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New Opportunities

Call Title:	TURKMENISTAN LIVESTOCK LOCAL WORKS ACTIVITY
Programme:	Kazakhstan USAID-Almaty
Objective:	The agricultural sector in Turkmenistan is a cornerstone of the country's economy, though there are opportunities for improvement in productivity, sustainability, and resilience to climate change. To address these, USAID/RMCA proposes a livestock activity, implemented through the Local Works program, aimed at enhancing agricultural production through increasing the availability and adoption of innovative technologies and practices.
Eligible Activities:	USAID Local Works is a program designed to advance locally owned and driven development and enhance the Agency's ability to empower local actors to take the lead in addressing development priorities. In Turkmenistan, this Local Works activity will build on the achievements of the USAID Agriculture Technology (2010-2015) activity in the livestock sector. Actions must take place in Turkmenistan.
Eligible Applicants:	Local entities in Turkmenistan, the Caucuses, Türkiye, and/or other countries in Eastern Europe and Eurasia are eligible.
Total Budget:	\$1,800,000
Deadline:	02/10/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356257

Call Title:	Applications open for Global Access Fund Program 2024
Programme:	DataCite
Objective:	DataCite is accepting applications for the Global Access Fund Program to enable communities worldwide to make their research outputs discoverable. It will provide financial support for both outreach activities and infrastructure development to enable organizations in regions and communities currently underrepresented in the global open science infrastructure landscape to benefit from DataCite infrastructure services.
Eligible Activities:	Scope The Global Access Fund will allocate funding to projects in the following areas: Outreach and engagement activities to support increasing awareness and adoption of global and local solutions and connect to community initiatives, such as: Capacity building to deliver training to research administrators and librarians on open infrastructure and service fundamentals (DOIs, metadata, APIs), implementation (e.g. DataCite API integration in repository and other systems, metadata curation) and demonstrating value of the connection to local infrastructure services to the community. Events (Webinars, workshops, virtual communication campaigns) to promote open infrastructure, discuss and amplify participation and adoption strategies and plans leveraging local initiatives. Outreach resource development to deliver content (videos, social media content, podcasts, tutorials, etc.) that documents use cases, success stories, benefits of DataCite

	<p>infrastructure in local/regional contexts, including materials in innovative formats and languages other than English.</p> <p>Open Infrastructure development and integration to enable and increase the adoption of DataCite infrastructure and related services, such as:</p> <p>Repository, publishing and other system development and implementation to allow organizations to integrate DataCite APIs and metadata</p> <p>DataCite API integrations to connect local and national systems with the DataCite Registry</p> <p>Development of new tools and systems to obtain additional value from DataCite infrastructure (e.g. visualizations, statistics tools, metadata enrichment tools, CRIS systems, etc.).</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Representatives of non-profit stakeholders within the research ecosystem (e.g. research institutions, associations, NRENs, government bodies, service providers, etc.) based in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia can apply. Applicants should be authorized to apply on behalf of their organization (legal entity).</p> <p>Applications are open to both DataCite member and non-member organizations. Preference will be given to applications from countries classified as lower or middle-income.</p> <p>Although current awardees can apply for funding, preference might be given to applications from new organizations and projects.</p> <p>Organizations can submit a maximum of one application per funding category (outreach and infrastructure), which means they will accept a maximum of two applications per organization.</p>
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	11/10/2024
More information and official documents:	https://datacite.org/global-access-fund/

Call Title:	Australia Awards Fellowship Program 2024
Programme:	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Objective:	The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has launched the Australia Awards Fellowship programs which offer a unique opportunity to highlight Australia's modern diversity and the rich heritage of First Nations people to participating Fellows from the partner countries.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Priority Areas</p> <p>Fellowship proposals must clearly align with one (only) of the following six priority areas: Climate change, adaptation, resilience and green energy (including critical mineral mining): Fellowships covering climate change adaptation, resilience, climate science, energy transition and nature-based solutions including (but not limited to); blue carbon and carbon-market, climate resilient and regenerative agriculture, climate smart water, sustainable ocean economy and sustainable mining for critical minerals, as well as transition to low emissions intensive economies, building clean energy supply chains and hydrogen economy.</p>

	<p>Health: Fellowships covering health in the areas of communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, including mental health; sexual and reproductive health and rights; health system strengthening, including building workforce capacity; health security including pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, and One Health approaches.</p> <p>Gender equality, disability equity and social inclusion: Fellowships targeting gender equality and women’s and girls’ empowerment, and/or disability equity. These could include proposals for Fellowships in legal and regulatory reform (that eliminates discrimination and advances de jure equality), disability inclusive policy and budgeting; responding to and eliminating sexual and gender- based violence; gender-responsive and/disability inclusive social protection; economic empowerment of women and/or people with disabilities, including access to finance and gender-responsive business enabling environments; leadership of women and/or people with disabilities; equitable access to quality essential services and investing in systems strengthening (education, training, health); equitable access to infrastructure or the Women, Peace and Security agenda.</p> <p>Digital Economy, cyber resilience, and media engagement: Fellowships with a focus on the digital economy and future architecture and environment needed to deliver prosperity, protection, and long- term capability. This could include cyber capacity building or future-proofing critical assets, technologies and industries and technological obsolescence.</p> <p>Fellowships with a focus on enhancing the viability and capability of the media sector and journalism are also welcome. This could include digital resilience and transformation of media organisations, practical use of generative artificial intelligence and digital tools such as social media and other web-based platforms, digital storytelling and innovative audience analysis.</p> <p>Maritime and the Blue Economy: Fellowships with a focus on maritime cooperation and development – leading to longer term prosperity, protection of environment and maritime cooperation, including in areas such as, environmental management and reduction of plastic pollutants. Applications could also focus on outcomes for future development of the blue economy including in areas such as maritime policy, resource management, maritime law and protection, meteorological surveying, as well logistics, cold supply chain and transition to sustainable green energy maritime supply chain networks.</p> <p>Infrastructure and connectivity: Fellowships that provide Indo-Pacific countries with skills and relationships that support development and management of quality, resilient and sustainable infrastructure, and connectivity. This could include telecommunications, clean energy, disaster resilience, logistics, public private partnerships (PPPs), procurement, infrastructure pricing and cost estimation, project planning and management, infrastructure standards, aviation, telecommunications, energy, ports, broadcasting, and transport.</p> <p>Geographic Focus</p> <p>Southeast Asia Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam</p> <p>South Asia and Middle East Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iraq, Jordan, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Occupied Palestinian Territories and Sri Lanka</p> <p>Pacific Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna</p> <p>Africa</p>
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Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Australian organisations such as government institutions, business and non-government organisations are eligible to apply. Organisations must be legal entities with an Australian Business Number and must be able to demonstrate links with partner organisations in participating countries and provide in-kind or financial contributions to support Fellowships. Individuals cannot apply.</p> <p>Australian organisations must ensure that all nominated Fellows meet the following general eligibility requirements:</p> <p>Australia Awards Fellowships target senior officials and mid-career professionals, who, in the short to medium term, will be in a position to advance priority development and foreign affairs issues on their return home.</p> <p>To be eligible, all Fellows nominated by Australian organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of commencing the Fellowship; not have Australian permanent resident status or be applying for permanent residency; be a citizen of and residing in an eligible developing country. The Fellow's country of citizenship and residency may differ; not be current serving military personnel; not be married or engaged to, or be a de facto of a person who holds, or is eligible to hold, Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.
Total Budget:	€515,700 per proposal
Deadline:	13/10/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-people/australia-awards/australia-awards-fellowships/applying-australia-awards-fellowship

Call Title:	Open Call for Investigation Support Scheme
Programme:	Investigative Journalism for Europe
Objective:	The Investigative Journalism for Europe (IJ4EU's) is currently accepting applications for the Investigation Support Scheme to provide financial support to cross-border journalistic teams working on investigations of public interest in Europe.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Funding Information</p> <p>The IJ4EU grant may cover any percentage of a project's costs, up to 100 percent of the total. Co-funding is encouraged but not mandatory. Teams must declare any existing sources of funding on their application.</p> <p>Eligible Topics</p>

	<p>Projects on all topics will be considered. This includes, but is not limited to, corruption, illicit enrichment and financial crime; security; democracy; human rights; the environment and climate change; migration and public health.</p> <p>The fund is dedicated to supporting a diverse range of topics and teams across Europe. They welcome projects focusing on underreported issues.</p> <p>Teams working in countries where investigative journalism is under pressure, including financial and political pressure, are especially encouraged to apply.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>To be eligible under the Investigation Support Scheme, applications must be sent by teams of journalists and or news organizations that meet the following criteria:</p> <p>Teams must have members based in at least two European countries that have signed up to the full cross-sectoral strand of the European Union’s Creative Europe Programme, which provides core funding for IJ4EU.</p> <p>Eligible countries include all 27 EU member states and the following non-EU countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Ukraine.</p> <p>Eligibility is based on residency (where you live and work) and not nationality (citizenship). Team members based in countries anywhere else in the world are welcome to participate, but they must be part of teams that fulfil the core geographical criteria described above.</p> <p>Teams can comprise any combination of members including journalists working as part of newsroom structures as well as freelancers.</p> <p>The proposed project must focus on a topic of cross-border relevance.</p> <p>The proposed project must aim to reveal new information. Applications must justify the relevance of the investigation for the public in the target countries or for the broader European public sphere. Investigative teams already in existence or formed for an IJ4EU project are equally welcome to apply.</p> <p>IJ4EU will consider funding all formats, including print, broadcast, online media, documentary filmmaking and multi-platform storytelling.</p>
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	28/10/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.investigativejournalismforeu.net/grants/investigation-support-scheme/

Call Title:	Open Call: dAIEDGE Exchange Programmes to support AI Ecosystem
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	<p>The dAIEDGE Network of Excellence (NoE) seeks to strengthen and support the development of a dynamic European cutting-edge AI ecosystem under the umbrella of the European Lighthouse for AI, and to sustain the development of advanced AI.</p> <p>dAIEDGE fosters the exchange of ideas, concepts, and trends on cutting-edge next generation AI, creating links between ecosystem actors to help both the European Commission (EC) and the European Union (EU) and the peripheral AI constituency identify strategies for future developments in Europe.</p>

Eligible Activities:	<p>Objectives</p> <p>An innovative edge AI ecosystem and dynamic network of excellence</p> <p>Pan-European collaboration through partnership coordination</p> <p>A pathway for excellent edge AI research and innovation advancement</p> <p>A connected virtual centre of excellence for edge AI technology development</p> <p>Edge AI applications, technological value creation and lead-by-example solutions</p> <p>Community building, dissemination, and network growth</p> <p>Funding Information</p> <p>What types of activities can be funded?</p> <p>The Exchange Programme will finance mobility and costs of living for individuals (researchers, PhD students) to spend time in a hosting organisation within dAIEDGE members in order to perform common research in the field of AI at the EDGE that leads to significant advances.</p> <p>The result of the programme should ideally be a common scientific publication between the beneficiary and the hosting institution. dAIEDGE Consortium encourages the publication in Open Access Journals, but each case will be studied separately.</p> <p>Your project should have a clear European Dimension, meaning fostering projects that generate a substantial positive impact for European citizens.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>They are looking for Researchers or PhD Students in the field of AI at the Edge. The applicant can apply as:</p> <p>Natural Person or</p> <p>Single legal entity:</p> <p>Research and Technology Organisations (RTO),</p> <p>Academia or</p> <p>SMEs (including startups) legally registered as a company at the moment of the application submission to this Open Call, which will delegate its individual Researcher or PhD Student.</p> <p>Natural persons have to be citizens or permanent residents, and entities/organizations have to be registered in one of the following eligible countries:</p> <p>EU Member States and its Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT), or</p> <p>Horizon Europe Associated Countries</p>
Total Budget: €600,000	
Deadline: 31/10/2024	
More information and official documents:	<p>https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs</p>

Call Title:	Grants for Japan Related Research Projects 2024
Programme:	The Sumitomo Foundation
Objective:	<p>The Sumitomo Foundation is proud to solicit applications for 2024 Grant for Japan-Related Research Projects to enhance mutual understanding between Asian countries and Japan through promoting research projects in the field of the social sciences or humanities that are related to Japan</p>

Eligible Activities:	<p>Funding Information Budget Total: JPY 50 million Grant Amount for Each Project: Maximum JPY 2.0 million (in case of USD, equivalent to JPY 2.0 million). Grant Period: One year (April 2025 through March 2026), but can be extended to total two years maximum if required with specific reason after starting research subject to the approval of The Sumitomo Foundation.</p> <p>Eligible Projects Areas of Research: Any research project that is related to Japan, mainly in the field of social sciences or humanities. Type of Research Individual or collaborative research.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria The applicant must: Be a researcher of Asian (non-Japanese) nationality Be living outside Japan during the grant period. (Please do not apply if you intend to stay in Japan for more than six months during the grant period as a student, visiting professor, etc.) Take personal responsibilities for conducting the proposed research project</p>
Total Budget:	50m JYEN
Deadline:	31/10/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.sumitomo.or.jp/e/Jare/japanrela.html

Call Title:	DUT Program for Sustainable Urban Transitions
Programme:	Driving Urban Transitions
Objective:	<p>The Driving Urban Transitions is accepting grant proposals to support transnational research and/or innovation projects addressing urban challenges to help cities in their transition towards a more sustainable economy and functioning.</p> <p>The program focus on urban areas, in the context of achieving climate neutral and sustainable cities projects are expected to be focused on urban areas (including peri-urban areas) and their issues and challenges. Where appropriate, they may also consider the effects and impact on other territories like rural areas or consider urban-rural relationships.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Topics Circular Urban Economies (CUE): CUE topic 1: Creating a new paradigm for urban water cycles CUE topic 2: Circular models for regenerating, repurposing, protecting and conserving urban space for biodiversity CUE topic 3: Multi-city strategies for circular urban economy monitoring and management. 15-minute City (15mC):</p>

	<p>15mC topic 1: Advancing urban mobility: innovations for inclusive and youth-centric mobility systems</p> <p>15mC topic 2: Reconsidering urban mobility systems: towards system innovation and proximity policies for sustainable city regions</p> <p>15mC topic 3: Evidence for the urban mobility transition: data and indicators for effective decision-making.</p> <p>Positive Energy Districts (PED):</p> <p>PED topic 1: Local PEDs in a multi-level perspective</p> <p>PED topic 2: Towards the climate-neutral city: PEDs, system integration and urban strategies</p> <p>PED topic 3: Managing the urban energy transition: data management and decision support systems.</p> <p>Funding Information</p> <p>The total available budget for this call is approximately EUR 47 M of budget committed by the participating Funding Agencies.</p> <p>Eligible Countries</p> <p>Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea Republic of, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Taiwan (Chinese Taipei), Türkiye and United Kingdom.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Applicants are defined as organisations/institutions/companies (i.e. legal entities) that apply for funding. Applicants can be but are not limited to:</p> <p>research organisations (higher education institutions including universities, university colleges; research institutes or other entities with research undertakings),</p> <p>companies and commercial organisations,</p> <p>urban government authorities (such as local and regional government institutions, municipalities and municipal organisations, city authorities, urban public administrations, infrastructure and service providers),</p> <p>consumers and civil society representatives (e.g. local and community organisations, non-governmental organisations, not-for-profit organisations, advocacy and activist groups, citizens’ representatives, neighbourhood initiatives, social innovators, social entrepreneurs, etc.)</p> <p>From the culture and creative sectors (e.g. artists and designers).</p>
Total Budget:	€47,000,000
Deadline:	14/11/2024
More information and official documents:	https://dutpartnership.eu/dut-call-2024/

Call Title:	Call for Pilots: European Data Space for Smart Communities
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	The European data space for smart communities (DS4SSCC-DEP) action launches the Calls for Pilots to validate an EU-wide cross-sectorial data space in practice and to advance its development and implementation to support policy priorities of cities and communities

	<p>within the European Union, including the green-digital transformation based on secure and sovereign data infrastructure.</p> <p>The pilots are set to build on and evolve the governance and technical blueprint established by the cross-sectorial data space preparatory action (DS4SSCC action), which comes out of the joint efforts of the Living-in.EU movement and which represents all local governments in the EU through relevant networks and EU institutions.</p> <p>The scope of the Data Space for Smart Communities includes alignment with the overall "2030 Digital Decade" EU policy initiative and related specific legislative initiatives, such as the Interoperable Europe Act. It is one of the Common European Data Spaces envisioned by the EU Data Strategy and works closely with the Data Spaces Support Centre (DSSC), especially on cross-sectorial aspects such as minimal interoperability.</p> <p>The pilots will provide feedback from practice as more firm guidance is put into regulatory instruments, such as requirements for procurement, operation, and reporting, starting from a baseline of high-value datasets to add value by using data from different domains and models. This initiative aims to foster innovation towards a more resilient Europe, supporting local businesses and ecosystems, and emphasising ethical considerations and AI-enabled local solutions, thereby enhancing the conditions for citizens and communities across Europe.</p>
<p>Eligible Activities:</p>	<p>Scope</p> <p>The pilot consortia must create new data services from the data sharing across at least two areas specified below, but can also include other European Green Deal domains: predictive traffic management/sustainable mobility planning, establishing also synergies with the mobility data space and making use of the Sustainable Urban Mobility Indicators, where appropriate;</p> <p>data-services related to weather, climate and extreme weather events to facilitate risk prevention, disaster resilience as well as climate change adaptation;</p> <p>management of energy flows in a city/community specific context and in conjunction with other sectors;</p> <p>zero pollution actions (e.g., air, water, soil pollution or waste);</p> <p>and any other domain falling under the New European Bauhaus initiative (urban design, building management, public services, nature-based solutions, amongst others.</p> <p>Funding Information</p> <p>Each pilot is planned to be funded with 1 to 1½ million euros by EU contribution to share amongst the consortium members of the pilot. If justified, this can also be less than 1 million euro. The funding should be balanced proportionally amongst the pilot sites, and one partner can receive a maximum of 1 million euro as grant (this also applies when applying for more than one pilot or in following open call rounds). The total EU contribution for the DS4SSCC-DEP pilots is 15.3 million euros, which is planned to be distributed to around 12 chosen pilot consortiums.</p> <p>Why Apply?</p> <p>Be placed at the forefront of innovative smart community development in Europe.</p> <p>Enter into an expansive network of European communities, experts and policymakers.</p> <p>Be recognised as leading examples of sustainable and smart urban development.</p> <p>Receive support and guidance in aligning with the DS4SSCC blueprint and federating with other data spaces in Europe.</p> <p>Directly contribute to the shaping of Europe's green and digital future.</p>
<p>Eligible Applicants:</p>	<p>Who can Apply?</p> <p>The pilot call is specifically designed for local public administrations in the EU and Digital Europe Programme (DEP) Associated countries and partners working with them (e.g.,</p>

	<p>companies, civil society organisations, academia). The consortia must be capable of executing a cross-sectorial and cross-border pilot activity, and co-finance at least 50% of the pilot activity.</p> <p>Consortia Eligibility Criteria:</p> <p>Eligible consortia must consist of at least two local or regional public administrations from different EU member states and/or DEP Associated countries, promoting cross-sectoral collaboration and dealing with the European Green Deal objectives.</p> <p>The local administrations can also involve other eligible parties working with them (e.g., companies, academia, civil society organisations and others).</p> <p>The pilot consortium members are subject to restrictions due to security reasons. Entities must not be controlled by an ineligible country. If there is a risk for such case, entities will be offered an opportunity to provide a guarantee.</p> <p>All entities (except entities that are validated as public bodies by the EU countries) have to fill in and submit an Ownership Control Declaration (OCD). OCD must be self-declared at proposal time, and if the pilot is awarded, the official OCD must be provided within 14 days from the notification date. If a chosen pilot consortium member is found, after assessment, to be controlled by a partner from a non-EU country, they will need to present a guarantee that will be assessed to allow or exclude participation in the pilot project. If a partner is found to be controlled by a DEP-associated country, they will also have to prepare a guarantee that will need to be assessed to allow or not allow their participation in the pilot.</p>
Total Budget:	€15,300,000
Deadline:	30/11/2024
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs

Call Title:	SCI FOUNDATION CONSERVATION GRANTS
Programme:	Safari Club International (SCI)
Objective:	<p>SCI Foundation is a non-profit IRS 501(c)(3) corporation. The mission of SCI Foundation is to fund and direct wildlife programs dedicated to wildlife conservation and outdoor education. More specifically, the conservation purpose of SCI Foundation is to conduct and support scientific and technical studies in the field of wildlife conservation, to assist in the design and development of scientifically sound wildlife programs for the management of wildlife and sustainable-use hunting, and to demonstrate the constructive role that hunting and hunters play in the conservation of wildlife and in preserving biodiversity worldwide.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Eligible projects could include wildlife population surveys, implementation of wildlife management plans, purchase of equipment for state agencies to conduct conservation projects, reintroduction and translocation of species, and habitat restoration or improvement projects. Proposals should include a project description and estimated budget, as well as an explanation of how it will benefit sustainable use conservation.</p> <p>Support has so far been provided to projects implemented in Africa, North America and Asia.</p>

Eligible Applicants:	All grant applications must come from a SCI Chapter and any active chapter engaged in conservation projects is eligible.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	30/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://safariclubfoundation.org/conservation-grants/

Call Title:	VILNIUS TECH MERIT Project Excellence Scholarship and Mobility Grant Award Call
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	<p>Task description</p> <p>Demonstrate exceptional results as MERIT study program student, including, but not limiting to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research activities and their result publication; • active participation in advanced digital skill application contents and hackathon type events, promoting the benefits of advanced digital skills, MERIT project and its study program values and possibilities; • advanced digital skill upskilling, gaining new experiences, competences and sharing it with others; • utilizing advanced digital skills by applying it for business and public sector growth.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Further information</p> <p>The call for the scholarship is announced on the VILNIUS TECH website, both in English and Lithuanian. The links are the following:</p> <p>https://vilniustech.lt/studies/study-programmes/master-study-programmes https://vilniustech.lt/-stojantiesiems-/magistranturos-studijos/studiju-programos https://vilniustech.lt/studies/study-programmes/master-study-programmes https://vilniustech.lt/-stojantiesiems-/magistranturos-studijos/studiju-programos</p> <p>Regarding questions, related to the call and MERIT studies at Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, the main contact is Simona Ramanauskaitė (e-mail. simona.ramanauskaite@vilniustech.lt).</p>
Eligible Applicants:	
Total Budget:	€21,000
Deadline:	30/06/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/8123

Call Title:	Permanently Open Call for Targeted Innovation Projects EITUM-BP23-25
Programme:	EIT Urban Mobility Business Plan 2023-2025
Objective:	<p>The Innovation’s Targeted Projects Programme addresses a) gaps in our innovation portfolio regarding the business plan, strategic agenda, and b) external changes and influences such as technological developments, policies/regulations, and (urgent) events.</p> <p>This is a long-term call with different cut-off dates that will be announced at least 2 months before the set submission deadline.</p> <p>Each cut-off date will be specific in terms of topics to be addressed and requirements.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>TOPIC 1 EIT Urban Mobility is looking for a project consortium to develop and commercialise hydrogen technology solutions capable of accelerating the hydrogen transition, by tackling at least one of the following challenges: (1) Improving Performance and Viability of Zero-Emission Hydrogen Vehicles, (2) Facilitating Early Diffusion of Hydrogen Infrastructures for Mobility, (3) Overcoming Regulatory Hurdles to Speed Up the Product Deployment, (4) Reducing the Cost of Hydrogen Technology Adoption.</p> <p>TOPIC 2 EIT Urban Mobility is seeking a project consortium that can develop and commercialise a product that will support companies to report their scope 3 GHG emissions according to the new CSRD regulations by enabling cheaper and higher-quality data collection and analytics on employees’ commuting and business travel behaviours. The solution needs to be demonstrated with a relevant end-client, who is part of the project consortium.</p> <p>TOPIC 3 EIT Urban Mobility is looking for a project consortium to develop and commercialise a comprehensive Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) for city buses. The solution needs to incorporate all mandatory features, aiding bus manufacturers—particularly smaller and mid-sized ones from RIS countries with limited internal resources—in complying with the new GSR2 regulations.</p> <p>TOPIC 4 EIT Urban Mobility is seeking a project consortium to develop and commercialise Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) solutions in RIS countries, particularly in Eastern Europe. The solution needs to implement DRT to connect suburban areas and innovate DRT solutions for deep integration with wider public transport services.</p> <p>TOPIC 5 EIT Urban Mobility is looking for a project consortium consisting of a government authority and SMEs to expedite market innovation among SMEs with targeted solutions for niche urban mobility challenges. The solutions must be scalable in the piloting city and replicable to other cities.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Applicants are invited to submit proposals using the PLAZA tool.</p> <p>Proposals will be evaluated based on pre-defined evaluation criteria and following the evaluation process described in Chapter 5 “Evaluation and selection process” of the Call Manual.</p>

Total Budget:	€4,200,000
Deadline:	31/12/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/4602

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM MISEREOR
Programme:	MISEREOR
Objective:	MISEREOR supports the weakest members of society: the poor, the sick, the hungry and the disadvantaged. It is of no importance whether those in need of help are men or women, what religious beliefs they hold or where they come from. To love one's neighbour is a basic attitude of Christian life, and MISEREOR's vocation is to translate this attitude into concrete action; the poor are our sisters and brothers, who have a right to a life of dignity. MISEREOR supports them in realising it. The organisation does not pursue any ends other than the promotion of development. The mandate given to MISEREOR by the German Bishops rules out the promotion of pastoral or missionary measures.
Eligible Activities:	For MISEREOR, each individual project is part of a larger task. In dialogue with partners in Africa, Asia, Oceania and Latin America joint visions and goals are developed so that social processes can be effectively supported. MISEREOR underpins these processes by facilitating exchange of experiences and networking, and by providing professional advisory and consultancy inputs on themes such as urban and rural development, human rights, health, peace and many more. The partner organisations are closely accompanied by MISEREOR, and if required are also advised on management and organisational development issues. Actions must take place in Africa, Asia and Latin America.
Eligible Applicants:	The projects supported by MISEREOR are implemented by independent partner organisations. These are either local legal entities of the Catholic Church (dioceses, orders, bishops' conferences etc.) or non-governmental organisations.
Total Budget:	€1,000,000
Deadline:	ONGOING
More information and official documents:	https://www.misereor.org/cooperation-service/

Call Title:	LOANS FROM FAIRTRADE ACCESS FUND
Programme:	FAIRTRADE ACCESS FUND
Objective:	Launched in 2012, the Fairtrade Access Fund is designed to meet the most important financing and technical assistance needs of Fairtrade smallholder farmer cooperatives and associations in Latin America and the Caribbean, and Africa. It offers a full range of loans and technical assistance. The Fund is a joint project of the Fairtrade International, Incofin Investment Management and the Grameen Foundation.

Eligible Activities:	The Fund offers three types of loans: (1) long-term loans (1-5 years; these loans allow an organisation to invest in building up its business and to plan for the long term like crop renewal, farm improvements, equipment, and processing facilities); (2) working capital (up to 1 year; these loans provide working capital for fertilisers, machinery and other inputs); and (3) trade finance (up to 1 year; these loans serve as bridge payments to purchase members' produce during the harvest). Loans and technical assistance are available for organisations based in Latin America and the Caribbean (Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Nicaragua, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras), and Africa (Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Togo, Benin, DR Congo, Uganda, Tanzania, Madagascar).
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible for loans are private companies and organisations (e.g. agricultural cooperatives or associations of small-holder farmers) that are legally registered and based in the country of operation (Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa). Candidates for the fund must be strong and responsible organizations that are certified by Fairtrade International (FLO), or another sustainable certificate (Such as Rainforest Alliance, Utz, World Fair Trade, Café Practices,) or in the process of being certified. The fund also provides financing services to plantations (farms), processors and traders that are certified, as well as microfinance institutions that focus on small farmers.
Total Budget:	\$2,000,000
Deadline:	ONGOING
More information and official documents:	https://incofinfaf.com/#mission

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM ELEANOR CROOK FOUNDATION
Programme:	ELEANOR CROOK FOUNDATION
Objective:	Founded in 1997, the Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) is a grant-making foundation that works to scale improved solutions to child undernutrition by deploying the power of research, policy analysis, and advocacy, with the ultimate goal of saving children's lives and enabling them to excel in school, work, and beyond.
Eligible Activities:	With its mission that no person should go hungry, the Foundation supports organisations that: (1) implement sustainable, community-based approaches to the root causes of hunger and extreme poverty; (2) carry out research and innovation to identify more impactful nutrition and food security interventions; and (3) raise hunger awareness and advocate for policy reform to end hunger. The Foundation provides grant funding to projects in East Africa.
Eligible Applicants:	Non-profit organisations are eligible to apply.
Total Budget:	\$100,000,000
Deadline:	ONGOING
More information	https://eleanorcrookfoundation.org/grants-investments/for-grantees/

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Call Title:	LOANS FROM MEDICAL CREDIT FUND
Programme:	MEDICAL CREDIT FUND
Objective:	The Medical Credit Fund (MCF) is a non-profit health investment fund that was founded in 2009 by PharmAccess International. It supports private healthcare facilities in Africa obtaining capital to strengthen and upgrade their operations in order to enhance access to affordable quality healthcare. The Fund's primary objective is to increase the delivery of affordable quality healthcare services by reducing the investment risk. To achieve this objective, the Fund provides performance-based financing in combination with technical support to eligible private primary healthcare providers.
Eligible Activities:	The selected health facilities participate in a medical and business quality improvement program which will strengthen their business case and debt servicing capacity, and reduce credit and medical risk. To achieve its objectives, the Fund's investment strategy is via two programs: (1) the Finance Program and (2) the Technical Assistance (TA) Program. The TA Program contains quality improvement and business planning while the Finance Program provides access to loans. Current focus countries are Tanzania, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda and Nigeria (aiming to expand further into Sub-Sahara Africa).
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are: (1) Healthcare SMEs: hospitals, health centers, dispensaries, maternity homes and nurse-driven clinics; (2) Specialist care providers: diagnostic centers, laboratories, and pharmacies; and (3) Healthcare businesses catering to health facilities, distributors of drugs, training institutes and equipment providers.
Total Budget:	\$150,000,000
Deadline:	ONGOING
More information and official documents:	https://www.medicalcreditfund.org/apply-for-a-loan/

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