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## New Opportunities

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>NGI FEDIVERSITY</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>NLnet Foundation</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	Set up in 1997, the NLnet Foundation aims to promote the exchange of electronic information and all that is related or beneficial to that purpose. They provide funding to organisations and people that contribute to an open information society. Apart from funding support, the Foundation also supports ideas with a global network of potential partners, projects, and expertise.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Fediversity is a comprehensive effort to bring easy-to-use, hosted cloud services with service portability and personal freedom at their core to everyone. It wants to provide everyone with high-quality, secure IT systems for everyday use. Without tracking, without exploitation, in a way that runs everywhere and scales effortlessly. Fediversity is based on NixOS, a disruptive Linux distribution with a unique approach to package and configuration management. Built on top of the Nix package manager, NixOS is completely declarative, makes upgrading systems reliable, and has many other advantages. Because it is reproducible, it is ideally suited for complex deployment scenario's where consistent behaviour, stability and configurability matter.</p> <p>Actions can take place worldwide but there is a focus on EU states.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility is open to all. You can apply as an individual, or as a formal or informal organisation of any type. Or even a collaboration of the two.
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 01/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://nlnet.nl/fediversity/">https://nlnet.nl/fediversity/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>NGI TALER</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>NLnet Foundation</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	Set up in 1997, the NLnet Foundation aims to promote the exchange of electronic information and all that is related or beneficial to that purpose. They provide funding to organisations and people that contribute to an open information society. Apart from funding support, the Foundation also supports ideas with a global network of potential partners, projects, and expertise.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>NGI TALER is a pilot funded by the European Commission and the Swiss State with the very concrete objective to roll out a new, best-in-class electronic payment system that benefits everyone: people, merchants, banks, financial authorities, auditors and anti-corruption researchers. The project doesn't have to start from scratch either, but builds on the strong foundations of GNU Taler — the privacy-preserving digital payment system developed by the GNU community and Taler Systems SA with support from the NGI initiative.</p> <p>This offers privacy for those that make payments, while enforcing transparency on those that sell. By providing micro payments at very low overhead, GNU Taler permits internet business models to shift away from advertising revenue or subscription models, especially for online publishers. No-risk transactions can</p>

	<p>lower transaction fees and open online payments for the underbanked population and citizens marginalized from digitalisation.</p> <p>Actions can take place worldwide but there is a focus on EU states.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility is open to all. You can apply as an individual, or as a formal or informal organisation of any type. Or even a collaboration of the two.
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 01/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://nlnet.nl/taler/">https://nlnet.nl/taler/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>NGI ZERO COMMONS FUND</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>NLnet Foundation</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	Set up in 1997, the NLnet Foundation aims to promote the exchange of electronic information and all that is related or beneficial to that purpose. They provide funding to organisations and people that contribute to an open information society. Apart from funding support, the Foundation also supports ideas with a global network of potential partners, projects, and experts.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>This is where NGI Zero Commons Fund comes into play. The goal of this new fund NGI Zero Commons Fund is to help deliver, mature and scale new internet commons across the whole technology spectrum, from libre silicon to middleware, from P2P infrastructure to convenient end user applications. We have a holistic, full-stack approach, simply because there is no other way. If we want to reclaim the public nature of the internet and yield the full benefits from technology as a society, we need to have full coverage — period.</p> <p>Only though enough critical mass of shared building blocks and collective resources will our governments, businesses and civil society be able to count on digital security and long term operational availability. The same approach that empowers individuals to take full control of their digital lives, will also steer towards more fair, innovative economies and societies.</p> <p>Actions can take place worldwide but there is a focus on EU states.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility is open to all. You can apply as an individual, or as a formal or informal organisation of any type. Or even a collaboration of the two.
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 01/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://nlnet.nl/commonsfund/">https://nlnet.nl/commonsfund/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>BLUE ECONOMY AND GREEN SUSTAINABILITY</b>
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<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of this call for proposals is to enhance Lebanon’s blue economy and green sustainability by promoting economic growth, job creation through enhanced value chains, climate resilience and environmental conservation. Actions will be aligned with (and contribute to update) national strategies.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The specific objectives of this call for proposals are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objective 1: Improve sustainable practices among local stakeholders to support the conservation of aquatic ecosystems and livelihoods.</li> <li>• Objective 2: Enhance sustainable management, restoration and protection of terrestrial natural ecosystems and biodiversity.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Lebanon.</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 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: €10,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 03/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/184458PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/184458PROSPECTSEN</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Google.org Impact Challenge: AI for Government Innovation</b>
<b>Programme: Google.org</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The Google.org has launched a \$30 million global initiative to support the use of artificial intelligence in transforming public services for social good. Through this initiative, Google highlights tools such as Gemini Enterprise, Google Earth AI, and Roads Management Insights, which illustrate how advanced AI technologies can strengthen public systems and build more resilient communities worldwide.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The initiative focuses on leveraging generative and agentic AI to help governments address complex societal challenges across health, resilience, and economy, including public infrastructure and affordability, with particular emphasis on enhancing public systems so more effective healthcare services can reach all citizens, creating seamless “front door” access to services, improving frontline health worker capacity, and driving population-scale preventive care to ensure no community is left behind. Selected organizations will receive funding ranging from \$1 million to \$3 million USD. In addition to financial support, participants will join the Google.org Accelerator, a multi-month program designed to empower organizations to solve critical public service challenges through generative and agentic AI capabilities. The accelerator provides dedicated pro bono technical support from Google AI experts.

	<p>Participants will also benefit from a structured curriculum on AI strategy and responsible governance, along with access to essential resources such as Cloud Credits, enabling use of Google’s advanced AI tools. The initiative encourages proposals that demonstrate measurable impact, strong government partnerships, and a clear pathway to reaching and supporting end beneficiaries.</p> <p>Projects must show innovative application of generative or agentic AI that goes beyond incremental improvements and aligns with Google’s AI Principles.</p> <p>Applicants are required to present a realistic implementation plan within a public service context, demonstrate government buy-in, outline strategies for adoption with minimal friction, and define clear metrics for success.</p> <p>Scalability is a key consideration, with preference given to proposals that can be replicated across governments, regions, and use cases. Applicants should also include plans for knowledge-sharing and sustained growth beyond Google.org’s direct support.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>The Google.org Impact Challenge: AI for Government Innovation invites nonprofits, social enterprises, and academic institutions that are partnering with governments to apply for funding. The program aims to accelerate high-impact, data-driven solutions that strengthen public services, from everyday essential services to large-scale societal challenges. Applications will be reviewed by Google.org along with subject matter experts and third-party specialists, including Apolitical and the Centre for Public Impact, with submissions closing on April 3, 2026.</p>
<b>Total Budget: \$30,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 03/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.google.org/impact-challenges/ai-government-innovation/">https://www.google.org/impact-challenges/ai-government-innovation/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS UNDER THE SUPPORT MEASURES FOR THE MIP OF LIBERIA</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>This call for proposals is divided into TWO LOTS:</p> <p>LOT 1 – Support to CSOs in selected MIP priorities in line with Global Gateway 360o approach: The global objective of this lot is to support actions of civil society organisations active in selected EU Delegation’s MIP priorities, in line with civil society’s role within the EU’s Global Gateway strategy and its 360o approach. The specific objective of this lot is to strengthen the capacities of civil society organisations active in the fields of natural resources, environmental sustainability and climate change to become independent actors of development and promote inclusive green governance, job creation and green growth.</p> <p>LOT 2 – Support to CSOs working in financial and democratic governance: The global objective of this lot is to support actions of civil society organisations working to improve financial and democratic governance. The specific objective is to strengthen the capacities of civil society organisations active in the areas of financial and democratic governance—including transparency, accountability, integrity, anti-corruption, etc.—to become</p>

	independent actors of good governance and development and to fulfil their mandates in line with Global Gateway 360o approach.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Actions must take place in Liberia.
<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: a non-governmental organisation or civil society 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: €2,350,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 06/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185968PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185968PROSPECTSEN</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS (CSO) IN THE PHILIPPINES 2026</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of this call for proposal is to strengthen civil society actors advancing sustainable development and open and transparent civil society space in the Philippines.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The specific objectives of this call for proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To support the social and economic empowerment of journalists</li> <li>• To strengthen associations and networks that advance digital transition and support dialogue with local civil society and communities</li> <li>• To support local communities affected by infrastructure-related economic activities through transformative competencies and skill-building</li> <li>• To advance sexual and reproductive health and rights resilience in underserved communities.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Philippines.</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 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: €5,187,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 06/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185562PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185562PROSPECTSEN</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>		<b>EMPOWERING KENYAN CITIZENS TO ENJOY POLITICAL AND CIVIC RIGHTS</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>		
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen an inclusive, pluralistic and enabling civic space in Kenya by empowering independent civil society organisations, notably grassroot groups, youth led organisations and human rights defenders, to effectively participate in public policy decision making, defend human rights, and contribute to accountable, transparent and people centred democratic governance processes.	
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals are defined in the following 2 lots: Lot 1: Enabling environment for civil society and citizens participation in democratic processes Lot 2: Urgent human rights challenges  Actions must take place in Kenya.	
<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: €3,350,000</b>		
<b>Deadline: 08/04/2026</b>		
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/183898PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/183898PROSPECTSEN</a>	

<b>Call Title:</b>		<b>GRANTS FROM ALSTOM FOUNDATION</b>
<b>Programme: Alstom Foundation</b>		
<b>Objective:</b>	Since 2007, the Alstom Foundation has championed humanitarian initiatives espoused by its employees that deal with: (1) economic and social development (e.g. protecting children, frequently orphans, living in dire circumstances and those which develop the employability of disadvantaged women and youth seeking to enter the job market); (2) environmental protection (e.g. enhancing environmental awareness, protect natural habitats and build resilience to natural disasters); (3) access to mobility (e.g. facilitating economic development of communities by facilitating the movement of both people and goods); and (4) access to energy and water (e.g. helping remote communities to raise their living standards through access to these fundamental facilities).	
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	As a responsible company, Alstom created its foundation in order to improve living standards of communities located close to where it has a presence around the world. The Foundation supports projects that meet needs identified by Alstom's local employees. All these projects are focused on raising living standards within local communities and all of them have a sustainability dimension.	

	The Alstom Foundation promotes economic development and social progress on a local scale – usually in the vicinity of Alstom’s operating locations. Eligible countries are: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria , Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The Alstom Foundation only supports projects that have been submitted by employees, whether it means working alongside local associations or NGOs, or funding completely original projects. Every year, the Foundation selects and funds the most original and attractive ideas from the diversity of the Group’s international footprint.
<b>Total Budget: €1,500,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 10/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.foundation.alstom.com/submit-project">https://www.foundation.alstom.com/submit-project</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Google.org Impact Challenge: AI for Science to Accelerate Breakthrough Research</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Google.org</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Google.org has launched a \$30 million global open call to support researchers and organizations using artificial intelligence to accelerate scientific breakthroughs in health and climate science.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The initiative focuses on AI for Health &amp; Life Sciences and AI for Climate Resilience &amp; Environmental Science, supporting projects that decode the fundamental mechanisms of life, produce foundational models, agents, open datasets, and predictive understanding of biology to revolutionize human health, as well as projects that accelerate scientific breakthroughs addressing climate resilience and environmental challenges.</p> <p>Selected organizations will receive funding ranging from \$500,000 to \$3 million USD to support scientific projects that accelerate social impact. In addition to financial support, grantees may participate in a Google.org Accelerator program, which offers six months of dedicated pro bono technical assistance from Google experts along with access to Google Cloud credits. The accelerator is designed to help organizations harness generative AI and agentic capabilities to solve some of the world’s most pressing scientific challenges.</p> <p>Projects must demonstrate strong scientific ambition and impact, with clear and quantifiable success metrics aligned to the priority areas. AI must serve as a core component of the solution and be developed in accordance with Google’s Responsible AI Principles, with outputs shared through open-source licensing for</p>

	public benefit or designed to enable future AI use cases such as foundational open datasets. Through this initiative, Google.org aims to enable science at digital speed, accelerating discoveries that have the potential to achieve transformative, Nobel-level impact in human health and climate resilience.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The Google.org Impact Challenge: AI for Science is designed to empower nonprofits, social enterprises, and academic institutions with catalytic funding, tools, and technical expertise to help advance high-impact scientific discovery. Building on the success of its inaugural AI for Science fund, this expanded initiative aims to unlock critical insights into human health and climate systems by leveraging the transformative potential of artificial intelligence.
<b>Total Budget: €30,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 17/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.google.org/impact-challenges/ai-science/">https://www.google.org/impact-challenges/ai-science/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>BHUTAN – CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AS ACTORS IN GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen Bhutanese civil society organisations’ engagement as actors of good governance, democracy, accountability and development.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The specific objectives (SO) of this Call for Proposals are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific Objective 1 (SO1) is to strengthen internal CSO capacities and sustainability as well as an enabling environment for CSOs’ engagement as constructive actors of change in Bhutan.</li> <li>• Specific Objective 2 (SO2) is to promote CSOs’ contribution to the Bhutan’s 21st Century Economic Roadmap and EU Global Gateway priorities in Bhutan.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Bhutan.</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: non-governmental organisation, civil society organisations or a civil society organisation association; 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.
<b>Total Budget: €1,600,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 21/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186027PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186027PROSPECTSEN</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CIVIL SOCIETY, MEDIA, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY PROGRAMMES FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA 2025-2026</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen participatory democracy, protection of human rights and the EU approximation process in Bosnia and Herzegovina through an enhanced contribution by civil society and media.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To protect and empower individuals and CSOs to contribute to the full enjoyment by everyone of all human rights, be they civil, political, economic, social or cultural rights.</li> <li>• Strengthened the role of CSOs and media in Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU integration process by building an empowered, well-informed, and coordinated CSO and media sector that actively contributes to policy reforms, democratic governance, and socio-economic development.</li> <li>• Empowered individuals to fully enjoy all human rights—civil, political, economic, social, and cultural, reinforcing human rights frameworks and supporting democracy in the digital age.</li> </ul> <p>Specifically, this year's call for proposal (CfP) under the CSF focuses on the following priority areas of support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lot 1: Media,</li> <li>• Lot 2: Rule of Law,</li> <li>• Lot 3: Reconciliation through sport and culture,</li> <li>• Lot 4: Civil Society (CSO) Resource Centre</li> <li>• Lot 5: Human rights and democratic values.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Bosnia and Herzegovina.</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 including civil society organisations 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>	<b>€5,700,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>20/05/2026</b>
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<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>AI-Based Military Simulation &amp; Decision Support</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) European Defence Fund</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Defence Fund is advancing a major initiative to assess the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive AI framework for defence applications to strengthen tactical intelligence, simulation capabilities, and military decision-making across the European Union.

<p><b>Eligible Activities:</b></p>	<p>The focus areas of this topic include assessing the feasibility of creating an AI framework for defence applications; providing military simulation capabilities; integrating historical datasets; developing a rich scenario and benchmark database; enabling access to doctrinal models and outputs from previously developed AI services; supporting war games and combat simulations; facilitating AI-enabled battlespace simulation; enhancing situational awareness and decision-making support; connecting to C2 systems and synthetic training environments; managing and contextualising data for AI learning; supporting instructor-led training systems; testing future human-machine interaction concepts; enabling validation of tactical intelligence solutions; developing a continuous, scalable, reusable and flexible AI development environment; and contributing to deep and digital technologies under the STEP Regulation.</p> <p>With a total funding budget of EUR 110,000,000 and an indicative allocation of EUR 16,000,000 under the EDF-2026-RA call, this topic supports research actions where each proposal may request up to EUR 8,000,000. The initiative is positioned as a study and design action, while not excluding upstream and downstream research activities.</p> <p>In a defence modelling and simulation context, artificial intelligence is expected to deliver tactical intelligence in near real time by strengthening operational awareness and providing advanced planning and decision-support tools. The envisioned AI framework is designed as a robust and adaptive system that enhances operational efficiency while ensuring interoperability, security, and responsiveness across persistent military environments such as training, exercises, and rehearsals.</p> <p>The framework aims to unify tactical intelligence and decision-making capabilities by integrating command and control systems with synthetic training environments. It will collect, combine, clean, and contextualise historical and doctrinal data so that AI systems can learn, extract insights, and generate actionable guidance. By linking directly to end users, including C2 operators and training instructors, the framework will enable practical testing and validation of innovative tactical intelligence concepts within development and experimentation settings.</p> <p>A key ambition of the topic is to address varying levels of AI maturity and standards across EU Member States and EDF associated countries by investigating how to create a scalable and reusable AI development environment. The objective is to ensure seamless integration of capabilities into a cost-effective and persistent military ecosystem.</p> <p>Through this initiative, the programme seeks to accelerate innovation in military modelling and simulation systems while reinforcing Europe’s strategic autonomy in advanced digital and defence technologies.</p>
<p><b>Eligible Applicants:</b></p>	<p>Eligibility requirements specify that applicants must be legal entities established in eligible countries, including EU Member States and certain associated countries, with executive management structures located in those countries and without control by non-associated third countries unless appropriate guarantees are provided.</p>

<b>Total Budget:</b>	€16,000,000
<b>Deadline:</b>	29/09/2026
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EDF-2026-RA-SIMTRAIN-MSAI">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EDF-2026-RA-SIMTRAIN-MSAI</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Advancing Radar Technologies for Hypersonic and UAV Threats</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) – European Defence Fund</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is providing significant funding to develop a next-generation radar demonstrator capable of detecting and tracking hypersonic glide vehicles and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in complex and dynamic environments.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>This initiative, with a total budget of €110,000,000 and an indicative funding of €20,000,000 under the EDF-2026-RA call, focuses on creating advanced radar technologies that can automatically adjust waveforms and signal processing in real-time to counter the effects of high-speed manoeuvring hypersonic threats and changing radar cross-section characteristics, classify and track UAVs in cluttered environments using machine learning algorithms, implement feedback loops between received and transmitted signals to optimize detection and tracking performance, and demonstrate improved operational ranges and resilience against electronic countermeasures.</p> <p>Hypersonic vehicles, with extreme speed and manoeuvrability, present substantial detection challenges, further complicated by variable radar cross-section properties. Concurrently, the proliferation of UAVs for intelligence and reconnaissance missions necessitates the development of effective anti-UAV radar systems. The demonstrator will serve as an engineering development model to test and validate innovative radar technologies, assess their maturity, feasibility, and operational applicability, and reduce risks associated with future full-scale sensor deployment.</p> <p>By leveraging artificial intelligence and cognitive methods, the radar system will dynamically select optimal waveform-receiver filter combinations, maximizing detection and tracking performance in complex operational scenarios. This effort also contributes to the STEP program objectives, specifically in the target investment area of deep and digital technologies, strengthening Europe’s defence capabilities.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility requirements specify that applicants must be legal entities established in eligible countries, including EU Member States and certain associated countries, with executive management structures located in those countries and without control by non-associated third countries unless appropriate guarantees are provided.

<b>Total Budget:</b>	€20,000,000
<b>Deadline:</b>	29/09/2026
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EDF-2026-RA-SENS-MSDT">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EDF-2026-RA-SENS-MSDT</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>BESSY FERRERA FUND</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>BESSY FERRERA FUND</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	LGBTIQ+ activists are all too often the targets of hateful political campaigns and face discrimination and violence. The threats they face are not only physical; digital hacks and legal prosecutions also endanger their safety. To help LGBTIQ+ activists out of life-threatening situations worldwide, Hivos set up the Bessy Ferrera Fund. Since 2022, the fund has helped up to 100 people and organizations around the world.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Supported by Dutch individual donors, the fund is meant for LGBTIQ+ activists and organizations in restrictive environments facing severe threats for their activism. In times of crisis, these activists urgently need resources to ensure their safety. Whether covering medical bills, purchasing a plane ticket to relocate, securing websites, or replacing equipment after office break-ins, quick action is essential. The Bessy Ferrera Fund provides them immediate support. By working through trusted referrals (including Hivos colleagues and other trusted third parties), they can quickly vet and process their applications.  Actions can take place worldwide.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The applicant must be an LGBTIQ+ activist, organization, or community working with Hivos or Hivos' partners; is facing immediate threats due to their advocacy and work. The emergency must have occurred within the last three to four months. The requested funds must directly relate to addressing the emergency (e.g., medical costs, security, relocation). Two positive references are needed, or one positive reference from Hivos if the applicant works directly with Hivos.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	€100,000
<b>Deadline:</b>	Ongoing
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://hivos.org/program/bessy-ferrera-emergency-fund/">https://hivos.org/program/bessy-ferrera-emergency-fund/</a>

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