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## New Opportunities

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>University of Tomorrow Initiative</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Space Agency</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The University of Tomorrow initiative is designed to support space-enabled applications and services that help universities address challenges in education, research, and institutional sustainability.</p> <p>The focus areas, of this opportunity include supporting universities with financial instability, rapid technological advancements, shifting student expectations, inclusivity concerns, declining enrolment rates, and budgetary pressures. It also focuses on adapting to global changes such as digitalisation, artificial intelligence, climate change, sustainability, geopolitical tensions, economic uncertainty, demographic shifts, and migration, while enabling the use of space technologies in research, education, and infrastructure.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>This initiative encourages proposals for early-stage service concepts that use satellite data and space technologies to address real challenges faced by universities. These solutions are expected to demonstrate both technical feasibility and commercial potential, while clearly addressing customer needs and showing a credible pathway toward viable services.</p> <p>Space technologies are highlighted as a key enabler in supporting university functions. Satellite imagery and data can contribute to areas such as climate research, disaster management, and resource allocation, while GPS and communication satellites can support campus navigation, remote learning, and global connectivity.</p> <p>Applicants are expected to be experienced and motivated teams capable of developing strong business and technical foundations for their proposed solutions. The focus is on feasibility studies that help validate the integration of satellite data and space technologies into practical, real-world applications over a defined development period.</p> <p>Selected projects receive funding covering 75 percent of the study cost, up to a maximum of €75,000 per project, with a total eligible cost of up to €100,000. The support is provided on a zero-equity basis and includes technical and commercial guidance, access to networks and partners, and the use of the ESA brand for the proposed service.</p> <p>Applicants must ensure they have a clear plan for obtaining required space data and possess the necessary internal expertise to manage its integration, as direct access to space data is not provided. The initiative is open to companies intending to develop space-enabled services across eligible countries.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	For eligibility, participating teams must be based in countries including Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and other approved nations.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000 per project</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>12/06/2026</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://business.esa.int/funding/call-for-proposals-competitive/university-tomorrow">https://business.esa.int/funding/call-for-proposals-competitive/university-tomorrow</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Call for Entries: JournalismAI Skills Lab</b>
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<b>Programme: JournalismAI</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The JournalismAI Skills Lab is a free, 14-week virtual programme designed to help journalism professionals learn how to practically implement large language models, generative AI, and AI agents in their work.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The programme focuses on building applied AI skills for journalism practice. Key focus areas include hands-on use of generative AI and LLMs, development of AI-powered tools and prototypes, creation of journalistic proofs-of-concept, and strengthening the ability to apply AI in newsroom workflows and interdisciplinary projects. It combines live instruction with lab-based learning, with an emphasis on practical implementation and product-oriented thinking in journalism contexts. Ideal candidates should have basic numeracy skills and some knowledge of Python; however, applicants without these skills are still eligible and are encouraged to complete introductory resources such as Code Academy, Google's Crash Course on Python, or Learn Python before the programme begins.</p> <p>The programme is free of cost, and participants are expected to develop their own AI-based tools or prototypes and contribute meaningfully to interdisciplinary newsroom AI projects, and receive a certificate of participation upon completing at least 80% attendance. It includes structured learning, hands-on assignments, and the development of AI-based tools, prototypes, or proofs-of-concept. Participants also receive support for necessary technology, software, and tools required for their projects, along with financial awards for selected participants based on project outcomes. This year, JournalismAI will run two cohorts of the programme, which will include a cohort of 15 participants from Africa, Europe, and the Americas, and a cohort of 10 participants from Asia-Pacific and the Middle East. The programme is delivered through live instructor-led sessions and requires consistent participation and practical engagement. It includes two sessions per week along with additional self-paced work, requiring approximately seven hours of weekly commitment.</p> <p>For more information, visit JournalismAI.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The programme is open to individuals working at the intersection of journalism and technology, including editorial and product professionals such as data journalists, reporters, editors, visual editors, copyeditors, and product staff. Candidates must have at least some understanding of how AI systems are used in journalism, meaning familiarity with basic AI concepts and their newsroom applications.
<b>Total Budget: €Not available</b>	
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>21/06/2026</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.journalismai.info/programmes/skillslab">https://www.journalismai.info/programmes/skillslab</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Future Farm Lab: Call to Scale Regenerative Agriculture Learning Platform</b>
<b>Programme: EIT Food</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The EIT Food has launched the Future Farm Lab call to select one organisation to further develop and scale an immersive digital learning platform focused on regenerative agriculture across Europe.



	The call focuses on regenerative agriculture education, immersive digital learning, 3D learning environments, systems-based educational content, SaaS platform enhancement, vocational education integration, higher education and professional training, learner engagement, Proof-of-Concept validation, ecosystem collaboration, scalability, financial sustainability, and commercialisation of agrifood education solutions.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The Future Farm Lab initiative aims to expand an existing digital learning platform between 2026 and 2028 through the creation of new educational modules and improved platform functionality. The selected organisation will work to integrate the platform into vocational training, higher education programmes, and professional development activities within the agrifood sector.</p> <p>The project places strong emphasis on immersive and systems-based learning approaches related to regenerative agriculture. Applicants are expected to demonstrate experience in digital learning technologies, immersive educational tools, and sustainability or agrifood-related domains. The selected organisation will also contribute to validating the platform through Proof-of-Concept activities and collaboration with ecosystem partners.</p> <p>The total budget available under this call is €370,000 for the full project period from July 2026 to December 2028. Applicants must contribute a minimum co-funding amount of 10% of the total eligible project costs, which may include financial or in-kind support from non-EU sources, private sector contributions, or organisational resources.</p> <p>Financial sustainability is a key requirement of the programme. Applicants must present a credible commercialisation strategy and demonstrate a pathway toward generating revenue from the platform. The call specifies revenue targets of at least €40,000 in the first year, increasing progressively to at least €180,000 by the final project year.</p> <p>Applications must be submitted in English through the designated submission platform and include all mandatory documentation, including the required budget template. Organisations that fail to meet the eligibility conditions or fall under exclusion criteria outlined in the call documentation will not be considered eligible.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The opportunity is open to mono-beneficiary applicants, including both EIT Food partners and non-partners. Eligible organisations must be legally incorporated entities located in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe eligible country for a minimum of five years. Applicants must also possess or have access to an existing digital platform infrastructure or reusable digital learning assets at the time of application and provide a valid PIC Number.
<b>Total Budget: €500,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 07/07/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.eitfood.eu/open-calls/future-farm-lab">https://www.eitfood.eu/open-calls/future-farm-lab</a>

**Call Title:** Startup Lithuania Accelerator Programme (Lithuania)

<b>Programme: Plug and Play</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Applicants are now invited applications to support early-stage tech startups from Lithuania and Central Europe to scale globally through structured acceleration, mentorship, and access to international markets.</p> <p>The focus areas include startup acceleration, early-stage technology ventures, global market expansion, venture capital readiness, entrepreneurship development, mentorship support, investor networking, pitch development, innovation scaling, and international startup ecosystem engagement.</p> <p>The programme aims to help early-stage tech startups expand their global potential by providing structured support through mentorship, workshops, office hours, and investor engagement opportunities. It is designed to strengthen startups' ability to scale and attract venture capital investment while building their presence in international markets.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The acceleration programme offers mentorship from industry experts, educational workshops, and lectures delivered by experienced founders and international professionals. Startups also receive personalized guidance through office hours with the Plug and Play team to refine their business strategies and growth plans. Participants have the opportunity to present their products and services during Expo Day, where they can connect with potential investors and corporate partners from global markets. The programme also includes access to a dedicated office space in Vilnius throughout the duration of the acceleration period.</p> <p>A key feature of the programme is its global network access, including participation in the Global Overseas Acceleration &amp; Learning (GOAL) programme, which takes selected startups to Silicon Valley for exposure to international innovation ecosystems.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>The programme is open to early-stage tech startups from Lithuania and Central Europe, including the Baltics, Central and Eastern Europe, and Scandinavian countries. Foreign startups may also apply if they establish a business presence in Lithuania.</p>
<b>Total Budget: €Not available</b>	
<b>Deadline: 11/07/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://startup-lithuania-accelerator.pnptc.com/">https://startup-lithuania-accelerator.pnptc.com/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CALL FROM UPA</b>
<b>Programme: United Palestinian Appeal (UPA)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>United Palestinian Appeal empowers Palestinians to improve their lives and communities through socially responsible and sustainable programs in health, education, and community and economic development.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>To enhance the quality and meaning of their work and strengthen relationships with local partners, UPA is moving to a proactive partnership and project development structure direction. UPA accepts proposals once a year for Annual Projects that align with our mission to empower Palestinians to improve their lives and communities through socially responsible and sustainable programs. UPA</p>

	<p>awards grants for projects that address Palestinian needs in one of the following sectors:</p> <p>Health and wellness: That includes short-term solutions such as primary care clinics, distributing food and medicine and providing emergency relief and long-term initiatives such as helping children overcome the trauma of ongoing violence and providing comprehensive care for Palestinians born with a cleft lip and palate.</p> <p>Education: UPA supports Palestinian education by providing assistance in the form of scholarships to attend Palestinian universities, vocational training, continuing education opportunities and initiatives promoting youth leadership.</p> <p>Community and economic development: UPA strengthens the economy in the occupied Palestinian territories and refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan by supporting small business development, agriculture and the construction and renovation of Palestinian infrastructure.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Gaza, West Bank, including East Jerusalem, Jordan and Lebanon.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible are local partners.
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 31/07/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://upaconnect.org/local-partners/">https://upaconnect.org/local-partners/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS (PPG)</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	Funds up to US\$ 50,000 are available for PPGs to prepare technically sound and sustainable projects. These grants can involve the application of SPS-related capacity evaluation tools, preparation of feasibility studies and/or formulation of project proposals to address specific SPS capacity building needs linked to trade.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>PPGs are intended to help overcome constraints faced by developing countries in the articulation of their SPS needs into complete project proposals that could be funded by the STDF or other donors. PPGs can be used for any of the following purposes (or a combination thereof):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application of SPS-related capacity evaluation and prioritization tools .</li> <li>• Preparation of feasibility studies that precede project development to assess the potential impact and economic viability of proposals in terms of their expected costs and benefits; and/or</li> <li>• Preparation of project proposals that can be funded by the STDF or other donors.</li> <li>• PPGs may also be awarded to assist eligible beneficiaries to revise project proposals which the STDF Working Group deems of interest but in need of revision before final approval can be granted.</li> </ul> <p>Actions can take place in various countries from the OECD DAC list.</p>

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The following organizations are eligible to apply for STDF funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public sector entities (including regional or international bodies) with responsibility for SPS measures or policy, either in their own right or in cooperation with the private sector. The STDF encourages implementation of projects and activities through public private partnerships;</li> <li>• Private sector entities, either in their own right or in cooperation with the public sector. Examples of private sector entities include legally registered farmers' organizations, trade and industry associations, etc.;</li> <li>• Non-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with expertise in the SPS area and with an organization in the relevant beneficiary country or countries, in co-operation with the public and/or private sector; and</li> <li>• STDF partners.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>01/08/2026</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.standardsfacility.org/project/apply">https://www.standardsfacility.org/project/apply</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>PROJECT GRANTS (PG)</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	Funds up to US\$ 1,000,000 are available for PGs that improve food safety, animal and plant health capacity to comply with international sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) requirements. These grants are expected to help address particular SPS challenges or issues that affect trade to international markets. The STDF offers grants for projects that promote compliance with international SPS requirements. It should be clear how the requested project will help to address particular SPS challenges or issues that affect trade to regional and/or international markets.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The following types of projects are given favourable consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects relevant to the identification, development and dissemination of good practice in SPS-related technical cooperation, including projects that develop and apply innovative and replicable approaches;</li> <li>• Projects linked to STDF work (e.g. Climate Change, Electronic SPS Certification, Good Regulatory Practice, Public-Private Partnerships, Trade Facilitation);</li> <li>• Projects that address SPS constraints through regional approaches; and</li> <li>• Collaborative and inter-disciplinary projects focused on the interface / linkages between human, animal and plant health and trade, and benefiting from the involvement of two or more partners or other relevant organizations.</li> </ul> <p>Actions can take place in various countries from the OECD DAC list.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The following organizations are eligible to apply for STDF funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public sector entities (including regional or international bodies) with responsibility for SPS measures or policy, either in their own right or in cooperation with the private sector. The STDF encourages implementation of projects and activities through public private partnerships;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private sector entities, either in their own right or in cooperation with the public sector. Examples of private sector entities include legally registered farmers' organizations, trade and industry associations, etc.;</li> <li>• Non-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with expertise in the SPS area and with an organization in the relevant beneficiary country or countries, in co-operation with the public and/or private sector; and</li> <li>• STDF partners.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>01/08/2026</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.standardsfacility.org/project/apply">https://www.standardsfacility.org/project/apply</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>PEDAGOGICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FROM BES</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>British Ecological Society (BES)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The grant will facilitate research informing teaching and learning practices which improve learners' experience while promoting excellence in teaching. They aim to support members and the wider community involved in education to ensure that ecological education continues to be inspiring, innovative and relevant to learners.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>By funding research on education methods within ecology, they would like to develop evidence to inform teaching and learning practices that improve the student experience. Recognising and supporting educational research will also promote excellence in teaching and encourage those not currently involved in educational research to engage.</p> <p>The projects awarded should aim to do one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide evidence-based examples of innovative and effective practice in learning and teaching.</li> <li>• Systematically review existing practices to produce evidence-informed recommendations.</li> <li>• Explore emerging areas of education research to identify future needs/practices.</li> <li>• Disseminate best practices in teaching and learning to other practitioners</li> </ul> <p>Actions can take place in various countries worldwide.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Applicants must have BES membership and can be from any level of teaching ecology, from early years to lifelong learning, within formal or informal educational settings. Industry professionals exploring new teaching ideas are also eligible. The grants are awarded to individuals, not organizations, and cannot be used for work forming part of a degree, masters, PhD, or fellowship. Applicants are responsible for obtaining all relevant permits and permissions.

<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>£100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>08/09/2026</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/content/pedagogical-research-and-development-grants/">https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/content/pedagogical-research-and-development-grants/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SYNTHESIS GRANTS FROM BES</b>
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**Programme:** **British Ecological Society (BES)**

**Objective:** Synthesis is a growing scientific research method where scientists garner new knowledge and insights from existing data, using a hypothesis and question-led approach. Synthesis outputs should help inform decision-making by various relevant stakeholders, such as policymakers, regulators and funding agencies.

**Eligible Activities:** This grant aims to bring together diverse interdisciplinary groups of 8-15 individuals to focus on data analysis and synthesis while fostering collaboration and mentoring opportunities. Networks are encouraged across universities, research institutes, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), industry and government departments, and groups should include a mix of career stages and backgrounds. They ask that working groups are not formed entirely of members from academic institutions.

Every effort should be made to ensure long-lasting connections and networks are established far beyond the project’s funded length. Examples of this include producing open synthesis datasets and synthesis publications.

Actions can take place in various countries worldwide.

**Eligible Applicants:** The main applicant must be a BES member, but this is not required for all group members. Groups should be diverse, including international participation and at least 30% of participants from the Global South, balanced by gender and ethnicity. Applicants are responsible for obtaining necessary permits and permissions, and only one grant per applicant per year is allowed, with a maximum of three grants in any five-year period.

**Total Budget:** **£100,000**

**Deadline:** **08/09/2026**

**More information and official documents:** <https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/content/synthesis-grants/>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Call for Proposals: Country-led Projects Initiatives (9th Edition)</b>
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**Programme:** **Global Agriculture & Food Security Program**

**Objective:** The Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) has opened its 9th Call for Proposals to support country-led initiatives that strengthen food security and rural livelihoods.

**Eligible Activities:** The Call focuses on food system outcomes including increased agricultural productivity, improved farm-to-market linkages, reduced risk and vulnerability,

	<p>improved rural livelihoods and entrepreneurship, and improved institutions. It also prioritizes crosscutting outcomes such as improved climate resilience, empowered women and girls, and improved nutrition, with proposals required to address at least two of these three priorities. Additional emphasis is placed on innovative and integrated solutions, co-financing and collaboration, private sector engagement, and linkages with other GAFSP financing tracks.</p> <p>The Ninth Call for Proposals comes at a critical time for global food security as conflict, climate shocks, economic instability, and rising food and fertilizer costs continue to increase hunger and malnutrition worldwide. Development financing pressures have further highlighted the need for sustainable investments in agriculture and food systems.</p> <p>Through this Call, GAFSP will provide approximately US\$163 million in grant financing for high-impact and scalable investments designed to strengthen agriculture and food systems over the medium and long term. The initiative aligns with the GAFSP Strategic Plan (2025–2030), which promotes sustainable and inclusive food systems while encouraging stronger collaboration between public and private actors.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>The Call supports projects that incorporate context-specific and proven innovations while strategically integrating crosscutting outcomes and thematic areas such as water, biodiversity, and nature into project design. It also encourages applicants to secure co-financing through both cash and in-kind contributions and to collaborate with aligned global initiatives during proposal development.</p> <p>Private sector participation is another important aspect of the Call, with proposals expected to demonstrate credible pathways for sustained private sector investment beyond the project lifecycle. In addition, applicants are encouraged to explore coordination opportunities and synergies with other GAFSP-financed projects and financing tracks within their countries.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€163,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>15/09/2026</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.gafspfund.org/9th-call-proposals">https://www.gafspfund.org/9th-call-proposals</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The European Commission has launched a funding opportunity to establish Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality aimed at advancing inclusive, equal and resilient democratic societies across the European Union. The programme focuses on promoting inclusive democracy, equality, and human rights by integrating intersectional approaches into policymaking, strengthening civic participation, countering disinformation and polarisation, supporting media literacy and critical thinking, advancing evidence-based research and policy solutions, fostering collaboration through innovation hubs and living labs, and protecting academic freedom and safe research environments.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The call aims to bring together academic institutions, public bodies, and civil society organisations to collaborate on advancing inclusive democratic practices

	<p>and promoting EU values of equality, justice, and fundamental rights. The proposed network is expected to support policymakers by equipping them with knowledge and tools to integrate inclusive and intersectional approaches into policymaking processes.</p> <p>The funding available under this Horizon Europe Coordination and Support Action (HORIZON-CSA) is €4,500,000. Any legal entity, regardless of place of establishment, including entities from non-associated third countries and international organisations, is eligible to participate provided they meet the conditions outlined in the Horizon Europe Regulation and the specific call requirements.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Affiliated entities, associated partners, entities without legal personality, EU bodies, the Joint Research Centre (JRC), and associations or interest groupings may also participate under the conditions specified in the call. Applicants must register in the Participant Register to obtain a Participant Identification Code (PIC) and complete validation procedures before signing the grant agreement.
<b>Total Budget: €4,500,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/09/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-05">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-05</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Safeguarding Linguistic Diversity Grant</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is accepting applications for projects that promote multilingualism, protect linguistic heritage, preserve endangered and marginalised languages, strengthen multilingual education, improve digital language inclusion, support intergenerational language transmission, enhance linguistic diversity mapping, and highlight the cultural, social, educational and wellbeing benefits of language preservation across Europe.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The initiative seeks to document and map Europe’s linguistic diversity while building on existing frameworks and terminology established by the Council of Europe and UNESCO. Projects are expected to identify successful practices that have encouraged richer language use in society and supported multilingualism through knowledge sharing and community engagement.</p> <p>Projects are expected to adopt transdisciplinary approaches involving fields such as linguistics, heritage studies, museum studies, media studies, theatre studies, literary studies, socio-economic research, migration studies, and cultural studies. Research may also examine oral transmission traditions, storytelling, music, gendered aspects of language preservation, and methods for conserving oral heritage in communities where spoken traditions remain central to cultural continuity.</p> <p>The total funding available under this HORIZON-RIA call is €11,500,000.00.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants include any legal entity regardless of place of establishment, including entities from non-associated third countries and international

	<p>organisations, provided they meet the conditions established under the Horizon Europe Regulation and the specific topic requirements.</p> <p>Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the Participant Register to obtain a Participant Identification Code (PIC) and complete validation procedures before signing the grant agreement. Affiliated entities, associated partners, entities without legal personality, EU bodies, the Joint Research Centre (JRC), associations, and interest groupings may also participate under the conditions outlined in the programme rules.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€4,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>23/09/2026</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-06">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-06</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Rethinking Long-Term Care Policy in the Face of EU Demographic Shifts</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is inviting applications to support projects that strengthen long-term care systems by improving policy effectiveness, affordability, accessibility, workforce capacity and integrated care solutions across the European Union.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The opportunity supports projects that improve long-term care systems through stronger policies, better workforce conditions, integrated and affordable care services, efficient use of resources, digital and AI-based innovations, and evidence-based planning to address rising care needs and demographic changes while promoting gender-sensitive and inclusive approaches.</p> <p>Projects under this call are expected to evaluate existing long-term care policies and examine how effectively they meet current care needs through affordable, accessible, and high-quality services supported by adequately skilled workers. Proposals should also assess the role of integrated care and the interaction between long-term care and other social services.</p> <p>The total funding available for this Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action is €15,000,000.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligible applicants include any legal entity regardless of place of establishment, including entities from non-associated third countries and international organisations, provided that the conditions under the Horizon Europe Regulation and the specific call requirements are met. Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the Participant Register to obtain a Participant Identification Code (PIC) and complete validation procedures before signing the grant agreement. Affiliated entities, associated partners, entities without legal personality, EU bodies, the Joint Research Centre, and associations or interest groupings may also participate under the conditions specified in the call guidelines. Participation arrangements depend on the legal status and role of the organisation within the consortium.</p>

<b>Total Budget: €4,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/09/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-09">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-09</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	
<b>Digital and Media Literacy as Drivers for Democratic and Civic Resilience</b>	
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is inviting proposals for research and innovation actions that strengthen democratic resilience through media and digital literacy, helping citizens critically engage with information and counter disinformation in the digital age.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Projects are expected to adopt a multi-actor approach involving public authorities, schools, universities, training institutions, youth initiatives, civil society organisations, businesses, local communities, and citizens. Particular attention should be given to vulnerable groups, including children, older persons, persons with disabilities, ethnic or religious minorities, LGBTIQ individuals, and people facing poverty or social exclusion, as they are often disproportionately affected during crises. Funding of €12,000,000 is available under the HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions (HORIZON-RIA) framework.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Any legal entity, regardless of place of establishment, including entities from non-associated third countries and international organisations, is eligible to participate provided the conditions of the Horizon Europe Regulation are met. Affiliated entities, associated partners, entities without legal personality, EU bodies, the Joint Research Centre, and associations or interest groupings may also participate under the specified conditions. Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the Participant Register and obtain a Participant Identification Code (PIC) before signing the grant agreement.
<b>Total Budget: €4,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/09/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-10">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-10</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	
<b>Future of Civil Service and Government Innovation Programme</b>	
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is requesting grant applications to support studies on how governments are transforming their operations and preparing civil services for future challenges in a rapidly changing global context.



<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The focus areas of this call include new governance paradigms such as agile leadership, anticipatory governance, crisis preparedness, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, automation, open government, democratic participation, and strategic communication. It also includes innovative approaches to public service delivery and policymaking, including citizen participation, stakeholder engagement, systems thinking, experimentation, and evidence-informed decision-making. In addition, it focuses on public employment management and civil service empowerment through upskilling, reskilling, institutional reform, organizational development, and future-oriented human resource policies. The funding available under this call is €8,000,000, with individual project funding ranging between €3,500,000 and €4,000,000.</p> <p>The initiative aims to address the challenges faced by governments in an era of multiple crises, technological disruption, and declining public trust. It highlights the need to understand how civil services are adapting internally, how innovation is being implemented, and how governments are reshaping their structures, processes, and workforce to remain effective and resilient.</p> <p>The call emphasizes documenting current governance practices, identifying innovative solutions, and analysing emerging trends across EU Member States and Associated Countries. It seeks to provide a comprehensive overview of how governments are reinventing themselves, including lessons learned from national and international examples of administrative innovation.</p> <p>It further focuses on improving collaboration between countries, strengthening peer learning networks, and enhancing knowledge exchange among governments. The initiative also encourages the development of policy recommendations and training resources, including a comprehensive MOOC for public officials to support capacity building and future governance skills.</p> <p>A key component of the research is to capture the perspectives of civil servants themselves, reflecting their experiences, challenges, and expectations regarding the evolving role of the state and public administration systems.</p> <p>The expected results include policy recommendations at EU and national levels, dissemination of good practices and innovation trends, improved understanding of governance transformation, strengthened cooperation between administrations, and the development of training resources for civil servants.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants include any legal entity established under national, EU, or international law, including those from non-associated third countries and international organisations.
<b>Total Budget: €4,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/09/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-03">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-03</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Local Democracy, Participation and Governance Research Initiative</b>
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<b>Programme: European Commission (EC)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is now accepting grant applications to improve understanding of local democratic systems and strengthen evidence-based policymaking in low-income and lower-middle-income countries.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The focus areas of this call include democratic governance, decentralisation, human rights, inequality reduction, public service delivery, civic participation, transparency in decision-making, and strengthening trust in democratic institutions. It also prioritises developing science-based tools, training models, monitoring frameworks, and policy recommendations, as well as improving understanding of fragile contexts, local governance systems, and inclusive participation of women and marginalised groups.</p> <p>The funding available under this call is €12,000,000, with individual project funding ranging between €3,500,000 and €4,000,000.</p> <p>The initiative addresses the global rise of democratic backsliding and human rights challenges, particularly in low- and middle-income countries, and the associated risks to stability, security, and international cooperation. It highlights the importance of strengthening democratic resilience through improved local governance structures.</p> <p>The call aims to equip EU institutions, Member States, and policymakers with better tools and evidence to support democratic development, reduce inequality, and promote human rights. It also seeks to improve understanding of how local actors contribute to democratic practices and governance outcomes.</p> <p>The research focuses on analysing decentralisation processes and their impact on governance quality, public service delivery, and citizen trust. It also explores the relationship between effective service delivery and pro-democratic attitudes, as well as mechanisms for improving transparency and accountability at the local level.</p> <p>The initiative encourages participatory and multidisciplinary research involving local authorities, civil society organisations, and community actors in low- and middle-income countries. It also promotes the inclusion of non-academic stakeholders and the use of experimental and participatory methods to generate transferable evidence and good practices.</p> <p>The expected results include improved policymaking tools, better understanding of local democratic systems, stronger capacity to promote democratic values, and enhanced access to evidence-based practices for use in fragile and diverse contexts.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants include any legal entity established under national, EU, or international law, including those from non-associated third countries and international organisations.
<b>Total Budget: €4,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/09/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-02">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-02</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Call for Supporting Post-Conflict Democracy and Reconstruction</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is inviting grant applications to support interdisciplinary studies aimed at strengthening democratic reconstruction, peacebuilding, and sustainable recovery in post-conflict contexts.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The focus areas of this call include post-conflict democracy building, peacebuilding, reconciliation, governance reform, social cohesion, human rights, inclusivity, equity, security, anti-corruption, and accountability in reconstruction processes. It also emphasizes evidence-based policymaking, international cooperation, civil society engagement, participatory governance, inclusive economic development, and community-led reconstruction. Additional priorities include reintegration support for conflict-affected populations, including veterans and vulnerable groups, as well as addressing socio-economic and psychological recovery needs.</p> <p>The funding available under this call is €12,000,000, with individual project funding ranging between €3,500,000 and €4,000,000.</p> <p>The initiative addresses the challenges of rebuilding democratic institutions, infrastructure, and social systems in post-conflict regions, where instability, inequality, and weakened governance structures often persist. It seeks to improve understanding of how reconstruction processes can support long-term peace, democratic stability, and social recovery.</p> <p>The call encourages research into the complex relationships between conflict legacies, inequality, governance, and international cooperation. It highlights the importance of examining historical narratives, ethnic tensions, and structural inequalities to develop more effective reconciliation and prevention strategies.</p> <p>The initiative promotes interdisciplinary research drawing from sociology, psychology, political science, legal studies, cultural studies, and historiography. It also encourages participatory approaches involving governments, civil society organisations, media, education providers, cultural institutions, and community actors, with a particular focus on the role of women in peacebuilding.</p> <p>Research is expected to explore innovative approaches such as participatory governance, inclusive development models, and community-driven reconstruction strategies to strengthen resilience and democratic outcomes in post-conflict societies.</p> <p>The expected results include improved policymaking strategies for sustainable peace and reconstruction, stronger evidence-based decision-making at EU and national levels, enhanced civil society engagement, and better reintegration support systems for conflict-affected populations.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants include any legal entity established under national, EU, or international law, including those from non-associated third countries and international organisations.

<b>Total Budget:</b>	€4,000,000
<b>Deadline:</b>	23/09/2026
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-07">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-07</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Governing Global Commons Sustainably Initiative</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is seeking grant applications to develop multidisciplinary concepts and solutions for the sustainable governance of global commons in a complex and evolving geopolitical context.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The focus areas of this call include climate governance, biodiversity governance, and the governance of spaces beyond national jurisdiction. It also prioritizes strengthening science-policy interfaces, enhancing citizen engagement, improving international cooperation, reinforcing rules-based multilateralism, and integrating human rights, gender equality, intergenerational justice, and environmental justice into global commons governance.</p> <p>The funding ranges from €3,500,000 to €4,000,000 per project, with a total allocation of €12,000,000 available under the call.</p> <p>The call addresses the growing pressures on global commons such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, alongside challenges arising from geopolitical tensions, technological developments, and increasing commercial interests in shared global spaces. It emphasizes the need for improved collective governance mechanisms to prevent environmental degradation and systemic global risks.</p> <p>The initiative aims to enhance understanding among EU institutions, Member States, international organisations, civil society, and other stakeholders regarding systemic challenges affecting global commons. It also seeks to equip decision-makers and research institutions with tools to strengthen the science-policy interface and improve participation in foreign and security policy processes.</p> <p>The call further supports research on how governance systems impact intergenerational justice, human rights, and social inclusion, while also exploring civil society participation, Indigenous knowledge systems, and mechanisms for accountability and redress in environmental governance. It encourages analysis of geopolitical tensions and their impact on global cooperation and international stability.</p> <p>Proposals may address climate governance frameworks such as the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement, biodiversity governance frameworks such as the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, or governance of spaces beyond national jurisdiction including oceans, Antarctica, and outer space.</p> <p>Research activities are expected to adopt a multi-disciplinary approach involving policymakers, diplomats, civil society, academia, and other stakeholders, with strong international collaboration and integration of natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and engineering disciplines.</p>

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants include any legal entity established under national, EU, or international law, including entities from non-associated third countries and international organisations.
<b>Total Budget: €4,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/09/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-06">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-06</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>LATIN AMERICA PROGRAM</b>
<b>Programme: Margaret McNamara Education Grants (MMEG)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	Margaret McNamara Education Grants (formerly known as MMMF) is a nonprofit, public charity founded in 1981 that awards education grants to exceptional women from developing countries who are at least 25 years old and enrolled at universities in the United States, Canada, France, and South Africa, and select universities in Latin America and the Caribbean.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	It has been working to empower women by supporting their education so that they can build a better world. They are very proud to present our numbers. Grantees have focused on diverse fields of study, including engineering, information technologies, health, science, education, social studies, and law.  Actions must take place in Latin America.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria: be a self-identifying woman, and at least 25 years old at time of application deadline; be a national of Latin America; not be related to a World Bank Group, International Monetary Fund, or Inter-American Development Bank staff member, spouse, retiree, or MMEG Board member.
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 30/09/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.mmeg.org/aplicar/">https://www.mmeg.org/aplicar/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Ophthalmology Institutional Research Capacity Strengthening Grant Program</b>
<b>Programme: Velux Stiftung</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The Velux Stiftung has announced the Ophthalmology Institutional Research Capacity Strengthening Grant Program to support long-term biomedical and clinical ophthalmology research capacity development in LMIC institutions. The programme focuses on institutional research capacity strengthening projects, sustainable development of institutional structures for biomedical and clinical ophthalmology research, strengthening local research ecosystems in low- and middle-income countries, scientific network development, leadership development, research management enhancement, dissemination and transfer of

	research outputs, establishment of local expertise centres, development of centres of excellence, interdisciplinary approaches, and long-term sustainability of ophthalmology research institutions.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The programme supports projects that aim to sustainably build, develop, or strengthen institutional structures enabling biomedical and clinical ophthalmology research in low- and middle-income countries. Institutional research capacity strengthening must remain at the core of every proposal. Projects may include research activities if they align with the institutional strengthening plan and contribute to long-term institutional development. Funding of up to USD 75,000 per year is available for projects lasting between one and four years, with a maximum total grant of USD 300,000. At least 50% of the funding must be used in LMIC partner institutions, while at least 40% of the funding must support institutional research capacity strengthening activities. At least one PI or co-PI must be an established or leading ophthalmology researcher according to the European Framework for research careers. Applications must also include a member of the LMIC research institution's executive or leadership team as PI or co-PI to support sustainability and institutional alignment.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants include consortia of research groups involving at least one partner institution based in a low- or middle-income country. High-income country partners are welcome but not mandatory. The principal investigator institution must be an academic research institution, and all participating institutions must operate on a not-for-profit basis with legal eligibility to receive international funding.
<b>Total Budget: €300,000 per project</b>	
<b>Deadline: 01/10/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://veluxstiftung.ch/funding-areas/ophthalmology/">https://veluxstiftung.ch/funding-areas/ophthalmology/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Co-funded European Partnership for Social Transformations and Resilience</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is seeking grant applications to advance research and innovation on social transformations and resilience in response to major societal, environmental, and technological changes. The focus areas include social transformations and resilience research, social protection systems, essential services, future of work, education and skills development, fair transition to climate neutrality, social cohesion, inequality reduction, digitalisation impacts, climate and biodiversity change adaptation, and evidence-based policymaking in social sciences and humanities. The total funding for the programme is €60,000,000.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The main objective of this initiative is to create a long-term, multi-annual research and innovation programme addressing social transformations and resilience across Europe. It aims to strengthen fairness, inclusiveness, and social cohesion

	<p>while responding to major global challenges such as climate change, digitalisation, demographic shifts, and unexpected shocks.</p> <p>The partnership is expected to develop a seven-year research and innovation programme that mobilizes national and regional research funding. It will implement joint transnational calls for proposals and support research contributing to European Union priorities such as the European Pillar of Social Rights, the European Green Deal, the European Research Area, and the European Education Area.</p> <p>The programme also supports the achievement of several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including poverty reduction, quality education, gender equality, decent work, reduced inequalities, sustainable cities, climate action, and peace and justice.</p> <p>Key operational objectives include collecting and analysing data on social transformations, promoting comparative research, strengthening collaboration between researchers and policymakers, supporting experimentation and innovation, developing new analytical tools, and building capacity among research and policy communities.</p> <p>The partnership will engage national research funding agencies, government ministries, academic institutions, social partners, civil society organisations, NGOs, and private sector actors to ensure broad collaboration and impact. It builds on existing initiatives such as CHANSE, HERA, NORFACE, T-AP, and JPI MYBL.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants include any legal entity established under national, EU, or international law, including those from non-associated third countries and international organisations.
<b>Total Budget: €60,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 13/10/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-02-TRANSFO-01">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL2-2026-02-TRANSFO-01</a>

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