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New Opportunities

| Call Title: | | Call for Applications: Master School and Fellowship |
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| Programme: EIT Urban Mobility | | |
| Objective: | <p>EIT Urban Mobility invites universities, academic consortia, and education-focused innovators to submit proposals to its Master School and Fellowship Open Call, designed to accelerate the development and delivery of high-quality learning experiences that build the skills and capabilities needed for sustainable urban mobility.</p> <p>Designed to catalyze high-quality, challenge-based, intersectoral, and international education, this call seeks to close the knowledge gap in urban mobility by backing proposals that inject dynamism and excellence into learning experiences.</p> | |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>This initiative encourages submissions that foster innovation and entrepreneurial spirit, boost student and graduate participation, fortify connections with industry and cities, and stimulate startup creation through programmes recognized with the EIT Label. Institutions, whether applying solo or as part of a consortium, are welcome to bring their forward-thinking concepts to the table, provided they can deliver a pan-European dimension with built-in mobility and global exposure. The total indicative EIT funding allocated to this call is €1,220,000. These funds are distributed across six types of educational activities. Summer schools for Master students can receive up to €570,000 in total, with a maximum of €190,000 allocated per project. New double-degree Master programmes aligned with the EIT Label framework are eligible for up to €160,000 in total funding, split across a maximum of two initiatives. Institutions seeking to join the existing Master School programmes can benefit from €120,000 in total, with €30,000 per selected university. Additionally, up to €150,000 is available for Master-level Innovation & Entrepreneurship programmes that wish to join the EIT Urban Mobility Fellowship, with €30,000 allocated to each selected project.</p> <p>For existing Master programmes seeking EIT Label accreditation, a total of €80,000 is available, allowing for up to two projects to receive €40,000 each to support related administrative costs. Finally, other innovative activities that directly contribute to student-led startup creation under KPI EITHE05.1 can access a total of €140,000, with up to €70,000 for each of the two selected initiatives. All funding decisions will be managed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Master School Agreement and the EIT Urban Mobility Business Plan.</p> <p>To ensure shared responsibility and financial commitment, proposals must include a minimum of 25 percent co-funding, although higher contributions are viewed positively during evaluation. The structure of this funding model not only supports a wide range of educational innovations but also strengthens the sustainability and impact of each supported initiative.</p> | |
| Eligible Applicants: | <p>Eligible applicants include institutions from EU Member States and countries associated with Horizon Europe, with solo or collaborative proposals accepted. Multi-participant submissions must include at least two independent entities based in different eligible countries, ensuring broad collaboration and reach. The call marks a compelling invitation to institutions across Europe to join a movement that not only educates but also empowers a new generation of leaders in sustainable urban mobility.</p> | |

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| Total Budget: | €500,000 |
| Deadline: | 10/09/2025 |
| More information and official documents: | https://www.eiturbanmobility.eu/call-for-proposals/master-school-and-fellowship-open-call-2026 |

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| Call Title: | Promotion of Green Schools in the Preschool and Primary Education Inspections (Cote D'Ivoire) |
| Programme: | United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) |
| Objective: | The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund is offering an opportunity for experienced Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to participate in a new initiative focused on promoting green schools across several regions of Côte d'Ivoire. |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>This effort targets key areas including Savanes, Zanzan, Woroba, the Département d'Abidjan, Montagnes, and Bas-Sassandra, where the goal is to strengthen environmental education, climate resilience, and improve water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) practices within preschool and primary schools.</p> <p>The initiative is designed to deliver tangible outcomes that benefit both educators and students. It aims to deepen the understanding of environmental challenges and encourage the adoption of responsible behaviors among school communities. Through the implementation of pilot actions, schools will enhance their capacity to adapt to climate change and become more resilient to environmental shocks. A major focus will also be placed on improving hygiene practices, including menstrual hygiene management, to ensure a healthier and more inclusive learning environment.</p> <p>To qualify for participation, organizations must demonstrate sector expertise in environmental education, WASH, and climate change adaptation. This includes experience in setting up eco-clubs, conducting awareness campaigns, promoting sustainable sanitation practices, and supporting the production of reusable menstrual products. In addition, organizations should have a strong track record of implementing small-scale resilience projects such as school gardens, reforestation, or circular economy initiatives.</p> <p>Local experience is a key selection criterion. Interested CSOs should have a proven ability to work effectively in rural or semi-urban contexts, particularly in areas with similar profiles to the targeted regions. The program places strong emphasis on a participatory approach, gender integration, and the inclusion of vulnerable children, ensuring that all members of the educational community are actively involved.</p> |
| Eligible Applicants: | <p>Organizations with prior experience collaborating with United Nations agencies in similar geographic and social settings are especially encouraged to apply. The implementation of this initiative will be closely coordinated with local stakeholders to ensure effective and efficient delivery. Key deliverables will include baseline assessments, quarterly progress reports, a final report, and a summary of lessons learned throughout the program.</p> <p>This is a timely opportunity for CSOs to make a meaningful impact on environmental education and community resilience in Côte d'Ivoire. By joining this</p> |

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| | initiative, organizations can contribute to creating healthier, greener, and more inclusive schools for the country's future generations. |
| Total Budget: | \$1,000,000 |
| Deadline: | 10/09/2025 |
| More information and official documents: | https://www.unpartnerportal.org/landing/opportunities/ |

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| Call Title: | SUPPORT FOR CSO INITIATIVES TO RESTORE TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES |
| Programme: | East Europe Foundation |
| Objective: | The East Europe Foundation, within the framework of the Phoenix: The Power of Communities project, implemented with the financial support of the European Union, announces a grant competition for civil society organizations. The goal is to support the participation of CSOs in the processes of restoring territorial communities, adapting to the conditions of martial law and European integration. The competition is part of the measures to develop the potential of CSOs under martial law. |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>The competition “Support for CSO initiatives for the restoration of territorial communities” provides support in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development of regulatory, legal and/or strategic documents on recovery issues; • promoting a constructive dialogue between civil society and local authorities to coordinate recovery efforts; • providing mental health support, mentoring and employment assistance to help community members rebuild their lives. <p>Actions must take place in Ukraine.</p> |
| Eligible Applicants: | CSOs can take part in the competition, namely: charitable organizations (non-entrepreneurial societies, institutions, foundations, etc.), public associations (public organizations, public unions) and other legal entities registered in Ukraine and having the status of a non-profit organization. |
| Total Budget: | €1,600,000 |
| Deadline: | 11/09/2025 |
| More information and official documents: | https://gm.eef.org.ua/dashboard/program/pidtrymka_iniciativ_recovery/info/description |

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| Call Title: | DIRECT AID PROGRAM (DAP) INDIA |
| Programme: | Australian Embassy in India |
| Objective: | The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a flexible small grants program funded by the Australian Government and managed through the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) overseas posts. The program aims to support projects with a strong |

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| | development focus that complement Australia's broader aid program which contributes to sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction. DAP projects should promote a distinctive and positive image of Australia. |
| Eligible Activities: | DAP prioritises projects in the areas of community and/or rural development, education, gender equality, disabilities, youth, human rights, the environment, small-scale infrastructure, economic empowerment, and ad hoc humanitarian relief. It also supports sporting activities, initiatives that enhance educational and cultural exchanges and people-to-people links, and projects that provide educational or occupational/skills training. Favourable consideration is given to projects where applicants and their communities contribute in labour, materials, transport, or cash. Actions must take place in India. |
| Eligible Applicants: | DAP funding is available to individuals, community groups, academic institutions and NGOs engaged in development activities on a not-for-profit basis. |
| Total Budget: €100,000 | |
| Deadline: 12/09/2025 | |
| More information and official documents: | https://dap.smartygrants.com.au/ConGenMakassarDAP25-26 |

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| Call Title: | TAJIKISTAN SMALL PROJECTS PROGRAMME: CALL FOR BIDS 2025 TO 2026 |
| Programme: | British Embassy Dushanbe |
| Objective: | As part of the Small Projects Programme, the British Embassy Dushanbe is inviting proposals for sustainable tourism development projects in Tajikistan. |
| Eligible Activities: | They encourage proposals that promote gender equality and support both foreign and domestic tourism. Projects must show how they will remain sustainable after completion. Actions must take place in Tajikistan. |
| Eligible Applicants: | Bidders must be local or international non-governmental organisations (NGOs), civil society organisations (CSOs) or academic institutions. |
| Total Budget: €100,000 | |
| Deadline: 12/09/2025 | |
| More information and official documents: | https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tajikistan-small-projects-programme-call-for-bids-2025-to-2026 |

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| Call Title: | Biennials Connect Grants Program |
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| Programme: British Council | |
| Objective: | The British Council's Biennials Connect Grants offer an exciting opportunity to strengthen global collaboration in the visual arts. |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>Aimed at biennials, festivals, and partnering organisations, this grant supports the involvement of international visual artists in UK festivals and vice versa. With awards of up to £9,500 and potential additional support for access costs, the grant enables artists and organisers to create meaningful new work and share it with global audiences.</p> <p>These grants cover a wide range of activities including artist travel, production, public programming, and professional exchange. Two online information sessions on 9 July will help applicants understand how to develop a competitive proposal. Projects must begin after February 2026 and conclude, including all reporting, by February 2027.</p> <p>To be eligible, applicants must be one of the following: UK biennials or festivals supporting international visual artists; international biennials or festivals supporting UK-based visual artists; or visual arts organisations collaborating directly with a biennial or festival. The applying organisation must be based in either the UK or one of the eligible international countries and must primarily focus on visual arts. While multi-arts festivals can apply, they must demonstrate a clear emphasis on visual arts within their programming.</p> |
| Eligible Applicants: | <p>The grant is only available to organisations supporting artists aged 18 and over. If travel is included, artists must hold valid passports and be able to travel internationally. The applying organisation is responsible for coordinating all logistical elements such as travel, accommodation, visas, and insurance. Projects should either introduce artists that have not previously worked with the organisation or offer new opportunities for existing collaborators.</p> <p>Applicants are also expected to demonstrate a strong commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion, as well as fair compensation for artists. Applications submitted by individual artists are not eligible. Only one application can be submitted per festival or biennial, and only one grant will be awarded per festival edition. Organisations that have received funding in the past are eligible to apply again, but not for the same festival edition.</p> <p>The Biennials Connect Grants present an ideal platform to promote international artistic exchange, champion emerging and mid-career visual artists, and showcase powerful new work across borders.</p> |
| Total Budget: €100,000 | |
| Deadline: 14/09/2025 | |
| More information and official documents: | https://arts.britishcouncil.org/get-involved/opportunities/biennials-connect-grants |

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| Call Title: | Implementation of the Central Corridor Territorial Component |
| Programme: European Commission (EC) | |
| Objective: | The European Commission has launched a restricted call for proposals for the implementation of the territorial component of the Central Corridor under the |

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| | <p>Regional Programme to Support the Development of the Pastoral Economy in West Africa and the Sahel (PRADEP-AOS).</p> <p>The overall objective of PRADEP-AOS is to improve and enhance the contribution of the livestock sector to the transformation of sustainable food systems and to inclusive and resilient green growth in the economies of West Africa and the Sahel, with the specific objective of strengthening the resilience of pastoralist and agropastoralist households. The priorities and objectives of the call focus on responsible governance of transboundary natural resources, protection of pastoralist households and livestock herds from transboundary animal and zoonotic diseases, improving the sustainable competitiveness and living conditions of pastoralist and agropastoralist households, as well as strengthening the policy and regulatory framework conducive to transhumance, livestock trade, and the circulation of quality inputs.</p> |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>The call is framed within an integrated approach combining territorial, environmental, production system, value chain, and policy/regulatory dimensions. The action will be implemented in two main cross-border zones: one covering regions in Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo, Benin, and Niger; and the SKBoWa zone covering regions in Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, and Ghana. Depending on the security context, intervention areas may be extended to contiguous spaces. This call gives particular attention to the valorization of pastoral economies, the development of pastoral infrastructures, resilience to shocks, animal and human health, access to water resources, promotion of processed pastoral products, and the establishment of cross-border multi-stakeholder dialogue platforms. It also emphasizes conflict sensitivity, social cohesion, and employment opportunities for youth and women in pastoral and agropastoral livelihoods.</p> <p>The total financial allocation available for this call amounts to EUR 20,000,000, with each grant request required to be between a minimum of EUR 20,000,000 and a maximum of EUR 20,000,000, covering 70% to 95% of the total eligible costs of the action.</p> <p>Actions must last between 48 and 60 months and be carried out in the specified eligible cross-border zones.</p> |
| Eligible Applicants: | <p>Eligible applicants include non-governmental organizations, local authorities, public operators, and international organizations with experience in livestock and pastoralism, established either in the European Union or in the eligible partner countries.</p> |
| Total Budget: €20,000,000 | |
| Deadline: 25/09/2025 | |
| More information and official documents: | https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/184910PROSPECTSEN |

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| Call Title: | Circular Solutions Innovation Challenge for Sustainable Development (Philippines) |
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| Programme: United Nations Development Programme(UNDP) | |
| Objective: | <p>The Circular Solutions Innovation Challenge in the Philippines invites innovative solutions that advance sustainability, promote circular economy practices, and strengthen local community engagement.</p> <p>The challenge focuses on promoting Plastic Circularity by reducing and reusing plastic waste, advancing Food & Organic Circularity through sustainable management of food and organic materials, and supporting Green Tourism that encourages environmentally responsible travel and local community development.</p> |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>The EU-PH Green Economy Partnership SO2 Green LGUs Circular Solutions Innovation Challenge is designed to support local government units (LGUs) in implementing sustainable solutions that address environmental challenges while promoting economic growth. Participants are encouraged to develop projects that enhance circularity in waste management, reduce the environmental footprint of local industries, and foster sustainable tourism practices.</p> <p>The proposal amounts may range from a minimum of USD 35,000 to a maximum of USD 40,000 per organization, to be used for implementation in one Local Government Unit (LGU) for a duration of 10–15 months from contract signing.</p> <p>The fund can be used for project management costs, including salaries of project staff (maximum of 25% of the total project proposal), technology, design, business, development, or consultancy services, advisory inputs, operations, materials, technologies, community engagement, monitoring and evaluation, and travel costs directly related to the implementation of the project (maximum 15% of the total budget).</p> <p>The fund will not cover capital expenditures; interest or debt owed to any third party; expenditures and provisions for possible future losses or debts; items already financed through another similar scheme, program, or institution; financial awards; bank and currency exchange expenses, losses, fees, and penalties; or marketing, sales, and distribution costs for promoting the technology, product, or service.</p> <p>Applicants are expected to propose actionable solutions that can be implemented within their respective LGUs and demonstrate measurable environmental, social, and economic benefits. The challenge emphasizes collaboration among LGUs, private sector partners, and community stakeholders to ensure the scalability and impact of proposed initiatives.</p> |
| Eligible Applicants: | <p>Eligibility criteria require participants to be local government units, private sector partners, or consortiums that can implement circular solutions effectively.</p> <p>Proposals may focus on innovative technologies, community engagement strategies, or behavior change initiatives that contribute to the Philippines' green economy goals.</p> <p>Selected projects will receive financial support to execute their proposed solutions, with guidance and monitoring provided throughout the implementation phase. The challenge also promotes knowledge sharing and the dissemination of best practices to inspire wider adoption of circular economy principles across the country.</p> |

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| Total Budget: | €100,000 |
| Deadline: | 26/09/2025 |
| More information and official documents: | https://www.undp.org/philippines/projects/eu-green-economy-partnership-philippines-green-lgus-project |

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| Call Title: | Apply for develoPPP Classic Funding Programme |
| Programme: | German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development |
| Objective: | The develoPPP Classic funding instrument of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) supports established companies that want to invest sustainably in a developing or emerging country while expanding their business activities locally. |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>The focus is on projects that combine a long-term business objective with sustainable benefits for local people, covering areas such as training skilled workers, introducing sustainability standards, piloting innovative technologies, expanding sustainable supply chains, and improving environmental and social standards.</p> <p>This program offers project funding ranging from 100,000 to 2 million euros, with up to 50% of the total expenditure covered by public funding. It provides know-how, competent support, and networks across more than 60 countries worldwide. Projects are deliberately flexible in their sectoral and thematic scope, ranging from education and training to technology, energy, environment, agriculture, food, and digitalisation. All develoPPP Classic projects share the principle of aligning business interests with developmental benefits.</p> <p>Funding decisions are made through idea competitions, held twice a year. Once selected, projects receive implementation support from either DEG Impulse gmbH or the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.</p> |
| Eligible Applicants: | <p>Eligible companies must be based in the EU, an EFTA member country, or an OECD-DAC country and must demonstrate sufficient financial and personnel capacity. Specific requirements include a minimum of eight employees, an annual turnover of at least 800,000 euros, at least two audited annual financial statements, a positive net income, and sufficient equity capital and liquidity to ensure the company's own contribution.</p> <p>Through develoPPP Classic, companies can access funding, technical expertise, and strong partnerships that enable them to grow internationally while simultaneously delivering positive developmental impacts in emerging and developing countries.</p> |
| Total Budget: | €20,000,000 |
| Deadline: | 30/09/2025 |
| More information and official documents: | https://www.developpp.de/en/funding-programme/companies |

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| Call Title: | Call for Startup Applications: MobilityXlab Program |
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| Programme: MobilityXlab | |
| Objective: | The MobilityXlab accelerator program offers startups and emerging companies pioneering ideas within mobility and connectivity the opportunity to collaborate with leading global industry partners to validate solutions, develop pilots, and pursue potential commercial partnerships. |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>The focus areas for Batch 16 include Energy Efficiency, Automated Drive, Connected Services, Sustainable Technology, and Intelligent Processes. These focus on improving electric vehicle range, advancing Level 2+ autonomy, reshaping mobility experiences with connected services, driving sustainability through materials and processes, and optimizing development and production with AI-driven digital transformation.</p> <p>MobilityXlab is stage agnostic but requires startups to have a functioning prototype, be a registered company in any country, and demonstrate traction such as pilots or proof-of-concepts with OEMs or Tier 1 suppliers. Collaboration with at least two of the partner companies—Magna, Polestar, Volvo Group, Zeekr Technology Europe, and Zenseact—is needed for selection.</p> <p>The program lasts six months, with an optional extension, and provides startups assigned partner leads as internal champions guiding continuous collaboration progress. MobilityXlab operates as a non-profit neutral platform hosted by Lindholmen Science Park, taking no equity or fees from participants. The program's culture emphasizes sustainability, gender equality, and diversity to foster innovation, resilience, and better business outcomes.</p> <p>Key dates for Batch 16 include application closing on 1 October 2025, pitch selection by 5 November 2025, pitch week between 17-21 November 2025, and startup selection by 10 December 2025, with the batch starting in January 2026.</p> |
| Eligible Applicants: | Not specified |
| Total Budget: €Not Specified | |
| Deadline: 01/10/2025 | |
| More information and official documents: | https://www.mobilityxlab.com/ |

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| Call Title: | GEPD-1: BUILDING THE INSTITUTIONAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR A GREEN AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN ZAMBIA |
| Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP) | |
| Objective: | The global objective of this call for proposals is to promote green and sustainable growth and an environmentally sound, gender and youth-sensitive and economically viable diversification of the economy. |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>The specific objective of this call for proposals is to improve the business regulatory environment and investment climate for green economic transition.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Zambia.</p> |

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| 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: research centres; EU MS specialised public organisations related to the green and/or circular economy; non-governmental organisations; think-tanks and circular economy networks; international (inter-governmental) organisations as defined by Article 159(1) of the EU Financial Regulation 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: | €4,700,000 |
| Deadline: | 07/10/2025 |
| More information and official documents: | https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185030PROSPECTSEN |

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| Call Title: | CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SMALL-SCALE PROJECTS (SSP) 2026 IN THAILAND & LAOS |
| Programme: | Embassy of the Czech Republic in Thailand |
| Objective: | Objective - They are pleased to launch a call for proposals for Small Scale Projects (SSPs) for the year 2025 managed by the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Bangkok. |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>The projects can focus on various sectors – for example environment, agriculture, health, education, social services etc. All projects should be based on the principle of sustainability – that is sustaining the benefits for the long term without an additional external support.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Thailand or Laos.</p> |
| Eligible Applicants: | Only non-political and non-governmental organizations with legal personality in Thailand or Laos can submit an SSP proposal and implement it in the respective country, including: local non-governmental, community and not-for-profit organizations; local academic institutions working on local projects; international or regional non-governmental organizations working with local partners. |
| Total Budget: | €100,000 |
| Deadline: | 10/10/2025 |
| More information and official documents: | https://mzv.gov.cz/bangkok/en/news/call_small_scale_projects_2026.html |

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| Call Title: | Entries open for #MyLittleBigThing Challenge in Africa |
| Programme: | MK-Africa |
| Objective: | Applicants are now invited to submit applications for the #MyLittleBigThing Challenge to find and support young innovators who are creating an African narrative for sustainability. |

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| Eligible Activities: | <p>The program's core objective is to find and support young innovators creating an African narrative for sustainability, and submissions must align with one of four specified thematic tracks. Applications will be judged on innovation, impact, feasibility, scalability, and alignment with the challenge's mission and the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>The judging process will be conducted by an expert panel chosen by MK-Africa, who will evaluate all eligible applications based on a specific set of criteria. The first criterion is Innovation, which assesses the novelty, creativity, and uniqueness of the proposed solution. Next, Impact will be judged based on the project's potential to create significant and positive social or environmental change and its ability to transform ideas into tangible results. Feasibility focuses on the technical and operational viability of the project. The panel will also consider Scalability, which is the project's potential to grow and be replicated across entire sectors. Finally, Alignment will measure how well the project aligns with the Challenge's overall mission of creating an African narrative for sustainability and its connection to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>Prizes for Finalists: Finalists will be granted a spot in an exclusive mentorship and training program. This program will focus on key areas, including design thinking, to help them further develop their projects.</p> <p>Prizes for Winners: Winners will receive a combination of several benefits designed to help them scale their innovations. This includes seed funding, with the exact amount to be disclosed later to the finalists. Additionally, they will receive ongoing mentorship and networking opportunities. The prize is non-transferable and must be used solely for the development of the winning project.</p> |
| Eligible Applicants: | <p>The challenge is open to young innovators who are citizens of an African country, between 18 and 35 years old, with a project designed for implementation in Africa. Projects must be at an early stage of development. The application period runs from August 1, 2025, to October 15, 2025, with the grand finale scheduled for May 2026. An expert panel will be responsible for judging the applications.</p> <p>While applicants will retain full ownership of their intellectual property, they will grant MK-Africa and its partners a non-exclusive license to use summaries of their applications for promotional purposes. Finalists selected for the program will receive mentorship and training. Winners will be awarded seed funding, ongoing mentorship, and networking opportunities. The governing law for the terms and conditions is the Republic of Kenya.</p> <p>MK-Africa holds the right to disqualify any application that does not adhere to the official terms and conditions or is considered inappropriate. The decisions made by the judging panel are final and binding on all applicants. Furthermore, MK-Africa and its partners are not responsible or liable for any costs that applicants may incur during the application process. They are also not liable for any loss or damage to the materials submitted in the application.</p> |
| Total Budget: €Not Available | |
| Deadline: 15/10/2025 | |
| More information and official documents: | https://mylittlebigthing.com/official-terms-and-conditions/ |

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| Call Title: | I3-4-SEAWEED Open Call: Transformative Growth for the European Seaweed Sector |
| Programme: | I3-4-SEAWEED |
| Objective: | The I3-4-SEAWEED Open Call is designed to drive transformative growth in the European seaweed sector by enabling interregional collaboration, scaling innovative business ventures, and ensuring market readiness. |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>Focus areas for the I3-4-SEAWEED Open Call include driving transformative growth in the European seaweed sector through interregional collaboration, scaling innovative business ventures and ensuring their market readiness, establishing a sustainable, transnational value chain based on advanced cultivation and biotechnological applications, targeted investment cases in food, biofertilizers, and cosmetics, comprehensive support in the form of capacity building, technical assistance, and business matchmaking, a cascade funding program for 30 SMEs, and the establishment of a transnational "Seaweed Food Innovation Network Center" to foster interregional competitiveness.</p> <p>The Open Call accepts applications from 20 August 2025 until 22 October 2025, offering a 12-month program that includes both a Project Implementation Framework and a compulsory Capacity Building Programme. Applicants may focus on Strand A: Macroalgal Production, which supports research and innovation in macroalgal production targeting applications in food, cosmetics, and biofertilizer sectors, or Strand B: Macroalgal Biotechnology and Downstream Applications, supporting innovation in seaweed biotechnology and downstream sectors, particularly food, cosmetics, and biofertilizer/biostimulant applications. Only legal SME entities or consortia of up to 2 legal SME entities with a minimum Technology Readiness Level 6 may apply, and the program prioritizes direct investment into development, testing, or scaling of innovative solutions in the seaweed value chain. The maximum grant amount is EUR 60,000 per proposal, covering all eligible costs including personnel, research and technical development, testing, piloting, communication, dissemination, travel, equipment, and costs related to IPR or regulatory compliance. The program provides ongoing technical and business support, performance monitoring through progress reports, and integrates both inner and outer capacity building mechanisms, requiring participation in both online and in-person workshops, culminating in a final in-person event. Ownership of solutions and results remains with the applicants, and full adherence to ethical, legal, and confidentiality requirements is mandatory.</p> |
| Eligible Applicants: | Selection involves a competitive evaluation focusing on excellence, impact and ambition, and implementation capacity, with a final shortlist of 30 projects invited to contract negotiations. |
| Total Budget: | €100,000 |
| Deadline: | 22/10/2025 |
| More information and official documents: | https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/11389 |

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| Call Title: | Submit Applications for WSA Young Innovators Award |
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| Programme: World Summit Awards | |
| Objective: | The WSA Young Innovators Award is an open call for digital solutions, applications, projects, or products driving positive change, created by young people under the age of 26 from all UN and UNESCO member states. |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>The WSA Young Innovators Award focuses on digital solutions that are market-ready and have already been launched, strictly for individuals and teams where at least one founder and the majority of members are under the age of 26. Eligible projects must demonstrate proven social impact by creating positive changes in society or the environment and contribute to at least one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The opportunity is open to startups, social entrepreneurs, companies, NGOs, student groups, project teams, or individuals who meet these requirements.</p> <p>The WSA Young Innovators Award welcomes applications from youth-led teams and individuals who have developed digital products or services that are active in the market and delivering social impact. Solutions may include mobile apps, web pages, wearables applications, kiosk installations, SMS-based products, games, and interactive productions, among others, provided they have a strong digital component and tangible results.</p> <p>All submissions are reviewed through a two-tier, democratic jury process that ensures fairness and diversity in selecting digital best practices. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to the Global Congress, where winners present their solutions to a global audience of experts, entrepreneurs, mentors, and investors, gaining skills, networking opportunities, and international exposure. Winning teams receive special promotion, inclusion in the WSA catalogue, communications campaigns, and the WSA Winners Seal that validates their achievement before global stakeholders.</p> <p>As part of an international network of digital innovators, participants benefit from collaboration, learning opportunities, global visibility, and the experience of refining and showcasing their solution with the support of the WSA community. The final winners of the WSA Young Innovators 2025 will be chosen in January 2026, following a comprehensive jury process.</p> |
| Eligible Applicants: | Eligibility requires that at least one of the founding members and the majority of the team are under the age of 26, with all applicants needing to ensure their product is already launched and making a positive difference in society or for the environment. Prototypes, drafts, and incomplete solutions are not eligible. |
| Total Budget: €Not Available | |
| Deadline: 31/10/2025 | |
| More information and official documents: | https://wsa-global.org/wsa_categories/wsa-young-innovators/ |

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| Call Title: | European Union Water Operators' Partnerships Programme |
| Programme: Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance | |
| Objective: | The European Union Water Operators' Partnerships Programme has entered a new phase, offering a substantial opportunity for water and sanitation operators in |

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| | eligible European Union partner countries to improve their capacity and performance in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. |
| Eligible Activities: | <p>Following the successful first phase, which launched in 2020 and supported 22 partnerships across Africa, Asia, and Latin America from 2022 to 2025, the programme now moves into its second, more ambitious phase.</p> <p>Running from 2025 to 2030, EU-WOP Phase 2 aims to fund up to 30 new Water Operators' Partnerships. These initiatives will support utilities over a period of up to 48 months, starting in 2026. Each selected partnership will receive administrative and technical backing from GWOPA/UN-Habitat and will participate in a broader network of knowledge-sharing activities across the programme.</p> <p>The call for proposals is structured under two distinct funding windows. The Expanding Partnerships window is open to initiatives that build on existing EU-WOP Phase 1 projects. These partnerships must take place in the same country as a Phase 1 resident operator, involve the same or most of the previous partners, and seek to deepen the results achieved in the earlier phase. The Emerging Partnerships window is designed for entirely new collaborations that have not been funded under the programme before.</p> <p>This call presents a timely and impactful opportunity for utilities committed to collaborative, non-commercial improvement efforts. It offers not only funding but also access to a global network of peers, technical support, and a platform to share and grow capacity in ways that create long-term public service benefits.</p> <p>For partnerships building on Phase 1 collaborations under the Expanding WOPs window, the submission deadline is 26 September 2025. For new partnerships applying through the Emerging WOPs window, the deadline is 7 November 2025.</p> |
| Eligible Applicants: | <p>All eligible proposals must constitute not-for-profit partnerships between two or more peer water or sanitation service providers. These Water Operators' Partnerships—or Sanitation-focused WOPs—must aim to strengthen the resident partner's capacity and performance in areas such as operational efficiency, financial management, social equity, and environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Each proposal must include at least one resident partner and one supporting partner who are GWOPA members and commit to its Code of Conduct. This includes a requirement that supporting partners do not enter commercial contracts with resident partners for at least four years after the WOP ends.</p> <p>Proposals must also request between USD 200,000 and USD 400,000 in grant funding, with additional counterpart contributions in cash or kind.</p> <p>Projects should span 48 months and incorporate one or more of the EU-WOP Levers—digitalization, financial linking, or human rights. Furthermore, all proposals must be co-developed and jointly supported by all members of the partnership consortium, ensuring collective ownership and alignment from the outset.</p> |
| Total Budget: €500,000 | |
| Deadline: 07/11/2025 | |
| More information and official documents: | https://gwopa.unhabitat.org/our-work/our-programmes/eu-wop |

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