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on behalf of the European Commission

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The objectives and priorities of EU funding are defined in the EU Regulations establishing funding programmes, adopted by the EU Member States in the Council and by the European Parliament. These include the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV)¹ funding programme, aiming at protecting and promoting the rights and values enshrined in the EU Treaties and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights². Under the equality, rights and gender equality strand, the programme aims at combating racism, xenophobia and all forms of intolerance, including homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, interphobia.

The CERV funding programme is implemented through multi annual programmes approved by the CERV Programme Committee constituted by representatives of the Member States and through calls for proposals, which are public. Any legal entity established in the EU may submit a proposal. Proposals are evaluated against pre-announced selection and award criteria by independent experts. Only the highest ranked proposals are selected for funding. The funding is provided in full transparency and in line with the Financial Regulation³.

¹ OJ L 156, 5.5.2021, p. 1–20, Regulation (EU) 2021/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/5703/oj>.

² OJ C 326, 26.10.2012, pp. 391–407, Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union; ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/treaty/char_2012/oj

³ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R2509>.