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New Opportunities

Call Title:	**CULTURAL HERITAGE PROTECTION IN CENTRAL ASIA (2025–2026)**
Programme: Aliph Foundation	
Objective:	ALIPH, in partnership with the European Union, invites applications for projects aimed at safeguarding cultural heritage in Central Asia in the face of climate change and disasters, and in support of social inclusion and economic growth.
Eligible Activities:	With this Call, ALIPH seeks to support projects that address the following priorities: • Protecting built heritage impacted by climate change and disasters; • Supporting heritage institutions and their collections; • Safeguarding and transmitting intangible heritage practices; • Revitalizing and supporting traditional crafts / creative industries. This Call covers the following countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
Eligible Applicants:	The Call is open to public and private organizations, NGOs, cultural institutions, universities, research centers, and, in some cases, for-profit entities with relevant expertise and partnerships.
Total Budget: €1,000,000+	
Deadline: 31/07/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.aliph-foundation.org/en/our-grants

Call Title:	**MEDITERRANEAN BASIN**
Programme: Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)	
Objective:	The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) is a joint initiative of l'Agence française de développement, Conservation International, the European Union, Fondation Hans Wilsdorf, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan and the World Bank. A fundamental goal is to ensure civil society is engaged in biodiversity conservation.
Eligible Activities:	The Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot is the second largest hotspot in the world and the largest of the world's five Mediterranean-climate regions. CEPF's investment strategy was updated in 2024. The resulting investment strategy (2025-2030) is documented within the ecosystem profile. This investment strategy is comprised of a series of strategic directions, broken down into investment priorities outlining the types of activities that are eligible for CEPF funding. Actions can take place in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cabo Verde, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco, North Macedonia, Palestine, Tunisia.
Eligible Applicants:	Non-governmental organizations, community groups, universities and small private enterprises may apply for funding. Individuals must work with civil society organizations to develop applications rather than apply directly.

Total Budget:	€1,000,000+
Deadline:	01/08/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.cepf.net/grants/open-calls-for-proposals/2025-mediterranean-basin-small-grants

Call Title:	**GRANTS FROM UEFA FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN – 2025 CALL**
Programme:	**UEFA Foundation for Children**
Objective:	Formerly established in 2015, the UEFA Foundation for Children was established on the initiative of the UEFA President, Michel Platini, reflecting UEFA's desire to play a more active role in society. The Foundation aims to help children and safeguard their rights. Sport, and football in particular, can provide support in the areas of health and children's education, as well as promoting access to sporting activity, facilitating children's personal development and fostering the integration of minorities.
Eligible Activities:	This call for projects is aimed at any organisation that shares the values of the UEFA foundation and proposes practical measures to help children, in the areas of access to sport, health, education, employment, personal development and supporting vulnerable children. The projects seek to achieve the foundation's objectives – i.e. to help children by providing support in the following areas: health; education; access to sport; personal development; integration of minorities; protection of children's rights. Applications are invited from organisations anywhere in the world. Support is not limited to projects within Europe.
Eligible Applicants:	The Foundation works with non-profit organisations and institutions (incl. UN agencies) on a project basis.
Total Budget:	**€100,000 - €400,000 per project**
Deadline:	**01/08/2025**
More information and official documents:	https://projets.uefafoundation.org/en/

Call Title:	**EU Support for Sustainable and Innovative Social Protection Programmes (Nigeria)**
Programme:	**European Commission (EC)**
Objective:	Applicants are now invited to submit applications for EU Support for Sustainable and Innovative Social Protection Programmes. Objectives The global objective of this call for proposals is to contribute to "Improve the Social Protection in Nigeria". The action intends to support government to strengthen the social protection systems and contribute to reducing poverty and

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building resilience among the poor and vulnerable households, with a particular focus on women and girls in communities affected by climate change. This entails system strengthening and capacity building of government in the management and coordination of the social registers as well as direct support to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries as part of the national Safety Net strategy.

The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals is/are:

Under LOT 1: The action is expected to support and complement existing EU funded social protection project to advocate, sensitize the citizens and stakeholders on the effective coordination and utilization of the National Social Register in national planning and poverty reduction programmes.

Under LOT 2: To implement a comprehensive social safety net initiative that tests and enhances "social protection in practice," targeting beneficiaries and rights holders in selected Nigerian communities, with a particular focus on Kebbi State. This initiative aims to sustainably reduce poverty by prioritizing vulnerable households, especially women and girls in climate change-affected areas, as well as at-risk populations near protected game reserves and national parks. By providing sustainable livelihoods and durable pathways out of poverty, the programme seeks to create lasting positive impacts on these communities, effectively addressing both social and environmental challenges while promoting long-term resilience and economic stability for the most vulnerable segments of the population.

Eligible Activities:	Priorities
	The priorities of this call for proposals is/are:
	Under Lot 1:
	Contribute to enhance the capacity of government staff at the national and state levels to use the NSR to its full advantage.
	Promote the NSR's functionality as a national planning tool for policymakers and government at all levels.
	Engage with stakeholders and the community actors to make them understand the benefits of a fully interoperable social register in the reduction of poverty and supporting citizens in times of shocks and emergencies.
	Support the NSR's functionality as a national planning tool for policymakers and government at all levels through community sensitization and feedback mechanism around the social register.
	Advocacy, sensitization and campaign programs that will galvanise actions and support for legislative framework for social protection at the state and national level.
	Develop and enhance community sensitization and feedback mechanism around the social register and social protection in general vii. In collaboration with existing EU funded project, promote actions that support robust and shock responsive social protection system that integrate variables across the relevant sectors with particular attention to vulnerable and poor household, girls, women and people with disability.
	Carry out assessment and research as it relates to the impact of poverty and government intervention for advocacy and to inform policy decision.
	Build a network of community and civil society actors that will continually engage with the duty bearers in the design of robust social protection programmes that addresses the needs of the community.
	Under Lot 2:

	Implement a comprehensive social safety net initiative in selected communities, affected by climate change in the state of Kebbi.
	Target social register beneficiaries and rights holders, as well as IDPs if any, with particular emphasis on most vulnerable households.
	Prioritize support for women and girls in climate change-affected areas.
	Address the needs of at-risk populations near protected game reserves and national parks.
	Provide sustainable livelihoods and durable pathways out of poverty for targeted beneficiaries.
	Test and enhance "social protection in practice" through the implementation of this initiative.
	Create lasting positive impacts on targeted communities by addressing both social and environmental challenges.
	Promote long-term resilience and economic stability for the most vulnerable segments of the population.
	Integrate climate-smart practices into livelihood activities to reduce vulnerability to environmental shocks, for instance by providing skills for green jobs.
	Strengthen the overall social protection system by leveraging existing national frameworks and initiatives.
	Other relevant outputs could be added during the inception phase.
	Themes
	Under Lot 1:
	Poverty Reduction
	Social protection
	Education
	Health
	Youth, Women and Girls
	Social Insurance and Labor
	ICT/database management
	Under Lot 2:
	Social protection
	Poverty reduction
	Education and green skill acquisition
	Safety-net and Livelihoods,
	Food and nutrition security,
	Income generation and Financial inclusion
	Funding Information
	The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposals is EUR 12.5 million.
	Lot 1: has a maximum budget of €2.5 million.
	Lot 2: has a maximum budget of € 10 million.
	The initial planned duration of an action may not be lower than 30 months nor exceed 36 months.
	Ineligible Actions
	The following types of action are ineligible:
	actions concerned only or mainly with individual sponsorships for participation in workshops, seminars, conferences and congresses;
	actions concerned only or mainly with individual scholarships for studies or training courses;
	actions and measures that may result in violation of human rights in partner countries or causing significant adverse effects on the environment or the climate.

	Eligible Activities Activities related to Lot 1 In collaboration with existing EU funded social protection programme, support to expand the National Social Register at the national and selected states. Engage with existing EU funded social protection project in the create awareness on the importance of digitalizing the National Social Register (NSR) and payment system to enhance efficiency and accountability. Support the implementation of the draft framework on interoperability of databases by engagement with other ministries and agencies that have related databases. Engage with policy makers to champion the use of the social register as a tool for policy planning. Conduct advocacy visits at different levels to policymakers and identified stakeholders as well as develop IEC materials for visibility and sensitisation. Support in building capacity of community and civil society actors that will engage and support government in designing robust social register and social safety programmes. Organise state and national events that promote the core objectives of the project and share experience among states and stakeholders Support to carry out assessment and researches around social protection and poverty reduction programmes to support policy development and design of sustainable programmes, using gender and human right based methodology for quantitative and qualitative analysis to expand the social register. Engage with existing EU funded social protection project to provide support to States for the development and financing of social protection policies, legislative frameworks and programmes. Activities related to Lot 2 Detailed mapping of poor and vulnerable households from the community level to the state register. A social registry expansion plan, advocacy and of state specific poverty diary are developed and published. Identify problems, gaps and document emerging lessons for continuous improvement and advocate Support State governments to develop and publish a manual on best practices for social protection and safety net programming including poverty diary. Legal framework for access, use, storage and security of social safety net registry established at focal states. Train local staff on the rationale for the social register, data gathering, data encoding into the social register and necessity of linking state and local government data. Capacity of staff, government officials, data officers and other key actors built to support continuous data capture to be disaggregated by sex, at the state and local government levels Strengthen the capacity of identified vulnerable communities, groups and persons in green jobs and on climate smart livelihood activities including agriculture Establish community food banks to reduce the burden of hunger during the lean season Establish processes of financial inclusion and income generation at community level including support to new and existing informal private saving lending groups such as Village Savings Lending Associations at the community level with conditional cash transfers savings

	Strengthen the capacity of local government to develop community development plans
	Strengthen the capacity of local agriculture extension services to improve access to services by rural communities.
	Expand the scope of social protection to include activities to protect both the environment and the livelihoods of vulnerable households such as tree planting, waste recycling, flooding control and other actions that mitigate the impact of climate change
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria There are three sets of eligibility criteria, relating to: the actors: The 'lead applicant', i.e. the entity submitting the application form; if any, its co-applicant(s) (where it is not specified otherwise the lead applicant and its co applicant(s) are hereinafter jointly referred as 'applicant(s)'); if any, affiliated entity(ies) to the lead applicant and/or to a co-applicant(s); the actions: actions for which a grant may be awarded; the eligible costs or results/conditions: where the grant takes the form of reimbursement of costs (totally or partially): the eligible costs, the types of cost that may be taken into account in setting the amount of the grant. In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: be a legal person and be non-profit-making be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organization, public sector operator, local authority, international (inter-governmental) organisation as defined by Article 159(1) of the EU Financial Regulation be effectively established in a Member State of the European Union or Nigeria or be one of the eligible countries under EU Grant Rules to receive funds under the NDICI Global Europe that falls under one of the following category; EU Member States, IPA III beneficiaries (pre-accession countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey), European Economic Area countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), Developing countries and territories included in the OECD-DAC list of ODA recipients, which are not members of the G20 group, Neighbourhood partner countries and territories covered by NDICI, Other countries or territories for which the European Commission has adopted a decision approving their participation; Due to the legal status of international organisations, the obligation of effective establishment in the referred countries does not apply to international organisations, where the latter are eligible, 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, have at least 4 years' experience of rural community programming including amongst others social safety net, food security, financial inclusion and empowerment etc.
Total Budget: €12,500,000	
Deadline: 11/08/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	**Call for Research and Innovation Program**
Programme:	**ASEAN Centre for Active Ageing and Innovation**
Objective:	The ASEAN Centre for Active Ageing and Innovation is thrilled to announce the Call for Research and Innovation Program for passionate researchers, innovators, and organisations across the ASEAN Member States to contribute to a healthier, more inclusive, and productive future for older persons in the region. The Call for Research and Innovation aims to foster actionable knowledge, scalable innovations, and collaborative research that directly address emerging ageing challenges across ASEAN.
Eligible Activities:	Objectives The ACAI Call seeks to: Support interdisciplinary research and innovations focused on ageing in ASEAN Provide evidence to inform policy, service delivery, and community action Foster regional collaboration and capacity-building among stakeholders Promote rights-based, gender-sensitive, and culturally respectful approaches to ageing Focus Areas Active and healthy ageing Long-term care and integrated care for older persons (ICOPE) Age related policy, advocacy and legal rights Financing, demographics, and ageing-related data Age-friendly environment, climate adaptation, and community development Social engagement, community participation and intergeneration programs Social Protection for older persons Financial innovation, business models, and employment for older persons Innovation and Technologies Rights-based approaches and gender-sensitive policies Regional engagement and cross-country collaboration
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria Principle investigator (PI) or lead applicant must be based in one of the ASEAN Member States (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam) and can include: Academic and research institutions Government agencies and public policy institutions NGOs, civil society, and community-based organizations Private sector innovators or social enterprises Individual researchers and practitioners with demonstrated expertise Collaborative and cross-country proposals are strongly encouraged (ASEAN or non-ASEAN countries).
Total Budget: $100,000 - $500,000	
Deadline: 15/08/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://asean-acai.org/call-for-ageing-research-amp-innovation-2025/

Call Title:	Supporting the Creation of Digital Resource Centers in Nigerian Universities
Programme:	Embassy of France in Nigeria
Objective:	The Embassy of France in Nigeria has launched a call for applications to support the creation of Digital Resource Centers in Nigerian universities. This project aims to enhance French language learning, develop students' transversal skills, and strengthen their employability.
Eligible Activities:	Objectives Facilitate access to digital educational resources in French Strengthen students' digital capabilities and professional skills Support universities in modernizing French language teaching Promote pedagogical innovation and international partnerships Funding Information A maximum envelope of 15 000 euros per selected university. Selection Criteria Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria: Quality of the pedagogical project and relevance of proposed activities Institutional capacity (human resources, infrastructure, management) Expected impact on students and the development of transversal skills Project sustainability (medium- to long-term commitments) Proposed partnerships (businesses, local/international institutions)
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria Public or private accredited universities in Nigeria Presence of a French department or a French language teaching program Commitment to dedicate a physical space for the center and ensure its medium-term operation
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	15/08/2025
More information and official documents:	https://ng.ambafrance.org/Call-for-Applications-Supporting-the-Creation-of-Digital-Resource-Centres-in

Call Title:	Southeast Asia Sport and Youth Crime Prevention (SYCP) Initiative
Programme:	International Olympic Committee
Objective:	The International Olympic Committee and the French Development Agency, together with regional stakeholders, aimed at supporting youth crime prevention and building safer and more resilient communities through sport. The initiative supports holistic community crime prevention projects in Lao PDR, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam through sport. It also facilitates training, learning, and knowledge exchange among the sport, civil society, and law enforcement sectors across the broader region.
Eligible Activities:	Types of Grants Collective Impact Grants: from a group of organizations working in partnership

	Single-Organization Impact Grants: from a single organization working alone Funding Information For Collective Impact Grants, estimated budgets should range from €80,000 to €150,000 For Individual Impact Grants, estimated budget should range from €50,000 to €80,000 Ineligible Projects The following will not be considered for funding: Humanitarian or immediate crisis response projects Projects implemented in areas classified as red zones by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Projects solely focused on infrastructure (construction or refurbishment). Minor refurbishment proposals will be reviewed case-by-case and must include an environmental and social risk assessment. Projects delivering only sport activities without a broader social development or community safety objective. One-off events or interventions without a sustainable programme design.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria Eligible countries: only applications to deliver programmes in one of the following countries will be considered: Lao PDR Philippines Thailand Vietnam Eligible organisations: Lead Organisations must meet all eligible criteria: Be legally registered as a non-profit organisation, social enterprise, or sports organisation in the country of project implementation. Have all relevant permissions/legal authorisations (if required) to operate in the country of project implementation (applies to both Lead Organisations and Implementing Partners), to begin delivery in October 2025. Have been operational for at least two years. Demonstrate a strong local presence and community links. Have prior experience of receiving funding from external donors. Have the capacity to manage large-scale projects. Have a suitable child protection/safeguarding policy in place—or commit to developing one within six months of the grant start date. Commit to delivering the project over an 18-month period. Be legally independent with its own accounting system. Maintain a bank account in the name of the Lead Organisation and enabled to receive international transfers from the UK. Must not engage in or be affiliated with religious proselytism. Demonstrate proven experience of delivering targeted sport-based initiatives that contribute to safer and more resilient communities. Be able to start project delivery, within two months of being awarded the grant (estimated start month: October 2025).

Total Budget:	€500,000
Deadline:	17/08/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.olympics.com/ioc/news/ioc-and-afd-launch-groundbreaking-initiative-using-sport-to-tackle-youth-crime-in-southeast-asia

Call Title:	**Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence**
Programme:	**French Development Agency**
Objective:	The French Development Agency (AFD) launches this call for proposals to fund civil society organizations (CSOs) for the implementation of a financing mechanism, for strengthening and structuring feminist organizations in partner countries of France's international development and solidarity policy, whose activity has gender equality as its main objective in the said countries in which AFD is mandated to intervene.
Eligible Activities:	Objectives Strengthen security and respect in the digital environment: Prevention of VBGFT through better education of children, adolescents and young adults in the use of digital tools and the risks associated with VBGFT. Training of people targeted by VBGFT to equip them with the skills necessary to secure their digital presence and maintain autonomous and safest online engagement possible. Strengthening the cybersecurity of vulnerable and targeted CSOs, in particularFeminist CSOs (appropriation and development of technologies by civil society and feminist movements). Support for victims, monitoring of witnesses and aggressors Development of support and guidance services for victims of VBGFT, with an intersectional approach. Awareness and monitoring of (potential) aggressors. Knowledge production & advocacy: Data collection, behavior analysis and documentation of violence. Development of evidence-based advocacy strategies to influence public policies and promote legal frameworks adapted to protection against GBV. Funding Information The total amount of the project is €4 million to €6 million. The project will last three to four years, with the possibility of funding feminist civil society organizations for varying durations, depending on the sub-projects, within this overall framework. Components Provision of Flexible Financing at the Cso Level Strengthening the Technical Capacities of Csos Capitalization, Sharing of Practices and Networking
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria The consortium will propose a team suited to project management, with the following skills: Expertise and/or experience in issues related to the prevention and fight against GBV, including awareness-raising and education of the general population and

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targeted individuals in particular, victim protection and support (legal, psychological, and technological aspects), knowledge production and dissemination, and advocacy with authorities;
Digital skills or the ability to identify relevant service providers for the deployment of user training, advocacy, and/or solution development;
Experience in facilitating gender-transformative programs using a rights-based approach, using an inclusive approach that takes into account factors of multidimensional inequalities;
Prior experience in partnering with feminist civil society organizations, networking, and funding their activities;
Ability to deploy communication channels with local and community CSOs in various contexts;
Skills in community and civil society organization capacity building and identification of best practices;
Prior experience in action research/capitalization (intellectual production, South-South knowledge sharing)/advocacy, influence, and political action;
In-depth knowledge of the ecosystems of the proposed countries of intervention;
Proven administrative and financial management skills across multiple and varied geographic areas;
Operational skills/multi-stakeholder project management, including in remote intervention areas

Total Budget:	€6,000,000
Deadline:	31/08/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.afd.fr/en/calls-for-projects/call-projects-technology-facilitated-gender-based-violence

Call Title:	**Realization Minority Coproduction in collaboration with VAF**
Programme:	**Dutch Film Fund**
Objective:	The Flemish Audiovisual Fund (VAF) and the Film Fund annually support a number of feature films and documentaries that are co-produced.
Eligible Activities:	Funding Information Feature film: Maximum €200,000 Documentary: Maximum €50,000
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria A production company (a legal entity, not a sole proprietorship or general partnership) that has been established for at least two years in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, a member state of the EU, EEA or Switzerland and that produces and exploits films and other audiovisual productions on a continuous basis. The production company is represented by the Dutch minority co-producer. He/she has been the majority producer responsible for the realization of: at least one feature film with a cinema release in the Netherlands (feature film application);

	at least one (long) documentary with a cinema release in the Netherlands (documentary application).
Total Budget: €500,000	
Deadline: 08/09/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.filmfonds.nl/subsidies/subsidie/realisering-minoritaire-coproductie-ism-vaf

Call Title:	**ZERO WASTE GRANT PROGRAMME (ZWGP)**
Programme:	**European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)**
Objective:	The global objective of this call for proposals is to improve waste management in Türkiye. The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals is to reduce the carbon dioxide equivalent Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from waste sector and the amount of waste through increased capacity at municipal level and increased awareness at public level.
Eligible Activities:	The priority(ies) of this call for proposals are: Priority 1: Enhancing the zero waste management establishment and implementation infrastructure capacity of local authorities through providing necessary equipment and facilities and/or know-how and experience exchange among actors and/or local authorities within Türkiye and/or the EU. Priority 2: Enhancing the implementation of zero waste management target through cooperation with different sectors (academia, industry, agriculture, tourism, energy, healthcare, transportation) Priority 3: Development of zero waste management plans, strategies, and/or preparation of decision-making tools (modelling, impact, and vulnerability analysis, etc.) Priority 4: Increasing public awareness on efficient usage of resources, sustainable consumption and production, waste prevention, reduction, reuse, recycling. Actions can take place in Turkey.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be a specific type of organisation such as: municipality, or a special provincial administration or solid waste management unions etc. and (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.
Total Budget: €6,300,000	
Deadline: 15/09/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	**GLOBAL SAFETY EVIDENCE CENTRE**

Programme:	Lloyd's Register Foundation
Objective:	They are seeking ambitious and innovative proposals that aim to support with understanding and sharing which safety interventions work; inform decision making; highlight and fill knowledge and data gaps and lead to safer outcomes; or lead to the creation of evidence to support efforts to influence others to act. Evidence outputs must be open access and it is anticipated that they will form part of the evidence repository of the Foundation's Global Safety Evidence Centre, subject to meeting quality standards.
Eligible Activities:	Proposals should address one or more of the following themes: • Safe Work: the creation of a safe work environment, particularly in 'high hazard' industries, building on insights from the Lloyd's Register Foundation World Risk Poll. They are seeking proposals that contribute to the evidence base for the Sustainable Development Goal 8.8: Promote Safe Working Environments. • Safety Science: knowledge about risk and safety, and how individuals understand, assess, measure and manage them, at work and in other spheres such as transport, energy or other critical infrastructures. At present safety science terms are poorly defined, interventions are inconsistent and those that are implemented are typically never evaluated. We are seeking evidence projects to support in defining key terms and approaches, and evidence that seeks to use models and theories to make causal relations in safety evidence. Actions can take place worldwide. Applications for research is strongly encouraged in the Foundation's Ocean Centre Countries; Brazil, Kenya, Ghana, Bangladesh, India, Philippines and Indonesia, and other communities working within safer maritime systems. In line with the Foundation's strategy, for projects led by colleagues from OECD countries, they will be looking for proposals that demonstrate leveraged funding and/ or strong global partnerships including with the Ocean Centre Countries.
Eligible Applicants:	This call is open to academic institutions, research organisations, non-profit organisations and industry worldwide.
Total Budget: €1,000,000+	
Deadline: 17/09/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.lrfoundation.org.uk/global-safety-evidence-centre-funding-call-2025

Call Title:	CEDAR CIVIL SOCIETY-CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT, DIALOGUE AND RECOVERY CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	The global objective of this call for proposals is to support Civil Society Organisation to initiate, promote and strengthen active citizenship in pursuit of meaningful, equitable, sustainable, inclusive, and value-based development in South Africa.

Eligible Activities:	The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals are:
	• To strengthen the capacity of CSOs to effectively initiate, lead and promote participatory development planning and implementation, engage in meaningful multi-stakeholder policy dialogues (that includes local communities, local authorities and the private sector), and participate in the design, monitoring and implementation of local development initiatives in pursuit of the just transition in South Africa.
	• To strengthen the capacity of local communities, including local government authorities to collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including the private sector, to mobilize resources for sustainable local economic development in pursuit of the just transition, while promoting transparency and accountability.
	• Strengthened capacity of CSOs to engage in the promotion of an enabling environment as it relates to the reduction of CO_2 emissions, green transition, Global Gateway strategy/projects (including environmental, social and governance standards).
	Actions can take place in South Africa.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation, public sector operator, local authority, international (inter-governmental) organisation and (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.
Total Budget: €3,625,000	
Deadline: 30/09/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	**Towards Precision Medicine: Platform for Transdiagnostic Stratification of Brain Dysfunction**
Programme: **European Commission (EC)**	
Objective:	Submissions are now open for the topic Towards Precision Medicine: Platform for Transdiagnostic Stratification of Brain Dysfunction.
	Objectives
	Applicants are expected to address all four main objectives of the topic in their proposal:
	Adapt and extend an existing federated data platform that is sustainable, enabling collaborative curation, access and analysis of clinical datasets and samples (as mentioned above). Consolidate existing multimodal datasets and samples from cohorts with relevant disorders1 into the adapted platform;
	Collect additional new clinical datasets and samples to address gaps and integrate these into the adapted platform;
	Test hypotheses for candidate markers and endpoints within a defined context (e.g. patient selection, diagnosis, or treatment monitoring) in a transdiagnostic

	patient population presenting symptom domains of RM&I, including those with AD, MDD, and obesity; Establish a collaborative platform to bring together people with LE, HCPs, regulators, HTA bodies and payers to achieve consensus on the value of candidate markers and endpoints, how to operationalise them into new diagnostic and treatment frameworks and achieve readiness in the healthcare system. Scope Current diagnosis and patient stratification in health disorders with Central Nervous System (CNS)-driven symptoms are based on DSM-5/ICD-11 codes, which are not aligned with underlying biological processes and mechanisms. Subsequent suboptimal disease classification and patient stratification is a key reason for the low PoS of clinical development and the historical lack of new and more efficacious treatments. This topic aims to address these challenges by adopting a holistic, transdiagnostic approach focused on the common underlying biology of RM&I symptom domains across the relevant disorders listed in the first expected outcome. The topic seeks to build on an existing federated data platform to consolidate, curate, link and analyse robust, multimodal datasets from relevant patient populations. Thus, activities related to building a new platform or a biorepository from scratch are out of scope. The data platform must enable data/sample discovery, access, and support advanced computational analysis including artificial intelligence (AI)/machine learning (ML) technologies while ensuring interoperability with other global data platforms to illuminate the biological basis of the RM&I symptom domains and identify related candidate markers and endpoints. The hypotheses will be prospectively tested in clinical case studies focusing on but not limited to AD, MDD, and obesity. Post-project, the platform will be available as open access for ongoing research and validation. The topic also priorities collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including people with lived experience (LE), carers, HCPs, providers, regulators, HTA bodies and payers, to prepare the healthcare system for this transformative shift. People with LE can provide unique insights and expertise that comes as the result of first-hand experience of health challenges. Integrating LE expertise improves research by bringing an understanding beyond academic and clinical knowledge. The perspectives of people with LE across the relevant symptom domains must be represented within the consortium and applied wherever appropriate. Applicants must outline their approach to inclusive and equitable practices throughout the initiative, possibly through a risk register and appropriate mitigations. Example areas for consideration include data representation, bias mitigation, stakeholder engagement, ethics, and feedback mechanisms.
Eligible Activities:	Eligible Activities Activities under objective 1: The success of this topic hinges on access to a large of amount of high-quality, multimodal data and biological samples collated from applicants and other partners (including industry). The applicants must list the datasets and samples that they will bring and confirm that they will be made accessible to the whole public-private partnership (PPP) from the start of the action. Collate existing multimodal, longitudinal and transdiagnostic datasets at an individual level, including relevant parameters outlined under 1.2. These datasets can come from public or private databases, observational studies, clinical trials, real-world evidence (RWE) studies, biobanks, electronic health records, registries,

and/or other digital health technologies and platforms. In their short proposal applicants must include a strategy to utilise relevant data from the European Platform for Neurodegenerative Diseases (EPND) catalogue2 as much as possible as well as other relevant datasets available from previous projects (including pre-clinical data).

Relevant multimodal datasets ideally include as many as possible from the following: neurophysiology data (e.g. electroencephalography (EEG), magnetoencephalography (MEG)), brain imaging data (e.g. functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), MRI), qualitative subjective assessments, behavioural data, real-world data, medical claims and billing data, routine clinical data (from medical and psychological assessments including data on metabolic status), physiological/activity monitoring data (polysomnography, actigraphy, digital data from wearables, etc.), speech/language data, patient reported outcome data (e.g. questionnaires), molecular biodata (e.g. "-omics"), and potentially data gained via therapeutic protocols (drugs, neuromodulation (deep brain stimulation, transcranial magnetic stimulation, transcranial functional ultrasound, etc.)). Biological samples (e.g. blood, urine, stools, cerebrospinal fluid) from biobanks should be leveraged. Datasets should be from individuals with relevant disorders as well as healthy controls.

Propose a strategy to integrate and connect the datasets from different sources. Outline an approach to inclusive and equitable practices, including data representation, including but not limited to gender, ethnicity, and age (e.g. paediatric and adolescent populations).

Adapt and extend a federated data platform by building on existing infrastructures proven effective in PPPs, including the AD Workbench3 and the EPND hub4 (made available via the pre-identified industry consortium). The adapted platform should leverage available resources (including standard operating procedures) from EPND. The adapted platform must be scalable and adaptable to curate high-quality, multimodal, retrospective, prospective and longitudinal data as mentioned under 1.1 and 1.2. It must enable data/sample discovery, access, and support AI analysis, while ensuring interoperability with other global data platforms.

Ensure high data quality by verifying the robustness of methodologies before integration into the adapted platform. This could be achieved by establishing a Data Quality Assessment Committee.

Implement fair and transparent governance for data- and sample-sharing including model interpretability, data provenance, and traceability of AI decision-making processes. Applicants must explain how they will develop a consensus on data sharing principles, complying with legal and ethical standards (e.g. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and intellectual property rights (IPR)) and ensuring robust protection of data volunteers' rights. For example, leveraging the Data Sharing Playbook and setting up a Data Access Review Committee.

Activities under objective 2:

Collect new prospective multimodal and ideally longitudinal data from transdiagnostic cohorts, focussing on individuals affected by RM&I abnormalities in the relevant disorders, and ideally also collect biological samples. The datasets should close data gaps identified under 1.8 and be integrated into the adapted platform, meeting the same criteria described in objective 1.

Continue to recognise and fill data gaps to expand and maintain the adapted data platform, keeping it current with technological and scientific advancements.

	Whenever appropriate, utilise AI/ML, such as synthetic data generation, image analysis, natural language processing etc., to enhance the dataset.
	Activities under objective 3:
	The short proposal should propose an initial pilot clinical case study designed to test a scientifically robust and data-supported hypothesis on candidate markers and/or endpoints in RM&I symptom domains during the project's initial year. It must include transdiagnostic populations from AD, MDD, and obesity. The case study must include as a minimum neurophysiological data (e.g. EEG or MEG) and brain imaging data (e.g. MRI, fMRI) from each subject. In addition, datasets should include as many parameters as possible from the list described in 1.2. The precise scope of the initial clinical case study will be developed by the full consortium during the preparation of the full proposal. (Additional case studies are described under 3.4).
	In the first 6 months, prepare a systematic literature review (white paper) of the available potential markers in RM&I symptom domains in relevant disorders to support hypothesis generation and subsequent testing. This should be kept up to date throughout the action.
	Apply suitable statistical methods, advanced computational analytics (including, whenever appropriate, AI/ML as part of the statistical/analytical toolbox), modelling, and simulation across the multimodal data in the adapted platform to cluster biologically similar subjects across disorders/diseases, stratified independently of their conventional diagnostic classification. This should enable to identify and confirm clinically significant, quantitative candidate markers for RM&I symptom domains in relevant disorders, incorporating hypothesis-driven and data-driven approaches. It should also establish the foundation for a new transdiagnostic framework based on phenotypes/biotypes to enable detection of factors for susceptibility, risk stratification, diagnostic precision, disease monitoring, treatment response prediction, and overall patient outcomes. In addition, it should elucidate the biological underpinnings of the relationship between psychiatric and physical health (e.g. for obesity, understanding the interplay between metabolic disturbances, mental health and eating behaviours).
	Test putative transdiagnostic markers and endpoint hypotheses derived from 3.2 and 3.3 through additional non-sequential pilot clinical case studies, incorporating insights from stakeholder consultations as mentioned in objective 4. These case studies must test the same transdiagnostic marker/endpoints in separate pre-defined patient populations in two or more of the relevant disorders to strengthen the transdiagnostic approach. As a preference, the three priority disorders should be included in at least one study each as a lead indication. For instance, one study with AD, one with MDD and one with obesity as the lead indication, each including at least one additional relevant disorder. Each study must include neurophysiological and brain imaging data and include as many other parameters as possible from the list outlined under 1.2. Studies must be powered sufficiently to allow analyses both within and across the included disorders. All results must be integrated into the adapted platform. The studies should enhance the platform's ability to accelerate hypothesis testing of new candidate markers and endpoints within a defined context of use (e.g. patient selection, diagnosis, or treatment monitoring) in representative patient populations. These studies must not involve the development of new in vitro diagnostic tools or digital sensors. The resulting evidence from pilot case studies (including the initial pilot clinical study under 3.1) should:

	be verifiable and applicable for patient stratification and/or monitoring in future clinical trials; demonstrate clinical utility to foster new patient pathways and clinical guidelines; contribute to bridging the gap between health care needs and capacity. Activities under objective 4: Create an efficient collaborative platform to support seamless communication and collaboration among key stakeholders in the field of the relevant disorders. This includes innovators, researchers, clinicians, people with LE, carers, patient advocates, HCPs, regulators, scientific societies, HTA bodies, payers, and policy makers to collectively define and implement a new framework for the diagnosis and treatment of these disorders. Form advisory/working groups comprising different stakeholders to support activities under objectives 1, 2 and 3, and co-create solutions. Ensure active and meaningful participation of people with LE, carers, and advocacy organisations throughout the activities and governance. Engage with regulators (via experts with relevant expertise), e.g. EMA and/or national competent authorities, proactively initiating early consultations as appropriate. This should set the basis for continuation towards full validation of markers and endpoints beyond the action. Applicants are expected to consider the potential regulatory impact of the results and as relevant, develop a regulatory strategy and interaction plan early on to define a strategic approach to evidence collection and analysis where feasible (including case studies under objective 3) for generating appropriate evidence, as well as engaging with regulators in a timely manner (e.g. national competent authorities, EMA Innovation Task Force, qualification advice). Similarly, appropriately engage with HTA bodies and payers on the value of new transdiagnostic framework, candidate markers and endpoints when used to support claims of effectiveness of new therapies, paving the way for future reimbursement. Craft evidence-based clinical guidelines through consultations with stakeholders, including people with LE, regulators, HTA bodies, payers, and medical organisations. Achieve consensus on best practices for implementing the new transdiagnostic framework. Develop recommendations and provide proposals for updates to the classification of disorders. Design and implement a comprehensive training programme for HCPs to adopt the new transdiagnostic framework. Create educational materials and implement trainings for people with LE, families and carers in multiple languages, ensuring readiness across the healthcare system for the paradigm shift in healthcare delivery throughout Europe and helping to reduce stigma.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria Entities eligible to participate: Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from non associated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call/topic. A 'legal entity' means any natural or legal person created and recognised as such under national law, EU law or international law, which has legal personality and which may, acting in its own name, exercise rights and be subject to obligations, or an entity without legal personality.

	To become a beneficiary, legal entities must be eligible for funding.
	To be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the following countries:
	the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden. the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the Member States: Aruba (NL), Bonaire (NL), Curaçao (NL), French Polynesia (FR), French Southern and Antarctic Territories (FR), Greenland (DK), New Caledonia (FR), Saba (NL), Saint Barthélemy (FR), Sint Eustatius (NL), Sint Maarten (NL), St. Pierre and Miquelon (FR), Wallis and Futuna Islands (FR). countries associated to Horizon Europe; Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

Total Budget:	€20,202,000
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Call Title:	**AI-Powered Signal Detection in Pharmacovigilance**
Programme:	**European Commission (EC)**
Objective:	The European Commission is seeking proposals for the AI-Powered Signal Detection in Pharmacovigilance topic.
	Scope
	Spontaneous reporting systems (SRSs) have been essential for signal detection in pharmacovigilance but suffer from low accuracy and delays, impacting patient safety. More recently, electronic health records (EHRs) have also been used for signal detection, but the performance needs to be improved. A safety signal is information on a new or known adverse event that may be caused by a medicine and requires further investigation . Signal detection is the identification of potential exposure-outcome relationships that warrant further consideration. AI offers a promising solution by improving the efficiency, accuracy, and timeliness of signal detection using diverse and untapped data sources to allow for enhanced and timely benefit-risk profile evaluation. Recent regulatory developments include the FDA's January 2025 guidance on AI for decision-making, which provides recommendations for using AI in regulatory decision-making about drug safety and effectiveness. Additionally, the EMA's September 2024 reflection paper discusses AI's role throughout the lifecycle of medicinal products, from drug discovery to post-authorisation. Advances in digital technology and computer science, such as generative AI, machine learning, and predictive analytics, have the potential to enable faster and more accurate analysis of both traditional and emerging data sources, which will improve patient safety, provision of healthcare, and public health. There are different PV areas where AI could potentially be applied, including individual case

safety report (ICSR) management, periodic reports, signal detection, and risk management. The scope of this topic focuses on the use of AI for signal detection and risk prediction. It also covers opportunities that may not be 'signal detection' per se but rather augmentations/support beyond signal detection for instance with the expanded use of data and AI-powered methods, including characterisation of cases that can provide context for interpreting an exposure-outcome relationship. The use of AI for ICSR management and processing as well as periodic reports are out of the scope of this topic.

To fulfill this aim, the action funded under this topic should:

Evaluate, select, optimise and test AI algorithms using disparate data sources for signal detection. This implies:

carrying out a review of existing literature, including results from previous initiatives. and practical applications. This will help to understand the strengths and limitations of different approaches and identify a collection of systems, AI methods, and tools that have been tested on various data sources;

selecting the most effective algorithms for signal detection based on this review;

pilot testing the algorithms to evaluate their performance using a series of use cases against different business scenarios from different stakeholders' perspectives. Performance metrics include accuracy, reliability/repeatability, and trustworthiness. The criteria of the use case studies will be developed at an early stage of the project when promising algorithms and tools have been identified;

optimising AI algorithms to perform signal detection at the level of a medical concept or syndrome, with emphasis on transparency requirements, including model interpretability, data provenance, and traceability of AI decision-making processes.

Evaluate diverse data sources to be considered within a cohesive pharmacovigilance network for the purpose of signal detection. This implies:

identifying data sources and reference datasets needed to pilot test the algorithms. This will include EHRs (medical records, claims, registries) as one of the main data sources in this project and other data sources such as spontaneous reporting systems, social media and genomics;

evaluating these data sources addressing their overall quality, how fit they are for purpose, current limitations and future opportunities, such as electronic health records, social media platforms, and others. This includes evaluating them individually or simultaneously to ensure a holistic view of drug safety, enhancing the analysis and monitoring of adverse drug reactions for a more thorough understanding of drug safety;

developing a set of recommendations that could be utilised for simultaneous analyses of different data sources, along with the principles to be followed to support a common data model for evaluating different data sources for the same purpose.

Evaluate and develop predictive models to identify risks in the future (risk prediction).

based on the results from signal detection, develop predictive models using different data sources that may help identify potential risks in the future before they escalate into significant public health issues. These models would use historical data and advanced analytics to forecast potential risks, potentially enabling proactive measures to mitigate risks.

Develop a recommendations document for implementing AI-powered signal detection and risk prediction systems in real-world scenarios

	using the results from the pilot tests, design a recommendations document which will serve as a reference for implementing AI-powered signal detection and risk prediction systems in real-world scenarios. The recommendations will include a set of principles and practical considerations to enable effective, explainable, and trusted use of AI and will include ethical, legal, and governance considerations for the sharing and use of real-world data and AI-algorithms; engage with the European Medicines Agency (EMA) to seek endorsement of the recommendations document via the "Qualification Procedure". Develop recommendations for human-in-the-loop (HITL) and human-on-the-loop (HOTL) AI in pharmacovigilance signal detection for optimal performance and oversight. Develop templates and tools for practical implementation, including integration into existing PV systems of AI – power signal detection and risk prediction models by different stakeholders. Develop training plans and education materials to disseminate the recommendations widely to the stakeholder community and develop a strategy for uptake.
Eligible Activities:	Expected Outcomes Industry, regulators, researchers and other stakeholders have access to evidence-based and practical guidance, with aligned perspectives of public and private stakeholders, on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) for signal detection and other pharmacovigilance (PV) applications to ensure patient safety. Patients and citizens will benefit from earlier and more accurate signal detection, which will lead to earlier risk communication and more effective measures to manage the risks. More specifically the action under this topic must contribute to all of the following outcomes (which can be applied to various therapeutic areas irrespective of the size and composition of the safety database and to products under development as well as those in post-marketing setup): AI-powered algorithms and methods for faster and more accurate signal detection; a comprehensive list of data sources where AI methods could be used for improved signal detection, including a set of recommendations, along with principles to be followed to support a suitable common data model for simultaneous analyses of a wide range of different data sources (including clinical trials and post-marketing surveillance data) for the same purpose; AI-powered algorithms and methods for highly accurate risk prediction to help identify potential risks in the future before they escalate into significant public health issues and enable proactive measures to mitigate risks; recommendations, including practical considerations for implementing AI-powered signal detection and risk prediction systems in real-world scenarios, to enable effective and trusted use of AI; tools and templates for practical implementation of AI – power signal detection and risk predictions by the public and private stakeholders; training and user guides and other education materials on the implementation of the recommendations and the use of AI.Central to the delivery of these outcomes are transparency, trustworthiness, and adherence to the ethical and legal principles of the use of patient-level data and any proprietary information.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria Entities eligible to participate:

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	To become a beneficiary, legal entities must be eligible for funding.
	To be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the following countries:
	the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden. the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the Member States: Aruba (NL), Bonaire (NL), Curaçao (NL), French Polynesia (FR), French Southern and Antarctic Territories (FR), Greenland (DK), New Caledonia (FR), Saba (NL), Saint Barthélemy (FR), Sint Eustatius (NL), Sint Maarten (NL), St. Pierre and Miquelon (FR), Wallis and Futuna Islands (FR). countries associated to Horizon Europe; Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

Total Budget: €37,209,000
Deadline: 09/10/2025
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Call Title:	**Call for Proposals: Operational Digital Platforms**
Programme:	**European Commission (EC)**
Objective:	The European Commission is seeking proposals for its Operational Digital Platforms which aim to support EU environmental and energy targets, improve the competitiveness of the EU industry and address the ongoing energy crisis, by providing both technologies and connectivity to enable a cyber-secure Internet of Energy and an optimized transport system along the major European paths. Objectives They are dedicated to "retro-fitting" the existing energy and/or transport infrastructures with the required cross-border digital infrastructure. ODPs will optimize energy use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) and reduce the environmental impact, while increasing the benefits enabled by ICT. ODPs will build on and integrate with existing and emerging European data, cloud and edge computing and connectivity infrastructures, in particular those

	supported in other parts of the CEF Digital programme, the Digital Europe Programme, and the Horizon Europe programme. The ODPs will contribute to the achievement of EU technological sovereignty and to the security and resilience of energy supply and transports in the EU. This support contributes to the Digital Decade goals such as the deployment of 10,000 climate neutral highly secure edge nodes, etc.
Eligible Activities:	Scopes The projects supported by this call are expected to deploy cross-border digital infrastructure implementing an AI-Driven Operational Digital Platform (ODP) for Electricity Consumers and Integration of electric vehicles (EV), electric trucks (ET), renewable energy sources (RES) into the Grid. Moreover, the proposed platform could help data centres, which are among the fastest growing energy consumers in Europe, to shift non-critical workloads to times or locations where energy is greener or cheaper and participate in grid services, acting as flexible loads that can ramp up or down to support balancing. The platform must include the maximum number of the following key functionalities: Real-time monitoring and feedback for consumers on energy rate use, carbon footprint, and tariff optimisation; AI-based advisory services, helping users to adjust their behaviours or schedules to match renewable availability. Participation in virtual energy communities (VECs), allowing local prosumers to trade surplus energy or flexibility; Integration of controllable assets such as EV chargers, heat pumps, or batteries to provide demand response; AI-powered charging optimisation, based on traffic, weather, grid conditions, and fleet schedules; Dynamic pricing and congestion signals, ensuring grid-aware energy consumption and EV charging; Smart routing tools for logistics managers, integrating vehicle range, charging station status, and energy prices; Integration of renewable generation (e.g. solar, wind) into vehicle charging plans Support for vehicle-to-grid (V2G) operations, where EVs can return energy to the grid during peak demand. Optional functionalities may include: Participation of data centres in flexibility markets, via dynamic load shifting or reserve services; Data centres workload migration tools, allowing computing tasks to be routed across borders to greener data centres. Expected Impact The project is expected to deploy cross-border digital infrastructure that will accelerate the digitalisation of the energy/mobility sector by enhancing interoperability and standardisation and trigger a public-private partnership virtuous circle of investment. To the extent possible, this infrastructure will build on and integrate with existing and emerging European data, cloud and edge computing and connectivity infrastructures. The project should lead to a substantial reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) and improvement in the energy and environmental performance of the European energy, transport and digital infrastructures thus addressing and easing the current energy and climate crisis and avoiding blackouts.

	The key performance indicators for the topic will include the number of connected operators supporting cross-border exchange of data and services, the number of interconnected cross border energy and/or transport systems, the amount of energy saved and the percentage of GHG emission decrease due to cross-border energy and/or transport exchange, as well as the degree of integration with the European data, computing, and connectivity infrastructure both for leveraging digital infrastructure and optimising its energy and environmental performance.
	Eligible Projects
	Projects funded under this call should include specific deliverables, milestones and KPIs related to:
	Deploying fully functional, cross-border ODPs in line with the description in the scope section;
	Delivering quantifiable results in terms of CO_2 reduction, energy savings, and grid flexibility;
	Providing open, standards-based architectures suitable for replication in other Member States, also in line with the vision for an AI-enabled digital spine of the energy and e-mobility system and other EU initiatives;
	Strengthening collaboration across sectors (energy, transport, ICT) and across borders;
	Creating new business models for distributed energy resources, smart mobility, and sustainable infrastructure;
	Improving consumer empowerment, data transparency, and system efficiency.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria
	In order to be eligible, the applicants must:
	be legal entities
	be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e. EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)).
	non-EU countries;
	countries associated to the CEF programme
Total Budget: €20,000,000	
Deadline: 16/10/2025	
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Call Title:	**RFPs: New Advanced Tools and Processes for Operational Cybersecurity**
Programme:	**European Commission (EC)**
Objective:	The European Commission is inviting applications for the New Advanced Tools and Processes for Operational Cybersecurity topic.
	Scope
	Proposals are expected to demonstrate the developed frameworks, tools, services, and processes through pilot implementations involving the participation of relevant national cybersecurity authorities and/or essential and important entities as defined in NIS2, implemented with the participation of leading European

| | cybersecurity industry. Proposals should consider the impact of forthcoming legislation, in particular the Cyber Resilience Act.
Real world applications and the usability of the solutions developed should feature predominately in the proposals.
The participation of the following types of entities is highly encouraged: innovative European cybersecurity start-ups and SMEs with a proven track-record in cybersecurity innovation at EU level (e.g. active participation in successful EU funded projects including cybersecurity projects under Horizon Europe, Digital Europe Programme cybersecurity projects or EIC Pathfinder or Accelerator projects), European start-ups and SMEs that can demonstrate established operational cooperation with relevant National Cybersecurity Authorities, European start-ups and SMEs that have received equity investments by national, European or private Venture Capital funds for cybersecurity activities etc. The participation of these start-ups and SMEs with an active role in the implementation of the proposed action (project coordination, technical coordination, lead of pilot implementation etc) would be considered an asset. |
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| **Eligible Activities:** | Expected Outcomes
The use of and dependence on information and communication technologies have become fundamental aspects in all sectors of the economy. Public administrations, companies and citizens are more interconnected and interdependent across sectors and borders than ever before. This higher uptake of digital technologies increases exposure to cyber security incidents, vulnerabilities and their potential impacts. At the same time, Member States are facing growing cybersecurity risks and an overall complex threat landscape, with a clear risk of rapid spill-over of cyber incidents from one Member State to others.
Moreover, cyber operations are increasingly integrated in hybrid and warfare strategies, with significant effects on the target. In particular, the current geopolitical context is being accompanied by a strategy of hostile cyber operations, which is a game changer for the perception and assessment of the EU's collective cybersecurity crisis management preparedness and a call for urgent action. The threat of a possible large-scale incident causing significant disruption and damage to critical infrastructure and data spaces demands heightened preparedness at all levels of the EU's cybersecurity ecosystem. In recent years, the number of cyberattacks has increased dramatically, including supply chain attacks aiming at cyberespionage, ransomware, or disruption. The vulnerability landscape is also threatening. The ENISA Threat Landscape Report 2024 counts a total of 19,754 vulnerabilities. This amount of vulnerabilities can't be manually managed by humans. There is a need for automated management of vulnerabilities based on established standards like the Common Security Advisory Framework (CSAF).
As regards detection of cyber threats and incidents, there is an urgent need to increase the exchange of information and improve their collective capabilities in order to reduce drastically the time needed to detect cyber threats and mitigate, before they can cause large-scale damage and costs. While many cybersecurity threats and incidents have a potential cross-border dimension, due to the interconnection of digital infrastructures, the sharing of relevant information among Member States remains limited. Proposals are expected to address this emerging threat landscape with the development of advanced frameworks, services tools, and processes, in line with relevant EU legislation (NIS2, Cyber Resilience Act, Cyber Solidarity Act). |

	Lastly, focus should be given to developing innovative frameworks, technologies, tools, processes, and services that reinforce cybersecurity capabilities for operational and technical cybersecurity cooperation, in line with relevant EU policy, with particular focus on NIS2, Cyber Solidarity Act and the EU Cybersecurity Strategy, as well as legal and ethical requirements. Proposals should address at least two of the following expected outcomes: Enhanced Situational Awareness through advanced Cyber Threat Intelligence frameworks, tools, and services as well as cybersecurity risk assessments of critical supply chains made in the EU, Frameworks, tools, and services for preparedness against Cyber and Hybrid Threats in information and communication technology (ICT) and operational technology (OT), including cybersecurity exercises, Expanded Security Operations Centre/Computer Security Incident Response Teams (SOC/CSIRT) functionality through advanced tools and services for detection, analysis, incident handling including response and reporting as well as remediation, Development of testing and experimentation facilities for advanced tools and processes for operational cybersecurity, including the creation of digital twins for critical infrastructures and essential and important entities as defined in NIS2, Development and pilot implementation of cross-sector and/or cross-border cyber crisis management frameworks, services, and tools, Frameworks, services, and tools aimed at mechanisms and processes for enhanced operational cooperation between public sector entities (CSIRT network, EU-CyCLONe). Extension of the above to essential and important entities as defined in NIS2, would be an advantage.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria Entities eligible to participate: Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from nonassociated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call/topic. A 'legal entity' means any natural or legal person created and recognised as such under national law, EU law or international law, which has legal personality and which may, acting in its own name, exercise rights and be subject to obligations, or an entity without legal personality. To become a beneficiary, legal entities must be eligible for funding. To be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden. the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the Member States: Aruba (NL), Bonaire (NL), Curaçao (NL), French Polynesia (FR), French Southern and Antarctic Territories (FR), Greenland (DK), New Caledonia (FR), Saba (NL), Saint Barthélemy (FR), Sint Eustatius (NL), Sint Maarten (NL), St. Pierre and Miquelon (FR), Wallis and Futuna Islands (FR). countries associated to Horizon Europe;

	Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom.
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Call Title:	Call for Proposals: Generative AI for Cybersecurity Applications
Programme:	**European Commission (EC)**
Objective:	The European Commission is seeking proposals for the Generative AI for Cybersecurity Applications topic.
Scope
Generative AI presents both opportunities and challenges in the field of cybersecurity. This topic supports the research on new opportunities brought by Generative AI for Cybersecurity applications, to develop, train and test AI models to scale up detection of threats and vulnerabilities, enhance response time, cope with the large quantities of data involved, and automate process and decision-making support; for example by generating reports from threat intelligence data, suggesting and writing detection rules, threat hunts, and queries for the Security information and event management (SIEM), creating management, audit and compliance reports and reverse engineering malware.
Proposals addressing expected outcome a):
Advanced threat and anomaly detection and analysis:
Current cybersecurity tools may struggle to keep pace with the evolving tactics of cyber attackers. Developing, training and testing of Generative AI models can be used to analyse large volumes of data and accurately identify anomalies and deviations from normal patterns of behaviour, enabling more effective threat detection, analysis and response
Tools should also support cybersecurity professionals as they may struggle to detect and respond to threats posed by generative AI, particularly as these systems become more sophisticated and difficult to distinguish from genuine human activity.
Adaptive security measures:
Cybersecurity tools often rely on static rules and signatures to detect threats, making them less effective against new and evolving attack methods. In addition, many cybersecurity tools still rely on manual intervention for threat response, which can be time-consuming and ineffective. Generative AI, through development, training, finetuning and testing of Generative AI models can support these tools to adapt and respond to emerging threats in real-time, improving overall security posture.
Enhanced authentication and access control:
The use of AI technologies could improve resilience of authentication and access control systems to unauthorized access and credential theft, making it more difficult for unauthorized users to gain access to sensitive information or systems.

	Proposals addressing expected outcome b): Development of tools powered by Generative AI that analyse and facilitate the Application of the national and EU regulation in digital systems, in particular the Artificial Intelligence Act, the Directive on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union (NIS2) and the Cyber Resilience Act. Adaptation to a dynamic environment: Companies, public sector and organisations face an ever-changing environment which makes keeping up with compliance towards cybersecurity rules challenging. On one hand there's a variety of rules applicable at sectorial, national or European level to be considered. On the other, change management and updates in ICT systems in organisations is frequent. Addressing both facets with tools powered with Generative AI brings the potential for a compliance continuum within organisations otherwise limited in time when driven by human intervention only.
Eligible Activities:	Expected Impacts Support the EU's technological capabilities by investing in cybersecurity research and innovation to further strengthen its leadership, strategic autonomy, digital sovereignty and resilience; Help protect its infrastructures and improve its ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, resist, mitigate, absorb, accommodate and recover from cyber and hybrid incidents, especially given the current context of geopolitical change; Support European competitiveness in cybersecurity and European strategic autonomy, by protecting EU products and digital supply chains, as well as critical EU services and infrastructures (both physical and digital) to ensure their robustness and continuity in the face of severe disruptions; Encourage the development of the European Cybersecurity Competence Community; Particular attention will be given to SMEs, who play a crucial role in the cybersecurity ecosystem and in overall EU digital single market competitiveness, by promoting security and privacy 'by design' in existing and emerging technologies. Expected Outcomes Projects will develop technologies, tools, processes that reinforce cybersecurity using AI technological components, in particular Generative AI, in line with relevant EU policy, legal and ethical requirements. Proposals should address at least one of the following expected outcomes: Developing, training and testing of Generative AI models for monitoring, detection, response and self-healing capabilities in digital processes, and systems against cyberattacks, including adversarial AI attacks. Development of Generative AI tools and technologies for continuous monitoring, compliance and automated remediation. These should consider legal aspects of EU and national regulation as well as ethical and privacy aspects.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria Entities eligible to participate: Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from nonassociated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call/topic.

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