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New Opportunities

Call Title:	Call for Proposals with emphasis on Social Protection by the Facility Investing for Employment
Programme: Invest for Jobs	
Objective:	<p>The Facility Investing for Employment has launched its calls for Proposals in Ghana, Morocco, Rwanda, and Senegal to focus on job creation and access to social protection. The main purpose of the Facility is job creation in the private sector and by this enhancing improved social protection. Grant funding is therefore available only for projects which will create new jobs in the private sector. Preference is given to projects, which combine job creation with improvement of social protection aspects of employees, their families or third parties.</p> <p>In addition to the creation of new formal good jobs, IFE aims to support national efforts to improve the social protection of existing and new employees, their families, disadvantaged groups and people, who have a (semi-)formal business relationship with the applicant(s) such as independent sale agents, drivers or similar.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Project Categories</p> <p>The proposed investment project, which will lead to job creation, must fall within one of IFE's four categories. It is the responsibility of the applicant to correctly identify the project category which applies to the proposed project.</p> <p>Category 1: Not-for-profit projects (no revenue generation neither by the lead applicant's entities nor by the consortium members - if applicable)</p> <p>Category 2: Not-for-profit projects (with revenue generation by the lead applicant's entities and/or by the consortium members - if applicable)</p> <p>Category 3: For-profit projects (majority of jobs will be created at independent 3rd party entities)</p> <p>Category 4: For-profit projects (majority of jobs will be created at the applicant's entity/ies)</p> <p>Benefits</p> <p>Applicants, who will implement measures significantly above the national mandatory minimum requirements, can benefit from:</p> <p>Bonus points for the formalization of jobs or for social protection measures for new jobs above the mandatory minimum requirements, which will be implemented for new employees by the applicant and its consortium partners</p> <p>Financial support for additional new social protection measures above the mandatory minimum requirements, to boost both one-off and/or ongoing social protection expenses.</p> <p>Applicants can apply for financial support in form of an additional grant for contributions to employer-(co)financed social protection schemes, including:</p> <p>Contributions to improved social protection of existing and new employees such as additional or new health, unemployment, accident insurances, pension schemes etc.</p> <p>Contributions to improved social protection of people not formally employed by the applicant or its consortium partners, but with a business relationship with these entities (e.g. independent sale agents, truck drivers, seasonal workers etc.).</p> <p>Transformation of existent informal schemes (e.g. company internal social funds) into formalised social protection product with a regulated provider.</p> <p>Investment costs for other social protection measures such as construction and equipment costs for the establishment of a Kindergarten, IT platforms for the registration and placement (with access to social protection schemes) of informal workers, health care centre, conversion of workplaces with the aim of making them more accessible for persons with disabilities.</p>

Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria Applicants can be any entity with a proper legal body. The Call for Proposal is open for applicants applying either as an Individual entity or in a Consortium of several entities. Registration and Years of Operation: Applicant must be a separate legal entity duly registered in the concerned country, in Africa or EU/EFTA. Applicant or at least one member in case of a consortium must be duly registered and operating in the concerned Country for the Call for Proposals. All applicants (Individual or Lead Applicant and Consortium members) must have been operating for a minimum of 3 years. Exception: In case of a recently registered entity in the country of call, which is an investee of an individual applicant or any of the consortium members (e.g. subsidiary, joint venture, Special Purpose Vehicle-SPV), then the respective shareholders of this entity must have been operating for a minimum of 3 years at the time of CN submission. Financial Capacity: Private sector applicants: Average yearly turnover must be greater than or equal to 50% of requested grant for the job creation component. Debt-equity ratio less than or equal to 4.0 (in last financial year), Positive EBITDA in at least 2 out of past 3 years. Public sector applicants, Civil Society or Non-Governmental Organisations: Average yearly budget must be greater than or equal to 25% of requested grant for the job creation component. Evidence of availability of the required own contribution. Confirmation of financial capability to cover potential deficits during the operational phase of the project. Compliance: Applicants are not engaged in activities that feature on KfW Exclusion List. Applicants (individual or lead entity and consortium partners) must disclose linkages to any parent and sister/related companies – if applicable Applicants (individual or lead entity and consortium partners) must disclose the names of shareholders/board of directors/owners up to the level of ultimate beneficial owners, or (in the case of entities without shareholders) the main sources of their annual budget or capital endowment.</p>
Total Budget:	€10,000,000
Deadline:	28/02/2025
More information and official documents:	https://invest-for-jobs.com/en/calls-for-proposals-overview/call-for-proposals-january-2025

Call Title:	NOVO NORDISK HAEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME
Programme:	NOVO NORDISK HAEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION
Objective:	Founded in 2005 and situated in Zurich, Switzerland, Novo Nordisk Haemophilia Foundation (NNHF) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to define and fund sustainable programs which improve access to quality care benefitting people with haemophilia and allied bleeding disorders in the developing world.

Eligible Activities:	<p>They focus on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) capacity building – comprehensive training of healthcare professionals through lectures, workshops and/or manuals, creation and implementation of national treatment guidelines, educational material and other relevant tools; (2) awareness creation – educational initiatives for patients and their families, to support their ability to cope; media and awareness campaigns among community leaders, authorities and general society to improve public support and reach out to remote areas; (3) diagnosis and registries – improvement of laboratory facilities and skills of staff in performing diagnosis programmes, focus on establishment of quality assurance processes; establishment or updating of registries. <p>The initiatives NNHF supports take place in developing or transition countries where some infrastructure is already present. These are preferably in the low, lower-middle and upper-middle income categories, as defined by the OECD Development Assistance Committee (OECD DAC) list.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>The project applicant being the person responsible for the project should be a local medical expert with proven experience in haemophilia or allied bleeding disorders or a leading representative of a local patient association. If the project applicant is not identical with the legal representative(s) of the institution/organisation, the legal representative(s) need/s to endorse the project with his/her signature of the application.</p>
Total Budget: €3,000,000	
Deadline: 01/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://nnhf.org/get-active/apply-for-a-project/

Call Title:	DUALA URBAN NURSERIES
Programme:	AFD
Objective:	<p>The objective of urban incubators is to deliver pilot equipment (sports fields, public spaces, community centers, etc.) upstream of an urban project, in order to improve the design and management solution of final equipment. Already deployed in 8 countries, they make it possible to test uses and types of equipment, while strengthening citizen participation through an approach that puts residents at the heart of the development design and management process.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The urban incubator concerned by this call for initiatives will be deployed in the city of Douala. The project will be implemented in close collaboration with the Communauté urbaine de Douala (CUD) which is responsible for the project, as well as the district town halls and civil society of the districts concerned. In Douala, in addition to the construction of drains, the PLIDY provides for the development of public spaces around these works in order to improve the living environment of the inhabitants. This type of development has already been carried out by the CUD as part of a previous project, but the use of these sports and leisure facilities is quite low.</p>

	Actions must take place in Cameroon.
Eligible Applicants:	The call for initiatives is open to non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations (CSOs), and consortia formed by private law companies and NGOs/CSOs. The purpose of this call for initiatives is to identify the “incubator” operator who will implement the Douala Urban Nursery.
Total Budget:	€1,100,000
Deadline:	10/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.afd.fr/fr/pepiniere-urbaine-douala-programme-lutte-inondations

Call Title:	Funding for EIT Food Collaborative Missions Programmes
Programme:	European Institute of Innovation & Technology Food
Objective:	<p>The European Institute of Innovation & Technology Food has launched a competitive, open Impact Funding Framework to promote ambitious, long-term collaboration that will lead to food systems change to benefit us all.</p> <p>They have built a network dedicated to bringing real world change through collaborative programmes in skills, education, entrepreneurship, start-up investment, public engagement and communications. By delivering these programmes in partnership, they aim to create a culture and build a community which sees the long-term value in the food innovation they fund.</p> <p>With this new launch, they are able to offer a fast-track to collaboration and partnership between EIT Food, their community and organisations who share their ambition for impact.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Purpose</p> <p>EIT Food already runs a significant portfolio of funding activity, regional community engagement and “Infrastructure Programmes”. These programmes help to focus effort and support positive impact in areas such as: knowledge exchange capability building; entrepreneur development; new business growth and investment; skills and education provision; public engagement; and innovation management.</p> <p>They welcome proposals to form new collaborative programmes that build upon, link and amplify these capabilities, and giving their new routes and approaches to achieve even more impact in these areas in line with their Mission Targets. They are always interested in programmes which identify and solve barriers where long-term structural issues (Strategic Levers) affect progress towards Mission Targets.</p> <p>Programmes should connect key companies, research organisations, social enterprises, regions and other stakeholders across relevant economic, industry and social value chains. Engaging beneficiaries or challenge owners with well-defined impact needs should be central to your Programme objectives.</p> <p>You should also outline how you wish to engage with EIT Food leadership and network to ensure maximum connection with existing capabilities with minimum duplication.</p> <p>They wish to actively work with your consortium leadership to steer, direct and connect new platforms to multiply their impact, KPI achievement and influence.</p> <p>They are looking for programmes that:</p>

	<p>Demonstrate a systemic approach to meeting societal challenges within the food system by delivering one or more Mission Targets.</p> <p>Are problem-led, with a clearly defined pathway to impact for those who benefit and those organisations working with them.</p> <p>Build a portfolio of connected activities that enhance collaboration across relevant economic, industry and social value chains.</p> <p>Are led by an organisation with a significant capability to scale and drive adoption of programme results.</p> <p>Connect to EIT Food infrastructure programmes and assets (community management, skills, innovation, public and policy engagement) to scale the impact and reach of their existing investments.</p> <p>Build value from their portfolio of previously funded innovations and start-up community capabilities.</p> <p>Create and support platforms for addressing major barriers and opportunities related to the Strategic Levers for food systems change described in their Mission Insight Reports.</p> <p>Produce and communicate insights which can inform future EIT Food public affairs activities, fundraising and strategic decision making.</p> <p>Funding Information</p> <p>The starting funding amount allocated to this 2023–2025 funding scheme is €30m.</p>
<p>Eligible Applicants:</p>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Organisation Eligibility</p> <p>Organisations directly in receipt of EIT-sourced funding from EIT Food: must be a legally incorporated entity in one of the EU or Horizon Europe eligible country for a minimum of one year pre-application.</p> <p>must have at least one year’s published accounts showing business Activity.</p> <p>For collaborations where applicant(s) is not receiving EIT-sourced funding (e.g. established in a Non-Associated Country for Horizon Europe), the applicant(s) must have a formal incorporation or registration as a legal entity in their primary place of business.</p> <p>Consortia Eligibility</p> <p>The programme must ensure a pan-European dimension, delivering outcomes across multiple countries and demonstrating a KTI embedded by design.</p> <p>Applying consortia therefore must involve at least two independent entities from two different eligible countries) committed to collaboration, representing at least two sides of the knowledge triangle, with at least one industry or social enterprise organisation.</p> <p>Applications by consortium must demonstrate active roles for each organisation that are commensurate with the level of budget.</p> <p>Proposal Eligibility</p> <p>To be eligible proposals must:</p> <p>Respond to one or more Mission targets</p> <p>Deliver a programme of connected activities, projects or workstreams, that enhance collaboration across a value chain i.e. not single projects</p> <p>Deliver impact within Europe</p> <p>Be a minimum of 6 months in duration</p> <p>Be submitted on time via Salesforce, in English</p> <p>Be complete applications</p> <p>Include any relevant KPI and assessment metrics</p> <p>Include relevant deliverables and outputs</p> <p>Include relevant budget</p>

	<p>Include risk register</p> <p>Include all relevant supporting documents necessary to assess the application. You must include all mandatory documents: Business Model Canvas and Launch Plan and where relevant, Success Sharing Mechanism (for commercial outcomes) and Proof of TRL</p> <p>Not cause EIT Food to come into conflict with its funding or balance of impact principles</p>
Total Budget:	€30,000,000
Deadline:	13/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.eitfood.eu/open-calls/impact-funding-framework

Call Title:	GSMA Innovation Fund for Impactful AI
Programme:	GSMA
Objective:	<p>GSMA is excited to introduce the Innovation Fund for Impactful AI (“the Fund”), designed to support small and growing enterprises in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) across Africa, South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>The Fund aims to accelerate the adoption and scalability of AI-driven innovations that address critical local socio-economic and climate challenges.</p> <p>The Fund seeks to bridge this gap by supporting innovative use cases, partnerships and business models that leverage AI and emerging technologies (e.g. mobile big data, IoT, remote sensing, computer vision, blockchain, and drones) alongside mobile technologies to create positive socio-economic and climate-related impacts.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Focus Areas</p> <p>The Fund is sector-agnostic, but priority will be given to applications that focus on one or more of the following:</p> <p>Digital solutions that leverage contextual data generated by emerging technologies for training and deploying AI-driven products and services</p> <p>Digital solutions that leverage predictive and generative AI innovations and show promise to scale and deliver positive socio-economic and/or climate-related impacts</p> <p>Digital innovations across the value chain, including:</p> <p>AI-driven innovations that directly reach low-income and vulnerable populations and aim to advance socio-economic development and climate action (e.g. HealthTech, AgriTech, ClimateTech, FinTech, EdTech)</p> <p>AI-driven deep-tech, ecosystem-level innovations [e.g. multimodal large language models (LLMs), edge computing, machine learning, big data] that support local and regional ecosystems for lastmile innovators to deploy AI solutions</p> <p>Benefits</p> <p>Through their partnership with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), selected enterprises will receive a comprehensive support package, including:</p> <p>Tailored venture building support to strengthen solutions and business models</p> <p>Facilitation of partnerships with mobile operators, public sector organisations, and other stakeholders</p> <p>Peer learning opportunities to exchange knowledge with other innovators</p>

	Visibility and exposure through the GSMA's global events, publications and online platforms, helping grantees connect with potential investors and partners
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>To be eligible to apply to the Fund, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:</p> <p>Leverage digital technology, especially mobile, to deliver solutions</p> <p>Be able to demonstrate how AI and other emerging technologies (e.g. mobile big data, IoT, remote sensing, computer vision, blockchain, drones), in conjunction with mobile technology, will be leveraged to deliver the solution described in section.</p> <p>Entity type</p> <p>Be a for-profit private sector small and growing enterprise in a low- or middle-income country.</p> <p>Have active users and commercial revenue (users and revenue from any products or services) in at least one eligible country.</p> <p>Be an existing entity registered and operating in the country of project implementation at the time of application (whether domestic or foreign-owned or a joint venture). In cases where responsibility for service delivery lies with a downstream partner rather than with the applicant (e.g. service delivery by a local government), it may be acceptable for the applicant to be registered in a country other than that of project implementation.</p> <p>Geography</p> <p>Propose a project that is implemented in a country/countries that is/are eligible to receive official development assistance [as per the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) classification] in the following regions: Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>Current market presence</p> <p>Have an existing entity registered and operating in the country (or countries) of project implementation.</p> <p>Ability to receive grant funds</p> <p>Have a bank account capable of receiving GBP payments, as all disbursements from the GSMA will be made in GBP. As a general rule, the applicant should be registered in and maintain a bank account in the country where the project will be implemented. On an exceptional basis, subject to the GSMA's assessment of the particular case, the GSMA could send funds to the GBP account of a parent company registered in a country other than the project implementation country.</p>
Total Budget: £250,000	
Deadline: 19/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.gsma.com/solutions-and-impact/connectivity-for-good/mobile-for-development/blog/announcing-the-launch-of-the-gsma-innovation-fund-for-impactful-ai/

Call Title:	FUNDING FROM MITSUBISHI CORPORATION FOUNDATION FOR THE AMERICAS (MCFA)
Programme:	MITSUBISHI CORPORATION FOUNDATION FOR THE AMERICAS (MCFA)
Objective:	Founded in 1992, the mission of the Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas (MCFA) is to promote environmental causes throughout the Americas in the broadest sense, which encompasses both the physical and social environments. In



	furtherance of their mission is providing support a wide range of projects in the following four categories: (1) Biodiversity Conservation, (2) Sustainable Development, (3) Environmental Justice and (4) Environmental Education.
Eligible Activities:	The Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas carries out these objectives is its grant to The Nature Conservancy to create a manual to evaluate and strengthen coalition building for protected area conservation. Since its inception the MCFA has supported more than 100 projects in 15 countries throughout the Americas. Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas-supported programs are geographically limited to the Americas.
Eligible Applicants:	The Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas does not provide financial support for individuals. It does not make gifts for religious, political or lobbying purposes. It does not support any organization that discriminates on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status or handicap. It only makes direct grants and donations to 501(c) (3) non-profit organizations in the U.S. or their equivalents overseas.
Total Budget: \$300,000 average	
Deadline: 31/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	http://www.mcfamericas.org/

Call Title:	TFISH GRANT
Programme:	Transparent Fish Fund (TFish)
Objective:	Transparent Fish Fund is a 501(c)(3) US nonprofit organization founded in 2011 in Palo Alto, California. They partner with hand-selected NGOs that effectively focus on poverty alleviation in East Asia. With financial support from their board members, who cover all our administrative costs, they are able to provide these NGOs with financial aid, capacity building resources, and reporting requirements to increase transparency and sustainability.
Eligible Activities:	They identify the most promising NGOs to partner with and develop them by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Providing capacity building resources and fundraising support from the West ▪ Facilitating financial accountability and transparency, even to the level of ensuring the recipient uses the contributions properly ▪ Serving programs run by members of the Asian American community and/or focus on work in Asia or the Asian American community <p>Focus areas: basic needs, direct needs, poverty relief, medical intervention, health, education in underserved areas of rural China and Southeast Asia</p> <p>Actions must take place in East Asia (Vietnam, China, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand).</p>
Eligible Applicants:	None provided

Total Budget:	\$1,500,000
Deadline:	31/03/2025
More information and official documents:	http://www.tfishfund.org/

Call Title:	Nominations open for COAL Prize: Freshwater
Programme:	COAL
Objective:	<p>The COAL Prize dedicated to fresh water is a call to fight against the drying up of people's sensitivities towards Water, to elevate it to its rightful place at the heart of general attention, to rehabilitate it in its symbolic and sacred prerogatives, to consider it as the ally and partner of "our" existences.</p> <p>It's also a call to protect it, to play the part in restoring its natural cycles, to repair places that have been damaged, in solidarity with those, human and non-human, who are irreparably affected.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p><u>Theme</u> Being Transformative</p> <p><u>Selection Criteria</u> Applicants will be judged on the following criteria: artistic value, relevance (understanding of the theme – Being Transformative), originality (the ability to introduce new approaches, themes, and points of view), pedagogy (ability to get a message across and raise awareness), social and participative approaches (engagement, testimony, efficiency, societal dynamics), eco-design and feasibility. The COAL Prize supports artistic projects in progress. The award is not intended to cover all production costs of the project but should be considered as an aid to its development. Ten artists are nominated by a selection committee of professionals for their projects submitted in response to this international call for entries. The Prix COAL and its special mentions are awarded from among these ten projects by a jury made up of representatives of the partner organizations and personalities from the fields of art and ecology.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p><u>Application Requirements</u> The application must include the following documents in a single pdf file. (the file must not exceed 30 MB): A detailed description of the proposed project, describing its artistic dimension, its relevance to the theme, including a note on the technical feasibility of the project and a budget estimation At least two visuals illustrating the project A CV and a portfolio.</p>
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	20/04/2025
More information and official documents:	https://projetcoal.org/en/prize/call-for-projects-prize-coal-2025-freshwater/

Call Title:	Knowledge transfer and training of Civil Servants, Safety Officials and Permitting Staff to improve Safety Assessment and Licensing Procedures across Europe
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	<p>The European Commission is requesting applications for its 'Knowledge transfer and training of Civil Servants, Safety Officials and Permitting Staff to improve Safety Assessment and Licensing Procedures across Europe' initiative which targets the training of public officials, staff of certification bodies, and engineers who are tasked with preparing permitting applications, evaluating such applications, and issuing permits for hydrogen projects.</p> <p>It will supply them with the necessary background knowledge to securely and confidently navigate the processes involved. The audience will consist of any staff involved in permitting processes on both sides of the table, but could also include fire brigades and other institutions involved in permitting processes in a consulting role. By raising awareness of the differences in these processes between Member States, the project will be able to contribute towards a harmonisation of procedures throughout the EU. The primary addressees of the project will be the regions and countries of the current and future Hydrogen Valley projects funded through the Clean Hydrogen JU.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Scope</p> <p>The project will compile the existing evaluation, permitting, and licensing procedures for hydrogen projects across Europe in order to establish the training material. From this base, the project will compile present best practices for permitting Fuel Cells and Hydrogen (FCH) technologies across the EU into a handbook. The project will provide training to public officials and all other types of staff engaged in permit applications, project assessment and certification, and permit granting. This will allow streamlining project implementation and ensure effective permitting and licensing procedures. Projects should further address the knowledge transfer between Hydrogen Valleys and between Member States on permitting and certification of hydrogen projects, for example, based on the best practice handbook.</p> <p>Expected Outcomes</p> <p>Project results are expected to contribute to all of the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collecting information on differences in Member States regulations in permitting and licensing processes of hydrogen projects across the EU; Giving public officials of the Hydrogen Valley regions and in the EU access to specific training plans and materials in order to spread knowledge on hydrogen technologies, their safety analysis and permitting processes; Supporting the move towards the use of digital tools to improve the efficiency in evaluation and licensing processes; Contributing to retain the EU leadership in efficiency and systematised licensing procedures, thus leveraging green hydrogen projects.
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligible Projects</p> <p>Proposals should address all of the following:</p> <p>Analysis of evaluation, permitting, and licensing procedures across the EU, covering at least all countries with Hydrogen Valleys. In addition proposals should cover all remaining Tier 1 and Tier 2 countries, and a selection of Tier 3 countries as deemed suitable by the applicants, ensuring an effective implementation of training programmes that can understand and explain the differences in procedures in the different target countries;</p>

	<p>Development and implementation of comprehensive training programmes in the target countries and/or regions (at least, as a minimum, in all countries with Hydrogen Valleys supported by the JU) for public officials and staff involved in permit applications, assessment, evaluation, permitting, and licensing of hydrogen projects, covering relevant areas to ensure a deep understanding of principles and practices related to hydrogen projects;</p> <p>Supply of train-the-trainer courses to training service providers and institutions with internal training programmes in all countries covered by the above;</p> <p>Assessment of educational progress, issuing a certificate recognised by the EU hydrogen industry;</p> <p>Introduction of the use of new digital tools to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in local evaluation and licensing processes, encouraging trainees to use such tools in their day-to-day practice.</p>
Total Budget:	€184,500,000
Deadline:	23/04/2025
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-JU-CLEANH2-2025-05-03

Call Title:	Einstein Award for Promoting Quality in Research
Programme:	Einstein Foundation Berlin
Objective:	<p>The Einstein Award for Promoting Quality in Research in cooperation with the QUEST Centre for Responsible Research at the Berlin Institute of Health at Charité honours researchers, institutions, and early career researchers around the globe whose work helps to fundamentally advance the quality, transparency, and reproducibility of science and research.</p> <p>The award aims to provide recognition and publicity for outstanding efforts that enhance the rigor, reliability, robustness, and transparency of research in the life sciences, natural sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities, and stimulate awareness and activities fostering research quality among scientists, institutions, funders, and politicians.</p> <p>Categories</p> <p>The award is presented in three categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Individual Award: honours individual researchers or small teams of collaborating researchers. ▪ The Institutional Award: recognizes organizations and research institutions. ▪ The Early Career Award: highlights innovative project proposals by researchers at the beginning of their careers.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Objectives</p> <p>The contributions should align with the following objectives:</p> <p>Reproducibility & Research Quality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fostering Research Integrity: Substantial contributions to research integrity through outstanding measures, such as enhancing transparency, promoting access to research results ('Open Science'), and embracing collaborative research ('Team Science').

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quality-Improving Interventions: Developing and/or implementing interventions, governance, and policies that enhance the quality and reliability of research. ▪ Innovative Approaches to Research Integrity: Developing innovative approaches that foster research on research integrity, conducting and designing novel measures or programs to prevent misconduct, and safeguarding validity and reliability in science and research. ▪ Exceptional Integrity: Demonstrating exceptional integrity when facing difficult circumstances and/or conflicts of interest. ▪ Long-Term Archiving: Guaranteeing the long-term archiving of data and publications through intergenerational archives. ▪ Addressing Systemic Factors: Identifying and addressing systemic factors that foster research integrity and more responsible research. ▪ Replications: Performing or supporting studies on the reproducibility of scientific results. ▪ Teaching Good Research Practice: Making a significant contribution to the teaching of good research practice. <p>MetaScience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research on Research: to identify opportunities for improving research practice, generating evidence for potential interventions, and developing metrics and policies that incentivize the adoption of best possible research practices. ▪ Research Assessment and Incentives: ▪ Identifying research standards and incentives: that directly or indirectly constrain the quality of research (e.g. reliance on purely quantitative output measures) and designing more adequate means to assess the quality of research and researchers. <p>Accessibility and Inclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increasing Diversity in Research: Making a significant contribution to increasing the diversity of research by considering aspects such as gender, race/ethnicity, geography, career stage, etc.
<p>Eligible Applicants:</p>	<p>Eligibility Criteria Researchers and institutions worldwide that are engaged in science, research, education, and scholarship are encouraged to participate in this award. It acknowledges outstanding contributions to advancing the rigor, reliability, and transparency of research. They warmly welcome applications and nominations from marginalized and underrepresented groups.</p>
<p>Total Budget: €100,000 - €350,000</p>	
<p>Deadline: 29/04/2025</p>	
<p>More information and official documents:</p>	<p>https://award.einsteinfoundation.de/</p>

<p>Call Title:</p>	<p>UNESCO - Greece Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Safeguarding and Management of Cultural Landscapes</p>
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Programme: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	
Objective:	The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is inviting nominations for its Greece Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Safeguarding and Management of Cultural Landscapes to reward outstanding examples of action to safeguard and enhance the world's cultural landscapes.
Eligible Activities:	Outstanding examples of action to safeguard and enhance the world's cultural landscapes
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Individuals, institutions, other entities, communities or non-governmental organizations (in official partnerships with UNESCO or not) that have made a significant contribution to the safeguarding, management and enhancement of the world's major cultural landscapes.</p> <p>Nomination Criteria</p> <p>A self-nomination cannot be considered;</p> <p>Government agencies of UNESCO Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions for UNESCO;</p> <p>NGOs in official partnerships with UNESCO;</p> <p>International, regional and national professional, academic and non-governmental organizations active in the field of cultural landscapes;</p> <p>It is not necessary for a cultural landscape to be inscribed on the World Heritage List to be eligible for the Prize;</p> <p>Candidatures relating to sites nominated for possible inscription on the World Heritage List may not be submitted in the same year in which the nomination dossier is examined by the World Heritage Committee.</p>
Total Budget: \$100,000	
Deadline: 30/04/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://whc.unesco.org/en/culturallandscapesprize/

Call Title:	INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS EAST
Programme: Austrian Development Agency (ADA)	
Objective:	The funding instrument Individual Projects East is available to civil society organisations (CSOs) that implement multi-year projects in developing countries in the Danube Region/Western Balkans, Black Sea Region/South Caucasus and Central Asia together with local partner organisations. The partners must retain responsibility (ownership).
Eligible Activities:	Eligible projects aim at poverty reduction, good governance, human security and the preservation of a liveable environment according to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Three-Year Programme on Austrian Development Policy. Possible thematic foci are rural development, food security, water supply and sanitation, education, human rights and peacebuilding, disaster preparedness, environment and climate change as well as migration and development, social inclusion and health. The thematic focus is set by the applicant, the "Right of Initiative" applies. Projects must be

	<p>implemented in developing countries (according to the OECD's Development Assistance Committee/DAC's definition) and be in accordance with national and local strategies of the respective partner country.</p> <p>Actions must take place in: (1) Funding rate 90% of project costs for ADC priority countries (Armenia, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova); (2) Funding rate 55% of project costs for the following countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Ukraine); (3) Funding rate 25% of project costs for Remaining Least Developed Countries, Low Income Countries, Lower Middle Income Countries and Upper Middle Income Countries.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible for application are associations, foundations, trade unions, local authorities or other public corporations based in Austria. Individuals may not submit applications.
Total Budget: €350,000 - €600,000	
Deadline: 15/05/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.entwicklung.at/en/actors/civil-society/individual-projects-east

Call Title:	Individual Projects South
Programme: Austrian Development Agency (ADA)	
Objective:	The funding instrument Individual Projects South is available to civil society organisations (CSOs) that implement multi-year projects in developing countries in East Africa and Horn of Africa/ Southern Africa/ West Africa, the Himalayas/Hindu Kush, the Middle East, South East Asia and in Latin America together with local partner organisations. The partners must retain responsibility (ownership).
Eligible Activities:	<p>Eligible projects aim at poverty reduction, good governance, human security and the preservation of a liveable environment according to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Three-Year Programme on Austrian Development Policy. Possible thematic foci are rural development, food security, water supply and sanitation, education, human rights and peacebuilding, disaster preparedness, environment and climate change as well as migration and development, social inclusion and health. The thematic focus is set by the applicant, the "Right of Initiative" applies. Projects must be implemented in developing countries (according to the OECD's Development Assistance Committee/DAC's definition) and be in accordance with national and local strategies of the respective partner country.</p> <p>Actions must take place in developing countries in East Africa and Horn of Africa/ Southern Africa/ West Africa, the Himalayas/Hindu Kush, the Middle East, South East Asia and in Latin America.</p> <p>The funding rate depends on the country in which the project is carried out: (1) Funding rate 90% of project costs for ADC priority countries (Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Palestinian Territories, Uganda); (2) Funding rate 55% of project costs for Least Developed Countries in Africa as well as Jordan, Nepal, Pakistan; (3) Funding rate 25% of project costs for remaining Least Developed Countries, Low Income Countries,</p>

	Lower Middle Income Countries and Upper Middle Income Countries. Per individual project, the minimum amount of funding provided by ADA is €350,000; the maximum amount is €600,000.
Eligible Applicants:	Legal entities such as societies, foundations, trade unions, regional/local administrative bodies or other public institutions based in Austria (in partnership with local organisations) are eligible.
Total Budget:	€350,000 - €600,000
Deadline:	15/05/2025
More information and official documents:	http://www.entwicklung.at/en/actors/civil-society/individual-projects-south/

Call Title:	Zayed Sustainability Prize
Programme:	MASDAR
Objective:	Applications are now open for the Zayed Sustainability Prize that recognises and rewards small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), nonprofit organisations (NPOs), and global high schools with impactful, innovative and inspiring sustainable solutions. Established by the UAE leadership in 2008, the Prize honours the humanitarian and sustainability legacy of the UAE's founding father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. Over the past 16 years, the Zayed Sustainability Prize has awarded 117 winners who have positively impacted the lives of 384 million people around the world.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Categories</p> <p>Health This category recognises organisations that have demonstrated innovative, impactful and inspirational sustainability solutions in the areas of health that include, but are not limited to: Ensuring access to essential and affordable healthcare Ensuring access to maternal and newborn healthcare Ending epidemics (AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculosis etc.) Preventing and treating water-borne, communicable and non-communicable diseases Reducing illness from pollution, hazardous chemicals and contamination</p> <p>Food This category recognises organisations that have demonstrated innovative, impactful and inspirational sustainability solutions in the areas of food that include, but are not limited to: Decreasing hunger and malnutrition Increasing agricultural or other food processing productivity Ensuring sustainability of food systems Enhancing sustainable food production</p> <p>Energy This category recognises organisations that have demonstrated innovative, impactful and inspirational sustainability solutions in the areas of energy that include, but are not limited to: Ensuring access to affordable and reliable clean energy Increasing production of clean energy</p>

	<p>Improving energy efficiency and energy infrastructure Implementing clean energy technology innovation</p> <p>Water This category recognises organisations that can demonstrated innovative, impactful and inspirational sustainability solutions in the areas of water that include, but are not limited to: Ensuring access to safe and affordable drinking water Ensuring access to sanitation and hygiene Increasing water use efficiency</p> <p>Climate Action The category recognises organisations that have demonstrated innovative, impactful and inspirational solutions producing positive results in the following areas: Climate Adaptation and resilience building Sustainable Land Use and Forest Conservation Nature-based solutions for conserving/restoring ecosystems and natural resources or carbon removal Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage</p> <p>Global High Schools The Global High Schools category recognises high schools or secondary schools, from six global geographic regions that propose innovative, impactful and inspirational sustainability projects in the areas of health, food, energy and/or water. The proposed project could be in one area (e.g. water) or a combination of areas (e.g. health, food, energy, water and climate action). The Prize is intended to encourage students to develop and implement their sustainability ideas and is not aimed at administrative projects or educational reforms at the school. The award in this category is not given for past achievements but will enable students from winning high schools to implement sustainability projects in their own schools. These student-led projects must demonstrate innovative approaches to address sustainability challenges and inspire students to take active roles in sustainable development. The application must be submitted by the students and supported by the school management. The projects must: demonstrate how they meet the three criteria: impact, innovation, inspiration, as explained in the Evaluation Criteria section of this page; be able to be implemented and operational within one to two years; and benefit the school community and/or their local/regional community for several years.</p>
<p>Eligible Applicants:</p>	<p>Eligibility Criteria Organisations must be a small or medium sized enterprise (SME) or a non-profit organisation (NPO). Organisations must also demonstrate a clear vision and long-term plan to further deploy their solution and scale up their impact, as well as inspiring others to follow suit by advancing sustainable and human development.</p>
<p>Total Budget: \$5,900,000</p>	
<p>Deadline: 23/06/2025</p>	
<p>More information and official documents:</p>	<p>https://entry.zayedsustainabilityprize.com/ZSPHome</p>

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM EUROFINS FOUNDATION
Programme:	EUROFINS FOUNDATION
Objective:	Eurofins Foundation's primary areas of focus include supporting initiatives aimed at protecting the environment, improving nutrition, improving health, improving social businesses and promoting inclusion.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Areas of focus:</p> <p>Protecting the environment: protecting ecosystems in the sea and on land and conserving our planet's scarce resources for future generations;</p> <p>Improving nutrition: support projects and initiatives feeding deprived communities in developing countries, programmes aimed at decreasing food waste and facing challenges of feeding a growing world population in a sustainable manner, etc.</p> <p>Improving health: facilitating access to clean water and sanitation, supporting research on cancer, organ transplants or addressing other significant challenges in modern healthcare;</p> <p>Helping social, not-for-profit businesses working in the fields of environment or health protection and improved nutrition, in line with Eurofins' DNA;</p> <p>Promoting inclusion, diversity and equality at all levels of society through advocacy, education, mentorship, training and development programmes and STEM and STEAM outreach where this is contributing to a safer and healthier world;</p> <p>Supporting students who study or carry out research in fields aiming at contributing to safer and healthier lives but who lack sufficient financial resources;</p> <p>Helping nonprofit organisations active in the local communities where Eurofins' laboratories operate and their staff live and work.</p> <p>Actions can take place worldwide.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The project is impactful and aligned with the objectives of the Foundation; it must clearly mention the needs it addresses, its positive impact and the effective use of the funds; an evaluation of the project's effectiveness is requested.
Total Budget:	€2,000,000
Deadline:	31/10/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.eurofins.com/eurofins-foundation/submit-a-project/

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