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The European Programme Support Office

Dublin City Council's European Programme Support Office (EPSO) for the organisation continues to develop and implement the EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 – 2027 for the organisation.

Developments for Q4 2021 have included, but not limited to:

- Analysing & Showcasing Dublin City Council involvement in European projects and Programmes
- Developing European Network Connections
- Focusing on European Funding Programme Opportunities
- Further developing the EPSO

Full details on the developments for Q4 are outlined in the sections below and overleaf.

Dublin City Council – European Project Involvement

Dublin has had a successful year in Europe to date with the below achievements:

- Smart Cities – Dublin currently ranked 26th Smart City in the world, up 15 places on the previous year.
- Economic Development – Dublin chosen as 1 of 8 global cities to partake in OECD Social Economy peer to peer learning project
- Codema –securing €1.2 million EU funding to lead project to test & develop a project implementation unit for energy efficient & renewable projects in Dublin including €20million worth of upgrades to council buildings & sites within the region
- Dublin's 14 Henrietta Street, recently awarded the European Museum of the Year Silletto prize 2020 for local community engagement.

Dublin City Council has been successful in securing EU funding programmes for 18 projects previously.

Table 1: Summary of 18 European Funded Projects Dublin City Council have been involved in between 2013 - 2021

No	PROJECT TITLE	EU PROGRAMME	ROLE	STATUS
1	CAMPAIGNers	H2020	BENEFICIARY	Signed
2	NesT	H2020	BENEFICIARY	Signed
3	DeliveREE	H2020	BENEFICIARY	Signed
4	EGOV4U	CIP		Signed
5	TURaS	FP7	BENEFICIARY	Signed
6	Buildsmart	FP7	BENEFICIARY	Signed
7	INFLATER	FP7		Signed
8	ORFEUS	FP7	BENEFICIARY	Signed
9	INSIGHT	FP7	BENEFICIARY	Signed
10	Towards a European framework for community engagement of higher education	EPLUS		Signed
11	FLOW	H2020	BENEFICIARY	Signed
12	ROUTE-TO-PA	H2020	BENEFICIARY	Signed
13	VaVeL	H2020	BENEFICIARY	Signed

14	iSCAPE	H2020	BENEFICIARY	Signed
15	Handshake	H2020	BENEFICIARY	Signed
16	OPERANDUM	H2020	BENEFICIARY	Signed
17	ReaLsMs	H2020	BENEFICIARY	Signed
18	SENATOR	H2020	BENEFICIARY	Signed

Successful Projects to date – Active in 2021

Under the European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) Interreg programme, URBACT, Dublin City Council is involved in a number of projects, a selection is outlined below:

URBACT - URBACT ACCESS Action Planning Network – To ensure access to culture for all citizens



Project Aim: Collaboration to create new policies for cultural inclusion to ensure access to culture for all citizens

Project Overview: The cities are collaborating in a newly established network named ACCESS, funded by URBACT, an EU programme to develop sustainable solutions to urban challenges. The aim is to bring about a real shift in cultural policymaking in Europe and as a result ensure access to culture for all citizens.

During the initial phase of the project, which took place from September 2019 to March 2020, the ACCESS Network cities identified the important role of culture in the solutions to the complex issues facing their cities.

In January 2020, Dublin welcomed representatives from the other eight European capital cities to Richmond Barracks as part of the URBACT ACCESS Action Planning Network.

Dublin City Council Project Role: Dublin City Council Culture Company Partner in the project

Partner Countries Eight European capital cities - Amsterdam, Dublin, Lisbon, London, Sofia, Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius

Project Duration 3 year project 2019 - 2022

Website <https://www.dublincitycouncilculturecompany.ie/news/bringing-change-to-cultural-policy-making-with-urbact-access>

URBACT Programme:

The URBACT programme enables cities to work together and develop integrated solutions to common urban challenges, by networking, learning from one another's experiences, to improve policy and develop solutions.

Co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the 28 Member States, Norway and Switzerland, URBACT is an instrument of the Commission's Cohesion Policy and contributes to its Europe 2020 strategy.

Outside of the ETC Interreg Programmes, Dublin City Council is also involved in a number of European programme projects; a selection is outlined below:

Smart City Connectivity – Wifi4EU Project: Connecting Communities – Connected Europe



Dublin City Council; in partnership with Virgin Media Ireland are delivering the Dublin WiFi4EU programme. The project involves deploying Wi-Fi while also promoting

digital literacy via dedicated educational and engagement events throughout the course of a 3 year partnership.

Dublin's WiFi4EU programme is connecting communities and families across the city with over 30 locations connected, including the Cabbage Garden Interagency Project in Dublin City Centre.

Wi-Fi plays a significant role in cities and communities around the world by driving exciting and innovative projects to 'connect the unconnected'.

While Dublin households have the highest levels of fixed internet access in Ireland with over 92% of households connected, according to the CSO, there are still a number of areas and communities across Dublin who do not have the quality of connectivity required to achieve their true potential.

Dublin's Smart City Programme are partnering with Virgin Media Business to deliver reliable and fast public Wi-Fi services to communities that need it most. We want to support connectivity with a particular emphasis on strengthening community engagement and supporting wider digital innovation initiatives.

The partnership will drive new opportunities in areas such as the future of connectivity, digital innovation and engagement and best in class experiences. WiFi4EU aims to connect communities across the city and is funded by the European Union and Department of Rural and Community Development. It is part of a €120 million European-wide plan to boost Wi-Fi connectivity in public spaces and places.

The locations of the new Dublin City WiFi4EU zones include: training and community centres such as sports centres, homeless shelters, galleries, libraries, community gardens, parks, tea rooms and urban villages and other centres of public life.

Arts & Culture: Connecting School training & development to Europe



Erasmus+

Erasmus + Looking to Understand Inclusion – Current - Social Europe

Project Overview Looking to Understand Inclusion project evolved from the success of the previous project Permission to Wonder. Five of the six partner countries remained to

continue on the new project. This Strategic Partnership focuses on schools, with Erasmus+ Social Inclusion as its main theme. Looking to Understand responds to the research findings and needs of partners and educators involved in Erasmus+ Permission to Wonder, which tested the Visual Thinking Strategies training pathways with educators across different educational settings, classrooms and museums and supported educators to train in the VTS methodology. The current project focuses on how the VTS facilitator can support social inclusion. The type of questions the project will address during the training activities are: What does social inclusion mean? What does social inclusion look like between an educator and their students? How do we address the challenges of implicit bias, such as institutional power in schools and museums and deal with historic patterns of marginalisation? The project will test how image selection in a VTS discussion can be used as a tool to practice social inclusion. The theme of social Inclusion will be examined via a range of visual sources that includes regional and international museum collections, along with different school curricula across the various countries as well as publicly available media

Dublin City Council Project Role: Lead Partner in the project

Partner Countries Muserum Denmark, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Stichting VTS Netherlands & CREA 360 S.L Spain

Project Duration 2 years (2021-2023)

Website not yet available due to delay in starting project because of pandemic Please see below two sites related to project

<http://www.dublincityartsoffice.ie/the-lab/vts-projects/the-practice-of-looking>

<https://www.permissiontowonder.com/>

Grant No 2020-1-1E01-KA201-066048

Successful Projects to date – Active pre 2021

SENATOR - Smart Network Operator Platform enabling Shared, Integrated and more Sustainable Urban Freight Logistics – Greener, carbon free Europe

Project Overview:

Project plans to develop an online platform which will manage and optimise freight collections and deliveries in Dublin and Zaragoza. The platform is for use by all delivery companies however core project partners and initial participants are national carriers An Post and Correos.

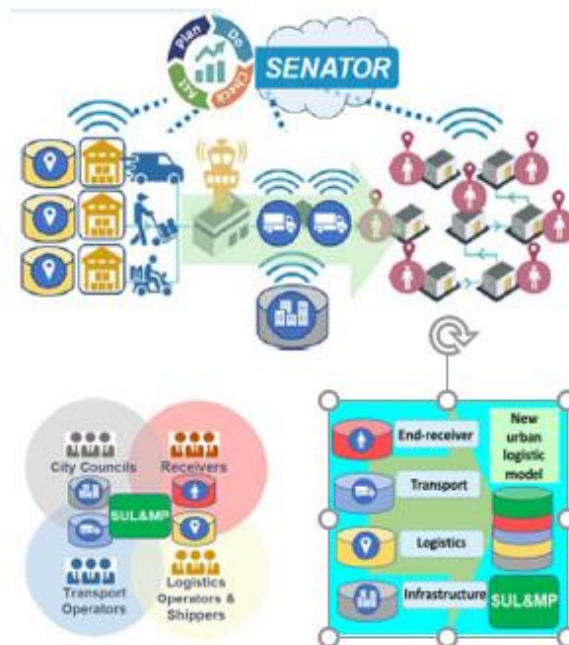
Consignments of deliveries will arrive into a consolidation centre (warehouse) to be transferred into smaller batches for sustainable transport mode delivery (EV, cycle, walker), delivery routes will be optimised via the SENATOR platform.

Dublin City Council Project Role: City as a testbed

–From a local authority perspective introducing more sustainable delivery options will help to reduce carbon emissions and traffic congestion within the city centre. DCC are responsible for parking and city bye-laws which connected to deliveries, loading bays etc.

Project Partners: The city of Zaragoza, Correos, Deusto University (Spain).

- ❖ **Project Duration:** 4 years 2020-2024
- ❖ **Total funding:** €4 million, **DCC funding:** €239,000
- ❖ 11 member consortium including DCC, UCD, An Post (Ireland) and 5 further technical, communications and commercial partners.





Project Overview:

The iSCAPE project was European research and innovation project active from September 2016 to December 2019 that worked on integrating and advancing the **control of air quality and carbon emissions in European cities** in the context of climate change through the development of sustainable and passive air pollution remediation strategies, policy interventions and behavioural change initiatives.

Dublin City Council Project Role: City as a testbed – Environmental Monitoring

Project Partners: See stakeholder map to the right.

- ❖ **Project Duration:** 3 years (2016-2019)
- ❖ **Website:** <https://www.iscapeproject.eu/>
- ❖ **Grant No:** iSCAPE has received funding from the European Community's H2020 Programme under Grant Agreement No. 689954.

Erasmus + Permission to Wonder – Project Completed - Smarter Europe



Erasmus+

Project Overview The Permission to Wonder project was to train educators across 6 x European countries in the teaching methodology known as Visual Thinking

Strategy. Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) is a research-based teaching methodology based on the work of cognitive psychologist, Abigail Housen and veteran museum educator Philip Yenawine that supports learner-centred thinking and feeling when looking at art objects. For this project the main target group and direct beneficiaries were educators in schools. In total 26 x Educators from 4 x schools in each country took part in the training.

The 5 x main objectives of the project were:

1 To develop a 'training of trainers' delivery mechanism in Europe to train and support educators in the VTS method. Educators taken part were primary school teachers, secondary art teachers, as well as museum facilitators/educators.

- 2 To offer schools & cultural institutions opportunity to introduce the VTS method into their classroom and museum/gallery setting.
- 3 To increase the use of art museums as settings for VTS teaching of visual arts
- 4 To capture and share the impact of the training of educators and the pathways for using the VTS method in schools by developing one research framework across all partner countries
- 5 To produce an image bank relevant to VTS compiled from European collections and artists' practice

Dublin City Council Project Role: Lead Partner in the project

Partner Countries Muserum Denmark, The Finnish Museum of Photography,, Stichting VTS Netherlands, The Slovenia Association of Fine Arts Society & CREA 360 S.L Spain

Project Duration 3 years (2017 -2020)

Website permissontowonder.com

Grant No 2017-1-IE01-KA201-025701

Dublin City Council – European Networks

Lord Mayor European Network

Barcelona City Council

A meeting was held between Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and Deputy Mayor Laia Bonet, Barcelona City Council and exchange of mutual interests and priorities at European level was discussed. It has been agreed that both parties will meet again at EUROCIITIES conference and discuss how to strengthen collaboration between our two cities.

Embassy of the Republic of Poland

A meeting was held between International Relations, City Arts Officer and the Polish Cultural Affairs and Media and Media Coordinator to discuss further potential projects of common interest we could collaborate on in the future in order to promote the ties between the Polish community and the Irish people. Over the last 15 years, more than 100 thousand Polish people have been welcomed into Ireland and during that time have contributed significantly to the prosperity and cultural diversity of the country.

EuroCities

General Secretary, EUROCIITIES:

A meeting was held between Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and Secretary General Eurocities Anna Lisa Boni. Discussed the priorities of the Lord Mayor's mandate such as housing and the sustainable post-Covid recovery. Information was exchanged in relation to Barcelona leading on a group of member cities interested in discussing the impact of the Covid crisis on city centres and as a first result of that reflection, a report has been published which was shared with Dublin.

The Secretary General also directly invited Lord Mayor Gilliland to be a panellist at the EUROCIITIES Annual Conference to speak on the Panel debate on “**Socially Equitable and Just Cities**”. Debate to focus discussion on key areas:

- Combining the digital and green transformation with a strong vision for a socially inclusive society
- protecting and supporting vulnerable groups in regards to the energy transition and affordable quality housing
- Changing our way of life to reduce our ecological footprint and making it affordable for all

EUROCITIES General Assembly 2021:

Lord Mayor Gilliland attended the Annual Conference on 3rd – 5th November and spoke on a Panel debate on **Socially Equitable and Just Cities**, a discussion with Mayors, experts, different institutions and audience. The debate will focus on key areas:

- Combining the digital and green transformation with a strong vision for a socially inclusive society
- protecting and supporting vulnerable groups in regards to the energy transition and affordable quality housing
- Changing our way of life to reduce our ecological footprint and making it affordable for all

Climate Emergency City Strategies Workshop

The Lord Mayor will also present at a Workshop on **Climate Emergency City Strategies**, which will focus on Dublin City's Climate Change Action Plan, the public consultation process informing it, its targets, themes and actions. It will highlighted how Dublin use smart technologies to support finding co-created solutions to real life climate challenges and how Covid enabled the City Council to accelerate active mobility measures across the city.

European Chief Executive Network:

Chief Executive Directors Meeting:

Dublin was one of 17 cities who participated in an online meeting, hosted by Vienna City Council. Presentations were made on the topics **COVID situation in the Cities** (Lisbon) and **Climate Neutrality** (Madrid), which were followed by Q & A on the biggest challenges / solutions experienced by cities.

European Webinars & Seminars:

Communicating Europe Webinar – “A Duologue for Strength and Resilience”

The Irish Regions European Office (IREO) and Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) will host an online seminar on Communicating Europe – **“A Duologue for Strength and Resilience”**. Presentation on how European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes can benefit local communities and on the other hand, how local communities can participate in a duologue with the EU. European Movement Ireland also provide information on tools for citizens' engagement in the Conference on the Future of Europe and the Wheel will talk about the opportunities for local government to work with civic society. They will be joined by a host of local Councillors and MEP's to debate how citizens can engage with the EU. Louth County Council and Dublin City Council present their involvement in European Territorial Cooperation programmes, providing a great opportunity for learning about how EU funding helps develop local communities, as well as supporting the achievement of local strategies. The seminar was funded by the Communicating Europe Initiative, managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, aimed at deepening public awareness of the role the EU plays in our daily lives and at improving the quality and accessibility of public information on European issues, particularly at regional or national level. Invitations were issued to all Dublin City Councillors to attend the seminar.

European Funding Programme Focus

The European Programme Support Office (EPSO) is examining opportunities for the organisation in relation to various EU Funding programme Opportunities including, but not limited to:

- Cohesion Policy 2021 - 2027
- Urban Innovative Actions (UIA);
- URBACT;
- ETC - Northwest Europe;
- ESPON;
- CIVITAS;
- Horizon Europe;
- LIFE;
- Erasmus;
- Creative Europe;
- CERV

To support the development of EU Programme applications; the EPSO have collated details on:

Open calls for European Programme Funding applications

A schedule of open calls for European Funding applications has been collated with reference to the specific programmes above for Q4 2021 & Q1 2022, as outlined in Appendix 2. The EPSO will continue to monitor these open calls & communicate to our colleagues across the organization.

EU Programmes events, seminars and workshops

A schedule of events, seminars and workshops relating to the various EU Programmes above has also been collated for Q4 2021; which will support the organization in training & upskilling for open calls for EU funding programmes, as outlined in Appendix 1.

European Expert Framework

The tender brief has been developed to progress through a procurement process via the eTender platform for the establishment of a European expert framework, which can be utilized by the organisation via the EPSO. Core Priority 6 will continue to be progressed in the weeks ahead to be completed as per Appendix 3.

European Programme Support Office (EPSO) Development

The EU Programme Participation Strategy implementation Steering Committee continue to meet on implementing the strategy with the further development of the European Programme Support Office (EPSO) for the organisation.

Priorities to date include resource recruitment; tender brief development to establishment a framework of European expertise; establishment of corporate governance, procedures and

protocols for the operations of the office; developing a communications strategy and event programme schedule to year end.

Strategic Objectives: EPSO Alignment

The establishment and development of the EPSO aligns to the 7 Strategic Objectives of the Dublin City Council EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 – 2027.

1. To ensure that any participation in an EU partnership project by DCC staff contributes to the goals and policy objectives of the European Union and Dublin City Council.
2. To promote participation in EU partnership projects which will measurably contribute to the capacity of DCC to meet its mission and public obligations.
3. To cooperate with relevant bodies such as national contact points of EU Programmes, the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) and the Irish Regions European Office (IREO) that will assist with the participation of Dublin City Council staff in EU partnership projects.
4. To engage with local communities and targeted beneficiaries matching where possible intended impacts with local needs.
5. To build the international reputation of DCC and the city of Dublin through participation in EU partnership projects.
6. To use participation in EU partnership projects to promote innovation in the operations of DCC that is green and smart and that enables openness, diversity and social inclusion.
7. To ensure that participation in EU partnership projects brings additionality to the services of DCC.

Progress Overview on the EPSO: 7 Core Deliverables

The establishment of the EPSO and development of the 7 core deliverables of the office has continued throughout Q3. The EPSO development timeframe for 2021 is illustrated in Appendix 3 attached.

EPSO Core Deliverables:

1. Operational Developments
2. Corporate Governance
3. EPSO Project Participation Appraisal Process
4. Communications
5. Training & Development Programme
6. European Expert Framework
7. Events

1. Operational Developments

Recruitment:

Strategic Objective Alignment: 2; 6; 7

Following Summer recruitment; the remaining roles within the EPSO are new roles within the organisation, a business case was developed and submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for sanctioning of these new roles. This follows the normal procedure within Local Government for new roles as they are established. As

soon as possible after sanction from the Department, a recruitment drive will be undertaken to fill these remaining roles. In the interim the management and development of the EPSO falls within the Economic Development Office under the CRES Department.

CRM System:

Strategic Objective Alignment: 2; 6; 7

Throughout Sept & October a number of meetings were held to development the best practice options for the EPSO for various CRM systems examining:

- i. Internal – Sharepoint
- ii. Internal – Councillor Portal
- iii. External – Website & Social Media Platforms

In the interim, while these platforms are being developed; details on the Dublin City Council EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 - 2027 & EPSO are being hosted under the Economic Development Office section on the Dublin City Council website and being disseminated via the EDO Twitter account and Dublin City Council twitter account.

2. Corporate Governance

Strategic Objective Alignment: 5; 6; 7

Throughout Sept & October development of Procedure & Protocol practices has continued to ensure implementation of best practice approaches within the EPSO. Core Priority 2 will continue to be progressed in the weeks and months ahead as per Appendix 3.

3. EPSO Project Participation Appraisal Process

Strategic Objective Alignment: 1; 6; 7

The evaluation process developed, to examine participation in various EU Programme opportunities, is in line with the Dublin City Council Objectives 2020 – 2024; the Dublin City Council EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 – 2027 and the EU Goals 2021 – 2027. Elements of the evaluation process are outlined in Table 4 and 5 below. Core Priority 3 will continue to be progressed in the weeks and months ahead as per Appendix 3.

Table 4: Alignment to Dublin City Council EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 - 2027

Dublin City Council – Benefits of Participating	
1	Policy Alignment
2	Capacity Building
3	Regional Cooperation
4	Network Building
5	Reputation Enhancement
6	Innovative Approaches
7	Financial contributions

Table 5: Evaluation of IURC Involvement: EPSO Matrix Review:

Dublin City Council Objectives 2020 – 2024							
		A Green,	Safe, Thriving	A	Compact	Active,	A

EU Goals 2021 - 2027		Low Carbon City	Neighbourhoods	Strong, Diverse Economy	Growth with Connected Infrastructure	Inclusive Communities	Vibrant Cultural Life
	Smarter Europe						
	Greener, Carbon-Free Europe						
	Connected Europe						
	Social Europe						
	Europe Closer to Citizens						

4. Communications

Strategic Objective Alignment: 2; 3; 5; 6

Research, analysis and a number of communication development meetings have taken place to examine best practice approaches for EPSO communications.

A Communication Strategy & Action Plan is currently being developed for both:

- i. Internal Communications
- ii. External Communications

Core Priority 4 will continue to be progressed in the weeks and months ahead as per Appendix 3.

5. Training & Development Programme

Strategic Objective Alignment: 2; 3; 6; 7

A framework is being examined with potential opportunities for training & development programmes for all stakeholders who will be supported by the EPSO:

- i. Internal – EU Programme Support Office Team
- ii. Internal – DCC Staff
- iii. Internal – Councillors and Elected Members

Core Priority 5 will continue to be progressed in the weeks and months ahead as per Appendix 3 in line with the Strategic Objective for capacity building across the organisation.

6. European Expert Framework

Strategic Objective Alignment: 5; 6; 7

A tender brief has been developed to progress through a procurement process via the eTender platform for the establishment of a European expert framework, which can be utilized by the organisation via the EPSO. Core Priority 6 will continue to be progressed in the weeks ahead to be completed as per Appendix 3.

7. Events

Strategic Objective Alignment: 4; 5; 6; 7

A Q4 schedule of upcoming EU Programme events & EU Funding Programme workshops & seminars taking place for the remainder of 2021, as highlighted in Appendix 1. Development will continue of the EPSO suite & schedule of events in line with Strategic Objective 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the EU strategy implementation. Core Priority 7 will continue to be progressed in the weeks and months ahead as per Appendix 1 and Appendix 3.

Appendix 1: European Programmes Schedule of Events: November – December 2021

November 2021 EU Programmes Events List					
S.No.	EU Programme	Title	Date	Time	Venue
1	Horizon Europe	EFECS 2021	23-25 Nov	Not Specified	Virtual
2	CIVITAS	ECOMM 2021	24-26 Nov	Not Specified	Virtual
3	ESPO	Interreg meets ESPO REGICO	26-Nov-21		
4	CIVITAS	CIVITAS winter course	29 Nov-2 Dec 21	Not Specified	Klaipeda, Lithuania
5	Horizon Europe	2ND EUROPEAN QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES VIRTUAL CONFERENCE (EQTC)	29 Nov-2 Dec 21	Not Specified	Virtual
6	Horizon Europe	Horizon Europe Masterclass: Proposal Writing Bootcamp	29 Nov-8 Dec 21	09:00-12:30	Virtual
7	The Urban Agenda for the EU	BSBF Webinar on High-Energy Accelerators and Synchrotrons	30-Nov-21	09:30	Virtual
8	ESPO	Quality of life for better territorial policymaking	30 Nov-2 Dec 21	Not Specified	Bled, Slovenia
December 2021 EU Programmes Events List					
S.No.	EU Programme	Title	Date	Time	Venue
1	CIVITAS	POLIS Annual Conference 2021	01-02 Dec	09:00-15:00	Virtual

European Funding Programmes Schedule of Irish Seminars: November – December 2021

November 2021 EU Programmes Events List						
S.No.	EU Programme	Title	Provider	Date	Time	Venue
1	European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes	Communicating Europe	EMRA & IREO	5 Nov 2021	09.30 – 12.30	Virtual
December 2021 EU Programmes Events List						
S.No.	EU Programme	Title		Date	Time	Venue
1	Horizon Europe	Introducing Horizon Europe	Enterprise Ireland	2 nd Dec 21	10.30 – 12.30	Virtual

Appendix 2: European Funding Programmes Schedule of Open Calls: November 2021 – February 2022

EU Funding Programmes Open Calls				
Programme	Name	Types of action	Deadline date	Deadline model
CERV	<u>Call for proposals limited/restricted to national Data Protection Authorities on reaching out to stakeholders in data protection legislation</u>	CERV-PJG CERV Project Grants	08 Dec 2021 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
CIVITAS	<u>CIVINET Activity Fund 2021</u>	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
Creative Europe	<u>European Co-development</u>	CREA-LS CREA Lump Sum Grants	17 Nov 2021 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>EU community of "Integrated Home Renovation Services" practitioners</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 Jan 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Integrated Home Renovation Services</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 Jan 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Innovative financing schemes for sustainable energy investments</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 Jan 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Developing support mechanisms for energy communities and other citizen-led initiatives in the field of sustainable energy</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 Jan 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Addressing building related interventions for vulnerable districts</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 Jan 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Technical support to clean energy transition plans and strategies in municipalities and regions</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 Jan 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Multilevel climate and energy dialogue to deliver the energy governance</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 Jan 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Mainstreaming sustainable energy finance and integrating energy performance in EU sustainable finance criteria and standards</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 Jan 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Disruptive PDA – Technical Assistance to advance market boundaries for sustainable energy investments</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 Jan 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Towards an effective implementation of key legislation in the field of sustainable energy</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 Jan 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Creating the conditions for a global improvement of smart readiness of European buildings</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 Jan 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Establish innovative business models and contractual schemes for smart and sector-integrating energy services</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 Jan 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Nature Governance</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	30 November 2021 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Nature and Biodiversity</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	30 November 2021 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Uptake of energy audits recommendations for the energy transition of companies</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	30 November 2021 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Large-scale rollout of industrialised deep renovation solutions</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 January 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Community-driven clean energy transition in coal, peat and oil-shale regions</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 January 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>Facing the increase in cooling demand of buildings in the coming years</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 January 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
LIFE	<u>BUILD UP Skills – rebooting the National Platforms and Roadmaps</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 January 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage

EU Funding Programmes Open Calls				
Programme	Programme	Programme	Programme	Programme
<u>LIFE</u>	<u>Fostering sustainable energy uptake along the whole value chain in industry and services</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	12 January 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
<u>LIFE</u>	<u>Climate Change Adaptation</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	30 November 2021 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
<u>LIFE</u>	<u>Climate Governance and Information</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	30 November 2021 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
<u>LIFE</u>	<u>Climate Change Mitigation</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	30 November 2021 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
<u>LIFE</u>	<u>Environment governance</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	30 November 2021 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
<u>LIFE</u>	<u>Circular Economy, resources from Waste, Air, Water, Soil, Noise, Chemicals, Bauhaus</u>	LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	30 November 2021 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
Horizon Europe	Many applications open	-		-
<u>CERV</u>	<u>Promote capacity building and awareness on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and activities on strategic litigation relating to democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights breaches</u>	CERV-PJG CERV Project Grants	24 February 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
<u>CERV</u>	<u>Citizens' engagement and participation</u>	CERV-LS CERV Lump Sum Grants	10 February 2022 17:00 Brussels time	Single-stage
Erasmus+	5 Open Calls	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
ESPON	No open calls			
<u>European Territorial Cooperation - Interreg NWE</u>	Transnational project proposals	Not specified	23-Feb-22	Not specified
<u>The Urban Agenda for the EU</u>	No open calls			
<u>URBACT</u>	No open calls			
<u>Urban Innovative Actions</u>	No open calls			

Appendix 3: EPSO Development 2021 Timeframe:

European Programme Support Office (EPSO): 2021 Timeframes												
Priority	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
European Programme Support Office (EPSO) Development												
Elected members endorsement												
Steering Committee Meetings												
Operational Developments												
Recruitment												
CRM Systems												
Corporate Governance												
Procedure Developed												
Protocol Developed												
Implementation												
EPSO Project Participation Appraisal Process												
Development of Appraisal Process												
Implementation of Appraisal Process												
Communications												
Communication Strategy												
Communication Action Plan												
Training & Development												
Framework												
EPSO Team												
DCC Organisation Staff												
Elected Members												
European Expert Framework												
Tender Development												
Tender Process												
Framework in place												
Events												
European Programmes Event Schedule												
EPSO Event Schedule												