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New Opportunities

Call Title: Open Call for ASEF LinkUp Asia-Europe Cultural Diplomacy Lab Participants	
Programme: Asia-Europe Foundation	
Objective:	Applications are open for ASEF LinkUp Asia-Europe Cultural Diplomacy Lab 2026, bringing together arts and cultural professionals, practitioners, policymakers and institutional representatives to explore new approaches to international cultural relations. The programme focuses on sustainability, ethics and equity in international cultural relations, collaboration between the arts and public sectors, capacity building, professional networking, innovative cultural diplomacy, engagement with local arts communities and the development of a long-term community of practice connecting professionals across Asia and Europe.
Eligible Activities:	ASEF LinkUp serves as a laboratory where traditional assumptions about international cultural relations can be examined, challenged and replaced with more inclusive, reciprocal and sustainable approaches. The programme aims to connect arts professionals with public sector representatives responsible for developing cultural diplomacy projects. It will also strengthen the skills and professional networks of participants working in international cultural cooperation. Participants will explore alternative understandings of cultural diplomacy and consider innovative working methods that bring cultural practitioners, policymakers and institutions closer together. The initiative will establish connections with arts communities in the host country while building a fellowship of professionals involved in cultural diplomacy projects. This community of practice is expected to continue growing through future programme editions. Applications are invited from mid-career cultural practitioners and professionals working in international cultural relations who are committed to developing reciprocal, equitable and long-term cultural exchanges and dialogue.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be citizens of an Asia-Europe Meeting partner country. They should be passionate about facilitating international cultural exchange, committed to strengthening cooperation within and between Asia and Europe, and interested in learning about cultural relations beyond their own discipline and geographic area.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 27/08/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://asef.org/news/open-call-arts-cultural-sector-participants/

Call Title: Refugee Children and Youth Access to Education, Vocational and Recreation Support (Rwanda)	
Programme: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	
Objective:	The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is inviting Expressions of Interest from eligible partners to support access to early childhood, primary, secondary, and tertiary education, along with vocational and recreation support for refugee children and youth in Rwanda.
Eligible Activities:	The partnership supports inclusive education for refugee children and youth through early childhood development, primary, secondary, special needs, and higher education programmes. Activities include increasing enrolment and attendance, facilitating the return of out-of-school children, promoting disability inclusion, providing school uniforms and scholastic materials, supporting school feeding, strengthening early childhood education,

	recruiting and training teachers, supporting children with special educational needs, implementing the ProFuturo Connected Learning Programme, providing informal education at the Nkamira Transit Centre, and managing the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) scholarship programme. The partnership also includes student selection, university enrolment, payment of tuition and living support, psychosocial support, career guidance, employability training, entrepreneurship development, internship support, academic monitoring, and management of the DAFI online platform.
Eligible Applicants:	The opportunity is intended for organizations with demonstrated expertise in refugee education and the capacity to deliver education programmes across multiple learning levels. Applicants should possess qualified technical and field staff, experience implementing protection-sensitive education programmes using an Age, Gender and Diversity approach, effective project management and coordination systems, established local operational presence and community engagement, sound financial and risk management systems, and experience working with UNHCR and/or other United Nations agencies. Applicants are expected to submit the required concept note, budget template, and supporting documentation through the UN Partner Portal. Applications will be assessed based on sector expertise and experience, project management capacity, local experience and operational presence, cost effectiveness, contribution of partner resources, and previous experience working with UNHCR and other United Nations agencies. The evaluation will consider technical capacity, protection-sensitive programming, qualified staffing, community engagement, accountability mechanisms, financial management, and the ability to effectively deliver education programmes for refugees and host communities.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 31/08/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.unpartnerportal.org/landing/opportunities/

Call Title:	Apply for Democratic Governance Institute Program
Programme:	Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa
Objective:	The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), in partnership with the Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) of the University of Ghana has announced the call for proposals for the 2026 Democratic Governance Institute (DGI), which will be held in Lagos, Nigeria, from 28 September to 9 October 2026 on the theme “Migration Governance: Rethinking Mobility and Democratic Agency in Africa.”
Eligible Activities:	The 2026 Institute will focus on regional and continental migration governance, sovereignty, external influence and democratic tensions, governance from below, agency, informality and inequality, and knowledge production, narratives and epistemic justice. Applicants for the position of resource person are required to submit an application letter, a resume, two published papers relevant to the Institute theme, and a proposal of no more than five pages outlining the issues to be covered in two proposed lectures, including one lecture addressing methodological issues. Applicants wishing to participate as laureates should be PhD candidates or scholars in the early stages of their academic careers who have demonstrated the capacity to conduct research related to the Institute theme. Intellectuals engaged in policy processes, social movements, and civil society organisations are also encouraged to apply.

	The application for laureate participation must include a duly completed application form, an application letter, a letter confirming institutional or organisational affiliation, a resume, a research proposal not exceeding ten pages that presents a descriptive analysis of the intended work, explains the theoretical interest of the chosen topic, and demonstrates its relationship to the concerns of the 2026 Institute, two reference letters from scholars or researchers with recognised expertise in the applicant's research area, and a copy of the applicant's passport. CODESRIA has indicated that participation is limited to fifteen funded places for each session. They will also make available up to five additional places for participants who are willing to self-fund their participation. Young African academics from the diaspora and non-African scholars who can finance their own participation may also apply for a limited number of places. Eligibility for funded participation is limited to PhD candidates, early-career scholars with demonstrated research capacity on the Institute theme, and intellectuals active in policy processes, social movements, or civil society organisations. Applicants must also demonstrate serious engagement with the intellectual concerns of the call through their research proposals.
Eligible Applicants:	Academics, academically inclined policy actors, and researchers based in African universities and related research centres are invited to apply. The Institute seeks to encourage critical engagement with migration governance and democratic agency in Africa through research, policy, and intellectual exchange.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 31/08/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://codesria.org/2026-democratic-governance-institute/

Call Title:	Refugee Self-Reliance, Graduation and Economic Inclusion (Rwanda)
Programme:	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Objective:	The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is inviting Expressions of Interest from organizations to join a partner roster supporting future refugee self-reliance, graduation, and economic inclusion interventions in Rwanda.
Eligible Activities:	The partnership opportunity focuses on supporting refugees and host communities to move towards sustainable economic inclusion through employment, self-employment, enterprise development, market access, financial inclusion, productive assets, business coaching, and integration into national economic systems. The programme supports interventions that strengthen graduation pathways, increase income and assets, improve employability and food security, expand access to services, connect refugees with employers and financial service providers, support refugee and host-community businesses, and promote engagement with private-sector actors, cooperatives, business incubators, accelerators, chambers, and investors. Key activities include socio-economic profiling, household coaching, case management, referrals, business development services, access to finance support, job placement, apprenticeships, enterprise development, market linkages, and monitoring of employment, income, business performance, and protection outcomes.

Eligible Applicants:	The opportunity is intended for organizations with expertise in livelihoods, self-reliance, graduation approaches, and economic inclusion programming. Applicants should demonstrate the ability to connect refugee skills, aspirations, and circumstances with viable employment, self-employment, and business opportunities rather than focusing primarily on short-term training or assistance. Organizations should have experience building partnerships with employers, value-chain actors, buyers, financial institutions, and business support organizations, as well as the ability to work with government institutions, relevant ministries, districts, and economic development actors in Rwanda. Applicants are expected to demonstrate qualified technical and field staff, strong project management systems, local operational presence, community engagement capacity, financial and risk management systems, resource contributions, and experience working with UNHCR and/or other United Nations agencies. Applications will be assessed based on sector expertise and experience, project management capacity, local experience and presence, cost effectiveness, contribution of partner resources, and previous experience working with UNHCR and other United Nations agencies. The evaluation will consider technical capacity, protection-sensitive programming, qualified staffing, coordination ability, community engagement, accountability mechanisms, financial management practices, risk management approaches, and the organization's ability to deliver effective economic inclusion interventions for refugees and host communities.
Total Budget:	€Not available
Deadline:	31/08/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.unpartnerportal.org/landing/opportunities/

Call Title:	ADVANCING INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IN UKRAINE THROUGH U.S. AI INNOVATION
Programme:	U.S. Mission to Ukraine
Objective:	The U.S. Department of State's Embassy Kyiv announces an open competition for Ukrainian non-governmental media organizations and independent media outlets to implement a program that strengthens data-driven and AI-enabled journalism in Ukraine.
Eligible Activities:	It will build the capacity of journalists and newsrooms to produce high-quality reporting on economic development, reconstruction and investment through training in investigative reporting, data journalism, artificial intelligence, open-source research, cybersecurity, and responsible use of emerging technologies. The program will also aim to support regional and frontline media, where AI and modern digital tools can help offset wartime staffing shortages, strengthen investigative reporting, and improve coverage of local economic development and future recovery efforts. As a result, the program will expand audiences access to independent sources of information. Actions must take place in Ukraine.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible recipients are Ukrainian registered non-profit media organizations and media outlets working in partnership other relevant stakeholders.

Total Budget:	\$100,000
Deadline:	01/09/2026
More information and official documents:	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/3eb87219-d2f0-417d-99b5-cf1138d94703

Call Title:		Call for Expressions of Interest: AIM Startup Competition
Programme:	European Union Delegation	
Objective:	The AIM Startup Competition is inviting applications from early-stage and growth-stage startups through the Accelerating Investment in Montenegro programme.	
Eligible Activities:	The competition is open to startups operating in the sectors of agribusiness, energy, ICT, transport, and logistics, while startups from adjacent sectors are also encouraged to apply. It is conducted through two tracks: the Seed Track for pre-funding to early-traction ventures with little or no capital raised, and the Growth Track for ventures with demonstrated traction that have raised more than EUR 500,000 and up to EUR 5 million. The AIM Startup Competition provides a structured pathway for startups, beginning with the application process and leading to high-visibility exposure. The programme concludes at the AIM Investment Conference, taking place from 19–21 October 2026 in Portonovi, Montenegro, where finalists will present their startups on the main stage. The winning startup will receive an award presented by the Prime Minister of Montenegro in the presence of European Union representatives and international investors.	
Eligible Applicants:	Applications are open to founder-led startups from around the world that are looking to scale and engage with Montenegro's emerging investment ecosystem. Eligible startups should generally be less than five years old and have raised less than EUR 5 million in total funding. Founders must be actively involved in the day-to-day management of the business and demonstrate ambition for growth as well as regional or international expansion. In the Seed Track, applications will be assessed based on innovation, the strength of the team, and the problem–solution fit. In the Growth Track, evaluation will focus on traction, business viability, and scalability.	
Total Budget:	€1,000,000+	
Deadline:	01/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/montenegro/deadline-extended-call-expressions-interest-aim-startup-competition-0_en	

Call Title:		ENGAGED DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE RESPONSE HUB GRANTS
Programme:	European Fund for the Balkans (EFB)	
Objective:	They provide micro-financial and non-financial support to civic groups, local initiatives, media and movements in the Western Balkans to empower their claim for accountable institutions, democratic processes, and the protection of the public interest. The focus area of the organizations, initiatives and individuals need to be in one of the EDI thematic areas: Human Rights, Environment, Media, Public Spaces, Decent Work.	
Eligible Activities:	Social Urgency Grants These grants are designed for moments of high-stakes transition or crisis. They support rapid interventions in response to sudden social, political, or environmental developments	

	where a fast reaction can steer public discourse, prevent the rollback of rights, or seize a unique window of opportunity for policy change. Organizational Urgency Grants Local activism is often hindered by the “boring” costs of survival. This category provides a lifeline for organizations facing a temporary short-term crisis that threatens their daily operations. These funds are intended to cover essential “core” costs, such as electricity, heating, internet, or rent, that have become impossible to meet due to funding gaps or unforeseen financial pressure. Innovation Grants Have you identified a new way to reach citizens or a digital tool that could revolutionize local transparency? Innovation grants are meant for “R&D” within the civic sector. They provide the space to pilot, test, and iterate new ideas over a maximum period of 6 months. Travel Grants Democracy thrives on solidarity and the exchange of knowledge. Travel grants enable activists and group members to step out of their local silos and engage with the broader regional or international community. Eligible costs include travel, accommodation, and participation fees for conferences, high-level advocacy meetings (e.g., in Brussels or regional capitals), and specialized training workshops. Organizational Development Grants Scaling a project, program or initiative requires structure. These grants support efforts that bring an organization, program, or project to its next level of maturity. This might include strategic planning sessions, the development of internal bylaws, or financial management training. Actions must take place in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are formal NGOs or informal movements.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 03/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://balkanfund.org/news/engaged-democracy-initiative-response-hub-grants-open

Call Title:	UNCTAD 2nd Supply Chain Innovation Challenge
Programme: UN Trade and Development	
Objective:	The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is inviting innovators worldwide to submit original solutions that use frontier technologies to strengthen global supply chains against present and future disruptions.
Eligible Activities:	The challenge is part of the 2nd UNCTAD Global Supply Chain Forum, which will take place from 29 November to 1 December 2026 in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in partnership with MAWANI. The winning proposal will be presented at the forum, and flights, travel, accommodation, and related travel expenses for one representative will be covered. This year’s challenge focuses on how AI, IoT, blockchain, digital twins, satellites, robotics, and other frontier technologies can help supply chains anticipate, withstand, and recover from disruptions in ways that are more sustainable, resilient, efficient, and inclusive. Particular encouragement is given to solutions aimed at making supply chains greener,

	ensuring food security through resilient supply chains, and streamlining cross-border procedures in supply chains. UNCTAD has not specified any cash funding amount or monetary prize for this challenge. The confirmed support for the selected winner is the fully covered travel and accommodation package to participate in the 2nd UNCTAD Global Supply Chain Forum in Riyadh. Applicants must submit an original proposal in English between 1,500 and 3,000 words, including bibliography and footnotes. The proposal should present a clear problem statement, provide a detailed description of the innovative solution, explain the anticipated impact, and include a feasibility assessment demonstrating practical applicability in real-world supply chain settings.
Eligible Applicants:	The challenge is open to natural persons (individuals). Teams of up to four people may apply, but if a team is selected, one member will represent the group in Saudi Arabia. All submissions should demonstrate a clear commitment to sustainability, inclusivity, and practical feasibility.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 04/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.facebook.com/UNCTAD/photos/-call-for-proposals-unctad-2nd-supply-chain-innovation-challenge-got-a-solution-/1513711207462794/

Call Title:	FELLOWSHIPS FROM CANON FOUNDATION
Programme:	Canon Foundation in Europe
Objective:	The Canon Foundation in Europe is a philanthropic, grant-making institution, active in the promotion of international culture and scientific relations between Europe and Japan. It was founded in 1987 under Dutch law and has its Secretariat in Amstelveen in the Netherlands. Its objective is the promotion of science, culture, know-how and mutual understanding between Europe and Japan.
Eligible Activities:	Annually, the Canon Foundation in Europe grants up to 15 Fellowships to highly qualified European and Japanese researchers. European Fellows are expected to pursue a period of research in Japan whereas Japanese Fellows are expected to do their research in Europe. Canon Foundation Fellowships are for a minimum period of three months up to maximum of one year. They support all fields of research. There are no limitations or restrictions. Applicants do not have to be currently enrolled or employed at the time of applying. Canon Fellows from Europe are free to choose their host institutes and hosts in Japan. The same freedom is given to Japanese Canon Fellows coming to Europe. Canon Foundation Research Fellowships may be applied for when an agreement on co-operation and on a research plan has been reached between the guest researcher and the proposed host institution. Applications can also be submitted by members of commercial, industrial, governmental or professional organisations. European countries are eligible as well as Japan.
Eligible Applicants:	All Europeans are eligible to apply (including Israel, Turkey, Balkan and Baltic countries). Applicants should have obtained at least a Master's or PhD degree within the last ten years of applying to the Canon Foundation. They will also consider candidates who obtained their

	qualification more than ten years ago as long as they provide further supporting information in their application. Please note that priority is given to applicants going to Europe and Japan for the first time
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 15/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.canonfoundation.org/programmes/research-fellowships/

Call Title:	STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS ORGANISATIONS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN ZIMBABWE
Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)	
Objective:	The global objective of this call for proposals is: to enhance civil society's role in monitoring and strengthening accountability for the implementation of national, regional and international commitments on Gender Equality and women's empowerment (GEWE) and Gender Based Violence.
Eligible Activities:	The specific objective of this call for proposals is: To strengthen feminist-oriented women's and girls' rights organisations to design and implement actions that address concrete barriers to women's and girls' participation in local economic life, enhance accountability for GEWE commitments and test practical solutions in the selected agribusiness corridors. Actions can take place in Zimbabwe.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation and (3) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
Total Budget: €1,000,000	
Deadline: 15/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186052PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	Gender Equality Partnerships 2026
Programme: British Council	
Objective:	Gender Equality Partnerships 2026 grants are now open Grants of £25,000 for partnerships between the UK and seven other countries to strengthen gender equality in higher education. For 2026, UK institutions can partner with: - Bangladesh - Ghana - Kenya - Mexico - Saudi Arabia - South Africa

	Ukraine
Eligible Activities:	Objectives Gender Equality Partnership projects will address one or more of the following overarching objectives: • Contribute to long-term and sustainable institutional change that promotes gender equality in higher education. • Enhance opportunities for women to access, participate in and progress through higher education and employment pathways. Outcomes Projects are expected to contribute to outcomes such as: • Strengthened institutional mechanisms supporting women's leadership. • Improved gender-responsive policies, governance and practices. • Increased participation and progression of women in higher education and STEM. • Stronger education-to-employment pathways for women. • Greater integration of intersectional approaches in institutional strategies and systems. Themes Projects may address one or more of the following themes: • Addressing underrepresentation of women in higher education leadership • Strengthening pathways into employment • Creating safe higher education spaces • Enabling participation of women in STEM • See the Call Guidance document below for country-specific thematic priorities.
Eligible Applicants:	Partnerships must include one eligible UK institution and a partner institution in one of the participating countries. The UK lead institution must be a higher education provider with degree-awarding powers. Lead partner organisations must be higher education institutions or other eligible organisations as defined in the call guidance. Applications must be jointly developed by the UK and overseas lead institutions and submitted by the UK lead institution through the Good Grants platform.
Total Budget: £25,000	
Deadline: 21/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://opportunities-insight.britishcouncil.org/short-articles/opportunities/gender-equality-partnerships-2026

Call Title:	PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN GLOBAL SECURITY
Programme:	Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
Objective:	Under the leadership of Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Executive Director of the GCSP, the Prize for Transformative Futures in Peace and Security was initiated by Professor Nayef Al-Rodhan, Director of the Geopolitics and Global Futures Department, and Ms Anne-Caroline Pissis Martel, Director of the Global Fellowship Initiative and Creative Spark. It seeks to reward groundbreaking concepts that offer exceptional promise in addressing peace and security challenges. The inaugural edition of the prize was awarded in 2023.
Eligible Activities:	Submissions may come from any country, but the potential impact of the concepts submitted should extend beyond national borders in their scope or thinking. Concepts from a wide variety of fields may be eligible for consideration, including, but not restricted to,

	transformative technologies, pandemics, biothreats, autonomous weapons, climate change, human rights, cybersecurity, education, or disarmament, for example. Applications are welcome from all countries, provided that the projects extend beyond national borders in scope or concept, and seek to tackle global security issues in innovative ways. A wide range of projects may qualify for consideration, including technological and conceptual innovations, original research, or grassroots initiatives.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are individuals, or group of individuals, or organisation (from private or public sectors).
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 23/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.gcsp.ch/events/apply-2026-gcsp-prize-innovation

Call Title:	STRENGTHENING BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA'S ORGANIZED CRIME SPECIALIZED DEPARTMENTS FOR ORGANIZED CRIME THROUGH EXPERT ADVISORY SUPPORT
Programme: U.S. Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina	
Objective:	NL announces a funding opportunity for qualified individuals to provide expert advisory and mentoring support to specialized anti-organized crime and corruption departments in Bosnia and Herzegovina, covering both the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska.
Eligible Activities:	Criminal networks in Bosnia and Herzegovina have documented links to Western Hemisphere cartels that launder drug proceeds and shield corrupt officials, directly threatening U.S. security and economic interests. Bosnia and Herzegovina sits on the Balkan Route, a key corridor for narcotics, weapons, and migrant smuggling. The selected expert or experts will strengthen prosecutorial capacity within the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina's Specialized Department for Corruption and Organized Crime, known as POSKOK, and its Republika Srpska counterpart by delivering structured advisory sessions, participating in legal reform working groups, and providing case-based mentoring to prosecutors, judges, and investigators. Actions must take place in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include individuals.
Total Budget: \$50,000 - \$75,000 per grant	
Deadline: 28/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/2cd04e24-1d1f-464b-981f-3eabdcaf6293

Call Title:	YOUTH-DRIVEN SOCIAL MEDIA DESIGN: SAFE, INCLUSIVE, AND PUBLICLY-OWNED SOCIAL MEDIA
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Programme: European Commission (EC) - PPPA	
Objective:	The developed solutions should demonstrate their potential in concrete terms through the execution of a first roll-out stage during the project life-cycle, with a strong uptake strategy guiding their future adoption after the end of the project. The sustainability of the results and their continued benefits to users is a key ambition of this call for proposals. The project is furthermore expected to make a strong impact for the wider ecosystem of European decentralised social media.
Eligible Activities:	The insights gained on youth needs and desires on mental-health and inclusivity friendly social media should benefit the wider community of stakeholders in this space, and wherever possible developed technology should contribute to the software stacks of the ActivityPub and ATProtocol communities. Finally, the project should generate insights on the opportunities and challenges for decentralised social media as a genuine and widely used alternative to non-decentralised services, and contribute to the understanding of the key factors that would allow EU tech start-ups in the space to scale and succeed. Through the specific focus on youth audiences, the project may also provide use cases for how an alternative business and platform development model may contribute to maximising benefits for youth from the use of digital tools whilst also reducing risks, providing insights for societal debates on youth social media usage. Actions must take place in EU member states.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are legal entities (public or private bodies).
Total Budget: €1,480,000	
Deadline: 06/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/PPPA-2026-YOUTH-SOCIAL-MEDIA-DESIGN

Call Title:	Borderlands V - West Africa Programme
Programme: European Commission	
Objective:	The European Commission has launched the Borderlands V - West Africa Call for Proposals to support actions in the tri-border area of Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, and Guinea. The grant programme aims to prevent and reduce instability and conflict spillover in border regions while complementing national programmes and the African Great Green Wall initiative.
Eligible Activities:	The total grant budget is EUR 25 million, divided into two lots: EUR 15 million for the Mali–Guinea–Côte d'Ivoire three-border zone and EUR 10 million for the Guinea–Côte d'Ivoire forest zone. EU funding must cover between 70% and 95% of eligible project costs, with the remaining contribution coming from non-EU sources. Projects must have a duration of 48 to 60 months. The indicative total amount made available under this call for proposals is EUR 25 million. The contracting authority reserves the right not to allocate the full amount of available funds. Indicative envelope per batch/geographical breakdown: Lot 1 covering the tri-border area (Mali, Guinea, Ivory Coast): 15 million EUR, Lot 2 covering the border between Guinea and Ivory Coast: 10 million EUR

	The programme focuses on improving socio-economic opportunities for border communities, particularly women, youth, and mobile populations; promoting inclusive and sustainable access to natural resources such as land, water, pasture, mining, and forest products; and strengthening efforts against cross-border trafficking, including human trafficking, and violent extremism. Key themes include private sector development, land and resource governance, social cohesion, population and livestock displacement, anti-trafficking capacity building, and conflict prevention. Applications will follow a two-stage procedure. Applicants must first submit a Concise Note through the PROSPECT system by 6 October 2026, after which shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit Full Applications. Applications are assessed based on eligibility, organisational capacity, relevant experience, thematic expertise, and alignment with the objectives of the call. Lead applicants may submit a maximum of one application per lot and receive one grant under the call, while co-applicants and affiliated entities are subject to participation restrictions.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible lead applicants must be non-profit legal entities, including NGOs, public operators, local authorities, or international organisations, established in an EU Member State or an eligible NDICI country. Applicants must have relevant experience in West Africa, including work in at least two target countries, experience implementing EU-funded regional or cross-border programmes, operational capacity in fragile contexts, and commitment to human rights and gender equality. Applications must include consortium partners, with at least one co-applicant per country active in the intervention areas. Partners must demonstrate expertise across multiple thematic priorities and meet the same eligibility requirements as lead applicants.
Total Budget: €25,000,000	
Deadline: 10/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/187027PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL GRANTS
Programme:	EEA Civil Society Fund
Objective:	The main objective of the Call for organizational grants is to strengthen organizations that are active in the priority areas of Civil Society Fund for several years by supporting the achievement of their long-term strategic goals and enhancing their organizational capacities.
Eligible Activities:	Applicants must submit a multi-year organizational work plan or strategy covering strategic objectives for both their programme activities (e.g. work with minority communities, advocacy for vulnerable groups, etc.) and organizational development (e.g. human resources management and development, fundraising, communications, etc.). The strategic plan must clearly demonstrate how the organization will improve its organizational capacities during the implementation period (e.g. increased visibility and recognition, a larger membership and supporter base, improved transparency, etc.) and how the support will contribute to achieving its substantive objectives (e.g. reaching more beneficiaries, implementing more activities). Expected changes must be presented through annual quantitative indicators. Actions must take place in Slovenia.

Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that, on the date of application submission, meet the criteria set out in Article 2 of the Slovenian Non-Governmental Organisations Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 21/18), comply with the requirements specified in the Civil Society Fund Programme Agreement.
Total Budget:	€120,000 - €180,000 per grant
Deadline:	15/10/2026
More information and official documents:	https://eeagrants.org/en/eea-civil-society-fund-slovenia/news/csf-applications-call-proposals-organizational-grants-now-open

Call Title:	Grants to Strengthen Integrated Child Protection Systems Through Cross-Sector Collaboration
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	The European Commission is seeking applications for projects that strengthen integrated child protection systems and develop coordinated, child-centred responses to violence against children through cross-sectoral collaboration and systemic improvements, in line with the Commission Recommendation on integrated child protection systems. Focus areas include strengthening integrated child protection systems; preventing violence against children through awareness raising, training, certification, standards and accreditation procedures; improving early identification, reporting and child-friendly referral mechanisms; enhancing multidisciplinary support for child victims through medical, psychosocial, legal, care and educational assistance; building accountability and monitoring frameworks through indicators, self-evaluation and data collection; and supporting national plans on integrated child protection systems, including anti-bullying and cyberbullying strategies.
Eligible Activities:	The European Commission aims to support projects that contribute to systemic changes in the prevention, protection and support of children affected by violence through integrated child protection systems. The priority encourages cooperation among public authorities, professionals and civil society organisations to ensure that violence against children is prevented, identified and addressed through coordinated, rights-based and child-centred approaches. Projects should strengthen collaboration among relevant authorities and sectors, including child protection bodies, judicial authorities, law enforcement agencies, education institutions, healthcare and mental health professionals, social services, psychosocial support providers, care professionals, digital sectors, sport, leisure, media and cultural organisations. The involvement of public authorities, particularly at the local level, is essential under this priority, and the participation of a public authority is mandatory. Projects should also closely involve families, children and youth-led organisations to ensure that responses are designed around children's needs and experiences. Projects should ensure meaningful child participation throughout the design, implementation and monitoring phases while applying strong child safeguarding measures due to the sensitive nature of activities involving child victims, witnesses or perpetrators. Supported activities may include strengthening prevention mechanisms through awareness-raising initiatives on children's rights, digital safety and gender-based violence. Projects may also develop training programmes, certification approaches and accreditation standards for professionals, including teachers, social workers, police officers and healthcare staff, to help them recognise early signs of violence and provide appropriate responses.

	Projects can support the creation of preventive tools such as school-based anti-bullying programmes, parent and guardian guidance resources and community-based initiatives. Particular attention should be given to children in vulnerable situations, including children with disabilities, children from migrant backgrounds, children in alternative care and children at risk of exploitation. The priority also supports improving early detection and reporting of violence against children by developing child-friendly reporting mechanisms, including digital platforms, helplines and school-based systems. Projects may establish clear referral pathways between law enforcement, judicial authorities, healthcare professionals and social service providers to ensure timely support. Projects can further strengthen multidisciplinary assessment approaches through coordinated case reviews involving social workers, psychologists, law enforcement and other relevant professionals. These approaches aim to improve cooperation between sectors and provide more effective responses to cases of abuse and violence. The initiative supports integrated response activities that provide medical, psychosocial, legal, care and educational assistance to child victims. Projects may establish integrated support hubs, either physical or digital, that offer coordinated services through a one-stop-shop model. Activities may also focus on improving case management cooperation and developing trauma-informed care models for children in alternative care, detention or migration contexts. Projects should establish accountability and monitoring frameworks based on indicators, self-evaluation processes and data collection systems. These mechanisms can help measure the effectiveness of child protection systems, including areas such as response times, recurrence rates and the overall performance of protection services. The priority also supports the development of national and regional action plans on child protection, including strategies to prevent and address bullying and cyberbullying through cross-sectoral cooperation. These plans should promote collaboration between authorities at different levels and relevant stakeholders to prevent violence and provide timely support to children. The funding opportunity addresses all forms of violence against children, including harassment, sexual violence and violence occurring in educational settings, leisure activities, cultural and sporting environments, community spaces and domestic contexts. It also focuses on online and offline bullying, including cyberbullying, particularly affecting children in vulnerable situations such as children in alternative or foster care, children with disabilities, Roma children, children with migrant backgrounds, or children facing discrimination linked to religion, belief, gender or sexual orientation. The total budget available for this priority is €21,000,000, with an indicative funding allocation of EUR 3,000,000 for this specific priority.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be legal entities, including public or private bodies, established in eligible countries. Eligible countries include European Union Member States, including overseas countries and territories (OCTs), as well as non-EU countries associated with the CERV Programme or countries currently negotiating association agreements where the agreement enters into force before grant signature.
Total Budget: €21,000,000	
Deadline: 03/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CERV-2026-DAPHNE-CHILDREN

Call Title: EIT Food Co-Financing Instrument for Agrifood Startups	
Programme: EIT Food	
Objective:	The EIT Food Proof-of-Concept Co-Financing Instrument is inviting applications to support agrifood startups in developing proof-of-concept and small-scale pilot projects with corporate clients.
Eligible Activities:	The instrument focuses on financially de-risking the commercial activities of agrifood startups, supporting proof-of-concept and small-scale pilot projects, promoting impactful technologies, products, and services, enabling collaboration between startups and corporate clients, creating a clear pathway toward commercial success, and supporting project activities such as sample creation, field trials, functionality and property tests, and efficiency assessments. The Proof-of-Concept Co-Financing Instrument is designed to facilitate corporate innovation by connecting leading industry partners with impactful agrifood startups. It supports early collaborations between startups and prospective corporate customers, helping validate solutions through proof-of-concept projects or small-scale pilots that can lead to larger commercial opportunities. The total budget available under this call is up to €1.5 million. Applicants may submit more than one project with different corporate clients. Successful applicants will receive a subgrant to cover project costs, with a maximum funding amount of €60,000 per application. Projects may begin from September 2026 and can receive funding for a period of up to 12 months.
Eligible Applicants:	The instrument is open to mono-beneficiary proposals, meaning applications must be submitted by a single entity. Proposals involving multiple beneficiaries are not eligible. Eligible applications must include a corporate client with a minimum annual turnover of EUR 1 billion based on the latest approved annual financial statements. Corporate counterparts with a lower annual turnover may still qualify if they can demonstrate established and verifiable open innovation capabilities through documented open innovation programmes, structured collaboration frameworks with startups or scaleups, dedicated innovation units, corporate venture activities, or other formalised mechanisms. EIT Food will assess whether the demonstrated open innovation capability satisfies the eligibility requirements.
Total Budget: €1,500,000	
Deadline: 30/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.eitfood.eu/open-calls/proof-of-concept-co-financing-instrument-2

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