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The objectives of EU funding are defined in funding programmes adopted by the European Parliament and the Council. The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV)¹ programme, adopted in 2021, aims at protecting and promoting the rights and values enshrined in the EU Treaties. Under the equality, rights and gender equality strand it aims at combating racism, xenophobia and all forms of intolerance, including homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and interphobia. The funding allocated under the EQUAL calls (2021-2025) amounts to EUR 44 million.

The programmes are implemented through work programmes approved by representatives of the Member States and open calls for proposals. Proposals are evaluated against pre-announced selection and award criteria among which quality and relevance to the objectives of the programme. Only the best ranked proposals are selected for funding. Under the EQUAL calls² funding to political parties is expressly excluded. Beneficiaries are subject to reporting, monitoring and audits, and the Commission may take appropriate measures, including the recovery of funds, in cases of non-compliance with the grant agreement.

Information on recipients of EU funding is available in the Financial Transparency System³ (FTS) of the Commission while information about funded projects can be found on the Funding and Tenders Portal⁴. On the FTS, information can be filtered and retrieved based on several parameters, including beneficiary type, country, the department responsible for the funding and the name of the programme under which the funding is awarded.

¹ 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, OJ L 156, 5.5.2021, p. 1–20, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/5703/oj>.

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/cerv/wp-call/2025/call-fiche_cerv-2025-equal_en.pdf.

³ <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/index.html>.

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-results?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=10&sortBy=es_SortDate.