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New Opportunities

Call Title:	Transformative Participatory Cultural Business Models for Cultural Heritage Institutions
Programme:	Resilient European Cultural Heritage as Resource for Growth and Engagement
Objective:	<p>RECHARGE is actively seeking six more cultural heritage institutions eager to explore and test participatory cultural business models.</p> <p>The goal is to create enduring, sustainable participatory cultural business models that benefit a diverse range of stakeholders in the cultural heritage sector.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Benefits</p> <p>Participants will enjoy a range of benefits including one-to-one mentorship from one of three experienced cultural heritage institutions who have completed a Living Lab process. Additionally, they will have access to expert knowledge from the RECHARGE consortium, along with a comprehensive RECHARGE glossary.</p> <p>Geographic Focus</p> <p>Only applicants legally established/resident in any of the following countries are eligible: The Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions Other Countries linked to the Member States; Horizon Europe associated countries</p> <p>The UK will participate in all parts of the Horizon Europe programme with the only exception of the EIC Fund (which is part of the EIC Accelerator of Horizon Europe that provides investment through equity or other repayable form).</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Target applicants</p> <p>The tender is open for Cultural Heritage Institutions (CHIs). This includes GLAM institutions (i.e. galleries, libraries, archives, and museums) with the aim of collecting and maintaining cultural heritage materials in the public interest.</p> <p>This includes also, inter alia, historical sites, science centres, natural history museums, and botanical gardens, cultural, educational, or community organisations with cultural heritage focus (e.g., organising cultural heritage festivals).</p> <p>Alongside individual institutional applications, RECHARGE encourages collaborations and tandem applications.</p> <p>Other eligibility rules</p> <p>Only one proposal per organisation or individual will be accepted.</p> <p>Any planned developments should be free from third-party rights, or these rights should be clearly stated.</p> <p>People and organisations related to the RECHARGE project (members of the consortium) are not eligible.</p> <p>The costs linked to the project proposal activities are not currently, nor will they be, supported by any other grant.</p>
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	29/02/2024
More information and official documents:	https://recharge-culture.eu/processes/RechargeNext

Call Title: International Fellowships Programme 2024	
Programme: The British Academy	
Objective:	<p>The British Academy is accepting applications for the International Fellowships Programme to provide 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>Each award is expected to involve a specific and protected research focus with the award holder undertaking high quality, original research.</p> <p>This scheme is jointly run by the British Academy and the Royal Society.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Aims</p> <p>The overarching aim of the International Fellowships Programme is to attract and retain emerging talent in the UK and build a globally connected, mobile research and innovation workforce. 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 and transfer new skills and knowledge through training and career development;</p> <p>Foster long-term relationships through networking opportunities and the International Fellowships alumni programme.</p> <p>The British Academy International Fellowships are expected to commence between October 2024 and March 2025. Awards cannot start before 1 October 2024. A start date of the first of the month is preferred.</p> <p>This call is expected to be able to support approximately 15 British Academy International Fellowships.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <p>Applicants for the International Fellowships must meet the following eligibility criteria:</p> <p>Applicants must hold a doctoral degree or be in the final stage of their PhD provided that it will be completed (including viva) before the start date of the fellowship award (or have equivalent research experience).</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, for example “Start and end dates - career break – maternity/paternity leave.”</p> <p>Applicants should be working outside the UK and should not hold UK citizenship at the time of application. Applicants cannot have lived, worked, or undertaken research in the UK in the 12 months immediately prior to the application, 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 are not currently employed are still eligible but will need to provide details of their previous supervisor.</p> <p>Individuals already living, working, or undertaking research in the UK are not eligible to apply.</p> <p>Individuals working outside the UK but employed by a UK organisation are also not eligible to apply.</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 post-doctoral supervisor will normally be considered to be ineligible and so applicants must have exceptional reasons for proposing to do so.</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> <p>Applicants may only submit one application in a round. The application must be with only one UK Sponsor.</p> <p>Applications who have been unsuccessful in a previous round of the competition may make another application in this round.</p> <p>Applications who have previously held a Newton International Fellowship are ineligible to apply for an International Fellowship.</p>
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	13/03/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/international-fellowships/

Call Title:	Open Source for Cloud/Edge to support European Digital Autonomy (RIA) HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01-21
Programme:	HORIZON-RIA HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions
Objective:	<p>Expected Outcome: Projects are expected to contribute to both of the following outcomes:</p> <p>Prototypes of cloud and edge servers demonstrated in relevant centralised and distributed environments and allowing full computing infrastructure deployments based on European processor technology, thereby establishing a full Open Computing Architecture stack, which supports emerging processing architectures (e.g. RISC-V).</p> <p>Standards and best practices consolidating the European Open Computing Architecture, as well as its interfaces to current industry standards.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Scope: Proposals should facilitate the emergence of a full European Open Cloud and Edge Computing Architecture by</p> <p>Developing open source alternatives to enable the physical use of emerging processors in cloud and edge server systems. Such modules include basic input/output systems, pre-boot execution environments, power-on authentication, etc., supporting heterogeneous processor architectures, and</p> <p>Demonstrating actual cloud and edge systems in real life or emulated computing environments exploiting the benefits of an extended open source stack (socket to application) on emerging processor architectures (e.g. RISC-V).</p> <p>Research should interface with relevant existing standards and contribute to standardisation where appropriate.</p> <p>Proposals should include a clear business case and exploitation strategy.</p>

	<p>Proposals are expected to develop synergies and relate to activities and outcomes of the KDT/Chips and the EuroHPC Joint Undertakings, the European Processor Initiative and the European RISC-V working group. They should complement the development of European HW and related low-level software as done under the KDT and EuroHPC JUs, to make these exploitable for cloud and edge servers and make use of previous developments under Horizon Europe.</p> <p>Specific Topic Conditions: Activities are expected to start at TRL 4 and achieve TRL 6 by the end of the project</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applications are welcome from legal entities (public or private bodies) registered in the eligible countries.
Total Budget:	€20,000,000
Deadline:	19/03/2024
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl4-2024-digital-emerging-01-21

Call Title:	Pilot line(s) for 2D materials-based devices (RIA) HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01-31
Programme:	HORIZON-RIA HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions
Objective:	<p>Expected Outcome: Projects are expected to contribute to the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadly accessible pilot line(s) fostering the creation of electronic and photonic devices and systems (co-)integrating two-Dimensional Materials (2DM). • Significant progress towards the adoption of the 2DM in the silicon and semiconductor arena by allowing the production of new (co-)integrated devices and systems in a quality controlled way.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Scope: Proposals shall continue the efforts started in the 2D experimental Pilot Line of the Graphene Flagship and build on the IP developed therein, to establish a 2DM pilot line(s), where European companies, research centres and academic institutions, can produce on a pilot scale novel electronic and/or photonic devices and systems integrating 2DM.</p> <p>Proposals should focus on the (co-)integration of 2DM with established technologies such as CMOS[1] integration and heterogeneous integration.</p> <p>Proposal should include supply of standard semiconductor technologies such as CMOS, ASICs[2], planarized waveguides already adapted/optimized for 2DM co-integration.</p> <p>Proposals should specify targeted added value(s) against current technologies of the integrated devices and systems. Proposals should consider the following TRLs: for Electronics applications starting TRL 3 with ending TRL 5 and for photonics applications starting TRL 3-4 and ending TRL 5-6.</p>

	<p>Multidisciplinary research and innovation activities should address all of the following:</p> <p>Building the toolkit and design modules necessary for creating prototype devices and systems, characterise and assess their performance and their ability to cover the device requirements of the targeted applications.</p> <p>Process characterisation and monitoring to control and guarantee quality of relevant device parameters and to allow yield predictions of the integrated devices.</p> <p>Adaptation of standard semiconductor technologies including passivation schemes, strategies to align devices over different technologies, modules to contact the 2D devices with the periphery, optimized planarization strategies and packaging services.</p> <p>Reliability and packaging requirements;</p> <p>Implementing multiple wafer runs or other offering to best cover business opportunities;</p> <p>Defining a sustainable model of functioning beyond the project lifetime and include activities preparing for the later transfer of the pilot line to an industrial production environment; examples of such activities include addressing relevant cost issues and market perspectives, potential business partners, etc.</p> <p>Proposals submitted under this topic should include a business case and exploitation strategy, as outlined in the introduction to this Destination.</p> <p>Research should build on existing standards or contribute to standardisation.</p> <p>Interoperability for data sharing should be addressed.</p> <p>Proposals should build on or seek collaboration with existing projects and develop synergies with other relevant European, national or regional initiatives, funding programmes and platforms. In particular projects are expected to develop synergies and relate to activities and outcomes of the projects selected under the other topics of 'Graphene and 2D materials: Europe in the lead' and where relevant of the KDT JU.</p> <p>Proposals should also cover the contribution to the governance and overall coordination of the Graphene Flagship initiative.</p> <p>In this topic the integration of the gender dimension (sex and gender analysis) in research and innovation content is not a mandatory requirement.</p> <p>Specific Topic Conditions:</p> <p>Activities are expected to start at TRL 3-4 and achieve TRL 5-6 by the end of the project</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applications are welcome from legal entities (public or private bodies) registered in the eligible countries.
Total Budget:	€33,000,000
Deadline:	19/03/2024
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl4-2024-digital-emerging-01-31

Call Title:
Grants to contribute Peaceful and Gender Equal Societies in Philippines


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Programme: Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund	
Objective:	<p>The Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) has launched a call for proposals to provide grants to local civil society organizations in the Philippines focused on the increased meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response in conflict and humanitarian contexts with local women and young women's rights organizations.</p> <p>The call for proposals specifically contributes to WPHF's overall goal of contributing to peaceful and gender equal societies.</p> <p>Initiatives should aim to reach those women and girls experiencing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, such as those excluded due to geography, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, age, migratory status, HIV status, among others and which is in alignment with the 2030 Agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>This funding stream aim specifically to fund programmatic activities aligned to WPHF Impact area 2: Increased meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response, and which thematic areas are linked to conflict prevention, including:</p> <p>Women-led/Gender-sensitive Early Warning and Early Response (EWER): This theme focuses on strengthening women-led, "real-time" conflict EWER and the capacity of EWER organizations to develop gender-responsive and community-centred actions that enhance community resilience.</p> <p>Gender-sensitive mediation: This theme focuses on ensuring that conflict resolution mechanisms/institutions are more inclusive with interventions focused on opening up conflict resolution mechanisms/institutions through social awareness campaigns, quotas and legislation.</p> <p>Transition of former women combatants to civilian life: This theme focuses on supporting women from revolutionary groups to transition to civilian life – politically, socially and economically.</p> <p>Empowering Indigenous women peacebuilders in BARMM and non-BARMM conflict affected areas: This theme focuses on supporting indigenous women peacebuilders whose communities are at the epicenter of violence and intersecting forms of discrimination but who do not feature in the BARMM peace process or other non-BARMM peace tables, making their issues visible e.g. protection of IP ancestral domains, IP rights and durable solutions to IP displacement, and empowering them to lead their own IP peace initiatives.</p> <p>Women-focused conflict prevention in non-BARMM areas: This theme focuses on supporting conflict prevention programs that put women at the front and center of the intervention with focus on nonBARMM peace tables. The theme focuses on increasing women's role and amplifying women's peace agenda in peace process outside BARMM, including localization of the WPS Agenda.</p> <p>Women political leadership in conflict affected areas: This theme focuses on promoting women's participation in politics in areas affected by violent conflicts.</p> <p>Capacity support to women grassroots organizations in conflict-affected areas: This theme focuses on strengthening service delivery capacity of women organization who conduct conflict prevention activities. The intervention may also focus on strengthening women-led grassroots organizations by supporting their registration with SEC and other agencies.</p> <p>Duration CSOs can apply for a project duration of maximum 18 months.</p> <p>Location The WPHF will fund qualifying projects in Philippines in areas with significant threats of violent conflicts, including areas where peace processes are ongoing. Specific to this call for proposals, projects in the following areas will be considered:</p>

	<p>Bangsamoro Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao, CARAGA Administrative Region Southern Mindanao Central Mindanao Eastern Visayas. Multi-country projects, or projects outside the geographical focus will not be accepted.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria National, regional or local/grassroots women or young women led, women's rights, youth rights, feminist, or civil society organizations with a proven track record working with women, young women and girls, are eligible to apply. Organizations who are led by women who face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination are encouraged to apply, including displaced persons, LGBTQI+, disabilities, ethnic minorities, etc. Women's Rights or Feminist Organization: The organization's must have gender equality and women's rights at the core of their official mission/vision statement. The organization's experience should clearly reflect addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing gender equality and women's rights and aim to address the underlying drivers/systems/structures, including patriarchy and gendered power dynamics, and work to transform these. Women-Led Organization: must be headed by a woman as director/head of organization. Youth Focused Organization: To be considered "youth focused", the organization's core mission/vision must focus on supporting the social, economic and political participation of young women and young men and addressing multiple/ intersecting forms of discrimination against young women and men. WPHF will provide specific attention to youth focused organizations supporting young women, advancing gender equality and peacebuilding. Young Women Led Organization: must be headed by a young person aged between 18 - 29 years old who serves as director/head of organization</p>
Total Budget: €500,000	
Deadline: 22/03/2024	
More information and official documents:	https://wphfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/WPHF_CFP3_Philippines_ENG_2024.01.24.pdf

Call Title:	DRL Capacity Strengthening for Regional and Grassroots LGBTQI+ Civil Society
Programme:	Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL)
Objective:	<p>The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces an open competition for organizations interested in submitting applications for programs that strengthen the organizational capacity of regional and/or grassroots civil society organizations (CSOs) advancing respect for the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI+) persons in East Asia and/or the Pacific.</p> <p>DRL prioritizes inclusive and integrated program models that assess and address the barriers to access for individuals and groups based on their race, ethnicity, religion, income, geography, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability. Applicants should</p>

	describe how programming will impact all beneficiaries, including support for underserved and underrepresented communities, and overcome barriers to equal participation.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Objectives</p> <p>Proposed programs should address either one or both of the following objectives:</p> <p>Objective 1 – Strengthen the internal capacity of regional LGBTQI+ organizations in East Asia and the Pacific to address financial, administrative, staff, grants management, and other internal organizational gaps in order to advance movement sustainability and effective administration and implementation of regional human rights programming. The program implementer will work with DRL under a cooperative agreement to identify a cohort of LGBTQI+ CSOs operating regionally to participate in this program. Proposed programs should outline plans for evaluating the baseline financial, administrative, staff, and grant management capacity of the selected partners and for developing tailored assistance plans to strengthen organizations’ capacities in these areas.</p> <p>Examples of possible activities under assistance plans include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing leadership trainings for management and leadership staff; Providing targeted training on financial and grants management; Facilitating peer-to-peer learning and exchanges among cohort CSOs; Facilitating the development of organizational strategic plans; Organizing opportunities for staff or leaders of regional organizations to regularly convene to address pressing organizational challenges. <p>Objective 2 – Address limitations and gaps in institutional capacity, as well as capability to conduct project-based programming, of grassroots organizations and associations based in Pacific Island Countries working to advance the human rights of persons who identify as LGBTQI+ or with other diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC) specific to communities in the Pacific in order to advance communities’ human rights-related priorities. Proposed programs should include substantial subgrant funding to grassroots LGBTQI+ organizations and associations to advance key capacity strengthening priorities identified collaboratively with program partners.</p> <p>Examples of possible capacity strengthening activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitating the development of organizational strategic plans; Supporting and coordinating knowledge of resources to sustainably address the well-being needs of organizations’ staff; Delivering trainings on fundraising, financial and grants management; Reviewing and providing expert recommendations on developing or improving internal policies and procedures; Providing expert organizational development support and technical assistance. <p>Where appropriate, competitive proposals may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities for beneficiaries to apply their new knowledge and skills in practical efforts; Solicitation of feedback and suggestions from beneficiaries when developing activities in order to strengthen the sustainability of programs and participant ownership of project outcomes; Input from participants on sustainability plans and systematic review of the plans throughout the life of the project, with adjustments made as necessary; Inclusion of vulnerable populations. <p>Funding Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Funding Floor: \$750,000 Total Funding Ceiling: \$2,000,000 Anticipated Number of Awards: 1-3 Period of Performance: 24-36 months

	Anticipated Time to Award, Pending Availability of Funds: 8 months
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligible Countries The U.S. Department of State identifies countries and areas of East Asia and the Pacific to include: Australia, Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Laos, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, North Korea, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Vietnam. Under objective 1 proposed programs, LGBTQI+ regional organizations in East Asia and the Pacific should include those that are based in this region and work to advance the human rights of LGBTQI+ persons in multiple countries in the region. Under objective 2 proposed programs, grassroots LGBTQI+ organizations and associations may include those based in and supporting communities in Pacific Islands Countries, but are not to include Australia, New Zealand, or diaspora communities.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria DRL welcomes applications from U.S.-based and foreign-based non-profit organizations/nongovernmental organizations (NGO) and public international organizations; private, public, or state institutions of higher education; and for-profit organizations or businesses. DRL's preference is to work with non-profit entities; however, there may be some occasions when a for-profit entity is best suited. Applications submitted by for-profit entities may be subject to additional review following the panel selection process. Additionally, the Department of State prohibits profit to for-profit or commercial organizations under its assistance awards.</p>
Total Budget:	\$1,000,000
Deadline:	27/03/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.state.gov/drl-capacity-strengthening-for-regional-and-grassroots-lgbtqi-civil-society-in-east-asia-and-or-the-pacific/

Call Title:	IJ4EU launches Freelancer Support Scheme Grant 2024
Programme:	Investigative Journalism for Europe
Objective:	<p>The Investigative Journalism for Europe (IJ4EU) has launched the Freelancer Support Scheme to provide grants to cross-border teams of journalists made up predominantly of freelancers and who can benefit from an extra layer of tailored support.</p> <p>The scheme is designed to support journalists operating outside of newsroom structures who may be underserved by other journalism support schemes and who are willing and able to collaborate with others to launch investigations of importance to audiences at a local, national, regional or European level.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Topics IJ4EU is open to cross-border investigative projects on any topic. This includes, but is not limited to, corruption, illicit enrichment and financial crime, security, democracy and human rights, environment and climate change, and health. Projects must aim to reveal new information that is of relevance to the public in at least two Creative Europe countries.</p> <p>Benefits</p>

	<p>Grantees have six months to complete their projects. During these six months, in addition to grant funding, they also benefit from non-financial support.</p> <p>Mentorship and training</p> <p>Each awarded team will work with one or more carefully selected mentors according to how their needs evolve as they proceed with their projects. Teams can decide which team members will communicate with the mentor(s) throughout the programme.</p> <p>Networking</p> <p>In addition to the in-person networking opportunities for all IJ4EU grantees provided by the programme, EJC will organise a half-day online event bringing together each awarded cohort of the Freelancer Support Scheme at the start of their projects.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Investigations developed for all formats — including print, broadcast, online media, documentary filmmaking and multi-platform storytelling — are eligible to receive support. To be eligible for the Freelancer Support Scheme, applications must be submitted by teams composed of at least two freelance journalists that meet the following criteria: Teams must have members based in at least two European countries that have signed up to the full cross-sectoral strand of the European Union's Creative Europe Programme, which provides core funding for IJ4EU.</p> <p>Eligible countries include all 27 EU member states and the following non-EU countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Ukraine.</p> <p>Eligibility is based on residency (where you live and work) and not nationality (citizenship). Applications must be submitted in English.</p>
Total Budget: €1,000,000	
Deadline: 31/03/2024	
More information and official documents:	https://www.investigativejournalismforeu.net/grants/freelancer-support-scheme/

Call Title:	Innovation Fund 2023 Net Zero Technologies – Manufacturing INNOVFUND-2023-NZT-MANUFACTURING
Programme:	InnovFund-LS INNOVFUND Lump Sum Grants
Objective:	<p>Objective:</p> <p>This topic supports projects for manufacturing innovative clean-tech components for hydrogen production/consumption, renewable energy and energy storage. The topic seeks to enhance Europe's innovation and industrial capacity in clean tech manufacturing, including scale-up, its supply chain resilience and strategic autonomy in Europe.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Scope:</p> <p>Construction and operation of manufacturing facilities to produce specific components for:</p> <p>A. renewable energy installations (in photovoltaics, concentrated solar power, on-shore and offshore wind power, ocean energy, geothermal, solar thermal, and others), including their connection to the electricity/heat grid</p> <p>B. electrolyzers and fuel cells</p>

	C. energy storage solutions covering both batteries and other storage solutions for stationary and mobile use for intra-day and long duration storage D. heat pumps. Only projects with a total capital expenditure above EUR 2 500 000 are eligible under this topic.
Eligible Applicants:	Applications are welcome from legal entities (public or private bodies) registered in the eligible countries.
Total Budget:	€4,000,000,000
Deadline:	09/04/2024
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/innovfund-2023-nzt-manufacturing

Call Title:	Innovation Fund 2023 Net Zero Technologies – Pilots INNOVFUND-2023-NZT-PILOTS
Programme:	InnovFund-LS INNOVFUND Lump Sum Grants
Objective:	Objective: The objective of this topic is to support highly innovative, disruptive or breakthrough technologies in deep decarbonisation needed for achieving the climate neutrality goal.
Eligible Activities:	Scope: The following activities can be funded under this topic: Construction and operation of pilot projects that focus on validating, testing and optimising highly innovative, deep decarbonisation solutions in all sectors eligible for Innovation Fund support. Pilot projects can thus concern: sectors listed in Annex I and Annex III to the EU ETS Directive 2003/87, including environmentally safe carbon capture and utilisation (CCU) that contributes substantially to mitigating climate change, as well as products substituting carbon-intensive ones produced in sectors listed in Annex I to the EU ETS Directive or construction and operation of innovative energy storage or construction and operation of CO2 storage solutions or construction and operation renewable energy installations (in photovoltaics, concentrated solar power, onshore and offshore wind power, ocean energy, geothermal, solar thermal, and others), including innovative systems aspects such as connection to the electricity/heat grid. In this topic, a higher degree of innovation is expected than in the other topics. Consequently, the activities that can be funded are those that tackle technical risks linked to the innovative technologies and solutions, e.g. optimising process and operational parameters of the innovation, and/or improving the characteristics of the final products produced. Pilot projects should prove an innovative, deep decarbonisation or net carbon removal technology or solution in an operational environment, but are not expected yet to reach large scale demonstration or commercial production. Nevertheless, the project can entail limited production/operation for testing purposes, including delivery to/from potential customers for validation. Typically, these projects would have a limited life-time

	<p>(3 to 5 years). If the project is successful, the proposed technology should move to the next stage of large-scale demonstration or first-of-a-kind commercial production.</p> <p>Only projects with a total capital expenditure above EUR 2 500 000 are eligible under this topic.</p> <p>The maximum amount of Innovation Fund grant for an individual project under this topic is limited to EUR 40 million.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applications are welcome from legal entities (public or private bodies) registered in the eligible countries.
Total Budget:	€4,000,000,000
Deadline:	09/04/2024
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/innovfund-2023-nzt-pilots

Call Title:	Bio-printing of living cells for regenerative medicine HORIZON-HLTH-2024-TOOL-11-02
Programme:	HORIZON-RIA HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions
Objective:	<p>ExpectedOutcome:</p> <p>This topic aims at supporting activities that are enabling or contributing to one or several expected impacts of destination 5 “Unlocking the full potential of new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society”. To that end, proposals under this topic should aim for delivering results that are directed towards and contributing to several of the following expected Outcomes:</p> <p>Biomedical scientists will access entire bio-printing units for regenerating human tissue. Availability of larger-scale bio-printed tissues for biomedical research purposes to both industry and academia.</p> <p>Healthcare professionals acquire information on the safe and effective use of advanced therapies.</p> <p>Healthcare providers dispose of tools enabling them to treat conditions of unmet medical need.</p> <p>Individual patients will benefit from a personalised approach to their respective medical condition thanks to the bio-printed regenerative medicine solution.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Scope:</p> <p>Regenerative medicine is a branch of translational research in tissue engineering and molecular biology which deals with the "process of replacing, engineering or regenerating human cells, tissues or organs to restore or establish normal function". 3D-printing in general is considered an advanced manufacturing technique and 3D-printing of non-viable biomaterials to serve e.g. as scaffold for cell growth or as structure for medical devices is already broadly used.</p> <p>However, bio-printing technology involving living cells is still in early stages of development, but has a huge potential for tissue engineering, drug testing and other</p>

	<p>biomedical applications. Tissue-specific functional 3D bio-printing is a new approach for transplantation applications in regenerative medicine, relying on the fabrication of tissues and organs with respect to the desired shape and function and their delivery and application in vivo. “In-situ bio-printing” known as printing cells and biomaterials directly onto or in a patient, or 4D bio-printing, which introduces a “time” variable that allows 3D printed materials to change shape or function when external stimulus is applied, are recent developments facing multiple additional challenges.</p> <p>Despite some success of 3D bio-printing with thin tissue, thick tissue and complex organs remain a bottleneck because it is difficult to sufficiently mimic their metabolic needs, and the scientific knowledge about their intimate architecture and interplay with other tissues are not sufficiently elucidated. Next to these limitations are a lack of standardised manufacturing protocols and standardised bio-ink formulations with tuneable properties, unstable cellular behaviour, material biocompatibility and printability, etc. Taken together, 3D bio-printing is confronted with several challenges that currently hamper its large-scale deployment.</p> <p>To overcome these challenges, researchers should work in multidisciplinary teams with engineers, biomedical scientists, cell biologists and medical doctors and proposals should address most of the following activities:</p> <p>Design the best bio-printing strategy for at least one type of tissue thanks to a better understanding of the interconnections of the different cell types inside the chosen tissue or organ</p> <p>Develop or improve existing equipment able to print bio-constructs with higher resolution in a shorter time using various biomaterials and different cell types</p> <p>Cover all steps of the bio-printing suite, including cell collection, cell differentiation and expansion, imaging, modelling, bio-ink formulation, actual bio-printing, nutrient supply, process monitoring and cell-construct delivery at target site</p> <p>Scale-up the chosen bio-printing technology to a GMP-conform manufacturing process</p> <p>Combine different bio-printing technologies in order to obtain fully functional synthetic constructs of complex tissues or organs.</p> <p>Regulatory knowledge of the field is desired and should be documented through contacts with relevant national or international European regulatory authorities.</p> <p>The chosen medical area (tissue, organ, condition) should be duly justified. Sex differences at the cellular level should be taken into consideration.</p> <p>Preclinical stage and early clinical development are eligible. The involvement of SMEs is encouraged.</p> <p>Applicants envisaging to include clinical studies should provide details of their clinical studies in the dedicated annex using the template provided in the submission system.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applications are welcome from legal entities (public or private bodies) registered in the eligible countries.

Total Budget:	€25,000,000
Deadline:	11/04/2024
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-hlth-2024-tool-11-02

Call Title:	Volunteering in support of humanitarian aid operations ESC-HUMAID-2024-VOLUN
Programme:	ESC-HUMAID-UN ESC Humanitarian Aid Volunteering Unit Grants
Objective:	<p>Objective: WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES?</p> <p>The projects funded under Humanitarian Aid volunteering should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where relevant, facilitate the transition from the humanitarian response to long-term sustainable and inclusive development; • contribute to strengthening the capacity and resilience of vulnerable or disaster-affected communities; • reinforce disaster preparedness and disaster risk reduction; • link relief, rehabilitation and development; • ensure a high level of safety and security for volunteers. <p>Additionally, to increase the quality and impact of the action on local communities, projects could include complementary activities. They should also facilitate the active involvement of local staff and volunteers from the countries and communities in which they are implemented.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Scope: WHAT IS VOLUNTEERING IN SUPPORT OF HUMANITARIAN AID OPERATIONS?</p> <p>Volunteering under the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps (Humanitarian Aid Volunteering) takes place in third countries where there are ongoing humanitarian aid operations.</p> <p>This action gives the opportunity to young people aged 18 to 35 years old to contribute to society by short-term or long-term volunteering activities aimed at improving living conditions of people in need. Volunteering is a full-time (at least 30 and not more than 38 hours per week) non-remunerated activity.</p> <p>Projects must be in line with the humanitarian aid principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence, as well as with the 'do no harm' principle.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applications are welcome from legal entities (public or private bodies) registered in the eligible countries.
Total Budget:	€7,000,000
Deadline:	16/04/2024
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/esc-humaid-2024-volun



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Call Title:	International Collaboration Grants
Programme:	British Council
Objective:	The British Council is pleased to announce the International Collaboration Grants to support the creation of new cultural collaborations between UK artists, arts professionals and organisations and their peers around the world.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The International Collaboration Grants (ICG) is a £1m programme of grants now available to support UK arts and culture organisations connect and collaborate with their international peers and is designed to support artists to make and develop creative artwork, deepening existing partnerships in a creative space and to find innovative ways of working. This grant programme has been designed to support artists to make and develop creative artwork, and to encourage new international partnerships and innovative ways of collaborating.</p> <p>Eligible Countries</p> <p>Each project should include at least one UK-based organisation and one organisation based in the countries listed below as part of the partnership.</p> <p>Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Mainland China, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Montenegro, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Serbia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Syria, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>The grants are designed to support officially registered organisations, based in the eligible countries and territories, and the UK to work on projects in partnership. Each project should include at least one UK-based organisation and at least one organisation based in eligible countries or territories listed below as part of the partnership.</p> <p>They will accept applications for multilateral projects and projects with more than one partner in the same country, with the focus on the programme being delivered mutually. However, the funding should be split between the UK and overseas countries and territories, with at least 50% of the funding benefiting non-UK partners.</p> <p>An additional partner, on top of the minimum two, from a non-eligible country or territory can take part in the project but cannot receive grant funding.</p> <p>Grants will be awarded to organisations – including consortia, community-based and artist-led – and they will particularly be looking for those that identify specific individual artists for inclusion in the project.</p> <p>All collaborating organisations must have a registered business bank account that belongs to an organisation and all necessary registrations in place according to local legislation in which your project will be delivered. For example, all Indian applications must comply in advance with the applicable FCRA regulations; UK-based companies must have a company registration number.</p> <p>An application should be submitted by one organisation working collaboratively with all the partners.</p> <p>While the funds are designed to benefit the artistic community, due to financial regulations they can only award them to legally registered organisations and collectives (including consortia, community-based and artist-led), and not individual artists, sole traders or freelancers. Grants will be awarded to organisations (including consortia, community-based and artist-led), and they will be looking for those that identify specific individual artists for inclusion in the project. Projects can involve international artists based in any</p>

	country on top of those in the UK and eligible countries, however they need to be contracted by collaborating organisations and the grant must be spent in eligible countries. They will prioritise applications and projects that show a clear benefit to the artistic community in the country or countries in which they are working.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	30/04/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.britishcouncil.org/arts/international-collaboration-grants

Call Title:	Policy Experimentation - Higher Education ERASMUS-EDU-2024-POL-EXP-HIGHER-EDU
Programme:	ERASMUS-LS ERASMUS Lump Sum Grants
Objective:	<p>Expected Outcome:</p> <p>Proposals submitted under Topic 6 must address the following priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 13: National/regional support to European Universities alliances • In line with the Council Recommendation of 5 April 2022 on building bridges for effective European higher education cooperation, “deeper and more effective transnational cooperation in the higher education sector across all Europe is key to supporting Union values, identity and democracy, to building the resilience of European society and economy, and to building a sustainable future”. In this Recommendation, it is also stated that “the European Universities, and similar long-standing institutionalised cooperation models, provide useful lessons learned while testing deeper transnational cooperation models that go beyond existing individual institutional strategies, governance and collaboration ecosystems. They are a source of inspiration for the wider higher education community to drive system-level reforms while facilitating better coordination between European higher education and research policies.”
Eligible Activities:	<p>In line with the spirit of the Council conclusions of June 2021 on the European Universities initiative - Bridging higher education, research, innovation and society: Paving the way for a new dimension in European higher education, further efforts are needed at national and regional levels, to create an enabling environment for European Universities and similar long-standing institutionalised cooperation models. On top of cooperation with the European level, this requires cooperation between the national and regional authorities involved, and support of the higher education sector.</p> <p>Projects under this topic are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the supporting environment for European Universities and other similar long-standing institutionalised cooperation models, both in view of related legislation, its application and provided technical support in a particular region/country; • Improve the funding models and modalities at national/regional level of European Universities and other similar long-standing institutionalised cooperation models.

Eligible Applicants:	Applications are welcome from legal entities (public or private bodies) registered in the eligible countries.
Total Budget:	€1,000,000
Deadline:	04/06/2024
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/Erasmus-edu-2024-pol-exp-higher-edu

Call Title:	EuroHPC Virtual Training Academy DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2023-ACADEMY-02-01
Programme:	DIGITAL-JU-CSA DIGITAL JU Coordination and Support Actions
Objective:	<p>ExpectedOutcome:</p> <p>A EuroHPC Competence and Qualification Framework (CQF) for HPC based on a modular skills tree of competences and learning objectives, addressing the gap between basic digital skills and domain specific specialist knowledge.</p> <p>Wide adoption of the CQF by the HPC community in Europe, including higher education institutions and professional training providers.</p> <p>A certification scheme linked to the CQF with broad acceptance of qualifications as proof of HPC competences by education and training providers, public and private employers.</p> <p>Increased competitiveness and innovation by contributing to the development of a more skilled and knowledgeable HPC workforce, which will enhance the competitiveness and innovation potential of European companies and research institutions.</p> <p>Increased mobility and improved career opportunities by facilitating the recognition and validation of HPC skills and qualifications across Europe, making it easier for HPC professionals to move between different countries and for employers to compare and assess the qualifications of potential candidates.</p> <p>Improved quality assurance by promoting transparency and trust in the HPC training and certification system. It supports HPC training programs to align with the needs of the HPC industry and research community and meet high quality standards.</p> <p>Cooperation and exchange between education and training providers across Europe, by enabling the sharing of best practices, resources, and expertise, and foster innovation in teaching and learning. Overall, a more dynamic and competitive HPC education and training environment is established, which will benefit learners, educators, and employers alike.</p> <p>Objective:</p> <p>Central objective of the action is to establish the EuroHPC Academy covering the multidisciplinary field of HPC, including related areas such as emerging technologies (e. g. quantum computing), and its cross-cutting dimension. The Academy should significantly contribute to the development of coordinated HPC education programmes addressing a wide range of stakeholders, including academic education programmes, professional training, short-term courses, individual and independent learning. The action will ensure the availability of common quality and qualification standards in HPC, the compatibility of training modules and learning objectives as well as the uptake of standardisation of training and education in the European HPC ecosystem. Based on a skill tree identifying HPC key competences in a systematic and structured approach, the action will significantly improve the quality and availability of HPC training for European HPC users. A broadly recognised certification scheme for HPC competences in combination with high</p>

	quality didactically consistent content, including exercises and assessments, will encourage also individual and independent learning. Overall, the Academy will significantly contribute to a more knowledgeable HPC workforce driving innovation and competitiveness in the European economy.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Scope: The activities of the EuroHPC Academy will be centred around several action pillars. The pillars represent key strategic components and work together to achieve the objectives of the virtual academy.</p> <p>Competence and qualification framework (CQF) Reference course material for the modular CQF Assessment and certification scheme Technical infrastructure</p> <p>The EuroHPC Academy will support training providers with the implementation of HPC education, training, qualifications and assessments. It will provide structured material, exercises and assessments linked to a certification scheme which will incentivise also individual and independent learning. Central for the widest possible adoption of services are cooperation activities with the relevant stakeholders and communities including, but not limited to, Hosting Entities of EuroHPC supercomputers and EuroHPC initiatives such as the network of National Competence Centres for HPC (EUROCC 2, CASTIEL 2), the European MSc programme for HPC (EUMaster4HPC) and the European skills platform (HPC SPECTRA). As the EuroHPC Academy will exercise authority over the modular HPC curriculum, learning objectives and qualification standard, the consortium will establish close cooperations and effective feedback loops. Specifically with higher education institutions cooperations are of outstanding importance to ensure alignment and compatibility of the modular CQF with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). The CQF should allow training providers a maximum of freedom for the implementation according to the requirements of their target groups, while ensuring a common standard for the assessment of competences and the certification of qualifications.</p> <p>The JU considers that proposals requesting a contribution from the EU of up to EUR 6 million and a duration of 4 years would allow this specific challenge to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of proposals requesting another duration or other amounts. Only one proposal will be selected.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applications are welcome from legal entities (public or private bodies) registered in the eligible countries.
Total Budget:	€6,000,000
Deadline:	04/06/2024
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/digital-eurohpc-ju-2023-academy-02-01

Call Title:	Scenario-based safety assurance of CCAM and related HMI in a dynamically evolving transport system (CCAM Partnership) HORIZON-CL5-2024-D6-01-02
Programme:	
Objective:	<p>Expected Outcome:</p> <p>Project results are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe scaling up of the deployment of CCAM systems for all levels of automation, including systems that for part of the driving phases rely on human-machine interaction. • Assurance of vehicle safety despite system changes, e.g., due to software updates and data exchanges between vehicles and the infrastructure. • Facilitating the introduction of fast developing technological innovations in the CCAM system's functionality, such as AI.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Scope:</p> <p>To ensure the safety of CCAM, it is essential that vehicles are not only safe during the (first) type approval, but also during their complete lifetime in a fast-changing road transport system. Changes can result from the evolution of the CCAM system itself, for example, as a result of increasing connectivity using V2X communication, the use of AI-based systems, and OTA (over-the-air) software updates. The traffic system, in which CCAM systems are being deployed, is changing at a rapid pace as well, with an increased market share of vehicles with higher levels of automation, new (personal) mobility devices and autonomous mobility robots (e.g., for package delivery).</p> <p>At the same time, the way CCAM systems interact with humans in traffic is changing. Until full automation in transport is reached, the human driver will keep on playing an essential role. Also, the interaction with other road users will change, supported by technologies that allow a CCAM system to communicate its intentions to other road users.</p> <p>As a consequence of these innovations and developments, the safe deployment of CCAM systems needs an extension of the safety validation procedures and certification schemes, taking advanced human-machine interaction and a continuous in-service monitoring approach into account. Due to the many different scenarios and variations that can occur realistically and that consequently need to be tested, it should be possible that a large part of the assessment is performed in a virtual simulation environment.</p> <p>The proposed actions are expected to address all of the following aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a validation methodology for scenario-based safety assurance of AI-based CCAM functions. Trustworthiness of the AI-algorithms depends on how well the system responds to scenarios in its Operational Design Domain (ODD) – specificity and how it responds in case it ends-up outside its ODD – robustness. Consequently, methods need to be developed on the use of scenarios to describe the ODD of AI-based systems. • Connectivity. Developing validation procedures for CCAM systems that rely on V2X for safety-critical functions i.e., the inclusion of the connectivity context. Ensuring aspects of reliability, trustworthiness and cyber-security with respect to V2X is essential. The approach to V2X connectivity is technology neutral. • Continuous Safety Assurance approach. Developing an approach for a continuous safety validation methodology, to monitor the safety state of deployed CCAM systems in operation (real traffic) during its service life, following type approval.

	<p>Performance metrics for the reliability of the monitored data, including cyber-security aspects, and indicators for the safety state should be proposed. Also needed is the development of requirements for the monitoring system for use in future standardisation, regarding the exchange of data and safety performance indicators with service organisations and authorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validating the virtual approach. Developing tools that ensure the relevant degree of detail and the appropriate representation of other road users' behaviour (incl. Vulnerable Road Users such as pedestrians and/or bicyclists) in virtual scenario-based testing. This includes methods to deal with perception, localisation, and world modelling errors in the validation procedures. Human Machine Interaction. Developing a safety assurance methodology that incorporates the assessment of Human Machine Interaction (both driver-vehicle and vehicle-road user) concepts for higher levels of automation (conformity checks as well as test set-ups with suitable metrics) ensuring safe communication between driver and vehicle and between vehicle and other road users, making Human Machine Interaction inclusive (i.e. in terms of age, mental and physical ability, cultural aspects, etc.). Proposed actions are expected to develop recommendations for harmonisation and standardisation and to feed into on-going discussions regarding EU type vehicle approval rules as well as in the framework of the UNECE. <p>Actions should be based on the outcomes of previous methodologies developed in HEADSTART[1], as well as research funded under HORIZON-CL5-2021-D6-01-02[2].</p> <p>Upcoming CCAM projects, in particular in the area of large-scale demonstrations, validation, digital infrastructure and key enabling technologies should be taken into account to ensure compatibility.</p> <p>Links should be established with the Mobility Data Space initiatives from Digital Europe, federated data infrastructure projects (Gaia-X, International Data Spaces, Big Data Value - BDV).</p> <p>In order to achieve the expected outcomes, international cooperation is encouraged, in particular with Japan and the United States but also with other relevant strategic partners in third countries.</p> <p>This topic implements the co-programmed European Partnership on 'Connected, Cooperative and Automated Mobility' (CCAM). As such, projects resulting from this topic will be expected to report on results to the European Partnership 'Connected, Cooperative and Automated Mobility' (CCAM) in support of the monitoring of its KPIs.</p> <p>Specific Topic Conditions: Activities are expected to achieve TRL 5 by the end of the project</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applications are welcome from legal entities (public or private bodies) registered in the eligible countries.

Total Budget: €14,000000	
Deadline: 05/09/2024	
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