Overview

# Support to Civil Society, Human Rights and Democracy in Uzbekistan 2026-2027

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## Purpose and scope

The European Commission's restricted grant call, administered by the European Commission, supports civil society, human rights and democracy in Uzbekistan through the Thematic Programme on Human Rights and Democracy and the Thematic Programme on Civil Society Organisations. It reimburses eligible costs.

## Funding

The indicative total call funding is EUR 2,123,000. The contribution per proposal is EUR 500,000 for Lot 1 — Human Rights and Democracy (HR&D) and EUR 311,500 for Lot 2 — Civil Society Organisations (CSO). Actions are planned for 36 to 48 months. For both lots, the requested EU contribution must cover 80% to 90% of total eligible costs; the balance must come from sources other than the EU general budget or European Development Fund.

## Who can apply

Eligible applicants are non-governmental civil society organisations (NGOs). The lead applicant must be a legal person and non-profit-making. Lead and co-applicants must register in the European Commission Participant Register; organisations must register in PADOR, with lead applicants registering at concept-note stage and co-applicants at full-application stage. The lead applicant's profile must be current and its EuropeAid ID included in the application.

## Priorities

Cross-cutting priorities are gender mainstreaming and, where relevant, youth inclusion, participation and empowerment. Gender-sensitive and sex-disaggregated indicators and gender analyses are to be developed whenever possible, and gender equality is considered in evaluation.

Lot 1 priorities include freedom of expression, media freedom and access to information; pluralistic and ethical journalism, media literacy, and countering disinformation and hate speech; gender equality and women's rights; meaningful youth participation; rights-linked environmental monitoring; support for human rights defenders and grassroots actors; inclusion of vulnerable groups; and civic space and fundamental freedoms online and offline.

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Lot 2 priorities include local CSO participation in governance and policy processes; inclusive community engagement; and organisational capacity, sustainability, partnerships, networking and peer learning, including, where relevant, support to grassroots organisations.

## Sources

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Salient One analysis. Official call documents and amendments govern the funding conditions.