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New Opportunities

Call Title:	Inclusive Incubation and Finance for More Entrepreneurs ESF-2026-SE-INCUBATION
Programme: European Social Fund (ESF)	
Objective:	Scope: General Objective The general objective of this Call for proposals is to promote inclusive entrepreneurship across the European Union by supporting incubation models and financing solutions that enable new and aspiring entrepreneurs from under-represented groups in entrepreneurship to start, sustain and scale viable business activities. Under this Call, incubation services include acceleration services. Specific Objectives The Call aims in particular to: • Develop and test incubation approaches adapted to the specific needs of under-represented entrepreneurs. • Improve access to finance by linking incubation services with financing organisations such as microfinance providers or social investment vehicles. • Strengthen entrepreneurial capacities, skills development and business readiness among target groups facing barriers to entrepreneurship. • Foster cooperation among incubation actors, financial intermediaries, social economy organisations, and possibly as well with employment services, managing entities of local innovation ecosystems or research institutes. • Generate transferable knowledge, tools and practices that can be replicated or scaled across Member States.
Eligible Activities:	Expected Outcome: Actions funded under this Call are expected to contribute to: • Increased participation of under-represented groups in entrepreneurial activities; • Improved access to tailored incubation services and financing opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs facing structural barriers; • Enhanced entrepreneurial skills, business readiness and sustainability of supported enterprises; • Strengthened cooperation between incubation providers, financial actors and employment or social inclusion stakeholders; • Development of innovative, evidence-based approaches, as a possible source of inspiration for other initiatives; • Improved knowledge and policy learning regarding effective inclusive entrepreneurship support mechanisms. In the longer term, the Call is expected to contribute to more inclusive labour markets, job creation, strengthened social economy ecosystems and reduced inequalities in access to entrepreneurship opportunities within the European Union.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must: - be legal entities (public or private bodies) - be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.: - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)) - non-EU countries: - listed EEA countries and countries associated to the ESF+ (list of participating countries), or - countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature.

	Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the Participant Register — before submitting the proposal — and will have to be validated by the Central Validation Service (REA Validation). For the validation, they will be requested to upload documents showing legal status and origin. Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions, etc
Total Budget: €1,500,000	
Deadline: 02/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ESF-2026-SE-INCUBATION

Call Title:	Enhancing integrated research and healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa through digital innovation and Artificial Intelligence HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-03-DIGIT-02
Programme:	HORIZON-JU-CSA HORIZON JU Coordination and Support Actions
Objective:	Scope The proposals submitted under this topic should address the following points: • Strengthen health systems, capacity and partnership to enhance the development and use of existing and new digital health records and tools, leveraging machine learning and AI, aiming to prevent, detect or treat infectious diseases in the scope of Global Health EDCTP3 in SSA, enabling health care workers, government, and policy makers to make informed clinical decisions or implement well-informed epidemic preparedness measures. Proposals should favour low-risk digital/AI approaches. • Strengthen national and regional efforts across SSA with concrete demonstration of scale up of validated digital technologies for implementation at national or sub-regional level, and to align digital health strategies with applicable international best practices. • Improved coordination between stakeholders promoting collaborative platforms and partnerships sharing data and knowledge between regions/countries in SSA and ideally with global partners. • Proposals should include sharing of knowledge between countries with advanced systems and those that have lower capacity in terms of digital tools and skills. Proposals should also use applicable international standards for data use and governance including data privacy and data ownership. • Proposals should consider addressing the societal impact and acceptability of the approach by the populations concerned and should demonstrate compliance with applicable ethics requirements for the use of digital technologies in involved SSA countries. • Proposals should address the audit of the bias of the AI system and address the sustainability of the project outcome beyond the project duration. • Proposals are encouraged to consider expansion of robust, user-friendly digital platforms to grow with the regional needs to reach a broad population of patients, health care workers, government, and policy makers. • Proposals should also ensure equity across involved countries in SSA and in relation to other countries where similar technologies are being developed and/or implemented. • Proposals should look into supporting national and regional (supranational) efforts to align digital health strategies with international best practices. Proposals are

	encouraged to include the sharing of knowledge between countries with advanced systems and less experienced countries having basic digital infrastructure. Proposals are encouraged to include hands-on practical capacity-building activities preparing institutions and professionals to lead digital transformation efforts as well as digital health policy dialogues. The applicants are also encouraged to align with the WHO AFRO and Africa CDC strategies for digital health. Proposals should include a clear plan for how digital tools will be made accessible and affordable to users. Outcomes should be shared publicly, when possible, especially if they serve the public good or have broad regional relevance. Proposals should engage communities and relevant stakeholders, most notably (local) key opinion leaders, researchers or clinical Investigators, health care professionals, policy makers, public health authorities and end-users. Applicants should provide methodologies for translating research findings into public health practice and policy guidelines and are encouraged to follow guidance provided in the EDCTP Knowledge Hub Research into Policy Toolkit. Where possible, collaboration and coordination with the AU-EU Health Partnership's Manufacturing and Access to Vaccines, medicines and health technologies (MAV+) hub or similar African initiatives is encouraged. The applicants could show, for example, willingness to enter into technology transfer agreements with their counterparts - including the provision of patents, technical knowledge and know-how, or early engagement with regulators or with African manufacturers to support the translation into affordable products adapted to the regional market. Applicants are reminded of the expectation that proposals should come from research consortia with a strong representation of institutions and researchers from SSA countries, including active participation of Franco/Lusophone countries, if possible. Collaboration with other international research groups with relevant experience is very much encouraged. Applicants are also reminded of the expectation of reaching out to institutions/organisations in countries with high disease burden but with relatively lower research capacities.
Eligible Activities:	Expected Impact: The actions funded under this topic should contribute to strengthening clinical human capital base in R&I, enhancing talent retention, knowledge sharing of best practices within the research and innovation landscape, accelerate integration of digital tools into health systems, expand and scale up validated innovations with tangible implementation at national and/or sub-regional levels. Applicant consortium If requested by the applicant consortia, the EDCTP Association may offer technical support for the preparation of their proposal, in particular because of the lump sum nature of the Grant Agreement. The applicant consortia may also decide to include the EDCTP Association as coordinator. In that case, the applicant consortia should contact the EDCTP Association to obtain the estimated amount of the Association's contribution as well as any other relevant information. The EDCTP Association will timely provide the necessary information to all potential applicants. Expected Outcome: Background Digital health has the potential to reshape and enable the implementation of integrated research and healthcare delivery across sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), especially in communities

	that are underserved or hard to reach. With tools such as mobile health platforms, electronic health records, and the use of artificial intelligence (AI), health services can become more efficient and accessible, responding to the needs of strengthening the research and development settings in SSA. Despite the ongoing rapid advances, SSA countries are still lagging behind, and there is an increasing gap with the developed world where digital innovation and machine learning is expected to deliver significant changes to healthcare. Digital tools currently in use are fragmented, incompatible with each other, and limited in their reach. In addition, the use of AI is creating more opportunities, but there is a need to ensure future technologies are based on models that include data from SSA countries. Recent strategies, including the WHO's Global Strategy on Digital Health (2020–2025), the African Union's Digital Health Framework, and the Africa CDC's Digital Transformation Strategy, call for urgent action. These frameworks emphasise the need to invest in people-focused, sustainable digital solutions that are locally informed and globally aligned. This Coordination and Support Action (CSA) focuses on addressing these disparities. It aims to bring together national governments, regional institutions, researchers, healthcare providers, and private sector partners to better coordinate efforts, share knowledge, and build the infrastructure needed to support inclusive, scalable digital health systems. By aligning with these strategic directions, this CSA promotes a shared vision: one where digital innovation strengthens local health systems rather than working in silos. The goal is not to create new technologies, but to make better use of what already exists by improving coordination, strengthening human capacity, and supporting evidence-based policies and investments that can unlock the true potential of digital health across the region. Expected Outcomes The proposals submitted under this topic should aim to deliver results contributing to at least two of the below: • Scaled-up implementation of validated digital innovations at national or sub-regional level. • Improved data interoperability and data harmonisation of electronic health records between different digital health systems according to international standards. • Integrated comprehensive roadmap for the sustainable and scalable integration of digital health tools into clinical trials and public health systems in SSA, in line with international standards and local ethical standards, and in the context of sharing of best practices. • Increased retention of skilled experts in digital health, epidemiology, bioinformatics, AI in SSA.
Eligible Applicants:	Entities eligible to participate Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from non-associated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations⁴) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation⁵ have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call/topic. A 'legal entity' means any natural or legal person created and recognised as such under national law, EU law or international law, which has legal personality and which may, acting in its own name, exercise rights and be subject to obligations, or an entity without legal personality.

	Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the Participant Register before submitting their application, in order to get a participant identification code (PIC) and be validated by the Central Validation Service before signing the grant agreement. For the validation, they will be asked to upload the necessary documents showing their legal status and origin during the grant preparation stage. A validated PIC is not a prerequisite for submitting an application.
Total Budget: €18,000,000	
Deadline: 02/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-03-DIGIT-02

Call Title: Applications open for BraveTech EU Technology Challenges	
Programme: Ministry of Defence of Ukraine	
Objective:	The BraveTech EU Technology Challenges invites Ukrainian and EU defense manufacturers to apply for technology challenges focused on new defense solutions. The BraveTech EU program, a flagship European initiative, is designed to harness advanced technological solutions from Ukrainian and European Union defense manufacturers to meet critical needs on the Ukrainian front and bolster Europe's overall defense capabilities.
Eligible Activities:	The DefTech Forges initiative organizes a series of on-site competitions designed to identify and support the development of defense and dual-use technologies at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4 or above. The program aims to strengthen Europe's defense system and address the specific needs of the Ukrainian front. The primary goal of the grant program is to identify and fund new technological solutions that directly address the needs of the Ukrainian front while simultaneously strengthening Europe's overall defense system. Selected participants will compete for grants of €120,000, with six winners—three from each event—receiving this funding. These teams also gain the potential to secure up to €750,000 in further funding through subsequent testing with the European Defence Agency (EDA). The application period concludes on September 6. Following selection, the DefTech Forge testing stage will be conducted across two on-site events tentatively scheduled for November 9–13 in Germany and Romania. Eligible technologies must be at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4 or above to qualify for the program. Manufacturers must complete several stages to qualify for a grant. The process begins with application submission by September 6. An independent expert panel, including military personnel and technical mentors, will then select 40 solutions. These selected participants will be divided into two groups of 20 teams for on-site DefTech Forges events, where they will test their technologies and receive direct feedback. Following these tests, six winners will be chosen to receive grants, with potential for further funding and testing with the European Defence Agency (EDA).
Eligible Applicants:	The program is open to Ukrainian manufacturers and companies from European Union member states. Eligible applicants must be developing defense and dual-use technologies that have reached Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4 or higher.

Total Budget:	€1,500,000
Deadline:	06/09/2026
More information and official documents:	https://mod.gov.ua/en/news/grants-of-up-to-120-000-applications-now-open-for-brave-tech-eu-technology-challenges

Call Title: EFCSN Database Grants for European Fact-Checking Organisations	
Programme:	European Fact-Checking Standards Network
Objective:	The EFCSN Database Grants provide financial support to certified fact-checking organisations in Europe to contribute fact-checks and technical infrastructure to a shared European fact-check database.
Eligible Activities:	The European Fact-Checking Standards Network (EFCSN) launched the Database Grants as part of the FACTEUR project to strengthen the infrastructure and collaboration of the European fact-checking community. This initiative aims to build a centralised database of fact-check articles, verified disinformation appearances, and related metadata, serving as a vital resource for fact-checkers and stakeholders across Europe. The grants specifically support certified fact-checking organisations in setting up workflows and technical systems to contribute their fact-checks to the shared database. Grantees are expected to provide full-text fact-checks, review and annotate AI-generated metadata, and grant licensing rights for their data to EFCSN under fair and reasonable conditions. The program also encourages ongoing data contribution beyond the project period, governed by a data licensing agreement. The total call budget is €860,000, with a maximum grant amount of €70,000 per project and a funding rate of 50%. Grants are awarded as lump sums, with the final amount determined by the size of the applicant's organisation and the number of fact-checks contributed. The grant duration is 24 months, and payments are structured in three phases: upon signature, after interim report approval, and after final report approval. Eligible costs include personnel, subcontracting, travel, and indirect costs.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be legal entities (for-profit or non-profit) that are EFCSN-certified fact-checking organisations or teams, with a demonstrable focus on a Council of Europe member country, Kosovo, Belarus, or Russia. Applicants must publish at least four human-authored fact-checking articles per month and be based in the European Union or DEP-associated countries. Only single organisations may apply; consortia are not eligible.
Total Budget:	€860,000
Deadline:	06/09/2026
More information and official documents:	https://efcsn.com/funding-opportunities/efcsn-database-grants/

Call Title: AI-BOOST	
Programme:	European Commission
Objective:	The AI-BOOST open innovation competition features four generative AI challenges with application deadlines ending on August 25 and September 8, 2026. insights.Mobility: Optimizing smart transport, routing, and urban traffic frameworks.
Eligible Activities:	Funded by the European Commission, it offers up to €28,500 for the Spark Phase and up to €100,000 for grand prizes.

	Applications can be submitted via the AI-BOOST F6S Platform. Key Challenge Categories • Autonomous Robotics: Advancing machine autonomy and real-world adaptive control. • Agentic AI for Engineering Design: Streamlining automated CAD generation and physical simulations. • Clinical Datasets: Developing trustworthy generative models for medical and healthcare
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility and Rules Who Can Apply: Individuals, academic teams, startups, and small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs). Location Requirements: Applicants must be based in EU Member States or eligible Associated Countries. Technical Requirement: Teams must prove technical AI capacity relevant to the chosen challenge.
Total Budget: €535,000	
Deadline: 08/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.f6s.com/ai-challenge-competition-2

Call Title:	MORE HEALTH for Africa Program (Cohort 3)
Programme:	Villgro Africa
Objective:	The MORE HEALTH for Africa Program supports post-revenue social enterprises in Africa with catalytic funding and tailored support to scale healthcare innovation for underserved communities.
Eligible Activities:	The MORE HEALTH for Africa Program is a partnership between Boehringer Ingelheim and Villgro Africa, designed to bridge the health gap across the continent by empowering social entrepreneurs to deliver sustainable healthcare solutions to underserved populations. The program operates in two phases over twelve months: the first six months focus on strengthening business foundations through coaching, masterclasses, and tailored grants, while the second phase emphasizes business growth with advanced mentorship, investor connections, research support, and global networking opportunities. Grants of up to 80,000 Euros are available to selected enterprises, alongside tailored support, investor linkages, capacity building, and opportunities for global exposure at events such as the Making More Health Together convention in Germany and a major event in Africa.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are ambitious, post-revenue social enterprises operating in Africa with annual revenues of at least \$300,000, demonstrated impact reaching 100,000 people, a dedicated team, and a clear growth strategy to raise over USD 1 million in the next year.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 11/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://villgroafrica.org/funding_calls/more-health-for-africa-program-mhfa-cohort-3/

Call Title:		Joint WHO African Region/TDR Impact Grants for Implementation Research
Programme: WHO Regional Office for Africa		
Objective:	The Joint WHO African Region/TDR Impact Grants support implementation research teams in Africa to strengthen health systems and address infectious diseases of poverty.	
Eligible Activities:	The Joint WHO African Region/TDR Impact Grants are a collaborative initiative between the WHO Regional Office for Africa and the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), designed to strengthen the capacity for health research in developing countries across Africa. This program builds on the region’s experience to support country-led implementation research that improves health and well-being by addressing systemic challenges, strengthening health systems, and responding to emerging global health threats such as climate change and pandemics. The grants aim to facilitate public health-oriented implementation research, with a focus on person-centred service delivery, health systems strengthening, innovation, digital transformation, and environmental health. Priority research areas include communicable diseases (such as TB, malaria, and neglected tropical diseases), integrated primary health care models, access to essential medicines and diagnostics, digital health solutions, community system strengthening, climate-sensitive diseases, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), antimicrobial resistance, and One Health approaches for zoonoses and emerging threats. The objectives of the program are to strengthen research capacity in African countries, generate actionable knowledge and context-specific solutions, and encourage intersectoral dialogue and a One Health approach. The program also supports the translation of research results into policy and practice, promoting the engagement of individuals and communities to reduce disease burden. The maximum duration for each research project is 12 months, and all projects must be completed by the end of 2027. No-cost extensions are not permitted.	
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include research teams based in institutions within African Region countries or territories, such as national disease control programs, ministries of health, academic institutions, research institutes, and nongovernmental organizations. Proposals must be submitted in English, French, or Portuguese via the eTDR portal, and the research must be conducted in the African Region. Early-career researchers, women, and applicants from least-developed countries are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants must demonstrate experience in operational and/or implementation research, and specific authorization and acknowledgement letters are required if the research is implemented in a health centre or public health program area.	
Total Budget: €100,000		
Deadline: 15/09/2026		
More information and official documents:	https://who.my.site.com/etdr/s/gs-solicitation/a0pVj000007eS3DIAU/ca260033	

Call Title:	Applications Open for Shine Program 2027
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Programme: Swiss Re Foundation	
Objective:	Swiss Re Foundation is inviting early-stage social entrepreneurs to apply for Shine 2027, a program supporting innovative urban climate solutions through grant funding, business expertise, and leadership coaching in eight global cities. Launched by the Swiss Re Foundation, Shine 2027 is designed to accelerate the implementation of urban climate action by supporting early-stage social enterprises operating in or serving one of eight global cities: Bangalore, Bratislava, Cape Town, London, Manila, Mexico City, New York, and Zurich.
Eligible Activities:	The program addresses the persistent gap between city climate ambitions and on-the-ground implementation, focusing on ventures that drive urban decarbonization, climate adaptation, and inclusive development. Shine 2027 prioritizes solutions in energy transition, building efficiency and electrification, sustainable transport, waste and circular economy, urban nature and land use, and climate data, governance, and monitoring. Selected enterprises receive grant funding, access to Swiss Re expertise in risk, strategy, and business development, leadership and executive coaching, and connections to ecosystem partners and climate innovation networks. Each city chapter offers a city-specific grant (e.g., up to INR 2,000,000 in Bangalore, EUR 40,000 in Bratislava, ZAR 400,000 in Cape Town, GBP 40,000 in London, USD 30,000 in Manila and Mexico City, USD 40,000 in New York, and CHF 55,000 in Zurich), with an initial grant of up to USD 5,000 per enterprise and the possibility of follow-on investment of up to USD 300,000 for ventures demonstrating scale. The four-month program requires significant founder commitment, including 11 in-person days and additional virtual participation, and is structured around modules that build market readiness, impact measurement, go-to-market strategies, and operational resilience.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are early-stage enterprises (0–4 years old) with a minimum viable product and a pilot or commercial launch underway, operating in or serving one of the eight Shine cities. Applicants must demonstrate a strong drive for financial sustainability, a commitment to measurable environmental outcomes, and a focus on making climate solutions accessible to low-income or underserved urban communities, or addressing mitigation/adaptation from a climate justice perspective.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 15/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.swissrefoundation.org/who-we-partner-with/Entrepreneurial-solutions/Shine-2027.html

Call Title:	WomenLift Health Nigeria Leadership Journey for Women Leaders in Health
Programme: WomenLift Health	
Objective:	The WomenLift Health Nigeria Leadership Journey is a fully funded, 12-month hybrid fellowship for mid-senior career women working in health in Nigeria. WomenLift Health's Nigeria Leadership Journey was established to address the persistent underrepresentation of women in health leadership roles and to foster a new generation of women leaders equipped to tackle the complex, interconnected challenges facing the health sector. The program is delivered in partnership with WILAN Global and is part of a broader initiative to build a global network of women leaders in health.

Eligible Activities:	The Journey is designed as a transformational learning and development experience, bringing together 30 mid-senior career women working across multiple disciplines and sectors in health within Nigeria. Participants benefit from a hybrid format that combines virtual learning touchpoints, group mentoring, one-on-one coaching, and two in-person experiential residencies. The curriculum emphasizes systems thinking, coalition building, and the development of contextualized leadership tools to address individual, institutional, and sectoral challenges. Health++ is a core theme of the program, recognizing that sustainable improvements in health require coordinated action across fields such as climate change, food systems, agriculture, water and sanitation, education, economic policy, gender equity, and technology. The program encourages multi-sector collaboration and cultivates leaders who can drive impact across silos. All program costs are fully covered, including travel and lodging for in-person residencies. The total learning commitment is approximately 87 hours over 12 months, with an expected effort of 4–8 hours per month. Participants also undertake a self-directed Health Leadership Project as part of their journey.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to women who are citizens, residents, and working professionals in Nigeria, with 10–25 years of experience in health or related sectors. Applicants must demonstrate fluency in English and be able to participate in all mandatory sessions, including those scheduled in West Africa Time (WAT) or within one hour of that time zone. The program seeks a diverse cohort representing various sectors, disciplines, and cultural backgrounds.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 18/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.womenlifthealth.org/2027-nigeria-leadership-journey/

Call Title:	INQUA Fellowship Program for International Mobility
Programme:	International Union for Quaternary Research (INQUA)
Objective:	The INQUA Fellowship Program provides financial support for early-career and developing-country scientists to gain international research experience in Quaternary studies.
Eligible Activities:	INQUA established the Fellowship Program to foster international collaboration and capacity building in Quaternary research by supporting early-career scientists and researchers from developing countries to undertake research stays at foreign institutions. The program is designed to enhance scientific exchange, promote the development of collaborative research networks, and provide opportunities for fellows to gain valuable experience in new research environments. The fellowship covers (part of) the costs associated with travel (economy class) and expenses such as subsistence and accommodation while living abroad, up to a maximum of €15,000.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include early-career scientists—defined as graduate students and postgraduates within eight years of receiving their final degree, with allowances for career breaks—and researchers working in low- and lower-middle-income economies, as defined by the World Bank, who wish to conduct research at host institutions in foreign countries on topics related to INQUA’s scope.

	Applicants may only benefit from the INQUA Fellowship Program once, and selection is based on the scientific quality, novelty, and feasibility of the proposed project, as well as the academic excellence of both the applicant and the host institution.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 30/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.inqua.org/projects-fellowships/fellowships

Call Title:	Impact Monitoring and Assessment Framework for the Chips JU HORIZON-JU-CHIPS-2026-IMAF-CSA
Programme: HORIZON-JU-CSA HORIZON JU Coordination and Support Actions	
Objective:	
Eligible Activities:	Expected Outcome: Projects funded under this call are expected to deliver the following outcomes, which together constitute a complete and durable impact monitoring and assessment framework: • Complete Indicator Framework: A validated indicator framework of short-term actions, outcomes and long-term impacts, for both the ECS programme and the Chips for Europe Initiative, integrating Horizon Europe indicators, common JU indicators, and Chips JU-specific indicators. • Data Collection and Exploitation Monitoring Platform: A standardised, multi-user platform for the systematic collection of programme-level monitoring data from all Chips JU projects and key external stakeholders, covering both the periodic tracking of programme indicators and the continuous monitoring of exploitation and commercialisation progress across all active and recently closed projects. • Scalable Impact Assessment Methodology: A documented, scalable and auditable methodology for conducting structured periodic impact assessments of the full Chips JU programme, providing the analytical framework for interpreting programme monitoring data and producing credible, comparable and externally auditable assessments of programme performance across all relevant impact dimensions. • Governance Architecture and Operational Handover: A governance architecture for the IMAF defining the roles, responsibilities, oversight mechanisms and data management protocols that ensure the infrastructure operates with appropriate independence, credibility and institutional continuity. This shall include a full operational handover to the Chips JU office at action end.
Eligible Applicants:	Participation is limited to legal entities established in EU Member States, EEA Countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway), Associated Countries, OECD and Mercosur countries (see Annex 1 to the General Annexes to the multiannual work programme 2023-2027 “HORIZON Europe conditions applicable to the Chips JU”).
Total Budget: €1,000,000	
Deadline: 30/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-JU-CHIPS-2026-IMAF-CSA

Call Title: Submit Applications for NNF-IAS Fellowship Program	
Programme: Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies	
Objective:	The Nordic Institutes for Advanced Studies is pleased to announce the NNF-IAS Fellowship Program on Health and Sustainability. The NNF-IAS Fellowship Programme is a collaborative initiative among the Nordic Institutes for Advanced Studies, designed to strengthen research environments in health and sustainability across Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. The programme leverages the interdisciplinary and international character of the partner institutes to address pressing global and regional challenges related to health inequities.
Eligible Activities:	The first call focuses on the theme of Inequity in Health, inviting research projects that explore health disparities, structural and social determinants of health, health innovations and technologies, equal opportunities, and the interplay between health and environmental developments. The programme encourages projects that integrate knowledge across disciplines and foster global cooperation to address the complex dimensions of health inequity. Fellows will be affiliated with one of the four main partner institutes—AIAS (Denmark), HCAS (Finland), CAS (Norway), or SCAS (Sweden)—and will participate in a collaborative group spanning all partner institutes. The fellowship offers an inclusive, multidisciplinary academic environment, regular meetings, and opportunities for interdisciplinary training and collaboration within an extended Nordic network. Fellows receive a full-time salary based on seniority, with employment conditions and wages regulated by the collective union agreements of the hosting Nordic country. The fellowship covers relocation travel expenses (subject to prior approval), provides relocation assistance, and includes a research budget of up to EUR 20,000 (approximately \$21,600 USD). Fellows are also provided with office space and access to academic training activities, conferences, and workshops at their host institute.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be researchers of any nationality and discipline, with 2 to 10 years of career experience after completion of their PhD. Candidates must not have resided or worked in the country of their preferred host institute for more than 12 months in the two years prior to the deadline. Selected fellows are expected to engage actively in interdisciplinary collaboration and reside in the host country for the duration of the 23-month fellowship.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 01/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://aias.au.dk/nnf-ias-fellowships

Call Title: GovTech AI Bootcamp for Governance and Public Administration	
Programme: World Bank	
Objective:	The GovTech AI Bootcamp offers government institutions in low- and middle-income countries a fully funded technical program to advance AI-enabled solutions for public administration and service delivery. The GovTech AI Bootcamp was established to address the practical challenges faced by government institutions in low- and middle-income countries as they move from digital strategies to the successful implementation of artificial intelligence in public administration. Many governments have developed frameworks and strategies for digital transformation,

	but hands-on experience in deploying and scaling AI solutions remains limited, creating a gap between policy and practice.
Eligible Activities:	This initiative is designed to support government teams that are developing, piloting, or deploying AI-enabled solutions to improve public administration, service delivery, transparency, efficiency, and citizen engagement. The bootcamp provides direct exposure to Korea's advanced public sector AI ecosystem, offering participants the opportunity to learn from practitioners who have implemented AI at scale in areas such as public financial management, tax administration, citizen services, and social welfare. Up to five government teams will be selected to participate in a fully funded, five-day technical bootcamp in Seoul, with all expenses covered. The program includes site visits, peer exchanges, and hands-on workshops with Korean and World Bank experts, focusing on refining implementation approaches, addressing technical and data challenges, and developing actionable roadmaps for AI deployment in the public sector. Following the bootcamp, teams may receive additional follow-up support and technical feedback to help advance their initiatives, depending on the strength and viability of their proposals.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are government institutions from low- and middle-income countries that are actively pursuing AI initiatives in areas such as public financial management, civil service and human resource management, citizen services, civic tech, citizen engagement, procurement, anticorruption, and transparency. Each application must nominate a two-person team consisting of a policy leader with decision-making authority and a technical practitioner directly involved in implementation. Participants should be comfortable engaging in English-language discussions and workshops.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 02/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/govtech/govtech-bootcamp-for-ai-in-governance-and-public-administration

Call Title:	FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO STARTUPS AND SCALEUPS SHAPE ACCELERATION & SCALE POST-ACCELERATION
Programme:	EIT Culture and Creativity
Objective:	EIT Culture & Creativity invites startups and scaleups in the Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries (CCSI) that are looking to accelerate growth, attract investment, and expand internationally to apply for financial support under the Shape Acceleration Programme and Scale Post-Acceleration Programme. This call combines financial support of up to EUR500,000 with tailored venture development services designed to strengthen commercial execution, investment readiness, fundraising, and international market expansion. It is open to legally established for-profit entities in EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries developing tech-enabled, market-driven, and IP-leveraged solutions.
Eligible Activities:	The EIT Culture & Creativity framework provides up to €8.6 million in funding and structured growth support for creative tech ventures. Awards range up to €200,000 for standard scaleups or €500,000 for RIS-based ventures, running from January to December 2027 to deliver mentoring, investment readiness, and market acceleration. Key Program Tracks

	Shape (Acceleration): Designed for early-stage startups needing product-market fit validation, offering initial funding up to €100,000 plus an extra €100,000 post-Demo Day. Scale (Post-Acceleration): Built for mature scaleups targeting international expansion, providing up to €200,000 (non-RIS) or up to €500,000 (RIS regions).
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility & Focus Areas Who can apply: Legal entities based in EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries. Core sectors: Fashion, architecture, audiovisual media, gaming, and cultural heritage. Solution type: Tech-enabled, market-driven, and IP-leveraged commercial innovations
Total Budget: €86,000,000	
Deadline: 12/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://eit-culture-creativity.eu/your-opportunities/calls-funding/financial-support-startups-and-scaleups-shape-acceleration-scale

Call Title:	Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Rolling Transnational Access Call to Research Infrastructures 2026-2028
Programme:	Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership
Objective:	The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership has officially launched the Rolling Transnational Access Call to Marine and Maritime Research Infrastructures (RIs). The Call is open from 20 February 2026 to 29 February 2028 Rolling submission with cut-off dates every 4 months. Next cut-off date: 20 October 2026 – 11:00 CEST The first cut-off of the SBEP Technical Assistance Call is now closed. The second application window is officially open and applications are welcome. Applicants who submitted proposals under the first cut-off will be contacted during September 2026 regarding the outcome of their application.
Eligible Activities:	This initiative enables pan-European access to approximately 50 Research Infrastructures across the Atlantic Ocean, North Sea, Baltic Sea, Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea. What is offered? The Partnership provides access to: • Research Vessels • Fixed Platforms & Experimental Stations • Mobile Platforms (AUVs, gliders, aircraft) • Analytical Laboratories & Test Benches • High Performance Computing & Digital Facilities • Portable Equipment • Virtual Labs / Virtual Access to data infrastructures Access modalities include: • Physical Access (in person / hands-on) • Remote Access (operated by RI staff) • Virtual Access (fully digital environments) Full RI catalogue and contact points available in Annex A. Evaluation

	Proposals are evaluated by an International Evaluation Panel (IEP) according to three criteria: • Excellence • Impact • Quality and Efficiency of Implementation
Eligible Applicants:	Who can apply? Eligible applicants include: • Universities & Higher Education Institutions • Public & Private Research Organisations • SMEs & Large Enterprises • NGOs • Public Authorities Applicants must demonstrate own funding to conduct the project. The Partnership covers access costs to RIs but not operational costs of the user team.
Total Budget: €43,500,000	
Deadline: 20/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-rolling-transnational-access-call-research

Call Title:	2026 Ignacio H. de Larramendi Research Grants: Call for applications to promote research projects related to health promotion and insurance and social protection
Programme:	Fundacion Mapfre
Objective:	Through the Ignacio H. de Larramendi Research Grants Fundación Mapfre promotes projects carried out by individual researchers or research teams, within the academic and professional spheres, who carry out their work independently or within the framework of a university, hospital, company or research center to which they are affiliated, and whose object of study is related to health promotion or insurance and social protection. We support research through this initiative because we firmly believe that furthering knowledge is the key to improving the quality of life of the people who make up our society. The research projects related to health promotion have a maximum gross endowment of 30,000 euros per grant, and must explore one of the following topics: • Strategies and education to change habits: prevention of obesity, and the promotion of physical activity and emotional well-being (including the appropriate use of new technologies). • Emergency response training for the general population. • Assessment of bodily harm: assessment of the consequences of an event (traumatic or accidental, medical negligence, aggression or disease) on the health of the individual and its repercussions on the essential activities of ordinary life and other specific activities of personal development (pain and suffering, loss of quality of life). • Health management: clinical quality and safety. • Longevity and how lifestyle influences this. The endowment for projects related to insurance and social protection will be a maximum gross amount of 15,000 euros, for studies aimed at exploring the following topics: • Insurance.

	• Risk management: emerging risks. • New technologies in the insurance field. • Social protection: pensions, savings, investment, asset liquidation and the Silver Economy (longevity economics).
Eligible Activities:	The initiative funds projects led by individual researchers or research teams working independently or within universities, hospitals, companies, and research centers. Proposals will be rigorously evaluated based on the applicant's experience, project innovation, scientific and technical methodology, and the ultimate feasibility, applicability, and social impact of the solutions proposed. The grant distributes financial support across two primary fields of study with specified funding caps and research priorities: Health Promotion (Up to EUR 30,000) Overview of the Grant Target Audience: Individual researchers or research teams. Core Themes: Health promotion, insurance, and social protection. Funding & Category Focus Category: Health Promotion. Funding Cap: Up to EUR 30,000 per project. Evaluation Criteria Proposals are rigorously evaluated based on four pillars: • Experience: Track record and capability of the applicant or team. • Innovation: Originality and novelty of the research project. • Methodology: Scientific soundness and technical design. • Impact: Feasibility, practical applicability, and social benefits.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible Institutions: Universities, hospitals, companies, and research centers.
Total Budget: €265,000	
Deadline: 22/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.fundacionmapfre.org/en/awards-aids/ignacio-larramendi-research-grants/

Call Title:	Interreg NEXT MED Sustainable Tourism Call
Programme:	Interreg
Objective:	The [Interreg NEXT MED Programme](interregnextmed.eu launches-call-for-sustainable-tourism-capitalisation- projects/) provides €8.2 million in EU funding for cross-border capitalization projects. Interreg's support for a sustainable and competitive tourism The tourism industry has been hit with a number of hurdles: from the COVID-19 pandemic to environmental threats and mass tourism impacting local communities and threatening fragile entire ecosystems, especially in coastal and mountain zones.
Eligible Activities:	Partnerships need at least five organizations from three eligible countries (including EU and partner states). Grants range from €920,000 to €1,200,000 for 18 to 24 months. Key Funding Rules Project Focus: Scale up and transfer proven Interreg solutions rather than building new ones. Partnership Minimum: 5 organizations across 3 countries. Budget Limits: €920,000 to €1,200,000 per project.

	Time Limit: 18 to 24 months. Core Priority Topics • Smart and innovative tourism products. • Green and circular transition. • Social inclusion and job upskilling. • Climate resilience and destination governance
Eligible Applicants:	To be eligible for the Interreg NEXT MED Sustainable Tourism Call, applicants must strictly satisfy specific organizational, geographic, and partnership structural rules. Eligible Organisation Types Applications are open to any legal entity established under national law for at least two years before the launch of this call. Eligible structures include: Public Entities: Local, regional, and national public authorities or public institutions. Private Bodies & Businesses: Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and other private organizations. Academic & Research: Universities, labs, and research institutions. Civil Society: Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and non-profit associations. International Organizations: Legally established international bodies acting within the area. Geographic Coverage Organisations must be legally registered in the participating Interreg NEXT MED territories across 15 eligible countries: EU Mediterranean Countries (EUMC): Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, and Spain. Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPC): Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Tunisia, and Türkiye. Partnership Structure Rules Minimum Limit: At least 5 distinct organizations from a minimum of 3 different eligible countries. Cross-Shore Requirement: The partnership must include at least one EU Mediterranean Country and at least one Mediterranean Partner Country. Concentration Cap: No more than 2 organizations from the same country can participate in a single project proposal. Role Restraints: Advisory partners are approved on a case-by-case basis and cannot serve as the Lead Applicant. Project Core Eligibility Capitalisation Model: The project cannot create entirely new solutions. It must directly transfer, adapt, or scale up proven sustainable tourism results already developed by previous Interreg Multi-Programme Mechanism initiatives
Total Budget: €6,000,000	
Deadline: 29/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.emwis.org/en/news-and-events/news/interreg-next-med-launches-its-third-call-for-proposals-on-sustainable-tourism

Call Title:	Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN)
Programme:	Whitley Awards
Objective:	The Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN) has opened applications for the 2027 Whitley Awards, supporting outstanding grassroots conservation leaders driving long-term biodiversity conservation while improving the livelihoods of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

	Each award provides £50,000 in project funding and connects winners to an international network of conservation leaders, training opportunities, and future funding. Funding: • £50,000 project grant • 12-month project duration (starting June 2027) • Access to Continuation Funding opportunities • Regional training, international recognition, and media exposure
Eligible Activities:	Focus Areas: • Biodiversity conservation and ecosystem protection • Community-led conservation benefiting Indigenous Peoples and local communities • Scalable, evidence-based conservation solutions with long-term impact Eligible Activities: Habitat restoration • Species conservation linked to ecosystem protection • Community conservation • Human-wildlife coexistence • Conservation education • Protected area management • Sustainable natural resource management • Applied conservation research
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria To successfully pass the screening process, candidates and their organizations must meet strict conditions: The Candidate: Must be a mid-career conservation leader and a national of the country where the project takes place. Geography: The project must operate in a country not classified as a High-Income Economy by the World Bank. Organization Type: You must work for (or hold a formal partnership with) a locally incorporated NGO, charity, or university. Programs run by international NGOs headquartered in the Global North are rarely shortlisted. Project Status: The initiative must feature a proven, science-based solution that is already delivering measurable outcomes. Conceptual or brand-new ideas are not eligible. Community Focus: Solutions must actively feature grassroots community engagement to benefit both local livelihoods and biodiversity.
Total Budget: £300,000	
Deadline: 30/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://whitleyaward.org/apply-for-conservation-funding/

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