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New Opportunities

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SMALL-SCALE PROJECTS (SSP) 2025 IN THAILAND & LAOS
Programme:	Embassy of the Czech Republic in Thailand
Objective:	They are pleased to launch a call for proposals for Small Scale Projects (SSPs) for the year 2025 managed by the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Bangkok.
Eligible Activities:	The projects can focus on various sectors – for example environment, agriculture, health, education, social services etc. All projects should be based on the principle of sustainability – that is sustaining the benefits for the long term without an additional external support. Actions must take place in Thailand or Laos.
Eligible Applicants:	Only non-political and non-governmental organizations with legal personality in Thailand or Laos can submit an SSP proposal and implement it in the respective country, including: local non-governmental, community and not-for-profit organizations; local academic institutions working on local projects; international or regional non-governmental organizations working with local partners.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	01/10/2024
More information and official documents:	https://mzv.gov.cz/bangkok/en/news/call_for_proposals_small_scale_projects_2025.html

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SMALL SCALE PROJECTS (SSP) 2025 IN BHUTAN, MALDIVES AND SRI LANKA
Programme:	Embassy of the Czech Republic in India
Objective:	The Embassy of the Czech Republic in New Delhi announces a call for proposals of the Small Scale Projects for 2025. Small Scale Projects aim to create positive change within the framework of Development Cooperation of the Czech Republic. Eligible organizations from Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Maldives can apply for the funding.
Eligible Activities:	Small Scale Projects (hereafter "SSP") under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic (hereafter "MFA CZ") represent one of the principal instruments of bilateral development cooperation of the Czech Republic. Such projects are carried out by local stakeholders in cooperation with Embassy of the Czech Republic directly in developing countries. The Embassy of the Czech Republic in New Delhi identified following priority areas and SDGs for 2025: 1. Good democratic governance (SDG 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions) 2. Sustainable management of natural resources (SDGs 6 and 13 – Drinking water and sanitation and Climate action) 3. Agriculture and rural development (SDG 2 – Zero hunger, SDG 15 – Life on land, Sustainable forestry) Actions must take place in Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka.

Eligible Applicants:	Implementing organization should be a non-governmental organization (NGO), a non-profit organization, a civic society organization (CSO), a social business or a foundation.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	01/10/2024
More information and official documents:	https://edit.mzv.gov.cz/preview/133255-1-mzv/en/pr/call_for_submission_of_small_scale.html

Call Title:	Applications open for MEST Africa Challenge for Entrepreneurs
Programme:	MEST
Objective:	MEST is seeking applications for the MEST Africa Challenge for Africa's emerging tech entrepreneurs, bringing together relevant stakeholders all across the continent and globe to learn more about the happenings on the tech scene. This year will mark the 6th edition of MAC. MEST will provide the winning startup with investment capital, coaching and access to a global network of resources and partners as they build and scale successful businesses that add value to African economies and livelihoods.
Eligible Activities:	This year, contestants for MAC will be based in West Africa with a focus on the following key markets: Benin, Cape Verde, Côte D'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Mali and Togo. For the first time, MAC will also place a sectoral emphasis on agri-tech, recognizing its immense potential to drive sustainable development and economic growth in Africa.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria To be eligible for the program, Startups can apply if they meet the following criteria: Early-stage Agritech startup Monthly Recurring Revenue: A minimum of $5k Funding raised: $0 to $1M cumulative Years in existence: 3 years and below Traction: At least 6 months of recurring revenue Must be operating in one of the 14 MAC countries (Benin, Cape Verde, Côte D'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Mali and Togo) Founding team: At least 2 founding team members Registered in Delaware (This is preferred) Any business model (B2B, B2C, B2B2C, B2G etc…) All participants must pitch in English
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	04/10/2024
More information and official documents:	https://meltwater.org/mac/#toggle-id-10

Call Title:	CFAs: timbuktoo HealthTech Startup Accelerator Programme
Programme:	United Nations Development Programme(UNDP)
Objective:	Are you a visionary HealthTech entrepreneur/innovator with a groundbreaking idea to transform healthcare in Africa and committed to leveraging innovation to contribute towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? Do you have a scalable, defendable solution with clear monetization strategies? Apply now to join the timbuktoo HealthTech Hub. Africa's HealthTech landscape presents both challenges and opportunities, with a projected $11 billion digital health market by 2025. To address critical healthcare gaps, there's an urgent need to establish a robust HealthTech hub. This initiative aims to foster startups developing groundbreaking solutions in deep tech, hardware, and advanced technologies. Key areas include AI-driven diagnostics, locally manufactured medical devices, and biotechnology tailored to African needs. The hub can provide a foundation for building a flourishing full stack HealthTech industry.
Eligible Activities:	Focus Areas Startups with an emphasis in the following areas are strongly encouraged: Disease Prevention: - Early detection technologies - Predictive health analytics - Lifestyle intervention Clinical Preventive Frameworks and Community Advocacy: - Public health outreach solutions Community health worker support systems - Health education and awareness platforms Vaccine and Medicine Production: - Novel vaccine development technologies - Local pharmaceutical manufacturing solutions - Drug discovery platforms Medical Robotics and Automation (MRA): - Surgical robotics - Automated diagnostic systems - AI-assisted medical procedures Genomics: - Personalized medicine solutions - Genetic testing and counselling platforms - Gene therapy technologies Biomedical Systems: - Advanced medical imaging - Biomedical sensor technologies - Tissue engineering and regenerative medicine Patient Care Journey: - Telemedicine and remote patient monitoring - Electronic health records and data management - Patient engagement and adherence solutions Pandemic/health emergencies management Malnutrition and stunting Criteria The timbuktoo HealthTech hub aims to support innovative startups that meet the following key criteria: Technology-Enabled Solution: Your startup must have a technology-enabled solution at its core, utilising digital tools and platforms to drive innovation and efficiency in the financial sector. Contribution Towards the SDGs: Your solution should align with and contribute towards one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, addressing pressing global challenges such as poverty, inequality, climate change, and more. High Scalability: Your startup should demonstrate high scalability either through digital distribution channels or the ability to scale sales rapidly across markets. Defensible Position:

	Your startup should have a defensible position, whether through Intellectual Property (IP) rights, network effects, domain expertise, or regional market dominance, ensuring sustainable competitive advantage in the HealthTech landscape. Innovation and uniqueness: Novel approach to solving health challenges, potential for disruptive impact in the healthcare sector Technical feasibility: Sound scientific/technical basis for the solution, realistic development timeline Regulatory compliance: Awareness of relevant healthcare regulations, strategy for obtaining necessary approvals
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria Groundbreaking founders and innovators across Africa who are already building startups that meet the following criteria: Startups with founders who are nationals of an African Country Startups must be registered and operating within Africa Startups must have been in operation for a minimum of one year Startups must address development challenges Must be a technology-based solution Startups must have a Minimum Viable Solution (MVS) (regulated and licensed if necessary)
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 06/10/2024	
More information and official documents:	https://www.undp.org/africa/news/timbuktoo-healthtech-startup-accelerator-programme-call-applications

Call Title:	**European Lighthouse to Manifest Trustworthy and Green AI**
Programme:	**European Commission (EC)**
Objective:	Through the ENFIELD Exchange Scheme open calls and the Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) mechanism, the project aims to attract top-level researchers to conduct foundational research activities related to specific scientific/technological challenges in artificial intelligence, contributing to ENFIELD network creation and expansion to European AI labs.
Eligible Activities:	Objectives ENFIELD aims to create a unique European Centre of Excellence that excels in fundamental research in the areas of Adaptive, Green, Human-Centric, and Trustworthy AI. These pillars are strategic and of paramount importance to successful AI development, deployment, and acceptance in Europe and will further advance the research within verticals of Healthcare, Energy, Manufacturing, and Space by attracting the best talents, technologies, and resources from worldclass research and industry players in Europe, and by carrying out toplevel research activities in synchronisation with industry challenges, the ENFIELD project will contribute to reinforce a competitive EU position in AI and create significant socioeconomic impact for the benefit of European citizens and businesses.

	Types of Challenges Green AI: Green Generative Language Models Green AI in the Edge-to-Cloud Continuum Green AI Metrics Adaptive AI: Adaptive AI on the Edge – Hardware Aware Differentiable Architecture Search Adaptive AI on the Edge – Resources-constrained Training Adaptative Robustness and Trustworthiness Brain-inspired AI - Developing intelligent systems that are effective and efficient continual learners Brain-inspired AI – developing intelligent systems that are better in generalization and robustness Human Centric AI: Evolving Symbolic Models for Decision-Making User Perspectives on Explainable AI Child-Centric AI for Personalized and Safe Educational Voice Assistants Novel Explainable AI Methods for Decision Making Trustworthy AI: Secure Voice Biometrics with Fake Voice Detection Non-linear models for multivariate time series (vertical federated learning) Security and Robustness of AI systems Privacy and Compliance of AI systems AI in Distributed systems Verticals: Healthcare: ICU readmission analysis and support Energy: Systemic and Local explainer of the system dynamic behavior Manufacturing: Context-agnostic human detection in robotic cell, Self-X Integration in manufacturing domain.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria To be eligible, proposals must be presented by an individual researcher or a group of researchers, meeting the following criteria: Researchers must be based in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries. Researchers must be employed at academic or research organizations, which are not part of the ENFIELD consortium. Researchers from ENFIELD partner organizations are not eligible. Applications need to be submitted by the deadline of the call. Late applications will not be admitted. Applications must be submitted in English. Applications submitted in any other language will not be eligible. All applications must include a 2-minute video from the applicant presenting themself (or the group of researchers), to be submitted in English. Applications submitted without the video or with a video in any other language will not be eligible. Project duration is limited to a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 6 months. PhD candidates need to demonstrate their enrolment in a PhD programme. Post-docs or senior researchers need to demonstrate their employment at a university, research centre, or business entity. In case of a group of researchers applying, the team needs to be composed by at least one PhD candidate and one post-doc/senior researcher. Eligible applications will be evaluated according to four criteria:

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	Advanced state of the art: applicants shall demonstrate to what extent their exchange application is beyond the state-of-the-art and describe the unique approach behind it (e.g., novel concepts and methodologies, development between or across disciplines, novel methods and algorithms addressing societal challenges). Scientific approach: applicants must demonstrate the feasibility of the proposed research methodology and working arrangements. Dissemination and communication: applicants must present a credible plan for dissemination and communication activities, which must include methods (e.g., publications, presentations, workshops and/or webinars) and the targeted audiences. Technical and creative capacities: competences and skills of the researcher involved in the proposal; capacity to carry out the activities for the proposed exchange scheme. Track-record in scientific publications and similar projects/domain. In case of applications submitted by a group, a statement on the complementarity of researchers is required.
Total Budget:	**€1,100,000**
Deadline:	**14/10/2024**
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/

Call Title:	**Realization Long Documentary Scheme**
Programme:	**Dutch Film Fund**
Objective:	The Dutch Film Fund is pleased to announce the Realization Long Documentary Scheme to focus on supporting high-quality majority Dutch long documentary productions. Dutch Film Fund strives for the most varied (selectively supported) offer possible, with room for all narrative perspectives, categories, segments and genres, made by a balanced mix of experienced and novice makers. They select on content and cinematographic quality and a diverse, daring and relevant offer. The content and artistic quality of the previous work of the creative team is taken into account.
Eligible Activities:	It explicitly strives for a balanced public-private financing mix in the film projects they support. This means that the Film Fund contribution must be in proportion to the investments of other parties and the intended audience reach. The higher the requested fund contribution, the more important the financing of other parties and the ambitions to reach a broad audience.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria An application for this scheme can be submitted by an independent production company (a legal entity, not a sole proprietorship or general partnership) that has been established for at least two years in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, a member state of the EU, EEA or Switzerland and that produces and exploits films and other audiovisual productions on a continuous basis. The production company is represented by a producer who, as majority producer, has been primarily responsible for the realization of at least one long documentary with a cinema release in the Netherlands. The producer who represents the production company is not the same person as the director of the documentary.

Total Budget:	€500,000
Deadline:	14/10/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.filmfonds.nl/subsidies/subsidie/realisering-lange-documentaire

Call Title:	**Enhancing Nutrition Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Learning in the Health Sector (NuMERAL)**
Programme:	**United States Agency for International Development (USAID)**
Objective:	The United States Agency for International Development is inviting local organizations to submit applications for the Enhancing Nutrition Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Learning in the Health Sector Activity (NuMERAL).
	The NuMERAL Activity is a 5-year (2023–2028) project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by RTI International and partners. RTI leads and manages the NuMERAL consortium and works in collaboration with the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC); International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b); and the University of California, Davis.
	NuMERAL's goal is to fill evidence gaps and enhance nutrition and ECD outcomes implemented through health systems, as well as interventions aiming to improve the nutrition, health, and general well-being of individuals and populations. NuMERAL works with local partners to strategically design, implement, disseminate, and use such evidence to strengthen policies and programs that improve human nutrition at the national, regional, and global levels.
	NuMERAL is committed to supporting local research, monitoring, and evaluation, and translating findings to inform country-level and cross-national learning, collaboration, and action across the following three focus areas:
	Mainstreaming nutrition in reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health (RMNCAH) policies and services
	Integrating responsive caregiving and opportunities for early learning into nutrition policies and programs
	Improving assessment and prevention of micronutrient deficiencies and anemia.
Eligible Activities:	Scope
	This Request for EOI (REOI) is designed to fill evidence gaps in the delivery of high-quality nutrition and RCEL services through the health system at scale. NuMERAL is currently seeking EOIs under this REOI to further explore four priority topics:
	Priority Topic 1: Design, implementation strategies, and evaluation
	Over the last decade, significant research advancement has been made on maternal and child nutrition and ECD. This progress has resulted in better guidance on interventions to address malnutrition and support children to reach their developmental potential (Keats et al. 2021; Bhutta et al. 2013). Research efforts are increasingly focusing on how interventions are implemented in the real-world, under non-ideal situations; thus, providing a more genuine portrayal of their effectiveness (Keats et al. 2021).
	Priority Topic 2: Integrating nutrition and/or RCEL into the health system

WHO defines integration as the management and delivery of services so that clients receive a continuum of preventive and curative care based on their needs across the health system (WHO 2018). In the context of RMNCAH services, integrating nutrition and RCEL refers to delivering interventions through the established service contact points across a broad range of health services, such as integrated management of childhood illness/integrated community case management, child health days, immunizations, and antenatal care services. Integrated interventions combine various strategies and services into cohesive programs, creating synergy and enhancing the overall effectiveness, compared to delivering each service separately. This approach is not only efficient but also serves as a catalyst for improving health outcomes.

Priority Topic 3: Impact of nutrition and/or RCEL services on nutrition and/or ECD
Efficacy trials have provided substantial evidence on the positive impacts of direct healthcare nutrition interventions on nutritional outcomes, while RCEL has shown to positively influence children's socioemotional and cognitive development (Black et al. 2023; Keats et al. 2021). The extent to which the integration of nutrition and/or RCEL services translates to improved outcomes in real-world settings is less well known.

Priority Topic 4: Additive and synergistic effects of multiple interventions delivered in the same program
Multiple interventions delivered simultaneously in combination with other services in the same program have the potential to have additive or synergistic effects on nutrition and ECD outcomes (Dulal et al. 2021).

Types of Research supported under this REOI and illustrative examples
Types of research to address priority topics could include but is not limited to the following:
Formative research, quality improvement assessments, and participatory action research
Operations research, process evaluation, quality improvement/assurance, monitoring and evaluation, local observation, cross-sectional survey intervention mapping, social network analysis, journey mapping, and video observation
Cross-sectional or cohort studies, small-scale comparative studies, longitudinal quantitative analyses, longitudinal qualitative analyses, and factorial trials.

Illustrative Research Activities
Illustrative examples of research activities are below.
Counseling women on optimal diets and other nutrition behaviors during pregnancy and after childbirth is a key recommendation for antenatal and postnatal care services. Despite being a recommended practice, evidence shows counseling does not have wide coverage and quality is variable. Further, for example, non-pregnant women's dietary diversity data suggests that, in many places, counseling is suboptimal. Quantitative and qualitative methods can include the use of health management information system data, in-depth interviews, and observations of counseling sessions by health providers at the facility and community levels. This primary data can be used to help determine how to best support health workers to ensure nutrition counseling is robust and regularly provided at different touch points during antenatal and postnatal care.
Immunization programs are some of the most widely implemented health services. This presents a unique opportunity to incorporate infant and young child feeding (IYCF), as well as RCEL counseling and vitamin A supplementation, into routine immunization schedules. An example learning activity could include formative research to understand implementation research methods to test integrating IYCF and/or RCEL counseling and, when still required, vitamin A supplementation,[1] into routine immunization services. This could be answered quantitatively and qualitatively by utilizing continuous quality improvement methods and/or key informant interviews with providers, local authorities, and recipients of services to better understand the critical inputs needed for successful

	integration, including microplanning, supervision, and follow-up resources. In addition to interviews, client–provider observations could also be conducted to better understand the provision and experience of care. Little is known about the effectiveness of integrating RCEL with nutrition interventions in different contexts. A learning activity could include examining the feasibility and acceptability of integrating responsive care and feeding into an existing IYCF intervention that does not currently include this aspect of nurturing care. This could be done by conducting key informant interviews with providers, local authorities, and caregivers to better understand potential benefits (e.g., caregiver satisfaction, improved nutrition outcomes) and challenges (e.g., provider workload) of including responsive feeding. Necessary inputs could be considered, such as preparation, training, materials, workforce, financial, governmental, and community support, as well as expected impacts on caregiver behaviors or child outcomes. Geographic Location All applicants must be a local or regional organization (based in a country with a USAID presence). A local organization is defined as an organization that (1) is legally organized under the laws of the same country of the proposed work and (2) has its principal place of business or operations in the same country of the proposed work. Local organizations are required to be registered in the country of operation. Regional organizations (based in a country with a USAID presence) are required to be registered in one or more of the countries they operate in. Priority is given to local organizations in USAID's 18 Nutrition Priority and Nutrition Strategic Support Countries: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. Organizations based in the following countries are not eligible for funding under this solicitation, but may be eligible under future solicitations: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Belarus, Burma, Chad, China, Colombia, Cuba, Curaçao, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Macau, Mexico, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Saint Maarten, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Trinidad & Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Venezuela, West Bank/Gaza, and Yemen.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria The REOI is open to the following eligible organizations: Universities or other research or learning institutes Parastatals Community-based organizations Civil society organizations Nongovernmental organizations Private sector companies.
Total Budget:	$500,000
Deadline:	15/10/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.rti.org/sites/default/files/documents/2024-08/English%20REOI.pdf

Call Title:	SPEARHEADING DIGITAL GOVERNANCE TRANSFORMATION IN ECUADOR
Programme:	**European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)**
Objective:	The global objective of this call for proposals is to assist the Republic of Ecuador in promoting a data-driven digital transformation of the governance system by achieving full digitalization of administrative processes, strengthening interoperability in the area of security, justice and social policy and to provide better quality services to citizens.
Eligible Activities:	The specific objectives of this call for proposals are: 1. To improve the design and functionalities of the Digital Ecuador Platform and digital public services; 2. To strengthen interoperability in the security and justice sector to facilitate the fight against crime and violence, and to protect human rights of vulnerable groups, with focus on persons deprived of liberty; 3. To establish a national data management system to provide personalised services to prevent child malnutrition and related social exclusion factors, using with integrated open data and AI-based predictive analytical tools; 4. To reinforce capacities in data protection and cybersecurity, to support the fight against crime and its prevention at national/regional level, including drug trafficking, terrorism, money laundering and corruption. Actions must take place in Ecuador.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be: EU Member States agencies, academia, non-profit organizations and civil society organisations (NGOs); and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
Total Budget:	€5,200,000
Deadline:	24/10/2024
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	SILEO Advanced Technology Uptake Projects for SMEs
Programme:	**European Commission (EC)**
Objective:	The European Commission invites applications for the SILEO Advanced Technology Uptake Projects aims to leverage the latest innovations, advanced technologies, ideas, and insights to support lighting and furniture SMEs in developing strategic products and services, improving their existing processes and methodologies, and uncovering new growth opportunities, from the digital and circular viewpoint. The main goal of this Open Call is to leverage the latest innovations, advanced technologies, ideas, and insights to support lighting and furniture SMEs in developing strategic products and services, improving their existing processes and methodologies, and uncovering new growth opportunities, from a digital and circular perspective. However, before diving in headfirst, SMEs must test the technology on a small scale to

	determine its level of success and growth potential. This SILEO Call offers this chance through financial support (lump sum) for prototyping and/or pilot applications. Advanced Technologies and Digital Solutions The following advanced technologies (not an exhaustive list) have been individuated as of paramount importance for lighting and furniture SMEs: Additive Manufacturing (AM) - 3D printing Augmented and Virtual Reality (VR) Big Data & Analytics Cybersecurity Industrial IoT (IIoT) & sensors Robotics Artificial Intelligence (AI) Digitalisation of marketing and online trading Image scripting technologies Web-based Augmented Reality (WebAR) Machine learning
Eligible Activities:	Eligible Activities The 2nd Open Call for Advanced Technology Uptake Projects is a unique opportunity for lighting and furniture SMEs to effectively uptake the selected advanced technologies (or digital/circular solutions) into their business through the following activities: Prototyping of new products or services Support lighting and furniture SMEs in the prototyping of new product(s) or service(s) using advanced technology(ies) or digital solution(s) considered strategic for business development. The technology provider(s) shall support the SME to bridge the gap between the concept and reality, as prototyping is a vital step in transforming the idea into a functional product or service design. The following aspects must be respected: The prototyping process must be executed using advanced technology(ies) and/or digital innovations (i.e. 3D printing-enabled rapid prototyping, the Internet of Things, generative design, augmented and virtual reality platforms, interactive prototyping, other) AND/OR must be focused on development/design of a new product/service prototype with embedded advanced technologies or digital solutions not present in the company current product portfolio. The prototyping processes shall include the development of the proof of concept to test the idea and then creating a model of the product/service to test functionality and desirability. The background qualitative and quantitative research should have already been executed, to have an idea of consumer desirability, manufacturability, marketability, competition, pricing sweet spots, margin opportunities, etc. The prototyping project can start both from the development of initial specifications and drawings or detailed designs if the preliminary activities have already been executed. It shall include specific evaluation phases to gather feedback and assess the prototype product or service functionality, appearance and other features and the subsequent improvement phase. The prototyping project shall end with the final phase of the prototype product or service. It shall include the specifications for its pilot testing, application or demonstration, i.e. for setting a pilot production line or pilot service activities (test bed). Pilot application Pilot application project shall be aimed at testing whether the new prototyped product/service AND/OR selected advanced technology/digital solution for business

operations is working as it was designed and can meet a given set of business requirements in terms of advanced technology uptake. Pilot application project shall identify whether the prototype or technology to be integrated is a viable option for the SME path forward towards more digital and green business growth.

Pilot application project can consider the following activities:

Testing, validation and demonstration of the new prototyped product(s) or service(s), developed with the use of advanced technologies or digital solutions, in an industry-relevant (operational) environment, including test beds and small pilot production lines; and/or

Integration, testing and validation of the selected advanced technology(ies) and/or digital solution(s) application within a specific production, manufacturing, commercial, or operations management process/phases in order to significantly renew, upgrade and /or make them more sustainable and circular.

Prototyping + Pilot application

This type of project combines prototyping and pilot application phases (A + B, as described above) in one project. All the specifications and requirements described in the above-listed project typologies (A and B) must be observed.

Eligible Applicants:	They are looking for project applications submitted by a single SME operating in the lighting and furniture industry and located in the EU Member States or countries associated with the Single Market Programme.
Total Budget:	€10,500,000
Deadline:	25/10/2024
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs

Call Title:	**CALL FOR PROPOSALS: POST-DISCHARGE MALARIA CHEMOPREVENTION**
Programme:	**UNITAID**
Objective:	Unitaid has launched a call for proposals to catalyze the uptake of Post-Discharge Malaria Chemoprevention (PDMC) strategies, aimed at reducing childhood mortality and hospital readmissions caused by severe anemia, often driven by malaria. This initiative targets low- and middle-income countries, particularly in Africa, where childhood anemia is a significant health issue. The focus is on implementing PDMC across multiple countries while generating evidence to address gaps in knowledge and facilitate national scale-up. Proposals should emphasize the impact, cost-effectiveness, and operationalization of PDMC, with the goal of reducing post-discharge mortality and improving overall child health outcomes.
Eligible Activities:	Projects should include implementation projects, delivered in diverse representative settings, to generate robust, transferable evidence on the impact, operationalization, and cost/cost-effectiveness of PDMC delivery – with a vision to informing national scale-up.

	The call focuses on low- and middle-income countries, with an emphasis on regions in Africa where malaria and severe anaemia are prevalent. Single-country interventions are out of scope for this Call for Proposals.
Eligible Applicants:	Unitaid can provide grants to NGOs and civil society organizations. All Unitaid implementers must demonstrate their established capacity to manage their project.
Total Budget: €1,000,000	
Deadline: 04/11/2024	
More information and official documents:	https://unitaid.org/call-for-proposal/post-discharge-malaria-chemoprevention/#en

Call Title:	**EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND GENERAL UPGRADING OF DISASTER AREAS (2024-2028)**
Programme:	**European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)**
Objective:	The general objective of this call for proposals is to help facilitate the inclusive and participatory aspect of reconstruction and sustainable post-earthquake recovery.
Eligible Activities:	The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals are: • Lot 1: Facilitate the safeguarding and enhancement of heritage in vernacular construction, based on local materials and traditional construction methods; • Lot 2: Strengthen the participatory and community approach in the reconstruction effort through the promotion of a dynamic of inclusive and resilient territorial cohesion. Actions must take place in Morocco.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-profit, non-governmental organizations, including civil society organizations, and professional organizations; and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
Total Budget: €5,700,000	
Deadline: 04/11/2024	
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	**Open Call: Techstars Web3 Accelerator Program**

Programme:	TECHSTARS
Objective:	Techstars is pleased to launch its Web3 Accelerator which works with entrepreneurs building in web3 and enabling the next wave of growth in the decentralized internet and in tokenized economies. They invest in and accelerate founders enabling the onboarding and engagement of the first one billion users of web3. Where they see a big push towards the 'protocolization' of web services, there is so much to build for capital, data and machines to better serve us. Incentive mechanisms, utilities, and usability are key but they know there is a lot taking shape - from application layers and tooling, to infrastructure, interoperability, security, identity and more.
Eligible Activities:	Techstars is the worldwide network that helps entrepreneurs succeed. As one of the largest pre-seed investors in the world, they've funded over 3,200 companies that have gone on to have a market cap of $79B+. Techstars portfolio companies include more than 100 companies with valuations of over $100M, and 19 of them have already reached unicorn status including SendGrid, ClassPass, and Chainalysis. Techstars accelerators have one goal: to help entrepreneurs succeed. During each three-month program, they surround companies with the best mentors and an unrivaled network of corporate partners, investors, and alumni. They provide funding and fundraising opportunities, workshops and curated resources, not to mention countless moments where you can learn from your peers. It's a proven model that's helped build thousands of successful companies, all over the world.
Eligible Applicants:	They fund all types of startups, working in most verticals, using any type of business models. Do keep in mind, however, that the focus is on startups rather than small businesses.
Total Budget:	$500,000
Deadline:	20/11/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.techstars.com/accelerators/web3

Call Title:	GEMSTONE Financial Support for Exploration (EXPLORE) for SMEs
Programme:	GEMSTONE
Objective:	Gemstone is inviting applications is offering a financial support to facilitate SMEs internationalisation strategy by supporting their participation to business fairs and other international event deemed interesting for their activities, in targeted countries and in relation to Green Manufacturing. GEMSTONE aims to mobilise manufacturing companies, in particular innovative SMEs, on the challenges of "Green Manufacturing" by developing a dedicated joint service offer and operational and financial support tools around the 3 pillars "Train, Innovate, Explore" to encourage and empower manufacturing companies in their environmental and digital transition process. The project aims to define, deepen and apply a common methodology on issues related to Green Manufacturing in 5 identified industrial sectors: Aeronautics/Defence, Energy, Mobility, Agriculture/Agri-food, Materials. This ambition is driven by the thoughtful

	association of European clusters with complementary ecosystems both in terms of expertise and priority targets, bringing together organizations and people facilitating innovation.
Eligible Activities:	Eligible Activities Each selected SME in this call will receive financial support to be used to support: Participation in trade fairs/international event for companies providing services, technologies, solutions linked to green transition and green manufacturing: Market exploration; Branding, sales and marketing of company; Demonstrate their solutions/technologies (e.g., booth visitations and exhibitions); Sharing knowledge, experience and information in Green Manufacturing specific areas; Participation in trade fairs/international event, study visits or learning mission having a specific focus on Green manufacturing: To gain knowledges, explore Green Manufacturing existing solutions; To attend B2B events, To do networking activities, identification of new partners and creation of new business opportunities; To support project development, innovation and research and development;
Eligible Applicants:	Who can apply? Maximum one application will be granted per SME. Cluster organisations/networks are not eligible. To be eligible, applicants must meet all the following conditions: Be a legal entity; Be a small or medium sized enterprise (SME): Companies must declare their SME status in accordance with the SME definition of the European Union as part of the application; Apply as an individual organization; Be located in one of the Single Market Programme (SMP) associated countries EU Member States Other countries which participate in SMP Work Programmes 2022 and 2023. Do not have a conflict of interest5 with the partners in GEMSTONE project.
Total Budget:	€50,000
Deadline:	31/12/2024
More information and official documents:	https://projectgemstone.eu/

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM ROBERT BOSCH FOUNDATION
Programme:	**ROBERT BOSCH FOUNDATION**
Objective:	The Robert Bosch Foundation is one of the major German Foundations associated with a private company and has managed the philanthropic bequest of company founder Robert Bosch for over 50 years. Their international funding aims to support those projects that serve to facilitate conflict transformation in conflict (and post-conflict) societies in different regions. The Robert Bosch also pursues its aims in a nonpartisan

	and independent manner. Their projects and programs tackle social challenges in order to develop solutions and bring about change.
Eligible Activities:	Their international program areas of support are: (1) health (mainly focused on Germany and the Bosch health campus); (2) education (including social development, pre-school and day care); and (3) global issues (promoting peace and stability to alleviate human suffering including climate change, democracy, migration, inequality and peace building).
	They fund projects in Africa, America, Asia, Europe (with a focus on Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Turkey, Russia, North Africa, United States, China, Japan, and India).
	They have an annual grant budget of around €100,000,000: the main share goes to health (app. 60%) followed by global issues and education. Since its establishment in 1964, the Robert Bosch Stiftung has spent around €2,3 billion on its charitable work.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible to receive grant funding are non-profit organisations and institutions whose projects align with the Foundation's aims.
Total Budget:	$100,000,000
Deadline:	Ongoing
More information and official documents:	https://www.bosch-stiftung.de/en/support-we-offer

Call Title:	**GRANTS FROM JOHN DEERE FOUNDATION**
Programme:	**John Deer Foundation**
Objective:	The John Deer Foundation is the corporate Foundation of the U.S.-based John Deere company. Their vision is to aspire being a catalyst for positive global change by focusing our energy, intellect, and resources on solving world hunger, empowering others through education, and developing home communities. Within their philanthropic portfolio they have a grant-making program and a volunteer program.
Eligible Activities:	It focuses on unlocking economic, social, and environmental value for smallholder and resource-constrained farmers, marginalized families and youth in John Deere home communities, and the workforce.
	Grant support is provided to projects in countries were John Deere is active: (1) Asia (China, India, Singapore, Israel); (2) Africa (South Africa); (3) Europe (Turkey, Poland, Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Italy, France, Finland); (4) America (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico) as well as USA.
	Grant sizes range from a few hundred $ up to various million $.

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Eligible Applicants:	Eligible to receive grant funding are non-profit organisations and institutions whose projects align with the Foundation's aims. Requesting organisations must have a current IRS IRS 501(C)(3) not-for-profit designation.
Total Budget: +$1,000,000	
Deadline: Ongoing	
More information and official documents:	https://about.deere.com/en-us/our-company-and-purpose/empowering-communities

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