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New Opportunities

Call Title:	CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – TAJIKISTAN
Programme: Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF)	
Objective:	GCERF invites Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in Tajikistan to apply for funding to implement programmes that promote rehabilitation and reintegration (R&R) of women and children returnees from Northeast Syria and Iraq, building on the previous work by other like-minded organisations and the Government of Tajikistan.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The funding will be directed towards strengthening two objectives: local capacity building and direct R&R support. GCERF's grant funding mechanism primarily supports local CSOs in a consortium model, wherein R&R initiatives will be implemented.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Tajikistan.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Organisations must have (i) Legal registration in the Republic of Tajikistan; (ii) Willingness and capacity to serve as a Principal Recipient (PR) within a consortium, if applicable.
Total Budget:	€1,000,000
Deadline:	10/01/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.gcerf.org/call-for-eoi-tajikistan/

Call Title:	CSIF CALL FOR PROPOSALS (CFP) – 2025
Programme: Civil Society Innovation Fund (CSIF)	
Objective:	The Civil Society Innovation Fund II (CSIF II) is pleased to announce an open Call for Proposals (CfP) for the funding period 2026 – 2028. Through this CfP, the CSIF invites consortia of eligible Ethiopian civil society organisations to apply for a grant aiming to strengthen their capacity and implement projects in the priority thematic areas including civic space, social cohesion, human rights, gender transformation and media freedom and freedom of expression for a three-year period (2026-2028).
Eligible Activities:	<p>The call for proposals aims to identify and support innovative, inclusive, and impactful initiatives led by Ethiopian civil society organisations (CSOs) that contribute to sustainable peace, human rights, gender equality, and democratic governance. Through financial, technical, and capacity-building support, CSIF encourages consortia of eligible CSOs to design and implement local and grassroots level, evidence-based, and collaborative actions that respond to community needs and national priorities.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Ethiopia.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be a registered Ethiopian civil society organisation (CSO) in accordance with the relevant national or regional legal framework.

Total Budget: €600,000 per application
Deadline: 15/01/2026
More information and official documents: https://www.csinnovationfund.org/csif-call-for-proposals-2025

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR LARGE GRANTS 2/SPLIT/GD/2025
Programme: NGO Support Center	
Objective:	Objectives of the grant fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> strengthening the potential of civil society organisations and supported leaders to promote and protect EU values and fundamental rights, strengthening the ability of supported organisations to represent the CSO sector and make effective decisions, increasing the presence of CSOs in public life and leaders in the forum of public debate, raising the level of involvement in law-making processes, strengthening the image of CSOs – a more favourable environment for civil society organisations, strengthening awareness of the importance of democratic values for civil society and the role of organisations in their active promotion and protection.
Eligible Activities:	Actions must be implemented in Poland.
Eligible Applicants:	Entities eligible to apply for a grant are independent civil society organisations registered in Poland, including organisations that: have their registered office in Poland, are non-profit (do not operate for profit), operate at local and/or regional and/or national level, respect fundamental rights and values on which the EU is based,
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline:	30/01/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12441

Call Title:	CHALLENGE GRANT – DUPLÁZHATÓ
Programme: European Commission (EC) - CERV	
Objective:	Grants, knowledge sharing, networking – Aspektus+ is a complex four-year capacity building programme for rural NGOs in Hungary. The sub-program “Duplázható” is for formal, independent, non-profit civil society organizations, established and operating in the 4 core regions of Aspect Group (South Trans-Danubia, South Plains, North Plains, North Hungary). They are seeking to support established organisations who are engaged to start fundraising in practice.
Eligible Activities:	The overall goal of the program to encourage organizations to strengthen their social base, reputation and open new communication channels. After the program,

	even if they reached their previously set financial goal or not, they will have a live experience about fundraising, that triggers them in the future to repeat it again. Actions must take place in Hungary.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to non-profit organisations.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	31/01/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12623

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROJECTS 2026
Programme: Mitigation Action Fund	
Objective:	Objective Through its annual competitive Calls for Projects, Mitigation Action Facility strives to shift priority sectors towards a carbon-neutral development pathway. Projects funded by the Mitigation Action Facility support partner countries in implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-Term Strategies (LTSs). Funding is used to develop financial mechanisms and deliver technical assistance to tackle wider policy, regulatory or other barriers that inhibit investment and constrain carbon-neutral development.
Eligible Activities:	The most ambitious and feasible climate change mitigation projects are selected for funding support through a comprehensive process including the following phases: Concept Phase; Detailed Preparation Phase (DPP); and Implementation Phase. The focus is on three priority sectors – energy, transport, and industry – while also supporting cross-sectoral projects linked to one of these priority sectors. Actions can take place worldwide in OECD DAC countries.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are (i) a national ministry, or (ii) a legal entity (e.g., governmental agency, development bank, NGO, INGO, private financial institution, commercial company, foundation).
Total Budget:	€100,000,000
Deadline:	25/02/2026
More information and official documents:	https://mitigation-action.org/call-for-projects-2026/#general-information-document

Call Title:	Entries open for EnergyLab Scaleup Program
Programme: EnergyLab	
Objective:	EnergyLab's Scaleup Program is designed to help the most innovative startups and energy companies work together to roll out technology that will help decarbonise the energy sector. The focus areas of the opportunity are Introductions to industry decision-makers, Exposure to active energy sector investors, Peer-to-peer learning, Mentorship from energy sector entrepreneurs, Extensive public exposure, Expand to the Australian

	and New Zealand, Access to EnergyLab's mentor network, A dedicated support team, Ongoing assistance.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The program provides founders with opportunities to meet some of Australia and New Zealand's most innovative energy companies, gaining introductions to key industry decision-makers. Participants will receive feedback from investors with expertise in scaling up clean energy startups, helping them refine their strategies and attract funding.</p> <p>Founders will benefit from peer-to-peer learning, connecting with talented clean energy entrepreneurs from around the world to share experiences and insights. Mentorship is provided by the founders of Australia's most successful energy startups, offering guidance and practical advice for scaling operations.</p> <p>EnergyLab will provide extensive public exposure through showcase events and social media channels, giving startups a platform to promote their business.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Overseas startups will receive support to develop knowledge and networks specific to the Australian and New Zealand markets.</p> <p>Participants can request introductions to EnergyLab's extensive mentor network and receive guidance from a dedicated support team throughout the program.</p> <p>Upon graduation, startups will join EnergyLab's alumni network, connecting with some of the most successful and impactful clean energy founders.</p>
Total Budget: €not available	
Deadline: 01/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://energylab.org.au/programs/scaleup/

Call Title:	ALLIANCES FOR STEM SKILLS FOUNDRIES
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>STEM Skills Foundries aim to create sectorial, transnational and sustainable cooperation between higher education institutions, VET providers and business companies that will foster new, innovative and multidisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning by providing young student entrepreneurs with real business-insights and mentoring opportunities tailored to their talents, needs and objectives. The specific focus of this topic is the fostering of innovation, creating entrepreneurial mindsets, providing young student entrepreneurs access to laboratories, technical infrastructures and equipment, supporting the development of intellectual property (IP), guiding them in the development of their master's theses or business ideas, as well as facilitating access to venture capital in the strategic sectors identified in the Competitiveness Compass.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Projects supported under this topic will aim at boosting innovation through cooperation among higher education and VET providers with labour market and entrepreneurial actors with a possible participation of venture capital funds, facilitated by EIT KICs.</p> <p>Activities must take place in EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme.</p>



Eligible Applicants:	Any participating organisation established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme can be the applicant. This organisation applies on behalf of all participating organisations involved in the project.
Total Budget: € The maximum EU grant per project is €1,500,000. Funding rate is 80%.	
Deadline:	10/03/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-EDU-2026-PI-ALL-INNO-STEM

Call Title:	ALLIANCES FOR SECTORAL COOPERATION ON SKILLS (IMPLEMENTING THE 'BLUEPRINT')
Programme: European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+	
Objective:	Objective Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills aim to create new strategic approaches and cooperation for concrete skills development solutions – both in the short and the medium term – in areas implementing a major action of the European Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience, the Pact for Skills, an action launched under the European Skills Agenda in 2020 and now a major element of the sector based approach of the Union of Skills, the overarching European skills strategy. The initiative provides large-scale partnerships established under the Pact for Skills, with the opportunity to support the development of sector skills strategies, as well as the revision and development of job profiles and of related training programmes.
Eligible Activities:	Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills seek to tackle skills gaps on the labour market that hamper growth, innovation and competitiveness in specific sectors or areas, aiming both at short term interventions and long-term strategies. These Alliances will be implemented in the 14 industrial ecosystems identified in the New Industrial Strategy for Europe1 (see eligibility criteria). Activities must take place in EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme.
Eligible Applicants:	Any participating organisation established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme can be the applicant. This organisation applies on behalf of all participating organisations involved in the project.
Total Budget: € The maximum EU grant per project is €4,000,000. Funding rate is 80%.	
Deadline:	10/03/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-EDU-2026-PI-ALL-INNO-BLUEPRINT

Call Title:	ALLIANCES FOR EDUCATION AND ENTERPRISES
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Programme: European Commission (EC) - Erasmus+	
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>Alliances for Education and Enterprises are transnational, structured and result-driven projects, in which partners share common goals and work together to foster innovation, new skills, a sense of initiative and entrepreneurial mind-sets. They aim to foster innovation in higher education, vocational education and training, enterprises and the broader socio-economic environment. This includes confronting societal and economic challenges such as climate change, changing demographics, digitisation, the emergence of new, disruptive technologies such as artificial intelligence generating demand for STEM skills and talent and rapid employment changes through social innovation and community resilience as well as labour market innovation. In 2026, this topic will also address the challenge of severe skills gaps in sectors crucial for Europe's competitiveness in line with the Union of Skills initiative.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Alliances for Education and Enterprises bring together enterprises and both higher education and vocational training providers to work together in partnership. Operating within one economic sector or several different economic sectors, they create reliable and sustainable relations and demonstrate their innovative and transnational character in all aspects. While each partnership must include at least one VET and one higher education organisation, they can address either both or one of these educational fields. The cooperation between VET and higher education organisations should be relevant and should benefit both sectors.</p> <p>Activities must take place in EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Any participating organisation established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme can be the applicant. This organisation applies on behalf of all participating organisations involved in the project.
<p>Total Budget: € The maximum EU grant per project is €1,500,000. Funding rate is 80%.</p> <p>Deadline: 10/03/2026</p> <p>More information and official documents: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERASMUS-EDU-2026-PI-ALL-INNO-EDU-ENTERP</p>	

Call Title:	PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN GLOBAL SECURITY
Programme: Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)	
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>Under the leadership of Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Executive Director of the GCSP, the Prize for Transformative Futures in Peace and Security was initiated by Professor Nayef Al-Rodhan, Director of the Geopolitics and Global Futures Department, and Ms Anne-Caroline Pissis Martel, Director of the Global Fellowship Initiative and Creative Spark. It seeks to reward groundbreaking concepts that offer exceptional promise in addressing peace and security challenges. The inaugural edition of the prize was awarded in 2023.</p>



Eligible Activities:	Submissions may come from any country, but the potential impact of the concepts submitted should extend beyond national borders in their scope or thinking. Concepts from a wide variety of fields may be eligible for consideration, including, but not restricted to, transformative technologies, pandemics, biothreats, autonomous weapons, climate change, human rights, cybersecurity, education, or disarmament, for example.
	Applications are welcome from all countries, provided that the projects extend beyond national borders in scope or concept, and seek to tackle global security issues in innovative ways. A wide range of projects may qualify for consideration, including technological and conceptual innovations, original research, or grassroots initiatives.
Eligible Applicants:	
Eligible applicants are individuals, or group of individuals, or organisation (from private or public sectors).	
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline:	20/03/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.gcsp.ch/events/apply-2026-gcsp-prize-transformative-futures-peace-and-security

Call Title:	THRIVING FARMERS, RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS, EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES
Programme: Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)	
Objective:	The Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) invites applications for financial support from projects that aim to transform commodity value chains and uplift smallholder and SME-based enterprises in CFC member countries. The CFC provides a variety of financial and technical support options to empower SMEs, cooperatives, International Commodity Bodies (ICBs), and other institutions, particularly those led by or supporting women in agriculture.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Their mission is to alleviate poverty and create sustainable livelihoods in commodity-dependent communities, with a strong emphasis on supporting the poorest and most vulnerable in the global value chains, including in areas of production, processing, financing, marketing, and R&D. Successful applications should demonstrate tangible, sustainable impacts on the lives of low-income populations who depend on commodities, with particular focus on female smallholders and women-led enterprises.</p> <p>Quality project proposals from LDCs (Least Developed Countries), LLDCs (Landlocked Developing Countries) and SIDs (Small Island Developing States) will be given priority to alleviate more people from poverty. Projects focused on the sustainable use and conservation of forest resources in the Congo Basin region (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and the Republic of Congo). Funding proposals concerning small ticket sizes for projects based outside capital cities, focused on domestic markets or non-traditional value chains, and without prior international investment in the following countries: Senegal, Tanzania, Malawi, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Zambia, Mozambique, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Zimbabwe.</p>



Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are SMEs/enterprises/businesses/cooperatives/financial institutions/governments. Women entrepreneurs are especially encouraged to apply.
Total Budget: €1,500,000 per project	
Deadline:	01/04/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.common-fund.org/call-for-proposals

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO NATIONAL ROMA CONTACT POINTS
Programme: European Commission (EC) - CERV	
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>The call's objective is to promote equality and prevent and combat inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation and respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter. Particularly, the call has the objective to promote and facilitate dialogue, mutual learning, cooperation, and policy review among all national stakeholders through the national Roma platforms, while strengthening Roma participation – particularly of women and young people – including through the nomination of Roma representatives to ensure links between national and European Roma platforms.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Themes and priorities (scope): Strengthening the national Roma consultation processes in Member States through national Roma platforms convened and managed by national Roma contact points (NRCPs).</p> <p>Actions must take place in the Member States of the European Union plus associated countries.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be legal entities (public or private bodies). Applicants must be established in the eligible countries.
Total Budget:	€1,500,000
Deadline:	09/04/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CERV-2026-NRCP

Call Title:	Communities Led Actions Grant Program
Programme: Technical Assistance and Support to Communities of actors for the Mediterranean Basin	
Objective:	The European Union is offering a significant funding opportunity through Community-Led Actions (CLA), providing grants to support projects focused on environmental protection, sustainable development, and innovation in the Mediterranean basin.



Eligible Activities:	<p>Grants will be awarded as lump sums to cover personnel and direct costs such as goods and services, equipment, travel, subcontracting, and dissemination activities. Payments will be linked to project milestones, ensuring accountability and progress throughout the project duration.</p> <p>Applicants are required to select a single primary Pillar for their project's focus. Pillar #1 focuses on protecting and restoring marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity. Pillar #2 aims to prevent and eliminate pollution of oceans, seas, and waters. Pillar #3 targets the creation of a sustainable, carbon-neutral, and circular blue economy. Each proposal must clearly outline the project's challenge, objectives, methodology, and expected outcomes to achieve the goals of the chosen Pillar.</p> <p>A total of €7 million is available under this initiative, with individual project funding ranging from €200,000 to €1.4 million and a maximum of €500,000 allocated per third party. At least five projects will be funded, each running for up to 24 months. Payment installments will be distributed as 40% pre-financing, 45% interim, and 15% upon acceptance of the final report, providing financial stability while incentivising project completion.</p> <p>The open calls are designed for communities of actors within EU Member States or Associated Countries. Eligible applicants include regional and local authorities, NGOs, associations, research and educational institutions, and companies, including SMEs, operating in the Mediterranean basin. All activities must take place in this region, and each organisation may submit only one proposal per call.</p> <p>Applications must be submitted in English, and all applicants must comply with EU sanctions and restrictive measures.</p> <p>This initiative provides a valuable opportunity for Mediterranean-based organisations to collaborate, implement innovative solutions, and make a measurable impact on the region's environmental sustainability and blue economy development.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Projects must be submitted by consortia of at least two legal entities representing a Mission community. Targeted beneficiaries include ports and marinas piloting zero-discharge solutions, technology developers, municipalities and regional authorities demonstrating pollution-prevention technologies, aquaculture and aquafeed producers developing climate-smart solutions, conservation organisations and scientists deploying biodiversity monitoring and restoration tools, locally based companies and startups developing circular economy solutions, as well as research and educational institutions.
Total Budget:	€7,000,000
Deadline:	27/05/2026
More information and official documents:	https://tascrestoremed.eu/community-led-actions/

Call Title:

Transition Agendas Development Program



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Programme: Technical Assistance and Support to Communities of actors for the Mediterranean Basin	
Objective:	The European Union is offering funding opportunities through the Transition Agenda Development (TA) initiative, targeting projects that advance sustainable practices, environmental protection, and governance in the Mediterranean basin.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Applicants are required to select a single primary Pillar for their project's focus, and the entire proposal—including the project's challenge, objectives, methodology, and expected outcomes—must be explicitly designed to achieve the goals of the chosen Pillar. Pillar #1 focuses on protecting and restoring marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity, Pillar #2 aims to prevent and eliminate pollution of oceans, seas, and waters, and Pillar #3 supports the creation of a sustainable, carbon-neutral, and circular blue economy.</p> <p>Grants will be awarded as lump sums to cover personnel and direct costs such as goods and services, equipment, travel, subcontracting, and dissemination activities. Payments will be made in installments tied to project milestones and deliverables to ensure progress and accountability.</p> <p>A total of €1 million is available under this call, with funding of up to €100,000 per project and a maximum of €100,000 per third party. At least ten projects will be funded, each running for up to 12 months. This program is designed to engage communities of actors within EU Member States or Associated Countries, focusing on entities that are established in these regions and active in the Mediterranean basin. All activities must take place within the Mediterranean region, and applications must be submitted in English, complying with EU sanctions and restrictive measures.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligible applicants include regional and local authorities, NGOs, associations, research and education institutions, and companies, including SMEs, operating in the eligible geographical areas. Each organisation may submit only one proposal per call. Projects can be implemented by individual legal entities or consortia of up to two entities representing a Mission community.</p> <p>Targeted TA beneficiaries are typically organisations involved in policy, governance, and stakeholder coordination. These include regional and local authorities, NGOs focused on policy advocacy, research institutions conducting legal harmonisation studies, and associations developing multi-stakeholder dialogue frameworks. All projects must include at least one partner from a Mediterranean country, ensuring regional relevance and impact.</p> <p>This initiative provides a strategic opportunity for Mediterranean-based organisations to influence policy, strengthen governance, and implement sustainable solutions that support the ecological, economic, and social development of the region.</p>
Total Budget: €1,000,000	
Deadline:	27/05/2026
More information and official documents:	https://tascrestoremed.eu/transition-agendas-development/

Call Title: **GRANTS FROM DORY FOUNDATION**

Programme: DORY FOUNDATION	
Objective:	Objective The Dory Foundation provides grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$250,000 to support promising early- to mid-stage non-profit initiatives. They don't have a specific thematic focus, but their vision anticipates a future where AI significantly reshapes traditional work.
Eligible Activities:	Funding criteria includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact and Cost-Effectiveness: The program shows strong potential to create meaningful impact relative to its budget. Team Strength: The founders and team have the right skills, knowledge, and mindset to make the program a success. Sustainability: There is a clear vision for scaling and sustaining the program over time. Focus on Results: The program uses relevant metrics and demonstrates a strong commitment to measuring its impact. Actions can take place anywhere.
Eligible Applicants:	They generally fund 501(c)(3) organizations or their international equivalents. However, individuals intending to set up a charity are welcome to apply, and for exceptional applications, they may provide support for setting up a legal entity or working with a fiscal sponsor.
Total Budget: €250,000 per grant	
Deadline:	Ongoing
More information and official documents:	https://www.doryfund.org/

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