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New Opportunities

Call Title:	**Postdoctoral Researcher Programme in Climate and Development for African PhD Graduates**
Programme:	**University of Cape Town**
Objective:	The Africa Climate Collaborative at UCT is offering applications to support postdoctoral fellowships for recent African PhD graduates to advance independent research in climate and development. The programme operates as a cohort model, fostering peer learning and providing structured researcher development training alongside mentorship from experienced UCT researchers. Fellows are based in the department or research lab of their primary mentor and participate in a comprehensive development programme throughout the three-year fellowship.
Eligible Activities:	The PRP covers a wide range of research topics relevant to climate and development in Africa, including energy transition, gendered energy justice, climate risk assessment, health impacts of climate change, adaptation strategies for smallholder farmers, green industrialisation, social innovation, and governance of commons in the context of the 4th industrial revolution. Each topic is supervised by a dedicated team, and applicants must select a single research topic aligned with their disciplinary background. Fellows receive a tax-free stipend of R380,000 per annum, with an additional R130,000 available over three years to cover relocation costs, medical insurance, research expenses, and conference attendance, subject to suitable motivation. Applicants must have completed a PhD in a discipline relevant to climate and development in Africa within the past 36 months and must be citizens of an African country.
Eligible Applicants:	Preference is given to candidates under 35 years of age as of 1 February 2027. The programme particularly encourages applications from women and individuals with lived experience of displacement or disability. Each applicant may apply to only one of the listed research topics.
Total Budget:	**€100,000**
Deadline:	**29/10/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://acdi.uct.ac.za/africaclimatecollaborative/postdoctoral-research-fellowships-climate-and-development

Call Title:	**Funding Fairer Futures - Climate Action Engagement Fund**
Programme:	**CAN Europe**
Objective:	The Climate Action Engagement Fund provides grants to small and medium civil society groups in the European Union to advance climate justice and just transition through advocacy, campaigning, and public engagement. Funding Fairer Futures is an initiative led by CAN Europe and partners to support a more inclusive, representative, and community-led climate movement across the European Union, with a particular focus on advancing climate justice and just transition through grassroots mobilisation and advocacy.
Eligible Activities:	The Climate Action Engagement Fund specifically aims to empower small to medium civil society organisations and groups that often face barriers to accessing core funding, prioritising those led by women, non-binary people, youth, frontline communities, people with disabilities, or individuals from marginalised backgrounds. Proposals are encouraged to develop and implement advocacy, campaigns, and actions that use systemic and holistic approaches to connect diverse issues and perspectives, challenge dominant policy models, and advance gender-just, disability-just, intersectional, and decolonial approaches to European climate policy and action. Special attention is given to

	projects that challenge ableist assumptions in climate policies and strengthen the rights, participation, accessibility, and visibility of disabled people in climate emergency responses and just transition policies. Each selected project will receive €10,000 in funding, with a minimum project duration of six months and all activities to be completed by October 2027. Projects may begin as early as 1 December 2026.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be non-profit civil society organisations or associations of CSOs established in one of the specified EU countries, not have previously received or be expecting funding from the EC DEAR 2022 call, and must not have had the capacity to compete directly for EU funding under that call. Both registered and unregistered groups are eligible, provided they meet the outlined criteria.
Total Budget:	**€100,000**
Deadline:	**30/10/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://caneurope.org/news/funding-fairer-futures-call-for-proposals-open-now

Call Title:	**TBI-MCE Incubation Program Cohort 2 (India)**
Programme:	**Malnad College of Engineering**
Objective:	The TBI-MCE Incubation Program Cohort 2 offers incubation support to startups, innovators, students, faculty, and researchers developing technology-driven solutions across diverse sectors.
Eligible Activities:	The Technology Business Incubator at Malnad College of Engineering (TBI-MCE), managed by ME-RIISE Foundation, is dedicated to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship by supporting early-stage startups and innovators in transforming their ideas into scalable ventures. The program is designed to nurture technology-driven solutions that address real-world challenges across multiple sectors. The incubation program focuses on key sectors such as agritech, healthcare, renewable energy, smart systems, and other emerging technology areas, providing a comprehensive ecosystem for growth and commercialization. Participants benefit from technical and business mentoring, product and prototype development support, access to laboratories, equipment, and infrastructure, software and technology resources, investor readiness and investor connect, pilot deployment opportunities, market access support, and workspace and incubation facilities.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility extends to students, early-stage startups, faculty members, researchers, individual innovators, registered startups, and alumni working on innovative and scalable technology solutions at various stages, including idea, proof of concept, prototype, MVP, validation, market-entry, or early-growth.
Total Budget:	**€Not Available**
Deadline:	**31/10/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://www.mcehassan.ac.in/home/news/tbi-mce-malnad-college-of-engineering-managed-by-me-riise-foundation-is-inviting-applications-for-cohort-2-incubation-program

Call Title:	100x Impact Accelerator Supports Scalable Solutions to Global Challenges
Programme:	**100x Impact Accelerator**
Objective:	The 100x Impact Accelerator offers catalytic funding and long-term partnership to social ventures with evidence-based solutions ready to scale positive impact globally. 100x Impact Accelerator seeks to identify and support the next generation of 'social unicorns'—organisations with the potential to improve the lives of hundreds of millions, if not billions, of people worldwide.
Eligible Activities:	The programme is designed for ventures that have developed evidence-based solutions and are ready to scale their impact to match the size of the problems they address. Each selected venture receives £150,000 in catalytic funding to strengthen their pathway to scale, along with a long-term partnership that begins with a tailored 16-week programme. This partnership includes strategic support, access to research expertise from the London School of Economics, and connections to a global community of funders, advisers, and peers. There is also potential for follow-on funding for selected ventures, subject to fit and funding availability.
Eligible Applicants:	The accelerator focuses on ventures working in areas such as climate and environment, health and social care, education, equitable economies, happiness and wellbeing, refugee integration and social cohesion, democracy, and new frontiers in science and technology. Selected ventures are expected to demonstrate a clearly defined and evidenced problem, a distinctive and effective model, a strong track record of adoption and outcomes, and entrepreneurial leadership with the ambition and capability to scale.
Total Budget:	**£500,000**
Deadline:	**02/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://www.100ximpact.org/how-to-apply

Call Title:	Future Leaders Fellowships: Round 11, business and non-academic
Programme:	**UKRI**
Objective:	UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), will invest up to £110 million through Future Leaders Fellowships Round 11. A proportion of this budget will support applicants hosted in business and non-academic organisations, administered by Innovate UK on behalf of UKRI. This is subject to a sufficient number of high quality applications being received.
Eligible Activities:	The aim of this competition is to: provide sustained funding and resources for talented individuals with the potential to become future leaders in research and innovation enable individuals to establish an independent research or innovation career support the development of leadership capability enable the delivery of high quality, impactful and ambitious work aligned with UK strategic priorities A Future Leaders Fellow, working with their host organisation, will receive at least four years of funding to pursue an ambitious programme of innovation. The fellow will also have access to tailored opportunities and resources to develop their career as a future leader in their field.

	Your proposal must clearly set out how the fellowship will accelerate your development as an independent leader and how your programme of work will deliver meaningful benefits for the UK. In applying to this competition, you are entering into a competitive process. This competition has a funding limit, so we may not be able to fund all the proposed projects. It may be the case that your project scores highly but we are still unable to fund it. Our experience from similar competitions suggests that you could have 13% chance of success.
Eligible Applicants:	Your project must: have a grant funding request of between £100,000 and £3 million last for 4 years, with an option to extend for a further three years not start before October 2027 Any organisation receiving funding must carry out its project work in the UK, intend to exploit the results in the UK, and spend most of the funding within the UK. International partners and work overseas is allowed with full justification.
Total Budget:	**£110,000,000**
Deadline:	**04/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2499/overview/60da9000-d438-47fb-92aa-e8d9435a17ab#how-to-apply

Call Title:	**Frontier AI: SME Champions, Phase 1**
Programme:	**UKRI**
Objective:	Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), will invest up to £3.1 million on Frontier AI. This is subject to a sufficient number of high quality applications being received.
Eligible Activities:	The aim of this competition is to is to advance the development of state of the art artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) in the UK. We will support UK SMEs to validate the technical feasibility of ambitious AI, and ML innovations that could deliver step change improvements or enable new products, services and platforms. For this competition, Frontier AI refers to AI and ML systems that deliver state of the art performance against benchmarks or provide genuinely new to the world capabilities. The advance must be attributable to innovation in one or more of: • model or system architecture • training methodology • core learning algorithms • core control algorithms This competition is Phase 1 of a three-phase funding pipeline designed to support the next generation of UK AI Champions, from early technical validation through to scale-up. Only successful Phase 1 applicants will be invited to apply to Phase 2. We are seeking ambitious AI and ML innovations based on strong scientific evidence and engineering breakthroughs, with the potential to become scalable products or services that will create new market opportunities. Phase 1 projects will focus on de-risking technical feasibility and generating robust evidence that the core approach can work in practice. Progression to Phase 2 will depend on Business Case approvals, Phase 1 outcomes and the launch of a separate Phase 2 competition.
Eligible Applicants:	Your project must:

	have total costs between £150,000 and £250,000 last between 1 and 3 months start by 1 April 2027 end by 30 June 2027 Any organisation receiving funding must carry out its project work in the UK, intend to exploit the results in the UK, and spend most of the funding within the UK.
Total Budget:	**£3,100,000**
Deadline:	**11/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2584/overview/4c7afb5d-4572-4ef2-9507-73ef2dec8ec8#summary

Call Title:	**Targets Marine Pollution and Ocean Ecosystem Recovery**
Programme:	**Ocean Innovation Challenge**
Objective:	The Ocean Innovation Challenge supports private sector organizations with innovative solutions for marine pollution reduction, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable blue economy development in select Asian countries.
Eligible Activities:	The Ocean Innovation Challenge (OIC) was established to catalyze private sector-driven solutions that address urgent ocean and coastal challenges while advancing a sustainable and inclusive blue economy. Implemented by the United Nations Development Programme and funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the OIC aims to generate measurable environmental, social, and economic impacts through innovative approaches that can be replicated and scaled. This fifth call focuses on supporting implementation-ready innovations that tackle marine pollution, restore and conserve coastal and marine ecosystems, and promote sustainable blue economy enterprises. The program specifically seeks solutions that benefit Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam, with a strong emphasis on projects that empower women, youth, and marginalized communities. Preference will be given to women- and youth-led or owned innovations. Selected innovators will receive up to USD 100,000 in financial support through a deliverable-based contract, along with up to 17 months of implementation and incubation, technical mentoring, project management support, communications and outreach assistance, fundraising and investment-readiness mentoring, and opportunities to engage with investors and global networks. The program also offers increased visibility through knowledge-sharing platforms and events.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include legally registered private sector organizations such as start-ups, SMEs, private companies, social enterprises, and other entities developing innovative ocean-related solutions. While applicants do not need to be based in the beneficiary countries, the innovation must be implemented in at least one of the target countries with the approval of local authorities. Partnerships with local organizations are strongly encouraged.
Total Budget:	**$100,000**
Deadline:	**15/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://dev.oceaninnovationchallenge.org/5th-call-marine-pollution-reduction-coastal-and-marine-ecosystem-restoration-and-sustainable-blue

Call Title:	CALL FROM GLOBAL EBA FUND: MEDIUM-SIZE GRANTS
Programme:	**GLOBAL EBA FUND**
Objective:	The Global EbA Fund invites proposals that demonstrate collaborative and innovative approaches to advancing EbA by addressing systemic barriers to scalability and contributing to global learning and policy dialogue. Initiatives that strengthen enabling environments and embed EbA into national frameworks to unify strategic climate, biodiversity, land and development priorities are welcome.
Eligible Activities:	Alignment with one of these topics is welcomed but not required. I: Innovative Finance Solutions for EbA – This priority topic supports innovative partnerships with private sector actors –engaging also financiers, adaptors, innovators, and local champions– to unlock private capital and blended finance for EbA. Recognising substantial financing gaps for adaptation, this theme builds on the premise that EbA practices must evolve beyond subsistence into profitable, scalable business models that incentivise conservation through commercial viability. II: EbA for Human Development and Security – This priority topic addresses the critical intersection of climate, resilience, and security, driving the integration of EbA into national and international security frameworks to secure sustainable development outcomes in fragile and conflict-affected contexts. III: Interlinkages for people-nature-climate-land synergies: From Policy Alignment to Investable Action – The Global EbA Fund invites proposals led by organisations actively collaborating with national governments to strengthen operational interlinkages across the Rio Conventions (UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD) and other global environmental agreements such as the Sendai Framework on DRR. Actions can take place in various countries from the OECD DAC list.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are both non-profit and for-profit organisations.
Total Budget:	**€1,000,000**
Deadline:	**16/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://globalebafund.org/medium-size-grants/

Call Title:	Open Call for New Ventures in Creative Tech Spark Incubation
Programme:	**EIT Culture & Creativity**
Objective:	The Spark Incubation Open Call supports early-stage founders in cultural and creative technology to develop scalable ventures in fashion, architecture, and advanced materials through funding, mentorship, and incubation.
Eligible Activities:	The Spark Incubation Open Call is part of EIT Culture & Creativity's mission to foster innovation and entrepreneurship in the cultural and creative sectors, with a particular focus on technology-driven solutions in fashion, architecture, and advanced materials. This initiative aims to bridge the gap between creative ideas and viable business ventures by supporting founders at the earliest stages of their entrepreneurial journey. The programme targets early-stage founders and multidisciplinary teams who are developing tech-centric solutions—such as material innovation, hardware, or digital

	products—within the Materials & Built Environment sectors, specifically fashion and architecture. Selected applicants will participate in a two-step incubation journey: an in-person Startup Sprint bootcamp in a European city, followed by a nine-month online Spark Incubation Programme featuring dedicated coaching, curated mentorship, topic workshops, technology partnerships, and visibility at major European events. Funding of up to EUR 30,000 per selected venture concept is available, with a total allocation of €1,050,000 for this call. EIT Culture & Creativity may reimburse up to 100% of eligible project costs, provided that costs are not already funded by other EU programmes or sources. Up to 35 business concepts will be supported under this call.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be individuals or multidisciplinary teams who have not yet registered a company with the business concept they are applying with, are ready to establish a scalable for-profit venture, and are registered in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe–associated country. Applicants must be actively testing, building, or validating their business concept and must incorporate a new legal entity by Month 3 of the programme. The new company must then register in the EU Funding & tender opportunities portal and complete legal entity validation.
Total Budget:	**€1,050,000**
Deadline:	**16/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://eit-culture-creativity.eu/your-opportunities/calls-funding/new-ventures-creative-tech-spark-incubation

Call Title:	**IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**
Programme:	**U.S. Mission to Vietnam**
Objective:	This new program represents a comprehensive initiative designed to improve the lives of persons with disabilities in two Vietnamese provinces – Ca Mau and Quang Ngai. The program's overarching goal is to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities in these regions. The initiative addresses critical gaps in health, rehabilitation, and social services while fostering greater social integration and reducing barriers to full participation in community life.
Eligible Activities:	Particularly, the program pursues four interconnected objectives: (1) expanding health and rehabilitation services; (2) enhancing social services and promoting social participation; (3) improving disability policy implementation and reducing barriers to participation; and (4) strengthening institutional capacity at all levels. Actions must take place in Vietnam.
Eligible Applicants:	The following organizations are eligible to apply: Nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations
Total Budget:	**$28,500,000**
Deadline:	**19/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/b008b605-e4a8-4ca4-a35e-a046f8f3c55f

Call Title:	**Eni Award – Energy Frontiers Prize**

Programme:	**ENI**
Objective:	The Eni Award – Energy Frontiers Prize recognizes researchers or groups for disruptive advances in new energy sources, renewable energies, and technologies for sustainable energy systems.
Eligible Activities:	Since 2008, the Eni Award has promoted and rewarded scientific research and technological innovation in the fields of energy and the environment, supporting a just energy transition and the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Energy Frontiers Prize, one of six sections of the Eni Award, specifically aims to foster disruptive ideas that can transform the future energy paradigm and accelerate the decarbonization of energy systems, with a focus on energy management and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA). Special consideration is given to proposals that contribute to sustainable development goals, circular economy approaches, and that utilize innovative technologies and experimental tools. The Prize consists of an indivisible sum of €200,000, a customized plaque, and direct provision by Eni of travel tickets, transfers, and board and lodging expenses for up to two overnight stays for the winners and one accompanying person to attend the Prize-Giving Ceremony. Applicants must submit scientific publications demonstrating the results achieved within the past ten years, along with at least three reference letters from authoritative members of the academic, scientific, or business community.
Eligible Applicants:	The Prize is awarded to a researcher or group of researchers who demonstrate significant advances in research, development, and innovation of technologies within domains such as renewable energies, nuclear energy (including fusion), sustainable energy production, transportation, utilization, hydrogen technologies, and energy storage.
Total Budget:	**€500,000**
Deadline:	**20/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://www.eni.com/en-IT/innovation-technologies/eni-award.html

Call Title:	**CALL FROM CIEIF**
Programme:	**Climate Intervention Environmental Impact Fund**
Objective:	The Climate Intervention Environmental Impact Fund supports and advises innovative investigators across the world who are working to reverse climate change. They do this by making grants solely to support predictive environmental impact assessments (EIA), impact modeling studies, and stakeholder engagement efforts for small-scale field tests of new technologies.
Eligible Activities:	Applicants should write a grant request that demonstrates how they would spend $75,000 usefully on EIA, predictive impact modeling, and/or engagement efforts with potentially impacted stakeholders – from local communities to government agencies – for their proposed climate intervention field test. Actions can take place worldwide.
Eligible Applicants:	There are no details on eligibility available on the website.

Total Budget:	**€100,000**
Deadline:	**01/12/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://cieif.org/guidelines-for-grant-applicants/

Call Title:	**ZMINA:RESILIENCE. SECOND CALL FOR CO-CREATION FUNDING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS**
Programme:	**IZOLYATSIA Foundation**
Objective:	The IZOLYATSIA Foundation (UA) and Malý Berlín (SK), together with Trans Europe Halles (SE), announce the first call for proposals for the co-creation funding of international cooperation projects. The objective of the call is to support co-creation between Ukrainian artists and cultural organisations and their peers from Creative Europe countries.
Eligible Activities:	Funding will be available for co-creation projects involving at least one Ukrainian partner and a partner from another Creative Europe participating country. Each partner is expected to contribute equally: whether through creative input, management responsibilities, or audience development. All creative sectors are eligible, with the exception of the audiovisual sector. Each co-creation project must include a public presentation in the locality of every participating partner. Purpose of the call: • To develop and present an international co-creation on the topic of resilience, in any artistic/cultural sector except audio-visual. • To carry out at least two local presentations (one/locality, including in Ukraine) Actions must take place in Ukraine plus others.
Eligible Applicants:	The following organizations are eligible to apply: Organisations active in the field of arts and culture established in a Creative Europe country (EU countries, non-EU countries). For Ukraine, they must be registered in a zone effectively controlled by the Ukrainian government. Projects must include at least two partners from at least two countries, of which one is Ukraine.
Total Budget:	**€187,500**
Deadline:	**04/12/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/16301

Call Title:	**D-PRIZE COMPETITION**
Programme:	**D-PRIZE**
Objective:	D-Prize funds new entrepreneurs who increase access to proven poverty interventions. The world has already invented ways to end poverty, yet the best interventions are not being distributed at mass-scale. D-Prize expands access to poverty-alleviation interventions in the developing world. Many solutions to poverty already exist. The challenge is distributing these solutions to the people who need it most. Their programs produce new "distribution entrepreneurs" – social entrepreneurs who start new ventures that distribute proven life-enhancing technologies to millions of people living in extreme poverty. The Challenges

	include: girls education, agriculture, energy, global health, education, governance and infrastructure, and custom.
Eligible Activities:	The specific goals of D-Prize is to: (1) significantly increase access to life-enhancing technologies in the developing world – and prove an impact in a measurable way; (2) encourage young entrepreneurs to focus their talent on the developing world, pilot new solutions to distribution problems, and launch new social ventures; (3) encourage a global dialogue on the importance of leveraging distribution solutions for development. The believe the path to development is through solving distribution. Applicants can design a business or NGO that solves one of the Distribution Challenges: girl's education, agriculture, energy, education, global health, governance and infrastructure and custom. D-Prize is for aspiring entrepreneurs from anywhere in the world, of any age, and any background.
Eligible Applicants:	D-Prize is open to any business model (for profit, non-profit, and everything in between). They will consider funding existing organisations only if: they are piloting a new distribution-focused initiative, and need high risk capital.
Total Budget:	**€100,000**
Deadline:	**06/12/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://www.d-prize.org/

Call Title:	**UNITE Open Calls: Second Open Call for Digital Health Innovators**
Programme:	**UNITE**
Objective:	UNITE is a major €20 million pan-European programme under the European Commission's Regional Innovation Valleys initiative, which builds a borderless European digital health innovation ecosystem and drives healthcare transformation through digital deep-tech solutions, addressing challenges posed by demographic transitions and ageing populations.
Eligible Activities:	The second UNITE Open Call supports innovative digital solutions addressing two key challenges: 1. Deep-tech innovations to secure equal health for the entire population Solutions that: • Support greater autonomy for elderly and disadvantaged populations • Deliver more personalised care tailored to individual health needs • Integrate fragmented healthcare services 2. Digital solutions to battle the health workforce crisis Solutions that: • Alleviate healthcare staff shortages through digital tools and automation • Streamline clinical workflows and improve operational efficiency • Address skill gaps through accessible training, education, and upskilling opportunities
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility & Regional Requirements

	Applicants must be legally established in and comply with the requirements of the following UNITE participating regions: Central Macedonia, Greece Lombardy Region, Italy Extremadura Region, Spain Aragón Region, Spain Scotland, United Kingdom Wales, United Kingdom Romania, national scope
Total Budget:	**€6,000,000**
Deadline:	**10/12/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://unitedigihealth.eu/open-call-2

Call Title:	**UK-Singapore CR&D 2026**
Programme:	**Innovate UK**
Objective:	UK registered businesses can apply for a share of up to £3 million for the purpose of developing innovative proposals with Singapore. You must collaborate with at least one Singapore business applying under the equivalent Enterprise Singapore programme.
Eligible Activities:	Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), will invest up to £3 million. This is subject to a sufficient number of high quality applications being received. The aim of this competition is to fund business-led collaborative research and development (CR&D) projects focused on industrial research. Your proposal must focus on one of the following sectors: • Advanced Manufacturing • Clean Energy • Life Sciences • Digital and Technologies, specifically the frontier technologies including: Semiconductors, Quantum, Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, Advanced Connectivity Technologies and Engineering Biology
Eligible Applicants:	Your project must: • have a grant funding request of between £100,000 and £900,000 • last between 24 and 36 months • not start before 1 May 2027 • end by 30 April 2030 The majority of the project work must be undertaken in the UK and Singapore. UK project partners must carry out the majority of their project work in the UK and intend to exploit the results from or in the UK, and spend most of the funding within the UK. The consortium must include at least one business registered in Singapore that is a separate legal entity and not linked to the UK partners. This is to ensure that projects encourage genuine international collaboration, not internal company research. Linked companies are considered a single entity under the parent company. Your project must demonstrate a balanced technological contribution by the participants from both countries and must be equally significant to all participants. No one country or project partner can represent more than 70% of the total project cost.

Total Budget: **£3,000,000**

Deadline: **16/12/2026**

More information and official documents: https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2526/overview/4a4b67b9-9b73-4816-8e21-bdfab83f5909

Call Title:	**CROSS-BORDER PROGRAMME NORTH MACEDONIA – ALBANIA UNDER THE INSTRUMENT OF PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE (IPA III) ALLOCATIONS FOR 2024**

Programme: **European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)**

Objective: In line with the objectives specified in the programme document, the global objective of this call for proposals is: to promote good neighbourly relations, foster Union integration and contribute to social, economic and territorial development of the programme cross-border area by improving environment protection and disaster response, and developing sustainable natural and cultural tourism..

Eligible Activities: The two thematic priorities are:

- Priority 1: Environment protection, climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management
- Priority 2: Tourism and cultural and natural heritage

Actions can take place in North Macedonia and Albania.

Eligible Applicants: In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation , public sector operator, local authority and (3) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.

Total Budget: **€3,430,000**

Deadline: **15/01/2027**

More information and official documents: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/187670PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	**Horizon Europe Springboard Scheme for Cluster 4 Industry Themes**

Programme: **UKRI**

Objective: Financial support for eligible UK organisations to strengthen the development of Horizon Europe proposals under eligible topics including digital, manufacturing, materials, clean energy and AI in the Cluster 4 industry and relevant horizontal activities only.

Eligible Activities: The Horizon Europe Springboard Scheme for Cluster 4 Industry Themes provides financial support to eligible UK organisations to strengthen the development of Horizon Europe proposals under eligible topics in the Cluster 4 Industry and Horizontal Activities Work Programme 2027.
Funding of up to £5,000 (excluding VAT) is available for one application per eligible organisation and may be used to support the following pre-award proposal development activities:

	Partnership Building – joining relevant co-programmed partnerships, attending multinational consortium-building events in eligible European countries, and undertaking scoping visits to develop international collaborations. Proposal Development – engaging external proposal writing expertise or supporting dedicated internal resource to prepare, develop and finalise a Horizon Europe proposal in accordance with the relevant Research and Innovation Action (RIA), Innovation Action (IA) or Coordination and Support Action (CSA) application template. Feasibility & Scoping – undertaking preliminary feasibility studies, project development workshops, and market opportunity assessments in eligible countries to strengthen the proposed Horizon Europe project. Successful applicants will subsequently be invited to complete the relevant Innovate UK Funding Service (IFS) processes and submit eligible expenditure evidence to claim the awarded grant.
Eligible Applicants:	The Horizon Europe Springboard Scheme operates under the following conditions: Innovate UK aims to support up to 20 successful applications through this scheme. Only one application may be submitted per eligible organisation. Applications will be assessed in the order they are received. Each successful application is eligible for up to £5,000 (excluding VAT) of support for eligible activities towards proposals targeting one of the eligible topics in the specified Horizon Europe Work Programmes. Funding will be awarded on a rolling basis until the available budget has been fully allocated. Once the allocated budget has been exhausted, no further applications will be funded, regardless of the published application deadline. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all information submitted is complete and accurate. The evaluation will be undertaken exclusively on the basis of the information contained within the submitted application form. Assessors will not consider any supplementary information or prior knowledge of the applicant beyond that provided in the application. Innovate UK and Innovate UK Business Connect will undertake due diligence checks (including verification of legal entity status) to confirm an applicant's eligibility. Once an application has been submitted and an application reference number has been generated, no amendments or additional information will be accepted.
Total Budget:	**£100,000**
Deadline:	**02/02/2027**
More information and official documents:	https://info.iukbc.org.uk/p/2VFU-O0B/horizon-europe-springboard-scheme-for-cluster-4-industry-theme

Call Title:	**Addressing Evidence-Based Health Benefits of Human-Animal Interaction Annual**
Programme:	**Human Animal Bond Research Institute**
Objective:	The Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI) invites research proposals from institutions and organizations worldwide to investigate the health outcomes of pet ownership and human-animal interactions.
Eligible Activities:	The Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI) annually issues a global call for research proposals to advance understanding of the health benefits of human-animal interaction, with a particular focus on the positive effects of companion animals on human health and

	well-being. This initiative seeks to support innovative, evidence-based studies that contribute actionable knowledge for individuals, communities, and professionals engaged in the human-animal bond. Priority areas include research on the impact of pet ownership and human-animal interactions on child health and development, healthy aging, mental and physical health, and the well-being of both people and animals. HABRI is especially interested in studies that are translational, aiming to produce practical advice or guidelines for policymakers, veterinarians, pet care professionals, health practitioners, and pet owners. Topics of interest also encompass the role of pets in addressing public health and social crises, supporting underrepresented or minoritized populations, and advancing veterinary medicine and animal welfare. There is no set maximum budget for proposals, but HABRI typically funds 5-6 projects per year, with project costs averaging around $50,000 and an average duration of about 20 months. All proposals must be cost-effective, realistic, and justified, and all dollar amounts should be expressed in U.S. dollars.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include academic institutions and non-profit organizations worldwide. All funded studies must adhere to the highest standards of human and animal care and welfare, including IRB and/or IACUC approval, and must not involve invasive procedures. Proposals seeking capital project funding or primarily programmatic support are not eligible.
Total Budget:	**€Not Available**
Deadline:	**18/02/2027**
More information and official documents:	https://habri.org/grants/funding-opportunities/rfp-addressing-evidence-based-health-benefits-of-hai

Call Title:	**SMALL PROJECT EMERGENCY GRANTS**
Programme:	**EEA Civil Society Fund Czechia**
Objective:	Small project emergency grants enable civil society organisations to respond quickly to current cases, time-sensitive needs, and unexpected social challenges, the resolution of which cannot be delayed until a standard call for proposals is launched.
Eligible Activities:	The aim of the supported activities is to quickly draw attention to current cases of rights violations or restrictions, restriction of services, provide urgent legal aid, raise the visibility of cases in the media, mobilise the public, or engage the local community in rectifying and resolving the urgent situation. This may involve an unplanned activity or an ad hoc response to situations that could threaten the public interest, local communities, the availability or quality of services, transparency, the legitimacy of civil society organisations, democratic tools and the environment, etc. Prior experience with applications is not a condition – what is decisive is the relevance and urgency of the intended action. Applications will be evaluated immediately upon receipt under an accelerated procedure. These grants are not intended to address humanitarian crises caused by force majeure (e.g. floods, tornadoes, etc.). Actions must take place in Czech Republic.

Eligible Applicants:	Eligible Applicants are CSOs that are established in the Czech Republic, which meet the condition of one year from the date of registration of the organisation by the deadline for the call.
Total Budget:	**€112,000**
Deadline:	**12/10/2027**
More information and official documents:	https://eeagrants.org/en/eea-civil-society-fund-czechia/calls/small-project-emergency-grants

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