

Partner Search Form

Identification of the applicant	
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Short presentation of your organisation (key activities, experience)	<p>The mission of the NHC is to <i>build and secure justice and compliance with international human rights agreements within OSCE participating states</i>. Established in 1987, the NHC represented Dutch civil society in the Helsinki Process, following the examples of sister Helsinki Committees from across the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) area. Through our work, we contribute to wider international agendas. Today we are recognised as one of the key non-governmental organisations contributing to dialogue and cooperation amongst actors in the areas of rule of law and human rights.</p> <p>In order to secure the rule of law, safeguard human rights and strengthen civil society, we believe it is necessary to: 1) Hold to account and, where necessary, put pressure on authorities to act in line with human rights obligations. 2) Cooperate with professionally run public institutions and independent oversight institutions. 3) Ensure that operations of the criminal justice system align with human rights standards. 4) Pay particular attention to the protection of vulnerable and marginalised groups.</p>
Description of the project	
Action, Measure in the framework of „Europe for Citizens“ Programme	Measure Civil Society Projects
Timetable of the project	18 months
Short description of the project, including its aims	Theme: The state of Democracy in Europe/ Subthemes: 1) A Healthy Information Eco-System, 2) A Fair Climate Policy, 3) Equality and Identity

	<p><u>Goals:</u> to stress the importance of dialogue and youth engagement in rebuilding cooperative, peaceful and diverse Europe; to enable the voice of youth, to foster taking personal responsibility for the future, to gather peers and build a sense of community for Europe enthusiasts.</p> <p>The project will take place in four countries: Spain, Finland, the Netherlands and Lithuania.</p> <p>Activities: <u>Event 1: Full day work shop per country of 30 participants in total divided up in three groups of 10</u></p> <p>In a full day of workshops three groups of 10 participants will focus on three different themes (the themes will be the same for all countries). With the help of a moderator the groups will identify the most important challenges, discuss these challenges in the current context (particularly in relation to Covid-19) and develop a couple of solutions and policy recommendations that can address these challenges. At the end of the day each groups has developed the basis for a policy paper that will later be further worked out. At the end of the day each group will come together to pitch the ideas to each other.</p> <p><i>Webinar series:</i> In addition to the workshops a series of three webinars will be developed focusing on practical skills like writing a policy paper, how to do policy influencing etc. In these webinars the groups can also further develop their policy paper.</p> <p><u>Event 2: Young change maker dinners with policy makers and public debate</u></p> <p>During a buffet style dinner where relevant policy makes and other stakeholders will be invited, the participants of the working groups get the opportunity to present their policy papers and discuss them with the policy makers. The evening will end with a public debate, so a wider group can also provide input on the policy papers.</p> <p>In addition a trip to Kaunas, European Cultural Capital of 2022 will be organised for the representatives of the working groups to exchange among the countries their ideas and solutions and lay a foundation for future cooperation.</p>
<p>Role of the partner organisation in the project</p>	<p>We are looking for youth organisations that will coordinate the activities in their countries and help with the selection of the candidates. They will have an important role in identifying the topics that will be addressed in the different events and the webinars, taking into account their needs. They will also be the main contact point between the candidates and the coordinating organisation.</p>
<p>Comments from the applicant</p>	<p>We aim to involve a diverse group of young people with a wide range of (educational) backgrounds. We are therefore specifically looking for youth organisations with a diverse set of members.</p>