**National Foundation of Civil Society (NFCS) onepager for**

**Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) contact point**

**Background**

National Foundation of Civil Society (NFCS) is a state financed civil society fund in Estonia that was founded on 2008 has supported non-governmental organizations in developing different capacities for 12 years.

NFCS is the primary fund for Estonian non-governmental organizations and foundations, affecting the operational capacity of NGOs acting in the public interests of Estonia, regardless of their field of activity. The fund supports annually about 200 projects and initiatives, ranging from local to regional cooperation, and has a nation-wide outreach involving all stake-holders.

**Experience**

Europe for Citizens Programme was coordinated successfully by NFSC from 2013 until 2021 while yearly reports and applications were accepted. During the years programme was directly introduced to more than 1800 participants at more than 70 events. International and national events were regularly organised and applicants were counselled. Work consisted active participation internationally in Programmes’ development and cooperation with EU other countries Programme coordinators. Ministry of the Interior.

NFSC become a member of Estonian Diversity Charter in 2015 and has committed to promote diversity and equal opportunities by rising awareness and sharing experience both within the organisation and in the society. In 2018 NFSC received the Diversity Label "We respect differences" given by Estonian Center for Human Rights and the Ministry of Social Affairs. NSFC has therefor being actively participating meetings and workshops, organizing Diversity Days.

**Partners**

NFCS has strong partnership with all main stakeholders in Estonia: Network of Estonian Non-profit Organizations (NENO), Association of Estonian Cities and Municipalities, Estonian Human Rights Centre, Estonian Union for Child Protection, County Development Centres (CDC). NFCS has also collaborated with Erasmus+ and Creative Europe programmes, Europe Direct network, Representation of European Commission in Estonia and has tight cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior.

NFCS is willing to actively cooperate with other ministries responsible for the CERV programme’s areas, i.e. the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Justice.

**Budget**

NFCS has intention to promote the Programme and supported stakeholder cooperation at national, regional and local level, and disseminate programme results and to enhance the visibility and impact of the CERV programme to fully maximum budget of 170 000 EUR (50 000 EUR in 2021) through organising and attending various information meetings, conferences, workshops at local, regional and national level, also targeting specific groups of stakeholders when needed. Also through wide communication and promotion activities.