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New Opportunities

Call Title: 2026-27 Going Global Partnerships TNE Grant Program (UK and India)	
Programme: British Council	
Objective:	The Going Global Partnership TNE Grant, inviting UK and India higher education institutions and industry partners to jointly develop and launch transnational education courses or degree programmes in priority emerging disciplines.
Eligible Activities:	The TNE Grant 2026-27 is focused on supporting the joint development and launch of innovative degree programmes in emerging disciplines, with the aim of addressing pressing societal, economic, and environmental challenges while fostering internationalisation and industry engagement in higher education. The grant provides up to £30,000 (approximately \$38,100) per project for a 17-month period beginning in October 2026. Funding covers eligible costs such as travel, accommodation, essential equipment, consultancy fees, and project-related activities, with specific caps on staff, expertise, and travel costs. Matching funds are encouraged but not required, and funds are disbursed to the contracting institution following the signing of the grant agreement and approval of the final budget. Proposals must demonstrate alignment with the grant's objectives, regulatory compliance, value for money, and a clear plan for long-term impact and dissemination. All applications must be submitted via the Good Grants online platform with complete supporting documentation by the stated deadline.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility for this grant requires a partnership comprising one lead institution from the UK, one lead institution from India, and one industry partner from either country. The UK lead must be a higher education provider with degree-awarding powers, and the proposal must be jointly prepared by all three partners but submitted by the UK lead. Associated partners such as research institutions, NGOs, and government bodies may also participate. For-profit non-education organisations can only receive funding for travel-related costs, and each UK lead institution may submit a maximum of two applications.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 25/08/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.britishcouncil.in/going-global-partnerships-tne-grant-2026-27

Call Title: BUILDING NARRATIVE POWER	
Programme: European AI & Society Fund	
Objective:	This programme will fund narrative strategy work that focuses on: • Data centres powering AI • AI and young people • AI and jobs
Eligible Activities:	They have chosen these themes because research indicates these are the issues that the public care about the most. This creates an opportunity for organisations to engage communities about how AI affects them now – and what they wish for from the technologies. This call for proposals is ONLY open to organisations in Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to non-profit organisations.
Total Budget:	€150,000 per project
Deadline:	31/08/2026
More information and official documents:	https://europeanaifund.org/building-narrative-power-funding-and-learning-programme/

Call Title: EGYPT ANNUAL PROGRAM STATEMENT	
Programme:	Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
Objective:	The Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs' Office of Assistance Coordination (NEA/AC) seeks proposals for projects in Egypt that advance U.S. commercial diplomacy and put American interests first.
Eligible Activities:	Proposals must demonstrate how projects will leverage assistance as a tool of statecraft to advance U.S. economic, security, and diplomatic objectives. Programming should promote trade, not aid, by leveraging assistance resources to champion American enterprise and infrastructure and catalyze private capital through market principles. Proposals may address sectors including: energy development and exports; trade facilitation; emerging technologies (particularly AI and telecommunications); critical infrastructure (aviation, transport); critical minerals; regional economic integration; advanced manufacturing; workforce training aligned with U.S. business needs; and economic recovery in conflict-affected areas. Projects should orient implementing partners toward the American business community, foster burden-sharing, and demonstrate how they will help U.S. businesses secure foreign contracts and tenders for key projects. Review country-specific guidance in the sections below and tailor your proposal to address identified priorities. NEA/AC may decide to grant multiple awards, one award, or no awards, subject to funding availability and proposal viability. Actions must take place in Egypt.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be able to operate legally in Egypt. The following are eligible to apply: Not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks and civil society/non-governmental organizations; Public and private educational institutions; For-profit organizations, such as corporations and commercial firms; Public International Organizations and Governmental institutions.
Total Budget:	\$25,000,000
Deadline:	31/08/2026
More information and official documents:	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/6d742450-1fe2-4e7c-bcf8-0e876d7a00ba

Call Title: QISSATI MA3 AMERICA	
Programme:	U.S. Mission to Jordan
Objective:	The U.S. Department of State's Embassy Amman announces an open competition to design and implement Qissati ma3 America —a digital storytelling campaign that shares the

	firsthand experiences of Jordanian alumni of U.S. Department of State-funded exchange programs.
Eligible Activities:	Jordan is home to thousands of alumni of U.S. government funded exchange programs — professionals, policymakers, entrepreneurs, educators, athletes, and artists who have lived and studied in the United States. Despite the impact of these programs, alumni stories rarely reach the broader Jordanian public, limiting opportunities to build understanding of American society through firsthand experiences. This initiative will address the gap by transforming alumni perspectives of the United States into a public resource — giving every alumnus the opportunity to share their American story. The recipient will produce a curated collection of at least 50 multimedia stories highlighting American life for Jordanian audiences: its classrooms, campuses, technology culture, sports, and creative industries. The video stories will be archived in a public digital hub and amplified through social media, alumni networks, and traditional media. Actions must take place in Jordan.
Eligible Applicants:	The following organizations are eligible to apply: Nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3).
Total Budget: from \$150,000-\$300,000	
Deadline: 31/08/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/044975f7-d21d-49fa-a63e-30d9f258eae3

Call Title:	HALTON FOUNDATION GRANTS
Programme:	Halton Foundation
Objective:	Halton Foundation provides grants for research focused on indoor air quality, thermal conditions, breathable particulates, and illnesses that may result from sub-standard indoor environmental quality. It is a charitable organization with the aim of improving indoor environmental quality.
Eligible Activities:	Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations that research improvements in human wellbeing in indoor environments or develop solutions for enhanced indoor environmental quality. • One-time grants which are single-year grants for a specific purpose • Multi-year grants for no longer than three years; and • Start-up program grants Actions can take place in various countries worldwide.
Eligible Applicants:	Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations that research improvements in human wellbeing in indoor environments or develop solutions for enhanced indoor environmental quality.

Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	01/09/2026
More information and official documents:	https://foundation.halton.com/

Call Title: Applications open for ALF in Motion Mobility Programme	
Programme: Anna Lindh Foundation	
Objective:	The ALF in Motion Mobility Programme has launched its applications to support civil society entities to carry out face-to-face intercultural dialogue initiatives with partners from the complementary shore of the Mediterranean.
Eligible Activities:	The programme supports four mobility modalities: Partnership, Action, Creativity, and Knowledge. Priority topics include the Pact for the Mediterranean pillars, peacebuilding and conflict resolution, coexistence and living together, inclusive dynamics, and challenging disinformation and misinformation. Funding covers mobility-related expenses, including travel, accommodation, visa facilitation, and local costs. A 60% advance payment is available upon request with a 120 euro bank fee deduction, while the remaining amount is paid after approval of the final report and required proof of implementation. Each host organisation may submit only one proposal per call, and activities that have already received ALF funding are not eligible. Before applying, the host organisation must identify the organisation or individual it wishes to host and obtain their agreement to participate. Applications must be completed in English, French, or Arabic. The application form cannot be saved as a draft or edited after submission. If multiple applications are submitted, only the most recent submission will be considered. Applications with answers that are fully generated by AI will not be considered.
Eligible Applicants:	The programme is open to legal entities registered in one of the 43 Euro-Mediterranean Partnership countries. Each application must be submitted by a single host organisation inviting one representative from another organisation located on the opposite shore of the Mediterranean. For the Mobility for Creativity modality, individual artists who are not representing organisations are also eligible to be hosted. Activities must take place in the host organisation's home country.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 05/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://alf.website/en/alfinmotion-3/

Call Title: SMALL GRANTS SCHEME	
Programme: European Heritage Hub	
Objective:	The EU-funded European Heritage Hub aims to empower heritage stakeholders from candidate and neighbouring countries of the European Union to become active protagonists of the wider European heritage movement, thereby enhancing the ever-closer relationship between these countries and the European Union. As part of this mission, the Hub is launching the second edition of its Small Grants Scheme, with support from the ALIPH Foundation.

Eligible Activities:	Objectives of the call: • Building the capacity of civil society; • Enhancing the key role of cultural heritage for the triple transformation (green, digital and social); • Strengthening democracy, the rule of law and other fundamental rights and values; • Building peace and stability, through enhancing intercultural and interreligious dialogue and reconciliation. Actions must take place in Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Ukraine.
Eligible Applicants:	Civil society from 11 neighbouring countries of the European Union (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Ukraine) are eligible to apply.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 07/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.europeanheritagehub.eu/call-for-applications-small-grants-scheme-for-heritage-related-projects-led-by-civil-society-in-eu-candidate-and-neighbouring-countries/

Call Title:	Open Call for Visitors: Interreg stakeholders
Programme: Fundación CEER	
Objective:	Fundación CEER is inviting applicants from Interreg, a programme organisations to join peer exchange visits that connect stakeholders with b-solutions case hosts to address real cross-border obstacles and share practical solutions.
Eligible Activities:	The Border Regions Peer Exchange is a European Commission initiative implemented by Fundación CEER to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among stakeholders of Interreg A programmes. This programme brings together participants from across Europe to engage directly with b-solutions case hosts, each of whom has successfully addressed a specific cross-border obstacle. Through these exchanges, participants gain first-hand insights into practical solutions and strategies that have demonstrated tangible benefits for cross-border cooperation. The peer exchange is designed to highlight the impact of cross-border cooperation by showcasing real-world success stories and strengthening the connection between b-solutions and Interreg A's objective of improved cooperation governance. Each of the ten selected host organisations will organise a two-day visit, providing a platform for up to five financially supported visitors and up to five additional non-supported visitors per visit to learn, discuss, and share experiences related to overcoming border challenges.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include public administrations, cooperation entities, academia, civil society organisations, public service providers, Interreg A programme bodies, and other stakeholders involved in cross-border cooperation within the internal borders of the European Union, the European Economic Area, the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area, and countries benefitting from the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance. Selected visitors will receive a lump sum of up to €750 to support their participation in the exchange.

Total Budget:	€1,000
Deadline:	07/09/2026
More information and official documents:	https://visitors.borderexchange.fceer.org/

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO STRENGTHEN AFRICA'S WATER AND SANITATION INVESTMENT PIPELINE
Programme:	African Water Facility (AWF)
Objective:	The African Water Facility (AWF), an initiative of the African Development Bank Group, is pleased to launch its 2026 Call for Proposals (CfP) under the framework of the AWF 2026–2030 Strategy. Through this CfP, AWF seeks to identify high-impact, investment-oriented projects and initiatives in the water and sanitation sectors across Africa that can accelerate access to finance, strengthen climate resilience, improve service delivery, and catalyse sustainable and inclusive development.
Eligible Activities:	The CfP forms part of AWF's strategic effort to strengthen its pipeline of bankable operations and mobilise downstream investments in support of Africa's water security and sanitation agenda. The objective of the 2026 CfP is to identify high-impact projects fully aligned with the AWF 2026–2030 Strategy and capable of catalysing downstream investments and strengthening the enabling environment for sustainable water and sanitation financing. Actions must take place in Africa.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are Regional Member Countries, public institutions, utilities, basin organisations.
Total Budget:	€1,000,000 per project
Deadline:	10/09/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.africanwaterfacility.org/en/news/awf-launches-2026-call-proposals-strengthen-africas-water-and-sanitation-investment-pipeline

Call Title:	Call for Proposals to Strengthen Civil Society Engagement (India)
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	The European Commission has launched a Call for Proposals to strengthen the role of civil society organisations (CSOs) in promoting good governance, sustainable development, climate action, and inclusive economic growth across India. The focus areas of this call include strengthening CSO participation in EU-India sectoral policy dialogue, clean energy, climate action, resource efficiency and circular economy, water, sustainable urbanisation, digitalisation, inclusive policies for women, youth and vulnerable groups, sustainable economic growth, job creation, social inclusion, sustainable value chains, networking, stakeholder engagement, participatory governance, evidence-based advocacy, community empowerment, Global Gateway initiatives, climate resilience, environmental governance, ecological sustainability, green economic development, responsible private sector engagement, local entrepreneurship, and sustainable development in the North Eastern Region (NER) of India.

Eligible Activities:	The programme aims to strengthen local civil society organisations as key contributors to governance and development in India. It supports organisations working to improve policy dialogue, promote inclusive development, and contribute to sustainable economic and environmental outcomes. The call is divided into two funding lots. Lot 1 focuses on strengthening CSO engagement in EU-India policy dialogue, inclusive governance, sustainable development, and Global Gateway initiatives across India. Lot 2 specifically supports civil society organisations working in the North Eastern Region to promote green economic development, climate resilience, participatory governance, and sustainable value chains. Projects are expected to follow key principles such as gender equality, women's empowerment, human rights-based and inclusive approaches, results-based monitoring, multi-stakeholder partnerships, innovation, scalability, and the efficient use of resources. Applicants are encouraged to develop projects that create long-term impact while strengthening local capacities and community participation. The total indicative budget available under the call is EUR 9,976,000, with grants ranging from EUR 1,500,000 to EUR 2,000,000.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include non-profit civil society organisations and non-governmental organisations established in India, European Union Member States, or European Economic Area countries, subject to the eligibility requirements outlined in the call.
Total Budget: €9.976,000	
Deadline: 15/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/187022PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	IDB LAB CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Programme:	Margaret McNamara Education Grants (MMEG)
Objective:	The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Lab has launched a Call for Proposals for venture capital funds that bridge early-stage financing gaps and promote social inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Eligible Activities:	Through investments in venture capital funds, IDB Lab aims to tackle critical barriers to development impact and social inclusion, with a special focus on poor and vulnerable populations across the region. The call seeks to bridge key financing gaps in countries, sectors, and business models where early-stage entrepreneurs face unmet investment demand. High-impact sectors with structural capital gaps including Health/Biotech, Edtech/Workertech, Agtech/Foodtech, and Climate Tech are eligible. Actions must take place in Latin America.
Eligible Applicants:	Investment management firms interested in being considered for IDB Lab's investment should apply through the online form and submit the firm's investment deck. The selection process is highly competitive, and a committee of professionals from IDB Lab will review each proposal.

Total Budget: €Multi Million	
Deadline: 30/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://earthfocusnetworknews.com/idb-lab-call-for-proposals-funding-opportunity-for-venture-capital-funds-in-latin-america-and-the-caribbean/

Call Title: Call for Proposals to Support Research Projects	
Programme: Lantmännen Research Foundation	
Objective:	The Lantmännen Research Foundation has launched its applications to support research projects that contribute knowledge with practical value for Lantmännen's operations and farm-level applications.
Eligible Activities:	The call supports projects under three focus areas: Agriculture and Machinery, Food and Health, and Bioenergy and Green Materials. The foundation has a total funding budget of SEK 25 million for the 2026 call. The distribution of funding across the three focus areas is not predetermined and will depend on the quality and relevance of the applications received. Project durations typically range from a few months to two years or more, and there is no fixed maximum budget per project. As a general guideline, the foundation's annual budget is usually distributed among 15–20 research projects. The project plan must not exceed 10 pages (approximately 45,000 characters) and should include a popular scientific summary, background, purpose, objectives and effects, materials and methods, preliminary results, timetable and deliveries, project members and their roles, dissemination plan including patents and intellectual property rights, and references.
Eligible Applicants:	The Lantmännen Research Foundation invites applications from researchers at universities, colleges, institutes, and companies with research activities, both nationally and internationally. The foundation encourages applicants to contact them before applying to discuss project ideas, collaboration opportunities, and to ensure that the proposed project aligns with the foundation's purpose.
Total Budget: €2,500,000	
Deadline: 30/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.lantmannen.com/research-and-innovation/research-foundation/open-call/

Call Title: GRANTS FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS TO STRENGTHEN WOMEN'S ACCESS TO JUSTICE	
Programme: Council of Europe (CoE)	
Objective:	Within the project on "Fostering civil society's support for women's access to justice in Türkiye" under the European Union and Council of Europe joint programme "Fostering civil society participation and capacity building in access to justice in Türkiye", whose main beneficiary is the Union of Turkish Bar Associations, the Council of Europe is launching a call for grants, open to applications of civil society organisations (CSOs) registered and operating in Türkiye.

Eligible Activities:	As the supported projects will address women's access to justice and are expected to involve the delivery of legal information and counselling services, applicants are required to establish co-operation with relevant bar association(s). Such partnerships are expected to strengthen the quality, accessibility and long-term impact of the grant provided. Collaboration with municipality(ies) is also encouraged in order to foster a more comprehensive and coordinated local response. Actions must take place in Turkey. The grantees will be selected from civil society organisations registered and operating in Türkiye. Organisations working in regions with groups of women in vulnerable situations, and in the pilot provinces of the project are particularly encouraged to apply: Afyon, Bilecik, Bitlis, Burdur, Tokat and Yalova.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include individuals, nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, excluding higher education institutions, and private higher education institutions.
Total Budget: €210,000	
Deadline: 01/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.coe.int/en/web/ankara/-/call-for-proposals-grants-for-civil-society-organisations-to-strengthen-women-s-access-to-justice

Call Title:	ERC STARTING GRANT
Programme: European Commission (EC) - HORIZON	
Objective:	The ERC Starting Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are starting their own independent research team or programme. Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their research proposal.
Eligible Activities:	The Starting Grant supports excellent Principal Investigators starting or having recently started their own independent research team or programme. A Starting Grant Principal Investigator should have already shown evidence of the potential for research independence, for example, by having produced at least one important publication as its main author or a publication without the participation of their PhD supervisor. A researcher may be the Principal Investigator of only one ERC Starting Grant in their career. Actions must take place in EU member states or Associated Country.
Eligible Applicants:	The ERC actions are open to researchers of any nationality who intend to conduct their research activity in any EU Member State or Horizon Associated Country. Principal Investigators may be of any age and nationality and may reside in any country in the world at the time of the application. The host institution must engage and host the Principal Investigator for at least the duration of the project, as defined in the grant agreement.
Total Budget: €1,500 per grant (5 years)	
Deadline: 14/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERC-2027-STG

Call Title: Call for Applications: Human Rights Advocates Program	
Programme: Institute for the Study of Human Rights	
Objective:	Applications are now open for the Fall 2027 and Spring 2028 Human Rights Advocates Program (HRAP), providing experienced grassroots human rights activists working with NGOs an opportunity to strengthen their knowledge and continue advancing human rights within their communities.
Eligible Activities:	The Program focuses on sexual and gender-based violence, domestic violence, minority rights, LGBTQI+ rights, labor rights, Indigenous peoples' rights, migration, health, social exclusion, environmental justice, disability rights, sexual and reproductive health and rights, corporate social accountability, and human rights abuses in the fisheries sector. The Human Rights Advocates Program is designed for human rights activists working with nongovernmental organizations, including lawyers, journalists, doctors, teachers, social workers, community organizers and other professionals engaged in human rights advocacy. Funding from program supporters will enable qualified advocates working on LGBT rights, disability rights and/or sexual and reproductive health and rights in Latin America and/or Africa to participate. Applicants must be actively working at the grassroots level. Those holding full-time or part-time jobs while pursuing their advocacy work are preferred. Full-time students and government officials are not eligible for consideration. Academics will also not be considered under the Program. Applicants from high-income countries are generally not eligible, except those who represent marginalized communities. Fluency in English is required. Preference is given to applicants who have not previously had opportunities to travel and study internationally. A bachelor's degree is preferred but is not mandatory.
Eligible Applicants:	Applications are welcomed from qualified human rights advocates from regions around the world. Participants are selected based on their previous human rights work experience, commitment to the human rights field and demonstrated ability to undertake graduate-level studies.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 15/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://humanrights.columbia.edu/content/admissions-information

Call Title: GRAPPA Open Call for Circular Agri-food Innovation Projects 2026	
Programme: Ingredients for the Bioeconomy	
Objective:	The GRAPPA Open Call supports SMEs in developing and commercialising innovative solutions that maximise the valorisation of agri-food biomass and side-streams. The call focuses on developing, adopting, and commercialising innovative upcycled ingredients for food and non-food applications, products, business processes, and technologies including digital solutions, strengthening SMEs through sustainable and digital solutions for agri-food biomass and side-streams valorisation, exploiting existing knowledge from previous EU projects, supporting systemic innovation through circular value chains and upcycled products, implementing financial support for innovative solutions, reinforcing

	skills and knowledge in systemic innovation, sustainability, and internationalisation, and supporting the green and digital transition of the agri-food industry.
Eligible Activities:	The GRAPPA Innovation Open Call provides financial support to SMEs implementing innovative projects that enhance the valorisation of agri-food biomass and improve the competitiveness of the European agri-food sector. The call aims to encourage the use of digital tools and technologies where relevant while supporting the twin transition of the agri-food industry. The valorisation of agri-food biomass and side-streams is intended to help companies develop new products and processes, diversify revenue, improve environmental performance, and increase the availability of ingredients and processes in Europe. The Innovation Open Call has a total budget of €2,020,000. Proposals can be submitted by a single SME or by a consortium of up to three SMEs. Single SME projects can receive a maximum grant of €60,000, while collaborative projects can receive up to €90,000. Applicants must provide at least 15% private financial contribution through debt or own financial resources, with proof required. The maximum duration of Innovation Projects is one year. Collaborative projects may include a maximum of three SMEs, with at least one SME involved in food processing or production. Applications must be submitted in English and must use the required application form without structural modifications.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be SMEs and confirm their SME status according to the European Union SME definition. Applicants must be legal entities established and operating in an EU Member State or a country participating in the EU Single Market Programme/COSME. Eligible SMEs include those in agri-food production and processing, SMEs from other sectors such as cosmetics and nutraceuticals that valorise biomass, by-products, or side-streams from the agri-food sector, SMEs that valorise their own biomass, by-products, or side-streams for the agri-food sector, and SMEs providing solutions or technologies for biomass and side-stream valorisation, including new technologies, processes, system integration, ICT solutions, machinery, and packaging.
Total Budget: €500,000	
Deadline: 20/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://i4be.eu/grappa/

Call Title:	CFPs: Advanced Materials for Miniaturised Energy Harvesting Systems
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	The European Commission is seeking applications to support the development of innovative materials and technologies that enable energetically autonomous systems and improve the sustainability of energy consumption. The focus areas, objectives and themes of the Challenge include advanced materials for miniaturised energy harvesting modules, energetically autonomous systems, sustainability in energy consumption and production, Internet of Things (IoT) sustainability, energy harvesting phenomena, innovative material development, integration of energy harvesting modules, benchmarking of technologies, digital tools such as AI, market identification, and applications in areas including point of care diagnostics, smart sustainable cities,

	agriculture, automotive, health monitoring, wearables, smart city management, energy management and industrial monitoring.
Eligible Activities:	The Challenge aims to create a new generation of advanced materials for miniaturised energy harvesting systems and achieve Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4 for the resulting energetically autonomous systems. The selected projects will develop a variety of advanced materials applied to different energy harvesting modules and integrated systems. Projects will be considered based on the energy harvesting phenomena used, such as solar, thermoelectric, piezoelectric and nanotribological approaches, the composition of advanced materials, and the intended field of application. Selected projects will participate in portfolio activities focused on benchmarking technologies, sharing scientific knowledge, improving module integration, developing integrated approaches for specific use cases, and communicating with target audiences. Applicants are expected to identify and develop innovative advanced materials for energy harvesting that use new physical and chemical phenomena, improve performance, and reduce reliance on Critical Raw Materials. Projects should implement these materials into miniaturised energy harvesting modules, integrate these modules into energetically autonomous systems, and demonstrate their performance in representative laboratory use cases. The Challenge also encourages the use of digital tools, including artificial intelligence, to accelerate the identification, design, fabrication and characterisation of new materials. Proposals should identify potential markets and the impacts associated with their innovations. The increasing development of Internet of Things systems and connected objects has created a growing need for sensor networks and energy solutions. The expansion of these systems increases energy consumption and creates environmental challenges, particularly due to the use of battery-powered sensors. This Challenge focuses on developing advanced materials that can deliver miniaturised integrated energy harvesting devices with improved performance compared to existing technologies. These solutions aim to support highly effective energetically autonomous devices and systems while reducing energy consumption. The total funding available for this Challenge is €96,000,000. Individual project funding is expected to range from €500,000 to €4,000,000.
Eligible Applicants:	Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including entities from non-associated third countries or international organisations, may participate if the conditions under the Horizon Europe Regulation and specific call requirements are met. Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the Participant Register before submitting an application to obtain a participant identification code and complete validation requirements.
Total Budget: €96,000,000	
Deadline: 28/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-01

Call Title:	DeepRAP: Challenge for Trustworthy Cognitive AI Systems
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Programme: European Commission (EC)	
Objective:	The European Commission is inviting applications to develop next-generation cognitive AI systems by addressing key challenges in deep reasoning, abstraction, and planning. The focus areas of this challenge are deep reasoning, deep abstraction, deep planning, cognitive function capability, technological approaches including neuro-symbolic AI, deep learning, reinforcement learning and novel frameworks, use case and application domains such as industry, mobility, civil security, scientific discovery, health, cybersecurity, justice and human-robot interaction, interoperability, benchmark development, common pilots, multiagent integration, application shaping, and ethical and societal alignment.
Eligible Activities:	The challenge aims to support innovative approaches that advance the scientific state-of-the-art while building a robust, interoperable, and application-driven community for trustworthy cognitive AI. It seeks to strengthen future European leadership in safe, human-centric cognitive AI and support the ambitions of the AI Act and the European approach to Artificial Intelligence. Proposals under this challenge are expected to deliver models and architectures that handle multimodal data and knowledge, uncertainty, and can be trained and deployed with constrained computational resources. They should also provide trustworthiness mechanisms that ensure explainability, transparency, fairness, risk evaluation, security, and alignment with ethical and legal standards, including fundamental rights and the EU AI Act. The developed capabilities should be demonstrated through integration into a cognitive AI system reaching TRL4 and performing complex real-world tasks such as scientific discovery, decision support, problem solving, and simulations at scale. Proposals should also introduce new methods and metrics for evaluating and certifying reasoning, trustworthiness, and the use of computational resources. They should follow FAIR principles to ensure data, models, and results are Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable, while developing synergies with EU initiatives such as TEFs, eBrains, Resource for AI Science in Europe (RAISE), AI-on-demand Platform (AloD), and the Quantum Flagship. The portfolio of funded projects will provide coverage across cognitive function capability, technological approaches, and use case and application domains. Selected projects will contribute to portfolio activities focused on establishing common standards and protocols, developing a DeepRAP benchmark, delivering joint pilot demonstrations, combining project outcomes into modular multiagent AI systems where feasible, defining impactful use cases, and addressing ethical, legal, and societal considerations. The challenge encourages proposals that explore novel approaches, including combinations of existing techniques such as neuro-symbolic AI or the creation of entirely new frameworks inspired by fields including neuroscience, biology, physics, and philosophy. The objective is to develop AI systems with advanced cognitive capabilities. Deep reasoning should enable causal inference, logical reasoning, context-aware decision-making, and the ability to handle ambiguity and uncertainty. Deep abstraction should allow AI systems to form and refine high-level concepts, analogies, and representations that can transfer across different application areas. Deep planning should enable robust, adaptive, and scalable planning in open-world, agentic, or uncertain real-time environments. The challenge addresses the limitations of current AI systems, including difficulties with complex reasoning, understanding the real world, solving logic tasks, and long-term planning. It aims to improve the reasoning, abstraction, and planning capabilities of AI systems by moving beyond traditional symbolic and neural AI approaches. The total funding available is €96,000,000.00, with individual grants ranging from €500,000.00 to €4,000,000.00.

Eligible Applicants:	Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from non-associated third countries or international organisations, may participate if the conditions under the Horizon Europe Regulation and specific call requirements are met. Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the Participant Register before submitting an application to obtain a participant identification code (PIC) and be validated by the Central Validation Service before signing the grant agreement. A validated PIC is not required at the time of application submission.
Total Budget:	€96,000,000
Deadline:	28/10/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-03

Call Title:	GOOGLE TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE GRANTS
Programme:	Google.org
Objective:	To help break down the barriers that prevent underrepresented groups from attending leading conferences, they are offering Google Travel and Conference Grants for selected conferences in the fields of technology and business.
Eligible Activities:	Grants are available in North America for all traditionally underrepresented groups in technology (including, but not limited to, Black, Latinx, Native Americans, persons with disabilities, women and veterans), in Europe for women in technology, in India and in Africa for students who have their research papers accepted at top-tier conferences in Computer Science and related areas. Actions must take place in Africa, Europe, India, North America.
Eligible Applicants:	Grant eligibility varies by region, so please review the information on the region-specific tabs on their website. In general, individuals are eligible.
Total Budget:	\$3,000 per award
Deadline:	Ongoing
More information and official documents:	https://sites.google.com/view/travel-grants-scholar/home

Call Title:	Grants Available for Nature Conservation and Biodiversity Projects (UK)
Programme:	Rufford Foundation
Objective:	The Rufford Foundation provides funding opportunities for early-career conservationists to support small-scale projects focused on protecting nature and biodiversity. The project focus areas include nature conservation, particular species, threatened habitats, human-wildlife conflict, and community education.
Eligible Activities:	The Foundation supports fieldwork costs for eligible projects and prioritises small-scale or pilot initiatives where funding can cover between 50% and 100% of project costs. Projects

	must have a nature conservation focus and applicants must be working in an eligible country. Projects focusing on species are considered for work involving species that are not listed as Least Concern at a global level in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, as well as species that have not been assessed but are considered globally threatened. The Rufford Foundation does not support projects involving pure research without clear conservation benefits, expeditions, conference or seminar attendance, or book publishing. The Foundation provides a staged funding process through four types of grants: the 1st Rufford Small Grant of up to £7,000, the 2nd Rufford Small Grant of up to £8,000, the Booster Grant of up to £12,000, and the Completion Grant of up to £18,000.
Eligible Applicants:	The grants are designed for applicants in the early stages of their conservation careers, especially those undertaking an MSc or PhD or who have graduated from such studies within the past three years.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: Ongoing	
More information and official documents:	https://apply.ruffordsmallgrants.org/help/criteria#general_criteria

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