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New Opportunities

Call Title:	Artistic Residency for European Cooperation Project
Programme: ACCESS	
Objective:	The ACCESS is inviting applications for its Artistic Residency to support project aiming for musical experiences that can be enhanced by new forms of listening, creating and engaging audiences and artists, in places not dedicated to music. The selected artists will take part of an artistic residency, with a duration of seven days (8 days for Prague), where a group of seven European artists will work collectively under several work strategies, from open and graphic scores, soundscape composition, sonic ecology or collective improvisation to create, record and present publicly the output of their work. Each residency has a specific theme, directly related with the space where it will take place.
Eligible Activities:	During its two-year duration, six artistic residencies aggregated in two different cycles will take place in France, Portugal, and the Czech Republic. Following the first cycle (September 2024 – May 2025), this call announces three new residencies forming the second cycle. These residencies invite artists from various Creative Europe countries to engage collaboratively in site-specific contexts. This residency will focus on developing a series of small actions—performances and recordings—within the local community surrounding Sonoscopia’s neighbourhood. In response to Porto’s changing urban dynamics due to tourism, artists will rethink and activate spaces outside the city centre, working closely with residents to create and present works in everyday settings or Sonoscopia’s facilities. Six improvisational musicians and one creative video artist will be selected for this project. In Prague, participating artists will collaborate with teenagers in a secondary school setting to develop a site-specific performance that moves through the school’s architecture. Preparation will occur both during a school expedition in the Karlovy Vary region and at the school itself, culminating in a final presentation. Musicians and sound artists with experience working with teenagers are encouraged to apply, alongside one dancer or performer and one visual artist specializing in video art, light design, or stage design. A tutor with experience in working with teenagers will support the group during the residency. This residency aims to immerse sound artists in the natural environment of the French Pyrenees, encouraging them to make nature a driving force of the creative process. Participants will explore sound in relation to the landscape, history, and local community through daily sound explorations and public gatherings. Due to the mountainous terrain, artists must be in good physical condition and equipped with portable instruments and mountain gear, as they may need to walk 2–4 hours daily carrying their equipment.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must hold nationality or a residence permit from one of the participating Creative Europe countries: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and 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, Tunisia, Ukraine, including EU member states and several neighbouring nations. The consortium team will make final selections, ensuring diversity and collective compatibility among participants.

Total Budget:	€10,000
Deadline:	02/11/2025
More information and official documents:	https://experimentingaccess.eu/events/open-call-for-artists-2025-2026/

Call Title:	ResilMesh Project
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	The ResilMesh project has opened its second open call, inviting innovators, researchers, and technology developers to collaborate in strengthening cybersecurity and resilience across Europe's critical infrastructures.
Eligible Activities:	This opportunity is designed for organizations aiming to contribute innovative solutions, tools, or methodologies that enhance the ResilMesh Security Orchestration and Analytics Platform Architecture (SOAPA). The initiative focuses on developing and validating technologies that improve the detection, analysis, and response to cyber threats in complex digital ecosystems, such as energy networks, industrial systems, transportation, and manufacturing environments. The programme will select five applications—two focusing on extensions to new domains and systems, and three centred on the development of new analytic algorithms and architectures. Each selected proposal will receive funding of up to €72,000, distributed in lump sums of 25%, 45%, and 30% at the completion of each stage. This milestone-based funding structure ensures that participants are supported throughout the project lifecycle, from concept to implementation and validation. Participants will benefit not only from financial support but also from technical mentorship, collaboration opportunities with the ResilMesh consortium, and real-world validation of their innovations within critical infrastructure contexts. The selected projects will directly contribute to improving situational awareness, predictive analytics, AI-driven security orchestration, and proactive defense mechanisms—core goals of the ResilMesh platform. By engaging in this initiative, participants will become part of a forward-thinking European collaboration aimed at redefining cybersecurity practices through innovation, awareness, and cross-sectoral partnerships. The open call offers a valuable opportunity for organizations to contribute meaningfully to Europe's digital resilience strategy while advancing their own technologies and expanding their networks within the cybersecurity and research ecosystem.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility for this open call is extended to legal entities or consortia of legal entities, including mid-cap companies, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and research organizations such as RTOs and academic institutions. In consortium applications, the lead partner must be responsible for the technical development, while the other member will serve as an end user responsible for validating the developed technologies. All applicants must be established and based in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country. However, as ResilMesh was funded before 1 January 2024, entities based in the United Kingdom are not eligible for funding under this call.

Total Budget:	€360,000
Deadline:	05/11/2025
More information and official documents:	https://resilmesh.eu/open-call-2-open/

Call Title:	Endangered Archives Programme
Programme:	The British Library
Objective:	The British Library is requesting applications for its Endangered Archives Programme to preserve cultural heritage and make it available to as wide an audience as possible.
Eligible Activities:	Before applying, applicants must ensure that all stakeholders, including Archival Partners, archive owners or custodians, and other institutions, are aware of the application. A senior representative from the Host Institution must be familiar with the Grant Agreement and authorised to sign it without alteration. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their applications with the EAP team or attend a webinar. Applications are evaluated against three broad criteria: the Content of the archive, the Project team, and the Project plan. Under Content of archive, applicants must demonstrate endangerment, research value, appropriate location and age of material, and adherence to legal and ethical rights. Under Project team, applicants must show relevant experience, skills, and knowledge within the team. Under Project plan, they must present a feasible and well-structured proposal addressing logistics, local capacity building, and budget justification. The plan should also outline post-project activities, including equipment usage and training application for future initiatives.
Eligible Applicants:	Before applying, applicants must ensure that all stakeholders, including Archival Partners, archive owners or custodians, and other institutions, are aware of the application. A senior representative from the Host Institution must be familiar with the Grant Agreement and authorised to sign it without alteration. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their applications with the EAP team or attend a webinar. Applications are evaluated against three broad criteria: the Content of the archive, the Project team, and the Project plan. Under Content of archive, applicants must demonstrate endangerment, research value, appropriate location and age of material, and adherence to legal and ethical rights. Under Project team, applicants must show relevant experience, skills, and knowledge within the team. Under Project plan, they must present a feasible and well-structured proposal addressing logistics, local capacity building, and budget justification. The plan should also outline post-project activities, including equipment usage and training application for future initiatives.
Total Budget:	€500,000
Deadline:	07/11/2025
More information and official documents:	https://eap.bl.uk/applicants

Call Title:	iCreate Drone Challenge 2025 (India)
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Programme: iCREATE	
Objective:	The iCreate Drone Challenge 2025 is a national initiative designed to unleash the innovative potential of India's brightest minds in drone technology, aiming to identify, nurture, and accelerate groundbreaking drone innovations that push the boundaries of performance, efficiency, and affordability while also fostering component indigenisation.
Eligible Activities:	Drone type: Micro/Small/Medium/Large. Fuel type: Electric/Non-electric. Track 1: Aerial Excellence. Theme 1: Speed Challenge – The Velocity Sprint. Objective: To design, build, and demonstrate the fastest drone possible. Focus areas: Aerodynamics, propulsion efficiency, material science, and controller stability at high velocity. Theme 2: Payload Challenge – The Power Lift. Objective: To create a drone capable of achieving the highest possible payload-to-weight ratio. Focus areas: Powertrain efficiency, structural strength, load distribution, lightweight composites. Theme 3: Endurance Challenge – The Aether Marathon. Objective: To create a drone capable of achieving the longest possible flight time on a single charge or refuel. Focus areas: Energy density (batteries/fuel cells), powertrain efficiency, lightweight structures, energy management systems. Track 2: Component Indigenisation. Theme 1: Propulsion & Power Systems. Problem: Limited availability of efficient, lightweight, high-torque motors, ESCs, and propellers. Focus Areas: Indigenous motors, ESCs, propeller systems. Example: High-performance motor with optimised torque-to-weight ratio and custom ESC firmware. Theme 2: Energy Systems. Problem: Short flight endurance and safety risks in conventional battery packs. Focus Areas: Next-gen batteries (solid-state, LTO), hydrogen fuel cells, smart BMS. Example: Solid-state battery, Smart Battery Management System; hydrogen fuel cell with lightweight storage and efficient power management. Theme 3: Avionics & Autonomy. Problem: Dependence on non-customisable controllers and lack of secure, AI-driven autonomy. Focus Areas: Indigenous flight controllers, communication systems, navigation, AI/ML autonomy. Example: Flight controller with AI-based obstacle avoidance and secure navigation module. Theme 4: Sensors & Payloads. Problem: High cost and limited access to modular, mission-specific sensors. Focus Areas: Affordable, modular payloads – imaging, LIDAR, thermal, multispectral. Example: Affordable multispectral sensor with plug-and-play payload interface. Theme 5: Materials & Structures. Problem: Heavy, costly, non-modular airframes limit scalability and resilience. Focus Areas: Crash-resistant, lightweight composites, modular frames. Example: Modular composite frame with high strength-to-weight ratio. Theme 6: Agility Challenge (Thrust Vectoring). Problem: Limited agility and stability in extreme conditions due to reliance on propeller speed alone. Focus Areas: Thrust-vectoring systems for advanced manoeuvrability and stability. Example: Tilt-rotor multirotor enabling inverted flight, wall-contact manoeuvres, and precise orientation control. This challenge goes beyond competition, serving as a launchpad for innovators, engineering students, startups, and R&D teams across India who want to redefine drone possibilities. By focusing on speed, payload capacity, and endurance, it accelerates India's vision of becoming a global drone hub by 2030.
Eligible Applicants:	Participants will gain extensive benefits including the opportunity to pitch for a funding pool of Rs 2 crore from iCreate, free access to a fully residential prototype acceleration programme, state-of-the-art lab facilities, rapid prototyping resources, software credits for design and simulation, and expert guidance in

	business modelling and IP strategy. Additional support includes mentorship, industry connections, sourcing assistance, paid pilots with industry and government, incubation opportunities, and exposure to investors and corporate partners. Applications require a team profile, technical details, and a pitch deck, with a preliminary prototype or concept video strongly recommended. Eligibility is open to startups, innovators, student teams, and R&D groups registered in India who can demonstrate their prototypes at zonal qualifier rounds.
Total Budget: €500,000	
Deadline: 15/11/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://idc.icreate.org.in/

Call Title:	NEXUS FUNDING FACILITY
Programme:	UNDP
Objective:	The Nexus Funding Facility (NFF) is a regional, multi-donor mechanism administered by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to operationalize the Humanitarian–Development–Peace (HDP) Nexus in the Lake Chad Basin. It provides catalytic financing for area-based and cross-border initiatives that both address urgent humanitarian needs and tackle the underlying drivers of vulnerability, conflict, and underdevelopment.
Eligible Activities:	The NFF provides catalytic, flexible, and multi-year financing to initiatives that: • Address urgent humanitarian needs while tackling the root causes of vulnerability and conflict; • Strengthen community resilience, peace, and inclusive governance; • Foster collaboration among humanitarian, development, and peace actors under nationally validated priorities. Actions must take place in Chad and Cameroon.
Eligible Applicants:	In line with UNSDG guidance applications are open to organizations across the Humanitarian–Development–Peace (HDP) spectrum, including UN agencies, international NGOs, and National NGOs/ Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).
Total Budget: \$5,800,000	
Deadline: 23/11/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.undp.org/africa/waca/publications/call-proposals-stage-1-nexus-funding-facility

Call Title:	Open Call for Climate Democracy Accelerator Program
Programme:	People Powered
Objective:	The Climate Democracy Accelerator (CDA) by People Powered offers a unique opportunity for governments and civil society organizations to design inclusive and participatory climate action programs.

Eligible Activities:	The effort centres on regenerative agriculture, renewable energy, and just transition policies that engage affected communities in shaping sustainable climate decisions. Over six months, program participants will receive hands-on training, mentorship, and resources including the innovative Participation Playbook, which helps guide the design of participatory processes. They will also join peer groups, access country-level support, and engage in live sessions and workshops aligned to their local contexts. In addition to capacity building, each participant is eligible for a USD 10,000 implementation grant, providing seed funding to launch their climate democracy project. Among these, the top five action plans in each cohort may receive an extra award of USD 15,000 to further amplify their work. Selected teams will dedicate roughly two to three hours per week from March to August 2026 to work through program modules and collaborative development. After completing the training phase, they will have 12 months to implement their action plan using the grant funding. This initiative is a chance for changemakers to pilot participatory models that elevate marginalized voices in climate policy, build legitimacy around climate decisions, and strengthen the accountability and responsiveness of climate action in their communities.
Eligible Applicants:	The CDA particularly prioritizes applicants from Brazil, Indonesia, India, Mexico, and South Africa, though organizations from other countries may also apply. Eligible applicants include government institutions (in partnership with civil society) and NGOs focused on climate policy, participatory governance, and community-led solutions.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 30/11/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.peoplepowered.org/climate-democracy-accelerator

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM HOROWITZ FOUNDATION
Programme: HOROWITZ FOUNDATION	
Objective:	The Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy was established in 1997 by Irving Louis Horowitz and Mary E. Curtis as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Its general purpose is to support the advancement of research and understanding in the major fields of the social sciences. Its specific purpose is to provide small grants to aspiring PhD students at the dissertation level to support the research they are undertaking for their project.
Eligible Activities:	Their aim is to: - To support emerging scholars through small grants; - To promote scholarship with a social policy application; and - To encourage projects that address contemporary issues in the social sciences. Actions must take place in the US or worldwide.

Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be current PhD (or DrPH) candidates who are working on their dissertation; Applicants must not have a PhD; those who do, are ineligible; Applicants must have defended their dissertation proposal or had their topic approved by their department; Applicants can be from any country and any university in the world. US citizenship or residency is not required. Awards are made to individuals, not institutions. If processed through an institution, a waiver for overhead is required.
Total Budget:	\$100,000
Deadline:	01/12/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.horowitz-foundation.org/faq

Call Title:	NGI Mobifree Pilot Program
Programme:	NLnet Foundation
Objective:	The NGI Mobifree program by NLnet Foundation is currently offering R&D grants between €5,000 and €50,000 to independent developers, organizations, and researchers who want to push mobile technology toward more open, ethical, and human-centered designs.
Eligible Activities:	Mobifree aims to challenge the dominance of closed, proprietary mobile ecosystems by supporting work in open source software, libre hardware, open standards, and interoperable protocols. Grant recipients are encouraged to propose projects that disrupt existing gatekeepers, enhance security and privacy, improve usability, or build community-owned infrastructure. All resulting code and research must be published under open licenses and shared openly for reuse, scrutiny, and collaboration. This call offers a rare chance for innovators to make breakthroughs in how mobile technologies are built and experienced. Whether through new operating systems, application frameworks, alternative app stores, or privacy-enhancing tools, supported projects will help steer the future of mobile computing toward greater transparency, choice, and user sovereignty.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants will compete for a share of €670,000 allocated specifically for these grants. Projects are evaluated based on technical merit, relevance to the Next Generation Internet vision, strategic impact, and value for money. During the evaluation process, successful applicants may receive feedback or be asked to refine their proposals before final selection.
Total Budget:	€667,000
Deadline:	01/12/2025
More information and official documents:	https://nlnet.nl/mobifree/

Call Title:	D-PRIZE COMPETITION
Programme:	D-PRIZE
Objective:	D-Prize funds new entrepreneurs who increase access to proven poverty interventions. The world has already invented ways to end poverty, yet the best

	interventions are not being distributed at mass-scale. D-Prize expands access to poverty-alleviation interventions in the developing world. Many solutions to poverty already exist. The challenge is distributing these solutions to the people who need it most. Their programs produce new “distribution entrepreneurs” – social entrepreneurs who start new ventures that distribute proven life-enhancing technologies to millions of people living in extreme poverty. The Challenges include: girls education, agriculture, energy, global health, education, governance and infrastructure, and custom.
Eligible Activities:	The specific goals of D-Prize is to: (1) significantly increase access to life-enhancing technologies in the developing world – and prove an impact in a measurable way; (2) encourage young entrepreneurs to focus their talent on the developing world, pilot new solutions to distribution problems, and launch new social ventures; (3) encourage a global dialogue on the importance of leveraging distribution solutions for development. The believe the path to development is through solving distribution. Applicants can design a business or NGO that solves one of the Distribution Challenges: girl’s education, agriculture, energy, education, global health, governance and infrastructure and custom. D-Prize is for aspiring entrepreneurs from anywhere in the world, of any age, and any background.
Eligible Applicants:	D-Prize is open to any business model (for profit, non-profit, and everything in between). They will consider funding existing organisations only if: they are piloting a new distribution-focused initiative, and need high risk capital.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 04/01/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.d-prize.org/

Call Title:	Information Measures for the EU Cohesion Policy 2025
Programme:	European Commission
Objective:	The European Commission has opened the 2025 call for proposals under the Information Measures for the EU Cohesion Policy (IMREG-2025-INFOME), inviting applications to support projects that communicate the results and impact of EU Cohesion policy across Member States through information and outreach activities.
Eligible Activities:	The main aim of the call is to provide support for the production and dissemination of information and content linked to EU Cohesion policy, including inter alia the Just Transition Fund, or relevant support from the Technical Support Instrument. The proposals should provide coherent, objective and comprehensive information, in order to give an accurate overall picture of the EU Cohesion policy. The proposals should illustrate and assess the role of Cohesion policy in delivering the EU’s political priorities, such as the transition to a greener, more digital economy, development of strategic technologies, housing or the demographic transition and the right to stay, and in addressing current and future challenges for the EU, its Member States, its regions and the local level.

	The 2025 call for proposals under the Information Measures for the EU Cohesion Policy (IMREG-2025-INFOME) aims to strengthen awareness and understanding of how the EU's Cohesion policy supports growth, job creation, and regional development across Europe. It focuses on showcasing how EU funds contribute to reducing disparities among Member States and regions, while also helping citizens connect EU actions to tangible improvements in their lives. The expected impact for the general public is to raise awareness of the results of Cohesion policy and its effects on citizens' lives, particularly among Europeans who may be unaware of EU actions in their region. The expected outcomes include increasing media coverage on Cohesion policy, particularly at regional and local levels, enhancing people's awareness of its results and impact, and achieving concrete outputs such as television or radio broadcasts, online or print coverage, or other dissemination measures that ensure wide outreach and multilingual inclusion. The scope of eligible activities includes production and distribution of print, multimedia, or audiovisual material, web and social media outreach activities, media events, and organization of conferences, seminars, or workshops. The total indicative budget available for this call is EUR 3.5 million, with grants awarded under the IMREG Project Grants (IMREG-PJG) action type.
Eligible Applicants:	For stakeholders such as national, regional, and local authorities, businesses, academia, and beneficiaries, the initiative seeks to encourage engagement and communication about the impact of Cohesion policy on their regions, while contributing to discussions on the policy's future direction and the broader future of Europe.
Total Budget: €3,500,000	
Deadline: 15/01/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/IMREG-2025-INFOME

Call Title:	SOFT Innovation Prize 2026 EURATOM-2026-SOFT-PRIZE
Programme:	SOFT Innovation Prize 2026 (EURATOM-2026-SOFT-PRIZE)
Objective:	Specific Challenge: Fusion research encompasses innovation in the domains of physics and technology over a wide range of specialisations. Fusion researchers are constantly challenging the scientific state-of-the-art and improving the technology thereby creating the conditions for innovation, much of which can be exploited in other science and industrial sectors for the benefit of society. The fundamental basis of the Euratom Programme is the drive and support for innovation across the product development chain from research to market. In this context the researcher plays a critical role. The SOFT Innovation Prize[1] is being offered to highlight and reward excellence in innovation that can be found in fusion research as well as the quality of the researchers and industries involved. Following the success of 2022 and 2024 editions of the SOFT Innovation Prize, the European Commission is holding the

	contest again in association with the next Symposium on Fusion Technology (SOFT) in 2026. There are no specific categories for this prize. Contestants are free to submit an application concerning any physics or technology innovation that has been developed in magnetic confinement fusion research and that has market potential or has been taken up (or recognised) by industry to be further developed for the market. The specific rules of the contest will be published in 2025 by the European Commission[2], which will launch and manage the contest and award the prize based on the judgement of independent experts.
Eligible Activities:	The complete application for the 'SOFT Innovation Prize' should include: - a technical description of the innovation - a state-of-the-art assessment of the innovation - an account, in general terms, of the market potential for the exploitation of the innovation For the Model Rules of Contest for Prizes please see the Funding and Tenders Portal. Essential award criteria: The prize will be awarded, after closure of the contest, to the applicant(s) who in the opinion of the jury best addresses the following cumulative criteria[3]: Originality and replicability: The extent to which the idea is innovative, original and a first-of-a-kind use of the technology in industry or in the domain of application. The description should be clear, logically presented and well-illustrated. Technical excellence: The extent to which the innovation is demonstrably state-of-the-art and based on excellent science and engineering. Economic impact and exploitation of the innovation: The extent to which the submission demonstrates understanding and awareness of the relevant innovation aspects, including market potential, needs and business opportunities. Eligibility criteria: Expected results: By awarding the 'SOFT Innovation Prize', the Commission will showcase innovations in fusion research sector giving visibility to the most dynamic, forward-looking and innovative researchers, research teams or industrial contestants. This visibility will provide greater potential for valorisation of the fusion research. Furthermore, the contest will stimulate the EU and international partners to develop a stronger innovation and entrepreneurial culture in fusion research. The Commission applies an equal opportunities policy. With a view to promoting gender balance in nuclear field, the Commission would particularly welcome applications from women. Prize amounts: 1st Prize: EUR 50 000, 2nd Prize: 30 000, 3rd Prize: EUR 20 000.
Eligible Applicants:	1. The contest is open to researchers, research teams, or industrial participants eligible for funding under the Euratom Research and Training Programme 2021-

	2025, to researchers or research teams working for a national programme in an ITER partner country[4] or in any third country that has a bilateral fusion cooperation agreement with Euratom in force and to industrial participants participating in the ITER[4]. Example of proof: the Commission may request substantiating document such as contracts, etc. 2. The researcher, research team or industrial participant must obtain permission from the owner of the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) to submit an application and provide supporting documentation.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 03/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EURATOM-2026-SOFT-PRIZE

Call Title:	European Digital Media Observatory Hubs DIGITAL-2026-BESTUSE-TECH-EDMO-09-HUBS
Programme: DIGITAL EUROPE	
Objective:	Scope: The funding will support further consolidation of EDMO's role as a key player in the fight against disinformation in Europe, in particular: • operation of a platform composed of a set of tools and services responding to the needs of the EDMO community composed of researchers, fact-checkers, media literacy practitioners and other relevant stakeholders, including services and actions to support and protect these communities when carrying out their work; • fostering and coordinating research activities and open-source investigations on disinformation at European level focused on detecting and analysing, in an agile and practice-oriented way emerging and prominent issues related to the disinformation landscape; • carrying out activities for monitoring disinformation trends and narratives across the EU, including through pre- and debunking; • investigating and fostering the development and use of novel tools such as Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI to respond to addressing current challenges in the disinformation landscape, including AI-generated disinformation and deepfakes, and in this respect also collaborate with ongoing Horizon Europe projects working on AI-tools to fight disinformation; • monitoring and reacting to disinformation threats related to crisis situations and elections – including by pre- and debunking - as well as to emerging disinformation waves, including giving assistance to neighbourhood countries through dedicated actions, targeted communication and awareness raising campaigns; • supporting targeted activities to facilitate access to data for researchers to allow conducting research activities on disinformation; • supporting activities related to the implementation of the 2022 Code of Practice on Disinformation;

	• coordinating and carrying out tailor-made media literacy activities and campaigns at European level, targeting both the general public and vulnerable groups; • carrying out proactive communication and outreach activities through various channels (including by traditional and online media, podcasts, social media etc.) to a broad audience, including the general public, to increase societal resilience to disinformation; • conducting targeted communication campaigns about EDMO's activities.
Eligible Activities:	Expected Outcome: Deliverables EDMO will continue to maintain and further support a platform for joint activities to analyse and respond to the phenomenon of disinformation. EDMO will be carrying out and coordinating various activities in this field, including investigations, targeted research, monitoring as well as media literacy and communication activities throughout Europe and across the national/multinational research hubs. Objective: The EU supports the capacity of a multidisciplinary community to understand, monitor and counter disinformation. The objective of this topic is to maintain and further develop a platform supporting the operations of the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO), as well as deepening the language coverage and operational capacity of fact-checking in Europe. In particular, the topic will support the operational cooperation between fact-checkers, researchers and media literacy practitioners across the EU through EDMO and support fact-checkers, with the aim to contribute to the fight against disinformation, to gain further insight on disinformation, monitoring of the disinformation space, debunking disinformation through the network of fact-checkers, and increasing the resilience of media professionals and citizens to disinformation.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must: – be legal entities (public or private bodies) – be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.: – EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)) – non-EU countries: – listed EEA countries and countries associated to the Digital Europe Programme (list of participating countries) Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the Participant Register — before submitting the proposal — and will have to be validated by the Central Validation Service (REA Validation). For the validation, they will be requested to upload documents showing legal status and origin. Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions, etc

Total Budget:	€6,000,000
Deadline:	03/03/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/DIGITAL-2026-BESTUSE-TECH-EDMO-09-HUBS

Call Title:	Completion of the initial Network of European Digital Innovation Hubs DIGITAL-2026-EDIH-AC-09-COMPLETION-STEP
Programme:	DIGITAL EUROPE
Objective:	Objective: The objective is to complete the existing network of European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs) with entities from countries associated to the Digital Europe Programme that have not yet participated in any previous EDIH call. These entities will provide the complete set of services of an EDIH, including the necessary infrastructure, focusing primarily on a specific geographical area and covering the digital transformation needs of the local SMEs, mid-caps and/or public sector organisations with a reinforced AI focus for EDIH operations. The completion of the EDIHs network will be pivotal in supporting the widespread deployment and uptake of European AI technologies, solutions and tool, while also promoting the adoption of other crucial digital technologies, all in alignment with EU values and a human-centric approach. Furthermore, the network will harness the potential of green digital technologies, contributing to Europe's collective climate and environmental goals. This approach will not only enhance the resilience of European industry but also strengthen its strategic autonomy. With an enhanced presence in countries associated with Digital Europe, the EDIH network will help bridge technology gaps, and support competitiveness and economic convergence. EDIHs will collaborate with EU AI Innovation infrastructures, serving as central hubs for companies and the public sector. They will ensure a flexible and seamless digital journey, referring stakeholders to relevant services provided by these AI innovation infrastructures when appropriate. However, this collaboration does NOT mean that EDIHs need to integrate a representative of each EU AI infrastructures in their own consortium. It means that EDIHs must map out these infrastructures, establish contacts with them and help their customers towards benefiting from available services within a structured client journey. These collaborations will not only accelerate the deployment of AI technologies but also ensure their effective and ethical application. EDIHs will play a pivotal role in bridging the gap between AI research and real-world applications, driving economic growth and improving public services across Europe. The EDIHs will act as a multiplier and widely promote and facilitate the use of all the digital capacities built up under the different specific objectives of the Digital Europe Programme, including the effective use of key digital standards. Where possible, EDIHs should leverage AI solutions from European start-ups and SMEs, as

	well as those provided and stemming from EU-funded projects, including the AI-on-Demand Platform. Highlighting the vital importance to strengthen the value chains of critical digital technologies, the EDIHs should closely collaborate with AI Factories and High-Performance Computing competence centres. Where relevant, EDIHs will facilitate access for their customers to the EuroHPC AI-optimised supercomputers. They will also help SMEs fine-tune available AI solutions to their business needs and use cases by providing access to AI training when necessary. Duplication of actions between EDIHs and other AI innovation infrastructures should be avoided. Therefore, working arrangements will be agreed among them, where the focus of the EDIHs will be on their role as multiplier, extending their geographical reach in the EU and the associated countries. Proposals will describe the planned delivery of AI services and referral mechanisms.
Eligible Activities:	Expected Outcome: The new EDIHs will support the digital transformation of SMEs, mid-caps, and public sector organizations within its geographical area and area of expertise, while also aiming to extend its impact beyond its immediate region. An EDIH can select to focus on specific group(s) of clients (e.g. mainly SMEs or mainly public sector). The performance of the hub will be evaluated based on their key performance indicators (KPIs); proposals should define their indicators as well as the targets related to each of them: Number of entities which have used the European Digital Innovation Hubs' services, by user category (businesses of different sizes, public sector entities, etc.), sector, location, by technology and type of service received. Specific sub-indicators must be proposed when the services are related to develop and uptake AI solutions, and will include a description of which European AI Innovation Infrastructures have been used (such as the AI-on-Demand platform) or referred to (such as the AI Factories). Number of entity referral to European AI Innovation Infrastructures For access to finance: amount of additional investments successfully triggered (e.g. through venture capital, bank loan, etc.). Number of collaborations foreseen with other EDIHs and stakeholders outside the region at EU level, and description of jointly shared infrastructures / joint investments with other EDIHs. A set of additional impact indicators will be collected and analysed with the support of the Digital Transformation Accelerator: Increase in digital maturity of organizations that have used the services of the EDIH network. Digital maturity will be defined based on a questionnaire assessing the categories of digital strategy and readiness, intelligence and automation, data and connectedness, sustainable and human-centric digitalisation. EDIHs will administer the questionnaire at the start of the engagement with a client, and later after having delivered services, and report without delay the results to the DTA repository.

	Increase in number of companies benefiting from the use of European AI technology. Cross-border trans-national hubs are possible with several countries jointly proposing and co-funding cross-border trans-national hubs, serving neighbouring regions in different countries, tackling shared challenges identified in the border regions and exploiting the untapped growth potential in border areas. In this case, only the share of the funding of each country involved in the cross-border trans-national will be considered for the total amount of funding for that country. Scope: Each new EDIH will provide services based on a specific focus/expertise, which will support the local private and public sector with their digital transformation and the integration of AI technologies. This specialisation can be strengthened over time and should make use of existing local competencies in this area. The EDIH network is dedicated to promoting and facilitating the digital transformation of SMEs and public services through four types of services: Test before invest: providing access to technical expertise and experimentation, in particular to AI-related services. Training and skill development: offering training sessions to SMEs and public services for upskilling and reskilling of the workforce. Support to identify and get access to potential financing sources to support digital transformation. Foster an innovation ecosystem and networking opportunities, including building links to AI factories and TEFs where relevant for associated countries. Each EDIH is expected to provide all four types of services. They can however have different weights in the overall services portfolio. The services will be provided on an open, transparent and non-discriminatory basis and will be targeted mainly to (1) SMEs and midcaps and/or (2) public sector organisations conducting non-economic activities. Each EDIH will act as an access point to the European network of EDIHs, helping local companies and/or public actors to get support from other EDIHs in case the needed competences fall outside their competence, ensuring that every stakeholder gets the needed support wherever it is available in Europe. Conversely, each EDIH will support the companies and public actors from other regions and countries presented by other EDIHs that need their expertise. The EDIHs will also serve as contact point for the AI innovation infrastructures as described above, notably the AI factories, the AI-on-demand platform and TEFs. They will provide a first-line AI help desk for businesses and public sector organisations, offering basic information on compliance with the AI Act and relevant sources for further guidance. This will help ensure the broad adoption of strategic technologies, supporting the development of an AI continent. Each EDIH will make available the relevant experimentation facilities and demonstrators related to its specialisation. SMEs, mid-caps and the public sector will be able to test the technologies proposed, including where relevant their environmental impact, and the feasibility of applying these technologies to their
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	business before investing in them Likewise, EDIHs will leverage green digital technologies to advance Europe's collective climate and environmental goals. EDIHs will also provide access to finance services, including information on and facilitation of access to public and private funding sources, as well as connections to public and private investors. The EDIHs will actively network with other hubs, share best practices and specialist knowledge, connect companies within their value chain, and seek synergies with innovators and early adopters who test solutions in novel experiments. These efforts will foster the adoption of digital technologies, particularly AI, in work and business environments in a more human-centric manner. Additionally, EDIHs will serve as brokers between public administration and companies providing e-government technologies. In all the networking activities, EDIHs will be supported by the Digital Transformation Accelerator (DTA). Therefore, it is compulsory that EDIHs participate actively in the relevant support activities of the DTA, such as matchmaking, training and capacity building events. The DTA, in cooperation with the Commission, will also host tools such as the Digital Maturity Assessment Tool and will centralise the overall Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of the network. As a result, each EDIH must report the necessary information to the DTA. While EDIHs are encouraged to make use of the digital tools provided, they are also free to use their own tools. However, interoperability with the EDIH network tools is a requirement, to ensure a seamless experience for users. DTA will organize events and activities for the network of EDIH, to share information and experiences, train, build cohesion. EDIHs should foresee active participation in those events and activities. The EDIHs should closely collaborate with the AI Factories as well as with the High-Performance Computing competence centres, the Cybersecurity centres, the AI-on-demand platform, AI Testing and Experimentation Facilities and other EDIHs seeking complementarities in view of supporting companies and public sector organisations with their digital transformation. Where relevant, the EDIHs will facilitate access for their customers to the EuroHPC AI-optimised supercomputers. They will also help SMEs fine-tune available AI solutions to their business needs and use cases by providing, wherever needed, also access to AI training. EDIHs will maintain structured long-term relationships with the relevant local actors like regional authorities, industrial clusters, SME associations, business development agencies, incubators, accelerators, chambers of commerce, and partners of the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) and Startup Europe by offering joint investor-related events, organising common trainings, workshops or info days, directing SMEs from EEN to EDIHs and from EDIHs to EEN as needed. It is expected that local actors planning mutual support with a local EDIH will sign a Memorandum of Understanding for a proper governance of their collaboration.
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	Finally, EDIHs will serve as an interface for the European Commission to support the implementation of specific sectorial policies, SME policies and eGovernment policies. This will imply that EDIHs specialised in a specific sector could be consulted on policies related to their sector of competence and could participate in specific actions. EDIHs will design their operations to ensure sustainability beyond the implementation phase. They will indicate how they plan to build local capacity, foster community ownership, and integrate the initiative into their ecosystems. The total public funding for this action is 100% of eligible costs (50% coming from the Digital Europe Programme and up to 50% coming from the Member States). In line with Appendix 6 on State Aid, the countries must ensure that State aid is granted in line with the applicable State aid rules, such as de minimis or GBER (ensuring compliance with GBER compatibility, including on aid intensities and notification thresholds set out in Article 4 GBER) or whatever the state aid rules stipulate in the associated country.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must: – be legal entities (public or private bodies) – be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.: – EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)) – non-EU countries: – listed EEA countries and countries associated to the Digital Europe Programme (list of participating countries) Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the Participant Register — before submitting the proposal — and will have to be validated by the Central Validation Service (REA Validation). For the validation, they will be requested to upload documents showing legal status and origin. Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions, etc
Total Budget: €8,000,000	
Deadline: 03/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/DIGITAL-2026-EDIH-AC-09-COMPLETION-STEP

Call Title:	Data Space for Manufacturing DIGITAL-2026-DSM-AI-09-DS-MANUFACTUR-STEP
Programme:	DIGITAL EUROPE
Objective:	Objective: Aligned with the previous WP, this action aims to support the continued uptake and further expansion of the data space for manufacturing. The primary objective is to develop legal, technical and business solutions to pool sufficient data and

	enable authorized AI developers to have direct or indirect data access to train generative AI models specifically for the manufacturing sector. This initiative seeks to reinforce the role of the data space for manufacturing as a major productivity enhancement and collaboration mechanism within the EU.
Eligible Activities:	Expected Outcome: Deliverables The awarded proposals are expected to deliver: Solutions that allow the collection of large, high-quality data from real industrial environments, from different manufacturing systems/sectors. Solutions that allow access to these large datasets to train Generative AI models that respond to real-world industrial needs and challenges, preferably relying on trusted third parties hosting data and training compute on behalf of authorized AI developers. Agreements with specific AI factories providing information on the data sets available and the conditions for using them for training AI models. Interoperability and governance framework of manufacturing data spaces including from national industrial data spaces to ensure that mechanisms to aggregate data for training AI could be taken up at EU level. Scope: This initiative will support up to three data-collection projects, with around EUR 3 million co-funding from Digital Europe each, focused on manufacturing use cases to unlock advanced AI models, for example, predictive maintenance, process automation, supply chain management, product design and development and sustainability in production, and increase productivity in industrial environments such as purchases, logistics, resource planning and production halls. These projects aim to collect massive, high-quality data from real industrial environments, ensuring proper labelling where relevant, that could be used to train or finetune generative AI models for the manufacturing sector. The data collection has to be relevant for developing AI applications that can significantly benefit major EU manufacturing sectors (such as automotive, chemical, aeronautics and energy-intensive industries). The project proposal has to clearly identify the target sectors, the stakeholders, and have preliminary agreements about the intended data exchange. The data-collection projects will develop both technical and business solutions to enable authorized AI developers to have direct or indirect data access and utilize these large datasets while fully respecting the data holders' control over their data. Each data-collection project should propose clear use cases to ensure alignment with real-world needs and challenges. Ideally, the AI developers interested in using such data should be already identified in the proposal. The proposal will also ensure technical and legal solutions to make the generated datasets available to users of AI Factories. This will also enable AI Factories to leverage these datasets for the development of AI applications. To this extent, the inclusion of AI Factories in the project will be considered an advantage.

	Consortia are encouraged to use data intermediaries, as outlined in Chapter III of the Data Governance Act, or other appropriate mechanisms to manage the secure access to and processing of these datasets. The initiative must also work in close partnership with the Data Spaces Support Centre to ensure alignment and interoperability with the broader ecosystem of data spaces implemented with the support of the Digital Europe Programme. Additionally, the action must coordinate with AI Factories to ensure that the datasets generated can be effectively used in conjunction with data already available facilitating in this way collaborative approaches for the development of advanced AI models. Considering financial sustainability from the outset is crucial in the development of Common European Data Spaces to ensure their long-term viability and effectiveness. By establishing a sound financial model, developers can secure the resources necessary to adapt to evolving technological landscapes and user needs, ensuring that data spaces remain robust and beneficial over time.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must: – be legal entities (public or private bodies) – be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.: – EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)) – non-EU countries: – listed EEA countries and countries associated to the Digital Europe Programme (list of participating countries) Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the Participant Register — before submitting the proposal — and will have to be validated by the Central Validation Service (REA Validation). For the validation, they will be requested to upload documents showing legal status and origin. Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions, etc
Total Budget: €9,000,000	
Deadline: 03/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/DIGITAL-2026-DSM-AI-09-DS-MANUFACTUR-STEP

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM CRAIGSLIST CHARITABLE FUND (CCF)
Programme:	CRAIGSLIST CHARITABLE FUND (CCF)
Objective:	The craigslist Charitable Fund (CCF) supports organizations working to improve planetary health and well-being for all of Earth's inhabitants, including humans, by ending factory farming and all other forms of animal exploitation.
Eligible Activities:	Specific areas of interest include: animal suffering; antibiotic resistance; biodiversity loss; cancer; cardiovascular disease; climate change; coastal dead

	zones; deforestation; dementia; diabetes; food insecurity; land misuse; ocean degradation; pandemic risk; soil erosion; social injustices; toxic waste; violence; and, zoonotic diseases. Actions can take place worldwide.
Eligible Applicants:	They are open to a variety of approaches to ending animal exploitation, particularly ones that promise an efficient, scalable and long-lasting impact. They are open to applications from organizations around the world, regardless of 501(c)3 status.
Total Budget: \$1,000,000+	
Deadline: ONGOING	
More information and official documents:	https://www.craigslisfund.org/

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