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on behalf of the European Commission
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As indicated in the answer to written question E-000437/2026¹, the objectives of EU funding are defined in programmes established by basic acts adopted by the European Parliament and the Council. The programmes are implemented through work programmes adopted by the Commission in accordance with the committee procedure involving representatives of the Member States.

Under the Horizon Europe² programme, the Commission funds quality and excellence in research and innovation. The ENCODE³ project has been selected under the ‘Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society’ cluster of Pillar II of Horizon Europe, in an open call for research proposals analysing the emotional dimension of politics and democracies⁴.

The UNTOLD Europe⁵ project has been selected under the Citizens’ engagement and participation strand of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values⁶ (CERV) programme that aims inter alia at supporting projects aiming at raising awareness among European citizens of their common history in order to promote mutual understanding and tolerance. The project analyses the implications of the legacy of colonialism on contemporary multicultural European societies.

Proposals received under Horizon Europe are evaluated solely by independent experts, and proposals submitted to the CERV programmes are evaluated by the Commission assisted by independent external experts. Only the highest ranked proposals that best align with the objectives of the programmes are selected for funding.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000437-ASW_EN.html.

² Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013; ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/695/oj>.

³ <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101132698>.

⁴ https://cordis.europa.eu/programme/id/HORIZON_HORIZON-CL2-2023-DEMOCRACY-01-04.

⁵ Further details on the project are publicly available on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43251589/101196163/CERV?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=10&sortBy=es_SortDate&keyw=ords=UNTOLD.

⁶ Regulation (EU) 2021/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (OJ L 156, 5.5.2021, p. 1); ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/692/oj>.