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New Opportunities

Call Title:	LIVELIHOODS, ECONOMIC AND INCLUSION
Programme:	UNHCR
Objective:	Objective i. More IDP returnees and IDPs have attained increased access to employment, financial and economic inclusion. ii. Coordination and partnerships among stakeholders are strengthened:
Eligible Activities:	Formal micro, small and medium enterprises and households are supported with cash, assets, infrastructure, and technical capacity building. More and IDP returnees as well as host communities participate in climate resilient agriculture and non-agriculture value chains through UNHCR support Refugees /IDP s returnees have their skills upgraded through TVET and other employability enhancement schemes. Assessments and capacity building for solutions programming Evidence-based livelihood, economic inclusion, and solutions programming Coordination and partnerships with public, private and development stakeholders is strengthened Inclusion of the forcibly displaced in interventions of other stakeholders Coordination and implementation of educational activities to students (boys, girls, youths) who are of concern to UNHCR. Actions must take place in Afghanistan.
Eligible Applicants:	Interested Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Afghanistan are invited to submit concept notes.
Total Budget:	€1,000,000
Deadline:	15/03/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.unpartnerportal.org/api/public/export/projects/19948/

Call Title:	Scaling Trust Research and Development Grant Programme
Programme:	Advanced Research and Invention Agency
Objective:	The Advanced Research and Invention Agency is accepting applications for its Scaling Trust Research and Development Grant Programme to fund ambitious projects that strengthen secure agent-to-agent interactions in untrusted environments through tooling and fundamental research. The programme focuses on developing open-source agents and reusable components for secure requirement gathering, negotiation, protocol generation and verification in multi-agent settings, alongside foundational research that transforms empirical security into provable guarantees and enables new cyber-physical trust primitives for agents.
Eligible Activities:	The programme is structured around three interlinked tracks: Tooling, which delivers open-source coordination infrastructure; Fundamental Research, which creates the theoretical foundations and new security primitives and the Arena, a live adversarial environment where tools and research outputs are rigorously tested. This call for proposals specifically targets Track 2 (Tooling) and Track 3 (Fundamental Research), with the aim of achieving real-world demonstrations,

	<p>confidence in trustworthiness, and evidence of high-impact adoption by the end of the programme.</p> <p>Under Track 2, funding supports the development of open-source agents and components that can be used as baseline participants in the Arena. These include tools for requirement gathering that convert fuzzy user inputs into formal security policies, negotiation engines that derive shared collective policies, security reasoners that generate and implement secure protocols, and reporting tools that produce concise audit statements from execution traces.</p> <p>Projects are expected to demonstrate competitiveness in the Arena, generality across tasks, computational efficiency, and growing community adoption. Track 2 projects can receive between £200,000 and £2 million for durations ranging from three months to one year, with four to six teams expected to be funded.</p> <p>Track 3 focuses on Fundamental Research that advances scientific confidence in agent security and coordination. This includes Formal AI Security, Cyber-Physical Primitives that use physical or biological processes as trust anchors, Foundations of Generative Security enabling automated protocol generation and verification, and Bluesky research addressing emerging or unforeseen theoretical challenges. Funding ranges from £100,000 to £3 million per project, supporting three large research centres and several smaller exploratory teams, with project durations of six to eighteen months. All outputs from Track 3 must be openly published to seed new research communities and inform future tooling and Arena challenges.</p> <p>The programme operates on an iterative roadmap with phases covering bootstrap, testing, improvement, and scaling, supported by quarterly milestones, regular check-ins, and community events such as build weeks and hackathons. All funded software and research outputs must be released under permissive open-source licences, ensuring transparency, interoperability, and long-term ecosystem growth.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applications for this closes on 24 March 2026 at 14:00 GMT, with awards expected to be confirmed by June 2026. Proposals are evaluated on their transformative potential, differentiation, clarity, responsible approach, team motivation, and benefit to the UK, with flexibility to fund exceptional non-UK teams that significantly enhance UK impact.
Total Budget: £3,000,000 per project	
Deadline: 24/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.aria.org.uk/media/t5mku5xx/scaling-trust-call-for-proposals.pdf

Call Title:	SUPPORT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA (2026)
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships
Objective:	The global objective of this Call for Proposals is to strengthen the capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs) to effectively support and contribute to the Republic of Moldova’s EU accession process. The action seeks to empower CSOs to play a proactive and influential role in fostering open and constructive dialogue with public authorities, promoting democratic governance and sustainable development, enhancing social cohesion, and strengthening community resilience

	to disinformation. This call for proposals is divided into five lots, each lot has its own specific objectives and priorities.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The specific objectives and priorities of this Call for Proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot 1: Enabling civil society organisations to contribute to fostering social cohesion and improving social services for vulnerable groups. • Lot 2: Enabling civil society organisations, including grassroots women-led and women’s rights organisations, to contribute to effective prevention and response to gender-based violence in Moldova. • Lot 3: Strengthening the internal capacity, operational effectiveness, and long-term sustainability of grassroots CSOs, along with the CSO platforms and networks, enabling them. • Lot 4: Strengthening cooperation between civil society organisations and local public authorities (LPAs) to engage meaningfully in implementation of reforms in the context of EU accession process – particularly local public administration reform – and to support inclusive, community driven development initiatives. • Lot 5: To strengthen independent media, investigative journalism, and fact checking in Moldova by enhancing the professional capacity, sustainability, and reach of media actors, thereby improving the quality, credibility, and public relevance of information, particularly on EU enlargement and EU support to the Republic of Moldova. <p>Actions must take place in the Republic of Moldova.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as non-governmental organisation, international (inter-governmental) organisation as defined by Article 156 of the EU Financial Regulation.
Total Budget: €12,500,000	
Deadline: 31/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185895PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	SUPPORT TO THE INDEPENDENT MEDIA SECTOR IN SERBIA 2026
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships
Objective:	The global objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen freedom of expression and media quality and plurality in Serbia and hence fight against disinformation, manipulation and fake news, in line with the current Media Strategy of Serbia.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The specific objective of this call for proposals is to support media organisations and media associations in their contribution to freedom of expression, to the availability of quality media and to media plurality in Serbia.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Serbia.</p>

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 print/electronic/on-line media, radio or television channel, media organisation, news agency, media production house or media association.
Total Budget:	€1,500,000
Deadline:	31/03/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185600PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	MATCHING GRANTS SCHEME UNDER THE GREEN HEART OF AFRICA – TIKOPE ALENDO NDI ZACHILNGEDWE M’MALAWI (TAZA) PROGRAMME
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships
Objective:	The global objective of this call for proposals is: To develop diversified and sustainable eco- and community tourism economy by supporting growth-oriented MSMEs and community-linked enterprises ensuring tangible benefits for rural communities, with a particular focus on women and youth.
Eligible Activities:	The specific objective of this call for proposals is: Matching grants scheme is established and providing funding for eco- and community tourism enterprise development and investment opportunities identified and promoted in priority areas and accompanied with capacity building for potential and actual grant applicants. Actions must take place in Malawi.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation, public sector operator, 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.
Total Budget:	€3,200,000
Deadline:	31/03/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185020PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	Strengthening the Baltic Sea Region's Security and Resilience
Programme:	Council of the Baltic Sea States
Objective:	The Council of the Baltic Sea States invites proposals for projects that strengthen security, resilience, and cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region.

Eligible Activities:	<p>The focus areas and priorities for this call include strengthening societal resilience and civil protection systems, fostering regional identity through culture and education, and supporting sustainable development for inclusive economic and social growth. The thematic areas covered in the call are civil security, regional identity building, and sustainability, all aimed at fostering cooperation, awareness, and capacity-building within the Baltic Sea Region.</p> <p>The PSF also supports training and capacity-building efforts for national and local actors, with a focus on vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, people with disabilities, and migrants. Additionally, projects that involve youth, especially in fostering their role as future leaders and builders of the region, are particularly encouraged.</p> <p>The CBSS also welcomes projects that engage Ukraine, emphasizing the importance of exchange and cooperation with Ukraine to strengthen regional ties and mutual learning.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>The PSF offers grants of up to 65,000 euros per project, with the goal of developing and expanding cooperation between national, regional, and local governments, civil society organisations, researchers, practitioners, and policy makers. The call specifically encourages the exchange of good practices and awareness-building about common regional challenges, particularly in managing the increasing risks from natural and man-made disasters.</p>
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 31/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://cbss.org/psf/psf-2026-call/

Call Title:	Daylight Research Grant Program
Programme:	Velux Stiftung
Objective:	<p>The Velux Stiftung is seeking applications for its Daylight Research Grant Program to support innovative and interdisciplinary research that explores its societal, environmental and health potential.</p> <p>Under the Future solar societies theme, the call supports interdisciplinary research that positions natural daylight as a catalyst for systemic change beyond conventional solar technologies, focusing on its integration across energy, food, health, and ecosystem systems, including the use of living and nature-based solutions.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The Daylight and global health theme promotes globally oriented research that examines daylight as a shared resource shaping the health of humans, animals, and ecosystems, with an emphasis on real-world contexts, sustainability, and the interaction of biological, environmental, and lifestyle factors.</p> <p>The Daylight and urbanisation theme focuses on developing scalable approaches that balance increasing urban density with adequate access to natural daylight, addressing both physiological needs and culturally shaped perceptions across different geographic and lifestyle contexts.</p> <p>The call supports two types of projects. Seed projects focus on feasibility studies and proof-of-concept ideas that test high-risk, outside-the-box research concepts.</p>

	<p>Full research projects support larger, in-depth interdisciplinary studies that aim to deliver breakthroughs and do not necessarily need prior seed funding. Projects should involve basic or applied research lasting between one and four years, with an expected budget of around CHF 50,000–100,000 per year. Requests exceeding the maximum amount require prior approval, and overhead or indirect organisational costs are not supported.</p> <p>Eligible projects must clearly fall within one of the foundation’s funding areas and comply with its specific focus. In addition, they must be strongly impact-oriented, prioritising innovative, high-change ideas that introduce new perspectives or interdisciplinary connections, supported by a convincing plan to translate results into real-world change.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>The principal investigator must be a permanent employee with legal authority to represent a recognised institution, usually an academic organisation. The principal investigator is responsible for securing internal approvals, ensuring compliance with funding terms, and overseeing the project, while the host organisation manages funds and reporting.</p> <p>Up to three co-principal investigators may be included as essential contributors and may request budget shares, though funds are administered centrally by the principal investigator’s organisation. Collaborators can be added without limitation, and interdisciplinary or international partnerships are encouraged, provided roles are clearly defined, partnerships are equitable, and a single main funding area is identified.</p> <p>Applications that do not align with the strategic funding areas, duplicate projects eligible for other major funding sources, fail to follow the required application format, lack clear knowledge-transfer plans, offer only incremental research advances, or attempt to resubmit previously rejected ideas are excluded from review. Applications from countries restricted under Swiss and international sanctions or anti-money laundering regulations are also ineligible.</p> <p>Applications are assessed through a multi-stage selection process that prioritises innovation, interdisciplinarity, and impact potential, with particular weight given to the abstract and impact sections during preselection. The deadline for this call is 13 April 2026, with final funding decisions expected in November 2026.</p>
Total Budget: €500,000	
Deadline: 13/04/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://veluxstiftung.ch/funding-areas/daylight-research/

Call Title:	Enhancing the Competitiveness and Sustainability of the Agricultural Sector
Programme:	European Commission (EC) – Horizon Europe
Objective:	The European Commission is inviting innovative projects that enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of the EU agricultural sector by promoting the efficient and sustainable use of agricultural production factors, offering a unique funding opportunity for research, innovation, and practical implementation across Europe.

<p>Eligible Activities:</p>	<p>The focus areas include safeguarding EU strategic autonomy and ensuring the long-term sustainability of EU farming systems; providing farmers with new knowledge, innovations, and practices to support the green transition towards sustainable and biodiversity-friendly agriculture; developing prototypes of innovations and farming practices that enhance efficiency and sustainability or offer sustainable alternatives; testing these solutions in large-scale operational environments; creating cost-effective and sustainable business models for these innovations and assessing their environmental, social, and economic impacts; identifying barriers and enablers for adoption, upscaling, or large-scale deployment of these innovations and proposing solutions; and establishing clear strategies for communication, dissemination, exploitation, and training to relevant stakeholders. Proposals are expected to implement a multi-actor approach involving farmers, advisors, researchers, social scientists, SMEs, and start-ups to leverage opportunities for scaling innovations and accessing relevant markets, while also building on results from Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects and collaborating with ongoing initiatives. The effective contribution of social sciences and humanities, especially in behavioral sciences and technology adoption, is also encouraged.</p> <p>This funding call provides a total budget of €13.5 million for 2026, with individual projects eligible for up to approximately €4.5 million. EU farmers face growing competitiveness challenges as total factor productivity growth has slowed compared to global competitors such as Brazil, Canada, and China. Addressing these challenges requires innovations that improve the efficiency and sustainable use of production factors. Projects should propose tangible solutions that combine economic viability, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility, promoting practices that restore biodiversity, reduce emissions, and help decarbonize the European economy. Financial support for third parties to test, develop, or demonstrate innovations is also encouraged to accelerate adoption. The broader impact of these initiatives will support the EU Vision for Agriculture and Food, contributing to fair, healthy, and environment-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption. Projects will help ensure a secure, safe, sustainable, nutritious, and affordable food supply, empower farmers with tools, knowledge, and innovative solutions, and foster sustainable fisheries and aquaculture. Furthermore, the initiatives aim to enable citizens to make sustainable food choices and enhance the competitiveness and resilience of food businesses, including SMEs, while preserving human, animal, and ecosystem health.</p>
<p>Eligible Applicants:</p>	<p>Eligible participants include any legal entity from EU member states, non-associated third countries, or international organizations, provided they meet the Horizon Europe participation conditions. Entities must register in the Participant Register and obtain a validated Participant Identification Code for grant preparation.</p>
<p>Total Budget: €13,500,000</p>	
<p>Deadline: 14/04/2026</p>	
<p>More information and official documents:</p>	<p>https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-01-two-stage</p>

Call Title:	CONSERVATION FUTURES FELLOWSHIP
Programme:	World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
Objective:	WWF's Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (EFN) invites applications from aspiring and experienced researchers, practitioners, and leaders to pursue graduate-level studies (master's and PhD) with a focus on research that increases understanding of key topics related to conservation and cultivates the knowledge, skills, and capacities of Indigenous peoples and local communities.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The Conservation Futures Fellowship is designed to support individuals who are committed to fostering genuine partnerships where local voices play a central role in conservation research and outcomes, promoting the co-creation of knowledge, engagement tools, and solutions with communities, and emphasizing the value of local and traditional knowledge in developing place-based conservation strategies.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Dem. Republic of Congo, Ecuador, French Guiana, Gabon, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Laos, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Congo, Suriname, Tanzania, Uganda, and Vietnam.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria to be considered for a grant: You must be a former Russell E. Train Fellow, Russell E. Train Scholar, or grant recipient; You must have successfully completed the training or degree program for; You must have submitted all reports required by your grant contract; You must currently be working in a conservation- related field or conducting research and training conservation in your home country/region.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	15/04/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.worldwildlife.org/our-work/science/russell-e-train-education-for-nature/russell-e-train-fellowships/

Call Title:	ENHANCING NUTRITION THROUGH MOBILISING INVESTMENT IN CLIMATE RESILIENT NUTRITION-SENSITIVE AGRI-FOOD VALUE CHAINS IN ETHIOPIA
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	The global objective of this call for proposals is to improve access to healthy diets in Ethiopia particularly for women and nutritionally vulnerable groups.
Eligible Activities:	It is recognised that improved dietary quality and nutrition outcomes for women and nutritionally vulnerable groups – particularly those in the poorest quintiles – cannot be achieved by investment alone but emerge through the interaction of investment-driven income effects with complementary policy, regulatory, social protection and behaviour change measures to discourage unhealthy food environments and enable access to healthy diets.

	The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals is to mobilize investment in climate-resilient, nutrition-sensitive agri-food value chains in Ethiopia. Actions can take place in Ethiopia.
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 organization 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: €4,000,000	
Deadline: 28/04/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185997PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	WE STAND WITH UKRAINE
Programme: EEA Civil Society Fund	
Objective:	he purpose of this call is to support initiatives that address challenges arising from the invasion of Ukraine, primarily to support the victims of the war, to empower the (organisations) of refugees and to counter anti-Ukrainian propaganda.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Main areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the situation of people who fled from Ukraine to Hungary (with special focus on refugees with Roma origin), to improve their access to basic social, education, and health-care related services, and advocate for improving their situation • Support initiatives working against anti-Ukraine narratives and propaganda, enhancing cooperation among Ukrainian and Hungarian CSOs, communities, and contributing to the development of UA civil society • Support to capacity development of refugee-led, migrant-led, or refugee-supporting organizations. <p>Actions must take place in Hungary.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are: Associations and foundations active in the one or more priority areas of the programme, that have been legally registered in Hungary at least 4 years prior to the call deadline, and have an average annual turnover over the past four financial years not less than the annualized value of the grant amount applied for.
Total Budget: €1,730,000	
Deadline: 05/05/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://eeagrants.org/en/civil-society-fund-hungary/calls/we-stand-ukraine

Call Title:	THEMATIC PROGRAMME ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY MONTENEGRO 2025
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	The global objective of this call for proposals is to empower CSOs and to support their efforts to promote, advance and defend human rights and democracy in Montenegro.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The specific objectives of this call for proposals are twofold: firstly, to support CSOs and human rights defenders working in the area of prevention and fighting against discrimination and secondly, to support CSOs working in the area of protection of social, economic and cultural rights, especially for groups particularly vulnerable to discrimination.</p> <p>The priorities of this call for proposals are: promotion of positive narratives, diversity, multi-culturalism; and reduction of ethnical distance and promotion of employment and social inclusion especially of vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Actions can take place in Montenegro.</p>
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 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:	€1,000,000
Deadline:	08/05/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185546PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	ORGANISATIONAL GRANTS
Programme:	EEA Civil Society Fund
Objective:	To strengthen the “architecture” of Hungarian civil society by supporting the strategic development of CSO, i.e. to support CSOs with longer term organisational (non-restricted) grants that play key roles in accumulating, transferring and distributing knowhow, expertise and tools related to the priorities of the programme and/or in building, expanding and sustaining civil society networks and platforms on the regional or national level.
Eligible Activities:	<p>CSOs will receive support to implement their multiyear strategic development and work plans, so as to enable them to continue their operation on a higher professional level, improve their capacities and sustainability as well as broaden their networks and partnerships within the broader Hungarian civil society (and internationally).</p> <p>Actions must take place in Hungary.</p>

Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are: Associations and foundations active in the one or more priority areas of the programme, that have been legally registered in Hungary at least 4 years prior to the call deadline, and have an average annual turnover over the past four financial years not less than the annualized value of the grant amount applied for.
Total Budget:	€5,000,000
Deadline:	11/05/2026
More information and official documents:	https://eeagrants.org/en/civil-society-fund-hungary/calls/organisational-grants

Call Title:	ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE
Programme:	ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE
Objective:	The Zayed Sustainability Prize is the UAE’s pioneering global award that recognises and rewards small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), nonprofit organisations (NPOs), and global high schools with impactful, innovative, and inspiring sustainable solutions.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The Zayed Sustainability Prize recognises nonprofit organisations (NPOs), small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and high schools for their impactful, innovative and inspiring sustainable solutions across the categories of Health, Food, Energy, Water, Climate Action and Global High Schools.</p> <p>The Zayed Sustainability Prize awards 6 categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • Food • Energy • Water • Climate Action • Global High Schools (1 award for each of the below regions): The Americas, Europe & Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia & Pacific, South Asia, MENA <p>The Fund is open to applications for funding from across the globe.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	You can nominate an organisation (SME or NPO) only for the new Climate Action category by registering in the Zayed Sustainability Prize submissions portal and filling out the form. You can nominate an organisation you are affiliated with or one with which you have no affiliation.
Total Budget:	€6,000,000
Deadline:	15/06/2026
More information and official documents:	https://zayedustainabilityprize.com/

Call Title:	Enhanced Cognitive Electronic Warfare System with Intelligent Signal Analysis
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Programme: European Commission (EC) - European Defence Fund (EDF)	
Objective:	The European Commission is spearheading a transformative initiative to develop next-generation cognitive electronic warfare systems that combine artificial intelligence, advanced signal analysis, and multi-sensor integration to safeguard EU maritime interests and maintain technological superiority.
Eligible Activities:	<p>This initiative focuses on integrating artificial intelligence, machine learning, and advanced digital and radiofrequency technologies to transition from multiple independent sensors to a multi-sensor netted approach, enhancing situational awareness. The objectives include developing scalable and adaptable systems capable of operating with unmanned vehicles, leveraging cognitive capabilities to accelerate decision-making and response times, automating certain threat responses, and improving operability, maintainability, and interoperability across EU platforms. The program also prioritizes the demonstration of AI-enhanced radar electronic support measures (RESM) and communications electronic support measures (CESM) within a demonstrator, aligning with ongoing EU initiatives and contributing to deep and digital technology objectives under STEP.</p> <p>The increasing complexity of modern naval operations necessitates electronic warfare systems capable of handling multiple simultaneous threats in electromagnetically congested environments. Current solutions are limited, requiring complex integration of diverse sensors and frequency bands. This topic aims to develop cognitive EW systems that can detect, learn, and interact with the operational environment using AI and machine learning. Such systems will interpret large volumes of data from multiple sources, operate autonomously, provide faster and higher-quality intelligence, and automate system responses to improve reaction times in critical situations.</p> <p>Proposals should focus on the development of a technology integration demonstrator combining hardware and software, integrating the cognitive model with multiband RF modules, and proving enhanced operational capabilities. Feasibility assessments should address the availability of necessary data, including classified information, and define mitigations where access is limited. The use of FSTP should be described when applicable, along with contributions from relevant experts.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible participants include legal entities, public or private, established in EU Member States or EDF-associated countries, with executive management in eligible countries and free from control by non-associated third-country entities unless approved guarantees are provided. The indicative budget for this call under the EDF-2026-DA program is EUR 24,000,000, covering studies, design, and eligible development actions upstream and downstream.
Total Budget: €24,000,000	
Deadline: 29/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EDF-2026-DA-SENS-CEW-STEP

Call Title: Development of GNSS Modules with NAVWAR Capabilities for PRS Defence Integration



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Programme: European Commission (EC) - European Defence Fund (EDF)	
Objective:	The European Defence Fund (EDF) is supporting the development of advanced navigation technologies to enhance the resilience and effectiveness of defence systems under contested conditions.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The focus areas of this initiative include the development of Galileo Public Regulated Service (PRS) GNSS modules with Navigation Warfare (NAVWAR) capabilities, integration into EU Member States and EDF Associated Countries' defence systems, compatibility with size, weight, and power (SWaP) requirements for missiles and guided munitions, environmental and kinematic compliance, the creation of a common interface control document (ICD), demonstration of effectiveness under blue force electronic attack (BFEA), and alignment with the STEP objectives in deep and digital technologies.</p> <p>This project aims to design, prototype, test, and qualify GNSS modules that are capable of maintaining accurate positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) performance under NAVWAR conditions. The modules will be engineered to fit within the SWaP constraints of small-sized guided munitions while ensuring operational reliability during real firing tests. The proposals will need to demonstrate the performance and robustness of these prototypes in representative NAVWAR environments, specifically under conditions of electronic interference targeting friendly forces.</p> <p>Proposals must not focus on non-defence civilian applications, purely theoretical frameworks, or unrelated technological domains. Additionally, where Fast-Track to Prototype (FSTP) approaches are employed, the proposals must clearly outline their implementation plan and the contribution of entities with relevant expertise. The indicative budget for this call is EUR 50,000,000 under the EDF-2026-DA call, reflecting the strategic priority of strengthening defence systems' resilience and interoperability across Europe.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible participants include legal entities, public or private, established within EU Member States, including overseas countries and territories, or in EDF-associated non-EU countries, provided they maintain executive management structures in these eligible countries and are not under the control of non-associated third countries without approved guarantees.
Total Budget: €50,000,000	
Deadline: 29/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EDF-2026-DA-SPACE-PRS-STEP

Call Title:	Ammunition Waste Collection and Disposal Unmanned Platform
Programme: European Commission (EC) - European Defence Fund (EDF)	
Objective:	The European Commission is currently accepting grant applications to support the detection, collection, and disposal of hazardous military residues while reducing human risk.

Eligible Activities:	<p>The initiative focuses on reducing human involvement in military waste cleanup, improving environmental protection, supporting green military practices, and enhancing safety. It emphasizes autonomous and energy-efficient ground platforms, UAV integration, AI-assisted target detection and classification, platform cooperation and swarming, and clean and resource-efficient technologies in line with STEP objectives.</p> <p>The indicative budget for this topic under the call is EUR 10,000,000, as part of an overall budget of EUR 422,000,000 allocated to this call, supporting studies, design, prototyping, testing, qualification, and certification, including eligible upstream and downstream development activities.</p> <p>Military exercises and combat operations generate hazardous residues, including inert casings, dud projectiles, drone wreckage, explosive residues, and buried unexploded ordnance. These can harm wildlife, agriculture, and humans. Automating cleanup reduces risk, improves efficiency, and allows faster restoration of affected areas.</p> <p>Proposals should develop autonomous, energy-efficient, and self-repairable ground platforms equipped with tools, sensors, and algorithms for surface and sub-surface target recovery. Platforms should navigate efficiently, classify and sort detected items, and prepare them for transport and recycling. UAV technology with advanced sensors should be used for mapping and detection, while AI and assisted learning improve classification and target identification.</p> <p>Swarming and platform cooperation concepts are encouraged to enhance safety, allow operations beyond communication ranges, and increase scalability. Additional sensors to detect toxic or harmful substances and autonomous UAV charging from ground platforms can be included. Projects must not duplicate existing initiatives or address emplaced weapons like mines and IEDs.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligible participants are legal entities established in EU Member States, EDF-associated countries, or EEA countries, with executive management in eligible countries and no control from non-associated third countries unless guarantees are provided.</p>
Total Budget: €10,000,000	
Deadline: 29/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	<p>https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EDF-2026-DA-ENERENV-AWC-STEP</p>

Call Title:	Enhanced Semi-Autonomous Naval Vessels
Programme: European Commission (EC) - European Defence Fund (EDF)	
Objective:	<p>The European Commission is inviting grant applications to develop and qualify an enhanced medium-sized semi-autonomous surface vessel to support strengthened coastal defence and flexible multi-mission naval operations in littoral environments.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The initiative focuses on advancing medium-size semi-autonomous surface vessels into flexible, fast-moving platforms adaptable to littoral conditions and future naval warfare missions. It prioritises integrated ISR and ASuW capabilities, modular mission integration including SBW, ASW, NMW and NMCM modules, semi-</p>

	<p>autonomous and remote operation with human-on-the-loop control, reduced manning, dual-use and commercial technology integration to lower costs, AI-enabled collaborative operations with multi-domain drones, offshore logistics concepts, and contribution to the STEP objectives in defence technologies.</p> <p>The indicative budget for this topic under the call is EUR 90,000,000, forming part of an overall budget of EUR 422,000,000 allocated to the call.</p> <p>This call follows up on previous EDF-supported activities in the field of medium-size semi-autonomous surface vessels. It aims to review earlier concepts and designs while enabling new design, prototyping, testing, and qualification activities for an enhanced medium-sized semi-autonomous surface (EMSAS) vessel. The platform should be capable of hosting multiple mission modules and operating effectively in complex littoral environments.</p> <p>Semi-autonomy includes the option for remote operation of both the vessel and its mission modules, while autonomy allows operation under human-on-the-loop supervision, including onboard self-protection systems. Onboard human control solutions must be available for non-permanent use in no-threat conditions, with a focus on reduced manning. Dual-use technologies and commercial applications should be prioritised to optimise cost efficiency.</p> <p>Proposals must address the evolution of the vessel platform, including full physical and logical integration of mission modules and solutions for remote monitoring and control. A detailed design and prototype of the EMSAS vessel with integrated ISR and ASuW capabilities is required, along with prototypes of SBW and ASW mission modules. Testing and qualification of the vessel and modules as a complete system are mandatory. Initial design activities up to preliminary design review are required for a mission module related to NMW, while progress should also consider NMCM modules, collaborative drone operations supported by AI, and offshore logistics concepts.</p>
<p>Eligible Applicants:</p>	<p>Eligible participants must be legal entities established in EU Member States, EDF-associated countries, or EEA countries, with executive management in eligible countries and not controlled by non-associated third countries unless approved guarantees are provided.</p>
<p>Total Budget: €90,000,000</p>	
<p>Deadline: 29/09/2026</p>	
<p>More information and official documents:</p>	<p>https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EDF-2026-DA-NAVAL-EMSAS</p>

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