

EU Funds for Fundamental Rights -FURI project (March 2024 – Feb 2026)

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Background

- European Union (EU) funds have an obligation to comply with the European Union Charter on Fundamental Rights.
- Different organisations, at national and European level, have been reporting misuse of European Union funding, particularly on disability rights, Roma and non-EU citizens (migrants and refugees).
- There is a lack of understanding on common challenges across different sectors and target groups
- There is a need for joint advocacy and legal actions to better respond to the fundamental rights violations in EU funds

The project – EU Funds for Fundamental Rights (FURI)



The project aims to strengthen the capacity of relevant stakeholders at EU and national level (6 Member States namely Bulgaria, Czechia, Hungary Greece, Poland, Romania) to:

- Raise awareness on the applicability of the Charter in EU funding;
- Monitor the implementation of the Charter in EU funding;
- Ensure compliance of EU funding with the Charter.

For this purpose, we will do actions such as:

- Collecting and analysing cases of alleged fundamental rights violations in EU funds projects targeting or impacting Roma, disabled people, and/or people with a migrant background. It will cover in particular: ERDF, ESF+, EAFRD, AMIF, ISF, BMVI, RRF.
- Launch capacity building activities on addressing fundamental rights violations
- Reporting and disseminating the results and raise awareness among the different stakeholders



Project partners

The organisations implementing the project are:

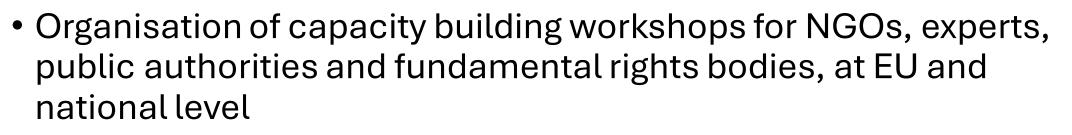
- Lead partner and coordinator Greek Council of Refugees
- Thematic coordination Bridge EU
- International partners Validity Foundation and ENIL
- National partners
 - Czechia: Awen Amenca
 - Hungary: Partners Hungary Foundation
 - Romania: Policy Center for Roma and Minorities
 - Bulgaria: Network of Independent Experts
 - Poland: Instytut Niezaleznego Zycia (Institute for Independent Living)
 - Greece: Greek Council of Refugees

Activities – Research and analysis of alleged violations of the Charter



- Consultation workshops at country level your national members are welcome to join
- Conducting qualitative and quantitative research
- Collecting project examples on violations of the Charter in EU funds in the field of rights of persons with disability, Roma and migrants and refugees
- From this, development of 6 country reports and a final EU synthesis report (by end of 2024)

Activities – Capacity building on addressing violations



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- Development of 6 national and 1 European guidance on prevention and tackling fundamental rights violations in EU funds
- Organisation of awareness raising events towards national and EU authorities
- Complaint submission at national or EU level to the responsible authorities on projects violating the Charter

Activities – Communication and dissemination



- Disseminating the guidance and reports
- Capacity building workshop towards media representatives, at national and EU level
- Final conference of the project (by February 2026)



Thank you for listening!

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