



Institute of Political Studies “S. Pio V”

Founded in Rome in 1971, the [Institute of Political Studies “S. Pio V”](#) is an independent research centre that has been analysing political, social and cultural transformations at national and international level for over fifty years.

Since 2003, it has been recognised as a non-instrumental research body and stands out for its high-quality scientific output, the organisation of high-profile events and the publication of studies and strategic reports. The Institute combines the contribution of renowned scholars with the promotion of young researchers, fostering an interdisciplinary approach geared towards public impact.

Since 2018, it has been ISO 9001 certified for its research processes, guaranteeing quality, reliability and methodological soundness.

Expertise profile

The Institute operates as an independent policy-oriented analysis and research centre specialising in the study of political, socio-economic and geopolitical dynamics in the Euro-Mediterranean area.

Its mission is to provide evidence-based analysis, scenario building tools and operational recommendations in the fields of migration, disinformation, electoral processes and democratic resilience and geopolitical analysis of the Mediterranean to support European institutions, public administrations, international organisations and transnational consortia.

The methodological approach integrates qualitative and quantitative tools, comparative analysis, multi-actor mapping and strategic foresight methodologies in the following areas of research.

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-01: Tackling gender-based violence against politically active women and LGBTIQ people

The “S. Pio V” Institute of Political Studies positions itself as a strategic partner and is seeking a Coordinator for this call.

More specifically, the Institute proposes a scientific, methodological, and policy-oriented contribution aimed at:

- analysing gender-based political violence and violence against LGBTIQ+ persons, particularly in Euro-Mediterranean and Southern European contexts;
- examining patterns of exclusion, digital attacks, online hate, and the marginalisation of women and LGBTIQ+ individuals engaged in political life;
- supporting the development of indicators and monitoring tools;
- promoting evidence-based political and institutional response strategies;
- fostering dialogue between research, institutions, and civil society.
- Disseminating results and policy recommendations, developing policy roadmaps for project transferability and promoting stakeholder dialogue and institutional engagement through workshops and event initiatives at local, national and European level.

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-02: Understanding the forms of local democracy in low-income and low-middle-income countries

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More specifically, the Institute proposes to act as a research and policy analysis partner, with the task of:

- examining emerging forms of local democracy in low- and middle-income contexts, with particular attention to Africa and the Middle East;
- providing a theoretical and methodological contribution on alternative forms of representation and participation;
- analysing the relationship between local authorities, traditional actors, women, youth, and marginalised communities;
- collaborating on the comparative mapping of local governance models and democratic practices;
- facilitating institutional and academic dialogue between Europe and the Global South.

- Disseminating results and policy recommendations, developing policy roadmaps for project transferability and promoting stakeholder dialogue and institutional engagement through workshops and event initiatives at local, national and European level.

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-03: Government in transition – how governments change the way they work and prepare the civil service for the future

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More specifically, the Institute proposes to act as an analytical, cultural, and institutional partner, with specific expertise in:

- analysing administrative culture and leadership in the public sector;
- studying transitions in governance and policy models;
- supporting the ethical and democratic transformation of public administrations;
- fostering dialogue between institutional levels and civil society within administrative reform processes.
- Disseminating results and policy recommendations, developing policy roadmaps for project transferability and promoting stakeholder dialogue and institutional engagement through workshops and event initiatives at local, national and European level.

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

The “S. Pio V” Institute of Political Studies positions itself as a strategic partner and is seeking a Coordinator for this call.

More specifically, the Institute proposes to conduct research and geopolitical analysis, bringing through its specific expertise a strong contribution to the study of post-conflict contexts in North Africa, the Middle East, and the Western Balkans.

In particular, the Institute can offer:

- studies on post-crisis democratic dynamics in countries across the MENA region and the Balkans;
- analyses of the relationships between institutional governance, civil society, and external actors;
- in-depth research on rebuilding trust in democratic institutions;
- support in drafting policy-oriented recommendations;

- organisation of policy dialogues, conferences, and dissemination activities at the Euro-Mediterranean level.
- Disseminating results and policy recommendations, developing policy roadmaps for project transferability and promoting stakeholder dialogue and institutional engagement through workshops and event initiatives at local, national and European level.

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

The “S. Pio V” Institute of Political Studies positions itself as a strategic partner on this topic and has so far held several meetings with different interested entities (5-6) willing to join a consortium. The Institute is therefore actively seeking a Coordinator for this call.

More specifically, the Institute proposes to act as a scientific and institutional partner, with a focus on:

- analysing geopolitical risks and digital interference in electoral contexts across the Mediterranean region;
- studying the impact of disinformation and digital propaganda on democratic participation;
- examining the digital vulnerabilities of electoral processes in fragile or peripheral countries within the Euro-Mediterranean area;
- promoting the inclusion and protection of the political rights of minorities and migrant citizens in increasingly digitalised contexts.
- Disseminating results and policy recommendations, developing policy roadmaps for project transferability and promoting stakeholder dialogue and institutional engagement through workshops and event initiatives at local, national and European level.

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-10: Digital and media literacy as a driver of democratic and civic resilience

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The Institute acts as a scientific and policy analysis partner, bringing consolidated expertise in the study of democratic vulnerabilities, electoral disinformation, and institutional trust, with particular reference to European and Mediterranean contexts.

More specifically, the Institute proposes to:

- coordinate the comparative assessment of first-time voters’ needs;

- contribute to the impact evaluation of the proposed interventions;
- lead policy uptake and European scaling activities;
- ensure the transferability of results into educational systems and national media literacy strategies.
- Disseminating results and policy recommendations, developing policy roadmaps for project transferability and promoting stakeholder dialogue and institutional engagement through workshops and event initiatives at local, national and European level.

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-08: Strengthened implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum and a focus on inclusion, integration, and health

The “S. Pio V” Institute of Political Studies positions itself as a strategic partner.

More specifically, the Institute proposes to carry out:

- geopolitical and socio-political analyses of Mediterranean migration dynamics;
- mapping of national and local policies on migrant integration and health;
- a comparative study of inclusion strategies across EU and MENA countries;
- support for the dissemination of results to policymakers and civil society.
- Disseminating results and policy recommendations, developing policy roadmaps for project transferability and promoting stakeholder dialogue and institutional engagement through workshops and event initiatives at local, national and European level.