

CCG INSIGHT NEWSLETTER

Weekly Funding Insight
Week Commencing 17th February 2025



CORMACK
CONSULTANCY
GROUP

Internationalising Higher Education



CLUB
ORIZONT

FROM CORMACK
CONSULTANCY GROUP

NEW OPPORTUNITIES	4
CIVIC SPACE MONITORING FOR CONNECT, DEFEND, ACT! (CDA)	4
Programme: Hivos	4
Total Budget: €100,000	4
Deadline: 04/03/2025	4
IDENTIFICATION OF PARTNERS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNICEF EDUCATION PROJECTS	4
Programme: UNICEF	4
Total Budget: €1,000,000	5
Deadline: 04/03/2025	5
CALL FOR PROPOSALS FROM THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS	5
Programme: COUNCIL OF EUROPE	5
Total Budget: €100,000	6
Deadline: 05/03/2025	6
CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS TO SUPPORT CIVIL SOCIETY FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION	6
Programme: COSV – Cooperation for Development	6
Total Budget: €350,000	6
Deadline: 07/03/2025	6
Innovation Call: Short Innovation Projects 2025 - Segment 1	7
Programme: EIT Culture & Creativity	7
Total Budget: €595,000	7
Deadline: 11/04/2025	7
WERISE CAMPAIGN	7
Programme: CIVICUS	7
Total Budget: €100,000	8
Deadline: 15/03/2025	8
GRANTS FROM ELISABETH AND AMELIE FUND	8
Programme: ELISABETH AND AMELIE FUND	8
Total Budget: €100,000	9
Deadline: 25/03/2025	9
Innovations for Gram-Negative Antibiotic Discovery Challenge 2025	9
Programme: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	9
Total Budget: \$5,000,000	10
Deadline: 25/03/2025	10
CFPs: Reducing the Burden of Preeclampsia Grand Challenge	10
Programme: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	10
Total Budget: \$500,000 per project	11
Deadline: 25/03/2025	11
Grand Challenge: Innovative Data and Modeling approaches to measure Women's Health	11
Programme: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	11

Total Budget:	\$150,000 per project	13
Deadline:	25/03/2025	13
GRANTS FROM MARGARET DOBSON FURTHER EDUCATION TRUST		13
Programme:	MARGARET DOBSON FURTHER EDUCATION TRUST	13
Total Budget:	£100,000	14
Deadline:	31/03/2025	14
OVERSEAS FUNDING FROM HILDEN CHARITABLE FUND		14
Programme:	HILDEN CHARITABLE FUND	14
Total Budget:	£100,000	14
Deadline:	02/04/2025	14
GRANTS FROM ALSTOM FOUNDATION		15
Programme:	ALSTOM FOUNDATION	15
Total Budget:	€1,500,000	15
Deadline:	10/04/2025	15
Open Call: Short Innovation Projects 2025 - Segment 2		15
Programme:	EIT Culture & Creativity	15
Total Budget:	€2,640,000	16
Deadline:	11/04/2025	16
StandICT.eu 2026 - 8th Open Call		16
Programme:	European Commission (EC)	16
Total Budget:	€325,000	18
Deadline:	11/04/2025	18
LINK TO PREVIOUS FUNDING NEWSLETTERS		18

New Opportunities

Call Title:	CIVIC SPACE MONITORING FOR CONNECT, DEFEND, ACT! (CDA)
Programme:	Hivos
Objective:	Hivos is launching a Call for Concept Notes to support civic space monitoring for the “Connect, Defend, Act!” project in Palestine (oPt). The project, funded by the Government of Norway, aims to counter the shrinking of civic space in Palestine by empowering civil society actors to monitor, report, and influence the changes in civic space. The project focuses on strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) and human rights defenders (HRDs) to respond to digital and physical repression while promoting safer and inclusive digital spaces. By collecting evidence and analyzing trends in the civic space, the project seeks to provide strategic insights and foster local ownership and leadership in addressing challenges in the political and legal environment for civic actors.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Project objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote coalition building among diverse civil society actors, including human rights defenders, rights holder-led civil society organizations, and independent media actors, grounded in civil society-led evidence gathering and knowledge production, and facilitated by context-specific communities of action. Contribute to safe and inclusive digital civic spaces for sustained collaboration and action among civil society actors through localized holistic digital security capacity strengthening, knowledge production, and active referral to digital protection providers. Increase civil society actors’ flexibility to rapidly respond to changes in civic space through organizational capacity strengthening and the provision of strategic funding for sustainable action. <p>Actions must take place in Palestine.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The call is open to Palestinian civil society organizations (CSOs) that are legally registered and have prior experience in civic space monitoring. Applicants should demonstrate the capacity to collect and analyze data on civic space, conduct evidence-based reporting, and collaborate with other stakeholders in advocacy efforts.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	04/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://hivos.org/call/call-for-concept-notes-civic-space-monitoring-for-connect-defend-act-cda/

Call Title:	IDENTIFICATION OF PARTNERS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNICEF EDUCATION PROJECTS
Programme:	UNICEF
Objective:	Expected results under component 1 – The objective is to reduce digital gaps leading to improved learning outcomes and digitally skilled individuals well- prepared for school, work, and life and with two specific results areas: 1. More children benefit from enhanced digital connectivity and network resilience for schools and communities in underserved areas and; 2. More children and adolescents, including those with

	<p>disabilities, access equitable, inclusive, and quality digitally enabled learning and develop transferrable and digital skills and competences.</p> <p>Expected results under component 2 – The two objectives under component 2 include (i) Providing equitable access to quality education opportunities and retention for out of school children and adolescents and (ii) Promoting Inclusive Education for children with visual impairments/blind by enhancing stakeholder's awareness, capacity, data management leading to improved learning.</p>
Eligible Activities:	Actions must take place in Kenya.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are NGOs with experience in the sector and country.
Total Budget:	€1,000,000
Deadline:	04/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.unpartnerportal.org/api/public/export/projects/16835/

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROPOSALS FROM THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS
Programme:	COUNCIL OF EUROPE
Objective:	<p>Support will be provided to projects that facilitate access to human rights and essential services for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees to Ukraine at the local level. Projects must meet one or more of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate communication and information exchange between local self-government bodies and Ukrainian refugees residing abroad as well as returnees. • Enhance resilience and social cohesion at local level through the promotion and implementation of trauma-informed approach in the context of access to rights and services for IDPs, returnees, and host communities. • Support adaptation and integration of IDPs along with their access to rights and services.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Further to the general objective, preference will be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects/actions facilitating experience exchange and knowledge transfer between IDP-led initiatives and CSOs of the first (2014) and the second (after 2022) waves of displacement; • Projects/actions engaging local self-government bodies; • Projects/actions engaging CSOs working with refugees from Ukraine abroad; • Projects/actions promoting Council of Europe standards in the field of internal displacement and human rights considerations of return policies; • Projects/actions improving and advancing the quality of services provided to IDPs, returnees, and residence of host communities. <p>Actions must take place in Ukraine.</p>

Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, an applicant must: be legally constituted as a non-governmental organisation in Ukraine; be entitled to carry out in Ukraine activities described in its project proposal; have been active for at least 2 years in the field of work with internally displaced persons; have sufficient financial capacity (stable and sufficient sources of funding) to maintain its activity throughout the period for which the grant is awarded and to participate by way of its own resources (including human resources or in-kind contributions); have sufficient operational and professional capacity, including staff, to carry out activities described in its project proposal; have a bank account.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	05/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.coe.int/en/web/kyiv/-/call-for-proposals-from-the-council-of-europe-for-civil-society-organizations-deadline-march-5-2025-

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS TO SUPPORT CIVIL SOCIETY FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION
Programme:	COSV – Cooperation for Development
Objective:	The YouSEED – Youth Explore Rural Development Through Social Economy project is a three-year initiative aimed at strengthening the role of young people in rural development through social economy principles. This call for proposals seeks to support innovative service models that contribute to collective, ecological, and social impact by engaging civil society, social enterprises, and organizations working to empower local communities.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The focus is on projects that bring long-term benefits, particularly in environmental protection, sustainable development, and social inclusion. Funding is available for initiatives in 20 municipalities across Montenegro, including Andrijevica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Kolašin, Mojkovac, Rožaje, Gusinje, Plav, Pljevlja, Šavnik, Plužine, Petnjica, Žabljak, Tuzi, Zeta, Nikšić, Danilovgrad, Cetinje, Bar, and Ulcinj.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Montenegro.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be legal entities registered as non-profit organizations, networks of civil society organizations, or social enterprises. They must have Montenegrin nationality, operate in the specified municipalities, and be directly responsible for project preparation and management. Additionally, applicants must have been legally registered in Montenegro for at least 12 months before the submission deadline.
Total Budget:	€350,000
Deadline:	07/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://investintuzi.me/2025/02/13/call-for-a-project-to-support-civil-society-within-youseed-youth-explore-rural-development-through-social-economy/

Call Title:	Innovation Call: Short Innovation Projects 2025 - Segment 1
Programme:	EIT Culture & Creativity
Objective:	<p>EIT Culture & Creativity invites proposals for the 2025 Short Innovation Projects - Segment 1, supporting high-impact initiatives that tackle key challenges in the Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries (CCSI).</p> <p>The call focuses on fast-paced, results-driven innovation projects with a maximum duration of 6 months, delivering tangible and market-ready solutions within a short timeframe.</p> <p>With a strong emphasis on Fashion, Architecture, Cultural Heritage, Audio-Visual Media, and Gaming, the call seeks to accelerate commercialisation and market adoption of innovations that address the challenges of globalisation, digital transformation, emerging technologies (such as AI), and environmental sustainability.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Scope and Topics</p> <p>Call segment 1 (single applicant)</p> <p>The Call for Short Innovation Projects, segment 1, supports 6-month projects carried out by a single SME or micro enterprise. These projects advance technologies from TRL 7 to TRL 9, ensuring rapid commercialization. The single applicant must independently manage the project, act as the commercial partner, and implement the innovation. Priority sectors include all five EIT CC priority areas: Fashion, Cultural Heritage, Architecture, Gaming, and Audio-Visual Media. The expected outcome is a market-ready product, service, or business model, with a clear path to commercialization across multiple European markets.</p> <p>Co-funding:</p> <p>All proposals must have a minimum co-funding rate of 30% across the project. Partners within a consortium may have different individual co-funding rates, as long as the overall co-funding for the entire project meets the required minimum of 30%.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Call segment 1 (single applicant)</p> <p>Proposals must be submitted by a single SME or micro enterprise established in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe-associated country. The single entity acts as both the innovation developer and commercial partner, progressing an innovation from TRL 7 to TRL 9 within 6 months. The entity is fully responsible for market readiness and contributing to financial sustainability through the Financial Sustainability Mechanism (FSM).</p>
Total Budget:	€595,000
Deadline:	11/04/2025
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/10181

Call Title:	WERISE CAMPAIGN
Programme:	CIVICUS
Objective:	The WeRise Campaign is a global initiative by CIVICUS aimed at protecting and promoting the Freedom of Peaceful Assembly (FoPA) as a fundamental right. This

	second cohort builds on the success of the first, fostering a network of activists, organizers, and movement builders committed to expanding civic space through innovative and impactful protest strategies. The campaign seeks to support sixteen CIVICUS members from four different regions in designing local campaigns that challenge traditional protest methods, redefine who can participate, and reshape the future of activism.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Proposals should highlight the voices of marginalized groups, including refugees, migrants, students, trade unionists, and activists, and tackle systemic barriers to peaceful assembly. CIVICUS is particularly interested in proposals that address the experience of FoPA for migrants and refugees, the criminalization and violence against protest movements and activists, and the role of AI and digital surveillance in repressing protests. The campaign prioritizes grassroots, creative, and context-specific solutions that directly counter the increasing repression of activism worldwide.</p> <p>The campaign prioritizes applications from countries where restrictions on protests are most severe. These include Angola, Mozambique, Ghana, Guinea-Conakry, Thailand, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Jordan, Iran, Egypt, Tunisia, Argentina, El Salvador, Venezuela, and Peru.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The call is open to a wide range of groups and movements actively engaged in defending and expanding civic space. Eligible applicants include social movements, both registered and unregistered, protest movements, including climate justice groups, refugee and diaspora networks advocating for FoPA, trade unions protecting workers' rights, student movements pushing for change, and activists who use creative expression as a form of resistance.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 15/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.civicus.org/index.php/engage-and-act/campaign-with-us/werise-campaign-call-for-proposals

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM ELISABETH AND AMELIE FUND
Programme:	ELISABETH AND AMELIE FUND
Objective:	The Elisabeth & Amelie Fund supports projects of Belgian organizations working in developing countries to improve access to drinking water. The Fund aims to improve access to water and sanitation by establishing drinking water and sanitation systems in schools. The call for projects will focus on school sanitation projects with a hygiene education component. Access to sufficient safe water, basic sanitation and hygiene is an absolute necessity to maintain the health of a community and contribute to its economic development. Water being a common good, it must be managed equitably. There must be a concerted approach between all stakeholders. In the current context of climate change, it is essential to emphasize water conservation while adapting to local specificities and context.
Eligible Activities:	Previously funded projects include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up two permaculture pilot projects in a park with communal vegetable gardens to help vulnerable women farmers, to grow vegetables more efficiently, and encourage families with private vegetable gardens to make sustainable use of rainwater and wastewater; • Installing collectors to collect rainwater for vulnerable families in an arid area, and encourage families to grow vegetables on their plots in order to reduce their dependence on remote water points and vegetable markets; and also to contribute to food security and the health; • Reforestation and groundwater replenishment for irrigation agriculture, groundwater wells, reservoir purification and rainwater collection in schools, to improve access to irrigation and drinking water for farming families and their children. <p>Actions must take place in the Southern Hemisphere (i.e. Ethiopia, Mali, Cambodia etc.).</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Communities and organizations from developing countries may contact a Belgian organization to submit a joint project. Eligible are Belgian organizations working in countries in the southern hemisphere to improve access to drinking water.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 25/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://candidate.kbs-frb.be/en/call/2025-I4811180-e

Call Title:	Innovations for Gram-Negative Antibiotic Discovery Challenge 2025
Programme:	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Objective:	<p>The Novo Nordisk Foundation (NNF), Wellcome, and the Gates Foundation (GF) are jointly launching a new initiative, Gram-Negative Antibiotic Discovery Innovator (Gr-ADI), to drive innovation in early drug discovery for Gram-negative pathogens. This Grand Challenges RFP will identify and select the first projects within the consortium. The focus of this RFP will be on the discovery of antibiotics with broad spectrum activity against Enterobacteriaceae, using Klebsiella spp. as the pathogen to initiate a discovery program.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The Challenge</p> <p>The ultimate objective of Gr-ADI will be to enable discovery of safe and simple first-line broad-spectrum drugs for syndromic management, through:</p> <p>Development of novel and emerging biological, chemical, and AI tools that could be applied broadly for antibiotic discovery to identify new antibiotic targets.</p> <p>Application of these innovative approaches to generate chemical starting points for project-based drug discovery.</p> <p>Fostering a collective mindset to address gaps in knowledge, solve problems, and manage a portfolio of targets and hits.</p> <p>Themes</p> <p>Proposals must address at least one of the following themes:</p>

	<p>Development of genome-scale tools or other innovative technologies to identify new chemical starting points linked to targets as well as assessment of potential drug target vulnerability, singly or in combination.</p> <p>Development of innovative technologies to select targets and chemical leads with a very high bar to resistance.</p> <p>Gaining a better understanding of the chemistry underlying penetration of compounds to different compartments of the bacterial cell to build a platform to rapidly test whether compounds reach and accumulate at their target.</p> <p>Development of novel and coordinated approaches to identifying new chemical leads for clinically or in vivo validated drug targets, for which there is currently no agent in Phase 3.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>This initiative is open to nonprofit organizations, for-profit companies, international organizations, government agencies, and academic institutions.</p> <p>Only individuals who are applying through a legally recognized corporate entity are eligible.</p> <p>They particularly encourage applications from institutions based in LMICs and projects led by women and other groups that are historically underrepresented in the drug discovery field. All applications received will then be reviewed on their merits.</p> <p>Lead applicants must be able to demonstrate the experience needed to drive and lead a project and to deliver on the objectives.</p> <p>Applications can be from multi- and inter-disciplinary teams, and they encourage lead applicants to put together diverse teams, promoting a diverse, inclusive, and supportive research environment.</p> <p>Researchers may participate as co-applicants or collaborators on multiple proposals but may submit only one application as a lead applicant to this RFP. If researchers are co-applicants or collaborators on multiple proposals, they must be able to demonstrate that they can dedicate enough time and resources to all projects if all the projects they are involved in are funded.</p>
Total Budget: \$5,000,000	
Deadline: 25/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/innovations-gram-negative-antibiotic-discovery

Call Title:	CFPs: Reducing the Burden of Preeclampsia Grand Challenge
Programme:	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Objective:	<p>The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is seeking proposals for innovative solutions for the early detection, prevention, and treatment of preeclampsia, particularly in low- and middle-income countries where maternal mortality rates are high.</p> <p>To support this focus, they are looking for collaborations, including those with research institutions, health care providers, and global health organizations, that enable cross-sector insights and ensure that solutions are adaptable and practical.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Objectives</p> <p>The objectives of the challenge are:</p>

	<p>Early prediction and detection of preeclampsia: They seek biomarkers (including other than sFlt1 and PlGF), diagnostic tests, and point-of-care technologies to predict early in pregnancy the risk of preeclampsia and to diagnose it before symptoms become severe.</p> <p>Understanding the pathophysiology of preeclampsia and its heterogeneity: They seek to understand the biological mechanisms driving the disease and its subtypes so that new interventions can be effectively tailored to the underlying etiology.</p> <p>Preventive and therapeutic interventions: They seek new approaches to known targets or new targets to reduce the incidence and severity of preeclampsia, mitigate disease progression, and prevent the cardiovascular and metabolic complications that often follow it.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>This initiative is open to nonprofit organizations, for-profit companies, international organizations, government agencies, and academic institutions.</p> <p>They particularly encourage applications involving projects led by women or from women-led organizations and applications from institutions based in low- and middle-income countries.</p> <p>They are looking for proposals that:</p> <p>Identify biomarkers that easily, reliably, and affordably predict preeclampsia risk early in pregnancy</p> <p>Identify biochemical, genetic, epigenetic, or metabolomic signatures that can be translated into point-of-care tests</p> <p>Leverage innovations in mobile health, wearable sensors, or simple clinical algorithms to identify women at risk before symptoms become severe</p> <p>Identify the underlying biological mechanisms driving preeclampsia and its subtypes, including the roles of the placenta, endothelial function, immune response, and gut microbiota</p>
Total Budget: \$500,000 per project	
Deadline: 25/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/reducing-burden-preeclampsia

Call Title:	Grand Challenge: Innovative Data and Modeling approaches to measure Women's Health
Programme:	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Objective:	<p>This Grand Challenge on Innovative Data and Modeling Approaches to Measure Women's Health seeks to advance innovative ways to measure women's health by either developing new measurement models or adapting existing ones to better capture the full scope of women's health burdens and progress.</p> <p>This Grand Challenge prioritizes solutions that leverage data sources that are existing or under development rather than relying on new, large-scale data collection efforts, ensuring sustainability and feasibility.</p>
Eligible Activities:	Objectives

	<p>They invite applicants to explore bold, innovative approaches. Specifically, the objectives of the Challenge will be to:</p> <p>Reimagine new ways to understand and measure women’s health that extend beyond the limitations of existing composite indicators such as DALY.</p> <p>Use existing data sets or easily collectible datasets to quantify women’s health outcomes across countries. While this Grand Challenge does not fund large-scale data collection, proposals may include small-scale data expansion where it is feasible, policy-relevant, and significantly enhances gendered analysis.</p> <p>Design innovative methodologies that incorporate gendered, socio-cultural, economic, and structural determinants of health, ensuring a comprehensive gender-sensitive approach (A gender-sensitive approach takes into consideration how one's gender impacts access to services, risk and protective factors and barriers that are uniquely experienced because of one's gender in a society).</p> <p>Create tools or frameworks that enable cross-cultural or subnational comparative analysis, identifying context-specific gaps and progress.</p> <p>Reflect the interconnected dimensions of women’s health across the life course</p> <p>Incorporate gaps in the measurement of:</p> <p>Skills, knowledge, and networks: addressing how gender disparities in education, training, and professional networks impact health access, decision making, and service delivery.</p> <p>Supply and access to services: examining how health systems, financing mechanisms, and gender-based barriers affect the availability, affordability, and accessibility of essential services for women</p> <p>Health and economic impacts: capturing the intersection of health outcomes with economic participation, caregiving burdens, workforce inclusion, and financial independence.</p> <p>Produce outputs that are:</p> <p>Methodologically rigorous: applying sound data science, statistical modeling, or analytical techniques that enhance the validity and reliability of women’s health measurements.</p> <p>Interpretable and actionable: ensuring results can be understood and applied by policymakers and implementers.</p> <p>Comparative and scalable: enabling cross-cultural or subnational analysis to identify patterns, disparities, and opportunities for intervention.</p> <p>Gender-sensitive and intersectional: incorporating the social, economic, and structural determinants that affect women’s health outcomes.</p> <p>Policy-relevant and decision-oriented: providing insights that have the potential to directly inform policies, resource allocation, or program design to improve women’s health measurement and action.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>This initiative is open to nonprofit organizations, for-profit companies, international organizations, government agencies and academic institutions. They particularly encourage applications involving projects led by women, early-career researchers and practitioners seeking to innovate in women’s health measurement, or from women-led organizations and applications from institutions based in low- and middle-income countries. They also encourage collaborative submissions across disciplines such as economics, public health, and gender studies.</p> <p>They are looking for proposals that:</p> <p>Demonstrate innovative thinking in modeling women’s health, providing creative methodologies or tools to address gaps in measurement.</p>

	<p>Leverage existing data sources and/or explore datasets that are feasible to collect within current capacities.</p> <p>Incorporate intersectional approaches, addressing disparities (social, economic, and structural determinants of health) that disproportionately impact women.</p> <p>Align with the Opportunity Map dimensions, focusing on multidimensional indicators beyond traditional composite measures.</p> <p>Show potential to generate actionable insights for policy and programmatic interventions at a national and/or global scale.</p> <p>Enable cross-country or subnational comparisons, offering solutions that reveal context-specific gaps and opportunities for progress.</p> <p>Present a clear pathway for real-world impact, outlining how the outputs can inform resource allocation, policy, or program design.</p> <p>Highlight the potential for scalability and adaptability of the proposed approach across diverse country contexts.</p> <p>Promote interdisciplinary collaboration, combining perspectives from multiple sectors such as public health, data science, economics, and gender studies.</p>
Total Budget: \$150,000 per project	
Deadline: 25/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/innovative-data-and-modeling-approaches-measure-womens-health

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM MARGARET DOBSON FURTHER EDUCATION TRUST
Programme:	MARGARET DOBSON FURTHER EDUCATION TRUST
Objective:	<p>The Margaret Dobson Further Education Trust was founded from an investment by the late Mrs Margaret Dobson. It was intended as an attempt by her to help young people and others with learning difficulties and other special needs to fulfill their potential, both in educational and practical skills. The Trust seeks to achieve this by making grants to other charities which are providing services with similar aims. Decisions are made by the Trustees after consideration of written applications. The Trustees have a set of guidelines to assist charities who are seeking grants. The Margaret Dobson Further Education Trust makes grants to support people with a learning disability after they reach normal school leaving age, to learn skills to help them live more independent lives.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>They fund: (1) projects that benefit young adults with a learning disability to give them skills to live more independent and fulfilled lives; (2) salaries; (3) equipment; (4) printing and marketing where part of a specific project; and (5) running costs where it can be shown that the charity may close if not supported at this time.</p> <p>With limited resources at their disposal, the Trustees will prioritise applications from projects which meet at least two of the following criteria: (1) designed for, and aimed, at people with learning disabilities aged 16 to 25; (2) offer the opportunity for people to gain transferable life skills, which may include how to access support; (3) offer employment experience; (4) build in accredited training; (5) enable social interaction with other people and allow self-expression and confidence-building; and (6)</p>

	<p>applications from smaller organisations which are demonstrating an entrepreneurial approach to a locally identified issue.</p> <p>Applications are accepted from UK registered charities and other charities that share the same objective worldwide.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Non-profit organisations are eligible to apply.
Total Budget:	£100,000
Deadline:	31/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.margaretdobsontrust.org/

Call Title:	OVERSEAS FUNDING FROM HILDEN CHARITABLE FUND
Programme:	HILDEN CHARITABLE FUND
Objective:	<p>The Hilden Charitable Fund was established in 1963 by Joan and Tony Rampton. It awards grants to projects both in the UK and in developing countries. The aim of the fund is to address disadvantages, notably by supporting causes which are less likely to raise funds from public subscriptions. This grants program supports projects (both in the UK and in developing countries) that address areas like community development, education, health, and women & girls. Overseas grants concentrate on:</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Projects which support access to education for women and girls (they will not fund individual bursaries or scholarships)</p> <p>Projects which enable rural and/or displaced communities to become more self-sufficient</p> <p>Projects that they have funded in the past include: repair of toilets, sewing programs for women, library upgrade of schools, vocational program for women with disabilities, humanitarian aid after disasters, micro credit schemes etc.</p> <p>They fund projects in Malawi.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Their preference is to fund organisations based in the country where the work is to be delivered and, as such, you should be registered as an NGO in that country. Organisations must have an annual income (as shown in the most recent accounts) of no more than £250,000 (approximately \$300,000). If you are a UK registered organisation you will need to be able to demonstrate how your work empowers local people/communities to become more self-sufficient and less reliant on your organisation.</p>
Total Budget:	£100,000
Deadline:	02/04/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.hildencharitablefund.org/

Call Title: GRANTS FROM ALSTOM FOUNDATION	
Programme: ALSTOM FOUNDATION	
Objective:	Since 2007, the Alstom Foundation has championed humanitarian initiatives espoused by its employees that deal with: (1) economic and social development (e.g. protecting children, frequently orphans, living in dire circumstances and those which develop the employability of disadvantaged women and youth seeking to enter the job market); (2) environmental protection (e.g. enhancing environmental awareness, protect natural habitats and build resilience to natural disasters); (3) access to mobility (e.g. facilitating economic development of communities by facilitating the movement of both people and goods); and (4) access to energy and water (e.g. helping remote communities to raise their living standards through access to these fundamental facilities).
Eligible Activities:	<p>As a responsible company, Alstom created its foundation in order to improve living standards of communities located close to where it has a presence around the world. The Foundation supports projects that meet needs identified by Alstom's local employees. All these projects are focused on raising living standards within local communities and all of them have a sustainability dimension.</p> <p>The Alstom Foundation promotes economic development and social progress on a local scale – usually in the vicinity of Alstom's operating locations. Eligible countries are: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The Alstom Foundation only supports projects that have been submitted by employees, whether it means working alongside local associations or NGOs, or funding completely original projects. Every year, the Foundation selects and funds the most original and attractive ideas from the diversity of the Group's international footprint.
Total Budget: €1,500,000	
Deadline: 10/04/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.foundation.alstom.com/submit-project

Call Title: Open Call: Short Innovation Projects 2025 - Segment 2	
Programme: EIT Culture & Creativity	
Objective:	EIT Culture & Creativity invites proposals for the 2025 Short Innovation Projects - Segment 2, supporting high-impact initiatives that tackle key challenges in the Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries (CCSI).

	<p>The call focuses on fast-paced, results-driven innovation projects with a maximum duration of 6 months, delivering tangible and market-ready solutions within a short timeframe.</p> <p>With a strong emphasis on Fashion, Architecture, Cultural Heritage, Audio-Visual Media, and Gaming, the call seeks to accelerate commercialisation and market adoption of innovations that address the challenges of globalisation, digital transformation, emerging technologies (such as AI), and environmental sustainability.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Scope and Topics</p> <p>Call segment 2 (consortia):</p> <p>The Call for Short Innovation Projects, segment 2, supports 6-month projects carried out by a consortium of two entities:</p> <p>One SME or micro enterprise as the innovation developer (and often the commercial partner).</p> <p>One supporting entity providing innovation support (e.g., research or technology development).</p> <p>These projects advance technologies from TRL 7 to TRL 9, ensuring rapid commercialization. Priority sectors include all five EIT CC priority areas: Fashion, Cultural Heritage, Architecture, Gaming, and Audio-Visual Media. The expected outcome is a market-ready product, service, or business model, with a clear path to commercialization across multiple European markets.</p> <p>Co-funding:</p> <p>All proposals must have a minimum co-funding rate of 30% across the project. Partners within a consortium may have different individual co-funding rates, as long as the overall co-funding for the entire project meets the required minimum of 30%.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Call segment 2 (consortia) :</p> <p>Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of two entities:</p> <p>One SME or micro enterprise (the innovation developer) as the project leader.</p> <p>One supporting entity (e.g., research organisation, technology provider, or business consultant) providing complementary expertise to support market readiness.</p> <p>The partners must be from two different EU Member States or HE-associated countries.</p> <p>The commercial partner role must always be held by an SME or micro enterprise. The project must advance the innovation to TRL 9 within 6 months.</p>
Total Budget: €2,640,000	
Deadline: 11/04/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/10165

Call Title:	StandICT.eu 2026 - 8th Open Call
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	<p>StandICT.eu will support the participation of European standardisation specialists in key international and global SDOs.</p> <p>Through nine open calls, the initiative will enable specialists to contribute to and help create a fully integrated European Standardisation Ecosystem, thereby strengthening Europe's position in global standardisation initiatives.</p>

Eligible Activities:	<p>Topics</p> <p>Applications that address any of the topics mentioned below taken from the Multi-Stakeholder Platform Rolling Plan for ICT Standardisation will be considered of equal validity and merit during the evaluation process.</p> <p>Due to their current strategic importance applications focusing on the topics of Quantum Technologies, Virtual Worlds and Digital Product Passport are highly encouraged.</p> <p>FOUNDATIONAL DRIVERS</p> <p>Data Economy</p> <p>Cybersecurity/Network and Information security</p> <p>E-Privacy</p> <p>KEY ENABLERS</p> <p>Quantum Technologies</p> <p>5G and Beyond (6G)</p> <p>Cloud and Edge Computing</p> <p>Big Data & Open data</p> <p>IoT Internet of Things</p> <p>Electronic identification and trust services (including e-signature)</p> <p>E-infrastrucutre for data and computing intensive service</p> <p>Broadband infrastructure mapping</p> <p>Accessibility of ICT products and services</p> <p>Artificial Intelligence</p> <p>European Global Navigation Satellite Systems (EGNSS)</p> <p>SOCIETAL CHALLENGES</p> <p>E-Health, Healthy living and ageing</p> <p>Digital skills</p> <p>Digital learning</p> <p>E-Government</p> <p>E-call</p> <p>Pandemic Preparedness</p> <p>Safety, transparency and due process online</p> <p>Emergency communications and public warning systems</p> <p>INNOVATION FOR THE DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET</p> <p>Virtual Worlds</p> <p>E-Procurement</p> <p>E-Invoicing</p> <p>Retail payments</p> <p>Preservation of digital cinema</p> <p>FinTech & RegTech Standardisation</p> <p>Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies</p> <p>SUSTAINABLE GROWTH</p> <p>Circular Economy including Digital Product Passport</p> <p>Smart Grids and Smart Metering</p> <p>Smart and Sustainable Cities</p> <p>ICT Environmental impact</p> <p>European Electronic Toll Service (EETS)</p> <p>Intelligent Transport Systems</p> <p>Digitisation of European Industry</p> <p>Robotics and autonomous systems</p> <p>Construction building information modelling</p>
-----------------------------	--

	Common information sharing environment (CISE) for the EU Maritime domain Water management digitalisation Single European Sky U-Space
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Potential applicants are Standardisation specialists, defined as professionals with proven expertise and experience in Standardisation activities e.g. previous contributions to standards developments, participation in various SDO groups working, previous or current chairs etc. in the respective priority area.</p> <p>The target of StandICT.eu 2026's Open Calls are European Specialists who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have profound knowledge in one of the priority areas supported by the open calls; Have experience regarding developments of standards, e.g., in SDOs, in reputable organisations and Standardisation communities, or when creating harmonised standards in open source developments; Are individuals or natural persons residing in European Member States and Associated Countries; Are not receiving support from other instruments (PPPs, EU or national R&I projects) for the proposed activities
Total Budget: €325,000	
Deadline: 11/04/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/10142

Link to Previous Funding Newsletters

<https://www.consultcormack.com/funding-newsletter>

Disclaimer:

The content of this funding insight reflects only the author's view. The European Commission is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information it contains.

The goal of this newsletter is to keep this information timely and accurate. The information contained herein is not necessarily comprehensive, complete, or all embracing. If errors are brought to our attention, we will try to correct them.

Despite careful content control, we do not accept responsibility for any pages owned by third parties that are linked to ours. The operators of linked sites are exclusively responsible for their content. We do not claim any ownership of the target contents available through the links.