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New Opportunities

Call Title:	DARWIN INITIATIVE: EXTRA – ROUND 32
Programme:	DARWIN INITIATIVE
Objective:	The Darwin Initiative is a UK Government grants scheme that supports communities to find just, scalable, and sustainable ways to conserve and restore nature while growing their economies and reducing poverty.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Darwin Initiative Extra will provide grants between £1 million and £5 million, for projects that are on a clear scaling pathway: building on good evidence from previous Biodiversity Challenge Funds projects demonstrating the potential to scale further by completion and facilitating better biodiversity conservation and poverty outcomes. Darwin Initiative Extra projects should last between 2 to 5 years maximum.</p> <p>Least Developed Countries, Other Low Income Countries, Lower Middle Income Countries and Upper Middle Income Countries are eligible.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applications must come from an organisation(s), and not an individual. Applicant organisations can be based in any country. Lead organisations will need to demonstrate turnover over the last 2 years of at least 25% of the value of the funds requested from Darwin.
Total Budget:	£1,000,000 - £5,000,000
Deadline:	01/07/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.darwininitiative.org.uk/how-to-apply/extra-applications/

Call Title:	(PERMA) Culture Program 2028
Programme:	České Budějovice – European Capital of Culture 2028
Objective:	The (PERMA)CULTURE OPEN 2 CALL offers cultural organizations an opportunity to join the European Capital of Culture 2028 program in České Budějovice.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The call focuses on artistic and cultural projects for the public in 2028, implementation in České Budějovice or the South Bohemian Region, and cooperation at regional, national, and international levels. The program is looking for projects that bring innovation, engage the general public, respond to European challenges, and are rooted in the local context. The open call expands the European Capital of Culture 2028 program by creating opportunities for organizations that were not included in the original winning application. Eligible projects must present artistic or cultural outputs intended for the public and must be implemented within České Budějovice or the South Bohemian Region.</p> <p>Projects submitted in 2026 can apply under two funding categories. Small projects must have a minimum budget of CZK 750,000 and can receive support of up to CZK 1,500,000, with funding covering a maximum of 70 percent of total costs. Large projects must have a minimum budget of CZK 2,200,000 and can receive support of up to CZK 4,000,000, with funding covering a maximum of 50 percent of total costs.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The call is open to legal entities without territorial restrictions. Organizations from the South Bohemian Region, the Czech Republic, the European Union, and other countries around the world are eligible to apply. Individuals cannot apply independently but may participate as members of project implementation teams.

Total Budget: €100,000 – 500,000
Deadline: 10/07/2026
More information and official documents: https://www.budejovice2028.eu/en/open-call

Call Title:	Creating New Local Digital Twins Based on Common Needs
Programme:	Local Digital Twins for Smart and Sustainable Communities (LDT4SSC)
Objective:	<p>The European Union-funded Local Digital Twins for Smart and Sustainable Communities (LDT4SSC) project is inviting pilot proposals under Work Strand 2 to support the creation of new Local Digital Twins addressing common urban challenges across Europe.</p> <p>The focus areas and objectives of the call include creating new Local Digital Twins based on common urban needs, strengthening smart and sustainable communities, promoting interoperability and seamless data exchange, developing AI-driven Local Digital Twin services, supporting mobility, energy, air-quality and waste-management solutions, enabling cross-sectoral and innovative use cases, fostering replicable digital solutions across communities, expanding open-source Local Digital Twin services, improving citizen interaction and decision-making processes, enhancing resilience and sustainability of Local Digital Twin platforms, advancing Europe’s digital transformation, and supporting collaboration among public authorities, businesses, technology developers, research institutions, academia, NGOs, and civil society actors.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The Call for Pilots is part of the broader LDT4SSC initiative funded under the Digital Europe Programme. The project aims to establish a scalable ecosystem of Local Digital Twins while supporting the market uptake of innovative AI-driven services. It also seeks to address barriers to AI adoption in Europe, including limited investment, regulatory complexity, and gaps in technical expertise.</p> <p>Work Strand 2 specifically focuses on developing new Local Digital Twins that respond to shared challenges faced by cities and communities. Pilot activities are expected to bring together groups of cities, regional authorities, and partner organisations to co-design digital solutions for common issues such as mobility corridors, coordinated public services, sustainability challenges, and other cross-sectoral urban needs.</p> <p>The total funding allocated to Work Strand 2 under this call amounts to at least €3.2 million. A maximum grant of €500,000 may be awarded per third-party participant across pilots, while the maximum cumulative grant per consortium is capped at €1 million. Applicants are required to contribute at least 50% of the total pilot costs through their own co-financing resources.</p> <p>Pilot implementation is expected to last between 12 and 18 months. Selected projects will contribute to building interoperable and replicable Local Digital Twin solutions that can support sustainable urban development and strengthen collaboration across European communities.</p> <p>The call also outlines detailed financial, ethical, technical, and monitoring requirements, together with guidance on the application process, evaluation criteria, training activities, and support mechanisms available to applicants. Additional annexes provide templates and supporting documentation related to budgeting, ethics, data protection, governance, and Local Digital Twin capabilities.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The call is open to a broad range of stakeholders including public administrations at local, regional, and national levels, businesses, technology developers, suppliers, research institutions, academia, non-governmental organisations, and civil society actors. Each

	consortium must include at least two local or regional authorities from two different eligible countries, along with at least one additional partner from the eligible stakeholder categories.
Total Budget: €3,200,000	
Deadline: 13/07/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ldt4ssc.eu/call-three/

Call Title:	Applications open for Interconnecting Local Digital Twins for Smart Communities
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Programme:	Local Digital Twins for Smart and Sustainable Communities (LDT4SSC)
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Objective:	The Local Digital Twins for Smart and Sustainable Communities (LDT4SSC) is inviting pilot proposals under the Local Digital Twins for Smart and Sustainable Communities (LDT4SSC) initiative to strengthen interconnected, scalable, and AI-driven digital twin ecosystems across Europe.
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Eligible Activities:	<p>The initiative focuses on connecting existing Local Digital Twins (LDTs), creating new LDTs around common urban challenges, and developing advanced AI-based capabilities for digital twin services. Its priorities include interoperability between existing LDTs, cross-sector and cross-border data sharing, scalable and reusable digital infrastructure, innovative AI-driven services, citizen-focused applications, sustainability, mobility, energy efficiency, environmental management, resilience, immersive technologies, advanced simulation and modelling approaches, and collaborative data economies that support Europe’s green and digital ambitions.</p> <p>The LDT4SSC project is funded under the Digital Europe Programme and aims to build a robust and scalable ecosystem of Local Digital Twins across European cities, regions, and communities. The project seeks to stimulate the market for innovative digital twin services while addressing barriers related to AI adoption, investment limitations, regulatory complexity, and expertise gaps. Through the integration of existing EU-funded initiatives and digital infrastructures, the project supports technological sovereignty, ethical AI, and inclusive digital transformation across Europe.</p> <p>The open calls are structured around three Work Strands. Work Strand 1 focuses on connecting and federating existing Local Digital Twins to enable seamless data exchange and interoperability across Europe. Work Strand 2 supports the development of new Local Digital Twins addressing common urban challenges such as mobility, energy, and sustainability. Work Strand 3 is dedicated to enhancing Local Digital Twins with advanced AI-based and innovative services that can be shared through the EU LDT Toolbox Marketplace. Under Work Strand 1, the initiative aims to create a unified and reusable EU-wide Local Digital Twin ecosystem by leveraging standards, open-source software components, and data spaces. The pilots are expected to support cross-sector collaboration and improve decision-making processes in policy areas such as mobility, energy efficiency, environmental management, and urban resilience. Real-world pilot use cases may include cross-border traffic management and multi-city resource optimisation to demonstrate the benefits of interconnected digital infrastructures.</p> <p>The total EU funding available for the pilots under the call amounts to at least €2.3 million. The maximum grant awarded per third-party across pilots is €500,000, while the maximum cumulative grant per consortium is €1,000,000. Applicants are required to cover at least 50</p>
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	percent of the total pilot costs. The implementation period for pilots is expected to range between 12 and 18 months.
Eligible Applicants:	The call is open to public administrations at local, regional, and national levels, businesses, technology developers, suppliers, research institutions, academia, non-governmental organisations, and civil society actors. Each pilot consortium must include at least two local or regional authorities from two different eligible countries along with at least one additional partner such as a private entity, association, trusted third party, or sector representative.
Total Budget:	€2,300,000
Deadline:	13/07/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ldt4ssc.eu/call-three/

Call Title:	SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATION IN SURINAME
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	The global objective of this call for proposals is to contribute to the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law, which are key priorities of the EU's external action and essential preconditions for sustainable development and for building inclusive, open and resilient societies.
Eligible Activities:	<p>LOT 1 – Human Rights & Democracy: The specific objective of this Lot is to contribute to the implementation of the Human Rights & Democracy Multiannual Action Plan 2025–2027</p> <p>LOT 2 – Civil Society Organisations -LA: The specific objective of this Lot is to strengthen the capacities of civil society organisations and foster an enabling environment for CSOs as independent actors of good governance and sustainable development in Suriname.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Suriname.</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: non-governmental organisation/Civil Society 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:	€422,000
Deadline:	16/07/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186437PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	DARWIN INITIATIVE: MAIN – ROUND 32
Programme:	Darwin Initiative
Objective:	The Darwin Initiative is a UK Government grants scheme that supports communities to find just, scalable, and sustainable ways to conserve and restore nature while growing their economies and reducing poverty.

Eligible Activities:	<p>Darwin Initiative Main grants, ranging from £200,000 to £1,000,000, are expected to deliver strong results for biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction based on good evidence, and strongly demonstrate the potential to scale further. Projects should last between 2 to 5 years maximum.</p> <p>Given the need for proposal to be based on a good evidence base, the level of innovation is not expected to be high, but the proposal can contain innovative elements. In addition to presenting evidence of how the approach will deliver outputs within the project lifespan, the project should articulate any evidence to support its ambition and vision to scale their approach.</p> <p>Least Developed Countries, Other Low Income Countries, Lower Middle Income Countries and Upper Middle Income Countries are eligible.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Applications must come from an organisation(s), and not an individual. Applicant organisations can be based in any country. Lead organisations will need to demonstrate turnover over the last 2 years of at least 25% of the value of the funds requested from Darwin.</p>
Total Budget: £200,000 – £1,000,000	
Deadline: 20/07/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.darwininitiative.org.uk/how-to-apply/main-applications/

Call Title:	CIVIL SOCIETY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ESG ACCOUNTABILITY FOR AN INCLUSIVE SOUTH AFRICA (CS HR ESG SA)
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	<p>The global objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen the capacity of South African civil society organisations, as well as the promotion and protection of human rights, democracy and the rule of law, and to inclusive, sustainable and accountable governance, particularly in communities most affected by socio-economic development and the Just Energy Transition.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Specific objectives at programme level are: SO1 – Gender equality, inclusion and ESG / Business & Human Rights SO2 – Human rights and democracy SO3 – Civil society as governance and development actor</p> <p>This call is divided into two lots: Lot 1 – Civil Society for Inclusive Governance, Resilience and ESG Participation Lot 2 – Human Rights, Democracy and ESG Accountability for an Inclusive South Africa</p> <p>Actions can take place in South Africa.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>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.</p>

Total Budget:	€5,164,000
Deadline:	23/07/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186571PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	CIVIL SOCIETY FUND
Programme:	EEA Civil Society Fund Poland
Objective:	The call is organized under the Civil Society Fund, which is a component of the EEA and Norway Grants for Poland. It is managed by a consortium of 5 non-governmental organizations: the Stefan Batory Foundation, the Education for Democracy Foundation, the Shipyard Foundation, the Rural Development Foundation, and the Civil Society Norway association.
Eligible Activities:	The purpose of the first call for thematic projects is to support the activities of civil society organisations in two areas: Outcome 1. Democratic values and rule of law strengthened Outcome 2. Human rights strengthened Actions must take place in Poland.
Eligible Applicants:	The call is open to associations and unions of associations, foundations, social cooperatives, rural women’s circles, and church-affiliated legal entities registered in the National Court Register (KRS).
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	29/07/2026
More information and official documents:	HTTPS://EEAGRANTS.ORG/EN/POLAND/NEWS/FIRST-CALL-PROPOSALS-UNDER-CIVIL-SOCIETY-FUND-ANNOUNCED

Call Title:	Strengthening Circular Economy in the Philippines
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	The European Commission (EC) is inviting proposals for a Twinning project aimed at strengthening circular economy implementation and promoting a green, low-carbon, and resource-efficient economy in the Philippines. The programme focuses on circular economy development, waste management, climate change mitigation, greenhouse gas emission reduction, renewable energy deployment, energy efficiency, sustainable waste reduction, local government capacity building, private sector engagement, financial sector participation, youth inclusion, gender equality, environmental governance, and integrated systems-oriented policy implementation.
Eligible Activities:	The Twinning project seeks to support the transition toward a greener and more sustainable economy in the Philippines by strengthening the institutional and technical capacity of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). The initiative aims to create an enabling environment for implementing circular economy approaches across waste-related policies, programmes, and investments. One of the core objectives of the programme is to improve circular waste economy and climate change policies while contributing to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

	<p>The project also seeks to strengthen circular waste management practices among Local Government Units through closer collaboration with private sector organizations and civil society actors, with particular attention to youth participation and gender equality. In addition, the initiative aims to increase engagement from private and financial sector stakeholders in circular and waste-reduction economy approaches. The project will also support enhanced energy efficiency measures and greater deployment of renewable energy solutions as part of broader sustainability and climate action efforts.</p> <p>The Twinning project is expected to strengthen institutional systems and promote integrated approaches that connect environmental management, circular economy practices, climate action, and sustainable investment planning. Through policy support, technical cooperation, and stakeholder engagement, the initiative aims to advance long-term environmental sustainability and low-carbon development in the Philippines.</p> <p>The programme has a total budget of EUR 3,550,000 and a maximum project duration of 36 months.</p> <p>Selection criteria will assess the operational capacity of proposed project leaders, resident advisers, and component leaders. Award decisions will also consider the quality of the proposed methodology, the experience of the proposed experts, institutional experience in cooperation projects, and the overall presentation of the proposal.</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: non-governmental organisation/Civil Society 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: €3,550,000	
Deadline: 07/08/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/187000PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) – CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND WOMEN’S POLITICAL AND DECISION-MAKING PARTICIPATION
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	The global objective of this call for proposals is: to promote human rights, democracy, the rule of law and inclusive, accountable governance, in line with Global Gateway’s emphasis on an enabling environment and high social, environmental and governance standards.
Eligible Activities:	<p>This call for proposals is composed of two lots:</p> <p>Lot 1 – Support to civil society in Papua New Guinea: strengthening civic participation</p> <p>Lot 2 – Promoting and protecting human rights and democracy in Papua New Guinea: women’s political and decision-making participation</p> <p>Actions must take place in Papua New Guinea.</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 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: €1,381,333
Deadline: 24/08/2026
More information and official documents: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186614PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	PARTNERING FOR IMPACT IN PURSUIT OF THE GREEN AND JUST ENERGY TRANSITION
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Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)	
Objective:	In line with the specific outputs of the Partnership for Impact initiative, the overall objective of this call for proposals is to support Civil Society Organization and communities, including labour unions and local authorities, to engage in the green transition, with particular focus on mobilizing and monitoring resources for sustainable local economic development that promotes the just energy transition while promoting inclusion, transparency and accountability.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To strengthen the technical and organizational capacity of CSOs (including community-based organisations and labour unions) to formulate evidence-based inputs towards implementation-focused interventions in local, district, provincial and national energy planning processes for a just, inclusive and climate-friendly energy transition in South Africa. 2. To strengthen the capacity of communities (civil society organizations and local authorities) to mobilize and monitor resources for sustainable local economic investment for a just and equitable energy, connectivity and infrastructure transitions in South Africa. 3. To strengthen skilling and job transitioning initiatives that focus on the green economy sectors such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, green hydrogen and other priority value chains identified in the Global Gateway and the JET-IP. <p>Actions can take place in South Africa.</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 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: €2,550,000
Deadline: 27/08/2026
More information and official documents: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186091PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	ERC ADVANCED GRANTS
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Programme: European Commission (EC) - HORIZON	
Objective:	The European Research Council (ERC) was set up to support excellence in research through grants that tackle issues at the frontiers of existing knowledge. It provides flexible longer-term, portable funding, and independence for researchers and their teams to pursue ambitious and high-risk research.

Eligible Activities:	<p>An ERC grant is awarded to a Host Institution that commits to engage and host a Principal Investigator(s) and their team(s), and to offer them appropriate conditions to manage the ERC funded research.</p> <p>The objective of the Advanced Grant is to support excellent Principal Investigators that are established research leaders. An ERC Advanced Grant Principal Investigator is expected to be an active researcher with a track record of significant research achievements.</p> <p>Actions must take place in EU member states or Associated Country.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>The ERC actions are open to researchers of any nationality who intend to conduct their research activity in any EU Member State or Horizon Associated Country. Principal Investigators may be of any age and nationality and may reside in any country in the world at the time of the application. The host institution must engage and host the Principal Investigator for at least the duration of the project, as defined in the grant agreement.</p>
Total Budget: € Advanced Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of €3,500,000 for a period of 5 years.	
Deadline:	27/08/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERC-2026-ADG

Call Title:	NORTH MACEDONIA: HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY THEMATIC PROGRAMME 2025-2026
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	<p>The global objective of this call for proposals is: To increase protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law in North Macedonia.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The specific objectives of this call for proposals are:</p> <p>(i) SO1: Protecting and empowering individuals: to contribute to the full enjoyment by everyone of all human rights, be they civil, political, economic, social or cultural rights, enabling independent civil society actors to operate for the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms and empowering them to address particularly severe human rights challenges in difficult contexts in a timely manner.</p> <p>(ii) SO2: Building resilient, inclusive and democratic societies: to foster functioning, pluralist, participatory and representative democracy and protect the integrity of electoral processes.</p> <p>(iii) SO3: Safeguarding fundamental freedoms, including harnessing the opportunities and addressing the challenges of new technologies: to create and maintain an environment conducive to the full exercise of all fundamental freedoms, online and offline.</p> <p>Actions can take place in North Macedonia.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>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, including civil society organisations 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.</p>

Total Budget:	€910,000
Deadline:	31/08//2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186948PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	DARWIN INITIATIVE: CAPABILITY & CAPACITY
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Programme:	Darwin Initiative
Objective:	Darwin Initiative Capability & Capacity grants, ranging from £75,000 to £250,000, are for projects that focus on developing the capability and capacity of identified local and national organisations (civil society, research institutes, and public bodies) to efficiently deliver effective and successful biodiversity conservation – poverty reduction projects.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Projects should last between 1 to 3 years maximum.</p> <p>The capability and capacity building approach to be used must be formulated and justified with evidence in the application. Activities can include structured training, fellowships, work placements, mentoring, organisational development, network-building, and can be undertaken across all areas of project activity: biodiversity, poverty reduction and project delivery.</p> <p>Structured training elements must support locally based future and existing environmental leaders and staff of identified local/national organisations to grow professionally and technically, ideally building lasting positive relationships between participants, and improving their ability to draw on professional and technical expertise relevant to delivering projects in line with Darwin Initiatives objectives.</p> <p>Least Developed Countries, Other Low Income Countries, Lower Middle Income Countries and Upper Middle Income Countries are eligible.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applications must come from an organisation(s), and not an individual. Applicant organisations can be based in any country. Lead organisations will need to demonstrate turnover over the last 2 years of at least 25% of the value of the funds requested from Darwin.

Total Budget:	€from £75,000 to £250,000
Deadline:	31/08/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.darwininitiative.org.uk/how-to-apply/capability-capacity-applications/

Call Title:	Agrobiodiversity for Food Security Program
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Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	<p>The European Commission is seeking grant applications to support research and innovation aimed at increasing agricultural biodiversity to strengthen food security, resilience, and competitiveness in the European Union.</p> <p>The focus areas include agrobiodiversity enhancement, sustainable agricultural systems, farm resilience, food security, farmer income diversification, risk management in farming systems, biodiversity-based value chains, and sustainable land management practices. Funding for this topic is set at €12,000,000, with an indicative contribution of around €6,000,000 per project.</p>

Eligible Activities:	<p>The initiative addresses the challenges of genetic erosion and the need to improve agricultural resilience in the face of climate change, pests, and diseases while ensuring stable food production and farmer livelihoods.</p> <p>The scope includes quantifying the economic and environmental benefits of agrobiodiversity, developing strategies to scale diversified farming systems, and assessing risks and trade-offs related to yield, marketability, and production stability. It also focuses on decision-support tools, financial incentives, nature-based credits, and improved value chains for diverse agricultural products.</p> <p>Projects are expected to support farmers, land managers, and agribusinesses by providing tools and recommendations for farm diversification, risk mitigation, and improved market access. They should also explore methods for processing, storing, and commercialising diverse agricultural products while strengthening collaboration across the food value chain. The topic aligns with EU policies such as the EU Vision for Agriculture and Food, the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, the Organic Action Plan, the Nature Credits Roadmap, and the Nature Restoration Regulation.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include any legal entity, including those from non-associated third countries and international organisations, subject to Horizon Europe rules and specific call conditions.
Total Budget: €12,000,000	
Deadline: 17/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-06

Call Title:	Marine Organisms for Sustainable Blue Bio-Based Products
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	<p>The European Commission is seeking applications for research and innovation projects aimed at harnessing the unique properties of marine organisms to develop sustainable blue bio-based products that can replace conventional and environmentally harmful materials. This call provides a total funding envelope of €10,000,000, with an indicative contribution of around €5,000,000 per project.</p> <p>The focus areas of this call include the development of safe and sustainable blue bio-based products derived from marine organisms such as algae, fungi, and invertebrates, the exploration of biomolecules with unique physical, chemical, and biochemical properties for industrial applications, integration of synthetic biology and digital technologies such as AI, machine learning, and bioinformatics, and assessment of environmental safety, effectiveness, and regulatory pathways for market adoption.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The objective of this initiative is to support the transition toward a greener and more competitive bio-based European industry by reducing reliance on hazardous chemicals and promoting sustainable alternatives across sectors such as textiles, polymers, construction materials, coatings, and industrial processing. The programme also aims to strengthen biodiversity conservation by ensuring that marine biodiversity does not lead to unsustainable harvesting from natural ecosystems.</p> <p>Projects funded under this topic are expected to develop innovative marine-derived solutions such as novel adhesives, antifouling coatings, biosensors, enzymes, biochemicals,</p>

	and sustainable surfactants. Proposals should evaluate the costs and benefits of these alternatives compared to conventional market solutions, while also identifying regulatory, value chain, and market barriers that may affect deployment and scalability. A strong emphasis is placed on assessing the safety, environmental sustainability, and effectiveness of developed products in comparison with existing materials, as well as providing evidence-based recommendations for policymakers and industry stakeholders. Projects should also consider the economic and societal relevance of the proposed innovations, particularly those with high potential for industrial transformation.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is open to any legal entity, including those established in non-associated third countries or international organisations, provided they comply with Horizon Europe conditions. Applicants must register in the Participant Register and obtain a Participant Identification Code (PIC) before grant agreement preparation.
Total Budget: €10,000,000	
Deadline: 17/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-11

Call Title:	Apply for Research on Food Security and Climate-Biodiversity Balance
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	<p>The European Commission is now accepting grant applications to support research and policy alignment for sustainable agriculture while safeguarding food security in the European Union.</p> <p>The focus areas include bioeconomy and nature markets, sustainable agricultural value chains, climate and biodiversity integration, food security protection, natural capital accounting, biomass utilisation, land-use management, and development of sustainable business models for farmers.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The initiative addresses the growing importance of bio-based industries and nature markets, including carbon credits and environmental services, while ensuring that agricultural land use does not compromise food production. It aims to support farmers in diversifying income sources and improving environmental performance through sustainable practices.</p> <p>The scope includes analysing the impacts of bioeconomy and nature markets on agriculture, food security, climate, and biodiversity, as well as developing innovative business models and value chains that provide fair income to farmers. It also considers the role of biomass residues, secondary biomass streams, and land-use dynamics in shaping sustainable systems.</p> <p>Projects are expected to develop interdisciplinary tools and assessments covering farm-level decision-making, biomass supply and demand, land-use conflicts, and food security risks. They should also provide policy recommendations that help balance economic incentives with environmental and social sustainability goals.</p> <p>The topic supports key EU policy frameworks, including the EU Vision for Agriculture and Food, the Common Agricultural Policy, the EU bioeconomy strategy, the Carbon Removals and Carbon Farming Regulation, and the European Green Deal.</p> <p>Funding for this topic is set at €12,000,000, with an indicative contribution of around €6,000,000 per project.</p>

Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include any legal entity, regardless of place of establishment, including entities from non-associated third countries and international organisations, subject to Horizon Europe rules and specific call conditions.
Total Budget:	€12,000,000
Deadline:	17/09/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-09

Call Title:	GLOBAL GRANTS FROM ROTARY FOUNDATION
Programme:	Rotary Foundation
Objective:	The Rotary Foundation helps fund humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives. The Foundation also leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Rotarians and friends of Rotary support the Foundation's work through voluntary contributions. Their main international program is called global grants and can fund activities in health, education, peace, water and sanitation, mother and child as well as environment. The total annual giving for global grants is around \$55 million (app. 1000 grants). The majority is going to health.
Eligible Activities:	Global grants can fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian projects • Scholarships for graduate-level academic studies • Vocational training teams, which are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about their field or to learn more about it themselves <p>They fund projects worldwide.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are Rotary Clubs that have qualified in order to receive grant funding from The Rotary Foundation.
Total Budget:	\$30,000 - \$400,000
Deadline:	Ongoing
More information and official documents:	https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants

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