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# 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)



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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 Niezależnego Życia (Institute for Independent Living)
  - Greece: Greek Council of Refugees



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# 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

- Organisation of capacity building workshops for NGOs, experts, public authorities and fundamental rights bodies, at EU and national level
- 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



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



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# Thank you for listening!

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