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## New Opportunities

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| <b>Call Title:</b>                              | <b>A RUNNING CALL NO. 5 FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION PROJECT PROPOSALS</b>   |
| <b>Programme:</b>                               | <b>European Commission (EC) - CERV</b>  |
| <b>Objective:</b>                               | <p>Objective</p> <p>The objective of the call is to establish, develop, and/or improve cooperation between Lithuanian NGOs and advocacy-focused civil society organisations in other EU member states, strengthen organisational capacities, and promote collaboration in the field of advocacy, while upholding EU values.</p>   |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                     | <p>Expected impact includes new and strengthened cross-border partnerships, enhanced advocacy skills, increased mutual learning, and improved public understanding of EU values, including equality and the rights of persons belonging to minorities.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Lithuania.</p>   |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | <p>The applicant is an NGO established and operating in the Republic of Lithuania that meets the following definition: “A non-profit voluntary organization established as a legal entity, having a non-commercial purpose, independent of the local, regional and central government, public entities, political parties, and commercial organizations”. Religious institutions, trade unions and political parties are not considered NGOs (this definition follows the NGO definition set forth in the Article 2.3 of the Law on the Development of Non-Governmental Organizations).</p> |
| <b>Total Budget:</b>                            | <b>€100,000</b>   |
| <b>Deadline:</b>                                | <b>01/02/2026</b>   |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12743">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12743</a>   |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>          | <b>EUROPEAN INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES RAPID-RESPONSE FUND</b>   |
| <b>Programme:</b>           | <b>IUCN</b>  |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | <p>Objective</p> <p>This project will establish the European Invasive Alien Species Rapid-Response Fund, a three- year initiative which aims to prevent the establishment and therefore future impacts of biological invasions in the EU.</p>  |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | <p>The specific objectives are to:</p> <p>facilitate rapid and cost-effective responses to introductions of alien species that could severely and negatively impact biodiversity and the related ecosystem services, as well as human wellbeing in the EU.</p> <p>build capacity with actions to increase the capacity of stakeholders on rapid eradication.</p> <p>The project must directly address an early-stage invasion of an alien species (i.e. non-native, either breeding or non-breeding) that has a high risk of spread in the near future resulting in negative impacts to biodiversity and related ecosystem services (i.e. become an invasive alien species).</p> |

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|   | Projects must be implemented in countries of the European Union. The only eligible European Union overseas countries and territories are the Canary Islands, the Azores and Madeira. All other European Union outermost countries and territories are not eligible.   |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | In order to be eligible for a grant, the Lead Partner must: be either a research institution, a Civil Society Organization (CSO1), a Non-governmental Organisation (NGO) or government or government-affiliated entity active on the management of IAS in the EU. Partnerships involving governments or government-affiliated entities will be strongly encouraged. |
| <b>Total Budget:</b> €1,240,000                 |   |
| <b>Deadline:</b> 10/02/2026                     |   |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://speciesgrants.iucn.org/">https://speciesgrants.iucn.org/</a>   |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>   | <b>CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AS ACTORS OF GOOD GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT IN SIERRA LEONE</b>   |
| <b>Programme:</b> European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP) |   |
| <b>Objective:</b>  | Objective<br>The global objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen local Civil Society Organisations' (CSOs) engagement as actors of good governance and development at country level through increased enabling environment, stronger participation in policy and decision making in Sierra Leone.  |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>  | The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals is/are: To empower local CSOs to engage in climate action (adaptation and mitigation), including environmental protection, green transition, gender equality and youth inclusion especially strengthening capacity of local women's and youth CSOs.<br><br>Actions must take place in Sierra Leone.                |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>  | In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary. |
| <b>Total Budget:</b> €4,702,000  |   |
| <b>Deadline:</b> 10/02/2026  |   |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b>                              | <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185127PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185127PROSPECTSEN</a>   |

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| <b>Call Title:</b> | <b>SUPPORTING THE GENERAL DIRECTION FOR FORESTRY IN IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY PROJECTS</b> |
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| <b>Programme:</b> European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP) |   |
| <b>Objective:</b>  | The global objective of this call for proposals is to promote green development and climate action in Timor Leste.  |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>  | <p>The specific objective of this call for proposals is to provide capacity-building support to DG Forestry so that it is in better position to successfully implement its own projects.</p> <p>Actions must take place in East Timor.</p>  |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>  | In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation, public sector operator, local authority, international (inter-governmental) organisation and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary. |
| <b>Total Budget:</b> €1,600,000  |   |
| <b>Deadline:</b>   | 13/02/2026  |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b>                              | <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185609PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185609PROSPECTSEN</a>   |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>                              | CODE4EUROPE – EMPOWERING THE NEW GENERATION OF YOUNG DIGITAL EUROPEANS  |
| <b>Programme:</b> Dig Koalicia                  |   |
| <b>Objective:</b>                               | <p>Objective</p> <p>The main objective of the call is to enable the development of innovative and scalable coding activities; supporting initiatives that integrate coding into educational contexts and promote engagement; supporting community engagement and fostering collaboration between stakeholders; prioritizing projects that bridge gender gaps and promote diversity in STEM education.</p>             |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                     | <p>The purpose of this call for proposals is to identify and support effective local coding projects that are in line with the mission of EU Code Week to promote coding, computational thinking and digital skills across Europe. The call is in line with the initiative: “Strengthening digital skills for young people, especially girls”.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Slovakia and the Czech Republic.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | Eligible applicants include (from Slovakia and the Czech Republic): schools (primary, secondary, grammar schools), non-governmental organisations (NGOs); coding clubs.   |
| <b>Total Budget:</b>                            | €100,000  |
| <b>Deadline:</b>                                | 15/02/2026  |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12641">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12641</a>   |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>                                    | <b>ASEAN-Korea Cooperation Fund 2026</b>   |
| <b>Programme:</b> <b>ASEAN-Korea Cooperation Fund</b> |  |
| <b>Objective:</b>                                     | The ASEAN–Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund supports collaborative programmes and projects that enhance strategic partnership, promote regional integration, and address shared development priorities between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea.   |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                           | <p>The fund prioritises cooperation in public health, education and training, culture and tourism, economic cooperation and resilience, environment and climate-related initiatives, safety and peace, ASEAN Community building efforts, alignment with the ASEAN–ROK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, consistency with the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, implementation of the ASEAN–ROK Plan of Action, and initiatives that promote sustainable, inclusive, and long-term regional impact. Established as a central financing mechanism for ASEAN–ROK cooperation, the fund plays a critical role in translating policy commitments into practical actions that benefit ASEAN Member States and strengthen relations with the Republic of Korea. It supports projects that respond to regional needs, emerging challenges, and opportunities for deeper cooperation across multiple sectors.</p> <p>Project proposals may be submitted through the Annual Call for Project Proposals or through the Special Track mechanism, designed to address urgent or emerging regional issues. All proposals undergo a structured review process to assess strategic alignment, feasibility, sustainability, and budgetary soundness before approval. The fund also places importance on sustainability and visibility, encouraging projects to generate long-term benefits beyond the funding period and to clearly reflect ASEAN–ROK cooperation in their activities and outputs. Through this approach, the fund contributes to stronger institutional linkages, shared knowledge, and enduring partnerships between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                           | The project support framework provides clear guidance on the formulation, submission, appraisal, approval, and implementation of funded initiatives. In line with the ASEAN Cooperation Project Design and Management Manual, the framework defines key roles in project development and implementation: the proponent refers to the initiator or formulator of a project proposal, comprising both the individual and the organisation they represent, while the Implementing Agency (IA) is the legal entity responsible for implementing an approved ASEAN cooperation project. Notably, the proponent can also serve as the Implementing Agency. Proposals are expected to demonstrate relevance to agreed cooperation priorities, measurable outcomes, and contributions to ASEAN Community building, while ensuring strong coordination among relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies and Korean counterparts.  |
| <b>Total Budget:</b>                                  | <b>€N/A</b>  |
| <b>Deadline:</b>                                      | <b>15/02/2026</b>  |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b>       | <a href="https://aseanrokfund.org/news-announcement/akcf-call-for-project-proposals-2026/">https://aseanrokfund.org/news-announcement/akcf-call-for-project-proposals-2026/</a>  |



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| <b>Call Title:</b>                              | <b>CALL NO. 3 FOR PROPOSALS FROM NATIONAL ADVOCACY CSOS</b>  |
| <b>Programme:</b>                               | <b>European Commission (EC) - CERV</b>   |
| <b>Objective:</b>                               | <p>Objective</p> <p>The objectives of the call: to support and empower national NGOs engaged in advocacy activities and their regional NGO partners to strengthen the implementation of human rights, democracy, the rule of law, and all other EU values; to increase public awareness of human rights, the principles of democracy and the rule of law, and all other EU values; to strengthen cooperation between national advocacy NGOs and regional NGOs and facilitate knowledge transfer.</p>   |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                     | <p>The impact areas of the call: 12 national advocacy NGOs receiving financial support for advocacy and awareness-raising activities; 12 NGOs implementing advocacy campaigns aimed at influencing public decision-making related to equality and/or the safeguarding of any other EU values; 600 individuals directly participating and engaging in civic activities organized by NGOs; 12 awareness-raising campaigns on equality and/or any other EU values organized by NGOs; 14,000 people informed about EU values by NGOs; 12 partnerships established between national advocacy NGOs and regional NGOs for the implementation of advocacy and awareness-raising activities.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Lithuania.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | <p>The applicant is an NGO established and operating in the Republic of Lithuania that meets the following definition: "A non-profit voluntary organization established as a legal entity, having a non-commercial purpose, independent of the local, regional and central government, public entities, political parties, and commercial organizations". Religious institutions, trade unions and political parties are not considered NGOs (this definition follows the NGO definition set forth in the Article 2.3 of the Law on the Development of Non-Governmental Organizations).</p>  |
| <b>Total Budget:</b>                            | <b>€720,000</b>  |
| <b>Deadline:</b>                                | <b>17/02/2026</b>  |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12741">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12741</a>  |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>          | <b>Request for Proposals: Collaborative Scientific Research Programme (India and France)</b>   |
| <b>Programme:</b>           | <b>Franco-Indian Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research</b>   |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | <p>The CEFIPRA provides support to high quality research groups through collaborative research projects in advanced areas of basic and applied science to nurture scientific competency through Collaborative Scientific Research Programme.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | <p>The call includes a Thematic Call focusing on Health Sciences—covering disease detection, therapeutics, AI, and metabolic/cardiovascular studies—and Marine Sciences, including ocean systems, materials, geosciences, and climate-ocean</p>  |

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|   | <p>research, along with a General Call spanning mathematics, sciences, engineering, biotechnology, and environmental studies.</p> <p>The total project budget must not exceed 220,000 euros for the entire duration, covering manpower, recurring expenses, international travel, and limited equipment support on the Indian side, with funding structures defined separately for Indian and French partners. Projects are subject to mid-term review, compliance with funding and participation norms, and provisions for pre-closure if required.</p> <p>CEFIPRA expects supported projects to demonstrate excellence in science through collaboration, contribute to training of young researchers, generate joint high-impact publications with due acknowledgement, support the knowledge forward chain, and foster long-term partnerships beyond project completion.</p> <p>Proposals must be original, collaborative, and of high scientific quality, complementing the strengths and expertise of the participating research groups with balanced contributions from both countries.</p> <p>Each proposal must have at least two Principal Collaborators, one from India and one from France, who will be solely responsible for project implementation, while Joint Collaborators may also participate with clearly defined roles.</p> <p>The evaluation process involves initial screening, joint committee pre-selection, peer review in both countries, and final approval by the Joint Indo-French Scientific &amp; Industrial Research Committee and the Governing Body of CEFIPRA. The Thematic Call for Proposals is currently open, with the last date for submission set as 28th February 2026, while the General Call has already been closed.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | <p>Eligible applicants include Principal Collaborators and Joint Collaborators from India and France who hold permanent positions in universities or recognized R&amp;D institutions and meet national eligibility criteria, including retirement norms, with mandatory submission of ORCID or ResearcherID details.</p> <p>They are required to submit a joint concept proposal along with a full joint proposal through the CEFIPRA web-based submission system, clearly specifying the roles and responsibilities of all collaborators.</p>   |
| <b>Total Budget:</b> €500,000                   |  |
| <b>Deadline:</b> 28/02/2026                     |  |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.cefipra.org/PgmAA.aspx?p=CS">https://www.cefipra.org/PgmAA.aspx?p=CS</a>  |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>          | <b>GLOBAL GATEWAY EARLY-STAGE INVESTMENT MECHANISM</b>   |
| <b>Programme:</b>           | <b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)</b>  |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | <p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is to support increased EU private sector investment in strategic infrastructure projects, thereby fostering the green transition of partner countries and promoting their socio-economic development.</p>   |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | <p>The specific objectives of this call for proposals are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To increase the involvement of EU private sector in preparing sustainable infrastructure projects in partner countries, enhancing European footprint in the world and aligning with the Global Gateway strategy.</li> </ol> |

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|   | <p>2. To enhance the quality and bankability of infrastructure projects in the transport, artificial intelligence, energy and urban development sectors.</p> <p>3. To facilitate the implementation of sustainable infrastructure projects that are aligned with beneficiary countries' priorities and EU strategic interest and policy.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Colombia, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Guatemala, Chile, Brazil and Uruguay.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must be a private or public body.  |
| <b>Total Budget:</b> €40,583,770                |  |
| <b>Deadline:</b> 16/03/2026                     |  |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/184659PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/184659PROSPECTSEN</a>  |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>            | <b>Innovate UK Grants for Clean Energy Projects in Developing Regions</b>  |
| <b>Programme:</b> Innovate UK |  |
| <b>Objective:</b>             | The Innovate UK is inviting grant applications to support innovative projects that increase clean energy access in developing regions.   |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>   | <p>This initiative aims to accelerate innovations that contribute to a just and inclusive energy transition while extending the benefits of clean energy to meet the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>This funding opportunity is designed to support innovative solutions that expand clean energy access, foster international collaboration, and enable the practical demonstration of new technologies in regions where they are most needed. By combining scientific innovation, cross-border partnerships, and SME involvement, the program seeks to drive impactful projects that contribute to a sustainable and inclusive global energy transition.</p> <p>Projects applying for this funding must have total eligible costs between £50,000 and £5 million and can run for a duration of 6 to 36 months, starting no earlier than 1 August 2026 and concluding by 31 March 2030. Eligible projects should focus on delivering clean energy access in the target regions and include testing or demonstration work in at least one ODA-eligible country.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>   | To be eligible, projects must involve at least one partner with a legal entity in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, the Indo-Pacific, or Latin America, which can include in-country offices. Projects led by international organizations must have a UK-registered administrative lead. Additionally, applications must include at least one legally separate collaborator and involve at least one micro, small, or medium-sized enterprise (SME) from anywhere in the world.  |



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| <b>Total Budget:</b> €5,000,000+  |
| <b>Deadline:</b> 25/03/2026   |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> <a href="https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2364/overview/b9d4dedf-d22a-41d1-9ca2-6c5a279519be">https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2364/overview/b9d4dedf-d22a-41d1-9ca2-6c5a279519be</a> |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>                              | <b>Call for Applications: Energy Catalyst Initiative - Mid Stage</b>  |
| <b>Programme:</b>                               | <b>Innovate UK</b>  |
| <b>Objective:</b>                               | The Innovate UK is seeking grant applications to support accelerate innovative solutions and inclusive energy transition, help communities access sustainable energy while advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.  |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                     | <p>The primary objective of this competition is to accelerate innovations that enable a just and inclusive clean energy transition in developing regions. By supporting projects that increase access to clean energy, the program aims to extend the benefits of sustainable energy solutions, contributing directly to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Innovators and organizations are encouraged to submit proposals that demonstrate scalable, impactful solutions in the energy sector.</p> <p>Eligible projects must have total costs ranging from £50,000 to £1.5 million and a duration of six to 24 months. Each project should contribute to improving clean energy access in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, the Indo-Pacific region, or Latin America, and involve at least one partner with a legal presence in these regions, which can include in-country offices.</p> <p>This funding opportunity represents a significant chance for organizations, startups, researchers, and SMEs to contribute to global clean energy access, foster international collaboration, and advance sustainable development in regions that need it most.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | Applicants must include a UK-registered administrative lead or, for international organizations, a UK administrative partner. Projects must also involve at least one micro, small, or medium-sized enterprise (SME) from anywhere in the world, include at least one legally separate collaborator, and incorporate testing or demonstration work in an eligible ODA country.  |
| <b>Total Budget:</b>                            | <b>€1,500,000+</b>  |
| <b>Deadline:</b>                                | <b>25/03/2026</b>   |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2363/overview/9f759af1-3732-4d15-995d-053e28025d22">https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2363/overview/9f759af1-3732-4d15-995d-053e28025d22</a>   |

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| <b>Call Title:</b> | <b>HUMANITARIAN CRISES IN UKRAINE: “CIVIL PROTECTION SHELTER COALITION”</b>  |
| <b>Programme:</b>  | <b>Austrian Development Agency (ADA)</b>   |
| <b>Objective:</b>  | <p>Objective</p> <p>The aim of this Call is to support initiatives and projects in those regions of Ukraine which have been severely affected by the consequences of armed conflict,</p> |



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|   | displacement of populations and fragile health systems. Initiatives which can be supported under this Call aim at sustaining and safeguarding the lives of vulnerable populations in affected communities.   |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                     | The humanitarian assistance measures which can be funded in this situation need to focus on the creation, renovation and furnishing of civil protection shelters supplemented by relief and protection interventions to address the humanitarian needs of the affected population, in close cooperation with local/national and international actors including the UN Coordination mechanisms and relevant authorities.<br><br>Actions must take place in Ukraine. |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | Entitled to apply are development organisations as per Section 3 (2) Federal Act on Development Cooperation (EZA-G) based in Austria and accredited by ADA for implementing humanitarian aid (Category 1).   |
| <b>Total Budget:</b> €2,000,000                 |  |
| <b>Deadline:</b> 31/03/2026                     |  |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.entwicklung.at/austrian-development-agency/calls-auftraege/calls-detail/call-civil-protection-shelter-coalition-ukraine2025">https://www.entwicklung.at/austrian-development-agency/calls-auftraege/calls-detail/call-civil-protection-shelter-coalition-ukraine2025</a>  |

| Call Title:                 | NETWORKS OF TOWNS  |
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| <b>Programme:</b>           | European Commission (EC) - CERV  |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | <p>Objective</p> <p>Expected Outcomes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased citizen engagement in society, including marginalised and under-represented groups and groups at risk of discrimination, and ultimately more active citizen involvement in the democratic life of the Union;</li> <li>▪ Greater awareness of EU citizenship rights and improved implementation of those rights across Member States;</li> <li>▪ Better access to information for mobile EU citizens and their family members on their rights as EU citizens;</li> <li>▪ Increased participation of citizens and civil society organisations in local, national and European policymaking processes;</li> <li>▪ Improved awareness of the benefits of diversity and the tackling of hatred, discrimination, racism and LGBTIQ-phobia;</li> <li>▪ Greater mutual understanding and respect for European minorities, Roma, racialised people, LGBTIQ people, etc.;</li> <li>▪ Increased participation of children in the EU project from an early age;</li> </ul> |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | Actions must take place in the Member States of the European Union plus associated countries.  |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b> | Applicants must be legal entities (public or private bodies). Applicants must be established in the eligible countries.  |

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| <b>Total Budget:</b> €12,000,000  |
| <b>Deadline:</b> 16/04/2026   |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CERV-2026-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CERV-2026-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT</a> |

| Call Title:                                     | Nominations open for the Global Energy Prize   |
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| <b>Programme:</b>                               | <b>Global Energy Association</b>   |
| <b>Objective:</b>                               | The Global Energy Prize is inviting applications for the international scientific community to recognize outstanding achievements in energy research and development.  |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                     | <p>Traditional Energy, Non-Traditional Energy, and New Ways of Energy Application are the three nomination categories under which submissions are accepted in the Global Energy Prize cycle. The Global Energy Prize carries a prize fund of 39 million rubles (US\$500,000; RMB 3.5 million) and is awarded for exceptional scientific and technical research and development in the field of energy.</p> <p>The Global Energy Association continues to expand the Prize's geographic representation, with recent years seeing increased participation from regions with rapidly growing energy demand, including Africa and Latin America. The award ceremony will traditionally take place during Russian Energy Week in Moscow in the fall of 2026.</p> <p>The Global Energy Prize emphasizes international cooperation, sustainable development, energy security, and energy conservation, and is recognized among the top 99 most prestigious international awards by the IREG Observatory on Academic Ranking and Excellence.</p>         |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | <p>Nominations may be submitted by scientists, research teams, and representatives of academic and scholarly organizations, while self-nominations are not permitted. The nomination period will run from January 1 to April 20, during which eligible nominators may submit candidates through the official electronic system. All submissions will undergo an initial compliance check, followed by evaluation by independent international experts who will assess scientific value, practical significance, novelty, safety, social relevance, international recognition, and personal contribution.</p> <p>Based on expert evaluations, a shortlist of 15 nominees will be formed, with up to five candidates in each nomination category. The International Award Committee will then select between two and three laureates from this shortlist. The Committee is chaired by Nobel laureate Rae Kwon Chung of the Republic of Korea and comprises leading scientists and public figures with global recognition in the energy sector.</p> |
| <b>Total Budget:</b>                            | €500,000   |
| <b>Deadline:</b>                                | 20/04/2026   |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://globalenergyprize.org/en/2025/12/30/nominations-for-the-2026-global-energy-prize-to-be-accepted-from-january-1/#">https://globalenergyprize.org/en/2025/12/30/nominations-for-the-2026-global-energy-prize-to-be-accepted-from-january-1/#</a>  |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>          | <b>Entries open for Frontiers of Knowledge Awards (19th Edition)</b>  |
| <b>Programme:</b>           | <b>BBVA Foundation</b>  |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | <p>Applications are now open for the nineteenth edition of Frontiers of Knowledge Awards to recognize and reward world-class research and artistic creation, prizing contributions of singular impact for their originality and significance. The focus areas are Basic Sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics), Biology and Biomedicine, Information and Communication Technologies, Climate Change and Environmental Sciences, Economics, Finance and Management, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Music and Opera.</p>  |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | <p>The BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Awards are intended to honor advances that significantly enlarge current understanding while also reflecting the interaction and overlap of different disciplinary areas and the emergence of new fields. They emphasize the enduring importance of basic knowledge as a driver of scientific change, cultural development, and human progress, alongside the recognition of interdisciplinary approaches that characterize contemporary research and creation. The awards acknowledge that many decisive contributions arise from collaborative or parallel efforts by large research teams or cultural groups, allowing accolades to be shared by individuals or organizations whose work converges on a single advance. Special attention is given to areas concerned with the natural world through the Climate Change and Environmental Sciences category, as well as to the foundations of digital society through Information and Communication Technologies. Distinct categories also recognize major contributions in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Music and Opera. Each award consists of 400,000 euros, a diploma, and a commemorative artwork, with the monetary amount divided equally if shared among multiple recipients and subject to applicable taxes. Candidates may be individuals or organizations of any nationality whose contributions are independent or convergent, provided the awards are not granted posthumously.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b> | <p>Nominations are open and indirect, as self-nomination is not permitted. A wide range of scientific, cultural, educational, medical, artistic, and environmental organizations may submit nominations, as well as Nobel Prize laureates and previous recipients of the BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Awards. Nominations must be submitted in English through the official website during the designated nomination period, accompanied by the required documentation detailing the candidate's contributions. The selection process takes place in two stages, with evaluation support panels appointed by the BBVA Foundation and assisted by the Spanish National Research Council, followed by final decisions made by expert committees in each category. Decisions are final and may result in shared awards, merged nominations, or the decision to leave an award vacant. Award decisions will be made before April 30, 2027, and the presentation ceremony will be held in June 2027 in Bilbao, where laureates are expected to attend. Participation in the awards implies acceptance of all conditions and decisions established by the BBVA Foundation.</p>  |



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| <b>Total Budget:</b> €3,600,000                 |   |
| <b>Deadline:</b> 30/06/2026                     |   |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.frontiersofknowledgeawards-fbbva.es/conditions/">https://www.frontiersofknowledgeawards-fbbva.es/conditions/</a> |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>                              | <b>ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM</b>   |
| <b>Programme:</b>                               | <b>Journalismfund.eu</b>  |
| <b>Objective:</b>                               | <p>Objective</p> <p>Journalismfund.eu's flexible grants programmes enable journalists to produce relevant public interest stories with a European mind-set from international, national, and regional perspectives.</p>   |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                     | <p>This grant can be awarded to cross-border teams of professional journalists and/or news outlets to conduct investigations into environmental affairs related to Europe (all the countries, not only the EU). The resulting stories must be published in at least two outlets in two different countries, at least one must be a European media. While news media and newsrooms still predominantly operate nationally, most power structures and societal and environmental problems transcend national boundaries. This grant programme is therefore aimed at cross-border teams of investigative journalists and newsrooms to investigate and document illegal, unreported and unregulated abuse of nature that involves European affairs in and outside Europe.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Europe.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | Cross-border teams of at least two professional journalists and/or news outlets can submit a proposal for a journalistic investigation about an issue that concerns the environment and relates to the European continent (islands included).   |
| <b>Total Budget:</b>                            | <b>€1,600,000</b>   |
| <b>Deadline:</b>                                | <b>06/08/2026</b>   |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.journalismfund.eu/environmental-investigative-journalism">https://www.journalismfund.eu/environmental-investigative-journalism</a>   |

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