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## New Opportunities

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES (CFLI) – MALDIVES</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Embassy of Canada Sri Lanka</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The CFLI is a program designed to support small-scale, high-impact projects in developing countries, which align with Global Affairs Canada’s thematic priority areas for engagement. The program is directed at projects conceived and designed predominantly by local partners. Projects are selected and approved by the relevant Canadian embassy or high commission. The CFLI also serves to support positive bilateral relations between Canada and recipient countries and their civil societies, by deepening contacts and supporting local endeavours.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>All projects must align with at least one of the following CFLI thematic priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment and climate action, focusing on adaptation and mitigation, as well as on water and/or plastic waste management.</li> <li>• Growth that works for everyone, including women’s economic rights, decent jobs and entrepreneurship, investing in the poorest and most vulnerable, and safeguarding economic gains.</li> <li>• Inclusive governance, including diversity, democracy, human rights, LGBTQ2+ rights and the rule of law.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Maldives.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible recipients include: (1) Local, national or community-based organization (non-governmental and not-for-profit); (2) Local municipal, regional or national government institution or agency of the recipient country; (3) Local academic institution; (4) Canadian organization (non-governmental or not-for-profit) that is working on local development activities; (5) International or regional organization (non-governmental or not-for-profit) that is working on local development activities; (6) Intergovernmental or multilateral institution, organization or agency working on local development activities.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>04/02/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cfli-fcil/2025/maldives.aspx?lang=eng">https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cfli-fcil/2025/maldives.aspx?lang=eng</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>ADF CLIMATE ACTION WINDOW: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SUB-WINDOW CALL FOR PROPOSALS</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>African Development Bank</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The focus of this call is to enhance the bankability of Paris-aligned climate projects and mobilize additional climate finance in ADF countries. This will involve financing project preparation, capacity development, and expanding green financing initiatives. Key activities include preparing and strengthening Long- Term Strategies (LTSs), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and climate diagnostics for Country Strategy Papers.

<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Actions must take place in Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, São Tomé & Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility is limited to (i) Governments and government entities of ADF countries; (ii) African Development Bank departments; (iii) Regional or sub-regional intergovernmental bodies, including climate centers, river basin organizations, economic communities; (iv) Non-sovereign entities (such as Non-Governmental Organizations, Community Based Organizations, and UN Agencies). Proposals from consortia are allowed if all members of the consortium are eligible beneficiaries.
<b>Total Budget: \$56,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 05/02/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://afdb.smapply.org/prog/adf_climate_action_window_technical_assistance_sub-window_call_for_proposals/">https://afdb.smapply.org/prog/adf_climate_action_window_technical_assistance_sub-window_call_for_proposals/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CROSS-SECTORAL PIONEERS PROGRAM</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Creative Flip</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The cross-sectoral pioneers program aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster Cross-Sectoral Collaboration: Encourage cooperation between professionals from the cultural and creative sectors (CCSI) and those from different sectors, either within or beyond CCSI, to develop innovative partnerships.</li> <li>• Create Tangible Outputs: Support the development of a working prototype, demonstration, creative/artistic production, or project proposal that can serve as a valuable asset for further development, validation, or investment.</li> <li>• Enhance Peer Learning and Exchange: Enable knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer learning between participants from different sectors through a structured 5-day hackathon-style exchange program.</li> <li>• Promote Innovation Through Creativity and AI: Special emphasis is placed on projects that explore the intersection of creativity and artificial intelligence, encouraging participants to experiment with new technologies and creative practices</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Extra consideration will be given to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involve vulnerable groups or promote gender balance</li> <li>• Are led by young professionals</li> <li>• Embrace sustainable and green practices</li> <li>• Explore the intersection of creativity and AI</li> </ul> <p>The sectors include architecture, archives, libraries and museums, artistic crafts, audiovisual (including film, television, video games and multimedia), tangible and intangible cultural heritage, design (including fashion design), festivals, music, literature, performing arts, books and publishing, radio, and visual arts.</p>

	Actions must take place in Albania, Austria, Armenia, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Tunisia and Ukraine.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	One applicant must be a professional or legal entity belonging to a CCSI sector. The other must be a professional or legal entity belonging to another sector, within or beyond the CCSIs and from another eligible country.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>09/02/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://creativeflip.creativehubs.net/post/cross-sectoral-pioneers-open-call">https://creativeflip.creativehubs.net/post/cross-sectoral-pioneers-open-call</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES (CFLI) – ARGENTINA</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Embassy of Canada Argentina</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The CFLI is a program designed to support small-scale, high-impact projects in developing countries, which align with Global Affairs Canada’s thematic priority areas for engagement. The program is directed at projects conceived and designed predominantly by local partners. Projects are selected and approved by the relevant Canadian embassy or high commission. The CFLI also serves to support positive bilateral relations between Canada and recipient countries and their civil societies, by deepening contacts and supporting local endeavours.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	All projects must align with at least one of the following CFLI thematic priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.</li> <li>• Growth that works for everyone, including women’s economic rights, decent jobs and entrepreneurship, investing in the poorest and most vulnerable, and safeguarding economic gains.</li> <li>• Inclusive governance, including diversity and 2SLGBTQI+, democracy, human rights and the rule of law.</li> <li>• Environment and climate action focusing on adaptation and mitigation.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Argentina.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants are: (1) local non-governmental, community and not-for-profit organisations; (2) local academic institutions working on local projects; (3) international, intergovernmental, multilateral and regional institutions, organisations and agencies working on local development activities; (4) municipal, regional or national government institutions or agencies of the recipient country working on local projects; and (5) Canadian non-governmental and not-for-profit organisations that are working on local development activities.

<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>13/02/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cflicil/2025/argentina-argentine.aspx?lang=eng">https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cflicil/2025/argentina-argentine.aspx?lang=eng</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CALL FROM FONDATION HACHETTE</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>FONDATION HACHETTE</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Hachette Foundation seeks to promote and support initiatives that improve access to reading and literacy for diverse populations.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The primary goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging a love for books and storytelling across all age groups, particularly among underserved communities.</li> <li>• Supporting innovative projects that enhance literacy skills or overcome barriers to accessing books.</li> <li>• Empowering educators, libraries, and cultural organizations to foster a culture of reading and knowledge-sharing.</li> <li>• Promoting the integration of digital tools and modern approaches to make reading more inclusive and engaging.</li> </ul> <p>The Foundation supports associations and structures that use reading as a tool for the better insertion, inclusion and integration of people in situations of exclusion or rupture. Whether they are people with disabilities, detained, far from employment, precarious, illiterate, the Foundation supports projects that place the learning or relearning of reading and writing at the heart of their devices.</p> <p>Actions must take place in France or abroad (in the past they have mostly funded French speaking countries)</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	To benefit from the Foundation’s support, the Project Leader must meet the following criteria: work in one of the Foundation’s fields of action, namely: in favour of the promotion of reading, books, writing and more generally the French language to all audiences and in particular children, youth in the broad sense and audiences far from reading; be an association or a structure of general interest in the fiscal sense of the term; – have its registered office in France; be established and deploy its actions over a wide territory (at the regional, national or level of a large agglomeration...).
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>14/02/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.fondationhachette.com/#appel_a_projets">https://www.fondationhachette.com/#appel_a_projets</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CONGO BASIN CONCLAVE 2 – ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT</b>
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<b>Programme: U.S. Mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The Congo Basin and its people are increasingly under threat. Slash and burn agriculture, urbanization, rapid population growth, charcoal production, deforestation, illegal logging and mining, and the bushmeat trade, all contribute to environmental degradation. The Congo Basin Conclave conceives of a cross-sectional approach to “smart” development that balances economic opportunities for local communities and protections for indigenous peoples. The Conclave seeks to bring together local stakeholders to build networks that support projects that invest in the people of the Congo Basin, who stand to benefit the most from a healthy, sustainable environment.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	In a country that is home to 60% of the Congo Basin – the world’s second-largest rainforest – the U.S. Embassy Kinshasa hosted the first Congo Basin Conclave April 22-24, 2024, with delegations from Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, and the Republic of the Congo, as well as participants from across the DRC. Pre-conclave discussions took place in all four participating countries, generating ideas and themes for the Kinshasa Conclave. The 130 participants formed six thematic dialogue groups that met four times over the course of the three days, culminating in recommendations and action plans for cross-border collaborations. The second Congo Basin Conclave will build on this substantive work, galvanizing support for Congo Basin preservation.  Actions must take place in Democratic Republic of the Congo.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The following organizations are eligible to apply: Not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks and civil society/non-governmental organizations; Public and private educational institutions; Individuals.
<b>Total Budget: €150,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 14/02/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358212">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358212</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUSTAINABLE SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES</b>
<b>Programme: South Africa USAID-Pretoria</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The activity seeks to support interventions aligned to one or more of the following objectives that meet the high-level key result:
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective 1: Accredited or industry endorsed skills programs with a green skills focus are developed through strong private sector engagement in Mpumalanga’s coal belt communities, with evidence of strong long-lasting institutional support being built. (Note: For interventions where accreditation is being sought, applicants must be clear about how the accreditation process will work, how far along it is or will be based on realistic timelines. For industry certified programs, applicants must demonstrate previous industry acceptance and/or transferability of the certificate.)</li> <li>Objective 2: Students and graduates, in their diverse needs and starting points, are provided accredited or industry endorsed technical knowledge and soft skills that are transferable to the workplace and have gained practical work-</li> </ul>



	<p>based learning opportunities required to complete their qualifications because of strong industry partnerships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective 3: Capacity of youth and graduates/course completers to meaningfully participate in the formal economy is increased by unlocking earning opportunities through local/ community/ business partnerships in identified green sector(s) while also ensuring inclusive and just growth for the historically marginalized in that field.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in South Africa.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	This opportunity is unrestricted.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>18/02/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358214">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358214</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>KBF AFRICA PRIZE 2025-2026</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>King Baudouin Foundation (KBF)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The KBF Africa Prize rewards outstanding contributions to development in Africa, initiated and led by Africans. The Prize also seeks to draw public attention to the many inspirational stories, including challenges and successes, emerging from the African continent. The Prize is awarded every other year by the King Baudouin Foundation.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The Prize endeavours to reward innovative initiatives of Africans with a longer term vision and impact proven track record in improving the quality of life. The Selection Committee also pays particular attention to initiatives that stand out as the best in their field, improve the quality of life of the people they serve and empower people to take development into their own hands. There are no restrictions as to the chosen themes. The Selection Committee favors positive approaches that deal with actual challenges in Africa.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Africa.</p> <p>Beyond its monetary value of €250,000, it offers its laureates unique opportunities to increase their visibility and promote their cause to international audiences.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The submission of a candidate's file may only be undertaken by a nominator. The selection committee will not consider applications by individuals who are applying for the Prize themselves or for an organization within which they are active. The Prize will be awarded to Africans or organisations which are founded and led by Africans.

<b>Total Budget:</b>	€250,000
<b>Deadline:</b>	03/03/2025
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://kbs-frb.be/en/kbf-africa-prize-2025-2026">https://kbs-frb.be/en/kbf-africa-prize-2025-2026</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT THROUGH CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT IN PANAMA</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>U.S. Mission to Panama</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The U.S. Embassy in Panama announces a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to promote democratic institutions, accountability, and good governance in Panama with up to \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2024 Economic Support Funds (ESF) for a project period between 18-24 months.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The anticipated start date for this activity is August 4, 2025.  Actions must take place in Panama.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants are: U.S. Non-profit/non-governmental organizations (NGOs) having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS or overseas based NGOs, institutions of higher education, and public international organizations (PIOs); Panama NGOs are strongly encouraged to apply.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	\$500,000
<b>Deadline:</b>	14/03/2025
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358193">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358193</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>DRL STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>US Department of State</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) announces an open competition for organizations interested in submitting separate applications that address youth engagement and strengthening legislative drafting.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	DRL anticipates funding two separate programs, with one project focusing on youth participation and the other project supporting legislative drafting.  Actions must take place in Pakistan.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	DRL welcomes applications from U.S.-based and foreign-based non-profit organizations/nongovernmental organizations (NGO) and public international organizations; private, public, or state institutions of higher education; and for-profit organizations or businesses.

<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$1,500,000 per project</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>17/03/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358204">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358204</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>EUROPE-AFRICA RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CALL ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	Sustainable Energy (SE) development is essential for Africa and Europe's green energy transition in order to tackle the global challenge of climate change. Providing reliable and clean energy access to millions of people worldwide is necessary. To this end, the Long-Term Joint EU-AU Research and Innovation Partnership on Sustainable Energy (LEAP-SE) program co-funded by the European Commission (EC) under Horizon Europe aims at developing a long-term partnership between Europe and Africa on Research and Innovation (R&I) on sustainable energy. This partnership is set within the framework of the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (CCSE) partnership of the AU-EU High-Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) on Science, Technology and Innovation.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The range of activities recommended for collaboration under LEAP-SE will focus on 7 identified multi-annual roadmaps presented in the Call and also on the LEAP-RE thematic priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of Renewable Energy Sources and integration of RES in sustainable energy scenarios;</li> <li>• End-of-life and second-life management and environmental impact of RE components;</li> <li>• Smart stand-alone systems;</li> <li>• Smart grid (different scales) for off grid application;</li> <li>• Processes and appliances for productive uses (agriculture, mobility and industry);</li> <li>• Innovative solutions for priority domestic uses (clean cooking and cold chain);</li> <li>• Production and utilization of Green Hydrogen</li> </ul> <p>Activities must take place in EU Member States and African countries.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants must be private or public bodies established in one of the eligible countries.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€10,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>27/03/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/9827">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/9827</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>RURBANIVE Open Call to provide Financial Support to Third Parties</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	To fuel the growth trajectory of digital solutions for Rural-Urban synergies and boost the overall project impact, RURBANIVE has launched a single Open Call (OC) providing Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) as a mechanism to increase the number of Rural-Urban Enablers.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Purpose and Objectives</p> <p>RURBANIVE Open Call encourages technology &amp; service providers to develop and apply their own RUE within the 6 RURBANIVE domains, increasing the number of RUEs available to endusers. To ensure that the RUEs will be tailor-made to meet each rural-urban area's needs, the Open Call poses requirements for the submission of proposals from consortia of min 2-max 4 parties including at least 1 technology &amp; service provider (e.g. entities such as SMEs and other private for-profit or non-profit organizations, technological spin-offs, research institutions etc.) and at least 1 end-user (e.g. actors from the rural-urban environments, such as Local &amp; Regional Administrations, Civil Society, Cooperatives, Associations, NGOs, Local Action Groups, Chambers and other Trade representative organizations, etc.). The newly developed RUEs will become available in English and in the local language. In addition, during sub-project implementation matchmaking activities between the developed RUE and the RUEs developed by the RURBANIVE consortium will be pursued and the opportunity will be given to develop the RUE in all relevant languages. Lastly, every developed RUE will have to produce a SUMMARY, which will also be available through RURBANIVE's Community Store, in all languages of RURBANIVE's consortium.</p> <p>The purpose of the Open Call is to provide more solutions for the rural-urban areas, accelerate the expansion of the RURBANIVE innovation ecosystem and ensure an adequate motivation of the end-users. The participants will contribute to the enrichment of the RURBANIVE's Community Store, which will serve as a one-stop-shop offering enhanced capabilities for searching and accessing digitised solutions and services.</p> <p>The selected RUEs will be enhanced by new Business Models through participatory processes with rural and urban communities and relevant good practices. The OC will also enable the transfer of good practices and the creation of RUEs in other European rural-urban territories, facilitating the transferability and the replicability of these innovations to EU areas facing similar conditions.</p> <p>Under the framework described above, the OC aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address a wider range of societal and environmental challenges related to the 6 RURBANIVE domains.</li> <li>Harness the potential of using data from multiple sources and make users themselves part of the solution.</li> <li>Enable the transferability and accelerate the uptake and upscale of the RUEs at a pan European level towards sustainable and resilient rural areas.</li> <li>Enhance RURBANIVE's Community Store by adding at least 6 more RUEs based on the synergies between rural and urban environments across Europe.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>RURBANIVE will accept applications, involving consortia of 2-4 parties (≥1 technology &amp; service provider and ≥1 end-user) and proposed solutions must fall within one of the following domains:</p>

	<p>improving logistics, and shortening value chains ecosystem and biodiversity restoration regional circular bioeconomy development user engagement, empowerment, society and territorial awareness culture, landscape and heritage access and promotion and enhanced mobility</p> <p>An automatic filtering to discard non-eligible proposals will be based on the following criteria: Legal entity in eligible country; Uniqueness of the proposal (one proposal per consortium); Each party can participate in only one proposal; If any applicant is found to participate in multiple applications, all such project applications will be rejected. Proposal includes at least one technical party (e.g. entities such as SMEs and other private for-profit or non-profit organizations, technological spin-offs, research institutions etc) and at least one rural community (e.g. actors from the rural-urban environments, such as Local &amp; Regional Administrations, Civil Society, Cooperatives, Associations, NGOs, Local Action Groups, Chambers and other Trade representative organizations, etc.); Proposed solutions fall within one of the six (6) domains: circular economy, ecosystem and biodiversity restoration, improving logistics, and shortening value chains, user engagement, empowerment, society and territorial awareness, culture, landscape and heritage access and promotion &amp; enhanced mobility. On top of that, the following eligibility criteria apply: Existing consortium members of the RURBANIVE project and their affiliated entities are not eligible for the OC. Proposals shall only ask for funding for that part of the work that is not yet accomplished and will be carried out once having been selected for funding. Of course, this does not exclude the usage of e.g., results, IP, infrastructures or approaches already held by the applicants. All Applicants must have a valid VAT number and must be active and operational. However, in case having VAT number is not mandatory according to the national legislation of the applicant's country, a registration number from the respective national authority (National business registry, Commercial court or similar) must be provided.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>31/03/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/9467">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/9467</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>PREVENTION OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION THROUGH AWARENESS RAISING AND INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - AMIF</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The general objective of this call for proposals is to enhance the prevention of irregular migration in countries of origin and transit and to undermine the business models of migrant smugglers by reducing the demand for their services. This should be achieved by raising awareness about the risks of irregular migration and migrant smuggling in

	key countries of origin and transit, informing potential migrants about available legal pathways to Europe, and highlighting alternative economic opportunities in their home countries.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The aim is to provide reliable information to counter the false narrative promoted by criminal networks and to alter the perceptions and behaviour of third-country nationals considering irregular migration to the EU, as well as key influencers in their decisions, such as family members, religious or community leaders, teachers, returning migrants, and migration facilitators. This enables migrants and potential migrants to make better-informed decisions based on objective information rather than misinformation spread by smugglers.  Actions must take place in EU Member States and countries associated to the AMIF.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible organisations are legal entities (public or private bodies).
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€10,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>01/04/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/AMIF-2024-TF2-AG-INFO-01">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/AMIF-2024-TF2-AG-INFO-01</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Information and Training measures for Workers' Organisations</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is seeking proposals to strengthen the capacity of workers' organisations (both in Member States and candidate countries) to address, at EU/transnational level, challenges related to changes in employment and working conditions as well as challenges related to their effective participation in social dialogue.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Themes and Priorities Actions that address the following themes will be particularly welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• actions aimed at preparing negotiations of autonomous social partner agreements to be concluded at EU level and at supporting their implementation at national level;</li> <li>• actions related to the implementation of the work programmes of the existing European Social Dialogue Committees;</li> <li>• actions related to the involvement of social partners in the European Semester and enhancing their contribution to EU policy making.</li> </ul> Other relevant themes for this call are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• measures which contribute to addressing the employment, social and economic challenges as identified in the European Pillar of Social Rights.</li> <li>• modernisation of the labour market, job creation and youth employment;</li> <li>• new forms of work, including telework and platform work;</li> <li>• strengthening collective bargaining, including on minimum wage;</li> <li>• quality of work, including fair working-conditions and health and safety at work, anticipation, preparation and management of change and restructuring;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>digitalisation of the economy and society (including artificial intelligence and algorithmic management);</li> <li>transition to a climate-neutral economy;</li> <li>labour shortages and skills development including re- and upskilling; skills intelligence;</li> <li>intra-EU labour mobility, attracting talent in line with the needs of the economies and labour market;</li> <li>modernisation of social protection systems, including access to social protection for those in non-standard forms of employment;</li> <li>reconciliation of work and family life, gender equality, action in the field of antidiscrimination, healthier and longer working lives, active inclusion and decent work;</li> <li>tackling the employment, social and economic consequences of crisis situations.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligible Activities</p> <p>The types of activities which may be funded under this call for proposals include: conferences, seminars, round tables, studies, surveys, publications, training courses, development of training tools, the setting up of networks and the development and exchange of best practices.</p> <p>Activities funded under this call for proposals should respect the gender equality and anti-discrimination principles. Access for people with disabilities shall be guaranteed.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries, affiliated entities and associated partners) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>be legal entities (public or private bodies);</li> <li>be established and registered in one of the eligible countries, i.e.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU Member States</li> <li>non-EU countries (not for coordinator and single applicant):</li> <li>Candidate countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Total Budget: €5,661,382</b>	
<b>Deadline: 15/04/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/SOCPL-2025-INFO-WK">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/SOCPL-2025-INFO-WK</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - UCPM</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The action “Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management” (hereinafter: “Track 1”) provides national disaster risk management authorities of eligible countries with financial support for the development of strategic disaster risk management actions. First introduced in the UCPM Annual Work Programme of 2019, “Track 1” grants help national civil protection and other disaster risk management authorities prepare investment projects and strengthen their institutional and policy framework. Between 2019 and 2024, 23 Member States have received funding for over 61 grants, for a total value of over EUR 26 million.

<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Applicants must choose only one of the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 1: Strategic frameworks for disaster risk management</li> <li>• Priority 2: Investments for disaster risk management</li> <li>• Priority 3: Investments to improve crisis management capabilities</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in EU member states plus Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye, Ukraine, Georgia, Kosovo.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must be legal entities (public or private bodies) established in the eligible countries.
<b>Total Budget: €6,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/04/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/UCPM-2025-TRACK1">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/UCPM-2025-TRACK1</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Digital Label - One source of Comprehensive Information for Medical Technology Products</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The European Commission is inviting proposals to establish a consensus-based digital label concept applicable to all types and classes of medical devices and IVDs, making use of existing technologies that will be further improved to suit medical technology products specifically.</p> <p>Scope</p> <p>A digital label is a form of e-labelling provided as an array of elements supporting a medical technology product, which is additional to critical information on the printed label (identification and traceability of the device, warnings and precautions, handling and use information). Access to the digital label is achieved, for example in the form of barcodes, 2D data matrix, QR codes, etc., which provides a scan able link to curated digital landing pages (websites) where the additional information will be displayed.</p> <p>Aim</p> <p>To fulfill the overall aim, the action funded under this topic must: deliver a framework for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mapping of data elements that must be physically present on the label and those that the manufacturer can provide digitally. The framework will consider the requirements of EU Regulations (MDR General Safety and Performance Requirement (GSPR) 23.1, IVDR GSPR 20.1; the Packaging and Packaging Waste (PPWD) Directive; Digital Product passport, waste and packaging, battery, etc.) and is meant to also support future EU legislation (or transposition thereof in Member States).</li> <li>• a standardised concept in providing digital content and structure for the medtech manufacturers. taking into account the different device types.</li> <li>• define and make publicly available key performance indicators (KPIs) (e.g. trends of access and digital content type) or other measures to assess the</li> </ul>



	<p>acceptability and workability of the potential digital label solution(s), provided by manufacturers, and to be tested with end users (HCPs and patients).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• generate evidence on the acceptability and usability of digital label solutions through testing in a variety of use environments that will be defined by the full consortium.</li> <li>• engage with all relevant stakeholders (e.g. HCPs, patients, national competent authorities, notified bodies) throughout the project lifetime to get robust input through consultations, surveys, workshops and testing.</li> <li>• based on the results of testing and body of evidence gathered, develop recommendations on digital labels to inform relevant stakeholders, regulators, policy makers, and the relevant ISO/IEC bodies for the possible development of ISO/IEC standards for digital labelling for medical devices and IVDs.</li> <li>• ensure appropriate knowledge dissemination via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• developing training materials;</li> <li>• subsequently fine-tuning training material for deployment to the public at large in all EU national languages: end users (HCPs, patients)/regulators (national competent authorities)/notified bodies in the EU Member States and any other relevant stakeholders;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• facilitating awareness and communication with other global jurisdictions' digital label initiatives.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eligible Activities:</b></p>	<p>Expected Impact</p> <p>The action to be funded under this topic is expected to achieve the following impacts:</p> <p>Streamlined and 'green' delivery of information Key information as well as additional information is easily (and more) visible, accessible and identifiable to users (HCPs, patients) and health authorities equipped with a simple smart device (e.g., phone or tablet device) Significant reduction of carbon footprint and avoidance of over-labelling, hereby contributing to the European Green Deal Improved accessibility of information for users (HCPs and patients) and regulators. All the information that users might need is available in one place in their language of choice, thus increasing equal access of users to medical technologies Targeted information based on user location: in the EU: summary of safety and clinical performance (SSCP), the European database for medical devices (EUDAMED) modules when available; globally: electronic instructions for use (eIFU):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crucial information from the printed label is additionally visible upon scanning (e.g. expiry date);</li> <li>• Connection to technical support in case of problems;</li> <li>• Reducing risk of use errors;</li> <li>• Real time updates;</li> <li>• Avoidance of cluttered labels.</li> </ul> <p>Increased alignment between MDR and other EU and national legislations and streamlined compliance for all. One digital carrier will directly link the user with the up-to-date information required by the Digital Product passport in multiple languages (EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation EU Battery regulation, information on spare parts, etc.), hereby contributing to the European Green Deal Increased competitiveness in the EU market thanks to improved supply management and streamlined packaging and labelling operations Driving acceptance through (voluntary) adoption of digital labels by medical device manufacturers and their use by end users, notified bodies, national competent authorities in the European market, supported by the developed training material.</p>

	<p>Digital label is considered an additional tool to requirements in current legislation (MDR, IVDR).</p> <p>Expected Outcomes</p> <p>The action under this topic must contribute to all of the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A consensus-based digital label concept/framework for medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices (IVDs) is available to be used by manufacturers that meets end users' requirements and addresses regulators' demands</li> <li>• Multiple valid and scalable digital label solutions based on a standardised approach are available and they:</li> <li>• all work with the same enabler (label reader) for all medical technology product labels (all medical devices and IVDs, all types, all classes). This topic does not cover pharmaceutical products as such. Combination products that fall under the scope of regulations on medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices (MDR/IVDR) are, therefore, regulated as devices and are considered to be part of this topic;</li> <li>• serve as an up-to-date single point of access to all information about the specific device;</li> <li>• are interoperable with other EU legislation (such as digital product passport) and national legislation (e.g. language requirements);</li> <li>• consider accepted international standards for data carriers;</li> <li>• are acceptable after verification via user testing.</li> <li>• Evidence-based recommendations are available that may inform the European Commission's and the national competent authorities' policy recommendations</li> </ul> <p>Training materials on digital labels are available to the end users (healthcare professionals (HCPs) and patients), regulators (national competent authorities) and notified bodies in the EU Member States</p> <p>A basis towards future international acceptance is created via: documentation gathered that would be needed to launch a proposal for a new digital label standard or adaptation of an existing standard under the International Organisation for Standardisation/International Electro technical Commission (ISO/IEC) – development of a standard itself is not planned during the lifetime of the project; awareness raising with other international jurisdictions that consider digital label initiatives.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Not available
<b>Total Budget: €33,849,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/04/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-JU-IHI-2025-10-01-two-stage">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-JU-IHI-2025-10-01-two-stage</a>

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