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New Opportunities

Call Title:	UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PROTECTION IN SRI LANKA
Programme:	UNICEF
Objective:	<p>UNICEF calls for proposals by non-government organizations and civil society organizations that contribute to the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) raise awareness of the right to social protection, why it matters to all of us and what it means in practice 2) explore the lived experiences and perceptions of citizens regarding the value and limitations of social protection benefits, with a specific focus on women and girls, youth, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized and disadvantaged groups 3) gain a deeper understanding of existing barriers to accessing social protection benefits (such as limited awareness, administrative barriers, and so on); 4) summarize recommendations by communities to build inclusive social protection systems.
Eligible Activities:	Actions must take place in Sri Lanka.
Eligible Applicants:	Partners must have existing presence in the proposed geographical area.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	01/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.unpartnerportal.org/api/public/export/projects/16706/

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM AL MADAD FOUNDATION
Programme:	Al Madad Foundation
Objective:	<p>Their objective is to support civil society institutions in delivering creative and innovative solutions to problems facing refugee children in the Middle East and Europe who have been affected by the Syria Crisis. A broad range of initiatives will be considered, but preference will be given to applications that fall under the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative and sustainable approaches to make education (particularly non-formal education) safe, accessible and resilient in emergencies. • Identification and introduction of wellbeing schemes into existing bodies and structures supporting refugee and displaced children. • Identification of gaps in the existing systems of support of unaccompanied refugee children and addressing these needs.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The Strategic Priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridging the educational gap for out-of-school refugee children with alternative programmes to prepare them to successfully reintegrate into mainstream school • Supporting the development of tailored educational settings to empower displaced and refugee children in host communities through the means of education.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effecting change in the lives of displaced and refugee children through the means of artistic expression and specialist artistic intervention • Promoting understanding of heritage and cultural activities to help displaced and refugee children preserve the connection with their communities • Supporting holistic approaches to wellbeing to help emancipate the most vulnerable and eliminate as many of their immediate needs as possible. <p>Their focus region is the Middle East (especially Lebanon) as well as selected countries in Europe.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible applicants must: Be a registered charity in the country in which they are headquartered; Individuals who wish to apply can only do so in conjunction with a registered organisation (e.g. an academic researcher might apply with the backing of their university); Be able to meet reporting requirements; Have a Child Protection Policy in place that conforms to the laws of the country in which they operate and a clear methodology that demonstrates that it is appropriately and consistently applied.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	04/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.almadadfoundation.org/spring-grant-2025

Call Title:	Global Innovation Challenge to accelerate Youth Employability
Programme:	Citi Foundation
Objective:	<p>The Citi Foundation is requesting proposals for the Global Innovation Challenge to accelerate Youth Employability.</p> <p>The innovative solutions could include, but are not limited to: Technical and vocational training programs that upskill or reskill low-income youth and move them into employment, which could include paid internships, apprenticeships or formal employment. Entrepreneurship programming that specifically focuses on the incubation or scaling of youth-led enterprises to increase job creation and access to self-generated income. Efforts to embed financial education programming into workforce development initiatives equipping low-income youth with financial skills and access to safe and affordable financial tools.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Funding Information</p> <p>The Foundation plans to award grants of \$500,000 (USD) payable over two years to 50 community organizations working in select communities where Citi has a presence.</p> <p>Geographic Focus</p> <p>Africa Algeria, Cameroon, Côte D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda and Zambia</p> <p>Asia Pacific</p>

	<p>Australia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam</p> <p>Europe</p> <p>Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine and United Kingdom</p> <p>Middle East</p> <p>Bahrain, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates</p> <p>Latin America & the Caribbean</p> <p>Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago and Uruguay</p> <p>North America</p> <p>Canada, Mexico and select U.S. states and territories: California, Florida, Illinois, New York, Puerto Rico and Washington D.C.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Applicant organizations must be registered as nonprofit entities under local law. For example, for U.S. entities, applicants need to be tax-exempt public charities as per Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.</p> <p>They invite proposals from community organizations developing innovative employment solutions for low-income youth primarily between the ages of 15 and 24. Applicants must be able to submit their most recent externally audited financial statements, including auditor's notes, covering some part of calendar year 2023 or a subsequent year.</p> <p>Applicant's proposed program must align with the Foundation's mission of supporting low-income communities as defined by local standards and definitions.</p> <p>Applicant's proposed program must impact one or more of the target geographies.</p>
Total Budget: \$500,000	
Deadline: 04/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.citigroup.com/global/foundation/apply-for-funding

Call Title:	GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR GRASSROOTS AND HUMAN SECURITY PROJECTS (GGP) – JORDAN
Programme:	Japanese Embassy Jordan
Objective:	The Government of Japan has various programs under its Official Development Assistance (ODA) that meets the diverse needs of developing countries. One of the ODA schemes, the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) supports small-scale projects directly benefiting the grassroots level as well as contributing to the socio-economic development of developing countries.
Eligible Activities:	In Jordan, GGP was launched in 1990 and as of Jan 2025, 159 projects have been implemented by non-governmental organizations (NGOs), educational institutions, and

	<p>other nonprofit organizations. Now they started to accept the applications for GGP for the first half year of 2025.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Jordan.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligible are: NGOs (or Nonprofit Organizations) legally registered under Jordanian authorities; Municipalities financially independent from Jordanian central government; Continuous activities for more than 2 years in Jordan; Implementing economic and social development projects to serve local communities in Jordan.</p>
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	06/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.jordan.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/11_000001_01396.html

Call Title:	PUBLIC CALL FOR CSO INITIATIVES PROMOTING RECONCILIATION AND DIALOGUE IN THE WESTERN BALKANS
Programme:	UNDP
Objective:	<p>With the support of the European Union (EU), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announces a public call for civil society organizations (CSOs) in Serbia to submit proposals for projects contributing to reconciliation, dialogues about the recent past and raising public awareness about the crimes from the 1990s.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The proposed projects should contribute to fact-based dialogue about the conflicts from the 1990s in the region and the recent past, reconciliation within society and between ethnic groups, especially through the engagement of youth, raising public awareness of war crimes and trials, educational programmes on transitional justice, research and memorialization, and other related activities.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Serbia.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>The call is open for CSOs registered in Serbia that deal with transitional justice, reconciliation, inter-ethnic and other social dialogue, protection of human rights, and memorialization. These may include victims' associations, non-governmental academic, research, or educational institutions, CSOs engaged in cultural development, non-governmental museums, and other non-governmental memorialization institutions, as well as non-governmental sports associations and clubs.</p>
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	07/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.undp.org/serbia/news/public-call-cso-initiatives-promoting-reconciliation-and-dialogue-western-balkans

Call Title:	CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES (CFLI) – FIJI, KIRIBATI, SAMOA, TONGA, TUVALU
Programme:	Canadian High Commission
Objective:	The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) supports small and short-term projects in the Pacific in cooperation with international, national and local non-governmental organizations, as well as other regional and international organizations. local. The CFLI focuses on funding projects with long-term, sustainable goals that enrich the local community. Beneficiary organizations are expected to contribute financially or otherwise. This program is widely recognized as significantly contributing to the real development and potential of the region.
Eligible Activities:	<p>All projects must align with at least 1 of the following CFLI thematic priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive governance, including diversity and 2SLGBTQI+, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Growth that works for everyone, including women’s economic rights, decent jobs and entrepreneurship, investing in the poorest and most vulnerable, and safeguarding economic gains. • Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. • Human dignity, covering health, education and nutrition. • Environment and climate action focusing on adaptation and mitigation, as well as on water management. <p>Actions must take place in Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are: (1) local non-governmental, non-profit and community organisations; (2) local educational institutions working on local projects; (3) international, intergovernmental, multilateral and regional institutions, organisations and agencies working on local development activities; (4) governmental institutions or agencies at the municipal, regional or national level of the recipient’s country that are working on local projects; and (5) Canadian non-governmental and non-profit organisations working on local development activities.
Total Budget: CAD100,000	
Deadline: 09/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cfli-fcil/samoa-fiji-tonga-tuvalu-kiribati.aspx?lang=eng

Call Title:	Research Grant Competition 3 (RGC3)
Programme:	Global Centre on Biodiversity for Climate
Objective:	<p>The Global Centre on Biodiversity for Climate (GCBC) is seeking concept note for projects that address either one (or both) of the third Research Grant Competition (RGC3) themes.</p> <p>Following the assessment of Concept Notes, the successful applicants from this first round will be invited to submit full Proposals for their proposed projects which address the RGC3 themes. Proposals will need to address poverty alleviation, Gender and Social</p>

	Inclusion, and climate resilience, focusing on approaches that better value, protect, restore and sustainably manage biodiversity.
Eligible Activities:	<p>RGC3 Themes</p> <p>The two RGC3 themes set out below were announced in December 2024:</p> <p>Theme 1: Using biodiversity to improve the climate resilience of agricultural, food and bioeconomy value chains</p> <p>Transforming agrifood systems at scale to incorporate nature-based solutions that build biodiversity back into production landscapes to boost climate resilience and reduce poverty (open to all GCBC focus regions).</p> <p>Theme 2: Biodiversity hotspots in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)</p> <p>Building sustainable businesses from nature to adapt to climate change, protect biodiversity and tackle poverty (focused on SIDS).</p> <p>Within the two themes, the GCBC aims to fund a balanced portfolio of projects which collectively:</p> <p>Develop innovative nature-based solutions: Working with communities, businesses (including micro-SMEs) and Indigenous peoples to develop and experimentally test new approaches to managing terrestrial, freshwater or coastal ecosystems. For example, research to underpin nature-positive business models, novel forest management approaches or innovative farming systems that improve outcomes for local communities while boosting biodiversity and improving climate resilience for people and nature.</p> <p>Apply systems approaches to inform large-scale transformative change: Research looking at the wider socio-ecological context for change, including novel policy interventions at local, sub-national or national scale. They encourage approaches that explore the factors, processes and worldviews that hold socio-ecological systems in unhelpful or unsustainable states to find new ways of intervening at scale. Innovation is needed in developing systemic interventions: identifying specific leverage points to reconfigure socioecological systems, making nature-based solutions the preferred option. For example, exploring novel markets or incentives, or improving access to data and knowledge, or applying systems frameworks to quantify multiple interacting outcomes taking into account interdependencies and feedback loops.</p> <p>Funding Information</p> <p>Grants must not exceed a total value of £1m and be of a minimum value of £100k. Note: the start date is dependent on the signing of the GFA by the successful applicants. GCBC will consider project concept notes that range between 12- 36 months.</p> <p>Eligible Projects</p> <p>They aim to fund a mixed portfolio of up to twenty grants covering a range of topics and geographies across both themes. Grants sums of between £100,000 and £1 million are offered for projects of 12-36 months duration. To be accepted for funding under the GCBC programme projects must demonstrate:</p> <p>Fit to GCBC: All proposals need to address poverty alleviation and climate resilience, focusing on approaches that better value, protect, restore and sustainably manage biodiversity.</p> <p>Fit to theme: Proposals must address research questions within one of the themes set out above.</p> <p>GESI: All proposals must incorporate clear plans to factor in gender, equality and social inclusion from the outset.</p> <p>R&D: Proposed work must meet the definition of research and development: creative and systematic work undertaken to increase the stock of knowledge – including</p>

	knowledge of humankind, culture and society – and to devise new applications of available knowledge (OECD, 2015).
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Geographic focus: Any proposed offer must be from, or include as a Partner in a consortium, an Organisation from an ODA-eligible country in the target geographic areas. A UK-based Partner or a presence in the UK is not essential. GCBC will accept applications for projects with activities in ODAeligible countries in Latin America (including Central America), the Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa, and South-east Asia and the Pacific and Small Island Developing States.</p> <p>Delivery Partner/Organisation eligibility: Applications are encouraged from many different types of potential Delivery Partners, both local and international, including, but not limited to: non-government organisations, civil society organisations, multilateral organisations, social development organisations, academic institutions, private sector partners.</p> <p>Funding can also be awarded to parastatal organisations if the proposed activities are not receiving funding from other governments. UN bodies are eligible under the same terms and conditions as other applicants. Applicants must not be under any debarment or exclusion due to professional or fiduciary malpractice.</p> <p>Any proposed activities must be eligible for ODA funding (the primary purpose being to promote the economic development and welfare of developing countries). Any proposed offer from a consortium should be headed by a single Lead Delivery Partner. Prospective Lead Delivery Partners will lead and submit applications on behalf of all members of their consortium.</p> <p>Applications for project concept(s) must be: led by an Organisation with offices in an ODA eligible country, or led by an Organisation which forms part of a consortium with Organisations that have an office in an ODA eligible country or countries.</p> <p>The GCBC encourages applications from the Lead Delivery Partners/Organisations based in the target ODA-eligible country. New and equitable partnerships involving local project Partners are also encouraged.</p> <p>Private sector Partners may be consortia members, but are ineligible to receive grant funds for profit, or act as consortia Lead Delivery Partners. PhD Students are not eligible for funding under this grant competition.</p>
Total Budget: £1,000,000 per project	
Deadline: 16/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.gcbc.org.uk/grants/

Call Title:

Newton International Fellowship Programme



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Programme: The Royal Society	
Objective:	<p>The Newton International Fellowship programme provides support for outstanding early career researchers to make a first step towards developing an independent research career through gaining experience across international borders.</p> <p>The fellowships will enable researchers to access expertise, gain new perspectives and build long-lasting collaborative relationships. The fellowship provides two years of funding to attract international early career researchers to establish and conduct their research in a UK host organisation.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Aim</p> <p>The overarching aim of the Newton International Fellowship programme is to attract and retain emerging talent in the UK and build a globally connected, mobile research and innovation workforce.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>The objectives are to:</p> <p>Attract talented International early career researchers to establish and conduct their research in the UK;</p> <p>Support early career researchers to pursue high-quality and innovative lines of research;</p> <p>Provide opportunities to acquire new skills and knowledge through training and career development;</p> <p>Foster long-term relationships through networking opportunities and the Newton International Fellowships alumni programme.</p> <p>Focus Areas</p> <p>Research must be within the Royal Society’s remit of natural sciences, which includes but is not limited to: biological research, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, and physics.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Applicants must have a PhD or be in the final stage of their PhD provided that it will be completed (including viva) before the start date of the fellowship. Confirmation of award of the PhD will be required before any fellowship award is confirmed.</p> <p>Applicants should have no more than seven years active full-time postdoctoral experience at the time of application, including teaching experience, time spent in industry on research, honorary positions and/or visiting researcher positions. Career breaks must be clearly detailed and explained in the application.</p> <p>Applicants should be working outside the UK and should not hold UK citizenship at the time of application.</p> <p>Applicants who are not currently employed are still eligible.</p> <p>Applications from individuals who have not studied or worked in the UK previously are encouraged as the scheme aims to establish new links between the Applicant and the UK.</p> <p>Individuals who have lived, worked or undertaken research in the UK in the 12 months prior to the application deadline are not eligible to apply, with the exception of short-term visits of less than three months in total and Applicants who are refugees in the UK according to the Geneva Convention.</p> <p>Applicants who completed their PhD at a UK organisation must have been working and based outside the UK for at least one year at the deadline for the application.</p> <p>Applicants proposing to return to their UK-based PhD organisation and/or PhD supervisor or to their postdoctoral supervisor will normally be considered to be ineligible and so Applicants must have exceptional reasons for proposing to do so. A</p>

	<p>justification for returning will be required in the application form, typically the Panel will require appropriate scientific justification for the return.</p> <p>Proposed Fellowships must be carried out in the UK at the UK host organisation for the duration of the Fellowship.</p> <p>Applicants must be competent in oral and written English. The Applicant must confirm their competency on the application form and the UK Sponsor needs to include the Applicant's competency in their supporting statement.</p>
Total Budget:	£280,000 per applicant
Deadline:	18/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://royalsociety.org/grants/newton-international/

Call Title:	ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH INNOVATION CHALLENGE FUND EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS
Programme:	UNICEF
Objective:	UNICEF's Adolescent and Youth Innovation Challenge is a new and agile initiative to support the development of innovative solutions and disruptive ideas that drive change. Through flexible approaches addressing the most challenging issues facing young people, innovators will have the opportunities to experiment with new ideas, contribute to knowledge creation through new evidence, and assess opportunities for scaling high-impact models.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The Innovation Challenge includes the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurture and seed innovation and disruptive ideas from emerging thinkers and doers from across Jordan; • Accelerate progress to address the most pressing challenges facing young people today; • Support the development of new learnings to inform the sector at large; and • Promote the scaling of successful innovations and ideas. <p>Actions must take place in Jordan.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Partners must have existing presence in the proposed geographical area.
Total Budget:	\$100,000
Deadline:	27/03/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.unpartnerportal.org/api/public/export/projects/16769/

Call Title:	TAKAMUL
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Programme: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)	
Objective:	In order to strengthen the role of civil society in the transition in Syria, TAKAMUL puts an emphasis on social cohesion, women and youth as well as the relationship between civil actors and public authorities. Social cohesion in Syria remains fragile after years of conflict. Many communities find themselves divided along social, ethnic and sectarian lines, with unequal access to resources and opportunities.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Displacement has strained trust between groups and hampered the ability of communities to cooperate and plan their (economic) recovery together, leaving women and youth without avenues for meaningful civic and economic engagement.</p> <p>The exclusion of women and youth from decision-making processes has led to further fragmentation in the country. Women and youth have been disproportionately affected by the conflict, facing increased vulnerability to violence, displacement, and economic marginalisation. They are often lacking opportunities to engage in community-led initiatives that could help bridge these divides.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Syria.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Only TANDEM projects consisting of one Syrian Diaspora Non-Governmental-Organisation (NGO) and at least one registered Community-based-Organisation (CBO) and/or NGO inside Syria will be accepted.
Total Budget: €130,000 - €250,000 per project	
Deadline: 31/03/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.bmz.de/resource/blob/246766/takamul-open-call-for-project-proposals.pdf

Call Title:	Partnership Agreements and Annual Operating Grants to support EU level Social NGO Networks
Programme: European Commission (EC)	
Objective:	<p>Applications are now open for the Partnership Agreements and Annual Operating Grants to support EU level Social NGO Networks.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>With the ultimate goal of building a strong social Europe, this Call aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote social inclusion and combatting poverty by providing financial support to EU-level networks of civil society organisations active in this area at local, regional, national and transnational level. It will thereby contribute to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) and its implementing actions, ensuring just transitions, protecting livelihoods, boosting employment, providing access to affordable high-quality social, essential and care services, reducing poverty and inequalities and creating opportunities for all; <p>Deliver on the European Pillar of Social Rights is a shared responsibility of the EU institutions, national, regional and local authorities, social partners and civil society. Civil society organisations are expected to:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support the implementation of the EPSR at EU, national and local level, notably by collecting and exchanging data and good practices, cooperating with public authorities in the design and implementation of relevant policies, and delivering specific outputs directly relevant to the EPSR’s principles; • organise communication and engagement activities to raise awareness of the EPSR both at the EU and national levels; • Support the Commission in implementing and disseminating new initiatives in the poverty, social inclusion and social protection areas; • The ultimate goal is to build a stronger social Europe: modernise and strengthen the welfare states to protect people, combat poverty and inequalities, and to face the green, digital and demographic transitions.
<p>Eligible Activities:</p>	<p>Themes and Priorities The primary mission of the applicants for framework partnerships should be in the areas of fostering social inclusion and/or combatting poverty. Applicants should implement work programmes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contribute concretely and directly to the implementation of the EPSR principles and related initiatives that are relevant to their statutory aim, with a particular focus on national and regional/local level; • address directly at least 1 out of 20 principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights; • organise communication and engagement activities to raise awareness of the EPSR and promote social rights in Europe; • strengthen the capacity of national member organisations and their national, regional and local members to enable them to actively contribute to the EPSR implementation; • provide concrete support to the European Semester process (at EU and national levels, including through the Recovery and Resilience Plans) through monitoring of implementation of social policies and initiatives by collecting data and evidence on the ground. <p>Eligible Activities Activities should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contributing to evidence-based regulation, policies and reforms at EU/national/local level to support EPSR implementation and providing the Commission with input for policy design, e.g. by gathering relevant evidence (especially from local levels) and by contributing to public or targeted consultations and to thematic strategic dialogue meetings on policy or programme management related issues; • raising public awareness and disseminating information on EPSR and particularly on social protection and social inclusion policies and legislation at EU and national levels, including good practices in ensuring access to social protection and social inclusion for all, and mapping out existing gaps; • building capacity of national members, and their national, regional and local members to actively engage them in implementing the EPSR and the related initiatives locally and in reinforcing social services provision at local and regional levels; • assisting in the transfer and exchange of good practices (e.g. within ESF+/EaSI and other relevant EU funded programmes); • reinforcing cooperation with other EU level networks (e.g. through joint actions), including across different policy areas; with and between the national social stakeholders; with national, regional and local authorities.

Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be legal entities (public or private bodies) be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Member States [including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)] non-EU countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listed EEA countries and countries associated to the ESF+ be non-governmental, non-profit-making, and independent of industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests; have statutory aims falling under the objectives and scope of the priorities of this call for proposals; have national member organisations in at least fourteen (14) Member States of the European Union; have members that are mainly non-profit organisations; be mandated by their members, through a Management Board or other administrative forum, to represent these members at the EU level and to be responsible for the activities of the network.
Total Budget:	€51,500,000
Deadline:	08/04/2025
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ESF-2025-OG-NETW-NGO-FPA

Call Title:	Annual Operating Grants to support EU-level Social NGO Networks
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	<p>The European Commission (EC) is accepting applications for the Annual Operating Grants to support EU-level Social NGO Networks.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>With the ultimate goal of building a strong social Europe, this Call aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote social inclusion and combatting poverty by providing financial support to EU-level networks of civil society organisations active in this area at local, regional, national and transnational level. It will thereby contribute to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) and its implementing actions, ensuring just transitions, protecting livelihoods, boosting employment, providing access to affordable high-quality social, essential and care services, reducing poverty and inequalities and creating opportunities for all; • Support the implementation of the Commission’s EU policy initiatives to put the EPSR principles into practice, notably in the area of social inclusion and combatting poverty; • Deliver on the European Pillar of Social Rights is a shared responsibility of the EU institutions, national, regional and local authorities, social partners and civil society. <p>Civil society organisations are expected to:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support the implementation of the EPSR at EU, national and local level, notably by collecting and exchanging data and good practices, cooperating with public authorities in the design and implementation of relevant policies, and delivering specific outputs directly relevant to the EPSR’s principles; • organise communication and engagement activities to raise awareness of the EPSR both at the EU and national levels; • Support the Commission in implementing and disseminating new initiatives in the poverty, social inclusion and social protection areas; • The ultimate goal is to build a stronger social Europe: modernise and strengthen the welfare states to protect people, combat poverty and inequalities, and to face the green, digital and demographic transitions.
<p>Eligible Activities:</p>	<p>Themes and Priorities The primary mission of the framework partners should be in the areas of fostering social inclusion and/or combatting poverty Applicants should implement work programmes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contribute concretely and directly to the implementation of the EPSR principles and related initiatives that are relevant to their statutory aim, with a particular focus on national and regional/local level; • address directly at least 1 out of 20 principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights; • organise communication and engagement activities to raise awareness of the EPSR and promote social rights in Europe; • strengthen the capacity of national member organisations and their national, regional and local members to enable them to actively contribute to the EPSR implementation; • provide concrete support to the European Semester process (at EU and national levels, including through the Recovery and Resilience Plans) through monitoring of implementation of social policies and initiatives by collecting data and evidence on the ground. <p>Eligible Activities Activities should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contributing to evidence-based regulation, policies and reforms at EU/national/local level to support EPSR implementation and providing the Commission with input for policy design, e.g. by gathering relevant evidence (especially from local levels) and by contributing to public or targeted consultations and to thematic strategic dialogue meetings on policy or programme management related issues; • raising public awareness and disseminating information on EPSR and particularly on social protection and social inclusion policies and legislation at EU and national levels, including good practices in ensuring access to social protection and social inclusion for all, and mapping out existing gaps; • building capacity of national members, and their national, regional and local members to actively engage them in implementing the EPSR and the related initiatives locally and in reinforcing social services provision at local and regional levels; • assisting in the transfer and exchange of good practices (e.g. within ESF+/EaSI and other relevant EU funded programmes).

Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be legal entities (public or private bodies) be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)) non-EU countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listed EEA countries and countries associated to the ESF+ be non-governmental, non-profit-making, and independent of industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests; have statutory aims falling under the objectives and scope of the priorities of this call for proposals; have national member organisations in at least fourteen (14) Member States of the European Union.
Total Budget:	€13,250,000
Deadline:	15/04/2025
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ESF-2025-OG-NETW-NGO-SGA

Call Title:	Prevention and Preparedness Projects Program 2025
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	<p>The European Commission (EC) is seeking proposals for the Prevention and Preparedness Projects Program.</p> <p>Themes and Priorities</p> <p>Applicants can select one or several of the following topic priorities.</p> <p>Priority 1: Improving risk assessment, anticipation, and disaster risk management planning</p> <p>DRM strategies will only entirely address the risks a country faces with an assessment that takes into account climate change, cross-border risks emerging risks, cascading effects, high impact low probability risks, and exposed or vulnerable areas and groups, including persons with disabilities. This priority aims at enhancing the eligible entities' capability to identify and assess relevant disaster risks with potential transboundary/trans-European and cross-sectoral impacts and use that information to reinforce disaster prevention and preparedness activities.</p> <p>Priority 2: Increasing risk awareness and preparedness of the population</p> <p>Population plays an important role in disaster prevention and preparedness and citizens are usually the first responders to disasters. National, sub-national and local authorities should cooperate, together with the private sector and civil society organisations, to increase disaster risk awareness and understanding of the population, fostering a culture of risk prevention and preparedness to risks, create favourable conditions for individuals to actively engage in DRR/DRM activities. Evidence-based risk information and communication, as well as education activities, targeted to the public –including vulnerable groups and persons with disabilities– are effective tools to raise risk awareness, preparedness and contribute to response measures.</p> <p>Priority 3: Enhancing early warning</p>

	<p>Early warning systems are key elements for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. In the wake of the Covid-19 crisis and with the recent extreme weather events and cascading impacts across sectors, the importance of advanced multi-hazard and risk warnings has never been more widely acknowledged. Although in Europe there is considerable experience with early warning systems, especially for weather and climate-related hazards, recent disasters have shown that more effort and collaboration is necessary. This would include the use of new technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence, in order to be able to process large volumes of data in a timely fashion, appropriate for emergency management.</p> <p>Priority 4: Ensuring a robust civil protection system by strengthening institutional preparedness and individual capacity</p> <p>Ensuring a robust civil protection system plays a crucial part in efficiently meeting the demands placed on civil protection and DRM authorities, in particular during and after a disaster, when society needs them most. Increasing complexities during disasters, changing parameters as a result of climate change and the ever-growing risk of concurrent disasters or prolonged emergencies.</p>
<p>Eligible Activities:</p>	<p>Expected Impact</p> <p>Priority 1. Improving risk assessment, anticipation, and disaster risk management planning</p> <p>Project activities and outputs should lead to the achievement of at least one of the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved understanding and knowledge of current and future disaster risks and of risk drivers. • Harmonised multi-country risk assessments for identified shared risks are developed and/or improved along with the recommendations on the follow-up steps. • Improved sharing of risk data and risk analysis. • Enhanced quantification and sharing of disaster loss and damage data, using internationally agreed indicators (e.g., the targets of the Sendai framework for Disaster Risk Reduction). <p>Priority 2. Increasing risk awareness and preparedness of the population</p> <p>Project activities and outputs should lead to the achievement of at least one of the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced personal and household preparedness for disasters across the EU. • Enhanced evidence-based knowledge, understanding and awareness of disaster risks. • Improved sharing of risk information and development of a culture of risk prevention and preparedness. • Strengthened participation of volunteers and civil society in DRM, including youth, vulnerable groups, and persons with disabilities. • Enhanced availability of tools and guidelines on increasing risk awareness. <p>Priority 3. Enhancing early warning</p> <p>Project activities and outputs should lead to the achievement of at least one of the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved multi-country early warning and information systems and linkage with the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) and the Copernicus Emergency Management Service (CEMS). • Strengthened integration of early warning systems in decision making at various levels, including at individual and organisational levels.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased understanding of early warning messages among the general public or specific groups, including vulnerable groups and persons with disabilities. Enhanced availability of tools and guidelines on improved risk communication. <p>Priority 4. Ensuring a robust civil protection system by strengthening institutional preparedness and individual capacity</p> <p>Project activities and outputs should lead to the achievement of at least one of the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of solutions to integrate lessons learnt, at organisational and/or individual level, into existing structures and processes. Integration of a broader range of stakeholders such as science and research, political and technical decision makers or the general public into preparedness and capacity strengthening activities. Strengthened relationships between stakeholders already being part of the DRM community while broadening the communities' reach into other sectors. Facilitated transfer of research and innovation outcomes into civil protection and DRM planning and operations through agile learning and feedback mechanisms.
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must: be legal entities (public or private bodies)</p> <p>be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:</p> <p>EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))</p> <p>UCPM Participating States</p> <p>Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine</p> <p>Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) beneficiary countries not participating in the UCPM: Kosovo</p> <p>European Neighbourhood Policy countries not participating in the UCPM: East (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia) and South (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia).</p>
Total Budget: €14,000,000	
Deadline: 29/04/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/UCPM-2025-KAPP-PVPP

Call Title:	Full Scale Exercises Program 2025
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	<p>Applications are now open for the Full Scale Exercises Program.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>The general objective of this topic is to improve civil protection preparedness and response to all kinds of natural or human-induced disasters inside the Member States by providing a testing environment and a learning opportunity for all actors involved in civil protection assistance interventions through a full-scale field exercise at several levels.</p>

Eligible Activities:	<p>Themes (scope) The scenario for the exercises should build on risk assessments. Examples can be, but not exclusively, extreme weather, wildfires, floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, industrial risk, critical infrastructure disruption, marine pollution, epidemic/health risk, CBRN and multi-sectorial emergencies.</p> <p>In addition to the main theme, cross cutting issues such as gender, age, persons with disabilities, human rights, environmental sustainability, green economic practices, digitalisation, resilience in infrastructure, the protection of cultural heritage, etc. are encouraged to be considered and included as relevant. Civil-military cooperation could also be envisaged in the exercise scenario.</p> <p>Eligible Activities The full-scale exercise project must include the following elements and activities: Activation of the Mechanism: The UCPM must be activated, whereby all the procedures involved are tested, developed and/or used as learning and exploring opportunity. EU Civil Protection Team: A EUCP Team must be deployed at least during the full-scale field exercise and its dimension and composition should be adapted to the features of the exercise (minimum four members). The EUCP Team shall be composed as for real deployment and taking into account the function profiles i.e. a team leader, deputy team leader, ERCC liaison officer (ERCC LO) and coordination and assessment experts as team members that shall work closely with the Technical Assistant Support Team (TAST).</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria 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)) UCPM Participating States: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine European Neighbourhood Policy countries and IPA Beneficiaries are not eligible as member of the consortium but, if an agreement with the project's consortium is reached, they may participate with teams and capacities in the field exercise. There are separate specific EU funding programmes that accommodate the needs of these countries.</p>
Total Budget: €14,000,000	
Deadline: 15/05/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/UCPM-2025-KAPP-EX

Call Title:	India-Spain Programme on Industrial R&D Cooperation
Programme: Technology Development Board	
Objective:	<p>A Joint Programme for Co-operation was established by the Department of Science and Technology (DST); Ministry of Science and Technology, India and the Centre for the Development of Technology and Innovation, E.P.E. (CDTI), to promote and fund market-driven research and technology development as well as to encourage</p>

	<p>partnerships and business-led R&D&I collaborative projects between entities from both countries.</p> <p>The call for proposals aims to launch ambitious joint R&D projects of a high international standard between Indian and Spanish organizations. Potential projects will be funded by DST through TDB in India and CDTI in Spain.</p>
<p>Eligible Activities:</p>	<p>Thematic Areas</p> <p>The collaborative projects should be innovative and focused on creating possibilities for new technologies, services or processes that will results in commercialisation. This Call for proposals is open to collaborative R&D projects in the following areas/sectors:</p> <p>Circular economy and sustainability: Economically competitive production processes and products, critical materials and/or energy that reduce, replace and/or reuse resources and/or aim for sustainability and environmentally friendly processes and/or technologies. Also including Drinking Water, Water Purification, Water Desalination, Irrigation Technologies and Wastewater Treatment & Management in the subarea of Water Technologies.</p> <p>Digital transformation (Smart Mobility, Smart Grids, Smart Cities, etc.).</p> <p>Digital health and medical devices: include categories such as mobile health (mHealth), health information technology (IT), wearable devices, telehealth and telemedicine, and personalized medicine.</p> <p>Artificial Intelligence</p> <p>Advanced Materials</p> <p>Any other sector of mutual interest.</p> <p>DST funding support for the project (includes industry support and academia/R&D organization must be matched equally (1:1) by Indian Industry. The exact amount of funding will be approved by the Indian Project Evaluation Committee based on merit and the contribution of industry, R&D organisation and academic partners respectively. Funding from other public sector sources will be taken into account when awarding the grant, and applicants will be asked to declare funding from other sources in the application.</p>
<p>Eligible Applicants:</p>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Eligible Spanish Applicants</p> <p>Spanish consortia should include at least one company. Participation of research institutes/universities and other R&D organizations is welcome as self-funded participants or subcontractors.</p> <p>Eligible Indian Applicants</p> <p>Eligible Indian applicants must be a commercial (for profit) company registered under The Companies Act 1956/2013, which operates in and is headquartered in India. Academic institutions and research centres, (including non-profit research institutes recognized by GoI) that are headquartered and operate from India are strongly encouraged to partner with the participating industry (IPL: Indian Project Lead).</p> <p>Specific criteria for eligible applicants are as follows:</p> <p>The Indian Project Lead (IPL) company applying for the project must be incorporated in India under The Companies Act 1956/2013.</p> <p>The company must be at least 51% owned by Indian citizens over the total duration of the project.</p> <p>The IPL should have the required expertise and team capacity to manage the proposed project.</p>

	The Indian Project Lead company should lead the project from Indian side and if required bring in other Industry Partners or Academic/R&D Institutions as partners. Applicants already possesses basic infrastructures/test beds and or developed basic Proof of Concept (PoC).
Total Budget:	€500,000 per project
Deadline:	20/05/2025
More information and official documents:	https://tdb.gov.in/india-spain-joint-call-rdi-projects-2024

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