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New Opportunities

Call Title:	TF VAW-POLICY-ADVOCACY-IN-WESTERN-BALKANS
Programme:	UN Women
Objective:	UN Women seeks a CSO to undertake policy advocacy and provide technical assistance for introducing and implementing gender-sensitive frameworks and services to address technology-facilitated violence against women (TF VAW) in the Western Balkans.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The selected CSO will revise existing frameworks, introduce new provisions, raise awareness among stakeholders, and ensure alignment with global and regional recommendations. This includes working closely with government actors and other stakeholders to develop effective strategies.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Western Balkans.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Organisations must have demonstrated organizational track record in promoting gender equality and women's rights, particularly in the area of ending violence against women and girls (EVAW), including technology-facilitated violence (TF VAW).
Total Budget:	\$135,000
Deadline:	15/08/2025
More information and official documents:	https://eca.unwomen.org/en/programme-implementation/2025/07/unw-eca-ro-cfp-2025-2

Call Title:	BUILD-CAPACITIES-OF-WCSOS-ON-TF VAW-IN-WESTERN-BALKANS
Programme:	UN Women
Objective:	UN Women invites civil society organizations (CSOs) to submit proposals for a regional capacity-building initiative aimed at addressing technology-facilitated violence against women (TF VAW) across the Western Balkans.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The selected CSO will lead a comprehensive training programme targeting at least 50 CSOs and 10 CSO networks, enhance cross-border collaboration, and support small-scale community initiatives. The initiative will empower women's organizations to advocate for legal reforms, improve survivor support, and promote safer digital environments.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Western Balkans.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Organisations must have demonstrated organizational track record in promoting gender equality and women's rights, particularly in the area of ending violence against women and girls (EVAW), including technology-facilitated violence (TF VAW).

Total Budget:	\$110,000
Deadline:	15/08/2025
More information and official documents:	https://eca.unwomen.org/en/programme-implementation/2025/07/unw-eca-ro-cfp-2025-3

Call Title:	UKRAINE CAPACITY IN INTANGIBLE TECHNOLOGY CONTROLS
Programme:	US Department of State
Objective:	Objective: Reinforce the immediate need to establish effective safeguards and controls over sensitive research and technologies and to urgently inform R&D and emerging defense industry community on best practices for ITT safeguards, due diligence, and control requirements
Eligible Activities:	Actions must take place in Ukraine.
Eligible Applicants:	The following U.S. or foreign organizations are eligible to apply: Not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks and civil society/non-governmental organizations.
Total Budget:	\$345,338
Deadline:	18/08/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360066

Call Title:	Request for Proposals: Pfizer Independent Medical Education Grant Program
Programme:	Pfizer
Objective:	<p>Pfizer is seeking proposals to support educational initiatives focused on the burden of COVID-19 in adult patients with high-risk conditions. These programs are intended for geriatricians, infectious disease specialists, and primary care providers who care for high-risk patients.</p> <p>Aims</p> <p>The aim is to enhance their ability to identify, diagnose, and manage COVID-19 effectively, particularly in populations with limited disease awareness and hesitancy toward oral treatment. It is important to emphasize that COVID-19 remains a significant disease, with high rates of hospitalization and mortality among high-risk groups.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Project Types and Area of Interest</p> <p>Through this RFP it is their intent to support educational programs for HCPs that address knowledge gaps in identifying patients at high risk for developing severe COVID-19 outcomes, including hospitalization or death, and are designed to help achieve the following goals:</p> <p>Improve identification of patients with high-risk conditions and their eligibility for COVID-19 treatment.</p>

	<p>Recognize the importance of early COVID-19 intervention/treatment in high-risk patients.</p> <p>Outline COVID-19 complications associated with high-risk conditions and impact they have on patients and healthcare systems.</p> <p>Long term impact of COVID-19, including long COVID and worsening or new onset of diseases (diabetes, Cardiovascular diseases).</p> <p>Projects that use web based platforms and tools for educating HCPs in multiple countries will be considered. And thus platforms should support multiple languages/translations for HCPs from multiple countries.</p> <p>Target Audiences</p> <p>Infectious Disease Specialists</p> <p>Primary Care Providers, including but not limited to, Geriatricians, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Urgent Care Providers.</p> <p>Geographic Scope</p> <p>Global (ex-US) with priority in Europe, Asia-Pacific region.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>The following may apply: medical, dental, nursing, allied health, and/or pharmacy professional schools; healthcare institutions (both large and small); professional organizations/medical societies; medical education companies; and other entities with a mission related to healthcare professional education and/or healthcare improvement.</p> <p>Only organizations are eligible to receive grants, not individuals or medical practice groups (i.e., an independent group of physicians not affiliated with a hospital, academic institution, or professional society).</p> <p>If the project involves multiple departments within an institution and/or between different institutions / organizations / associations, all institutions must have a relevant role and the requesting organization must have a key role in the project. applicant must be the project/program lead or an authorized designee of such individual (e.g., project/program lead's grant coordinator).</p> <p>The project/program lead must be an employee or contractor of the requesting organization.</p> <p>Requesting organization must be legally able to receive award funding directly from Pfizer Inc. They strongly recommend that applicants confirm this with their organization or institution prior to submitting an application. Grants awarded to organizations that are subsequently found to be unable to accept funding directly from Pfizer Inc. may be subject to rescission.</p> <p>For projects offering continuing education credit, the requesting organization must be accredited.</p>
Total Budget: \$500,000	
Deadline: 21/08/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://cdn.pfizer.com/pfizercom/2025-07/2025-VAC-G-COVID-19BurdenonHighRiskPopulation-KG.pdf?VersionId=loHj8Flw.f.tH.p4nIM10lobtoh5s0ig

Call Title:	COEs Bridging Social Sciences, Humanities, Science and Technology Program (India)
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Programme: Anusandhan National Research Foundation	
Objective:	<p>The Anusandhan National Research Foundation invites proposals for CoE bridging Social Sciences, humanities with Science & Technology to address complex societal challenges.</p> <p>Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) aims to establish "convergence" research Centres of Excellence (CoEs) to undertake cutting edge, innovative and impactful research at the interface of Science, Technology, Humanities, Social Sciences and Society. These Centres will address complex societal challenges that require integrated perspectives from both technical and social sciences/humanities domains.</p> <p>These Centres will address complex societal challenges that require integrated perspectives from both technical and social sciences/humanities domains. Fostering partnerships between Social Science and Humanities scholars and researchers from Science, Engineering, and Technology domains will aid in catalysing a shift toward integrated knowledge ecosystems, and inculcate a culture of cross-disciplinary collaboration in response to global challenges. Furthermore, research outcome or findings will contribute to societal and economic development, promotes technological innovation, and progress society. Research teams from Social Sciences and Humanities are encouraged to submit the project proposal in collaboration with natural and applied scientists. The proposals that are impactful, innovative and taking a bold stride in addressing societal problems will be supported under this program.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>The program encourages multi-disciplinary research approach to address the challenging societal problems in some of the indicative thematic areas at the intersection of Science, Engineering, Technology, Social Sciences and Humanities.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The proposed centres are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catalyse interdisciplinary research at the interface of the natural sciences, engineering, and the social sciences and humanities. Establish institutional platforms that anchor high-impact, transdisciplinary research aligned with societal priorities. Promote the deep integration of scientific knowledge within social science and humanities frameworks to address complex and systemic challenges. Foster long-term academic partnerships to accelerate research, build capacity, and create public value at the science-society interface. <p>Thematic Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archaeology and Traditional Knowledge systems Computational Archaeology for Ancient Science insights Technology and Prehistoric Archaeology Digital technologies and Indian Cultural Heritage Technology and Indian Traditional Language Systems Digital technologies and promotion of Indian culture and diversity AI for Traditional Indian Knowledge Systems AI meets Indian Traditional Music and Dance Digital Humanities Social Media Polarization and Public Discourse HCI & AI for Uplifting a Billion People Ethical Technology and Soft Skills Tourism and Experiences Amplified by Technology, AI & Mass Media AI and Labour Market Impact

	<p>AI for Skilling, Capacity Building and Entrepreneurship</p> <p>Psychological Impact of Automation on Workers</p> <p>Reskilling Policies in an AI-dominated Economy</p> <p>Ethics of Replacing Human Labour with Machines</p> <p>Health and Psychology</p> <p>Geospatial technologies (GIS) and Public Health</p> <p>Public Health Informatics, and Big Data for Inclusive Health and Well-being</p> <p>Digital Technology- Health Informatics and AI for care economy</p> <p>Big Data and Predictive Analytics for Surveillance and Assessment</p> <p>AI and Yoga for lifestyle in Modern Society</p> <p>Mental Health and Human Purpose in a Technological World</p> <p>Computational Economics</p> <p>Technology & Supply Chain Resilience</p> <p>Technology for Financial Inclusion</p> <p>AI for Creative economy</p> <p>Future of E-commerce and Digital Trade</p> <p>AI and Economic Forecasting</p> <p>Digital Labour Platforms and Economics</p> <p>Nudges and Behavioural Economics with Technology Innovation</p> <p>Climate Change Resilience</p> <p>Urban Planning and Operations for Climate Resilience</p> <p>Industrial Ecology, and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Social Innovation for Climate Change Mitigation</p> <p>Technology and Real-world Environmental Challenges</p> <p>Ecology, Science, and Technology</p> <p>Rural Development</p> <p>Technology for Rural Development</p> <p>Design of Micro-incentives for E-governance Adoption in Rural Settings</p> <p>Farmers and Technology Adoption</p> <p>E-commerce and Rural Development</p> <p>Adoption of Sustainable and Traditional Value Addition and Scientific Solutions</p> <p>Digital Technologies, Post-harvest Value Addition and Entrepreneurship</p> <p>Technology for Skill Development</p> <p>AI, and Labour Market Transformation</p> <p>Technology for Rural Hygiene and Health</p> <p>Technology and Agri-waste Management</p> <p>Emerging Technologies for Social Issues</p> <p>AI Ethics</p> <p>AI and Accountability</p> <p>Digital Privacy, Consent, and Data Sovereignty</p> <p>Technology and Human Rights</p> <p>Ethical Frameworks for Emerging Technologies</p> <p>Ethics of Automation and the Future of Work</p> <p>Platformization and Gig Economy Governance</p> <p>Data Science in Public Policy</p> <p>Behavioural Tech for Governance</p> <p>Effective and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by Leveraging Technology</p> <p>Applied Behavioural Economics + Mobile Nudges to Drive Sanitation, Vaccination, and School Attendance</p> <p>Geo-fenced Behaviour Interventions using Mobile Data (e.g., urban mobility)</p> <p>Technology-nudge Labs at the State Level</p>
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	Reimagining Information Asymmetry with Technology
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Investigators from Social Sciences/Humanities (Ph.D./Master's + 5 yrs experience)</p> <p>Must collaborate with Science/Engineering/Technology experts</p> <p>Institution Type:</p> <p>Single or Multi-Institution models allowed</p> <p>All investigators must hold regular academic/research positions</p> <p>At least 6 years of service left before retirement</p> <p>Application Requirements</p> <p>Other Technical Details</p> <p>Biodata (under user profile section)</p> <p>Endorsement letter from the Head of the Institution(s)</p> <p>Certificate from the investigator(s)</p> <p>Plagiarism Undertaking</p>
Total Budget: 25 Crore Rupees	
Deadline: 29/08/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.anrfonline.in/ANRF/coe_anrf

Call Title:	Entries open for iF SOCIAL IMPACT PRIZE 2025
Programme:	iF Design
Objective:	<p>The iF SOCIAL IMPACT PRIZE supports projects that contribute to improving their society.</p> <p>Categories</p> <p>All submissions should be in line with one of the following 15 UN SDGs.</p> <p>No poverty</p> <p>Zero hunger</p> <p>Goodhealth and well-being</p> <p>Quality education</p> <p>Gender equality</p> <p>Clean water and sanitation</p> <p>Affordable and clean energy</p> <p>Decent work and economic growth</p> <p>Industry, innovation and infrastructure</p> <p>Reduced inequalities</p> <p>Sustainable cities and communities</p> <p>Responsible consumption and production</p> <p>Climate action</p> <p>Life below water</p> <p>Life on land</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Evaluation Criteria</p> <p>The jury evaluates all projects based on five updated criteria, considering each project's individual aspects.</p> <p>Problem-Solving</p>

	<p>Does it solve a problem?</p> <p>Degree of innovation</p> <p>Degree of elaboration</p> <p>Uniqueness</p> <p>Use value and usability</p> <p>Moral-Ethic Standards</p> <p>Does it reflect or promote high moral-ethical standards?</p> <p>Human dignity</p> <p>Sensitivity for cultural traditions and power relations</p> <p>Concern for common goals and the collective</p> <p>Awareness of environmental standards</p> <p>Social responsibility</p> <p>Design relevance</p> <p>Does it have a connection to design?</p> <p>Usage of design principles in the creation process (i.e. design thinking)</p> <p>Design is one target of the project (enabling the usage of design/creativity)</p> <p>Elements of the project use design (i.e. campaign branding)</p> <p>Reasonable amount of effort</p> <p>Does it balance effort and use value?</p> <p>Efficient use of resources</p> <p>Feasibility and ease of implementation</p> <p>Long-term perspective</p> <p>Measureable results</p> <p>Beneficial Experiences</p> <p>Does it create a positive experience?</p> <p>Respect for the individual, justice and fairness, positive experience and fun</p> <p>Strengthening group relations</p> <p>Addressing social conflict through dialogue</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Who can apply?</p> <p>Companies, design studios, NGOs, foundations, public and other organizations, social enterprises and entrepreneurs are welcome to submit. Student concepts cannot be accepted.</p>
Total Budget: €500,000	
Deadline: 01/09/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://ifdesign.com/en/if-social-impact-prize

Call Title:	ENHANCE ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FOR EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES
Programme:	Enabel
Objective:	The general objective of this Call for Proposals is: To enhance access to sustainable transport for education and health care services.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The specific objective(s) of this Call for Proposals are:</p> <p>Results area 1</p>

	<p>1. To set up a holistic management system in schools to provide and maintain bicycles for students.</p> <p>2. To improve school attendance rates, especially among female students, by addressing safety and mobility concerns.</p> <p>3. To enhance the safety and security for girls commuting to school</p> <p>Result area 2 4. To increase the reach and effectiveness of Community Health Workers (CHWs) by providing them with bicycles to facilitate access to remote households.</p> <p>Result area 3 5. To evaluate the impact of the intervention on student performance and retention, and reach and effectiveness of Community Health Workers over the project period.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Uganda.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be a non-profit private entity or a foundation.
Total Budget: €350,000	
Deadline: 02/09/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.enabel.be/grants/

Call Title:	SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS IN GUYANA
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of the Civil Society Organisation Lots 1 and 2: To strengthen local civil society organisations (CSOs) capacity and participation to enable them to function as independent actors of good governance and development in their own right.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The specific objective(s) of the Civil Society Organisation Lots 1 and 2: To strengthen institutional, operational and advocacy capabilities of small and grassroots organisations in areas of governance, accountability, inclusivity, and participation in development policy and domestic policies, programme, project, financial management, HR advocacy and sector-specific capacity building including peace and security.</p> <p>The global objective of the Human Rights & Democracy- Lot 3: To increase protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law worldwide which is also a key priority of EU's external action and a pre-condition for sustainable development and for building more inclusive, open and resilient societies.</p> <p>The specific objective(s) of the Human Rights & Democracy Lot 3: To contribute to the full enjoyment by every one of all human rights, be they civil, political, economic, social or cultural rights, enabling independent civil society actors to operate for the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms and empowering them to address gender equality and women empowerment; To ensure better representation of women/youth in institutions, decisions and processes.</p>

	Actions must take place in Guyana.
Eligible Applicants:	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: non-governmental organisation, public sector operator 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.
Total Budget:	€663,000
Deadline:	03/09/2025
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	RECRUITMENT OF A NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CSO TO TRANSFORM PATRIARCHAL MASCULINITIES IN YOUTH
Programme:	UN Women
Objective:	Call for proposals to establish a partnership with a national CSO working on human rights to develop and implement initiatives and actions aimed at young people and designed to transform masculinities and patriarchal social norms in favour of a more equitable sharing of unpaid care work and the economic empowerment of women and girls.
Eligible Activities:	<p>This call for proposals is launched within the framework of the UN Women Dare to Care programme, to establish a partnership with a national CSO working for human rights and having experience in the fields of social justice and gender equality, women's empowerment and/or the promotion of youth participation in gender equality actions in order to develop and implement initiatives and actions aimed at young people and aimed at transforming masculinities and patriarchal social norms in favour of a more equitable sharing of unpaid care and economic empowerment of women and girls in partnership and cooperation with UN Women, the Ministry of Youth, Culture and Communication and other relevant organisations and stakeholders.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Morocco.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are non-profit organisations.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	12/09/2025
More information and official documents:	https://arabstates.unwomen.org/en/programme-implementation/2025/07/call-for-proposals-recruitment-of-a-national-human-rights-cso-to-transform-patriarchal-masculinities-in-youth

Call Title:	URBAN FABRIC INITIATIVES UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE CITIES: TAMALE URBAN RESILIENCE PROJECT
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Programme: Agence Française de Développement (AFD)	
Objective:	Urban Fabric Initiatives (UFI) is a program financed by AFD, which aim to develop public spaces or local community facilities, through collaborative efforts, and to support the animation and the management of these sites. The aim of the Tamale UFI is to finance the co-design, co-construction and co-management of small-scale facilities (such as public spaces, sports grounds, toilet blocks, gathering areas, market areas, etc.), in close collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs (MLGCRA) and the Tamale Municipal Assembly (TaMA).
Eligible Activities:	<p>The specific objectives are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve people's resilience to floods and heat waves through the deployment of green public spaces and flood management infrastructure ○ Support the operationalization of public policy of participatory governance at the local level for a sustainable and inclusive project ○ Strengthen local governance capacity in the formulation and replication of resilient urban projects <p>Actions must take place in Ghana. The UFI shall implement activities in each of the 4 communities of Tutingli, Nalung, Belpela and Lamakara, targeted by the Sustainable Cities: Tamale Urban Resilience Project.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The Call for Proposals is opened to organizations (international and national Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), Community Based Organizations, Civil Society Organizations (CSO)), and to consortiums formed by private companies and at least one CSO/NGO.
Total Budget: €1,300,000	
Deadline: 15/09/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.afd.fr/en/calls-for-projects/urban-fabric-initiatives-under-sustainable-cities-tamale-urban-resilience

Call Title:	Call for Proposals: Living Planet Fellowship
Programme: European Space Agency	
Objective:	<p>The Living Planet Fellowship supports the new generation of scientists in ESA Member States to undertake cutting-edge research in Earth Observation and Earth System and Climate Science, maximise the scientific impact of ESA missions and European EO capacity and respond to the main challenges of the new ESA Earth Observation science strategy: Earth Science in Action for Tomorrow's World. This call is motivated by the urgent need to foster the new generation of scientists to develop advanced science-based solutions that respond to the major challenges that society is facing in the onset of this century. This call includes also the following important additional opportunities:</p> <p>Support for small ground-based experiments and in-situ data collection, A visiting scientist scheme to join the ESA Earth System Science Hub. A visiting scientist scheme to collaborate with another Institute/Laboratory Access to cloud computing resources and digital platform services Objectives</p>

	<p>The main objective of the Living Planet Fellowship is to support young scientists, at post-doctoral level, to undertake cutting-edge research in Earth Observation, Earth System Science or Climate Research, maximising the scientific return of ESA and European EO missions and datasets through the development of novel EO methods, techniques and products, and by delivering excellent scientific results addressing the key science questions in the ESA EO Science Strategy, enabling improved predictions of the physical interaction of society with the Earth system.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Aims</p> <p>The Living Planet Fellowship aims to achieve this objective by:</p> <p>Enabling leading edge research to be undertaken by the new generation of scientists with focus on major scientific challenges and knowledge gaps in Earth system science that may contribute to respond to the urgent societal needs underpinning the European and global environmental and development agendas. Maximising the scientific impact of the unique and unexplored opportunities offered by the increasing European space-based observing capacity (Sentinels, Earth Explorers, meteorological missions, national and commercial missions) complemented with 3rd party mission data, existing long-term EO-based data records (e.g., ESA heritage mission data, CCI ECVs), in-situ data and citizen observations.</p> <p>Promoting an open science approach where sharing data, results and knowledge is at the core of the scientific value chain.</p> <p>Capitalizing on novel and emerging technologies, incorporating platform technologies, advances in ICT, data intensive science or Artificial Intelligence as an amplifier and accelerator of science.</p> <p>Research Areas</p> <p>Host Organisations' Candidates shall propose a 2-year research plan contributing to at least one of the following areas:</p> <p>Advancing Novel Methods and Techniques: Targeted research projects aimed at developing innovative methods, novel algorithms and new EO products and datasets expanding the scientific use of the Sentinel missions, the Earth Explorers or the ESA long-term data archives into new scientific areas and application domains. Activities shall establish a solid basis to expand the missions' product portfolio and stimulate novel science results and innovative applications.</p> <p>Advancing Earth System Science: Cutting-edge scientific activities aimed at maximizing the scientific impact of ESA and European missions in terms of new discoveries and advances in Earth system science addressing the challenges of the ESA EO Science Strategy. Projects shall contribute to answer major open questions in Earth system science, address global scientific challenges and community priorities posed by international Earth System Science communities and international science groups (e.g., WCRP, SOLAS, AIMES, iLEAPS, GCP, etc...).</p> <p>Advancing Data-driven Earth System Simulations and Predictability Science: Scientific activities aiming at advancing the state-of-the-art in data-driven Earth system simulations and predictability science bringing together EO data, advanced models and AI and ML techniques (e.g., foundation models) to deliver a quantum leap in their capacity to simulate and predict the dynamic evolution of the Earth system with special focus on exploring the potential of AI and hybrid approaches to overcome the fundamental limitations in current modelling approaches to characterise different components of the Earth system with especial focus on extremes events, their drivers and impacts.</p>

	<p>Activities in Support of the Sentinel User Preparation Programme: Scientific research aimed at preparation of European entities to exploit the opportunities offered by the future Copernicus Sentinel Expansion and Next Generation missions. In particular, projects shall contribute to the development of the scientific basis for novel methods, algorithms and products beyond core mission objectives and goals with a focus on exploring the scientific opportunities offered by the huge synergistic potential across missions in all domains of Earth system science.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Candidate Eligibility:</p> <p>Candidates must have received a Ph.D. research degree in Earth science, physics, engineering, Earth observation or a related discipline after the 1st January 2018. Scientists that obtained the PhD before this date may be exceptionally admitted to this programme if, at the time of the proposal's submission, they have completed less than 8 year's research experience after the award of the PhD (i.e. including any research career breaks). For such an exception to be accepted a detailed explanation for the research career break shall be provided as an appended letter from the host institution. Career breaks for family or health circumstances (if duly justified) are both acceptable reasons.</p> <p>Candidates must have a nationality from an ESA Member and Associated State participating to the FutureEO 1 Segment 3 (2025-2027) Programme.</p> <p>Host Organisation:</p> <p>The initiative will be implemented through 2-year contracts placed with selected Host Organisations (e.g., university, technical centre, laboratory, company) from ESA Member and Associated State participating to FutureEO-1 Segment 3 (2025-2027) Programme.</p> <p>The Host Organisations shall co-fund the research position of the Candidate (as a standard post-doctoral research contract) for the entire duration of the project. Co-funding shall cover a minimum of 30% of the overall cost of the post-doctoral activity and may include cost associated to overheads, travel support, cost of publications, contributions in kind, data and part of the candidate salary and emoluments, if needed (purchase of computers, equipment, software or any other material beyond data cannot be included in the costs).</p> <p>The Host Organisation shall confirm (via the required letter of support) the availability of the Candidate and the possibility of the Host Organisation administration to initiate the project within the 1st quarter 2026.</p> <p>Only one Candidate will be selected for any single organisation (understood as a Faculty or Institute inside large research institutions or universities) to maximise the geographical distribution and avoid a concentration of candidates in the same centre.</p> <p>Selected candidates will be the Principal Investigators of the research project, while a representative of the Host Organisation (e.g. a full professor, faculty member or a member of the scientific staff of the Host Organisation) shall serve as the principal ESA contact for administrative and contractual matters.</p> <p>Selected candidates will work full-time on the research projects proposed in their applications and will be based at the proposed Host Organisation during the entire period of the research contract, except for the optional research periods in an ESA centre or temporal visits to other research laboratory.</p>

Total Budget:	€500,000
Deadline:	28/09/2025
More information and official documents:	https://eo4society.esa.int/2025/07/16/living-planet-fellowship-call-for-proposals-2025/

Call Title:	THRIVING FARMERS, RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS
Programme:	Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)
Objective:	The Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) invites applications for financial support from projects that aim to transform commodity value chains and uplift smallholder and SME-based enterprises in CFC member countries. The CFC provides a variety of financial and technical support options to empower SMEs, cooperatives, International Commodity Bodies (ICBs), and other institutions, particularly those led by or supporting women in agriculture.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Their mission is to alleviate poverty and create sustainable livelihoods in commodity-dependent communities, with a strong emphasis on supporting the poorest and most vulnerable in the global value chains, including in areas of production, processing, financing, marketing, and R&D. Successful applications should demonstrate tangible, sustainable impacts on the lives of low-income populations who depend on commodities, with particular focus on female smallholders and women-led enterprises.</p> <p>Quality project proposals from LDCs (Least Developed Countries), LLDCs (Landlocked Developing Countries) and SIDs (Small Island Developing States) will be given priority to alleviate more people from poverty. Projects focused on the sustainable use and conservation of forest resources in the Congo Basin region (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and the Republic of Congo). Funding proposals concerning small ticket sizes for projects based outside capital cities, focused on domestic markets or non-traditional value chains, and without prior international investment in the following countries: Senegal, Tanzania, Malawi, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Zambia, Mozambique, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Zimbabwe.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are SMEs/enterprises/businesses/cooperatives/financial institutions/governments. Women entrepreneurs are especially encouraged to apply.
Total Budget: € maximum amount is \$1,500,000 for regular projects, and up to \$300,000 under the Fast-Track procedure.	
Deadline:	29/09/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.common-fund.org/call-for-proposals

Call Title:	YOUNG CIVIL SOCIETIES FOR DEMOCRACY
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Programme: EVZ Foundation	
Objective:	With its new funding program Young Civil Societies for Democracy in the cluster “Education drives the future”, the EVZ Foundation supports international youth education projects run by organizations in Germany, Georgia, Poland, the Czech Republic and Ukraine, and by Belarusian exile communities. The program aims to inspire young people to take an active role in civil society and advocate for their interests.
Eligible Activities:	<p>At the heart of the program are projects that not only promote participation – they actively equip young people with the skills they need to engage in civil society. Young changemakers are encouraged to develop their own ideas to promote democratic values and bring them to life through collaborative, cross-border initiatives. In doing so, they build the knowledge, competencies, and confidence to take an active role in shaping a vibrant and participatory civil society.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Germany, Georgia, Poland, the Czech Republic and Ukraine.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The call is open to nonprofit organizations that are committed to strengthening youth engagement and creating spaces where young civil society can thrive – with creativity, conviction, and the courage to drive change.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 15/10/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/what-we-support/young-civil-societies-for-democracy/

Call Title:	Waste-to-Value Devices - Circular Production of Renewable Fuels, Chemicals and Materials
Programme: European Commission (EC)	
Objective:	<p>The European Commission is seeking proposals for the topic Waste-to-Value Devices - Circular Production of Renewable Fuels, Chemicals and Materials.</p> <p>Specific Objectives</p> <p>The Challenge seeks ambitious proposals that address one (and only one) of the following focus areas:</p> <p>Area 1: Fully integrated waste-to-value devices</p> <p>This includes devices for converting waste streams into (feedstock for) fuels, chemicals and materials and devices for remediation; where processes are solely driven by renewable energy sources (preferably directly by sunlight) and focus on the selective production of added value products, beyond hydrogen as the sole end product:</p> <p>Fully integrated solar reforming or synthetic biology devices, enabling the treatment of synthetic polymer materials, while delivering fast and efficient decomposition under sustainable reaction conditions (including the use of process chemicals).</p> <p>Integrated capture and conversion technologies, capturing and converting feedstock from flue gases, or wastewater in a single step/ single device into fuels,</p>

	<p>chemicals and materials, providing increased energy- and materials efficiency as compared to not fully integrated process chains.</p> <p>Membrane-based and electrochemical brine mining technologies recovering raw materials, CO₂ and water from seawater desalination brines.</p> <p>Ex-situ remediation devices based on microbial/enzymatic and/or photocatalytic degradation, both purifying wastewater and seawater of noxious substances, metals, or nano-/microplastics, and producing added value remediation products. This should take place in a reactor, not in the open field.</p> <p>Area 2: Understanding underlying mechanisms by means of computational material science and AI</p> <p>Projects in this focus area must deliver advances and scientific breakthroughs in the fundamental understanding of the underlying physical, chemical, and biological processes that will enable fully sustainable and scalable waste-to-value devices. Projects should address all the following specific objectives:</p> <p>Explore fundamental phenomena crucial to multiple waste-to-value device types, such as the development of efficient, stable and inexpensive catalysts, interface engineering and the effect of the surrounding medium.</p> <p>Develop more accurate and less resource-intensive quantum mechanical and AI methods to guide, predict and interpret reliably experimental works.</p> <p>Bridge the scales from describing properties at the atomic, mesoscopic level up to the macroscopic device level within a multiscale approach and describe phenomena over different timescales.</p> <p>Adopt a holistic approach to exploring phenomena applicable to multiple waste-to-value device types (aligned with Area 1). Devices stemming from Area 1 should serve to validate the developed theoretical models.</p> <p>Area 3: Cells from scratch by means of bottom-up synthetic biology</p> <p>Projects in this area must look to deliver scientific breakthroughs in bottom-up synthetic biology to enable the use of tailored microbial cell factories for the degradation and valorisation of waste and the production of fossil-free fuels, chemicals, and materials. Projects should address all the following specific objectives:</p> <p>Develop synthetic, fully artificial cells for future large-scale biotechnology applications, tailored to deliver desired functionalities such as carbon fixation or synthetic polymer decomposition.</p> <p>Engineer cell-like systems to produce compounds from abundantly available building blocks, such as water and carbon oxides.</p> <p>Engineer cell-like systems to decompose diverse types of waste, in particular synthetic plastic waste, into compounds that are valorisable as feedstock for a downstream production of fuels, chemicals and materials. At this stage, systems will not have to be completely autonomous and self-replicating, but the integration of different modules should be implemented.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Scope</p> <p>Fossil fuels supply a majority of the world's energy and also provide the raw materials, or feedstocks, for many essential everyday products. While energy provision is becoming increasingly decarbonized, the production of fuels, chemicals and materials requires carbon atoms as feedstocks. However, their production can be "de-fossilized", by utilising renewable energy and alternative carbon sources. Likewise, a circular economy approach offers scope to reduce external dependencies and source other essential molecular feedstocks including critical raw materials from wastes.</p>

	<p>This Pathfinder Challenge therefore focuses on the development of next generation technologies that turn today’s problematic waste streams into essential building blocks of a future circular economy. Furthermore, it specifically focusses on currently non- or hard-to-recycle types of synthetic polymer materials (including among other mixtures of different types of plastics, polymeric composite materials, micro-/nanoplastics, untreated plastic waste, diapers, rubber, etc.), flue gases, wastewater and seawater desalination brines. Proposals must target real-life industrial and household waste streams where current recycling methods face insurmountable barriers e.g., due to impurities, the presence of noxious additives, inseparable material mixtures or nonbiodegradable materials. An important side effect is the remediation of waste streams with respect to micro-/nanoplastics, trace metals and noxious substances. These novel technologies should be scalable, easily applicable and deliver products with higher economic value as compared to waste destruction.</p> <p>The scope of technological solutions addressed in this Challenge is limited to the following technologies with currently low Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs), where significant synergies by working in a Challenge portfolio are expected: solar reforming and synthetic biology devices, brine mining and integrated capture and conversion technologies. Microbial-based and photocatalytic remediation processes are included as well. Computational material science and AI, and bottom-up synthetic biology are supported as key enablers at the fundamental research level.</p> <p>Thermochemical approaches (such as pyrolysis or gasification) and “dark” (not lightdriven) chemical recycling are out-of-scope of this Pathfinder Challenge. Likewise, food and biomass waste, traditional bulk metal waste, glass, paper, cardboard and mono-PET waste are also out of scope.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Entities eligible to participate</p> <p>Any legal entity regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from non-associated third countries or international organisation (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 together with any other conditions laid down in the specific call or topic.</p> <p>According to Article 2(16) of the HE Regulation, ‘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 as referred to in point (c) of Article 200(2) of the Financial Regulation. To become a beneficiary, legal entities must be eligible for funding.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the following countries:</p> <p>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</p>

	Barthélemy (FR), Sint Eustatius (NL), Sint Maarten (NL), St. Pierre and Miquelon (FR), Wallis and Futuna Islands (FR). countries associated to Horizon Europe – Pillar III: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom.
Total Budget: €120,000,000	
Deadline: 29/10/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-EIC-2025-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES

Call Title:	Generative-AI based Agents to Revolutionize Medical Diagnosis and Treatment of Cancer
Programme: European Commission (EC)	
Objective:	<p>The European Commission is accepting submissions for the topic Generative-AI based Agents to Revolutionize Medical Diagnosis and Treatment of Cancer.</p> <p>Specific Objectives</p> <p>Project proposals under this Challenge should focus on one (and only one) of the following diseases: breast cancer, cervical cancer, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, lung cancer, brain cancer, stomach cancer or colorectal cancer.</p> <p>Each proposal should address both the following areas (at least one sub-objective from each of the areas):</p> <p>Area 1: Technological area</p> <p>GenAI-based tools for Integrating Multidimensional Multimodal health Data Investigate groundbreaking techniques and methodologies for developing GenAI algorithms that combine multidimensional (e.g. time dimension, space dimension) and multimodal data from various sources. These include multiple imaging modalities (e.g., MRI, CT, PET, X-ray), clinical data (e.g., electronic health records, lab results, structured and unstructured clinical data, pathology results, genetics and – omics data, videos, knowledge databases, and other resources). The goal is to provide a comprehensive view of the patient’s condition. The developed algorithms should be capable of producing unified and actionable datasets that can be exploited for the development of the AI tools described in Area 2 (clinical).</p> <p>Medical Data Augmentation</p> <p>Develop GenAI models based on groundbreaking techniques that are in the conceptual or initial experimental phase for medical data augmentation. These models should be capable of creating highly realistic synthetic medical data (images, genomics data, etc.) and generating complementary data from existing sources (for example producing synthetic CT images from MRI images), to support iterative cycles of model training.</p> <p>Medical Knowledge Representation and Integration</p> <p>Create an initial prototype GenAI model for medical knowledge representation and integration. This model should aim to develop a comprehensive and dynamic medical knowledge base, to identify discrete medical imaging features associated with demographic information and systemic conditions, to improve the</p>

	<p>interpretability of AI-based models and extract new knowledge not previously identifiable by experts without assistance.</p> <p>Area 2: Clinical Area</p> <p>Predictive Diagnosis</p> <p>Develop an interactive autonomous agent capable of assessing the likelihood of a patient developing cancer by analysing their medical history, imaging data, and genetic information. The agent should provide personalised health risk predictions, enabling early detection and preventive measures.</p> <p>Enhance Personalized Treatment Selection</p> <p>Develop novel AI algorithms and architectures that leverages multidimensional and multimodal data integration, along with synthetic data generation, to predict the optimal treatment pathway for specific patient conditions, as well as to forecast disease progression and treatment efficacy providing a comprehensive view of patient care.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Scope</p> <p>Imaging is a crucial component of cancer clinical protocols, providing detailed morphological, structural, metabolic, and functional information. However, harnessing the full potential of the data generated through medical imaging in clinical settings remains challenging. Clinicians often struggle to combine diverse and large-scale data into a comprehensive view of patient care, disease progression, and treatment efficacy. The inability to seamlessly integrate and interpret diverse data sources result in suboptimal patient outcomes and inefficiencies in the delivery of healthcare.</p> <p>The integration of traditional Artificial Intelligence (AI) with medical imaging can transform healthcare, but most existing applications are still in their infancy and must overcome a number of challenges to accelerate adoption. These include AI applications being confined to single data modalities, which restricts their overall effectiveness (Monomodal Application); inadequate and insufficient data training, leading to data scarcity and a lack of generalizability, making them less reliable across diverse patient populations, including with regard to gender-sensitivity; and the lack of AI model interpretability, as many AI systems function as "black boxes," providing little insight into their decision-making processes. This lack of transparency limits trust in the systems and their usability in clinical settings.</p> <p>The goal of this Pathfinder Challenge is to create interactive GenAI autonomous agents and/or a combination of them (super-agent) that provide clinicians with a holistic end to end perspective of patient care, throughout the entire clinical pathway. These agents aim to enhance pattern identification, reduce inconsistencies and errors in diagnoses as well as improve cancer treatment. While the focus is on GenAI, they also encourage the integration of other advanced AI technologies, such as topological and geometric deep learning, neural fields, graph neural networks, etc., which can complement and enhance the robustness and effectiveness of GenAI-based solutions in addressing the challenges of cancer diagnosis and therapy.</p> <p>The Challenge will support early-stage groundbreaking research projects that will develop and validate novel approaches and concepts for integrating and interpreting multimodal medical imaging and health data. Additionally, it will involve generating reliable synthetic medical data, which will also be pooled to form a common database and used for the development of advanced algorithms.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria

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