

# CCG INSIGHT NEWSLETTER

Weekly Funding Insight  
Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024



CORMACK  
CONSULTANCY  
GROUP

Internationalising Higher Education



CLUB  
ORIZONT

FROM CORMACK  
CONSULTANCY GROUP

<b>NEW OPPORTUNITIES</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>USAID KENYA AND EAST AFRICA (KEA) SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE (SBC) ACTIVITY</b>	<b>4</b>
Programme: Kenya USAID-Nairobi	4
Total Budget: \$14,950,000	4
Deadline: 03/05/2024	4
<b>Human Rights &amp; Democracy Thematic Programme (India)</b>	<b>4</b>
Programme: European Commission (EC)	4
Total Budget: €2,670,000	6
Deadline: 10/05/2024	6
<b>SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN ALBANIA IN THE FIELDS OF ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE, FOOD SAFETY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION</b>	<b>6</b>
Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships	6
Total Budget: €3,300,000	7
Deadline: 15/05/2024	7
<b>COMMUNITY-BUILDING INITIATIVES PROGRAM</b>	<b>7</b>
Programme: U.S. Mission to Azerbaijan	7
Total Budget: €235,000	7
Deadline: 15/05/2024	7
<b>SUPPORT TO CULTURAL ACTORS ADDRESSING GLOBAL ISSUES</b>	<b>7</b>
Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)	8
Total Budget: €4,000,000	8
Deadline: 21/05/2024	8
<b>Applications open for “La Francophonie avec Elles” Fund</b>	<b>8</b>
Programme: International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF)	8
Total Budget: €100,000	11
Deadline: 31/05/2024	11
<b>SPACE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CENTER (SELC)</b>	<b>11</b>
Programme: U.S. Mission to India	11
Total Budget: €100,000	11
Deadline: 03/06/2024	11
<b>INTERREG: THIRD CALL</b>	<b>11</b>
Programme: European Commission (EC) - INV	11
Total Budget: €130,000,000	12
Deadline: 07/06/2024	12
<b>WOMEN AND YOUTH IN DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE (WYDE) CALL FOR PROPOSALS</b>	<b>12</b>
Programme: ALDA (European Association for Local Democracy)	12
Total Budget: €200,000	13
Deadline: 15/08/2024	13
<b>SUPPORTING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS</b>	<b>13</b>
Programme: European Commission (EC) - CERV	13

<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€2,000,000</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>18/09/2024</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>CAPACITY BUILDING AND AWARENESS RAISING ON THE EU CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - CERV</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€3,100,000</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>18/09/2024</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>PROTECTING EU VALUES AND RIGHTS BY COMBATING HATE SPEECH AND HATE CRIME</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - CERV</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€5,500,000</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>18/09/2024</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>PROMOTING RIGHTS AND VALUES BY EMPOWERING THE CIVIC SPACE</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - CERV</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€3,000,000</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>18/09/2024</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR GRASS ROOTS AND HUMAN SECURITY PROJECTS (GGP) – GEORGIA</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Embassy of Japan to Georgia</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>ongoing</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR GRASSROOTS AND HUMAN SECURITY PROJECTS (GGP) – RWANDA</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Japanese Embassy Rwanda</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>ongoing</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>LINK TO PREVIOUS FUNDING NEWSLETTERS</b>		<b>18</b>

## New Opportunities

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>USAID KENYA AND EAST AFRICA (KEA) SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE (SBC) ACTIVITY</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Kenya USAID-Nairobi</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The USAID/KEA SBC Activity ("Activity") will support individuals (including service providers), households, and communities to adopt and maintain the practice of priority health behaviours.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Kenya.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The USAID/KEA SBC Activity ("Activity") will support individuals (including service providers), households, and communities to adopt and maintain the practice of priority health behaviours by (IR 1) identifying and addressing individual, social, and structural factors that influence priority health behaviors; (IR 2) increasing the availability and use of evidence for design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and learning; (IR 3) strengthening Government of Kenya (GOK) systems, structures and policies to improve coordination, collaboration, and learning for SBC interventions; and (IR 4) strengthening the individual, organizational, and systems level technical capacity to design, implement, and monitor SBC interventions.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility for this NOFO is restricted to Kenyan organizations. These eligibility requirements apply to only the principal applicant. Only local Kenyan organizations are eligible to be the Recipient for award.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$14,950,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>03/05/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353366">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353366</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Human Rights &amp; Democracy Thematic Programme (India)</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The European Commission has launched the calls for proposals to prevent and eliminate child labour and forced labour in India, including through responsible business practices in European supply chains.</p> <p>It also takes into account the analyses and priorities set by the EU Human Rights and Democracy Country Strategy (HRDCS) for India 2021-2024 and the EU Gender Action Plan (GAP III) country implementation plan (CLIP) for India (2021-2025). The recent EU legislation on Human Rights &amp; Environment Due Diligence (HREDD) in business supply chains also makes it mandatory to ensure that the lowest tier of the supply chains in producer countries, in this case India, complies with necessary labour and human rights standards.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is to combat forced labour, child labour and unacceptable forms of work in all segments of the supply chain, in particular in the lower tiers, and to promote government and corporate accountability on business and human rights.</p> <p>The specific objectives of this call for proposals are:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote responsible business practices and human rights due diligence in India, with particular emphasis on European supply chains.</li> <li>• To build capacities of relevant stakeholders, including CSOs, public and private sector actors in the effective implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles (UNGPs) on Business &amp; Human Rights (BHR), related EU legislations on human rights and environmental due diligence, and related ILO Conventions and local legislations.</li> <li>• To support multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration at local, national and global levels to promote human rights due diligence in European supply chains.</li> <li>• To strengthen capacities of civil society actors, workers and their organisations in the protection of human rights including labour rights, in the enforcement of the necessary mitigation measures to fight it, and in the promotion of decent work and meaningful and efficient participation in social dialogue.</li> <li>• To facilitate access to remedies, including in cases of corporate human rights violations and abuses and engage in collective redress.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Priorities</p> <p>The priorities of this call for proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giving a voice to, help provide access to remedies, and empower victims of corporate human rights violations, especially those living in the most vulnerable situations (women, youth, children at work, people living with disabilities and indigenous peoples).</li> <li>• Using a bottom-up approach and that are policy-driven. On the one hand, this requires activities that are conducted by CSOs with long-standing presence and involvement in impacted local settings to ensure effective stakeholder participation in broad human rights due diligence (HRDD) processes. On the other hand, this requires outreach activities to promote dialogue with and access to governmental actors and concerned corporate actors to inform the effective implementation of HRDD measures.</li> <li>• Tackling the informal economy and seeking to address and prevent abusive and fraudulent labour practices against vulnerable groups (migrant workers or workers from ethnic minorities, workers suffering disabilities, women workers, young workers and home-based workers).</li> <li>• Enabling workers, trade unions and workers' associations to take part in an efficient and meaningful way in social dialogue with the government and the employers on issues linked to human and labour rights.</li> <li>• Strengthening legal frameworks and policies to better protect workers and prevent forced/child labour but also that encourage partnerships between workers' organisations, civil society groups, and companies to promote responsible business practices and reduce the risk of forced/child labour in supply chains.</li> <li>• Collecting and analysing data (disaggregated by sex, age, and disability) on the prevalence of forced/child labour and the effectiveness of interventions to combat it.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Lead applicant</p> <p>In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must:</p> <p>be a legal person and</p> <p>be non-profit-making; and</p>

	<p>be a non-governmental civil society organisation (CSO) and/or their associations and/or international platforms and</p> <p>be established in any country and</p> <p>be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary and</p> <p>A lead applicant established outside India must act with minimum of two Indian co-applicants or affiliated entities.</p> <p>Such Indian co-applicants or affiliated entities must be registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), and must have a valid FCRA registration at the time of full application and at the time of the signature of the contract.</p> <p>A lead applicant established in India may act individually or with co-applicants or affiliated entities, subject to the following condition:</p> <p>The Indian lead applicant must be registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), and must have a valid FCRA registration at the time of full application and at the time of the signature of the contract. This does not necessarily apply to co-applicants or affiliated entities.</p> <p>Co-applicant(s)</p> <p>Co-applicants participate in designing and implementing the action, and the costs they incur are eligible in the same way as those incurred by the lead applicant.</p> <p>Co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant himself.</p> <p>If awarded the grant contract, the co-applicant(s) (if any) will become beneficiary(ies) in the action (together with the coordinator).</p>
<b>Total Budget: €2,670,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 10/05/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/181062PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/181062PROSPECTSEN</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN ALBANIA IN THE FIELDS OF ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE, FOOD SAFETY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen the role and capacity of civil society to promote and defend a more participatory, just and democratic society.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>This call for proposals is divided in three lots, each with its own specific objective and priorities. Within the specific objective in each lot, the proposed actions may address one or more of the priorities of the lot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lot 1: Support to CSOs in the fields of environment, climate change, and nature protection</li> <li>• Lot 2: Support to CSOs in the fields of culture and art</li> <li>• Lot 3: Support to CSOs in the fields of food safety and consumer protection</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Albania.</p>

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€3,300,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>15/05/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>COMMUNITY-BUILDING INITIATIVES PROGRAM</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>U.S. Mission to Azerbaijan</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The Community-Building Initiatives Program, facilitated by the U.S. Mission to Azerbaijan, aims to bolster local communities in Azerbaijan by supporting initiatives that enhance civic participation, problem-solving capabilities, and overall well-being. The program seeks to fund innovative projects that address key thematic areas, including raising environmental awareness, fostering volunteerism and community cooperation, advocating for disadvantaged communities, and promoting sustainable practices in northern regions.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>By empowering economically and socially disadvantaged groups such as IDPs, women and girls, persons with disabilities, and young people, the program endeavors to create vibrant communities capable of addressing local needs and collaborating on solutions. Successful projects will be evaluated based on their ability to engage local participants, tackle community issues, establish effective community groups, advocate for marginalized populations, and promote environmentally responsible decision-making.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Azerbaijan.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants include individuals and nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, except for institutions of higher education. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to fostering community development and collaboration within Azerbaijan.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€235,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>15/05/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353360">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353360</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORT TO CULTURAL ACTORS ADDRESSING GLOBAL ISSUES</b>
--------------------	--

<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is to improve human development and the quality of life in the Southern Neighbourhood region through culture. The specific objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen cultural ecosystems and enable cultural actors to address global issues such as the green and digital transition with gender-based approach via cross-sectoral cooperation with civil society and other partners.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The expected outputs to be delivered by this call for proposals are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local cultural ecosystems and their community-building role are strengthened including with gender-based approach</li> <li>2. Public awareness is raised on global issues such as digital and green transition via cross-sectoral cooperation with civil society with gender-based approach.</li> </ol> <p>The priorities of this call for proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The description of action should highlight the regional dimension of cultural relations, how the cooperation and transnational coordination among actors will take place and how diaspora communities from Neighbourhood South countries residing in another Neighbourhood South country will be involved in the project</li> <li>• The methodology should outline how gender equality, and environmental and climate considerations will be ensured throughout the design of the project.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in at least 5 partner countries of the Southern Neighbourhood region: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
<b>Total Budget: €4,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 21/05/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Applications open for “La Francophonie avec Elles” Fund</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The International organization of Francophonie has launched the 5th edition of its “La Francophonie avec Elles” Fund to promote the economic and social autonomy of women through concrete initiatives on the ground, thus contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>The “La Francophonie avec Elles” Fund is a solidarity system aimed at strengthening the economic and social empowerment of women in vulnerable situations from a development perspective.</p>



	<p>The first four editions of the “La Francophonie avec Elles” Fund have confirmed, through their concrete results, the relevance and usefulness of this system. By providing support to 254 projects, the Fund has had a significant impact on the lives of nearly 57,000 girls and women, spread across more than 34 countries within the French-speaking world. Initially created to provide support to women during the Covid-19 health crisis, the 124th session of the Permanent Council of La Francophonie refocused the Fund's mandate on the economic and social empowerment of women in vulnerable situations.</p> <p>The International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) thus continues its commitment to the socio-economic emancipation of girls and women, with the aim of achieving gender equality, the eradication of poverty and the promotion of inclusive growth.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>The “La Francophonie avec Elles” Fund aims to strengthen the economic and social empowerment of women in vulnerable situations from a sustainable development perspective.</p> <p>The specific objectives of the Fund are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve the participation and inclusion of women in economic and social life;</li> <li>Improve women’s access to professional training;</li> <li>To support women with a view to developing income-generating activities and facilitating their access to economic opportunities.</li> </ul> <p>For this 5th edition of the “La Francophonie avec Elles” Fund, particular attention will be paid to projects targeting the employability and entrepreneurship of women. In addition, project proposals from small island countries are strongly encouraged. The “La Francophonie avec Elles” Fund supports field actions carried out by locally anchored French-speaking civil society organizations (associations, cooperatives, NGOs, etc.).</p> <p><b>Priority Themes</b></p> <p>Priority themes are defined by region in order to take into account the issues facing women and the contexts in which they operate. These themes constitute preferred guidelines for the attention of civil society organizations and not eligibility criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Africa: formalization of income-generating activities;</li> <li>Central Africa: access to economic opportunities in the fields of agriculture, forestry, livestock breeding, fishing, valorization and processing of non-timber forest products (NTFP), particularly for displaced women;</li> <li>North Africa and the Middle East: strengthening the participation of women, including migrants and refugees, in the job market through professional training;</li> <li>Asia Pacific: access to professional training oriented towards professional integration and entrepreneurship;</li> <li>Caribbean: strengthening the entrepreneurial capacity of women and girls in the areas of sustainable agriculture, forestry, livestock breeding and fruit and vegetable processing;</li> <li>Central and Eastern Europe: access to professional training towards the creation of income-generating activities (AGR) or sustainable integration into employment;</li> <li>Indian Ocean and Djibouti: access to economic opportunities in the areas of sustainable agriculture, the blue economy, crafts and local services.</li> </ul> <p><b>Target Audience</b></p> <p>The projects supported by the Fund mainly benefit women, particularly those in situations of poverty and vulnerability, who are at the intersection of several forms of discrimination (young women – 15-35 years old), elderly women, migrant and refugee</p>

	women, unmarried mothers, single mothers, women living with HIV, women with disabilities, women from sexual minorities, etc.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b> To be eligible, the applicant organization must meet the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a civil society organization (CSO): Are considered CSOs: non-governmental organizations, foundations, humanitarian associations, economic interest groups, cooperatives, private research institutes and partners. Natural persons, public universities, businesses and local authorities are not considered CSOs;</li> <li>• Be registered and officially recognized by the authorities of one of the 54 states and governments that are full members of the OIF for more than two years;</li> <li>• Demonstrate functional, transparent and democratic governance (regular holding of meetings, general assemblies and events or activities linked to its corporate purpose; existence of a Board of Directors, possibility of acquiring new members; and production of regular reports on its activities and finances);</li> <li>• Have annual financial capacities greater than or equal to the amount of the grant requested (For example, a civil society organization whose annual budget is 50,000 euros will not be able to request a grant greater than 50,000 euros).</li> </ul> <p><b>Selection Criteria</b> Eligible applications will be decided according to the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The supporting organization is established locally and is of modest size and resources;</li> <li>• The lead organization has expertise, experience and added value with regard to the objectives of the Fund;</li> <li>• The lead organization relies on partner civil society organizations and the involvement of local public authorities to implement its project;</li> <li>• The project provides a response to one or more needs identified jointly with the beneficiaries. It is relevant and adapted to the local context;</li> <li>• The project primarily targets women, young women and girls (15-35 years old) in situations of poverty and vulnerability;</li> <li>• The project is implemented while respecting multilingualism. The use of French is encouraged as well as that of local languages for proper implementation of the project;</li> <li>• Project activities take into account negative externalities that could hinder the participation of female beneficiaries (childcare, transport costs, etc.);</li> <li>• The project takes into account the fight against climate change in a transversal manner;</li> <li>• The project proposes clear short and medium term objectives as well as results and impact indicators that are both quantitative and measurable;</li> <li>• The project describes a sustainability strategy ensuring the sustainability of the actions and its results following financial support from the OIF;</li> <li>• The project has an innovative character (for example, targets a sector of activity where women are less present such as sports professions, sciences);</li> <li>• The project clearly describes the communication actions that will be deployed to beneficiaries, partners and the general public to promote the support of the OIF.</li> </ul>

<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>31/05/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.francophonie.org/5e-edition-du-fonds-la-francophonie-avec-elles-3119">https://www.francophonie.org/5e-edition-du-fonds-la-francophonie-avec-elles-3119</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SPACE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CENTER (SELC)</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>U.S. Mission to India</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The Space Experiential Learning Center (SELC) initiative, led by the U.S. Department of State's Public Diplomacy Section in New Delhi, seeks to establish a cutting-edge educational facility aimed at fostering expertise and interest in space science and technology among aspiring enthusiasts in India. Through theoretical education and hands-on practical training, the SELC aims to provide immersive experiences to approximately 60 participants across four cohorts.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The program, spanning one year, will consist of classroom sessions focusing on space exploration, astronomy, and related topics, supplemented by field visits to deepen participants' understanding. By leveraging state-of-the-art space equipment and immersive experiences, the SELC endeavors to cultivate a new generation of space enthusiasts from diverse backgrounds, contributing to the advancement of space science education and exploration in India.</p> <p>Actions must take place in India.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants for this cooperative agreement include not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations (with non-PD money only), civil society/non-governmental organizations, think tanks, public and private educational institutions, as well as public international organizations and governmental institutions.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>03/06/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353326">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353326</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>INTERREG: THIRD CALL</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - INV</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>Through its cohesion policy, the European Union works to reduce disparities both in the levels of development and in quality of life in European regions. It promotes actions aiming at making the European territory more innovative, more sustainable, and more inclusive, thus improving quality of life of the inhabitants. The large majority of the funds designated to reduce these disparities are managed at the regional or national levels. The European Union believes that regional development can also be improved through cooperation across borders.</p>

<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>In this context, the Interreg Europe programme supports the exchange and transfer of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building among public authorities and other policy relevant organisations across Europe with a view to improving their regional development policy instruments including programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal.</p> <p>The programme eligible area covers the whole European Union territory with its 27 Member States, including insular and outermost regions. In addition, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland and Ukraine are full members of the programme and organisations from these countries are eligible<sup>1</sup> to participate in projects. Partners from other countries can participate at their own costs.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The following organisations are eligible to receive Interreg or Norwegian funds: public authorities, public law bodies (bodies governed by public law), private non-profit bodies.
<b>Total Budget: €130,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 07/06/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.interregeurope.eu/apply-for-the-call">https://www.interregeurope.eu/apply-for-the-call</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>WOMEN AND YOUTH IN DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE (WYDE) CALL FOR PROPOSALS</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>ALDA (European Association for Local Democracy)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>Through the re-granting scheme, the cluster 1 of the WYDE project is aiming at funding and implementing national and transnational projects in support of youth civic engagement and participation in the decision-making processes across the Sub-Saharan Countries.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Specific objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empower organisations working in the field of youth to play a relevant role in supporting the democratic participation of youth</li> <li>• Support peer to peer learning among youth organisations</li> <li>• Reinforce an international network of youth organisations and youth leaders</li> <li>• Improve the cooperation between the youth civil society and public policy makers, at local, national, and international level</li> <li>• Advocate for the establishment or improvement of representative youth structures (such as youth councils or youth parliaments)</li> </ul> <p>Please note that an important criterion for funding of proposals is the relevance to policy in low-income countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. Proposals focused on middle- and/or high-income countries need to make a clear case for the relevance of the research to policy in specific low-income countries.</p>

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Each organization must be: Legally registered; Civil society organization working for and with youth. Please note that Local Authorities are not eligible to apply, although it is highly recommended to the applicants to cooperate with them.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€200,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>15/08/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.alda-europe.eu/news/women-and-youth-in-democracy-initiative-wyde-call-for-proposals/">https://www.alda-europe.eu/news/women-and-youth-in-democracy-initiative-wyde-call-for-proposals/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORTING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - CERV</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>A Union of values and rights is also based on effective law enforcement systems and the effective detection, investigation and prosecution of breaches of Union law. Support will be given to creating an enabling environment for reporting and informing on breaches of the Union law, in particular by building capacity on the effective application of the Directive on whistleblower protection (Directive (EU) 2019/1937).</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>This Directive provides for an obligation to establish internal and external reporting channels, a strict obligation to maintain the confidentiality of the reporting person as well as for high standards of protection from retaliation and legal remedies for whistleblowers who report on breaches of EU law in a wide range of key policy areas, thus promoting the fundamental values of the rule of law and democracy as well as the right to freedom of expression, enshrined in Article 11 of the Charter.</p> <p>Civil society organisations play a crucial role in help ensuring an effective implementation of these legal standards. Projects under this priority should support and protect whistleblowers and build capacity of national authorities and legal practitioners to ensure adequate legal remedies to protect whistleblowers.</p> <p>Actions must take place in EU member states plus associated countries.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility is limited to legal entities (public or private bodies).
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€2,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>18/09/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/cerv-2024-char-liti-whistle">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/cerv-2024-char-liti-whistle</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CAPACITY BUILDING AND AWARENESS RAISING ON THE EU CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS</b>
--------------------	--

<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - CERV</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The projects funded under this priority could address the capacity building and awareness raising needs on the Charter in general, or they could focus on one or several of the topics</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The projects funded under this priority could address the capacity building and awareness raising needs on the Charter in general, or they could focus on one or several of the topics below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rights enshrined in the Charter and awareness of the Charter's scope of application. In accordance with its Article 51, the Charter is applicable to Member States only when they are implementing EU law. Given the specific scope of application of this instrument, unlike that of international human rights agreements, and considering the increasing number of references to the Charter in the case law of the Court of Justice of the EU, there is a specific need to promote an understanding of when the Charter applies, i.e. when EU law is being implemented, and of the fundamental rights enshrined in the Charter. Relevant projects could therefore focus on the scope of application of the Charter and/or on the contents of an individual Charter right and/or several rights.</li> <li>• Protecting fundamental rights in the digital age. To follow up on the Annual Charter Report 2021 on fundamental rights in the digital age, the aim of the priority is to protect fundamental rights by strengthening accountability for the use of automation where rights are at stake. This includes approaches for addressing and combatting bias and multiple/intersectional discrimination based on gender and on other grounds including ethnic and racial origin, caused or intensified by the use of artificial intelligence systems. Projects could aim to develop guidelines (including measures that ensure gender sensitive implementation), technical benchmarks and tools, including for algorithm-audits. Projects are expected to develop a concrete tool or a benchmark process in an area of the applicant's choice with demonstrated relevance for fundamental rights, without prescribing the area or the type of the tool (e.g. it could be software, a benchmark data set, a simulation environment, a procedure).</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in EU member states plus associated countries.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility is limited to legal entities (public or private bodies).
<b>Total Budget: €3,100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 18/09/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/cerv-2024-char-liti-charter">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/cerv-2024-char-liti-charter</a>

**Call Title:**

**PROTECTING EU VALUES AND RIGHTS BY COMBATING HATE SPEECH AND HATE CRIME**



**CORMACK  
CONSULTANCY  
GROUP**

Internationalising Higher Education



**CLUB  
ORIZONT**

14

<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - CERV</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>All forms and manifestations of hatred are incompatible with the EU values and the fundamental rights enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty and the Charter. Hatred affects the individual victims and the groups they belong to, generates societal polarisation and silences wide sectors of the population, weakening pluralism and undermining respectful public democratic debates. The online world has amplified the negative effects of hate speech. Hate crimes are a direct violation of the victims' fundamental right to dignity, to equality and non-discrimination. Combating hate speech and hate crime is therefore a key part of the Commission's action to promote EU values and to ensure that the Charter is upheld.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>At EU level, the 2008 Council Framework Decision requires the criminalisation of certain forms of hate speech and hate crimes. Also, the Commission adopted a Communication in December 2021 inviting the Council of the European Union to extend the legal basis for EU-level criminalisation to other forms of hate speech and hate crime beyond the racist and xenophobic grounds already covered by the Framework Decision.</p> <p>Recently, the EU is experiencing an alarming increase in hate speech and hate crime, including physical and online attacks targeting in particular the Jewish and Muslim communities in Europe. The Joint Communication on "No Place for Hate" confirms a strong commitment to step up EU efforts to fight hatred in all its forms, by reinforcing action across a variety of policies.</p> <p>Actions must take place in EU member states plus associated countries.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility is limited to legal entities (public or private bodies).
<b>Total Budget: €5,500,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 18/09/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/cerv-2024-char-liti-speech">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/cerv-2024-char-liti-speech</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>PROMOTING RIGHTS AND VALUES BY EMPOWERING THE CIVIC SPACE</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - CERV</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>In line with the Charter Strategy and following up to the Charter Report 2022 on a thriving civic space for upholding fundamental rights in the EU, as well as the findings of the 2023 seminars and concluding conference, projects under this priority should promote rights and values by empowering civil society actors to work together at the local, regional and national levels on the fields covered by the programme. Projects should also help creating a channel of communication with the EU level to report on the state of the civic space in their countries and voice their concerns.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	More specifically, projects could create a systematic and comprehensive monitoring system to regularly and consistently monitor the environment in which civil society organisations work in the national contexts, building on the Fundamental Rights



	<p>Agency indicators about the shrinking civic space and of internal organisations' data, and in particular of breaches of civil society organisations and human rights defenders' fundamental rights.</p> <p>Projects could also support and enhance the protection of civil society organisations, their members and human rights defenders working to protect and promote EU values under attack, including by facilitating access to dedicated support services. As such, they could also contribute to strengthening the resilience of civil society actors against attacks, including cyber threats, and their capacity to fully exploit the possibilities of the converged media to carry out effective, visible and impactful advocacy activities in the digital environment.</p> <p>Transnational partnerships with mutual learning possibilities for partners in several EU Member States are particularly encouraged to apply, as well as networks of relevant actors at national level such as National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), equality bodies, Ombuds-institutions, and the national Charter Focal Points.</p> <p>Actions must take place in EU member states plus associated countries.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility is limited to legal entities (public or private bodies).
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€3,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>18/09/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/cerv-2024-char-liti-civic?order">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/cerv-2024-char-liti-civic?order</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR GRASS ROOTS AND HUMAN SECURITY PROJECTS (GGP) – GEORGIA</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Embassy of Japan to Georgia</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The GGP is one of the grant schemes of the Embassy of Japan in Georgia, oriented towards providing support to the grassroots actors, for the promotion of Basic Human Needs and Human Security in Georgia. This involves, but is not limited to the actions, which aim to mitigate threats to human survival, human life, human dignity, as well as the actions aimed to build up the capacities of individuals and communities.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Within 22 years of its work in Georgia – from 1998 to 2022, the Grassroots Human Security Program (GGP) of the Government of Japan funded more than 200 projects, in total amounting to more than 20 million USD. Through this funding, agriculture infrastructure was developed, alleviating poverty in some of the poorest villages; thousands of hectares of land were cleared from hazardous landmines, saving lives of local population; dozens of schools, kindergartens, hospitals were rehabilitated and re-equipped, providing essential services to the most vulnerable population. Those are only a few of the examples and the range of sectors funded has been very broad.</p> <p>Representing the goodwill of the ordinary Japanese people, the Embassy of Japan strives to provide support in the sectors, considered most essential by the population</p>



	<p>of Georgia itself. Vast majority of the reputable local and international research reflects that the population of Georgia considers socio-economic problems as the most acute national issues, along with the occupation of its territories. Thus, in its GGP program, the Embassy strives to emphasize the projects, which aim to resolve those problems most effectively and efficiently.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Georgia.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The following lists are examples of potential recipients: NGOs and INGOs; Local public authorities (mayor's office).
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: ongoing</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.ge.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/development_assistance_eng20180727.html">https://www.ge.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/development_assistance_eng20180727.html</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR GRASSROOTS AND HUMAN SECURITY PROJECTS (GGP) – RWANDA</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Japanese Embassy Rwanda</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>In 1989, the Government of Japan introduced Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP/kusanone) in order to respond to the diverse development needs in developing countries. The aim of GGP is to provide financial assistance to non-profit development organizations for implementation of projects at community level. In Rwanda, 2 projects are selected per year.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The following areas are considered as deserving priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Public Welfare: Facilities and equipment for disabled people, orphans, the field of women in development (WID), etc.</li> <li>2) Primary Education: Classroom preparation; desks, chairs, and bookshelves, etc.</li> <li>3) Vocational Training: Vocational training facilities and equipment, etc.</li> <li>4) Primary Health Care: Basic medical equipment, etc.</li> </ol> <p>Actions must be implemented in Rwanda.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Support is provided to Community-Based Organizations; Local or International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs); Local authority (Ex. City Council, District); Educational Institutions (Ex. School Management Committee, schools); Medical or Health Institutions (Ex. Hospital Management Committee); Research Institutions.
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: ongoing</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="http://www.eg.emb-japan.go.jp/e/assistance/grass_roots/grass_roots.htm">http://www.eg.emb-japan.go.jp/e/assistance/grass_roots/grass_roots.htm</a>

## Link to Previous Funding Newsletters

<https://www.consultcormack.com/funding-newsletter>

### **Disclaimer:**

*The content of this funding insight reflects only the author's view. The European Commission is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information it contains.*

*The goal of this newsletter is to keep this information timely and accurate. The information contained herein is not necessarily comprehensive, complete, or all embracing. If errors are brought to our attention, we will try to correct them.*

*Despite careful content control, we do not accept responsibility for any pages owned by third parties that are linked to ours. The operators of linked sites are exclusively responsible for their content. We do not claim any ownership of the target contents available through the links.*