top of the EU political agenda and EU policies: the future of Europe, migration, security and socio-economic solidarity.

This report illustrates how this programme enables citizens to make their voice heard on EU policies — on what they are, or on what they think they should be. As shown by the numerous "European Citizens' Consultations" that took place across our continent last year, EU citizens do indeed wish to have a say on what the European institutions do. The lively stories and testimonies of successful projects show that the Europe for Citizens programme has created a more democratic space for active European citizenship since 2014. It is especially heartening to learn that most participants are young people.

The **Europe for Citizens** programme also participated in the activities of the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage. The cultural dimension has always been a significant component of the selected projects, notably within the remembrance strand, that enables citizens to reflect and discuss about our shared Europeans history and its implications on our common future.

In addition, the **Europe for Citizens** programme continued to participate in the European Solidarity Corps initiative. Volunteering is an important dimension of active citizenship and remains a salient feature of the projects supported by the programme.

The **Europe for Citizens** programme is unique at EU level in its focus on small-scale initiatives at local level. It is also distinct in its ability to work with local authorities and civil society alike. Funding small, high-impact projects with reasonable budgets is an important way to connect citizens to and engage them in the European Union, promote its democratic values and — to coin a Greek phrase — make a European demos (δῆμος) a reality”.

ACRONYMS

CSP	Civil Society Projects
DG	Directorate-General
DG HOME	Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs
EACEA	Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency
EB	Eurobarometer
ECPs	Europe for Citizens Contact Points
EFC	Europe for Citizens
EP	European Parliament
NT	Network of Towns
OG	Operating Grants
REM	European Remembrance
TT	Town Twinning

2018 AT A GLANCE

1796 applications submitted within the EFC programme

1638 applications submitted within action and operating grants (REM, TT, NT, CSP)

417 applications selected (of which **388** for action grants REM, TT, NT, CSP and operating grants)

Average success rate of **23 %** (22 % within action grants for REM, TT, NT, CSP)

Applicant organisations are established in **all EU Member States**

Beneficiary organisations are established in **all EU Member States except EE**

Partner organisations are established in **all EU Member States**

IT, HU, SK, FR, RO, DE and **PL** are the countries that submitted the highest number of applications (61 % in total)

IT, FR, HU, SK, DE, PL and **RO** are the countries with the highest number of applications selected (64 % in total)

CY, LU and **SE** have the highest success rate per country (ratio submitted/selected per country for action grant) among Member States

2243 partner organisations directly involved in the EFC projects selected in 2018

An average of **5.4 partners** per project in TT and **8 partners** in all other actions (more than **11 partners** for NT)

Placement for **240 members** of the **European Solidarity Corps** approved in 2017

10 members of the **European Solidarity Corps** already recruited and operational in 2017

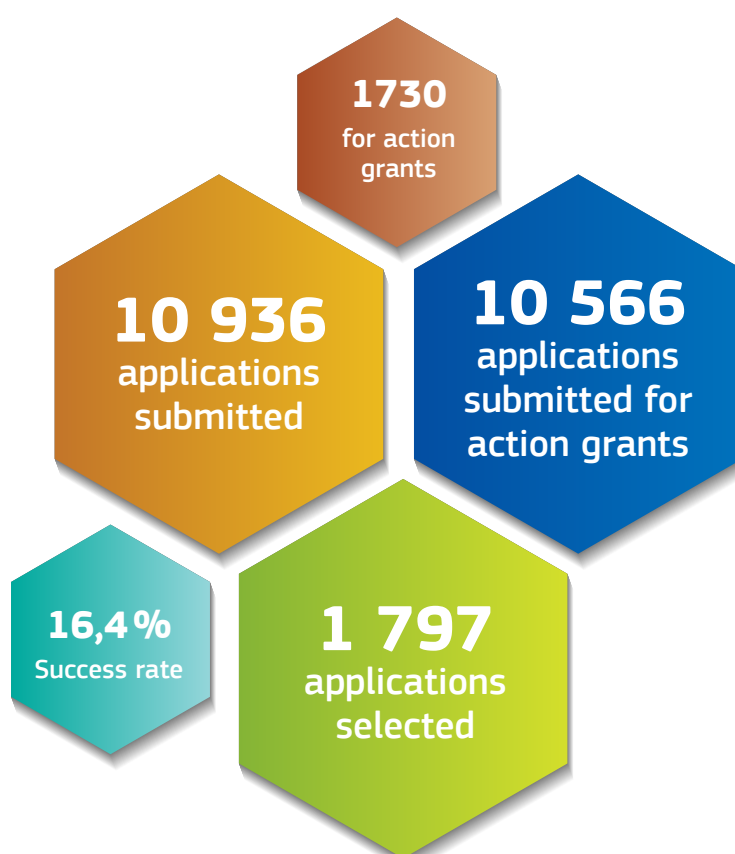
<i>Average grant per project</i>				
OG	NT	CIV	REM	TT
€ 222.628	€ 142.423	€ 134.904	€91.097	€ 16.936

Around **60 %** of the projects selected in 2018 focused on the debate on the Future of Europe and Euroscepticism

LU, DE, IE, ES, MT, SE, EE, FI and **HU** are the countries where the feeling of being a European citizen is above 80 %

BG, EL, CZ, UK and **IT** are the countries where the feeling of being European citizens is below 60 %

2014-2018 AT A GLANCE



Beneficiary organisations are established in **all EU Member States**

HU, PL, IT and **SK** are the countries that submit the highest number of applications (50 % in total)

HU, IT, SK, DE, FR and **PL** are the countries with the highest number of applications selected (62 % in total)

MT, LU, IE, DE and **FR** have the highest success rate per country (ratio submitted/selected by country) within Member States

10044 partner organisations directly involved in EFC projects selected in 2014 - 2017

An average of **5 partners** per project in TT and **8 partners** in all other actions

Average grant per project				
OG	NT	CIV	REM	TT
€ 194.600	€ 133.885	€ 130.130	€ 89.000	€ 16.700

Total grants awarded according to the Decisions taken so far amount to **€ 114.618.153**

Projects mainly focused on:

Debate on the Future of Europe and Euroscepticism

Migration, social inclusion and solidarity in times of crises

PART A

RESULTS 2018

STRAND 1: EUROPEAN REMEMBRANCE

European Remembrance Projects

In 2018 the implemented European Remembrance projects demonstrated their added value to a reflection on **EU common values** in the broadest sense (such as liberty, democracy, rule of law and respect for human rights) as well as on European cultural diversity. Commemorating major turning points in European history offered an opportunity to link the past to the present and the future. Projects implemented in 2018 show that no "Future of Europe" can be envisioned without a clear knowledge and some shared understanding of the past, and proper analysis of the present. Thanks to the efforts of European Remembrance organisations, different perspectives are shared on a European common history, and a stronger sense of community and solidarity is built among European citizens.

In particular in 2018 the Agency monitored the impact and results of the European Remembrance projects selected in 2016 (27 out of 37 projects closed in 2018), in 2017 (11 projects out of 39 closed in 2018) and successfully carried out the 2018 selection round with 37 proposals awarded grants.

These monitoring activities confirmed the **high quality** of the implemented projects - a result of the very competitive selection process - reflected in the high funding threshold of 82.5 for the relevant years 2016-2018. In addition, the projects analyzed conveyed a **strong European dimension** due to the following characteristics:

- 1) **The themes** - providing a strong link between the past and the present and dealing with recurrent issues such as racism, genocide and anti-tolerant behavior.

The project "1918: At the end of a war. The outcome of the First World War in seven European homelands" carried out by the "Opladener Geschichtsverein von 1979 e.V. Leverkusen" contributed to a deeper understanding of the meaning and consequences of war in general and the First World War in particular, at a local level as well as in a comparative perspective across Europe. It portrayed the ends of the First World War and the new beginnings after the war in seven European homelands, notably Jülich, Leverkusen and Schwedt (Germany), Bracknell (United Kingdom), Ljubljana (Slovenia), Raciborz (Poland) and Villeneuve d'Ascq (France). Focuses were economy, military, church, youth, politics and public life in each local context and the distinct forms of remembrance of the First World War. The results were presented in the exhibition in Leverkusen, accompanied by a diverse programme of lectures, discussions and guided tours. Additionally, the book "Kriegsenden in europäischen Heimaten" and the exhibition catalogue "The ends of the war in European homelands" in English, German and French were published.



- 2) **The strong partnership** (average number of 5-6 partners per project and a good variety of organizations involved (Civil Society Organizations, Survivors' Association, Cultural/Youth/Educational/Research organizations; public authorities etc.).

The initiative "The Voice from the Past – Recalling Memories in Diversity" led by the Comune Di Geraci Siculo was based on a transnational effort by 10 partner organisations from IT, PL, ES, DE, AL, PT, BG, EE, EL and RO with diverse backgrounds in civil society, academia or educational / media organisations. The commemoration of the victims of totalitarian regimes and the situation of minorities under totalitarian regimes went beyond the national perspective through youth forums, reconciliation events and the exhibition.

- 3) **The capacity to overcome the local dimension:** for example by a wide geographical outreach, by reflecting on a specific target group that was persecuted, discriminated against or antagonized, or by focusing on specific themes such as art or music in a transnational or European perspective.

The 2016 project "Roma History Remembrance project: for the benefit of the victims of Nazism" gave recognition to Roma victims of Nazi persecution in occupied countries during the Second World War and raised awareness of the Roma Holocaust. Taking the Roma victims in Latvia as a starting point, testimonials made by video interviews of living witnesses and victims, Roma conferences and an itinerant exhibition gave a voice to the transnational remembrance of the Roma genocide - a tragedy of history that to this day has not yet been fully explored - often not even mentioned in school books.

- 4) **The focus on the European younger generation.** Young people represent a specific objective of the European Remembrance strand, as it is young people who build the future. By involving them in discussions about shared history, European Remembrance projects help young people to fully understand that the struggle for democracy, freedom and peace is part of Europe's very recent history and that the rights we enjoy now can never be taken for granted.

The project "Anatomy of Ostracism", implemented by the Finnish organisation "RKI – Rauhankasvatusinstituutti", strengthened dialogue among European youth and raised the issue of discrimination and ostracism in today's Europe. It increased young people's understanding of ostracism from a historical angle, notably by examining dehumanization processes in European societies in the last 100 years in four training courses. Newly developed participatory citizenship educational tools had a great impact among youth workers, teachers and other youth professionals in Finland and Serbia. The testimonial of a participant confirms this: she felt herself empowered to address in practice different forms of social exclusion and discrimination, because workshop trainers and facilitators were "practicing what they were preaching" and demonstrated how a safe and inclusive space can be created in classrooms and youth areas.

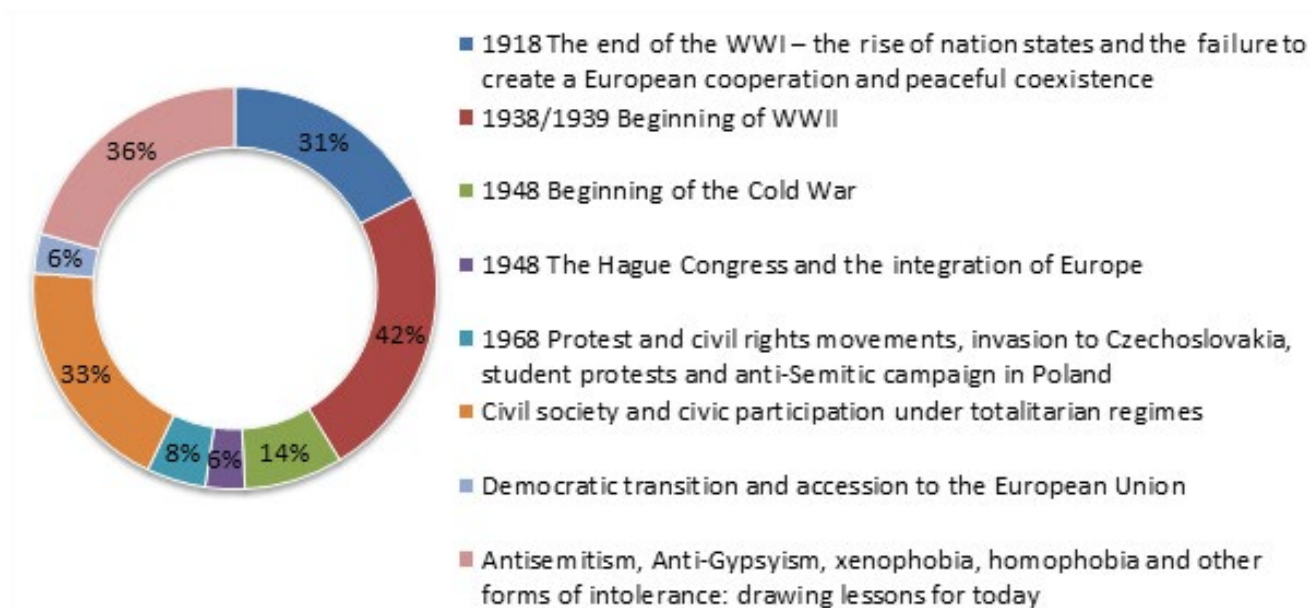


The 2018 project selection round demonstrated the **maturity** of the European Remembrance projects at this stage of the programme implementation. The funded initiatives empower citizens, bring Europe to the local level and help the voices of citizens be heard by local, national and EU institutions, encouraging tolerance, mutual understanding, intercultural dialogue and reconciliation as a means to move beyond the past and build the future.

The 357 eligible proposals submitted were characterised by a wide geographical coverage, representing 31 of 33 Programme countries eligible at the time of the selection (only Denmark and Luxembourg were absent). For the first time within this Programme, a proposal from a Cypriot organisation was awarded a grant within the European Remembrance Strand. Around 25 % more applications were submitted than in 2017, mainly due to applications from Germany and Romania. This has led to a better geographical balance. This was also reflected in the **37 projects awarded a grant**, representing a good geographical coverage (**23 Programme countries** out of 31 at application level).

The considerable **increase** in the number of applications is possibly explained by the '**popularity**' of the priorities linked to the 2018 commemorations (1918 end of WWI; 1938/39 beginning of WWII; 1948 beginning of the Cold War; 1948 The Hague Congress; 1968 protest and civil rights movements) that were addressed by the applicants.

Overall the **priorities** were treated in the same ratio as follows - both for the applications submitted and for funded projects:



In these projects, the commemoration of major historical turning points is mostly coupled with the other three multi-annual priorities. As in 2017, the funded projects successfully link past and present and combine the specific commemoration with a discussion of the values on which the European Union is built.

The **quality of the projects** submitted remained high, as reflected in the stable funding threshold of 82.5 – the same as in 2016 and 2017 – resulting in a highly competitive selection process. This demonstrates the success of the action and shows that many other projects below the threshold would deserve to be granted if more budgetary resources were available.

The project "30 years after the fall of the Iron Curtain" was implemented by the Slovakian organisation Post Bellum: taking its starting point as 1989, a crucial year for European history, the project's activities provoke reflection on the totalitarian past as well as on the current rise of extreme right and populist movements in European societies. Also, the project "Monuments of remembrance. 1918-2018" coordinated by the Polish organisation "Fundacja Krzyżowa Dla Porozumienia Europejskiego" raises awareness of the role that memory plays in shaping identity and values, by referring to monuments as visible signs of memory.

STRAND 2: DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Town Twinning

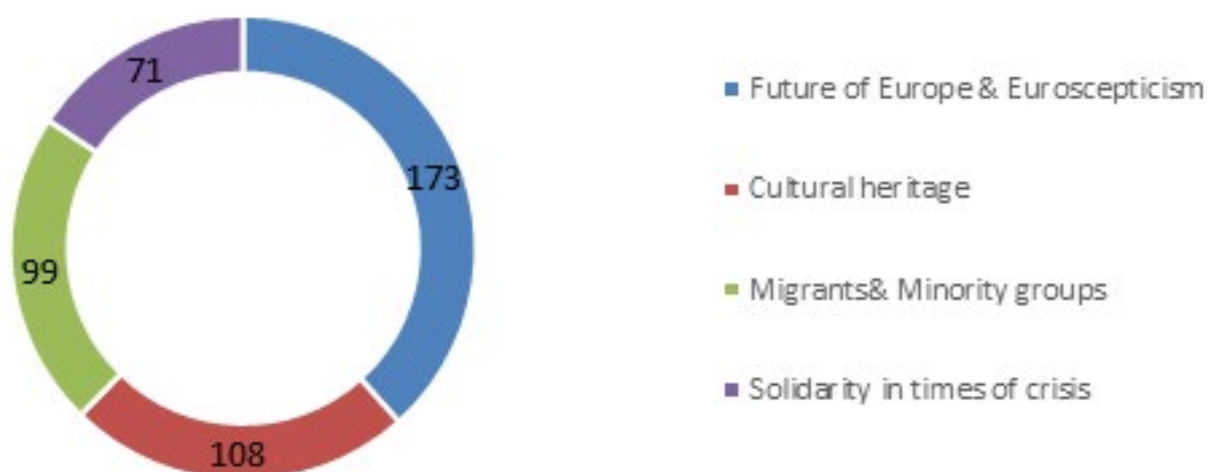
Town Twinning Selections 2018

Following the trend of previous years, the majority of applications continue to come from Eastern Europe, in particular Hungary and Slovakia who together represent 42 % of the total number of submitted applications, followed by Italy (14 %) and Romania (8 %). The wide geographical distribution is shown by the fact that **27 countries** participated in 2018 selections **as applicants** and that **all programme countries (34)** were involved as partner organisations. It is also important to note that **Kosovo¹ is participating in the programme for the first time**. An overall 27 % decrease in applications can be seen, mainly due to the lower participation of Hungary and Slovakia. This, however, contributed to a better geographical distribution, as well as to a better action success rate (**38 % in 2018 compared to 27 % in 2017**).

The **255 TT projects** selected in 2018 brought around **1380 partner organisations** together, representing a wide diversity of partnerships (municipalities, regions, NGOs, twinning committees, Foundations, Associations). The geographical spread of the selected projects shows that 25 countries are represented as beneficiaries, involving partners from **33 programme countries**. The average grant awarded per TT project in 2018 was **€ 16 936**. Although there is a constant increase in the average value of grant per TT project, it is important to note that the action continues to support projects with a small budget. **Grants of between € 5 000 and € 10 000 were awarded to 32 % of the selected projects**.

The selected initiatives will not only reach, but also **actively involve** citizens **both at local and EU level, by engaging them in discussions about hotly debated topics of today**.

Priorities addressed by TT beneficiaries in 2018
(Number of selected projects tackling programme priorities)



Project beneficiaries managed to **successfully combine different programme priorities** looking for synergies and concrete outputs. The programme priority **"Debating the Future of Europe and challenging Euroscepticism"** remained at the centre of attention, as it was addressed by the highest number of beneficiaries, many of whom specifically highlighted the importance of participation in the upcoming 2019 EP elections. **It is worth noting that 2018 was the European Year of Cultural Heritage**. This initiative encourages people to discover the universal value of cultural heritage as well as strengthen their belonging to the European community. As a programme annual priority, it was successfully taken up by project beneficiaries who focused on the promotion of tolerance and EU values and used culture as a tool to address current challenges. Many programme beneficiaries also chose to address the topic of cultural heritage from the **Remembrance point of view**, raising awareness of European cultural diversity, our common values and history, commemorating historical events, as well as promoting reconciliation. In order to give further visibility to the programme

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ (International Court of Justice) Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

and to underline its links to the "2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage", the beneficiaries were informed about the opportunity to apply for the **European Year of Cultural Heritage** label.

Town Twinning projects implementation 2018

More than **200 Town Twinning** projects were carried out in 2018. These projects managed to mobilize around **85 000 citizens** all over the Europe, who directly participated in EU debates around the "Europe for citizens" programme priorities. The figures are even more impressive considering the number of citizens who were reached indirectly – around **6 000 000** (i.e. through the dissemination/follow-up activities and new communication channels such as facebook, twitter, project website etc.) It is important to stress that **all age groups** were actively involved in the project activities, thus reflecting equal access to the programme and contributing to better intergenerational dialogue. 35% of participants were aged below 30.

Among the **projects implemented and monitored in 2018**, the following **TT flagship initiatives** are of particular note:

Project Title: *Gib dem Frieden dein Gesicht
– Jugend für Miteinander und
Solidarität in Europa*

Organisation: *Stadte-Partnerschaftsverein
Ebensee (AT)*

Partners: *Italy, Poland*

Date of project event: *03.05.2018 –
07.05.2018*

Grant awarded: *€ 25 000*



The project *Gib dem Frieden dein Gesicht* took part in the municipality of Ebensee and built upon a strong cooperation across borders and languages. The project emphasized the recognition of how the past, present and future are linked together, as well as the **importance of historical awareness**. Throughout the event, participants agreed that learning from past mistakes and the active engagement of youth are both vital for creating a better future. Local students together with more than 170 international participants from Poland and Italy visited the Zeitgeschichte Museum Ebensee, a former Concentration Camp, in order to commemorate and face past events together. An evening concert was also organized, including the presentation of a piece for orchestra, specially composed of pupils' texts.

Testimonies from participants:

"Es wird unsere Aufgabe sein dafür zu sorgen, dass die Zukunft nie wieder zu einer solch schrecklichen Vergangenheit werden kann." – (It is our job to ensure that such terrible historical events will never come to pass again.)

"Es war eine interessante Gelegenheit mit Jugendlichen aus anderen Ländern zu reden und zu diskutieren. Es sollte solche Gelegenheiten öfter geben." – (It was an interesting opportunity to talk and have a discussion with young people from other countries, and such opportunities should be given more often.)

Project Title: *Cooltural Partnership to strengthen the sense of belonging to the European Community*

Organisation: *Gmina Sosnowiec (PL)*

Partners: *Hungary, Romania*

Date of project event: *08/10/2018 – 12/10/2018*

Grant awarded: *€ 5 040*



A 5-day event coordinated by the municipality of Sosnowiec (PL) brought partner organisations from Poland, Hungary and Romania together to promote intercultural dialogue, develop opportunities for engagement and thus contribute to the well-being of the citizens of the EU. Young people, senior citizens, people who were not involved in community life, and non-governmental organizations all actively participated in interactive debates organized around the topics of Euroscepticism and the future of Europe. Participants also emphasized the key role of cultural heritage in forming our national identity and agreed on its vital role in our common European future. Integration activities, a European picnic with the participation of a large audience, as well as various cultural visits all enriched the discussions and gave added value to the project. This project received the European Year of Cultural Heritage label.

Testimonies from participants:

"Participation in the project has made me aware of the importance of the European Union and of the benefits it brings to its citizens. I want to learn from peers across Europe, to discover differences between us and to accept them"

Project Title: MOVE – For A More Visible Europe – 9th European Picnic

Organisation: Municipality of Březová (CZ)

Partners: Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia

Date of project event: 31.08.2018 – 02.09. 2018

Grant awarded: € 25 000



The 9th edition of the European picnic brought 25 Municipalities from 10 countries together to support international partnerships, create opportunities for joint engagement and volunteering at EU level.

A presentation and interactive discussion was held around the 50th anniversary of the Prague Spring. Participants were invited to reflect on the international conditions and consequences, and agreed on its vital historical role in the chain of events through 1945-1956-1968-1989. Other activities focused on the topics of migration, solidarity, national interests and climate change. Discussions on the Future of Europe highlighted the importance of the triad of unity-solidarity-cohesion and led to the conclusion that solidarity and cohesion have a key role in building a stronger, united Europe. A questionnaire "who knows more about Europe" also helped to improve participants' knowledge about the EU. The 3-day program was also rich in intercultural performances which brought the different communities closer to each other. The success of the project on the European level can be measured by the high number of international participants (236) together with about 800 locals as well as the 65 000 citizens who were involved indirectly. .

Testimonies from participants:

"I did know about the Prague Spring, but I did not know so many details and especially international connections, conditions and consequences. Now I see the event much more clearly and how important it was. It was an important step towards democratic revolution in 1989."

"It was very interesting to take part in the discussions about the future of Europe; and unity, solidarity and cohesion being important ingredients of it. I am from Serbia, so I am interested to join EU as fast as possible; it is also our national interest!"

Network of Towns

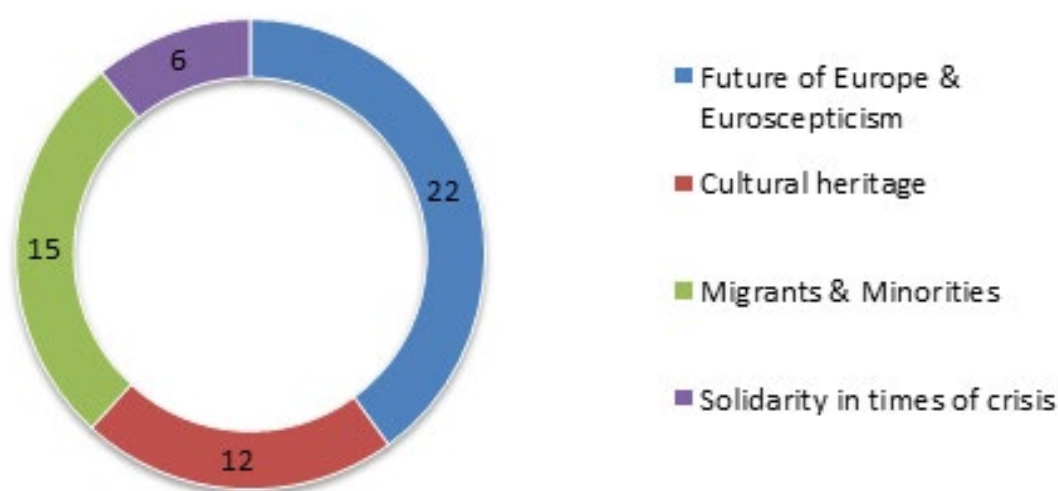
Networks of Towns Selection 2018

As in the previous year, Italy demonstrated the highest interest in the Networks of Towns action, representing 28 % of the submitted applications, followed by Spain (9%) and Hungary (9%). In total **29 eligible programme countries** participated in the NT 2018 selections **as applicants**.

Under this action **35 projects** were selected for funding in 2018 involving **18 programme countries as beneficiaries**. The geographical spread of these projects is even more impressive if we look at the partner organisations involved, which represent **all eligible programme countries (34)**. The selected projects intend to involve **385 partner organisations** and are characterised by large, diversified and strong partnerships (i.e. in average **11 partner organisations** per selected project).

The **average grant** per selected NT project is **€ 142 423**.

Priorities addressed by NT beneficiaries in 2018
(Number of selected projects tackling programme priorities)



As TT beneficiaries, projects selected under the NT action also managed to **successfully combine different programme priorities** looking for synergies and concrete outputs. The programme priority "**Debating the Future of Europe and challenging Euroscepticism**" was addressed by the highest number of beneficiaries (63 %), with special focus on the involvement of youth in EU decision-making, the importance of the 2019 EP elections, as well as challenging Euroscepticism. It is also worth noting that **34 % of beneficiaries** successfully responded to the programme annual priority "**2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage**", who through a cultural approach managed to implement the programme objectives, strengthen European identity and a sense of belonging to the European community. Issues related **to the migration crisis, stigmatisation of migrants and minority groups** also remained at the centre of beneficiaries' activities (**43 %**).

Networks of Towns projects implementation 2018

35 NT projects (selected in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017) were finalised in 2018, involving **more than 300 partner organisations** and bringing together a variety of types of actors (i.e. NGOs, municipalities, regions, villages, civil society organisations, experts, volunteers etc.) These projects mobilised around **30 000 direct participants** who took part in more than **220 networking meetings** organised all over the Europe. Thanks to the dissemination of the project results and their follow-up activities, around **4.7 million** citizens were reached indirectly.

The established networks focused on different issues representing the challenges faced not only in big urban centres but also in small localities and rural areas. The following themes and programme priorities were addressed by NT beneficiaries:

28 % of projects tackled issues related to **migration**, which was addressed from different angles:

- **migration and its impact on societies** by combatting stigmatisation of migrants, stereotypes and growing Euroscepticism; by stimulating the debate on tolerance and solidarity; by understanding the causes and background of migration);
- **migration and solidarity mechanisms/integration of immigrants** - The NT beneficiaries also reflected on solidarity mechanisms and volunteering, presenting concrete policies implemented locally and regionally with regards to the integration of immigrants in the labour market and society. The integration of migrants and its positive impact on local development were also demonstrated by the implemented NT projects.

26 % of projects put an emphasis on **civic participation**, notably: encouraging active participation of young people in local governance; civic participation and volunteering; citizens' engagement for resilience and sustainability; exchanges of good practices and new methods of civic participation.

20 % of projects focused their activities on **solidarity** issues, promoting volunteering and exchange of good practices: EU solidarity models for sustainability; exchange of volunteering practices; integration of minorities and other disadvantaged groups. Moreover, besides exchanges of concrete solidarity mechanisms, these projects also managed to involve citizens in the debate around issues such as humanism, common EU values, and approaching solidarity and tolerance as tools to fight against populism and extremism.

18 % of projects debated the **Future and Europe** and the challenges that the EU project is facing today. These projects emphasised on the benefits of EU integration, debated the four freedoms of the EU, but also reflected on the causes of growing Euroscepticism, Brexit and its consequences. The role of the younger generation was particular emphasised: young people succeeded in expressing their opinions and managed to establish a constructive dialogue not only with national authorities but also with EU institutions.

8 % of projects were focused on cultural heritage and its impact on local/regional development as well as intercultural dialogue as a tool for integration, tolerance and solidarity.

Among the **projects implemented and monitored in 2018**, the following **NT flagship initiatives** are worthy of note:

Project Title: *Se souvenir de l'Avenir*

Organisation: *Commune de Loches (FR)*

Partners: *IT, DE, BE, FR, NL, HU, BG, PL, PT, ES, UK, RO, SL, CZ, SK, LV*

Date of project event: *19.08.2016 – 15.07. 2018*

Grant awarded: *€ 150 000*



*The project **Se souvenir de l'Avenir** was launched and coordinated by the city of Loches, with the support of five towns in the Centre-Val de Loire region of France and their respective twin towns throughout Europe. It drew upon a wide network of partners, involving more than 600 invited citizens from the 28 EU Member States as well as 1 252 participants from the host towns. The project revolved around six meetings with the main objective to **ensure that young citizens take ownership of their European identity**, get involved and **contribute to the future of Europe**. By taking part in interactive discussions, workshops and intercultural exchanges, young people were able to widen their knowledge of hotly-debated topics surrounding the EU, including migration and Euroscepticism. They enabled participants to form constructive opinions of the EU and to share their hopes and fears. On the other hand, the participants were also reminded of the **reasons why the EU was constructed, its achievements and why it is worth to invest in it and contribute to its future.***

Unit C1 worked closely with DG COMM to promote an initiative launched by the European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker. The now widespread movement known as "Citizens' Dialogue" is a public debate forum that allows citizens to make their voice heard at EU level and share their views with decision-makers all over Europe. In this context, the final event of the project "Se souvenir de l'Avenir" involved the participation of Mrs Sixtine Bouygues (Deputy Director-General in DG Communication) who participated in a Citizens' Dialogue taking place as part of our programme. The debate took the form of a question and answer session where young people could ask Mrs Bouygues questions, reflect on how EU policies affect them, and **share their vision and expectations for the future. Her participation was greatly appreciated by the younger generation, as they highlighted that her presence made the EU less inaccessible.** Furthermore it was the first time that a Deputy Director-General attended a **citizens' dialogue organised with the help of the Europe for Citizens programme.** The event proved to be a success, bringing together **237 youngsters from 27 countries.** Such debates are of special importance as they not only promote dialogue between young people, their municipalities and the EU, but also provide the opportunity for the younger generation to get actively involved.

Testimonies from participants:

"Ce projet nous permet d'intégrer les principes que la culture européenne incarne : la tolérance, l'amitié, la convivialité et aussi la force de garder nos traditions, nos coutumes et de les enrichir en dialoguant avec les citoyens d'autres cultures. Je pense que c'est une chance d'être européen."

"Mon sentiment très personnel, c'est que nous sommes dans une période qui suscite des doutes. L'idéal européen, je crois, existe malgré tout. Au sein de notre association, le sentiment d'appartenance européenne est déjà là. Mais il faut se battre aussi bien sur un plan humain que sur un plan institutionnel. Quand on rencontre l'autre, on s'aperçoit d'abord qu'on n'est pas si différent que cela, et ensuite on voit nos différences. Cette diversité est une richesse, elle est créative. Il ne faut pas vouloir l'effacer."

**Project Title: Building Actions of Guidance
Services for Youth Employment
Network**

Organisation: Municipality of Linköping (SE)

Partners: HR, FI, IT, ES

**Date of project event: 12.09.2016 –
30.08.2018**

Grant awarded: € 150 000

<http://www.bags4youth.eu>



The project Building Actions of Guidance Services for Youth Employment Network (BAGS4YOUTH) brought together six organisations from five EU member states, involving more than 350 participants directly. The project aimed at facilitating social inclusion among citizens by supporting young people's employability both at local and national level. It gives special focus to young people who may have fewer opportunities in the labour market, such as those with a disadvantaged background, as well as immigrants.

The applicant and the partners involved identified the challenges that young people face in finding an occupation, as well as the ineffective communication channels between institutions and young people. Hence the main project objective is to create a European network on the promotion of employability and active participation among young people. The project themes were addressed through 10 transnational and local events from September 2016 to June 2019. Participants had the opportunity to exchange good practices at three transnational conferences, take part in various working group discussions and study visits to technology parks and youth centres. Presentations mainly addressed mentoring, job-orienting and European employment policies. The promotion of entrepreneurship skills was also highlighted, as was the development of an entrepreneurial approach from an early age on.

Project results



- 30 good practices exchanged
- 3 clusters of good practices identified
- 385 participants
- 87 Stakeholder organisations involved
- 800 people reached indirectly through dissemination
- 94% increased knowledge on the themes of transnational conferences
- 93% Satisfaction rate about the content of the conferences

CLUSTER		KEY ELEMENTS	
Self-Entrepreneurship	Support for start-up creation	Entrepreneurship education	Start-up incubation
Job Guidance & Competence Building	Job-orientteering at school	Taylor-made mentoring based on the young person's needs	Peer learning: working groups of your people supporting each other in finding a job
Work-based learning	Curricular Internships at school	Internships for people with fewer opportunities	Summer jobs

The best practices that were identified were then introduced to stakeholders during local seminars by each partner. Thanks to the wide networking of all the partners, more than 100 stakeholder organisations got involved in the discussions.

The main impact of the project is that it raised awareness among local decision makers, political representatives and civil servants: it informed them about the different employment policies and strategies implemented across Europe. Bags4youth also increased the knowledge of young people about opportunities and the services specifically addressed to them by local authorities.

Furthermore, the project produced a publication containing the activities carried out and the results achieved, as well as a set of **11 guidelines** for inclusive and effective job-guidance services which can be used as a standard guideline by any European organisation interested in this topic.

Participants recognized the key role of local communities in building active citizenship and that initiatives on the local level provide an excellent opportunity for youngsters to get involved in local policies. Therefore an important link has been established between local authorities and the EU.

Key Message

"In order to engage young people in their own future, the EU must listen to what they have to say, otherwise how can we expect them to listen and trust us? Achieving this can give a human face to the EU, a face of a million citizens."



Civil Society Projects

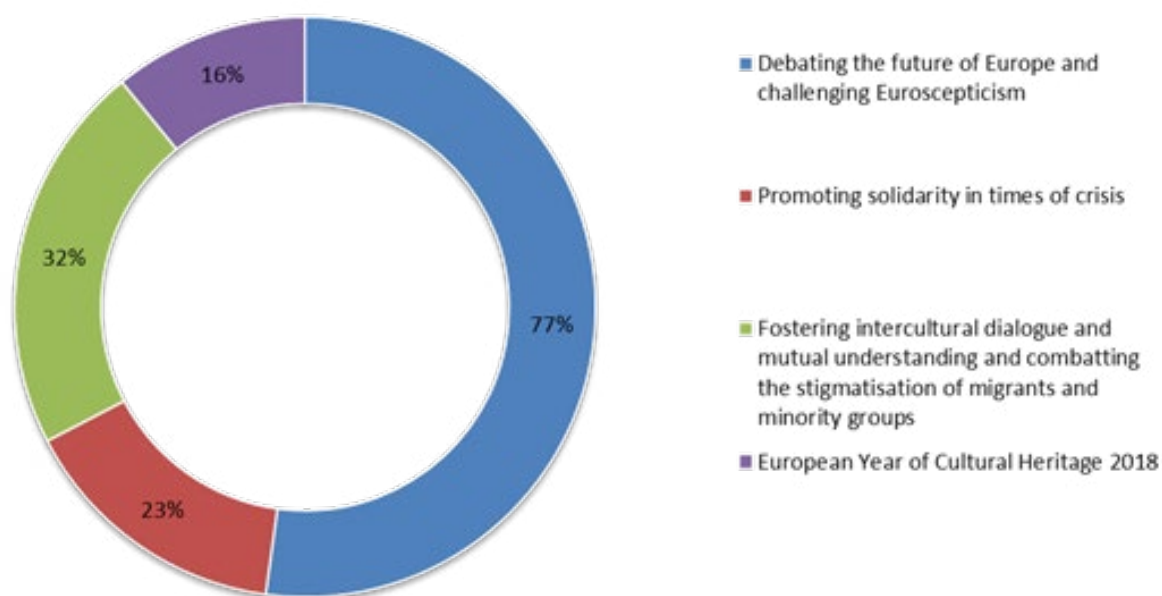
In 2018 the Agency monitored around **100 Civil Society projects** involving around 585 partners from almost all Member States². This monitoring once again showed the Civil Society strand's firm **engagement with EU citizens**: through an analysis of the final results, the monitoring of open projects and the selection of new projects, the Agency noted that the organisations address **citizens' concerns and interests**, even as these evolve through the years.



Pictures from the Swedish 2017 project "FORA – development of European cultural citizenship via culture-based debate and policy making for Action Plan on Integration"

The projects selected in 2018 covered the priorities as follows. In most cases, projects addressed more than one priority; this approach reflects the complexity of such projects that aim to engage citizens in active participation.

Priorities addressed by CSP beneficiaries in 2018 (Number of selected projects tackling programme priorities)



As in previous years, the 2018 selection again showed Civil Society Organisations' substantial engagement with the priority "Debating the future of Europe and challenging Euroscepticism". It underlined the CSOs' commitment to a major rethinking of the EU. More specifically this year, applicants have chosen to focus their work on preparing for the **European Parliament elections** in May 2019.

The **31 projects** that received grants represent a remarkable **geographical coverage** (19 out of 33 countries represented, 31 at partner level); they are well structured, with large partnerships (around **190 partners** involved, mostly grassroots organisations from

² Except Luxembourg

almost all participating countries) and cover all the thematic priorities highlighted in the initial call for proposals.

The 2018 threshold for funding remains high: 82.5/100 — which is slightly higher than in 2017. This reflects the high quality of the applications submitted. It also means that many more projects would deserve to receive grants, were more budgetary resources available.

After the UK referendum on European Union membership, and in the context of rising populist movements, the projects selected in 2017 already focused on the issue of **democratic participation**. The projects address the general mistrust in democracy, and see democratic participation as a tool to face challenges such as migration, populism and xenophobia.

The ongoing UK project "Citizens' assemblies to renew engagement for the Future of Europe" noted the need to develop effective citizen participation to reduce the distance felt by many EU citizens from EU institutions, and to challenge the rise of Euroscepticism.

Within the project, an innovative, deliberative democratic instrument is being developed and evaluated: an EU form of Citizens Assembly (CA) allows regular citizens, rather than special interest groups, to participate in the agenda-setting process in a structured and informed way.

The project raises awareness among citizens and facilitates positive citizen participation in the EU's democratic future through policy recommendations.

Participants understood that the EU invests in regular citizens in Europe through programmes like this one.

We discovered new ways to participate in politics apart from the traditional ones (political parties, voting in elections, demonstrations, etc.), like Europe for Citizens programme and citizens' platforms.

(statements by the organisation and participants of the 2017 project "Active Democratic Change in EU Society" coordinated by the Asociación Juvenil Inter).



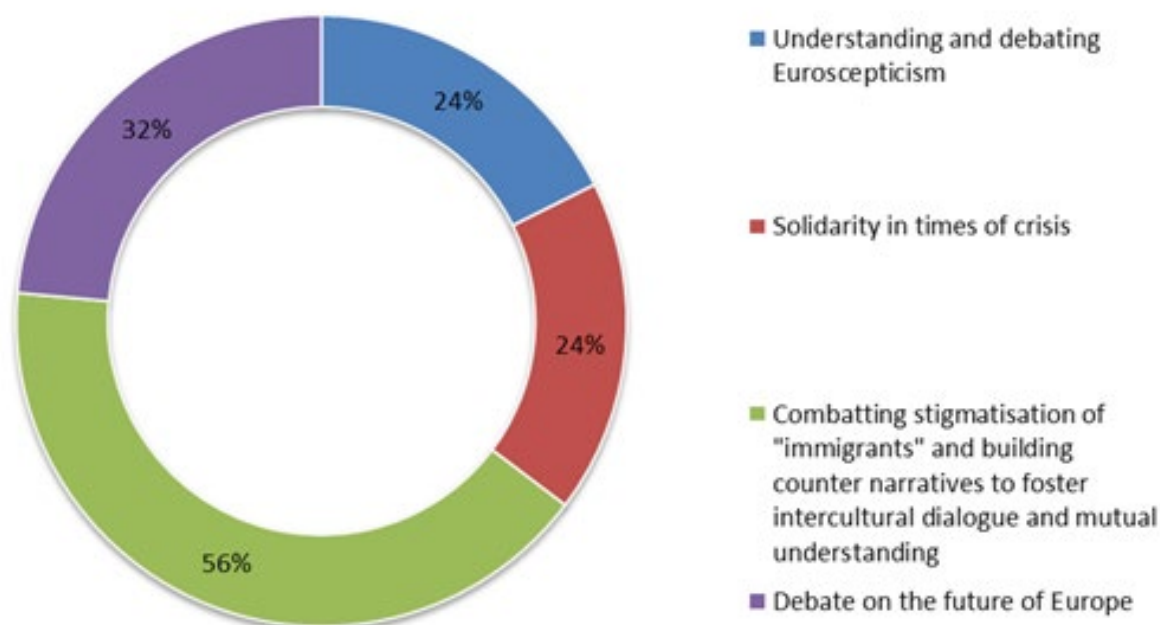
Pictures from the 2017 project "Active Democratic Change in EU Society"

Of the 27 projects from the 2017 selection, 24 are ongoing and three were already closed in 2018.

The projects finalised in 2018, which came mainly from the **2016 selection**, showed how, thanks to the support of the Europe for Citizens programme, 28 Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and their 190 partners were able to carry out their engagement activities and reach citizens in **214 events**.

The projects finalised in 2018 covered the priorities as follows. In most cases, projects addressed more than one priority; this approach reflects the complexity of such projects that aim to engage citizens in active participation.

Priorities addressed by CSP projects finalised in 2018 and selected in 2016 or 2017



The projects' activities focused mainly on the two first annual priorities. The projects looked into the future of Europe and examined threats to democracy. A series of debates explored different ways to enhance citizens' participation in defining policies, enhanced understanding of the functioning of the EU and the development of civic participation generally, in particular for communities which have less access to information and influence. The projects explored innovative tools to reach out to as many citizens as possible and make it easier for them to get involved through virtual exchanges, online debates, social networks, webinars, the development of media literacy, vlogging (video blogging), e-participation, online platforms and crowdsourcing.

The Lithuanian project "The Road of the Citizen in the Mirror of History" follows the 2013 project "Road of the Citizen", which was supported by the Europe for Citizens Programme. It focused on a dialogue between different generations to promote a better understanding of the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the EU, and on organising public conferences. Encouraging participants to be more conscious about the freedom and rights they enjoy as European citizens enables them to spread these rights and to defend them.

Participants had the opportunity to interview each other (young and old together), share stories about their experiences of Human Rights violations in former repressive systems, as well as interview experts who commented on how these rights are now granted by the EU. Young people considered what would happen if these rights were taken away from them.

The project received international recognition with the "European award for citizenship, security and defence" prize in Berlin in 2017. This annual prize, which is supported by the Council of Europe, rewards outstanding efforts towards promoting European citizenship, and European security and defence awareness.

Source: forumoteatras.lt



Picture from the Slovakian 2017 project "Comprehending & Debating EuroScepticism"

The Slovenian project "*European Citizens Crowdsourcing*" (EUCROWD) focused on promoting e-participation as a tool for citizens to take part in decision-making processes at national and EU levels. It aimed at raising EU-citizens' awareness of innovative channels of e-participation and developing their skills to use them.

Within the project, emphasis was put on crowdsourcing as an efficient digital tool to engage citizens in democratic participation. During eight conferences and workshops, 430 participants (experts in the field of digital democracy, activists, political scientists, students...) came together to learn about how the EU works, to share knowledge on how citizens participate in decision-making in different member states, to explore the possibilities of making a difference through crowdsourcing and other digital tools, and to acquire the necessary skills to engage efficiently in democracy by using those platforms.

In its conclusions, the project presented policy recommendations for a crowdsourcing pilot project at EU level.

Source: inepa.si

Another major theme of the projects monitored concerned citizens' involvement in activities with **migrants**.

The Italian project "*Lampedusa Berlin, Travel Journal*" took as its starting point a historic parallel between the fall of the Berlin Wall and the migration of citizens from Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries.

The fall of Communism in Central and Eastern Europe, symbolized by the fall of the Berlin wall, completely changed the route of Europe's history.

28 years later, Europe faces a new challenge in the form of the migration crisis. The project reflected on the European Union's progress, on its identity and on its future as a place of democracy, of integration and Human Rights.

Through conferences, public panels, film viewings, sport activities and exchanges of good practices, the foundation ForTeS opened a space for dialogue where participants, together with refugees, talked about stereotypes, facts and figures and discussed the opportunities for refugees to become active and engaged in civil society. The project offered citizens and refugees a space for reflecting on a strong European governance on migration.

Source: Lorenzo Filippeschi for the organisation Fondazione ForTeS



OPERATING GRANTS

END OF THE OLD PARTNERSHIP 2014-2017

In 2018 the 2014-2017 Framework Partnership was closed, and the organisations presented reports for activities implemented in 2017 - the last year of the cooperation.

The end of the partnership was the right moment for a reflection and celebration of what has been accomplished. A brochure 'Success stories from beneficiaries of the operating grants framework 2014-2017' was produced. This concise publication contains facts and figures for the period, but also interesting stories, quotes and pictures. It highlights the results that organisations were able to achieve thanks to their grant, and describes the activities implemented within Europe for Citizens Programme.



BEGINNING OF THE NEW PARTNERSHIP 2018-2020

2018 was also the beginning of a new three-year Framework Partnership 2018-2020, awarded to 30 organisations.

The Agency organised a kick-off meeting with all the beneficiaries of this new Partnership. It was a great opportunity to meet and exchange.



Throughout the year, the Agency followed the implementation of the work programmes.

The organisations worked successfully on the established Programme priorities, with a special focus on the debate on the Future of Europe – in many cases linked to Brexit – and migration issues.

Activities took the form of public debates, publications, workshops as well as research and comparative analysis. Overall, in the course of 2018, the organisations encouraged and facilitated citizens' involvement in the democratic process, raised awareness of EU issues and contributed to European policy debates.

A wide spectrum of subjects and activities covered by the beneficiaries of the operating grants can be illustrated by two very different organisations: Paideia, a recipient of the grant under strand 1: European Remembrance, and the Institute of International and European Affairs selected under strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation.

Paideia is a Swedish organisation whose mission is to actively promote the renewal and flourishing of European Jewish cultural and intellectual life. 2018 brought renewed focus on the ramifications of Jewish migration from Poland and Czechoslovakia in 1968.

Paideia held a conference: 1989–2019 Jews in Post-communist Europe. This conference, marking 30 years from the fall of the Berlin Wall, focused on the Jews of post-communist Europe as communities, individuals, activists, migrants, agents of change and cultural awakening, and targets of transition, anti-Semitism and renewed memory. For them, 1989 was a milestone not only in European and global history, but in Jewish history too.

The conference aimed to take stock of historical processes, challenges and concerns, including the grave concerns of renewed hostility to Jews and to Israel, and the more positive challenges of new freedom, cultural creativity and the realignment of memory. Sweden's unique vantage point in this historical realignment was included in the conference discussions.

Paideia – The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden, is a crucial player in the renewal of Jewish cultural life in Europe, embedded in its longstanding education and activist work with students, cultural centres and active intellectual work across Europe, and was uniquely positioned to host this path-breaking meeting, along with partners in Sweden and beyond. 1989–2019: Jews in Post-Communist Europe set to explore and analyse contemporary Jewish life in post-communist Europe and beyond.

The Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA) is Ireland's leading think tank on European and International affairs. It is an independent, not-for-profit organisation with charitable status. Its aim is to provide a forum for those with an interest in strategic planning in Irish Foreign and EU policy, and to evaluate and disseminate strategic policy options in these areas.

In 2018 one of the priority areas for IIEA was 'The Future of the EU27': a major project which aims to identify and analyse emerging trends in EU policy, examine their impact on Ireland, and identify strategic alliances for Ireland within an EU of 27. Citizen engagement is a central element of this project: all events are open to the public, a number of regional events will be held as part of the lecture series, and a suite of publications will be created which will be designed to be accessible to members of the public. Another important priority area was Brexit: Examining the UK's withdrawal from the European Union and its implications for Ireland, the EU and the UK. Work in this area is designed to complement and feed into the work on the Future of the EU27.

Every year IIEA publishes a number of timely publications which are free to download from the organisation's website. Notable 2018 publications include:

Shaping social policy: what role for the EU? in which two key questions for European social policy are examined: "What challenges should our countries tackle together?" and "What added value can EU level instruments provide in this struggle?"

EU enlargement to the Western Balkans: towards 2025 & beyond. In this paper, which is part of the Future of the EU27 Project, the European Commission's Western Balkans Strategy is presented, exploring the context and challenges surrounding this new perspective for EU enlargement.

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

European Solidarity Corps Initiative within the "Europe for Citizens" programme

The European Solidarity Corps (ESC) Initiative was announced by President Juncker at his State of the Union speech in September 2016 and officially launched by the Commission on 7 December 2017 with the aim to give young people across the EU the opportunity to volunteer where help is needed and to respond to crisis situations.

In its **initial phase** this initiative was implemented through eight contributing programmes, of which the Europe for Citizens programme was one of the first in 2017 to incorporate this new feature in the 2017 calls for proposals. Since October 2018, the European Solidarity Corps initiative has its own legal framework. The Europe for Citizens programme continued its support to this initiative in 2018: beneficiaries were invited to raise awareness of the European Solidarity Corps and involve it in the measures **"European Remembrance", "Civil Society Projects" and "Operating Grants"**.

Within the **European Remembrance projects**, European Solidarity Corps members are mainly involved in learning about active and intercultural Remembrance through participation in research activities, guided tours, organisation of webinars and debates. For instance, the 2017 project "Europeans win ostracism: from remembrance to a dialogue society" – also called E-WORDS – particularly addresses the younger generations with the aim of providing them with a sound understanding of the historical and political processes which led to totalitarian regimes in 20th century Europe. Mrs Alessandra VIVIANI, coordinator of the project which was granted to the "University of Siena - Department of Political and International Science" said:

"It has been a real pleasure to work with all our ESC volunteers. I can affirm with no doubt that ESC volunteers and E-WORDS benefited one another: the young Europeans from the participation in a dynamic, innovative and very up to date project; the partnership from their eagerness, enthusiasm and skills. Considering that E-Words is now close to its end, I can surely say that work on awareness raising on European social values and human rights would have made less sense without the contribution of our young ESC".

Volunteers also expressed their enthusiasm for being part of the European Solidarity Corps initiative and described their main learning achievements in the following way:

"It was an amazing experience, not only because I could acquire new skills in organizing youth related political education events and all sorts of PR-activities, but also because I had the opportunity to gain insight into so many different perspectives on Europe's past, learning for a better common future!" – said European Solidarity Corps Member Lorenzo BLUMENTHALER.

Michela MERCOLINI added *"I took care mainly of the management part of the project and I acquired both organizational and administrative skills (being involved in management, purchases and sales). Having participated in an international project was also a very important experience in my CV, for my involvement in future projects and with reference to future job opportunities"*.



Within the **Civil Society projects**, European Solidarity Corps members are mainly involved in the organization and preparation of conferences, management of online media channels, dissemination of project results, and editing newsletter and webpage content. Besides acquiring skills in project management, Corps members learn about the status of civil society in different countries, as well as about public participation in policy making within an international context.

The project "Active Democratic Change in EU Society" implemented by the Spanish association Juvenil Inter is an example: as the overall project aim was to bridge the gap between citizens and EU policy makers, the Solidarity Corps members not only learned about the EU, EU programmes and fundamental rights, but also gained a general insight into democracy, anti-corruption and transparency policies.



Finally, it was appreciated that think tanks which were supported through Operating Grants put their experience at the service of the European Solidarity Corps initiative, proposing seminars on EU subjects for Corps members, alongside hosting European Solidarity Corps members in their activities.

For example, in 2018, the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) organised two information sessions on the European Solidarity Corps, in order to present this EU initiative to a group of young people and present the possibilities for volunteering, traineeships and job opportunities. These sessions presented the ESC as a way of fostering civic engagement in a wide range of topics, e.g. environment, migrants and asylum seekers, cultural heritage and social inclusion.

PART B

Quantitative information

Europe for citizens programme: follow up selection and contracts (2018)

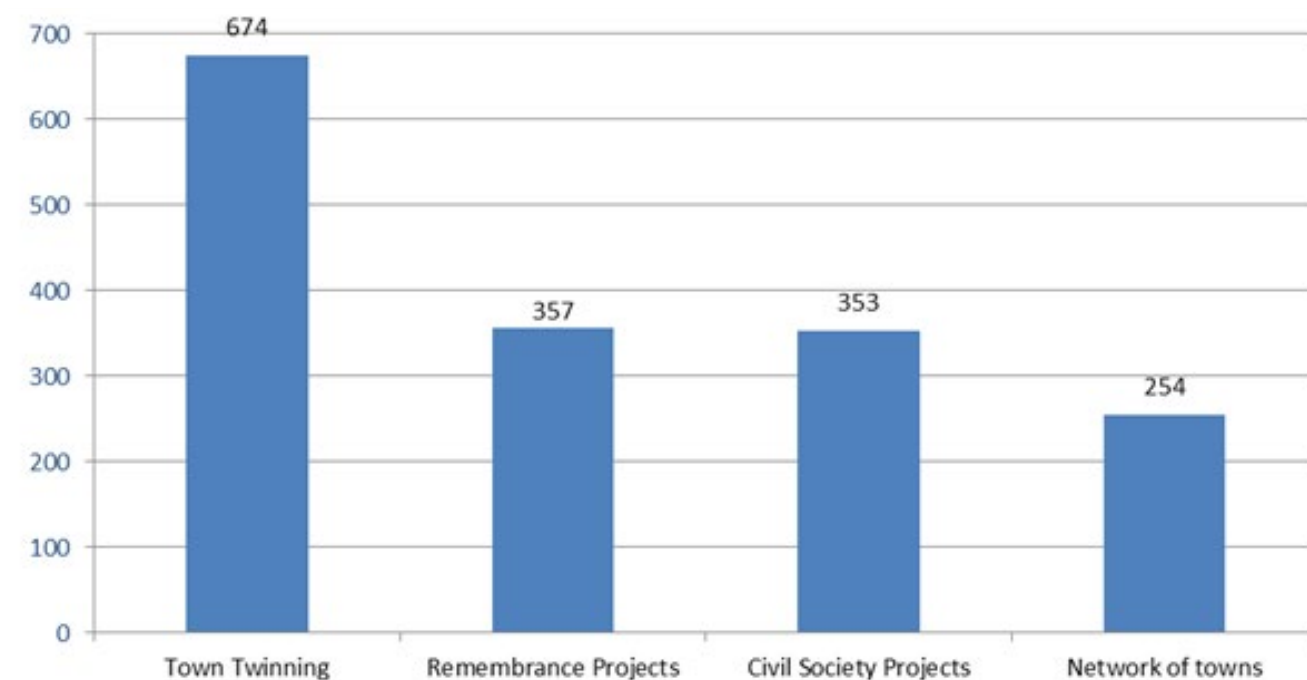
Europe for citizens programme follow up selection and contracts (2018)											
Index	Actions and sub-actions	Budget	Number of	Call	Deadline	Number of applications received	Number of ineligible application	Number of selected application	Success rate	Decision date	Amount of Decision (euros)
Strand 1 - European remembrance and European citizenship											
1.1.	Remembrance projects	3.715.115	44	Call EACEA 40/2017 - Programme Guide	1/03/2018	357	0	37	10%	17/07/2018	3.370.600
1.2.	Structural support think tanks, organisations at European level (framework partnerships)	1.213.467	6	CALL EACEA 33/2017	18/08/2017	23	0	6	26%	1/02/2018	1.291.900
Strand 2 - Democratic engagement and civic participation											
2.1.	Town twinning citizens meetings - phase 1	4.619.141	295	Call EACEA 40/2017 - Programme Guide	1/03/2018	382	0	137	36%	21/06/2018	2.244.025
2.1.	Town twinning citizens meetings - phase 2				3/09/2018	292	0	118	40%	14/12/2018	2.074.700
2.2.	Networks of twinned towns - phase 1	4.515.080	38	Call EACEA 40/2017 - Programme Guide	1/03/2018	113	4	19	17%	5/07/2018	2.730.480
2.2.	Networks of twinned towns - phase 2				3/09/2018	141	2	16	11%	14/12/2018	2.254.320
2.3.	Civil society projects	3.533.392	31	Call EACEA 40/2017 - Programme Guide	1/03/2018	353	0	31	9%	26/07/2018	4.213.110
2.4.	Structural support for think tanks, organisations at European level (framework partnerships)	5.627.984	31	CALL EACEA 33/2017	18/08/2017	106	0	24	23%	1/02/2018	5.518.503
Strand 3 - Valorisation											
3.2.	Information structures in Member States and participating countries	900.000	33	Designated bodies EACEA 31/2017	15/11/2017	29	0	29	100%	22/12/2017	782.500
4.1.	Support to project selection	200.000	na	na							
	TOTAL WP 2018	24.324.179	478			1796	6	417	23%		24.480.138 *

* The Programme could use some additional commitment credits made available by DG HOME

Applications submitted in 2018

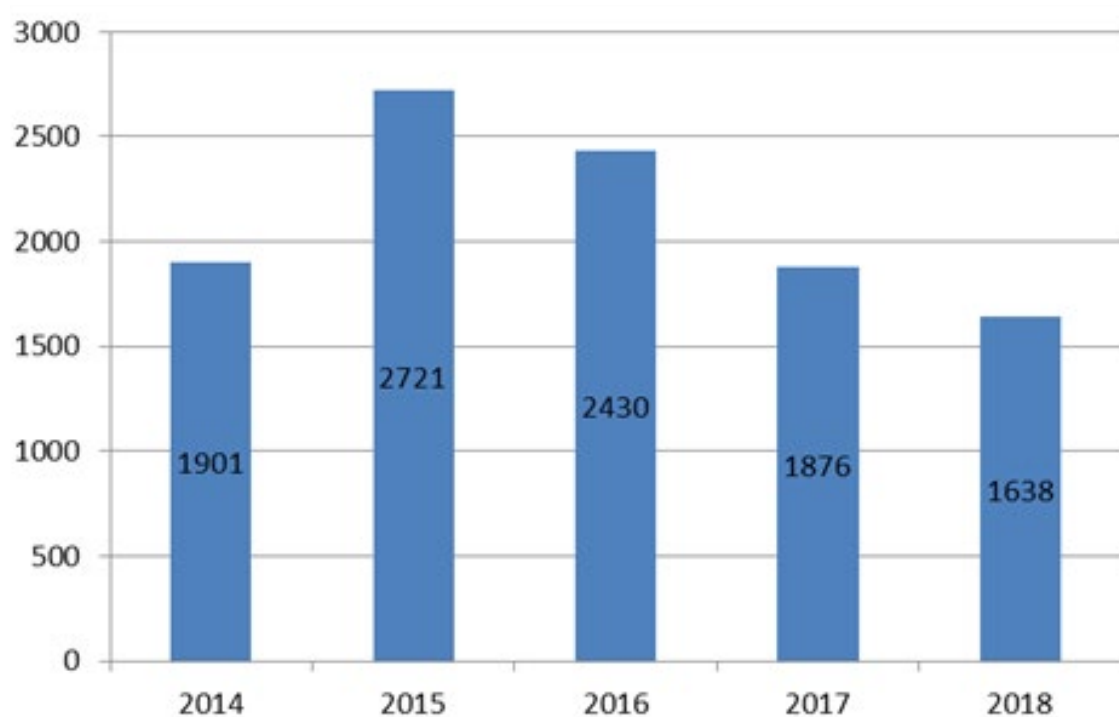
A total of 1638 applications were submitted within action grants. Furthermore, 129 applications were presented within Operating grants and 29 were submitted by "Europe for Citizens" Contact Points that renewed their partnership. Therefore a total of 1796 applications were submitted in 2018.

- **Overview per action**



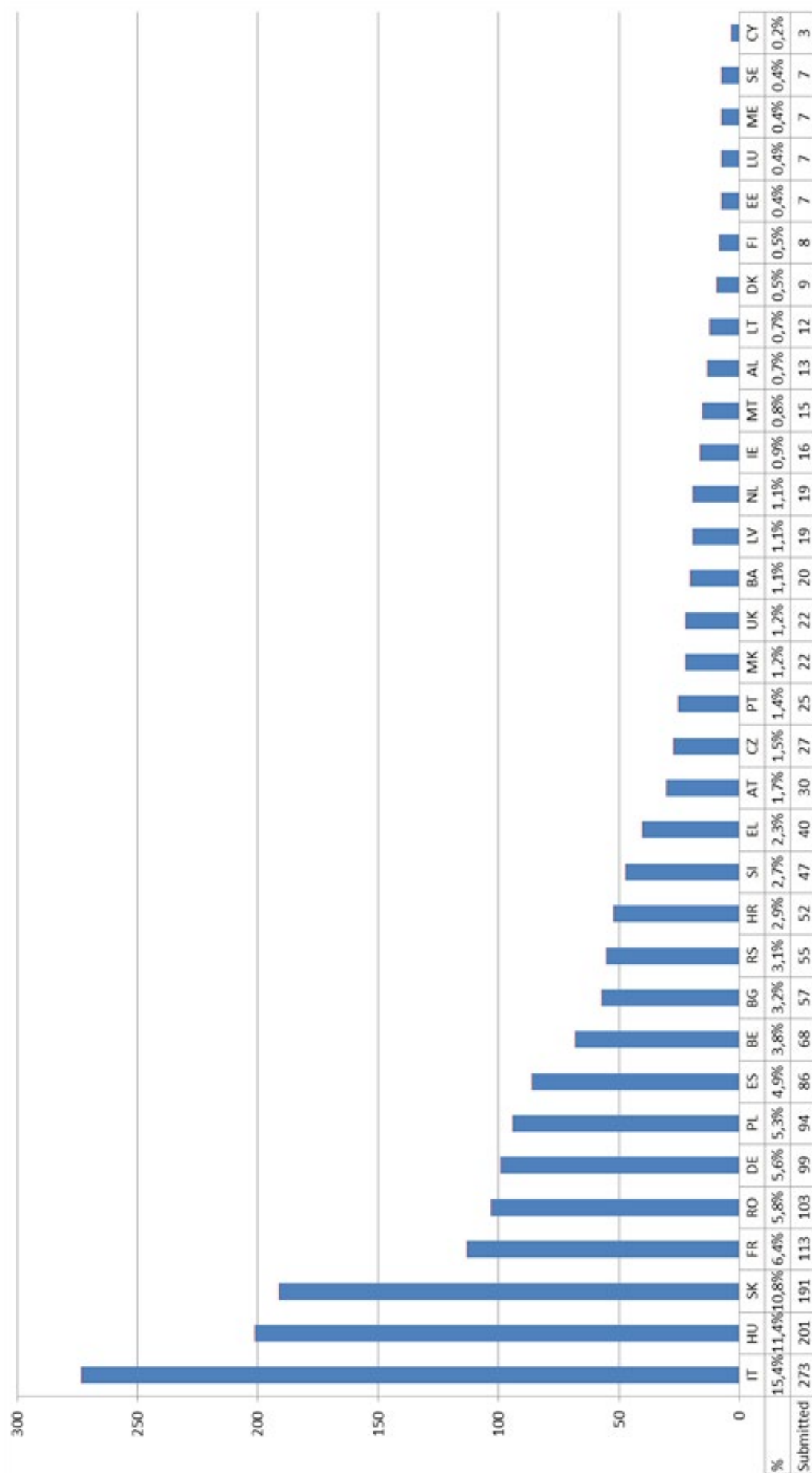
- **Comparison of the number of proposals submitted 2014-2018**

The decreased number of applications submitted in 2018 has a positive impact on the success rate.



• 2018- Overview per country of applications submitted – actions and operating grants

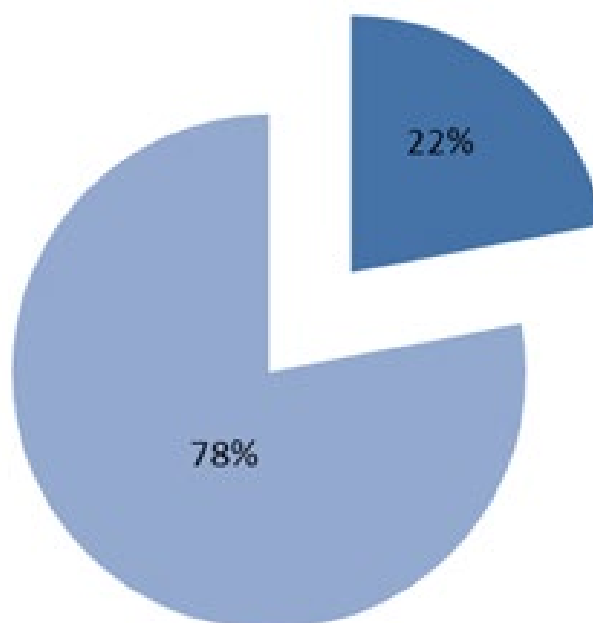
Organisations from all Member states and participating countries are represented as applicant. Italy was the Member State introducing the greatest number of proposals (273 proposals or 15.4%), followed by Hungary (201 proposals or 11.4%), Slovakia (191 or 10.8%) and France (113 or 6.4%).



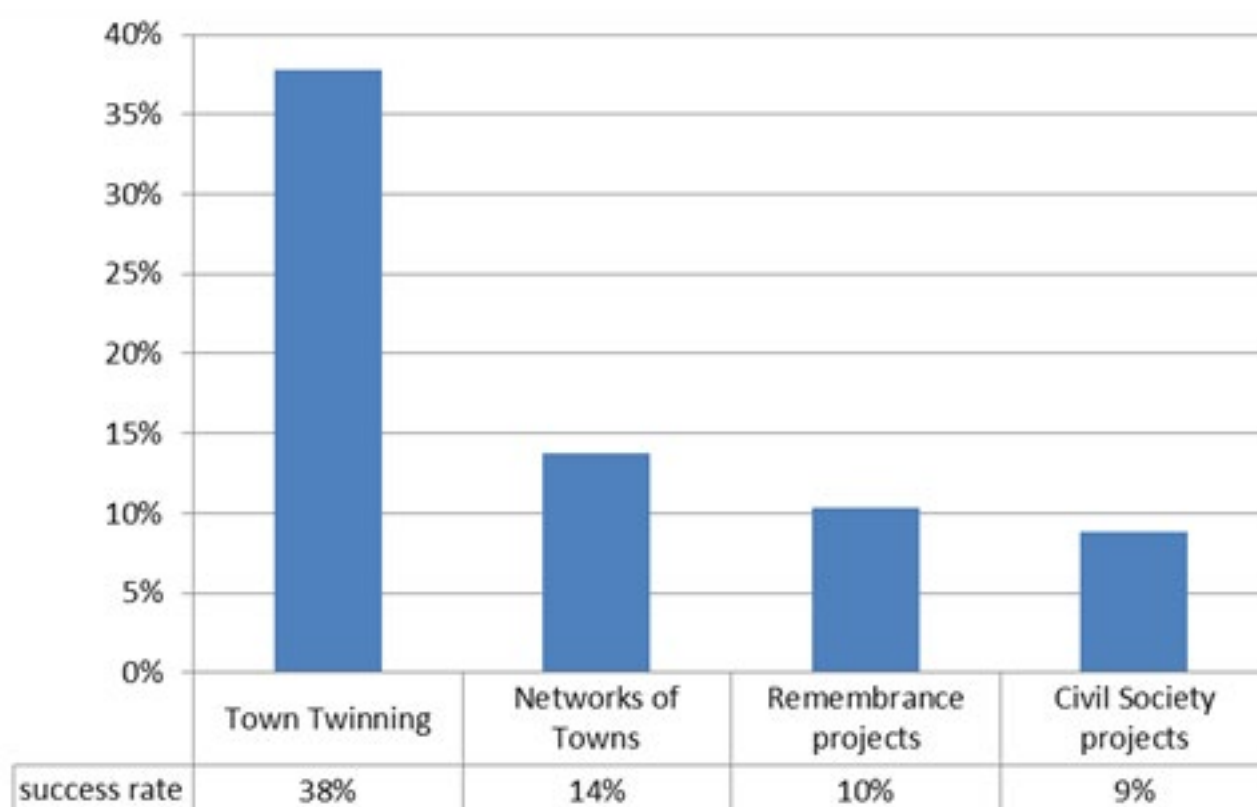
Applications selected in 2018

- **Programme success rate**

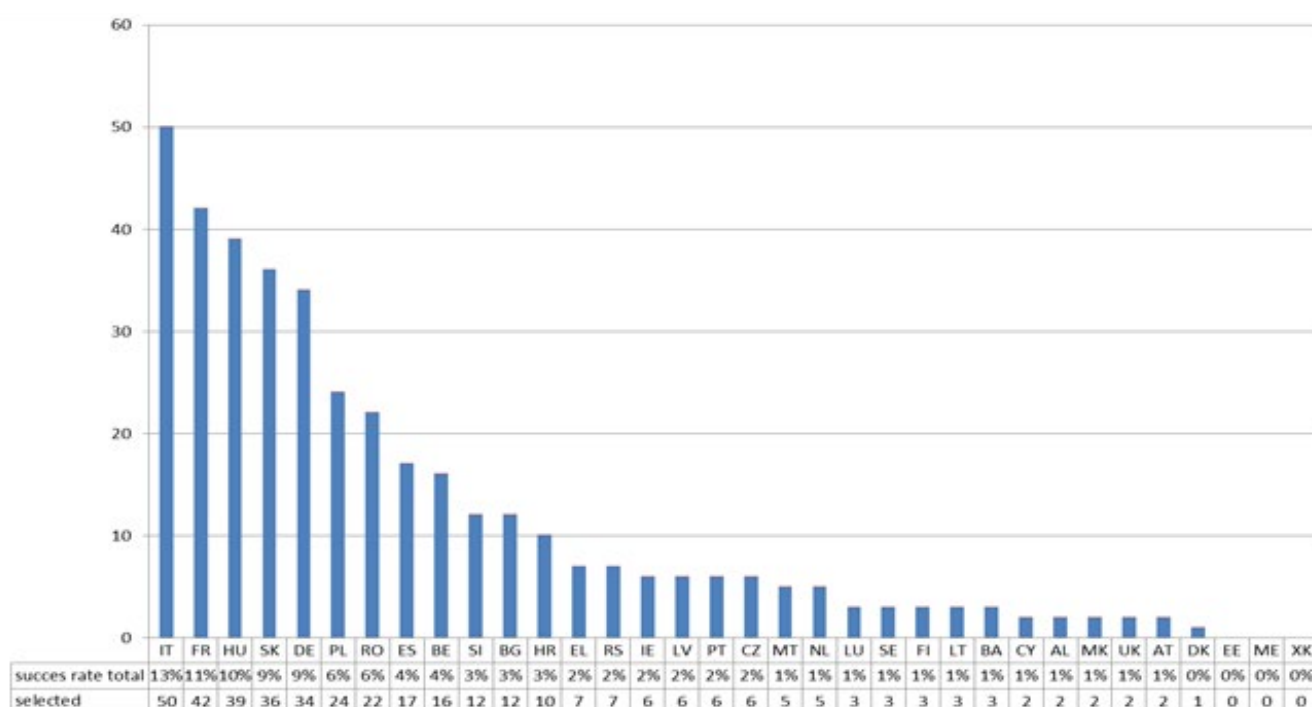
In 2018, out of 1638 proposals submitted for action grants (Town Twinning, Networks of Towns, Remembrance and Civil Society projects), 358 projects were selected: 255 for Town Twinning, 35 for Networks of Towns, 37 for Remembrance and 31 for Civil Society projects. Therefore, the average success rate is 22%.



- **Success rate per action**

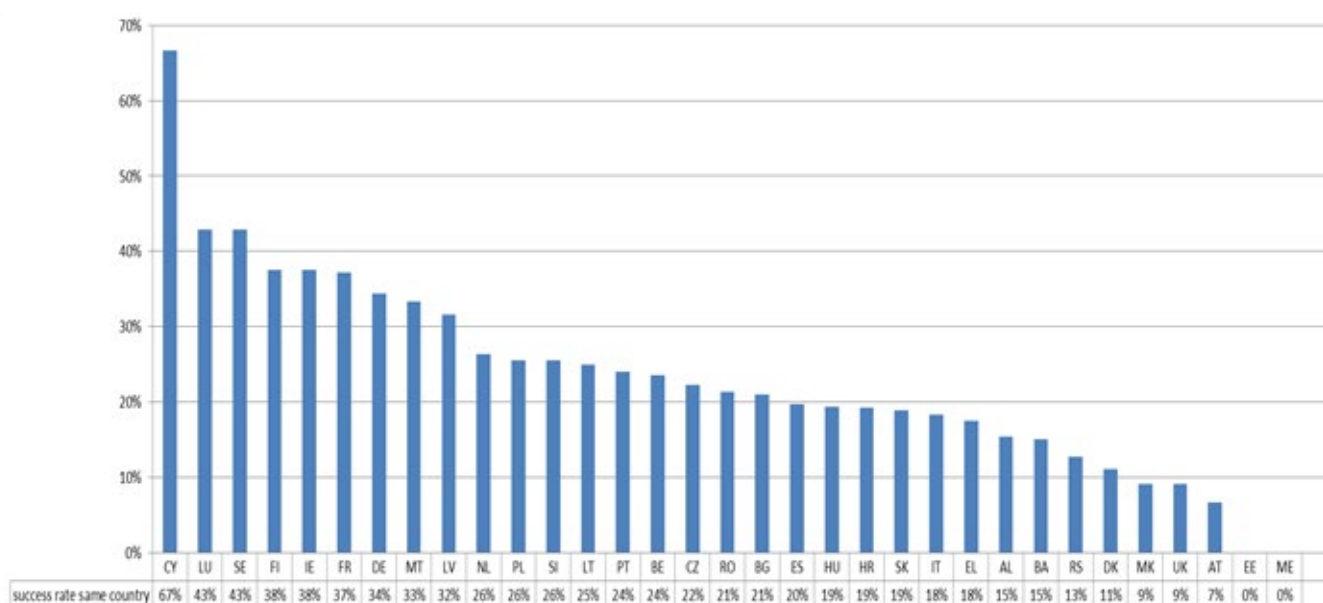


- Success rate per country in relation to the 1767 applications submitted (including Town Twinning, Networks of Towns, Remembrance, Civil Society projects and Operating grants)



- Success rate per country in relation to projects submitted by the same country

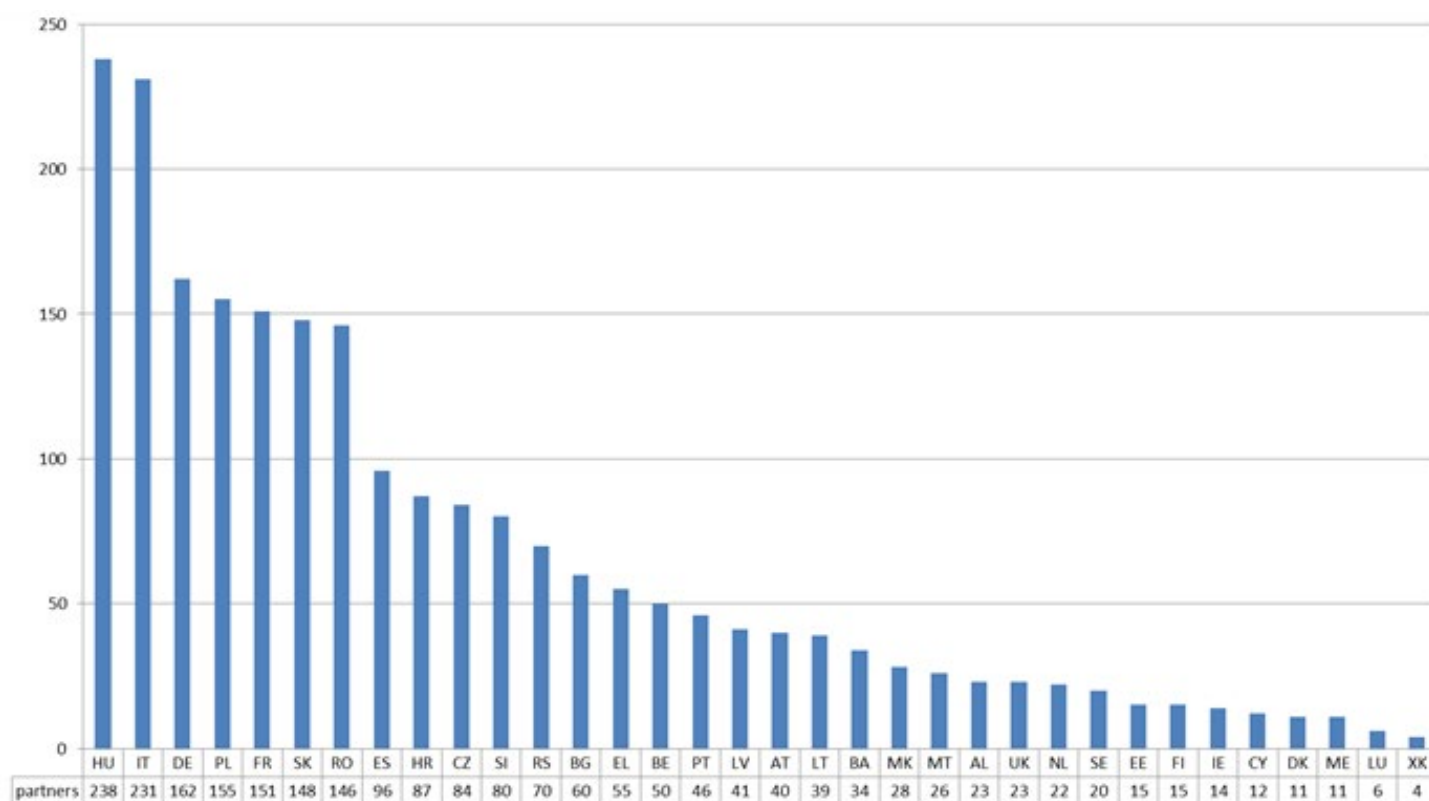
Ratio between applications submitted and selected per country.



Analysis of project partners

• 2018 - Overview per country

In total number 2243 partners were selected for action grants (Town Twinning, Networks of Towns, Remembrance and Civil Society projects). Breakdown per country below.



• 2018 - Partners per country in selected applications

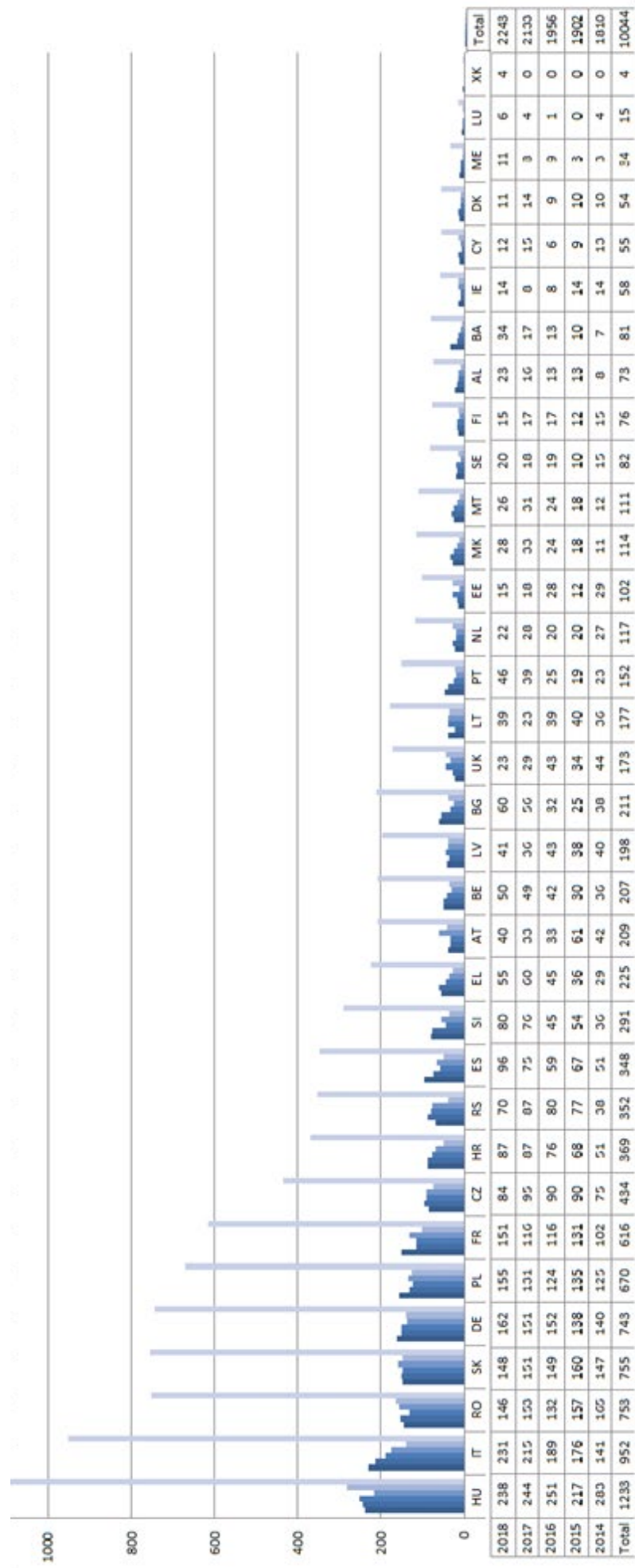
Action	Number of projects granted	Number of Partners in project granted	Average number of partners in 2017	Average number of partners in 2016
Network of Towns	35	385	11,0	10,4
Civil Society Projects	31	225	7,3	7,4
Remembrance Projects	37	254	6,9	6,5
Town Twinning	255	1379	5,4	5,4
TOTAL	358	2243	6,3	6,1

- Partners per action in selected applications 2018

Country	Network Towns	Civil Society Projects	Remembrance Projects	Town Twinning	TOTAL
AL	7	4	7	5	23
AT	21	4	9	6	40
BA	24	2	4	4	34
BE	14	10	13	13	50
BG	19	19	11	11	60
CY	2	7	1	2	12
CZ	57	9	10	8	84
DE	106	20	21	15	162
DK		5	1	5	11
EE	2	5	3	5	15
EL	15	18	11	11	55
ES	47	28	8	13	96
FI	6	4	2	3	15
FR	94	26	16	15	151
HR	53	15	9	10	87
HU	215	12	8	3	238
IE	9	2	3	0	14
IT	139	47	28	17	231
LT	20	6	10	3	39
LU	4	2	0	0	6
LV	24	10	2	5	41
ME	3	4	1	3	11
MK	13	6	5	4	28
MT	14	9	1	2	26
NL	12	2	3	5	22
PL	94	17	25	19	155
PT	17	17	5	7	46
RO	111	15	11	9	146
RS	49	13	3	5	70
SE	10	6	0	4	20
SI	45	22	7	6	80
SK	123	9	12	4	148
UK	9	7	4	3	23
XK	1	3	0	0	4
TOTAL Number of projects granted	1379	385	254	225	2243
	255	35	37	31	358

• Total number of partners per country 2014 – 2018

The number of partners has increased continuously since 2014. Since 2014, more than 10,000 partners have been involved directly in the action grants.



Selection thresholds

The table below shows all the funding thresholds (i.e. lowest score obtained by a retained project) since the beginning of the current Europe for Citizens Programme in 2014. It takes in consideration also the released reserve lists.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Remembrance	84	79,5	82,5	82,5	82,5
Civil Society	82,75	81,75	81,5	82,25	82,5
Town Twinning phase 1	53	78	74	71	71
Town Twinning phase 2	70,75	74,25	73	72	71
Network of Town phase 1	67,5	80	81	82	81
Network of Town phase 2	76,25	85	84	83	82

• Feeling of being a citizen of the EU

According to Standard Reports of the Eurobarometer the feeling of being an EU citizen on European average has remained stable over the last years.

Country	Autumn 2018 EB 90 p.33	Spring 2018 EB 89 p.36	Autumn 2017 EB 88 p.39	Spring 2017 EB 87 p. 38	Autumn 2016 EB 86 p.32	Spring 2016 EB 85 p. 38	Autumn 2015 EB 84 p. 32	Spring 2015 EB 83 p. 17	Autumn 2014 EB 82 p. 29	Spring 2014 EB 81 p. 7	Autumn 2013 EB 80 p. 30	Spring 2013 EB 79 p. 23	Autumn 2012 EB 78 p. 23	Spring 2012 EB 77 p. 22
AT	75	77	78	73	66	69	63	72	73	87	63	66	63	60
BE	79	74	78	78	71	71	72	70	69	71	70	71	68	69
BG	51	51	56	55	50	49	47	50	48	46	49	48	47	50
CY	65	72	69	64	53	53	49	50	51	53	46	45	55	62
CZ	56	59	56	57	53	58	57	62	60	57	55	54	54	52
DE	86	84	82	82	77	78	74	81	74	79	73	73	74	74
DK	78	80	79	81	74	77	76	74	74	73	71	71	74	75
EE	81	78	78	75	75	76	73	79	78	76	72	70	73	67
EL	52	51	48	48	47	46	50	50	45	49	42	44	46	50
ES	83	82	88	75	79	76	75	69	71	71	69	68	73	70
FI	81	79	81	81	79	82	75	81	76	79	73	73	78	71
FR	62	61	63	64	61	67	61	61	63	63	57	61	66	65
HR	66	63	61	61	60	61	66	63	56	55	58	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
HU	80	77	67	70	69	65	69	67	67	59	59	59	54	51
IE	85	85	81	82	78	80	76	77	70	74	67	68	69	69
IT	59	56	54	53	51	49	49	53	47	47	45	52	51	45
LT	77	78	77	77	74	74	77	78	71	71	64	65	64	60
LU	89	93	90	89	92	93	85	88	89	85	85	88	87	85
LV	75	74	73	74	73	71	68	69	68	62	53	56	57	54
MT	82	82	85	82	82	84	82	84	85	87	74	81	76	72
NL	75	70	70	71	68	70	67	70	61	65	58	61	67	60
PL	79	80	77	80	78	76	71	74	74	77	67	70	74	67
PT	78	83	81	80	79	75	72	72	66	69	58	62	59	60
RO	68	64	63	66	67	59	62	65	68	61	56	53	51	60
SE	82	76	77	76	75	74	72	78	76	77	69	69	73	65
SI	72	73	73	71	73	70	75	65	69	69	61	64	68	66
SK	77	80	75	72	73	75	69	75	73	73	70	76	71	70
UK	58	57	55	54	55	53	52	56	60	52	42	48	48	42
EU	71	70	70	68	67	66	64	67	63	65	59	62	63	61

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EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME - RESULTS 2018

Synoptic table of projects submitted and granted per country and action in the period 2014-2018

Europe for Citizens programme 2014 - 2020 Report 2014-2018																									
Applications submitted								Projects selected								Statistic Data									
CIV	REMEM	OG	TT1	TT2	NT1	NT2	TOTAL submitted	TOTAL selected		CIV	REMEM	OG	TT1	TT2	NT1	NT2	Applications submitted in %	Applications granted in %	Success rate submitted per country	Population rate					
AL	13	14	0	2	1	7	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	AL	0,40%	0,06%	2,27%	0,55%				
AT	60	46	8	13	7	9	154	23	5	8	1	3	1	3	2	3	AT	1,41%	1,28%	14,94%	1,65%				
BA	27	15	2	5	7	5	71	5	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	BA	0,65%	0,28%	7,04%	0,73%				
BE	128	62	76	17	11	8	314	51	10	8	19	6	4	3	3	1	BE	2,87%	2,84%	16,24%	2,14%				
BG	131	101	8	14	19	19	320	30	5	6	0	7	6	6	2	4	BG	2,93%	1,67%	9,38%	1,36%				
CY	15	1	0	2	3	3	29	6	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	CY	0,27%	0,33%	20,69%	0,16%				
CZ	43	46	6	48	63	6	218	44	3	7	2	15	16	1	1	0	CZ	1,99%	2,45%	20,18%	2,00%				
DE	99	117	32	202	160	21	655	185	10	15	6	78	62	7	7	7	DE	5,99%	10,29%	28,24%	15,60%				
DK	21	4	2	4	2	0	34	5	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	DK	0,31%	0,28%	14,71%	1,08%				
EE	21	22	1	6	6	1	58	6	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	EE	0,53%	0,33%	10,34%	0,25%				
EL	53	58	3	6	15	34	215	25	5	6	0	3	3	3	3	5	EL	1,97%	1,39%	11,63%	2,05%				
ES	117	131	29	46	50	33	456	65	8	9	3	21	16	4	4	4	ES	4,17%	3,62%	14,25%	8,82%				
FI	14	9	2	2	5	4	37	9	1	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	FI	0,34%	0,50%	24,32%	1,04%				
FR	70	88	70	135	149	28	570	145	6	15	18	46	48	7	5	5	FR	5,21%	8,07%	25,44%	12,66%				
HR	92	55	6	44	33	29	290	47	5	5	1	16	15	3	2	2	HR	2,65%	2,62%	16,21%	0,80%				
HU	151	148	10	758	478	90	1722	233	7	6	2	136	68	11	3	3	HU	15,75%	12,97%	13,53%	1,87%				
IE	24	12	3	6	9	0	55	16	3	6	1	2	4	0	0	0	IE	0,50%	0,89%	29,09%	0,88%				
IT	402	399	20	249	215	168	1656	211	13	17	0	83	65	21	12	12	IT	15,14%	11,74%	12,74%	11,52%				
LT	51	55	0	15	16	6	149	22	5	6	0	3	7	0	1	1	LT	1,36%	1,22%	14,77%	0,55%				
LU	4	0	2	0	2	1	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	LU	0,11%	0,22%	33,33%	0,11%				
LV	32	52	6	18	9	14	149	18	2	5	1	6	2	2	1	1	LV	1,36%	1,00%	12,08%	0,37%				
ME	6	4	1	0	0	0	12	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	ME	0,11%	0,11%	16,67%	0,12%				
MK	31	11	7	7	5	7	75	10	2	3	1	2	0	0	1	1	MK	0,69%	0,56%	13,33%	0,39%				
MT	12	11	1	12	12	6	64	27	2	2	0	8	9	3	3	3	MT	0,59%	1,50%	42,19%	0,08%				
NL	42	31	11	9	4	4	106	18	5	7	3	0	1	1	1	1	NL	0,97%	1,00%	16,98%	3,22%				
PL	149	219	14	148	105	38	716	132	6	14	3	56	45	5	3	3	PL	6,55%	7,35%	18,44%	7,21%				
PT	44	23	5	11	10	11	9	113	21	4	3	0	6	4	2	2	PT	1,03%	1,17%	18,58%	1,96%				
RO	93	123	1	236	137	18	633	116	6	4	0	68	34	4	0	0	RO	5,79%	6,46%	18,33%	3,75%				
RS	70	49	5	38	38	13	238	34	4	4	0	12	11	2	1	1	RS	2,18%	1,89%	14,29%	1,34%				
SE	15	10	2	3	5	11	54	15	3	1	1	0	3	3	4	3	SE	0,49%	0,83%	27,78%	1,87%				
SI	77	79	1	30	33	17	263	41	3	6	0	14	13	3	2	2	SI	2,40%	2,28%	15,59%	0,39%				
SK	63	95	14	553	482	40	1289	208	3	5	1	127	66	3	3	3	SK	11,79%	11,57%	16,14%	1,03%				
UK	64	31	22	19	18	4	165	22	4	5	4	4	5	0	0	0	UK	1,51%	1,22%	13,33%	12,41%				
XK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XK	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%				
TOTAL	2234	2121	370	2658	2109	655	10956	1797	139	183	67	726	518	95	69	164	TOTAL	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%				
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Results 2018

Resume

In this document you will find an overview of the Europe for Citizens programme implementation in 2018 together with some data measuring the overall impact for the period 2014 - 2018.

PART A provides a policy feedback per action on the main achievements in 2018 as well as the first results of the "European Solidarity Corps" initiative.

PART B presents the main statistical data on the Programme execution in 2018 and in the period 2014 - 2018.

Furthermore, synoptic tables illustrate the breakdown of projects submitted and granted by country.

Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME)

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