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New Opportunities

Call Title:	Small Grants Programme for World Day for Assistive Technology
Programme:	ATscale
Objective:	The ATscale secretariat, hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in Geneva, Switzerland, invites interested and eligible non-governmental organizations and other non-profit organizations, as well as United Nations entities, to respond to a call for proposals (CFP) for the grant project: Provision of Small Grants Programme for World Day for Assistive Technology.
Eligible Activities:	<p>ATscale aims to build on early successes, including the Unlock the Everyday campaign, to continue to raise awareness for AT globally. World Day for Assistive Technology will be a key moment. Working with AT users, implementing partners, strategic partners and the private sector, ATscale will support events and advocacy through both national events and global digital media to build greater understanding of assistive technology with a collective call to action to organizations, policymakers, businesses and individuals across the world.</p> <p>Target beneficiaries</p> <p>Civil society organizations, including OPDs, strengthened by ATscale supported programmes; and people reached with awareness-raising initiatives related to the importance of assistive technology.</p> <p>Geographic Focus</p> <p>They give preference to:</p> <p>Africa</p> <p>Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Middle East</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>The following categories of applicants are eligible to apply under this CFP:</p> <p>Non-governmental organizations including OPDs and OPD alliances</p> <p>Foundations</p> <p>Civil society organizations</p> <p>Institutions or federations</p> <p>Academic and research institutions</p> <p>United Nations agencies</p> <p>All applicants, including sub-grantees and consortium partners, must be legally registered to operate in all the countries in which they will operate.</p>
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	26/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/261500

Call Title:	NO ONE LEFT BEHIND FUND
Programme:	ILGA-Europe
Objective:	The aim of this program is to address the intersectional impact of injustice, racialisation, racism and specific harms affecting the lives of racialised LGBTI communities across Europe. They are looking for projects whose primary aim is to

	address the intersectional impact of injustice, racialisation, racism and specific harms affecting the lives of racialised LGBTI communities across Europe.
Eligible Activities:	<p>This programme will do it by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting, strengthening and advancing the work of up to 13 European LGBTI organisations that are led by racialised LGBTI people and work with and for racialised LGBTI communities; Creating spaces for the organisations to exchange and build connections through holding regular partner meetings <p>Actions must take place in Europe.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	This call is aimed specifically for registered and non-registered LGBTI organisations and initiative groups in Europe that are: Led by racialised LGBTI people and Working for and with racialised LGBTI communities.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 30/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.ilga-europe.org/news/no-one-left-behind-racialised-lgbti-communities-2025-2026/

Call Title:	6th Edition: “Francophonie with Them” Fund Program
Programme:	International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF)
Objective:	<p>The “Francophonie with Them” Fund is a solidarity mechanism aimed at strengthening the economic and social autonomy of women in the French-speaking world, in vulnerable situations, and with a view to sustainable development.</p> <p>The International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) thus continues its commitment to the socio-economic empowerment of girls and women, with the aim of achieving gender equality, eradicating poverty, and promoting inclusive growth.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Objectives</p> <p>The specific objectives of the "La Francophonie avec Elles" Fund are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the participation and inclusion of women in economic and social life; Improve women's access to vocational training; Support women in developing income-generating activities and facilitate their access to economic opportunities. <p>Target Audience</p> <p>The projects supported by the Fund mainly benefit women, particularly those in situations of poverty and vulnerability, who are at the intersection of several discriminations: young women (15-35 years old), older women, migrant and refugee women, young mothers, single mothers, women living with HIV, women with disabilities, women from sexual minorities, etc.</p> <p>In certain situations, if women express the need and consent, the submitting organization must put in place provisions to encourage the support of their male entourage.</p> <p>Geographic Focus</p>

	<p>Furthermore, particular attention will be paid to projects implemented in small island countries and in under-represented countries such as those in Central and Eastern Europe.</p> <p>West Africa: formalization of income-generating activities;</p> <p>Central Africa: access to economic opportunities in the fields of agriculture, forestry, livestock, fishing, valorization and processing of non-timber forest products (NTFPs), particularly for displaced women;</p> <p>North Africa: strengthening the participation of women, including migrants and refugees, in the job market through vocational training;</p> <p>Middle East: strengthening the technical and entrepreneurial skills of women and girls in vulnerable situations through innovative vocational training aimed at their concrete and sustainable jobs;</p> <p>Asia Pacific: access to vocational training geared towards professional integration and entrepreneurship;</p> <p>Caribbean: strengthening the entrepreneurial capacity of women and girls in the fields of sustainable agriculture, forestry, livestock and fruit and vegetable processing;</p> <p>Central and Eastern Europe: access to vocational training aimed at creating agricultural incomes or achieving sustainable employment;</p> <p>Indian Ocean and Djibouti: access to economic opportunities in the areas of sustainable agriculture, the blue economy, crafts, and local services.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>To be eligible, the candidate organization must meet the following conditions:</p> <p>Be a civil society organization (CSO): CSOs are considered to be: non-governmental organizations, foundations, humanitarian associations, economic interest groups, cooperatives, private research institutes and social partners. Individuals, public and private universities, businesses and local authorities are not considered CSOs.</p> <p>Particular attention will be paid to organizations whose main mission is the defense and promotion of the effective rights and emancipation of women and girls;</p> <p>Be registered and officially recognized by the authorities of one of the 56 States and governments that are full members of the OIF for more than two (2) years, on the date the call is launched;</p> <p>Submit an activity report that demonstrates functional, transparent and democratic governance (regularly organizes meetings, general meetings and events or activities related to its corporate purpose, has a Board of Directors, offers membership, and produces regular reports on its activities and finances, etc.);</p> <p>Have financial capacity equivalent to the amount of the grant, taking into account the duration of the project. Financial capacity will be assessed on the basis of the annual financial report.</p> <p>Not be a beneficiary of a project currently being implemented under previous editions of the “La Francophonie avec Elles” Fund.</p> <p>To be eligible, the project must meet all of the following conditions:</p> <p>Primarily and directly benefit women and young women (men may, however, benefit from awareness-raising activities aimed at making them agents of change for gender equality, or benefit from the activities in a significantly smaller number. In certain situations, if women express a need and consent, the applicant organization must put in place measures to encourage the support of their male entourage);</p> <p>Integrate gender equality issues into all stages of the project, from the needs assessment to the implementation of activities;</p>

Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	31/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://appelsaprojets.francophonie.org/fr/applications/fae6?page-section

Call Title:	Entries open for Samir Kassir Award for Freedom of the Press
Programme:	European Union (EU)
Objective:	<p>Entries are now open for the Samir Kassir Award for Freedom of the Press.</p> <p>Topics</p> <p>Candidates must submit a news report centered around one or more of the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rule of law, human rights, good governance, fight against corruption, freedom of expression, democratic development or citizen participation.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Award Categories</p> <p>Three awards will be granted for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best opinion article Best investigative article Best audiovisual news report <p>Eligible Countries</p> <p>Applicants should be nationals of the following countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.</p> <p>The submitted article must have been published in a print or online media outlet in one of the countries listed above or in one of the European Union Member States (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden).</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>The contest is open to Journalists.</p>
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	01/04/2025
More information and official documents:	https://samirkassiraward.org/en/Regulations

Call Title:	Open Call: Compute for Climate Fellowship 2025
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Programme: International Research Centre on Artificial Intelligence	
Objective:	<p>he Compute for Climate Fellowship is a global R&D funding program that empowers climate tech startups to leverage advanced cloud computing and AI in the fight against climate change.</p> <p>The Fellowship was founded in 2023 by the International Research Centre on Artificial Intelligence (IRCAI), under the auspices of UNESCO, and Amazon Web Services (AWS). Each Fellow company accepted into the program builds a groundbreaking proof-of-concept (PoC) climate solution that is funded by AWS, with technical and scientific advisors from AWS and IRCAI.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Focus Areas</p> <p>Winners will “think big” and demonstrate innovation, leverage advanced cloud computing, and show potential for significant global impact across at least one of the nine climate solution areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean Energy Low-Carbon Transportation Sustainable Agriculture and Food Circular Economy and Industry Sustainable Buildings Greenhouse Gas Management Carbon Removal Environment and Climate Risk Indigenous Solutions to the Climate Crisis <p>Additional Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three month PoC build period with personalized technical support and mentorship Access to advanced computing services, like quantum computing, HPC, and generative AI tools Expert guidance in advanced computing, AI, sustainability, and ethics from IRCAI and AWS mentors Media and visibility via speaking opportunities and PR (on a case by case basis) Showcase of results across United Nations and international bodies
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your company is privately held and was founded within the last 10 years. You have a technical team capable of building with advanced cloud computing. Your proposal incorporates innovative use of advanced cloud computing services such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AI/ML and Generative AI High-Performance Computing Autonomous Computing Spatial Computing Simulation Technologies Quantum Computing Time series data analytics
Total Budget: €500,000	
Deadline: 06/04/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://ircai.org/ircai-and-aws-climate-fellowship/

Call Title:	Accountable Grants: Forest Governance Markets and Climate (FGMC2) Programme
Programme:	Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's (FCDO)
Objective:	The Forest Governance, Markets and Climate (FGMC) programme is the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's (FCDO) flagship global forest governance initiative.
Eligible Activities:	<p>FGMC2 will seek to strengthen governance foundations that translate into reducing the illegal and unsustainable use of forest resources, while benefitting poor, forest-dependent people, especially Indigenous People and Local Communities (IPLCs).</p> <p>Geographic Focus</p> <p>FGMC2 aims to build forest governance partnerships with up to 16 tropical forest countries as set out in the Business Case.</p> <p>In this first grants round they would welcome proposals that help to build coalitions of practice across Guyana, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos, China, Ghana, Liberia, Cameroon, Republic of Congo and DRC. Proposals focused on action to inform and influence global processes is also welcome.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>The FGMC2 Accountable Grants will be awarded to independent not-for-profit organisations only.</p> <p>'Not-for-profit' organisations include international and national non-government organisations (NGOs), federations and membership bodies, but exclude government bodies (national, regional or local) and individuals.</p> <p>Please note that:</p> <p>The submission of Concept Notes is open to UK as well as non-UK entities.</p> <p>Applications from consortia, partnerships or networks of two or more not-for-profit organisations or from organisations working with multiple funding sources and / or implementing partners are welcome. For all consortia, a lead organisation should be declared, and all consortium partners should be not-for-profit organisations.</p> <p>Organisations that support or encourage activities that discriminate on the basis of colour, disability, ethnicity, gender or religion; that lead to civil unrest; or are linked to terrorist organisations are not eligible.</p>
Total Budget: £500,001 to £1,000,000 and more than £1,000,000	
Deadline: 18/04/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding/forest-governance-markets-and-climate-fgmc2-programme-accountable-grants

Call Title:	JoogJeef: Stand up and take action against Gender Inequality in Senegal
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	<p>Sectors or Themes</p> <p>This call aims to support actions of:</p> <p>strengthening of the various roles of girls and women in economic and community development, through the improvement of their economic capacities;</p>

	<p>empowerment through training, financing and formalization of very small, small and medium-sized enterprises (VSMES) owned by women and financial inclusion; development of female entrepreneurship; creation in rural areas of the regions concerned, and; promotion of entrepreneurial culture among women and girls in targeted regions (Tambacounda, Sédhiou, Kédougou, and suburbs of Dakar).</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Priorities The priorities of this call for proposals are: Implementing a Human Rights-based approach; Encourage participation and pooling of resources with public stakeholders (such as: the Professional and Technical Training Financing Fund, Senegal Services, the Food Technology Institute, Senegal Connect, the Senegalese Small and Medium Enterprise Development and Supervision Agency, local authorities, etc.), youth organizations, women's organizations and private sector stakeholders (companies, private training centers, etc.). Contribute to the implementation of the TEI IYBA in Senegal through the articulation of project proposals with: the IYBA project “ Supporting Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Support (SEED)” which aims to: improve access of SEED beneficiaries to business development services (financial and non-financial) through strengthened entrepreneurial ecosystems (both nationally and internationally); establish a business environment (rules, regulations and policies) conducive to the creation and growth of SEED beneficiaries; promote an inclusive entrepreneurial culture that encourages women and youth to create and develop SEED beneficiaries; improve access of entrepreneurial ecosystem businesses, SEED beneficiaries and other stakeholders to information on entrepreneurial ecosystems and approaches to strengthening entrepreneurial ecosystems. the “Women” program Entrepreneurship for Africa (WE4A) which aims to support the economic empowerment and financial inclusion of women entrepreneurs in sectors that contribute to the green economic transformation. WE4A focuses on women-owned very small, small and medium-sized enterprises (VSMES) (Livelihood Enterprises, Niche or Dynamic Enterprises, High Growth Potential Enterprises (Startups) in green sectors.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria To be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: be a legal person and have no profit motive and belong to one of the following categories of organizations: non-governmental organization, civil society organization, association, platform or consortium of civil society organizations and be effectively established in a Member State of the European Union with a minimum of 5 years' experience in Senegal and be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and the affiliated entity(ies), without acting as an intermediary, and be, at the time of publication of this call for proposals, registered for at least 2 years with the competent services of Senegal.</p>

Total Budget:	€6,050,000
Deadline:	29/04/2025
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	Call for Proposals: IOI Fund for Network Adoption
Programme:	Invest in Open Infrastructure
Objective:	<p>The Invest in Open Infrastructure is pleased to announce its IOI Fund for Network Adoption to support the shared adoption, implementation, and expansion of open data infrastructure to foster collaborative research, with a particular focus on Africa, North America, and Latin America.</p> <p>The Fund prioritizes projects that demonstrate a clear understanding of local needs, foster community engagement, promote universal access and participation, and contribute to addressing critical global challenges.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>Increased access to open data and content: Facilitating greater access to research data and content for researchers and institutions within participating networks. This includes supporting activities that increase the adoption, implementation, and scaling of infrastructure solutions that enhance the creation, discovery, accessibility, and reusability of research outputs.</p> <p>Advancement of collaborative research on critical global issues: Supporting research networks that contribute to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by addressing pressing global challenges, such as climate, agriculture, health, and sustainable development.</p> <p>Sustainable and community-driven infrastructure: Promoting the adoption and use of open data and content infrastructure solutions in a manner that is sustainable, community-driven, and responsive to local needs.</p> <p>Fair and accessible research ecosystems: Fostering an environment where everyone has a fair chance to participate and contribute, regardless of background and geographical location.</p> <p>Strengthening networks as a provider of shared infrastructure: Supporting networks in becoming stronger providers of valuable infrastructure services to their members and to the wider research community.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Eligible Projects</p> <p>Demonstrate a clear, deep understanding of the needs and challenges faced by the research communities served, or can be served, by the network.</p> <p>Present a well-defined and feasible project plan with clear objectives, activities, timeline, and a realistic and well-justified budget.</p> <p>Have a strong team with the necessary skills and experience to successfully implement the project.</p> <p>Demonstrate a commitment to open principles and practices.</p> <p>Will maximally benefit from IOI's strategic support and guidance, and from peer-to-peer learning from other participating networks and partners.</p> <p>Have the potential to generate significant impact on shared adoption of open infrastructure and the advancement of open science.</p> <p>Eligible Activities</p>

	<p>Improving usability of existing infrastructure to expand reach and/or use. Staffing, capacity building, and support for governance for the shared infrastructure and/or scoped project.</p> <p>Technical activities, including roll-out of new systems, upgrades, migrations from legacy systems, maintenance, and implementation.</p> <p>Adapting existing infrastructure solutions to facilitate use by local research communities, e.g. translating and contextualizing user interfaces and documentation, developing low-bandwidth/offline support.</p> <p>Connecting and integrating with core systems to drive usability.</p> <p>Designing and implementing safeguards, including privacy and security patches, data protection policies, and other legal provisions.</p> <p>Organizing events, workshops, and other activities to promote the use or shared maintenance of the infrastructure.</p> <p>Collecting and analyzing data, and the implementation of data collection and analysis systems, to assess the impact of the implementation and scaling of infrastructures.</p> <p>Ineligible Activities</p> <p>Activities that contradict the mission and values of IOI.</p> <p>Activities that violate the terms and conditions of a US 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, including but not limited to partisan political activities.</p> <p>Activities that discriminate with regard to race, sex, education, ethnicity, socio-economic status, religion, ability/disability, sexual orientation, gender self-identification, age, country of origin, first language, marital status, or citizenship.</p> <p>Activities that involve money laundering, terror, and kidnapping.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>The (lead) applicant must be a national or international research network that meets the following criteria:</p> <p>Network membership: Network members must be institutions and/or research-performing organizations (RPOs), networks of institutions and/or RPOs (e.g. a regional research and education network whose members are national research and education networks, whose members are institutions), or national/regional research agencies. Networks with only individual memberships are not eligible;</p> <p>Networks with multiple types of memberships that include organizational memberships are eligible, but only the organizational members are taken into account when evaluating the number and geography criteria below.</p> <p>Number of members: National networks (whose members are mainly based in one country) must serve at least 10 institutions/RPOs; international networks must have members in at least 5 different countries.</p> <p>Membership geography: The majority of network members must be based in Africa, North America, and/or Latin America.</p> <p>Registered location: Networks CANNOT be based/registered in Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, Syria, or Cuba. The US and European governments have sanctions on financial relationships with organizations and people in these countries. As a result, their banks and financial service providers have wholly prohibited any payments to these countries. With uncertainty about how sanctions will impact this Fund, and the inability to provide payment, they cannot support awards to regions under these sanctions.</p> <p>Fiscal relationship with members: Network must have a fiscal relationship with its members, e.g. members pay a fee to maintain their membership, or the network distributes/cascades funds to members.</p>

	<p>Able to accept funding from a US-based charity: Network must be able to accept funding from a US-based 501(c)3 organization and manage its distribution to third-party partners and vendors as needed.</p> <p>Point of contact: Network must provide a point of contact who will commit to reporting back on the progress and impact of the award to the IOI team.</p> <p>Language: Network core staff must be able to communicate in English at working proficiency.</p> <p>Current IOI employees, contractors, and clients are not permitted to apply.</p> <p>Applicants must abide by local laws that apply to their activities based on their residence.</p>
Total Budget: US\$1-1.5M per funded network	
Deadline: 30/04/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://investinopen.org/blog/call-for-proposals-ioi-fund-for-network-adoption/

Call Title:	NORDIC-BALTIC INITIATIVE ON RESPONSIBLE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
Programme:	NordForsk
Objective:	The aim of this call is to fund excellent research activities that address shared Nordic and Nordic-Baltic societal challenges in the context of extensive use and implementation of AI in the region. The initiative should contribute to cross-border mobilisation of capacity and competence building among Nordic and Nordic-Baltic research communities and strengthen networks and collaborations.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Unlike traditional AI research and innovation, which often centres on pure technological advancements, this initiative seeks to explore the use, development and implementation of AI, on an individual, organisational and societal level, creating prerequisites for responsible and critical future approaches. Approaches focusing on pure AI technology advancement or development are not included in this framework whereas approaches which seek to optimise existing AI methods or algorithms towards responsible use and functionalities are included.</p> <p>The research consortium must include research performing organisations in at least four Nordic or Baltic countries, of which at least three must be Nordic. Nordic countries are defined here as Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Åland Islands.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are research performing organisations.
Total Budget: €17,000,000	
Deadline: 13/05/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://funding.nordforsk.org/

Call Title:		Submissions Open: International Coproduction Grant
Programme: Goethe-Institut		
Objective:	The Goethe-Institut has launched its International Coproduction Grant to support coproductions worldwide that grow out of collaborative and dialogue-based working processes in the fields of music, dance, theatre and performance art.	
Eligible Activities:	<p>The short documentary film is funded with a supplementary lump sum of € 1,000.</p> <p>Funding Criteria</p> <p>The projects for which funding is requested must centre on the performing arts (no exclusively film- or exhibition-based projects)</p> <p>Calibre of the project</p> <p>Standing of the participating artists in their performing arts scene</p> <p>Budget showing own/third-party funding and a sound financial plan</p> <p>Balanced project partnership, artistic collaboration</p> <p>At least one performance outside of Germany and, if possible, in Germany, too</p> <p>Project period should not exceed 24 months</p>	
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Professional performing artists, ensembles and initiatives in Germany and non-German-speaking countries in the fields of theatre, dance, music and performance art with insufficient means of their own to realize an international coproduction. In particular, they welcome applications for funding from developing and transition countries.</p> <p>Only artists who do not live and work primarily in Germany may submit an application. Applications must be filled out in English.</p> <p>Application Requirements</p> <p>To conclude the project, you are expected to put together a short (5-minute) documentary film (no trailer) where both the process and the results of the project are shown. This film can be posted on the Goethe Institut's website or shown on exchange events.</p> <p>To ensure a correct calculation of the travel expenses in the financing plan, have two travel expense estimates drawn up by a travel agency or by an online travel provider and submit them with your application.</p> <p>Letters of confirmation from all coproduction partners</p> <p>Meaning confirmations from all coproducers, specifying their roles (artistic, organizational, in the production, etc.) as well as their respective contributions to and other forms of involvement in the project.</p> <p>Official invitations/Letters of confirmation by venues and supporters</p> <p>Confirmations from sponsors and other partners (e.g. organisers, festivals, venues, etc.) with exact details of the services and contributions. If there are no final confirmations by the application date, a letter of intent can be submitted.</p> <p>Confirmation from the local Goethe-Institut abroad</p> <p>Introduce your project to the Goethe-Institut in your country/region and with the help of the local colleagues complete the "Confirmation form for IKF application (local GoetheInstitut)". This document must be signed and included with your application.</p>	

Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	15/05/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.goethe.de/en/kul/foe/int.html

Call Title:	CFAs: ECHOES Cascading Grants Programme
Programme:	European Cloud for Heritage OpEn Science
Objective:	The ECHOES Cascading Grants Programme provides funding for consortia led by Cultural Heritage Institutions (CHIs) to engage with the Cultural Heritage Cloud. The programme supports up to 50 projects across three calls to enhance digital engagement, data sharing, and collaboration.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Focus Areas</p> <p>Data – Projects that contribute heritage data to the Cultural Heritage Cloud and would like to make use of its tools and infrastructure.</p> <p>Engagement and Collaboration – Initiatives that promote digital skills, awareness, and collaboration with CHIs. Projects that strategically enlist professional umbrella organisations to promote the benefits of the cloud at the sector level to the different CH communities would be particularly welcomed.</p> <p>Data and Vertical Applications – Projects that contribute new datasets to the Cultural Heritage Cloud or develop applications that integrate with enhance its functionalities.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>To be considered for funding, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:</p> <p>The coordinator must be a CHI. In this context, they define CHIs as mission-driven organisations dedicated to the preservation, management, research, and dissemination of cultural heritage, ensuring its accessibility for present and future generations. Any type of CHI (e.g., museums, libraries, archives, or other public institutions dedicated to cultural heritage conservation, preservation and outreach) may apply.</p> <p>The coordinator must be located in an eligible country, including all EU Member States and associated countries under Horizon Europe.</p> <p>The coordinator must be a public or private legal entity, with this status specified on a legal entity form.</p> <p>The proposal must be submitted in English. Application forms provided by ECHOES must be completed in full, with all of the required information provided in the appropriate sections of the online template.</p> <p>The proposal must be submitted to the proposal platform before the specified deadline for the Call to which the applicant is applying.</p> <p>In each of the three ECHOES calls: organisations can coordinate one project proposal and participate in up to two additional project proposals.</p> <p>Larger organisations that are made up of individual centres, institutes or labs, are not considered as a single entity for this call. The individual centres, institutes or labs are entitled to apply as independent from the larger organisation.</p> <p>Organisations involved in ECHOES can join and prepare proposals, but not the individual centres, institutes or labs and people from these organisations that are</p>

	actively involved in the ECHOES project. In the proposal, organisations need to express their relation to the ECHOES consortium in detail. An independent evaluator assigned by the ECHOES Consortium will assess if there is a potential conflict of interest.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 15/05/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.echoes-eccch.eu/first-call/

Call Title:		CFPs: Digitalisation for Flexible and Resilient Energy Systems Program (Phase II)
Programme: BASE Foundation		
Objective:	The BASE Foundation has launched the call for pilot projects on Digitalisation for Flexible and Resilient Energy Systems targeting eight countries.	
Eligible Activities:	<p>This expansion aligns with Italy’s “Piano Mattei” and the “Rome Process”, which aim to deepen partnerships between Italy and Africa, focusing on sustainable development and energy transition.</p> <p>Duration Projects must be implemented within a 24-month timeframe, including all phases from initiation to final reporting.</p> <p>Geographic Focus Brazil, South Africa, Morocco, Tunisia, Kenya, Nigeria, Ethiopia, and Tanzania are eligible countries.</p>	
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria UN agencies cannot submit applications to avoid conflicts of interest, as UNEP manages the selection and evaluation process.</p> <p>The consortium lead must not be from one of the eligible focus countries. However, they must demonstrate a high level of local content or presence (either themselves or with other consortium members).</p> <p>Small companies are welcome to apply. Partnerships with stakeholders relevant to the project’s specificity, such as energy companies or others, are encouraged to enhance the project’s implementation capacity and scalability.</p> <p>Non-UN international organizations are eligible to apply.</p>	
Total Budget: \$2,000,000		
Deadline: 23/05/2025		
More information and official documents:	https://3den.energy-base.org/	

Call Title:	Spaces of Culture Funding Scheme in Sub-Saharan Africa
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Programme: European Union National Institutes for Culture	
Objective:	<p>Are you a cultural and/or civil society organisation in Sub-Saharan Africa, looking to start or strengthen an Africa-Europe collaboration project in culture? Or, do you want to engage with other African and European partners to respond to local challenges through a co-creative and innovative cultural project? If yes, then The Spaces of Culture Funding Scheme is the right choice for you.</p> <p>The Spaces of Culture Funding Scheme is part of the EU-funded Africa-Europe Partnerships for Culture programme, is looking for new and exciting collaborative cultural relations projects taking place in Sub-Saharan Africa.</p> <p>The Spaces of Culture programme brings an exciting opportunity to: place focus on networking and relationships, new audiences, and opening up civic space; continue to cultivate and develop a shared cultural relations approach to cooperation between Africa and the European Union (EU); explore in more depth approaches to fair collaboration in Africa including new and balanced partnerships between Europe and Africa and considerations of ethical sensitivities linked to colonial legacies.</p> <p>Purpose</p> <p>The purpose of this call for proposals therefore is to find and support concrete cultural relations projects taking place in Sub-Saharan African countries.</p> <p>The call supports involvement of a broad range of EU Member States, with many EUNIC members having the ambition to start new relationships, open branches, or otherwise intensify their collaboration on the continent, while at the same time broadening the range and diversity of local partner organisations from the continent collaborating with their European counterparts.</p> <p>This also includes the flexibility to develop and support initiatives in countries on the continent where the presence of Member States is limited or with no existing EUNIC cluster. All EU Member States active on the continent therefore are invited to participate through their network of either cultural institutes or embassies.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>What are they looking for?</p> <p>Projects need to subscribe to the principles of cultural relations and must go beyond the projection and promotion of (the diversity of) European culture in Sub-Saharan Africa. Project activities demonstrate deeper understanding of these principles by practicing mutual listening and learning, engaging in dialogue, co-creation and joint capacity building with all partners involved.</p> <p>Projects can take any format, focusing on arts, creative industries, digitalisation, education, gender, heritage, human rights, social inclusion, sports, sustainability, tourism, youth, and others.</p> <p>The call encourages contemporary and innovative formats, including digital or hybrid ones. As preparatory activities for the project, research, feasibility studies, and capacity building initiatives are possible. Projects could also have the potential to be upscaled and translated to a different context.</p> <p>Extra attention should be given to widening access to culture and cultural collaborations, especially amongst:</p> <p>Youth People with disabilities Communities outside urban areas Communities living in fragile contexts, including environmental and security fragility.</p>

Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>The call aims to broaden the range of local organisations collaborating with European counterparts in Sub-Saharan Africa.</p> <p>The call also supports the involvement of EUNIC members that wish to intensify their collaboration on the continent, particularly where the presence of EU Member States or a EUNIC cluster is limited.</p> <p>Project proposals must include a minimum of: three key local cultural and/or civil society partners, three full EUNIC members (with possible exceptions in countries with limited EUNIC presence), and involvement from EU Delegation(s) in the country(ies).</p>
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	08/06/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.eunicglobal.eu/news/spaces-of-culture-2025

Call Title:	CFPs: GenScript Life Science Research Grant Program
Programme:	GenScript
Objective:	<p>The GenScript Life Science Research Grant Program is a new initiative dedicated to supporting breakthroughs in life science research areas.</p> <p>This program is designed to empower researchers by providing grant funding earmarked explicitly for purchasing GenScript reagents and services.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Areas of Research</p> <p>The grant offers financial support to researchers engaged in projects that can contribute significantly to critical areas of life science research, including but not limited to:</p> <p>gene and cell therapy development, antibody drug discovery, vaccine development, diagnostics, plant sciences.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>The program is open to researchers globally. There are no restrictions based on geographic location, and international applicants are encouraged to apply.</p> <p>Eligible entities include academic/research institutions, universities, biotechnology companies, and other organizations engaged in life sciences research.</p>
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	15/06/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.genscript.com/grantprogram.html

Call Title:	CIVIC PARTICIPATION
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Programme: Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation (BST)	
Objective:	The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) strengthens transatlantic cooperation on regional, national, and global challenges and opportunities in the spirit of the Marshall Plan. Among other working areas, the Fund also supports civil society by fostering democratic initiatives, rule of law, and regional cooperation. It runs the The Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation (BST) which promotes: (1) regional cooperation and good governance in the Wider Black Sea region; (2) accountable, transparent, and open governments; (3) strong, effective civic sectors; and (4) independent and professional media.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The Black Sea Trust's (BST) Civic Participation program funds in-country projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armenia: Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in promoting citizen participation and democracy; Monitoring and challenging disinformation, hate speech, and fake news; Supporting independent media; Empowering youth in order to inspire agents of change; Supporting watchdog activities in order to hold the authorities accountable; Fighting corruption; Special focus on NGOs that are located in the regions, outside of the capital city of Yerevan • Azerbaijan: Legal aid to civil society actors; Increase civic participation in the electoral processes; Support of independent media; Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in promoting citizen participation and democracy • Georgia: Watchdog activities; Support of independent media; Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in promoting citizen participation and democracy • Ukraine: Accountability of elected and appointed officials; Anti-corruption activities; Cohesion of civil society at national level; Think tanks and public policy; Support of independent media • Moldova: Fighting foreign and state run propaganda, disinformation, and fake news; Supporting watchdog activities in order to hold authorities accountable; Supporting independent media; Empowering youth in order to inspire agents of change <p>Actions must take place in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Regional Program projects can be initiated by civic entities from the Black Sea region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine) or Central and Eastern Europe (such as the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia).
Total Budget: €1,000,000	
Deadline: Ongoing	
More information and official documents:	https://www.gmfus.org/civic-participation

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