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## New Opportunities

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SKILLS, TRAINING, AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (STEP)</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Skills, Training, and Education Program (STEP) partners are pleased to announce this call for proposals (CfP). STEP Strategic Partners include: the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD), Spark, International Islamic Charity Organization (ICCO), Qatar Charity, Al Awn Foundation for Development, Jusoor, and Shaikh Abdullah Al Nouri Charity Society.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>STEP is designed to address the needs of refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and host communities in IsDB member countries that are hosting large forced displaced populations exceeding one million (1 million), these countries are (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Chad, Cameroon, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Türkiye, Palestine, Uganda, and Yemen). The program's development goal is to contribute to reducing poverty in IsDB member countries focusing on supporting young refugees, IDPs, and vulnerable hosting communities. More specifically, STEP will contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increasing access to education, focusing on smart education.</li> <li>▪ Providing skills development and entrepreneurship incubators; and</li> <li>▪ Creating green jobs for the beneficiaries.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Chad, Cameroon, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Türkiye, Uganda, Palestine, and Yemen</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Organizations eligible to apply must: Be an NGO, civil society organization, or an academic institution or a consortium of any of them; have a physical office and an implementing capacity in one of the countries targeted by the Program (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Chad, Cameroon, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Türkiye, Uganda, Palestine, and Yemen).
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>12/06/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.isdb.org/events/joint-call-for-proposals-skills-training-and-education-program-step">https://www.isdb.org/events/joint-call-for-proposals-skills-training-and-education-program-step</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Identification of Implementing Partners for the Pan African Action Plan for Active Mobility</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is seeking proposals for its Global Programme for Sustainable Mobility to identify Implementing Partners for the Pan African Action Plan for Active Mobility.</p> <p>The programme supports a transition to low and zero emission sustainable mobility in low- and middle-income Countries (LMIC's) through technical assistance, capacity building and advocacy to mitigate GHG emissions from the transport sector, improve air quality and promote equity and gender inclusion in the transport sector (and other co-benefits).</p>

	<p>One of the priorities of the programme is to support countries, regions and sub-regions to develop and adopt policies, strategies, action plans or other measures to upscale active mobility investment (through the UNEP Share the Road Programme).</p> <p>This call for proposals serves to identify Africa based organizations to act as the implementing partners for activities in Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi and Morocco as well as other countries in the region as part of the Pan African Action Plan for Active Mobility (PAAPAM) delivery framework. Organizations can respond to this call, indicating their capacity to implement the specific activities.</p> <p>PAAPAM has a 10-year implementation period. However, this call is aimed at implementation in phase one (2025 – 2028).</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Project Proposals Sought</p> <p>Description of Project and expected deliverables:</p> <p>Confirmed upcoming technical assistance and related activities in Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi and Morocco</p> <p>Technical assistance and related in activities in other African countries (subject to future fundraising)</p> <p>Regional activities to support advocacy, communications, research, capacity building etc Africa wide – across Active Mobility focus areas such as financing, policy, equity and inclusion, governance, etc</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to highlight their strengths and expertise in their proposals. The specific project activities include the following:</p> <p>Conducting detailed analysis of existing policies, stakeholders, fiscal commitments, expenditure and institutional frameworks related to active mobility.</p> <p>Identifying local and national capacity gaps and training needs.</p> <p>Supporting the development and review of city or national active mobility policies, strategies, practices or action plans, ensuring alignment with the PAAPAM framework.</p> <p>Leading the coordination of local workshops, study tours and meetings with relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>Preparing and delivering knowledge products, including policy briefs, case studies, and technical guidelines, tailored to the country context with a specific focus on gender and Leave No One Behind (LNOB).</p> <p>Providing technical assistance to local and national agencies and departments.</p> <p>Developing a regional monitoring and evaluation framework for PAAPAM.</p> <p>Establishing regional hubs/task forces to support regional activities.</p> <p>Supporting the overall coordination of the PAAPAM delivery framework.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>This call for proposals is for non-profit organisations. This includes national based and registered NGOS for the five PAAPAM countries (Cameroon, Kenya, Ghana, Malawi and Morocco), registered NGOs in other African countries, regional NGOs working Africa wide and international NGOs with a significant regional presence.</p> <p>The implementing partner(s) must be registered in the UN Partner Portal and their UNEP due diligence process must be complete.</p> <p>Organisations that have not been registered and validated in the UN Partner Portal will not be eligible. Implementing partners must have experience on one or more of the following topics: excellent understanding of active mobility challenges and opportunities in the region, urban planning and policy/strategy processes.</p> <p>They will also be expected to have the required knowledge and networks from the transport sector in Africa, including from the public and private sectors.</p>

	Applicants from African countries with regional experience are strongly encouraged to apply. Entities are required to have had at least 5 years of experience or past projects related to active mobility. This call is open to international and national non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations, foundations, think tanks, research institutes, academia and companies engaged in non-for-profit activities in Africa.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>16/06/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.unep.org/calls-for-proposals">https://www.unep.org/calls-for-proposals</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Horizon Europe: European Innovation Ecosystems Work Programme 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Innovate UK</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Innovation Ecosystems Work programme aims to create and expand more connected, inclusive, and efficient innovation ecosystems that support the scaling of companies and spur innovation.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p><b>Destinations</b></p> <p>The work programme contains actions under two destinations: CONNECT and INNOVSMES.</p> <p>The actions under the CONNECT destination focus on building interconnected and inclusive innovation ecosystems across the EU. Drawing on the existing strengths of national, regional and local ecosystems and encouraging the involvement of all actors and territories, this destination aims to reinforce network connectivity for sustainable business growth and to define and achieve ambitious collective goals for the benefit of society, including green, digital, and social transitions. It supports the flagship actions on accelerating and strengthening innovation in European Innovation Ecosystems across the EU and addressing the innovation divide, funding for deep tech scale-ups and enabling deep tech innovation through experimentation spaces and public procurement under the New European Innovation Agenda.</p> <p>The action under the INNOVSMES destination will support the European Partnership on Innovative Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), which will help innovative SMEs to increase their research and innovation (R&amp;I) capacity and productivity and successfully embed in global value chains and access new markets.</p> <p><b>Funding Information</b></p> <p>Up to €8m per project</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p> <p>In line with Horizon Europe, all the actions supported by this call are open to actors from EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries.</p> <p>Unless otherwise provided for in the specific call/topic conditions, only legal entities forming a consortium are eligible to participate in Horizon Europe actions provided that the consortium includes, as beneficiaries, three legal entities independent from each other and each established in a different country as follows:</p> <p>at least one independent legal entity established in a Member State;</p>

	and at least two other independent legal entities, each established in different Member States or Associated Countries (this includes the UK).
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€8,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>19/06/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/opportunities/horizon-europe-2025-european-innovation-ecosystems/">https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/opportunities/horizon-europe-2025-european-innovation-ecosystems/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>U.S. MISSION TÜRKİYE PUBLIC DIPLOMACY GRANTS PROGRAM</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>U.S. Mission Türkiye</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The U.S. Mission Türkiye invites proposals for projects that strengthen ties between the United States and Türkiye through programming that advances U.S. interests and enhances bilateral cooperation. All proposals must include a U.S. cultural element, or connection with American expert/s, organization/s, or institution/s in a specific field that will promote increased understanding of U.S. policy and perspectives. In all priority program areas, innovative projects that promote U.S. innovation, technology, and entrepreneurial collaborations and/or expand existing networks across sectors that promote accurate understanding of U.S. values, institutions, and culture are strongly encouraged.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Priority Program Areas are: Shared Security Economic Prosperity and Innovation Celebrating American Excellence Combatting Adversarial Influence
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants include individuals, nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, excluding higher education institutions, and private higher education institutions.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>20/06/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358883">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358883</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Submissions open for SADC HIV and AIDS Special Fund</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Southern African Development Community</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Southern African Development Community is seeking applications for its SADC HIV and AIDS Special Fund to create additional resources at the regional level without disrupting or diminishing existing financial flows to individual Member States.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Priorities HIV Prevention, with particular focus on Youth (AGYW and ABYM);

	<p>Innovation and use of new technologies in HIV Prevention and Management HIV and AIDS treatment particularly focusing on 95:95:95 and 10:10:10 targets and ending AIDS by 2030; (Targeted HIV Case Finding Services with the aim of identifying remaining HIV positive individuals who are not aware of their HIV diagnosis, linking the newly HIV diagnosed individuals to anti-retroviral treatment) Mainstreaming of HIV and AIDS and cross cutting issues; including (HIV prevention and sexual violence, Norms and behavior change, GBV and post-GBV care services.) Capacity Development for effective programming, planning and management of HIV and AIDS integrated responses; Community-led monitoring activities by providing service users with information on proper service provision or Service delivery specifically for PLHIV. Cross-border projects in selected Cross Border Points: a project to be implemented at Cross Border Points should demonstrate strong engagement from the Government to sustain operations after the project. Promotion of operational research; Support for pooled/joint procurement and local/joint production of medicines. Any other innovative priority aimed at contributing towards ending AIDS. Beneficiaries People Living with HIV (PLHIV) or People at High Risk of acquiring HIV Key Populations (KP), which include men who have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers, people who inject drugs, and people in prisons and other enclosed settings Pregnant and breast-feeding women Children, adolescent boys and young men (ABYM), and adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) Migrants, refugees, displaced and Mobile populations Funding Information Each project/action will not exceed a total maximum amount of USD 600,000,00. The initial planned duration of an action may not be less than 18 months nor exceed 36 months. Eligible Projects Engage with established networks, clubs, and/or support groups of Positive Living and KP to distribute quality messaging on HIV prevention, care, and support. Facilitate community led monitoring activities by providing service users with information on proper service provision. Create demand for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), Post Exposure Prophylaxis(PEP) condoms, and other forms of HIV prevention. Reduce stigma, discrimination, and GBV toward members of vulnerable groups and people living with HIV/AIDS. Create demand for HIV testing reaching boys and men. Build capacity and empower communities to sustainably reduce new infections in older women and the spread of HIV. Educate community members about their rights around HIV-related health services and how to ensure their rights are upheld. Educate target beneficiaries on democracy and governance related to the National HIV response.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria Lead applicant: In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: Be a legal person</p>



	<p>Be non-profit-making</p> <p>Be established in a one or more than one SADC Member State</p> <p>Be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action</p> <p>Eligible applicants must be established in one or more SADC Member States must.</p> <p>The co-applicant shall be responsible for the implementation of a minimum of 35% of the total eligible costs or a minimum of 20% of total eligible costs in the case of two or more co-applicants.</p> <p>Co-applicant(s):</p> <p>Co-applicants participate in designing and implementing the action, and the costs they incur are eligible in the same way as those incurred by the lead applicant.</p> <p>Co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant himself/herself.</p> <p>Co-applicants must sign the mandate of the grant application form. If awarded the grant contract, the co-applicant(s) (if any) will become beneficiary(ies) in the action (together with the lead applicant).</p> <p>Affiliated entities:</p> <p>Only entities having a structural link with the applicants (i.e. the lead applicant or a co-applicant), in particular a legal or capital link.</p> <p>This structural link encompasses mainly two notions:</p> <p>Control on the annual financial statements, consolidated financial statements and related reports of certain types of undertakings:</p> <p>Entities affiliated to an applicant may hence be:</p> <p>Entities directly or indirectly controlled by the applicant (daughter companies or first-tier subsidiaries). They may also be entities controlled by an entity controlled by the applicant (granddaughter companies or second-tier subsidiaries) and the same applies to further tiers of control.</p> <p>Entities directly or indirectly controlling the applicant (parent companies). Likewise, they may be entities controlling an entity controlling the applicant.</p> <p>Entities under the same direct or indirect control as the applicant (sister companies).</p> <p>Membership, i.e. the applicant is legally defined as a e.g. network, federation, association in which the proposed affiliated entities also participate, or the applicant participates in the same entity (e.g. network, federation, association) as the proposed affiliated entities.</p>
<b>Total Budget: €600,000 per project</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/06/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.sadc.int/procurement-opportunities/submission-proposals-funding-under-sadc-hiv-and-aids-special-fund">https://www.sadc.int/procurement-opportunities/submission-proposals-funding-under-sadc-hiv-and-aids-special-fund</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>PROMOTING RIGHTS OF PRISONERS AND MINORS IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW IN MALAWI</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of this call for proposals is: to empower civil society organisations and to support their efforts to advance and defend human rights, particularly for the most vulnerable categories in society as well as consolidate their role as actors for positive change. The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals is/are: Promoting Rights of Prisoners and Minors in Conflict with the Law in Malawi.

<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The priority(ies) of this call for proposals is/are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Development and implementation of sustainable initiatives to improve the living conditions, the welfare and the rehabilitation of prisoners and minors in conflict with the law;</li> <li>▪ Identification and recommendation of areas of advocacy and policy reforms for improved conditions of prisons and detention centres and treatment of prisoners and minors in conflict with the law.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Malawi.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: civil society organization or an Associate of CSOs and specific type of organization and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.</p>
<b>Total Budget: €665,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/06/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>GLOBAL EUROPE THEMATIC PROGRAMME: STRENGTHEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN CHINA 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The global objective of this call for proposals is to promote and protect human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy, the rule of law, and implementation of Agenda 2030 in China from a rights-based approach and specially SDG 16.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The specific objectives of this call for proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promoting and protecting human rights, fundamental freedoms, and democracy. Reducing inequalities, and promoting social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, origin or economic status. Adopting social policies to progressively achieve greater equality. Protecting and empowering individuals to contribute to the full enjoyment by every one of all human rights, be they civil, political, economic, social or cultural rights.</li> <li>▪ Achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls (SDG 5), and promoting tolerance towards the LGBTI community. Achieving women's economic empowerment and equal participation in leadership.</li> <li>▪ Promoting sustainable use of ecosystems, halt and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss, and combating climate change (SDG 13 and 15). Use legal means, such as disclosure of public information, and use of public interest litigation, to achieve environmental rights and redress.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in China.</p>

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be a Civil Society Organisation / non-governmental organisation (3) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€2,010,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>23/06/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>FUNDING BOLD IDEAS FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH IN 12 COUNTRIES</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Being / Grand Challenges Canada</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	Being, an international mental health initiative hosted by Grand Challenges Canada is looking to fund bold prevention and promotion ideas that address the early drivers of mental health and wellbeing for the most underserved young people aged 10- to 24 in: Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Vietnam.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Proof-of-Concept (POC) Funding: They're looking to fund innovative ideas to address the prevention and promotion of mental health targeted to young people aged 10-24 in 12 priority countries. POC funding up to \$250,000 CAD will be awarded to early-stage projects that can implement, test and refine solutions to country-specific personal, social, and/or environmental factors impacting young people's mental health and wellbeing in one of the 12 countries.</p> <p>Transition-to-Scale (TTS) Funding: They're looking to fund tested mental health promotion and prevention approaches targeting young people aged 10-24. TTS funding between \$300,000 CAD and \$1,500,000 CAD will be awarded to support tested mental health promotion and prevention approaches that align with country-specific priorities along their scaling journey to help catalyze their sustainability and impact.</p> <p>Being's funding is guided by specific country priorities determined through locally driven country analyses and consultations with youth, policymakers, local organizations, and mental health experts in 12 countries: Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Vietnam.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	They strongly encourage applications from, and will give preference to, youth-led organizations based in the 12 countries. Legally incorporated organizations worldwide can apply for funding, but only those working in the 12 priority countries will be considered.

<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>CAD 1,500,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>24/06/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://being-initiative.org/funding-opportunities/request-for-proposals-funding-bold-ideas-for-youth-mental-health-in-12-countries/">https://being-initiative.org/funding-opportunities/request-for-proposals-funding-bold-ideas-for-youth-mental-health-in-12-countries/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORT FOR AN INCLUSIVE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE IN GABON</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The general objective of this call for proposals is to contribute to the promotion and protection of democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law. The specific objective of this call for proposals is to contribute to the development of a resilient, inclusive, and democratic society, strengthening representativeness, participation, inclusivity, and the functioning of democracy.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The priorities of this call for proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strengthening the role of civil society in building a more democratic society through advocacy activities for reforms that promote transparency, public and civic awareness, and the evaluation of laws, policies, measures, and practices that impact the democratic functioning of society. Particular attention will be paid to the work of youth and women's organizations and movements.</li> <li>▪ Strengthening the representation of young people and women in institutions, decision-making, and the democratic process.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Gabon.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: CSOs and/or associations of CSOs active in human rights or democratic governance; and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€602,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>27/06/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORT CSOS AS ACTORS OF GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT IN PARTNER COUNTRIES – CHINA 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen civil society organisations (CSOs) in China as independent actors of good governance and development in their own right, to contribute to an inclusive, participatory, empowered, and independent

	civil society and democratic space in partner countries, allowing an open dialogue with and between CSOs.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The specific objectives of this call for proposals are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthening civil society organisations institutional and operational capacity, networking, advocacy, and research;</li> <li>2. Enabling and ensuring civil society organisations' participation in an informed, inclusive, and constructive policy dialogue at local and national level in China;</li> <li>3. Improving the enabling environment for operations of civil society, and improve capacity and ability for local civil society to achieve this; and</li> <li>4. Strengthened capacity of local CSOs to engage in gender equality and youth inclusion and strengthened capacity of local women's and youth partner CSOs.</li> </ol> <p>Actions must take place in China.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be a Civil Society Organisation / non-governmental organisation (3) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
<b>Total Budget: €3,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 30/06/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>OPEN RIVERS PROGRAMME</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>OPEN RIVERS PROGRAMME</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>They have different grant categories:</p> <p>Category A</p> <p>Category A1: Barrier identification and prioritisation – Category A1 is designed to support the identification and strategic selection of small dams that could later be removed with a grant (A4) from the programme. If an inventory of barriers doesn't already exist, creating one is a key outcome for this grant. The inventory should include details such as location, height, width, photos, and field verification</p> <p>Category A2: Dam removal – pre-demolition – Category A2 supports the development of essential work needed to prepare for the removal of a small dam, to be later supported by another grant within the programme. This may include activities such as feasibility studies, preparing technical design documents, and securing necessary permissions and permits.</p> <p>Category A3: Dam removal – demolition – Category A3 funds the demolition of a barrier, where no pre-demolition work is required or such work has already been funded by a third party.</p> <p>Category A4: Dam removal – demolition (follow-up on a previous grant) – Category A4 funds the demolition of a barrier where pre-demolition work has already been funded by the programme (A1 and/or A2).</p> <p>Category B</p>

	Enabling others to remove dams – This grant supports pre-demolition work when funding for the actual dam removal (demolition) is secured from an alternative funder. This grant focuses on supporting the development of essential work required to prepare for the removal of a dam, for example, feasibility studies, preparation of technical design documents, and securing permissions and permits. The completion of the work will result in the dam being removed by a third party.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Actions must take place in Europe and Greater Europe.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Charitable organisations and not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply for all grant types.
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 04/07/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://openrivers.eu/">https://openrivers.eu/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>U.S. EMBASSY PHILIPPINES PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION (PAS) ANNUAL PROGRAM STATEMENT (APS) 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>U.S. Mission to the Philippines</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The U.S. Embassy in the Philippines' Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce that we are considering proposals for our Public Affairs Annual Program Statement (APS).
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Actions must take place in Philippines.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Individuals and registered not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks, civil society/non-governmental organizations, and higher education institutions with relevant programming experience are encouraged to apply.
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 15/07/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/359010">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/359010</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>P2R Second Call for Regions and Communities</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	Eligible Activities Eligible subgrant activities will follow the provision for activities under Horizon Europe (HE) cost categories, and will be organized along the following: Activities to develop regional pathways, plans and innovation portfolios towards climate resilience building on existing assessments of trends and projections of future climate change risks.

	<p>Activities to develop Investment Plans to translate those pathways, plans and portfolios into pipelines of bankable projects.</p> <p>Activities supporting the process of developing the pathways as specified in the scope topic text including relevant stakeholder engagement and capacity building.</p> <p>Activities related to communication, dissemination and exploitation and project management activities.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Expected Outcomes</p> <p>Mobilising regional interest and progressively elevating the ambition and capability of regions;</p> <p>Development of climate resilience pathways and connected innovation portfolios with the support of the RRJ framework (and supporting services);</p> <p>Development of an investment plan using the AIC framework to support the implementation of the climate resilience strategy;</p> <p>Activating engagement of citizens and diverse stakeholders in the co-creation of the pathways;</p> <p>Increasing knowledge on transformative adaptation innovation across KCS and KEC;</p> <p>Boosting literacy and access to innovative adaptation finance; and</p> <p>Baselining and monitoring regional resilience capabilities through the Resilience Maturity Curve (RMC).</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Applicants must be regions/communities that are either part of EU Member States (including Outermost Regions); or Associated Countries that are within Europe's biogeographical regions</p> <p>Applicants must also be legal entities (for acting as coordinators and submitting the application) defined as either:</p> <p>Public authorities at Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) 1, 2 and 3 level, and Local Administrative Units (LAU); or</p> <p>Bodies governed by public law in compliance with Article 2.4 of the Directive 2014/24/EU.</p> <p>The following legal entities may be part of a consortium: a) Private non-profit bodies and b) Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) following the EU definition by the Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC</p> <p>Applications must define a clear geographical scope (where possible, framed within the NUTS and LAU systems) for the implementation of the P2R frameworks</p>
<b>Total Budget: €12,810,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 20/08/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/10882">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/10882</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO PROMOTE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS' AWARENESS OF, CAPACITY BUILDING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS</b>
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<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - CERV</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The objective of the call is to protect, promote and raise awareness of fundamental rights by providing financial support to civil society organisations active at local, regional, national and transnational level in promoting and cultivating those rights, thereby also strengthening the protection and promotion of Union values and respect for the rule of law, and contributing to the construction of a more democratic Union, democratic dialogue, transparency and good governance.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>This call for proposals aims to promote the founding rights and values of the Union by building primarily civil society organisations' awareness on and capacity to apply the Charter and to carry out activities to ensure that the fundamental rights enshrined in the Charter are upheld. Projects can be national or transnational. Each project application under the call must address only ONE of the following priorities:</p> <p>Priority 1. Capacity building and awareness raising on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;  Priority 2. Promoting rights and values by empowering the civic space;  Priority 3. Strategic litigation;  Priority 4. Protecting EU values and rights by combating hate crime and hate speech;  Priority 5. Supporting an enabling environment for the protection of whistleblowers.</p> <p>Actions must take place in EU member states.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility is limited to legal entities (public or private bodies).
<b>Total Budget: €18,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 18/09/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CERV-2025-CHAR-LITI">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CERV-2025-CHAR-LITI</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Quality Label Humanitarian Aid - Full Procedure ESC-HUMAID-2021-QUAL-LABEL-FP</b>
<b>Programme: European Solidarity Corps (ESC)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>WHAT IS THE QUALITY LABEL?</p> <p>The Quality Label for Humanitarian Aid Volunteering certifies that an organisation is able to carry out high quality solidarity activities in compliance with the principles, objectives and requirements of the action 'European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps'. Obtaining this Quality Label is a precondition for participation only in volunteering activities in support of humanitarian aid operations.</p> <p>WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF QUALITY LABEL?</p> <p>When applying for a Quality Label for Humanitarian Aid Volunteering, applicant organisations can choose one of the following roles:</p>



	<p>Support role - entails supporting, preparing and/or training participants before departure, mediation between them and their host organisations and/or providing support to participants upon return from their activity. The support role also entitles the organisation to submit project applications and coordinate partnerships for Humanitarian Aid Volunteering projects;</p> <p>Host role - covers the full range of activities related to hosting a Solidarity Corps participant, including the development of a programme of the young person's activities and providing guidance and support to the participant during all the phases as appropriate</p> <p><b>HOW DOES IT WORK?</b></p> <p>The Quality Label for Humanitarian Aid Volunteering is awarded following a selection process, involving three main stages: submission of application, assessment and award.</p> <p>The applications for the Quality Label for Humanitarian Aid Volunteering can be submitted on a continuous basis (i.e. at any time) during the programming period, to the Executive Agency, which is the sole implementing body for this action. The applications will be evaluated at set intervals, according to an annual timetable, which is aligned to the timetable of the Humanitarian Aid Volunteering call for projects.</p> <p>Applications will be assessed against eligibility, selection, exclusion and award criteria (for more information on the selection and exclusion criteria, see Part E of this Guide). Successful organisations will be awarded the Quality Label for Humanitarian Aid Volunteering. The Executive Agency will award this Quality Label and monitor compliance and may carry out periodical reassessments. The Quality Label will be valid for the entire duration of the programming period and until the end of the last project in which the organisation is involved.</p> <p>In order to facilitate partner-finding and the setting up of project consortia, profiles of all organisations holding this Quality Label are published in a database of Quality Label organisations on the European Solidarity Corps Portal. To identify potential partners, partner searching tool on the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal can be used.</p> <p>Once awarded a Quality Label, organisations gain access to the European Solidarity Corps Portal where they are invited to advertise activities. Organisations have to make use of the European Solidarity Corps Portal's database to search for potential partners and participants. Information in the database is published as it is formulated in the Quality Label application form.</p> <p><b>APPLYING FOR A QUALITY LABEL ON BEHALF OF HOSTING ORGANISATION - THE SIMPLIFIED HOST PROCEDURE</b></p> <p>An organisation established in a programme country that applies for support role may also apply for host role on behalf of its branches located in non programme countries with which it shares the same legal personality (simplified hosting procedure). This procedure is designed to help larger organisations, with several branches located in different countries.</p> <p>The applicant supporting organisation is accountable for the quality and safety of activities offered by simplified hosting organisation(s) on behalf of which it is applying.</p>
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<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p><b>WHAT ARE THE QUALITY STANDARDS?</b></p> <p>The European Solidarity Corps guarantees high-quality volunteering activities, through the Quality Label process. Participating organisations must respect the following principles and standards:</p> <p>Equal opportunities and non-discrimination. Volunteers are to be selected in a fair, transparent and objective way, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, political opinion or disability. No previous qualifications, educational level, specific experience or language knowledge must be required. A more specific profile of the volunteer might be drawn up if justified by the nature of the tasks of the activity or by the project context. In order to promote inclusion, participation in volunteering activities must be free of charge for the volunteer, with the exception of possible contributions to travel costs (if the grant does not fully cover these costs). The activities should respect the principles set out in Article 9 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>Avoidance of job substitution. Volunteering activities must not substitute traineeships or jobs, so that any adverse effect on potential or existing paid employment is avoided. The involvement of volunteers should complement the work of paid staff. They should not replace paid staff or undercut their pay and conditions of service.</p> <p>Avoidance of harmful activities. Security and safety of the participants, participating organisations and target groups must be ensured. Such security and safety should include appropriate clearance requirements for participants working with vulnerable groups in accordance with applicable national law. Volunteering activities should be implemented with due consideration for the impact of unforeseen circumstances such as environmental crises, conflicts or pandemics. The activities should respect the principles set out in the EU Guidelines for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of the Child (<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/anti-trafficking/sites/antitrafficking/files/eu_guidelines_rights_of_child_0.pdf">https://ec.europa.eu/anti-trafficking/sites/antitrafficking/files/eu_guidelines_rights_of_child_0.pdf</a>)</p> <p>Provision of high quality, easily accessible and inclusive activities. The volunteering tasks should enable participants to develop skills and competencies for personal, social and civic development. Particular attention will be given to the capacity of hosting organisations in third countries and the need to embed the activities of volunteers within the local context and to facilitate volunteers' interaction with local humanitarian actors, the hosting community and civil society. The value and benefits of European Solidarity Corps volunteering should be recognised for volunteers, through validation of learning outcomes.</p> <p>Adequate training, working and volunteering arrangements. Safe and decent living and working conditions must be ensured for participants. The young people and the organisations must sign a volunteering agreement that will outline the rights and responsibilities of both parties and will include a well-defined set of volunteering tasks. "no profit". In accordance with the Financial Regulation, beneficiaries must not derive any profit from the activities funded by the grants awarded. Furthermore, volunteering should cover the participants' expenditure arising from participation in such solidarity activities but should not provide them with salaries or an economic benefit.</p> <p><b>TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ORGANISATIONS HOLDING A QUALITY LABEL FOR HUMANITARIAN AID VOLUNTEERING</b></p> <p>In addition to complying with the above-mentioned principles, organisations implementing humanitarian aid volunteering projects must carry out specific tasks and</p>
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	responsibilities in order to ensure high quality activities. When applying for a Quality Label, organisations must be able to demonstrate their capacity to perform the tasks and take up responsibilities relevant to the role they are applying for, as outlined in the requirements below. This list is not comprehensive and, in some cases, the set of tasks and responsibilities may overlap between host and support organisations, without prejudice to the overall quality of the activity.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA</p> <p>Eligible organisations</p> <p>Quality Label for support role - any organisation legally established in a programme country.</p> <p>Quality Label for host role - any organisation legally established in a non programme country</p> <p>An organisation established in a programme country that applies for support role may also apply for host role on behalf of its branches with which it shares the same legal personality.</p> <p>Groups of young people are not eligible.</p>
<b>Total Budget: €0</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/09/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ESC-HUMAID-2021-QUAL-LABEL-FP">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ESC-HUMAID-2021-QUAL-LABEL-FP</a>

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