

## Project Partner Search Form

I offer my expertise to participate as a Partner in a Horizon Europe Project

I am planning to coordinate a project and I am looking for Project Partners

### TOPICS OF INTEREST

Public support for democracy, equality, and human rights; democratic backsliding; impact of war on democracy; election integrity

### PARTNER INFORMATION

#### Description of the Legal Entity

Higher Education

Research Institution

Public Administration

Industry /SME

NGO

Other

#### Description of the Research Team

The team includes two professors of political science (Prof. Amnon Cavari and Prof. Asif Efrat), specializing in the study of public opinion, public support for democracy and liberal principles, and the impact of international actors in the domestic arena. Particularly interested in the public's response to democratic backsliding and war, alongside election integrity. Experienced in designing and executing empirical research using large N data (especially longitudinal, cross-sectional and panel data from public opinion surveys) as well as content analysis of elite rhetoric.

### PROJECT IDEA / CONTRIBUTION TO THE CALL TOPIC

#### Your potential role

Research

Technology Development

Dissemination

Training

We propose several projects:

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-07: Supporting post-conflict democracy and reconstruction

**Strengthening democracy after conflict:** The project evaluates the impact of war on the public's commitment to democracy, equality of minorities, and civil rights. We will ask whether exposure to war – either directly through conflict in one's region or indirectly through media coverage and national mobilization – leads citizens to prioritize security over democratic principles. On the basis of the findings, we will design strategies to reverse the antidemocratic trends that wars might fuel and to safeguard democracy following conflict.

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-02: Women's, LGBTIQ and minority rights in a context of autocracy, conflict and geopolitical shifts

**Public support for equality amid democratic backsliding and autocratization:** This project shows that democratic backsliding can counterintuitively enhance public support for egalitarian values such as the equality of women, ethnic minorities, and LGBT individuals. As the government undermines democracy, the public responds by protecting the social norms of democracy and strengthening its commitment to liberal values, including equality. The project will propose strategies to facilitate the pro-equality shift of public opinion and counter the democratic erosion.

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-08: Electoral integrity in the digital context

**Challenges to election integrity amid heightened social and political polarization in the digital age:** This project examines how digital technologies affect democratic elections at a time of heightened social polarization. The project analyzes how disinformation, algorithmic amplification, microtargeting, and cyber threats interact with polarization to undermine electoral trust and legitimacy. It also explores institutional, regulatory, and civic strategies for safeguarding election integrity and rebuilding public trust in elections and democratic institutions under polarized conditions.

Already experience as a	Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	Partner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Expert Evaluator	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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