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New Opportunities

Call Title: Apply for Creative Industries Festivals Grant Scheme	
Programme: Creative Industries Fund NL	
Objective:	The Creative Industries Festivals Grant Scheme is requesting applications to support public function that contribute to increasing interest in design, architecture and digital culture and stimulate their development.
Eligible Activities:	The Creative Industries Festivals Grant Scheme is designed to strengthen the public function of festivals within the Dutch creative industry, focusing on the fields of design, architecture, and digital culture. The scheme aims to enhance the visibility and development of these sectors by supporting festivals that play a significant role in engaging audiences and fostering cultural exchange. Grant requests must be between €35,000 and €85,000, with a total grant ceiling of €1,350,000 for the scheme period. Funding is intended for the preparation, organisation, and implementation of festivals that contribute to the growth and public interest in the creative industry.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible festivals must take place in the Netherlands or the Caribbean part of the Kingdom, with a requirement for Dutch-based festivals to reach at least one thousand physical visitors per edition. This audience threshold does not apply to festivals in the Caribbean region. The scheme is open to non-profit cultural institutions or organisations that organise festivals with a clear public function and a strategy to broaden public reach.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 23/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.stimuleringsfonds.nl/en/grants/creative-industries-festivals-grant-scheme-2025-2028

Call Title: AU-EU Youth Lab Innovation Grants	
Programme: AU-EU Youth Lab	
Objective:	The AU-EU Youth Lab is inviting youth-led non-profit organisations registered in twelve African countries to apply for Innovation Grants supporting the implementation of creative solutions to global challenges in their communities.
Eligible Activities:	The AU-EU Youth Lab Innovation Grants are designed to empower youth-led organisations in Africa to develop and implement innovative solutions that address pressing global challenges within their communities. The program seeks to foster positive and lasting change by supporting projects that are designed, tested, adapted, scaled, or improved to benefit young people and their communities beyond the grant period. Each selected organisation will receive a grant of 42,000 EURO to implement their innovation, along with mentorship and tailored capacity development support. Grantees will also join a platform to share their solutions with peers, decision-makers, and stakeholders across Africa and Europe.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible organisations must be non-profit entities such as Trusts, Community Based Organisations (CBOs), or NGOs/CSOs with a clear social mission, and must be legally registered in one of the twelve focus countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia (Somaliland region), Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, or Zimbabwe. The organisations must be youth-led, with young people aged 18-35 holding governance and decision-making roles, and all project staff must also be within this age group. Proposed activities should create tangible local impact, contribute to longer-term systems or policy change, and demonstrate innovation with the potential for sustainable impact and replication.

Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 23/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://aueuyouth.com/innovation-grants/

Call Title: AU-EU Youth Lab Entrepreneurship Grants	
Programme: AU-EU Youth Lab	
Objective:	The AU-EU Youth Lab is inviting youth-led non-profit organisations in 12 African countries to apply for Entrepreneurship Grants supporting advocacy projects that create an enabling environment for young entrepreneurs.
Eligible Activities:	The AU-EU Youth Lab Entrepreneurship Grants are designed to empower youth-led organisations in Africa to address barriers faced by young entrepreneurs and advocate for a more enabling environment for youth enterprise. This initiative is part of a broader effort to strengthen economic opportunities for young people by supporting advocacy actions that can influence policy and practice at local and national levels. In this third and final grant round, the focus is on supporting projects that advocate for systemic changes to help young entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses. Eligible organisations are encouraged to propose advocacy ideas that tackle the challenges young people encounter in economic participation and enterprise development. Selected organisations will receive financial support of 31,500 EURO to implement their projects, along with access to mentorship and tailored capacity development support. Grantees will also join a platform to share their solutions with peers, decision-makers, and stakeholders across Africa and Europe.
Eligible Applicants:	To be eligible, applicants must be youth-led non-profit organisations (Trust, CBO, NGO/CSO, or Cooperative) with a clear social or environmental mission, formally registered and operating for at least 12 months in one of the 12 focus countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia (Somaliland region), Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, or Zimbabwe. The organisation's governance and project implementation teams must be composed primarily of young people aged 18–35, and proposed activities must take place in one or more of the eligible countries.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 23/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://aueuyouth.com/entrepreneurship-grants/

Call Title: Climate Resilience Metrics for Water Supply Planning	
Programme: Water Research Foundation	
Objective:	The Water Research Foundation is seeking proposals to advance actionable climate resilience metrics that can support water utilities in planning and decision-making under changing climate conditions.
Eligible Activities:	This project aims to advance the integration of actionable climate resilience metrics into water supply planning by cataloging existing performance metrics, assessing their

	applicability under changing climate conditions, and identifying necessary adjustments or alternatives for resilience-based decision making in water utilities. The objectives include determining the appropriate level of climate resilience analysis based on metric sensitivity, decision context, and utility characteristics, as well as developing guidance for incorporating these metrics into planning and operational processes. Applicants may request up to \$250,000 in WRF funds for this project. The anticipated project duration is 18 months from the contract start date.
Eligible Applicants:	Proposals are accepted from both U.S.-based and non-U.S.-based entities, including educational institutions, research organizations, governmental agencies, consultants, or other for-profit entities. Researchers who are late on any ongoing WRF-sponsored studies without approved no-cost extensions are not eligible to participate.
Total Budget: €250,000 per project	
Deadline: 05/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://portal.waterrf.org/outbound-grant-details/3362

Call Title:	Applications Open for Culture Helps Solidarity Project Grants
Programme:	European Cultural Foundation
Objective:	The Project Grants is designed to support arts and culture professionals from Ukraine and Creative Europe countries in developing memory and commemoration initiatives related to the impact of Russia's war against Ukraine.
Eligible Activities:	Culture Helps Solidarity is a multi-year initiative co-funded by the Creative Europe programme and implemented by the European Cultural Foundation in partnership with Insha Osvita, zusa, and the VETERANKA Movement, aiming to sustain creativity, resilience, and community connection among arts and culture professionals from Ukraine during and after the war. The second call for Project Grants focuses on supporting memory and commemoration projects that responsibly engage with the lived experiences of people affected by Russia's war against Ukraine, including women veterans, servicewomen, families of the fallen, displaced communities, and witnesses of wartime events. Projects are expected to create meaningful forms of remembrance, documentation, public reflection, and commemoration through artistic, educational, research-based, or participatory formats, while adhering to trauma-informed principles and respecting the dignity, safety, and agency of those whose stories are represented. Each project may receive up to €7,000, with at least 15 projects to be supported in this round and a total of at least 60 grants awarded across four thematic calls. The project timeline may be up to 6 months, and activities must not begin before 1 February 2027.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include civic, public, or private organisations based in Ukraine or any of the Creative Europe countries operating in the cultural, creative, or civil sector, as well as individuals with strong project ideas who are encouraged to apply with an eligible organisation as their legal entity.

Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	06/10/2026
More information and official documents:	https://culture-of-solidarity-fund.grantplatform.com/

Call Title:	Next Generation Research Grant Program
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Programme:	American Brain Foundation
Objective:	The Next Generation Research Grant Program is seeking applications to support early career clinician-investigators conducting clinical or preclinical research on ALS mechanisms, diagnosis or treatment.
Eligible Activities:	This program reflects the American Brain Foundation's commitment to the Cure One, Cure Many philosophy, recognizing that advances in ALS research can drive breakthroughs across a spectrum of neurological diseases. This grant specifically funds clinical or preclinical research projects that investigate disease mechanisms, diagnosis, or treatment of ALS, with an emphasis on work that may have broader relevance to other conditions. The program encourages innovative, hypothesis-driven research and aims to foster the development of independent research careers among emerging clinician-scientists. Funding for this opportunity is provided by The ALS Association and the American Brain Foundation, with administration by the American Brain Foundation. The total award is \$150,000, disbursed as \$75,000 per year over two years. Of each annual installment, \$65,000 is allocated for salary support and \$10,000 for research-related expenses. Indirect costs are not supported, and all funds must be used directly for the proposed project.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must hold an MD, PhD, or equivalent terminal-level clinical or research degree, and must have completed clinical residency or PhD in 2022 or later. Applicants from accredited institutions in the US and internationally are eligible, with no citizenship requirement. There is no limit on the number of applications per institution, but applicants may not apply for both this grant and the Richard Olney Clinician Scientist Grant in ALS in the same cycle.

Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	08/10/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.americanbrainfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/ABF-Next-Gen-RFP_ALS-2yr_2027_rev20260708.pdf

Call Title:	BLUE ACTION FUND
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Programme:	BLUE ACTION FUND
Objective:	This call for proposals provides individual grants to NGOs for projects in Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, or India that have the following integrated focus: ✓ Establishment of new or improved management of protected areas (PAs) and/or other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs), with a focus on mangrove ecosystems; and ✓ Protection, restoration, and sustainable use of mangroves, contributing to biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and improved livelihoods; and ✓ Advancement of high-integrity blue carbon initiatives toward carbon crediting.

Eligible Activities:	Actions must take place in Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, or India.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are charitable non-government organisations (NGOs) or consortia of NGOs with proven experience in mangrove conservation and/or restoration as well as blue carbon project development and sustainable livelihoods.
Total Budget: €17,000,000	
Deadline: 16/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.blueactionfund.org/funding-opportunities/

Call Title:	DeepRAP: Challenge for Trustworthy Cognitive AI Systems
Programme:	HORIZON Pathfinder
Objective:	Expected Impact: The resulting portfolio will not only advance the scientific state-of-the-art but also build a robust, interoperable, and application-driven community, positioning Europe at the forefront of trustworthy cognitive AI. It should also lay the foundations for future European leadership in safe, human-centric cognitive AI, supporting sovereignty and competitiveness in key sectors. It will support the ambitions of the AI Act[1] and the European approach to Artificial Intelligence[2]. Expected Outcome: Ambitious proposals put forward under this call will deliver: • Models and/or architectures that handle multimodal data and knowledge, uncertainty, and can be trained and deployed with constrained computational resources • Provable trustworthiness mechanisms ensuring explainability, transparency, fairness, risk evaluation, security and alignment with ethical and legal standards, including fundamental rights and the EU AI Act, and • Demonstrate the developed capabilities integrated in a cognitive AI system (reaching TRL4) performing complex real-world tasks (e.g., scientific discovery, decision support, problem solving) as well as simulations at a scale. In addition, proposals will: • Propose new methods and metrics for evaluating and certifying reasoning and trustworthiness in AI as well as the use of the computational resources • Follow the FAIR principles ensuring all data, models, and results are Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable to maximise transparency, reproducibility, and impact, and • Develop synergies with EU initiatives such as TEFs (AI Testing and Experimentation Facilities)[3], eBrains[4], Resource for AI Science in Europe (RAISE)[5], AI-on-demand Platform (AloD)[6] and the Quantum Flagship[7]. Portfolio approach The composition of the portfolio of projects to be funded under the DeepRAP Challenge will ensure comprehensive coverage across the following categories with a view to ensuring breadth and enabling synergies between the projects: • Category 1 – Cognitive Function Capability: Reasoning, abstraction, and planning should be covered by the selected portfolio.

	• Category 2 – Technological Approach: The selected projects are expected to use a variety of technological approaches, including but not limited to, neuro-symbolic AI, deep learning, reinforcement learning, and novel frameworks inspired by interdisciplinary fields, and • Category 3 – Use Case and Application Domain: The selected projects will cover a variety of real-world domains, such as industry, mobility, civil security, scientific discovery, health, cybersecurity, justice and human-robot interaction. The selected projects will also be assigned to lead and/or engage in portfolio activities centred on the following priorities: • Interoperability: Establishing common standards and protocols to ensure seamless alignment between projects • Benchmark Development: Co-creating a DeepRAP benchmark with shared tasks and an open evaluation platform for transparent assessment • Common Pilots: Delivering joint pilot demonstrations addressing complex real-world problems to showcase DeepRAP capabilities • Multiagent Integration: where feasible, combining project outcomes into modular, multiagent AI systems demonstrating collective reasoning and planning through structured interactions among multiple agents • Application Shaping: Defining impactful use cases and engaging stakeholders to guide the development and adoption of innovative cognitive AI systems, and • Ethical and Societal Alignment: Proactively addressing ethical, legal, and societal considerations, including fundamental rights, transparency, privacy, safety, and fairness of cognitive AI systems.
Eligible Activities:	Objective: Innovative ideas put forward under this Challenge must explore novel approaches, including combinations of existing techniques (i.e. neuro-symbolic AI), or the creation of entirely new frameworks that go beyond current, traditional, deep learning and reinforcement learning paradigms. These could be inspired by developments in diverse fields such as neuroscience, biology, physics, philosophy and more. The proposals should address one or more of the following cognitive capabilities: • Deep Reasoning: Moving beyond statistical pattern matching to support causal inference, logical reasoning, and context-aware or commonsense decision-making in complex, unstructured environments. This requires shifting from purely data-driven correlations to AI systems capable of understanding why patterns emerge, identifying underlying causes, and drawing valid conclusions through both deductive and inductive processes. Neuro-symbolic approaches, which combine the learning power of neural networks with the structured inference of symbolic reasoning are particularly encouraged to advance these capabilities. Integrating contextual and commonsense knowledge enables AI to interpret information more holistically, adapt decisions dynamically, and handle ambiguity and uncertainty. Deep reasoning systems should be able to reconcile multiple sources of information, provide transparent and explainable rationales for their outputs, and align with human values and expectations, ensuring trustworthy and accountable operations in demanding real-world scenarios. • Deep Abstraction: Enabling AI systems to generalise insights from limited data by forming, manipulating, and refining high-level concepts, analogies, and representations that can be transferred across diverse application domains. This includes the development of internal world models to support abstraction, foster commonsense understanding, and integrate semantic and contextual awareness.

	Approaches that combine symbolic reasoning, analogical mapping, and representation learning are particularly encouraged, as they empower AI to interpret meaning, intent, and relationships within complex environments. Progress in deep abstraction is essential for achieving cognitive flexibility, robust transfer learning, and adaptive reasoning in dynamic, data-scarce, or rapidly evolving settings. • Deep Planning: Developing robust, adaptive, and scalable planning algorithms/models capable of operating in open-world, agentic, or uncertain real-time environments. This involves leveraging advanced deep learning techniques such as deep reinforcement learning and architectures tailored for planning tasks to enable AI systems to autonomously devise, optimise, and adjust complex strategies in dynamic settings. Neuro-symbolic approaches integrating neural networks with symbolic reasoning are particularly encouraged to address uncertainty, provide formal guarantees, and enable explainable, dependable decision-making. Emphasis is placed on long-term, flexible planning that incorporates cognitive timing and predictive modelling, enabling systems to anticipate and adapt within dynamic contexts. Approaches should explore hierarchical planning across multiple temporal levels, contingency planning for effective fallback strategies, and continual re-planning to dynamically update plans as environments evolve. These advancements will underpin resilient, coordinated, and trustworthy AI planning in complex, unpredictable scenarios. Scope: Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems have achieved remarkable progress as evidenced by the ability of Generative AI to recognise patterns and generate contextually relevant outputs based on ever larger models and associated datasets. However, despite the remarkable strides made over the past decade, there remains a significant gap between the capabilities of the human brain and machine intelligence, which must be overcome to achieve robust performance and enable effective interactions with users and stakeholders. Current Generative AI models can release very accurate outputs and even solve some mathematical problems but might struggle with some complex reasoning benchmarks and to understand the real world. These models frequently fail to reliably solve logic tasks and long-term planning, even when provably correct solutions exist, limiting their effectiveness in critical applications where precision is essential. Inspired by the human brain's ability to process information at multiple levels of abstraction—enabling perception, reasoning, and goal-directed planning—the goal of this Challenge is to move beyond the current state-of-the-art in traditional AI approaches, whether symbolic (e.g., rules, decision trees, symbolic regression, etc.) or connectionist, neural (e.g., deep learning, large language models, reinforcement learning). The goal is to significantly improve the Reasoning, Abstraction, and Planning (RAP) capabilities of AI systems. This will overcome the limitations of current deep learning models, which despite their strengths, have limitations in critical cognitive functions for abstraction, contextualisation, causality, explainability, and intelligible reasoning — competencies that are fundamental to move towards human-like intelligence.
Eligible Applicants:	The programme is open to: • Legal entities from any country • Organisations established in EU Member States • Organisations from associated countries • Eligible legal entities from non-associated third countries • International organisations

	Applicants must meet the requirements established under: • Horizon Europe regulations • Specific call conditions
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: GRANTS FROM DUDLEY T. DOUGHERTY FOUNDATION	
Programme: DUDLEY T. DOUGHERTY FOUNDATION	
Objective:	The Dudley T. Dougherty Foundation, established in 2002, is a private U.S.-based 501(c)(3) foundation that supports nonprofit organizations globally. While it primarily funds U.S.-based entities, it has made exceptions for international initiatives. The foundation's mission is to support efforts that promote social justice, child welfare, and access to education, among other areas.
Eligible Activities:	The foundation's grantmaking focuses on the following sectors: • Social Justice: Supporting initiatives that advocate for equality and human rights. • Child Welfare: Funding programs aimed at improving the well-being of children. • Education: Supporting access to quality education and educational resources. • Healthcare: Funding initiatives that provide healthcare services and promote health equity. • Environment: Supporting projects focused on environmental conservation and sustainability. • Peace and Social Justice: Funding efforts that promote peace and address social injustices. Actions can take place worldwide. In the past they have funded projects in Nepal, South Africa, Brazil, Guatemala, Uganda, Kenya, Haiti, or India.
Eligible Applicants:	To be eligible for a grant from the Dudley T. Dougherty Foundation, your organization must be a US-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and be listed in the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search. They do not make grants to individuals, for-profit organizations, or organizations that are not 501(c)(3) non-profits.
Total Budget: €120,000	
Deadline: 31/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://dudleytdoughertyfoundation.org/

Call Title: RIZA CALL FOR PROPOSALS	
Programme: RIZA	
Objective:	Rooted in the EU founding principles of human dignity, freedom and democracy, RIZA's main mission is to build capacity of and provide financial support to small-scale grassroots NGOs across the EU to uphold, protect and promote EU values and fundamental rights, focussing on those in most isolated circumstances with least access to resources and

	opportunities, i.e. migrant and refugee women. With 3 rounds of funding in total (2025, 2026 and 2027), this 2nd RIZA call has a regional focus on the Southern-Mediterranean states (Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Malta) in which the organisations in the region are particularly encouraged to apply, however, RIZA funding is open to any qualified organisations established in any EU members state.
Eligible Activities:	The call is open to the following organisations, with Tier 1 constituting the priority group among the potential grantees: • 1st tier: Migrant and/or refugee women led organisations with a human right based mission. • 2nd tier: Grassroots women's rights organisations with a stand-alone programme aimed at supporting migrant and/or refugee women. • 3rd tier: Migrant and/or refugee organisations with a stand-alone programme aimed at supporting migrant and/or refugee women. • 4th tier: Grassroots human rights organisation with a stand-alone programme aimed at supporting migrant and/or refugee women. Call's Priorities: • Priority 1: Support and Capacity Building of Migrant and Refugee women, • Priority 2: Advocating for the fundamental rights of migrant and refugee women, • Priority 3: Promoting the role of migrant and refugee women in democratic dialogue, community cohesion and cross-cultural solidarity Actions must take place in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Malta.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to NGOs established in an EU Member State; Non-profit, independent of political/religious parties & governments; Minimum 1 year of activities; Annual budget under €300,000; Equal representation of women in governance & leadership; Commitment to EU values & migrant women's inclusion.
Total Budget: €1,037,784	
Deadline: 31/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/14602

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM SPARKPLUG FOUNDATION
Programme:	SPARKPLUG FOUNDATION
Objective:	The Sparkplug Foundation is a family foundation that funds start-up organisations and new projects of established organisations in (1) music; (2) education; and (3) community organising. They aim to support the development of emerging democratic movements and communities working on issues of local democracy, justice, and sustainable energy in the rebuilding of the U.S. and global economies.
Eligible Activities:	Sparkplug funding is for materials and activities that help work become more sustainable. It can cover organisation-building materials like flyers, pamphlets or websites. It can cover training/recruiting expenses like meeting costs. And it can cover long-lasting items like software (things that you only need to buy once, but that can really advance the work.) Actions must take place in the United States, and in Israel/Palestine.

Eligible Applicants:	They fund: (1) early stage organizations and projects. They offer grants to innovative and important work that has not yet established broad sources of support. For Sparkplug, what matters is that the project comes from and supports an engaged community; (2) small-to-medium organizations or ideas. They most often fund projects with small budgets, and that are less likely to receive corporate, institutional, or government funding; and (3) 501c3 non-profits or individuals, communities or collectives that have a US-based 501c3 fiscal sponsor.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	01/11/2026
More information and official documents:	https://sparkplugfoundation.org/

Call Title:	TEEEM Foundation Community Impact Grant Program
Programme:	TEEEM Foundation
Objective:	The TEEEM Foundation Community Impact Grant Program provides financial support to nonprofit organizations developing sustainable, community-driven solutions in education, empowerment, innovation, and service.
Eligible Activities:	The Program support nonprofit organizations that are committed to creating sustainable, community-driven change through education, empowerment, innovation, and service. The program seeks to partner with organizations that possess a deep understanding of their communities and demonstrate strong leadership and vision for lasting impact. Grants are awarded to organizations that prioritize sustainable and measurable community impact, foster educational opportunities and youth development, and employ entrepreneurial and innovative approaches to address local challenges. The program emphasizes solutions that empower underserved populations, promote gender equity, support food security, improve access to medical care, and strengthen community infrastructure. Funding amounts vary, with specific grant sizes determined by project scope, organizational need, and available funding. Recipients are required to submit a mid-year progress report, a final impact report, financial updates on the use of grant funds, and share impact materials such as photos and testimonials. Any significant changes to the funded project must be communicated to the TEEEM Foundation.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations that align with TEEEM's mission and values, demonstrate strong financial stewardship, and engage community members in both planning and implementation. Priority is given to projects that can demonstrate measurable outcomes and long-term sustainability.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	01/11/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.teeem.org/foundation

Call Title:	Open Call for Nordic Ocean Accelerator Programme
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Programme: Nordic Ocean Accelerators	
Objective:	The Nordic Ocean Accelerator Programme supports ambitious ocean economy startups and SMEs to scale, commercialise, and prepare for investment and growth in the Nordic region.
Eligible Activities:	The Nordic Ocean Accelerator Programme was established to drive the blue transition by equipping ocean economy startups and SMEs with the tools, networks, and expertise needed to thrive in the Nordic region. The programme brings together leading Nordic ocean clusters and industry partners to foster innovation and sustainable growth in sectors such as seafood and blue food, maritime, ocean energy, ocean technology, ocean data and AI, and ports and logistics. Participants benefit from a comprehensive curriculum that includes six learning modules, an online kickoff, a hybrid final event, and ongoing support through an online learning environment. The programme is designed to strengthen market entry strategies, validate commercialisation plans, and enhance investment readiness, with guidance from Nordic industry experts and investors. Key workshop themes include leading blue growth, commercialisation, funding strategy, investment readiness, impact, and pitching.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is open to startups and SMEs operating in the ocean economy sectors who are seeking to expand or establish their presence in the Nordic countries. The programme is particularly suited for innovators aiming to accelerate their growth, access new markets, and prepare for their next funding round.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 30/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.nordicoceanaccelerators.com/services

Call Title:	EIC Accelerator 2026 - Short proposal HORIZON-EIC-2026-ACCELERATOR-01
Programme: Horizon Europe	
Objective:	The EIC Accelerator supports companies (principally SMEs, including start-ups) to scale up high impact innovations with the potential to create new markets or disrupt existing ones. The EIC Accelerator provides a unique combination of grant and investment funding and Business Acceleration Services (see Section VII of EIC Work Programme 2026).
Eligible Activities:	The EIC Accelerator focuses in particular on innovations building on scientific discovery or technological breakthroughs ('deep tech') and where significant funding is needed over a long timeframe before returns can be generated ('patient capital'). Such innovations often struggle to attract financing because the risks and time period involved are too high. Funding and support from the EIC Accelerator is designed to enable such innovators to attract the full investment amounts needed for scale up in a shorter timeframe. The EIC Accelerator supports the later stages of technology development as well as scale up. The technology component of your innovation must therefore have been tested and validated in a laboratory and other relevant environment (e.g., at least Technology Readiness Level 5 completed). The EIC Accelerator looks to support companies where the EIC support will act as a catalyst to crowd in other investors necessary for the scale up of the innovation.

	Applicants to EIC Accelerator can submit proposals through: • EIC Accelerator Open - which has no predefined thematic priorities and is open to proposals in any field of technology or application • EIC Accelerator Challenges - in predefined areas of emerging and strategic technologies.
Eligible Applicants:	To be an eligible applicant to EIC Accelerator, you must apply as one of the following eligible entities: • a single company classified as a SME, and established within a Member State or an Associated Country (see Annex 2 of the EIC Work Programme 2026); or • a single company classified as a small mid-cap (up to 499 employees) established in a Member State or an Associated Country, but only for exceptional cases for rapid scale up purposes; or • one or more natural persons (including individual entrepreneurs) or legal entities, which are either: ○ from a Member State or an Associated Country intending to establish an SME or small mid-cap (as defined above) in a Member State or Associated Country by the time of signing the EIC Accelerator grant agreement or, in case the equity only is awarded, at the latest at the date of signature of the agreement on its investment component; ○ intending to invest in an SME or small mid-cap established in a Member State or an Associated Country and may submit a proposal on behalf of that SME or small mid-cap, provided that a prior agreement exists with the company. The grant agreement and/or the investment agreement will be signed with the beneficiary/final recipient of funding company only; or ○ c. from a non-associated third country intending to establish an SME (including start-ups) or to relocate an existing SME to a Member State or an Associated Country. Your company must prove its effective establishment in a Member State or an Associated Country at the time of submission of the full proposal.
Total Budget: €0	
Deadline: 17/12/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-EIC-2026-ACCELERATOR-01

Call Title:	Submit Applications for PFH's India Fund
Programme:	Paul Hamlyn Foundation
Objective:	The India Fund is inviting applications from local Indian NGOs working with vulnerable communities in priority regions to support community-led development and systemic change. The India Fund is designed to support small, local NGOs in India that are working with the most vulnerable communities in some of the country's poorest and most marginalized regions. The fund emphasizes the importance of community-led development, encouraging organizations to place people facing disadvantage at the center of designing and leading solutions to overcome inequality.
Eligible Activities:	Strategic aims include enabling NGOs to implement community-centric development programs, empowering communities to take charge of their own development, supporting

	systemic change, and enhancing the capacity of organizations and individuals who facilitate these objectives. Funding is available for organizations working with communities that have little or no access to education or health services, Dalit communities in hazardous work, disabled people (especially children), families living in extreme poverty, tribal communities fighting for or dispossessed of their land and resources, and women. The fund seeks to support organizations that help these groups build on their strengths and develop leadership within their communities. Grants range from ₹10,00,000 to ₹40,00,000, with a typical duration of one to two years. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are assessed biannually in March and October. Only direct applications from eligible NGOs are considered; applications via consultants or fundraisers are not accepted.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible organizations must be local Indian NGOs with valid Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) registration. The fund only supports work in priority areas, specifically the states of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, and certain culturally identifiable regions in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan that face extreme poverty.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: Ongoing	
More information and official documents:	https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/india-fund

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