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New Opportunities

Call Title:	Collaborative Research Development Grant – Microsoft AI for Health
Programme:	**Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (OCRA)**
Objective:	The Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (OCRA) is inviting applications for the 2025 Collaborative Research Development Grant in partnership with Microsoft AI for Health (CRDG-AI).
Eligible Activities:	For this opportunity, OCRA is partnering with Microsoft AI for Health, a philanthropic program at Microsoft, which offers access to advanced Microsoft Azure cloud computing and collaboration with data science experts for nonprofits, academia, and researchers working on challenges in the area of health, including ovarian cancer. Investigators funded through this grant opportunity have access to support from Microsoft in the form of Azure computing credits, and in-kind data science support. The purpose of this grantmaking program is to provide funds for ovarian cancer and/or related gynecologic cancers research projects using AI or machine learning that may involve several investigators within one institution or collaborations between groups in multiple institutions. Interdisciplinary collaborations are encouraged.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria The Principal Investigator (one Principal Investigator must be selected) and other investigators must have full-time faculty appointments in a school of medicine or public health or recognized non-profit scientific research facility. They should not currently be in a training program. At least one key investigator must be a physician with expertise on ovarian cancer. International collaborations are welcome. The selection committee will consider most favorably applications that are creative, original, that leverage AI/machine learning, and that hold the most promise in the areas of screening and early detection, etiology and prevention, molecular therapeutics, cancer biology and genetics. Submissions that focus on health services research, quality of life, and epidemiology are also encouraged. Proposed projects should focus on ovarian cancers and/or related gynecologic cancers. The primary review criteria will be the likelihood that the investigators can leverage this funding to establish a research team capable of performing high-impact research and competing successfully for additional funding, and leverage the resources provided through Microsoft AI for Health. Investigators who wish to apply for the Collaborative Research Development Grant that do not have an AI focus or do not wish to partner with Microsoft AI for Health should apply though the other Collaborative Research Development Grant application, which is also available on SmartSimple. International applicants are welcome to apply.
Total Budget:	**$900,000**
Deadline:	**27/03/2024**
More information and official documents:	https://ocrahope.org/research/for-researchers/apply/?utm_source=OCRASocial&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=Research&utm_content=LOIs

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM MITSUBISHI CORPORATION FUND FOR EUROPE AND AFRICA (MCFEA)
Programme:	Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa (MCFEA)
Objective:	Objective The Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa (MCFEA) is a charitable Foundation established in 1992 by Mitsubishi Corporation and its UK-based subsidiary Mitsubishi Corporation International (Europe) Plc.
Eligible Activities:	The principal objectives of the Mitsubishi Fund for Europe and Africa are: 1) to conserve and protect, for the benefit of the public, the environment as a whole and its animal, forest and plant life in particular and to educate the public in natural history and ecology and the importance of conservation of the environment; 2) to advance the education of the public and, in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing: (a) to promote education and research in the field of ecology and conservation of natural resources and the environment anywhere in the world; (b) to promote the study and appreciation of flora and fauna anywhere in the world with particular emphasis on endangered species; (c) to promote the study and appreciation of agriculture, horticulture, silviculture and land and estate management; (d) to carry out research into the sustainable development of forest lands; and 3) to relieve poverty in any part of the world. They operate in Europe and Africa (so far they have funded projects in Romania, Bulgaria, Tanzania, Ethiopia, South Africa, Zambia, Guinea, Kenya, and Madagascar).
Eligible Applicants:	The MCFEA has been engaging with partner organisations throughout Europe and Africa, supporting innovative projects that align with its central aims. The MCFEA does not make grants to individuals, neither does it make grants for religious, political or lobbying purposes. It does not support any organization that discriminates on the basis of race, colour, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status or handicap, and only makes direct grants and donations to charitable or non-profit organizations or academic institutions.
Total Budget:	£300,000
Deadline:	31/03/2024
More information and official documents:	http://www.mitsubishicorp.com/gb/en/csr/mcfea/appli.html

Call Title:	THEMATIC AREA 3 AGRI-FOOD VALUE CHAIN IN NEXUS
Programme:	PRIMA - Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area
Objective:	Objective This Call aims to support the deployment and demonstration of sustainable solutions to reduce food losses and waste, save energy, and enhance food safety during postharvest activities, including transportation, storage, and processing. The specific focus is on plant-based food and waste. These solutions should be scalable, sustainable, cost-effective, and tailored to smallholders in rural areas with limited access to electricity. Proposals should

| | implement processes and technologies adapted to Mediterranean food systems and climate conditions, ensuring a decrease in food losses and waste, prolonging food shelf-life, and enhancing food safety in different regions of the Mediterranean. The emphasis should be on the exploitation and dissemination of results, meaning that projects should not only focus on research and development but also on effectively utilizing and commercializing the outcomes and findings.

The use of renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind, can provide a reliable energy source, especially in remote areas with limited access to electricity. Biomass by-products from agri-food activities can also serve as a sustainable energy source for processing and storage. Proposals could explore innovative environmentally friendly green technologies, including active and intelligent packaging, as desirable alternatives to conventional preservation techniques to reduce their negative impact on the environment. It is crucial to ensure that green technologies used for food preservation are adapted to the specific conditions of the Mediterranean region and are cost-effective enough to be adopted by smallholders. This can be achieved by conducting research and development to identify innovative solutions tailored to the region's unique challenges. Recognizing the role of genetic factors in food losses, proposals should consider genetic-based selection of plant varieties with enhanced shelf-life and suitability for long-term storage, tailored to the unique conditions of different Mediterranean region. |
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| **Eligible Activities:** | The proposals should include training and mobility initiatives to enhance the capacity of smallholders, with particular attention to women, to effectively adopt and implement sustainable solutions. To facilitate the adoption of green technologies for food preservation, it is essential to implement policy recommendations that can help reduce barriers and promote accessibility, especially for smallholders. Proposals should also analyse the economic, social, and environmental impact of renewable-based solutions and green technologies on reducing food losses and waste and improving food quality, including at the nutraceutical and sensorial levels. Additionally, the development of business models supporting the adoption and scaling of renewable-based solutions to reduce food losses and waste should be considered.

The following Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU) are eligible: Croatia, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Slovenia. The following Third Countries associated to Horizon 2020 (AC) are eligible: Israel, Tunisia, and Turkey. The following Third Countries not associated with to Horizon 2020 (TC), having concluded international agreements for scientific and technological cooperation setting out the terms and conditions of their participation in PRIMA are eligible: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Morocco. |
Eligible Applicants:	Any legal entity created under the European Union law is eligible.
Total Budget:	€9,100,000
Deadline:	02/04/2024
More information and official documents:	https://prima-med.org/submit-your-project/food-value-chain-in-the-nexus/

Call Title:	MULTI-TOPICS
Programme:	PRIMA - Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area
Objective:	Objective This call aims to promote innovative water accounting approaches that can enhance the gathering, analysis and communication of information related to water flows, fluxes, stocks, and consumption in selected watersheds/basins, with a view to improving the management of water resources, even in the face of changing climate as well as geopolitical and socio-economic shocks.
Eligible Activities:	To this end, projects should consider the following activities: • Make use of real-time monitoring and leverage new technologies and data sources, including remote sensing, big data analytics, machine learning, block chain, artificial intelligence, and cloud computing, to provide more accurate information on water availability and use, • Define target levels of sustainable water withdrawal and consumption for water using sectors and/or users (including ecosystems), that match the available resources and natural recharge patterns, • Multi-scale (from local to regional) biophysical analyses, climate studies and modelling delivering robust quantitative estimates of water balance components (water accounts) for the selected demonstration sites. • Create networks of researchers, water users (incl. farmers and water users' associations) and managers, policymakers and other stakeholders, adopting a multi/actor approach which considers their needs and perspectives, to share knowledge and improve water decision making and governance, based on the analysis of water related information. • Implement awareness-raising and knowledge-sharing initiatives that promote the use of water accounting to facilitate a shared understanding of the state of water resources and related issues among stakeholders, incentivise proper water use and discourage illicit • Incorporate economic valuation and the analysis of use-cost-price scenarios into water accounting with a view to improving pricing mechanisms and regulatory frameworks and increasing willingness to pay for the different uses and property rights. • Develop insurance programs and models to be employed under water scarcity conditions. The following Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU) are eligible: Croatia, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Slovenia. The following Third Countries associated to Horizon 2020 (AC) are eligible: Israel, Tunisia, and Turkey. The following Third Countries not associated with to Horizon 2020 (TC), having concluded international agreements for scientific and technological cooperation setting out the terms and conditions of their participation in PRIMA are eligible: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Morocco.
Eligible Applicants:	Any legal entity created under the European Union law is eligible.

Total Budget:	€34,700,000
Deadline:	04/04/2024
More information and official documents:	https://prima-med.org/submit-your-project/section-2-multi-topics-2024/

Call Title:	CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS (CSOS) AS ACTORS OF CHANGE
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships
Objective:	Objective The global objective of this call for proposals is to enhance civil society organisations' (CSOs) contributions to governance, development and human rights processes and outcomes.
Eligible Activities:	The priority(ies) of this call for proposals is/are • Lot 1: Reconciliation, Rehabilitation and Unity – The specific objective of this lot is to support peace building and sustainable reconciliation processes in Rwanda. • Lot 2: Voice and Accountability of Civil Society – The specific objective of this lot is to enhance citizen's voice and effective participation in accountability mechanisms. • Lot 3: Environment – The specific objective of this lot is to support climate and environment actions at local level, led by youth, to end the mutually reinforcing trends of climate change and ecosystem degradation. • Lot 4: Art & Culture – The specific objectives of this lot are to stimulate creativity and free artistic expression among youth and to strengthen the cultural and creative industries in Rwanda. • Lot 5: Anti-Discrimination – The specific objective of this lot is to protect and promote the rights of minority groups in Rwanda, including sexual minorities. • Lot 6: Durable Solutions for Forced Displacement – The specific objectives of this lot are to strengthen the resilience and self-reliance of forcibly displaced populations and host communities, and to contribute to providing durable solutions for forcibly displaced populations in one or more of the following camps: Kigeme, Kiziba, Mugombwa, Nyabiheke. Actions must take place in Rwanda.
Eligible Applicants:	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 civil society 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.
Total Budget:	€12,800,000
Deadline:	19/04/2024
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	**DRL FY23 CITIZENS ENGAGE ON NEW GBV LAW IN UZBEKISTAN**
Programme:	**US Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor**
Objective:	Objective The primary objective of this grant is to support projects that engage citizens in Uzbekistan on the new Gender-Based Violence (GBV) law. The initiative aims to promote democracy, human rights, and labor by combating GBV in Uzbekistan. This engagement is crucial for ensuring that the new GBV law is effectively implemented and that citizens are aware of and can advocate for their rights under this legislation. The program seeks to empower local communities, enhance legal literacy, and support civil society organizations in their efforts to monitor and promote the enforcement of the GBV law.
Eligible Activities:	By funding projects under this grant, DRL intends to contribute to the broader goal of supporting democracy, human rights, and labor in Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia, with a specific focus on assisting Uzbekistan in its efforts to combat gender-based violence. Actions must take place in Uzbekistan.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include U.S.-based and foreign-based non-profit organizations/nongovernment organizations (NGOs), public international organizations, private, public, or state institutions of higher education, and for-profit organizations or businesses. Preference is given to non-profit entities, although for-profit entities may be considered if they are best suited for the project.
Total Budget:	**$900,000**
Deadline:	**06/05/2024**
More information and official documents:	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352869

Call Title:	**Call for Proposals: Pandemic Fund**
Programme:	**The World Bank**
Objective:	The Pandemic Fund has opened its second call for proposals and is inviting interested Eligible Countries, Regional Entities, and Implementing Entities to develop full proposals for potential projects to be supported by this initial funding. In recognition of the high demand for funding under the first Call—considered a pilot Call, the second Call for Proposals will have a larger funding envelope and will again prioritize high-impact investments at national and regional level in early warning and disease surveillance systems, laboratory systems, and strengthening human resources and public health and community workforce capacity. Particular attention will be paid to community and civil society engagement, gender equity, and other broader equity considerations as cross-cutting areas of focus in proposal development and implementation. The Pandemic Fund a multi-stakeholder partnership provides a dedicated stream of additional, long-term grant financing to strengthen critical pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR) capacities and capabilities in low- and middle-income countries. It has mobilized $2 billion to date from 24 sovereign contributors and three philanthropies. The Fund is a collaborative effort between governments, the World Bank,

	the World Health Organization (WHO), other UN agencies, multilateral development banks (MDBs), global health initiatives, philanthropies, and civil society organizations. The Fund's governance is inclusive, with balanced representation from the Global North and the Global South, and with governments, philanthropies, and civil society organizations as voting members.
Eligible Activities:	Priority Areas In recognition of the high demand for funding demonstrated in the first CfP, the second CfP continues to prioritize high-impact investments in the following three priority areas: early warning and disease surveillance systems, laboratory systems (human and animal), and strengthening human resources/public health and community workforce capacity for human and animal health, to help countries prevent, prepare for and respond to health emergencies. Proposals submitted to the Pandemic Fund must cover one or more of these three priority areas. Within each of these three priority areas, countries and regions may have different investment needs. Types of activities that can be financed under the Second CfP Within each of the three priority areas for the second CfP, countries and regions may have different investment needs. A brief description of the types of activities that could be financed under the CfP in each of these areas is presented here, noting that proposals may cover one or more of these priority areas and may include activities at the intersection of the three areas: Early Warning and Disease Surveillance Systems: IHR (2005) and WOAH Standards require rapid detection of public health threats, as well as risk assessment (including understanding of drivers of emergence), notification, and response. A sensitive, collaborative surveillance system is needed to ensure early warning and to provide information for an informed decision-making process during public health events and emergencies. This involves a multisectoral and integrated health system approach, including monitoring outbreaks and emerging diseases in domestic and wild animals, antimicrobial resistance, community-based surveillance, clinical surveillance, sentinel surveillance systems and contact tracing during health emergencies, among others. Laboratory Systems: Laboratories are critical to surveillance, detection, and response. Strengthening laboratory systems requires investments across several areas and sectors, for example, in: a) specimen referral and transport systems to ensure that specimens can be shipped in a timely manner to appropriate reference laboratories, as necessary; b) developing and implementing national biosafety and biosecurity systems that allow for pathogens to be identified, characterized and monitored according to best practices, including activities such as a biological risk management training, country specific biosafety and biosecurity legislation, associated data management, laboratory licensing and pathogen control measures, and ensuring veterinary expertise is represented; c) strengthening lab quality management systems; d) building capacity to ensure reliable and timely testing including relay of results Human Resources/Public Health and Community Workforce Capacity: A multisectoral workforce is key to enabling prevention, early detection, and rapid response to potential events of concern at all levels of health and community systems, as required by the IHR and WOAH Standards, at a minimum. The availability and accessibility of a quality health workforce for surge capacity in emergencies, including a workforce for surveillance (e.g., field investigation and contact tracing teams, logisticians, laboratory personnel, animal and environmental health experts, clinicians, communications and event managers, and

experts in finance, human resources, supplies, etc.) and for early warning and awareness raising, is critical to prevention efforts, building the resilience of communities and for the continuity of health services during an emergency.

Further, regardless of priority areas for the second CfP and future rounds, the Pandemic Fund requires applicants to pay particular attention to community engagement, and in addition, to civil society engagement, gender equity, and other broader equity considerations, as cross-cutting areas of focus in proposal development and implementation, and that these considerations be reflected clearly in the proposals submitted.

Results Framework

The Results Framework covers results, and associated metrics and indicators, along four key dimensions:

Building capacity/demonstrating capability

Proposals will be required to demonstrate how the project will help improve applicable JEE, PVS, and SPAR scores and lead to improved capabilities in comprehensive disease surveillance and preparedness to respond to health emergencies. Specifically, the proposal should articulate which, among the applicable JEE third edition indicators and PVS pathway critical competencies from those listed below, would be targeted for improvement through the project, using the grant requested from the Pandemic Fund and other associated sources, and how the project will contribute to progress towards a demonstrated level of capacity (goal of level 4 or 5) on one or more of the indicators

Fostering coordination nationally (across sectors within countries), and among countries regionally and globally

One of the goals of the Pandemic Fund is to foster a coordinated, coherent, and community-led approach to pandemic PPR. Accordingly, proposals will be required to clearly demonstrate how the project brings together key institutions, networks and regional platforms (as applicable) engaged in pandemic PPR to ensure a cocreated, coordinated, and coherent approach between and among the applicant(s) and partners (e.g., by aligning support of different partners around a government strategy or national or regional plan, leveraging innovation and/or triggering new policy commitments and actions).

In this context, while the involvement of at least one IE is a requirement, proposals will be required to:

highlight the engagement of other IEs that are involved in the space being covered by the proposed project and how collaboration will be achieved, as applicable;

articulate how various relevant sectors, including health and others, have and will contribute to the project;

demonstrate, with supporting evidence, the co-ownership and co-creation of the project by all relevant parties, and their joint commitment to implementation.

Incentivizing additional investments in pandemic PPR

The Pandemic Fund seeks to incentivize financial and policy commitments from countries, Regional Entities and IEs as well as attract additional, new funds from other sources. To measure the Pandemic Fund's effectiveness in these areas, the Results Framework includes metrics to capture the extent to which Pandemic Fund resources complement and/or strengthen existing pandemic PPR/global health security efforts, the extent to which new funding sources are secured as a result of the Pandemic Fund grant, and the extent to which the capacities built by Pandemic Fund - supported projects can be sustained, following project completion.

Ensuring administrative/operational efficiency of Pandemic Fund resources

The Pandemic Fund will operate with high standards of transparency and accountability to ensure that resources are disbursed in a timely manner and used efficiently to address

	pandemic PPR needs. To this end, each project should include schedules for the commitment and disbursement of resources to projects and present project costs, including the cost of monitoring and evaluation of the outputs and impact of the work, and IE costs related to preparation, administration and supervision. The Results Framework includes metrics to capture these elements. Types of Proposals that will be accepted There are three types of proposals that will be accepted, which include: Single-country proposal: This is a proposal submitted by one eligible country along with one or more approved IEs, where the activities of the proposal will occur in and benefit those at the national or sub-national level of the applying country. Multi-country proposal: This is a proposal submitted by two or more eligible countries along with one or more approved IEs, where the activities of the proposal will occur in and benefit those at the national or sub-national level of each of the applying countries. A proposal from multiple countries in the same region would also be considered as a "multi-country proposal" and not a Regional Entity proposal. Regional Entity proposal: This is a proposal submitted by a Regional Entity (or body or platform) along with one or more approved IEs, where the activities of the proposal will occur in and benefit those at the regional or sub-regional level. A Regional Entity proposal is different than a multi-country proposal because the primary grant beneficiary is a Regional Entity, and not countries. Some examples of Regional Entities include the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and West African Health Organization (WAHO). Other regional bodies such as regional development communities or economic organizations may also be considered (e.g., Southern African Development Community (SADC), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)). Regional arms of a global organization, generally consisting of Member States grouped within a geographical region of that global organization, would typically not be eligible.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria Any country that is eligible to receive funding from IBRD and/or IDA is eligible, in principle, to receive funding from the Pandemic Fund. It may be noted, however, that the 16 countries that were awarded single-country grants under the first CfP are not eligible to receive single-country grants under the second CfP. However, these countries may be included in "Multi-country" or "Regional Entity" proposals, as defined. Countries that were part of successful multi-country grants and/or covered under successful Regional Entity proposals in the first CfP are eligible to apply for both single-country and multi-country grants in the second CfP. Funding proposals (referred to hereafter as "proposals") may be submitted by: An Eligible Country, groups of Eligible Countries, or a Regional Entity or Entities, working with one or more IEs; or IEs, working with a group of Eligible Countries or with a Regional Entity or Entities, for multi-country or Regional Entity proposals. Unsuccessful Applicants from the first CfP are encouraged to re-apply during this CfP. It is recommended that applicants review the feedback provided to them on their previous submission before re-applying, and ensure their proposal reflects the considerations in this Guidance Note, as well as subsequent advice to be issued when the application portal is opened in late February 2024.

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Total Budget:	$500,000,000
Deadline:	17/05/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.thepandemicfund.org/news/press-release/pandemic-fund-announces-second-round-funding-half-billion-dollar-envelope

Call Title:	Pan-European Audiovisual Reporting Program
Programme:	The European Commission (EC)
Objective:	The European Commission (EC) has announced a call for proposals to enhance the quantity, quality and impact of independent audiovisual reporting on EU affairs by pan-European media outlets in as many languages and EU member states as possible. Applicants are expected to produce and disseminate audiovisual content using both traditional and new media formats and distribution channels. They must adhere to European editorial standards, implement a shared pan-European branding and outreach strategy, and encourage exchanges of opinions and debates on key topics affecting European citizens.
Eligible Activities:	Topics Topic 1. Production and broadcasting of programmes and reports on EU affairs, including activities and policies of the EU institutions. Objectives This topic provides support for the production and broadcasting of programmes focusing on the policies and activities of the EU and its institutions, as well as European themes from a European perspective. Applicants should concentrate on daily and weekly tv programming, digital formats and news items. Proposals must outline the main formats proposed, including production methods, duration, frequency, editorial and technical aspects, number of languages and dissemination strategies. The topic aims to result in a common content offer available in multiple languages and Member states under shared-EU branding and editorial arrangements. It topic may also include support for coverage provided by correspondents across the Union, i.e. reporting on main topics affecting the European Union public sphere with a common European perspective. Themes and priorities Content formats Proposals are invited to focus on TV and, to some extent, digital production. This means that, on top of TV linear and non-linear broadcasting, some of the formats are expected to be offered through digital means and accompanied with a multiplaform strategy, such as using social media and engaging with audiences. The proposed programmes need to focus on the European Union and European affairs, as defined. Applicants are expected to propose multiple formats, particularly including: Daily/weekly programmes and tv magazines covering topics of panEuropean resonance and interest (e.g. in-depth reporting, debates, factchecking). Live broadcasts - Interviews of European Union personalities Talk shows and debates on EU topics. News about the EU institutions' works, decisions, and steps involved in building the EU, along with comparisons of different member-state realities. Governance and workflows

Applicants must explain the governance, editorial and technical arrangements underpinning the proposal.

All items must be produced, curated and/or disseminated under journalistic standards. Applicants are expected to outline the applicable editorial guidelines and standards, as well as their understanding of what constitutes EU affairs and EU remit. They should indicate how these standards are respected and implemented internally and externally (e.g. through independent analyses of editorial quality) ensuring transparency and/or measures to increase accountability towards the audiences.

Applicants must demonstrate the extent to which their editorial arrangements underpin a European perspectice (i.e. are appropriate to provide European perspectives6 to audiences across the EU).

Distribution and outreach

Dissemination is a fundamental part of this topic. Applicants are invited to describe the existing or planned distribution mechanisms through tv, digital and other innovative formats (e.g. apps, etc).

The content offer should target the widest possible audience in multiple EU countries. The proposal should include a cross-platform outreach plan and a social media strategy. This plan must identify target audiences and relevant multipliers, with adapted outreach objectives. Audiences should be able to access the content for free.

Media organisations applying to this topic should be well-positioned to bring a European perspective to their viewers and audiences in multiple EU countries. Thus, applicants are expected to produce and distribute a common content offer through a common visual identity, branding and visibility strategy underpinning the European Union nature of the action.

Activities that can be funded

The following types of activities are eligible under this topic:

Editorial projects, content production, curation and dissemination and related activities. Coordination and editorial supervision, governance, management, technical and editorial workflows, staff, control systems.

Setup, maintenance and/or development of technical delivery, distribution and transmission systems (either audiovisual and/or via digital platforms, websites and tools, etc.).

Expected impact

This topic aims to increase the coverage and availability of audiovisual and digital news content on EU affairs from European perspectives. Audiences will gain access to more content on EU affairs through a pool of common European programming in multiple Member States, thereby strengthening a shared democratic engagement and public debate.

The territorial focus of this action is: EU Member states

Topic 2. News services in languages with limited coverage of EU affairs and/or where the diversity of EU news content can improve.

Objectives

This topic focuses on building or developing international news media offers in EU countries where media pluralism, market plurality and content diversity can improve, including in language markets where the availability of content on EU affairs is limited. According to the 2023 Media Pluralism Monitor, nearly all countries in the European Union experience medium to high risks in terms of market plurality, with Hungary achieving the lowest score. Therefore, establishing and/or maintaining an EU international audiovisual news service in Hungarian is a primary focus under this topic. The service should serve as a platform to produce and disseminate EU and international audiovisual and digital content among Hungarian-speaking populations in the European Union.

Applicants might accompany the provision of a service in Hungarian with other languages in EU countries where further provision of independent content on EU affairs has the potential to increasing media pluralism. In all cases, applicants should leverage digital means and technologies to expand audience reach.

Themes and priorities (scope)

Under this topic, applicants are invited to setup and/or develop international, audiovisual media services specialised on EU affairs and delivering 24/7 content specifically in Hungarian, and, potentially, in other languages in as much as the offer could increase media pluralism in the targeted EU markets.

The provision of EU audiovisual services in Hungarian (and other proposed languages, if relevant) should offer audiences continuous access to an independent source of EU and international news content, as an alternative to the usual, national content offers. This offer must focus particularly on EU affairs.

Linguistic services

Applicants must explain the different components comprising the proposed EU international service, starting by its strategic positioning, nature and purpose. They are encouraged to also utilize local structures in the countries of action (for example in terms of premises, editing staff, technical provisions) if feasible.

Applicants are expected to detail

The chosen editorial formats and distribution models.

The composition and organisation of the editorial and technical staff.

The types of content (notably EU affairs, etc) populating the service

The linguistic services must focus on EU affairs but can be enhanced by the production of content from areas of interest, potentially involving staff such as Brussels correspondents, digital offices, etc. Similarly, applicants should be capable of producing content that fosters enhanced public and plural debate in the chosen linguistic markets).

Distribution and outreach

Applicants must describe the proposed delivery systems for the service. They are encouraged to explore mediums such as traditional TV, digital TV, and digital formats (including web, digital apps, etc.).

The content offer should target the widest possible audience in the targeted countries (including Hungarian speaking populations). The proposal should include a cross-platform outreach plan and a social media strategy. Audiences should be able to access the content for free.

Media organisations applying to this topic should be in a good position to bring a European perspective to their viewers and audiences. Thus, applicants are expected to produce and distribute a common content offer through a common visual identity, branding and visibility strategy underpinning the European Union nature of the action.

For TV programming, applicants are also strongly encouraged to search synergies of the services with other existing linguistic offers (e.g. through common programming grids across borders). On digital formats, proposals are expected to consider different sorts of technical and engagement solutions to ensure discoverability and sorting, user-friendliness and dissemination of content, as well as the tools to monitor impact.

Activities that can be funded

The following types of activities are eligible under this topic:

Editorial projects, content production, curation and dissemination and related activities.

Coordination and editorial supervision, governance, management, technical and editorial workflows, staff, control systems.

Rental or maintenance of studios and premises locally to carry out the action

Expected impact

	This action aims to increase the coverage and availability of audiovisual and digital content on EU affairs in Hungarian and other languages where availability of content on EU affairs can improve. These audiences will gain access to more content on EU affairs through new international/EU programming, thereby reinforcing democratic engagement and public debate in the targeted countries.
	The territorial focus of this action is: EU Member states with limited coverage of EU affairs and/or where the diversity of EU affairs content can improve.
	Consistent with other projects dealing with developing a European public sphere, applicants will have to propose indicators to measure the accomplishment of their actions and plans. Indicators will address, at least, the following categories: (a) Proportion of EU citizens addressed through the multilingual offer, (b) Potential audience, (c) Actual audience, (d) Digital reach, (e) Engagement through social media, (f) Editorial quality and European perspective.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must: be legal entities (public or private bodies) be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.: EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs) Proposals may be submitted by any of the following applicants or combinations of: News media organisations specialising in EU matters. Natural persons are not eligible International organisations are not eligible. Entities which do not have legal personality under their national law may exceptionally participate, provided that their representatives have the capacity to undertake legal obligations on their behalf, and offer guarantees for the protection of the EU financial interests equivalent to that offered by legal persons. EU bodies (with the exception of the European Commission Joint Research Centre) can not be part of the consortium. Affiliated entities Legal entities having a legal or capital link with applicants, which is neither limited to the action nor established for the sole purpose of its implementation, may take part in the action as affiliated entities, and may declare eligible costs as specified in section 10.
Total Budget:	**€11,000,000**
Deadline:	**24/05/2024**
More information and official documents:	https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/funding/pan-european-audiovisual-reporting

Call Title:	**Climate Impact Innovations Challenge 2024**
Programme:	**East Ventures**
Objective:	Submissions are now open for the Climate Impact Innovations Challenge (CIIC), Indonesia's largest climate innovations tech competition. CIIC provides a platform for tech innovators to showcase their sustainable innovations in addressing ecological challenges and mitigating the impacts of climate change. The Climate Impact Innovations Challenge is presented by East Ventures and Singapore's Temasek Foundation.

Eligible Activities:	The three tracks of CIIC 2024: Energy Transition They are seeking innovative ideas and solutions that drive the adoption of renewable energy and contribute to the reduction and removal of carbon emissions, to help communities and industries shift towards energy transition in a low-cost and inclusive manner. Sustainable Agriculture They are seeking innovative ideas and solutions that enhance food production (plant, cultivate, harvest, process), and improve agricultural practices due to climate change. Circular Economy They are seeking innovative ideas and solutions aimed at enhancing waste management processes and transforming waste into valuable materials, resources, and energy, thereby reducing waste sent to landfills and for incineration as well as plastic pollution.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicant Criteria The Climate Impact Innovations Challenge is open for participants globally. Pilot to create minimum viable product with the intention for commercialization. Possesses an original and innovative proposal. Proposes an impactful solution that addresses key challenges in at least one of the three tracks: Energy Transition, Sustainable Agriculture, and Circular Economy. Presents a feasible solution that can be adopted quickly and perform well in a large scale setting. Potential for commercially viable solution, with a large market size.
Total Budget:	$1,000,000
Deadline:	04/06/2024
More information and official documents:	https://climateimpactinnovations.com/

Call Title:	SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY IN ESWATINI
Programme:	**European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)**
Objective:	Objective The global objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen CSOs as independent actors of governance representing different groups. The action aims to contribute to an inclusive and equal participation of CSOs in Eswatini, in particular CSOs active in promoting an enabling environment for women and youth and vulnerable groups, and to an inclusive and open dialogue among civil society, local authorities and the private sector.
Eligible Activities:	The specific objectives of this call for proposals are: • To support the role of CSOs in the promotion of fundamental values, good governance, policy development and the protection of human rights through tailor-made capacity building initiatives and establishing of collaboration platforms/networking.

	• To strengthen capacities of civil society and grass-root organisations across all its dimensions in EU priority areas: to engage in gender equality, youth and people with disabilities social inclusion, empowerment and human rights. • To establish a funding mechanism (e.g. through financial support to third parties) that provides different types of support tailor-made to the size and capacity of civil society actors. Actions must take place in Eswatini.
Eligible Applicants:	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: civil society organization 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.
Total Budget:	€3,000,000
Deadline:	05/06/2024
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	CATALYSER FOR ENERGY TRANSITION IN ESWATINI 2024
Programme:	**European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)**
Objective:	Objective The global objective of this call for proposals is: to contribute to inclusive economic growth and job creation. The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals is/are: to boost the sustainable and inclusive development of the Eswatini key value chains via renewable energy and energy efficiency investments. The key value chains under this action are the ones more important for rural development and trade under SADC-EU Economic Partnership Agreement, as well as their potential for sustainable and inclusive growth and job creation. This value chains are not limited to the Agricultural sector, but also include the Commercial and Industrial (C&I) sectors.

Eligible Activities:	The priority(ies) of this call for proposals is/are: To provide tailor-made support to smallholding farmers, farmer companies, women, youth and people/groups living in vulnerable situations with business ideas in:
	  a) identify the renewable energy and energy efficiency investment potential in their operations;
	  b) create awareness on the legal and financing requirements of such investments;
	  c) bundle investment projects so that they meet Finance Institutions' criteria;
	  d) develop bankable investment concepts and applications;
	  e) provide coaching and monitoring during their investment project implementation when desired or necessary.
	
	Actions must take place in Eswatini.

Eligible Applicants:	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: private or public

sector operator, or international (inter-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.

Total Budget:	**€820,000**
Deadline:	**06/06/2024**
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	Interreg Europe 3rd Call
Programme:	**Interreg Europe**
Objective:	This is a call for proposals for interregional cooperation projects. These projects gather policy-relevant organisations from different countries in Europe working together on a common regional development issue. The first three years of the projects ('core phase') are dedicated to exchange and transfer of experience among the participating partners in order to improve the policy instruments addressed by the project. In the fourth and last year ('follow-up phase'), the regions mainly focus on monitoring the results and impact of the cooperation
Eligible Activities:	1. Smarter Europe All specific objectives: (i) Research and Innovation capacities, uptake of advanced technologies (ii) Digitisation for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities (iii) Sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments (iv) Skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition & entrepreneurship (v) Digital connectivity 2. Greener Europe All specific objectives: (i) Energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse emissions (ii) Renewable energy (iii) Smart energy systems, grids and storage (iv) Climate change adaptation, disaster risk prevention, resilience (v) Access to water and sustainable water management (vi) Circular and resource efficient economy (vii) Protection and preservation of nature and biodiversity, green infrastructures, pollution reduction (viii) Sustainable urban mobility for zero carbon economy 3. More connected Europe All specific objectives: (i) Climate resilient, intelligent, secure, sustainable and intermodal TEN-T (ii) Sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility 4. More social Europe The following selected specific objectives: (i) Effectiveness and inclusiveness of labour market, access to quality employment, social economy (vi) Culture and tourism for economic development, social inclusion and social innovation 20% (v) Equal access to health care, health systems resilience, family-based and community-based care

	(ii) Accesses to education, training and lifelong learning, distance and on-line education and training (iii) Inclusion of marginalised communities, low-income households and disadvantaged groups (iv) Socio-economic integration of third country nationals, including migrants 5. <u>Europe closer to Citizens All specific objectives</u> (i) Sustainable integrated territorial development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security (urban areas) (ii) Sustainable integrated territorial development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security (other than urban)
Eligible Applicants:	Geographical areas Countries covered North - Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden East - Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia South - Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain West - Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland Candidate countries area - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Ukraine
Total Budget:	€130,000,000
Deadline:	07/06/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.interregeurope.eu/apply-for-the-call

Call Title:	**Post-Li-ion technologies and relevant manufacturing techniques for mobility applications (Generation 5) (Batt4EU Partnership) HORIZON-CL5-2024-D2-02-02**
Programme:	**HORIZON-RIA HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions**
Objective:	Expected Outcome: This topic aims at developing: • Generation 5[1] technologies for mobility applications; • the relevant manufacturing techniques which are affecting performance, safety and costs; • Cell designs which will allow for full and easy recyclability at the end of their life. • This topic also aims at evaluating the possible manufacturing compatibility with existing lithium-ion production infrastructure. Projects are expected to contribute to at least one of the following outcomes: • Conversion systems based on metallic anodes with enhanced safety, delivering on cost, performance, sustainability and recyclability, with clear prospects for the feasibility of the scale-up of the manufacturing processes. • Metallic anode protection and/or activation for conversion systems (polymer, ceramic and hybrid electrolytes) with increased safety, cycle life and low cost. • Post lithium-ion cells based on cations other than lithium with long cycle-life (Sodium-ion is excluded and covered by topic HORIZON-CL5-2024-D2-01-02).

	• In addition, projects are expected to contribute to creating rechargeable batteries that will work in realistic environments, are recyclable and with low environmental impact, and have safe manufacturing processes. To the extent possible the safety and sustainability of developed materials should be assessed in alignment with the Commission Recommendation on safe and sustainable by design chemicals and materials[2]. Translating these outcomes into indicative KPIs to guide the R&I efforts, projects are expected to show a credible technical pathway to achieve all the following targets by 2030 and beyond: • A safe behaviour at cell level: expected EUCAR Hazard level below 4 for automotive; level 2 for aviation and waterborne applications; • Specific energy at cell level targeting 500 Wh/kg, and volumetric energy density at cell level targeting 600 Wh/l; • Charge and discharge with a C-rate between 2 and 10; • 800+ cycles at 50%DoD or 400 cycles at >80%DoD; • Cost at cell level < 75 euro/kWh.
Eligible Activities:	Scope: Proposals should address improvements in sustainable materials designs[3] to reach the manufacturability and high safety of the selected technology. Successful projects are expected to cover at least three of the following bullet points: • Improvement of materials: • Scalable and manufacturable surface coating materials for metallic anode protection and/or activation (e.g. CVD, PLD, ALD…) to increase safety and cycle life. • Binders with high chemical and thermal stability to reduce toxicity and enable the use of water-based manufacturing processes. • Design and development of new cell technologies with higher capacities compared to Li-ion cells. • Improve and increase the electrodes-electrolyte compatibility with additives to increase over cell time. • Improve the understanding of the chemical and/or electrochemical reaction mechanisms using advanced techniques in the cells for Gen5 technologies developed. • Improve the insertion cathode with high charge-storage capacity. • Use of safe and non-toxic materials. • New efficient and sustainable catalysts that can promote polysulfide conversion in Metal-S batteries or the oxygen evolution/reduction reactions in rechargeable Metal-air batteries. • Design and manufacturing: • Innovative cell design ensuring high performances, low cost and ready for recycling. • Develop relevant manufacturing processes and assess the possible manufacturing compatibility with the existing lithium-ion production infrastructure and production lines. • Proof of concept possibly at small pilot line scale. • Design production with low environmental impact, safe and healthy environment for workers, low energy consumption.

	• Projects are encouraged to demonstrate also techno-economic suitability of the solution for other emerging markets, such as motive power for off-road applications, or energy storage applications. Plans for the exploitation and dissemination of results for proposals submitted under this topic should include a strong business case and sound exploitation strategy, as outlined in the introduction to this Destination. The exploitation plans should include preliminary plans for scalability, commercialisation and deployment (feasibility study, business plan). Projects are expected to collaborate and contribute to the activities of the Coordination and Support Action defined under the topic HORIZON-CL5-2022-D2-01-08, including the definition of a long-term research roadmap for this topic. This topic implements the co-programmed European Partnership on Batteries (Batt4EU). As such, projects resulting from this topic will be expected to report on the results to the European Partnership on Batteries (Batt4EU) in support of the monitoring of its KPIs. Specific Topic Conditions: Activities are expected to achieve TRL 4 by the end of the project
Eligible Applicants:	Any type of organisation can apply for Horizon Europe funding as long as they have the operational and financial capacity to carry out the tasks that they propose. For most calls for proposals, you must apply as a team of at least 3 partner organisations from 3 different EU or associated countries. At least one of the 3 partners must be from an EU country. In addition to these 3 partners, organisations from other countries might be able to join your consortium. Please consult the Horizon Europe programme guide. Further details or exceptions are listed on the pages of the call topics in the Funding & tenders portal. Some calls for proposals require a so-called multi-actor approach: this means your proposed project must involve a diverse set of stakeholders, in particular end-users and users of the project's results.
Total Budget:	€15,000,000
Deadline:	05/09/2024
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d2-02-02

Call Title:	**Effects of disruptive changes in transport: towards resilient, safe and energy efficient mobility HORIZON-CL5-2024-D6-01-11**
Programme:	**HORIZON-RIA HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions**
Objective:	Expected Outcome: Research is expected to contribute to all the following outcomes: • Transport systems that are resilient, i.e. prepared for disruptive changes of different kinds, and thereby supporting continuously improved traffic safety.

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	• Resilience to unexpected events (pandemics, natural disasters, political decisions, conflicts, energy and fuel disruptions, raw materials and component supply vulnerabilities etc.) as an integrated principle in the design and development of future transport systems. • Increased understanding how sudden changes in the availability of transport means e.g. through dramatic weather events or emission induced ban of certain vehicles in a city, affect the safety of transport system users, and the underlying psychological effects for users' reactions.
Eligible Activities:	Scope: The importance of a robust transport systems becomes highly evident in times of rapid, changes that are neither planned, scheduled nor predicted. The COVID-19 pandemic has pointed at several issues (e.g. delivery of essential goods, ensuring uninterrupted and safe public transport operations for essential workers etc.) that need to be addressed to secure future resilience of the transport system and to ensure that the level of transport safety is not only maintained, but also meeting more demanding targets. For instance, the decreased use of public transport during the pandemic has to some extent led to increases in both biking and walking, but also an increased use of cars in some parts of the world. At the same time, decreased traveling has meant fewer vehicles on the roads in certain areas, whereas others have seen an increase of delivery vehicles, as home deliveries have surged. Likewise, the current energy market realities have made even more pressing the need of an energy efficient mobility system that could absorb disruptions in the fuel supply chain. Digital tools/services and new transport means (e.g. urban air mobility and micro mobility), new ways how to use the infrastructure (e.g. even more shared spaces with different types of vehicles, both highly automated and manually controlled) in a more energy efficient manner and new behaviour should be included in the research. In order to provide safe and resilient transport for all, many aspects are expected to be considered in a clearly multidisciplinary approach. Proposed actions are expected to address at least three out of the following aspects: Scenarios of disruptive changes that can make a transport system unstable should be identified, the consequences on transport safety be analysed, and solutions to tackle them developed. This includes safety implications of rapid changes / new incentives (sometimes contradictory to previous ones, e.g. regarding the use of public transport in a pandemic situation). Analysis of how socio-economic differences may affect the safety of individuals in case of disruptive changes (e.g. individual mobility options are determined by the socio-economic status). Study of how the concept of resilience at the system level can be applied and used for the improvement of transport safety. Evaluation of the potential and development of recommendations on how to improve transport safety and resilience through suburban planning and future housing developments with their effects on the demand for transport and through the design of transport infrastructure networks. A definition of resilience in the context of transport systems should be provided, and factors of transport safety and energy efficiency that are essential to take into account should be determined. Moreover, scenarios for disruptive changes should be identified that can make a transport system instable, the consequences on transport safety be

	analysed, and solutions to tackle them be developed. Hence, a structured method to secure safety as an integrated part in resilient transport systems should be provided. A solid foundation for this research is the Safe System Approach. It requires the inclusion of relevant expertise in social sciences and humanities (SSH) and will benefit from international cooperation.
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Total Budget:	**€7,000,000**
Deadline:	**05/09/2024**
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-11

Call Title:	**MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024** **HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01**
Programme:	**HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships**
Objective:	Expected Outcome: Project results are expected to contribute to the following outcomes: For supported postdoctoral fellows • Increased set of research and transferable skills and competences, leading to improved employability and career prospects of MSCA postdoctoral fellows within academia and beyond; • New mind-sets and approaches to R&I work forged through international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary experience; • Enhanced networking and communication capacities with scientific peers, as well as with the general public that will increase and broaden the research and innovation impact. For participating organisations • Increased alignment of working conditions for researchers in accordance with the principles set out in the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers;

	- Enhanced quality and sustainability of research training and supervision; - Increased global attractiveness, visibility and reputation of the participating organisation(s); - Stronger R&I capacity and output among participating organisations; better transfer of knowledge; - Regular feedback of research results into teaching and education at participating organisations.
Eligible Activities:	Scope: Fellowships will be provided to excellent researchers undertaking international mobility. Applications will be made jointly by the researcher and a beneficiary in the academic or non-academic sector. Postdoctoral Fellowships either can take place in Europe (i.e. in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country) or in a Third Country not associated to Horizon Europe: European Postdoctoral Fellowships are open to researchers of any nationality who wish to engage in R&I projects by either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe. The standard duration of these fellowships must be between 12 and 24 months. Global Postdoctoral Fellowships are open to European nationals or long-term residents[1] who wish to engage in R&I projects with organisations outside EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries. These fellowships require an outgoing phase of minimum 12 and maximum 24 months in a non-associated Third Country, and a mandatory 12-month return phase to a host organisation based in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country. Specific eligibility conditions apply to MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships in the research areas covered by the Euratom Research and Training Programme 2021-2025[1]. Secondments Researchers receiving a Postdoctoral Fellowship may opt to include a secondment phase, within the overall duration of their fellowship in any country worldwide. The secondment phase can be a single period or be divided into shorter mobility periods. For European Postdoctoral Fellowships, secondments cannot exceed one third of the requested duration of the action (excluding from the duration of the action any additional period for a non-academic placement) and should be in line with the project objectives, adding significant value and impact to the fellowship. For Global Postdoctoral Fellowships, optional secondments are permitted for up to one third of the outgoing phase. A maximum of three months of such secondments can be spent at the start of the project at the beneficiary (or associated partners linked to the beneficiary), allowing the researcher to spend time there before going to the associated partner in the Third Country. This period of maximum three months will be considered as part of the outgoing phase. Secondments cannot take place during the mandatory twelve-month return period to the host organisation in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. Placements in the non-academic sector

Postdoctoral Fellowships can provide an additional period of up to six months to support researchers opting for a placement at the end of the project to work on R&I projects in an organisation from the non-academic sector established in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country[3]. While this possibility is also available to fellows recruited in the non-academic sector, such a placement must be implemented at a different non-academic host organisation established in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country[4]. The request for such a non-academic placement must be an integral part of the proposal, explaining the added-value for the project and for the career development of the researcher, and will be subject to evaluation. This incentive aims at promoting career moves between sectors and organisations and thereby stimulate innovation and knowledge transfer while expanding career opportunities for researchers.

If the placement does not meet the requirements (taking place in an academic organisation or in a Third Country), the proposal will be evaluated without taking into account the placement. This might affect the final score.

Training activities
The training activities implemented under the Postdoctoral Fellowships should include training for key transferable skills[5], foster innovation and entrepreneurship, (e.g. commercialisation of results, Intellectual Property Rights, communication, public engagement and citizen science), foster good scientific conduct such as research integrity and promote Open Science practices (open access to publications and to other research outputs including data, FAIR data management, societal engagement and citizen science etc.).

Career Development Plan
In order to equip MSCA postdoctoral fellows with skills that enhance and expand their career opportunities inside and outside academia, a Career Development Plan should be established jointly by the supervisor(s) and the researcher. In addition to research objectives, this plan should comprise the researcher's training and career needs, including training on transferable skills, teaching, planning for publications and participation in conferences and events aiming at opening science and research to citizens. The Plan will have to be submitted as a project deliverable at the beginning of the action and can be updated when needed.

Euratom
Aiming to enhance nuclear expertise and excellence as well as synergies between Programmes, organisations active in nuclear research established in one of EU Member States or countries associated to the Euratom Research and Training programme 2021-2025, are eligible to participate[6]. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships in this area of research will be supported by the Euratom Research and Training Programme 2021-2025 through an indicative annual financial contribution of EUR 1 million to the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships call[7].

ERA Fellowships
The ERA Fellowships implemented through Work Programme Annex 11, Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area, provide specific support to researchers to undertake their fellowship in a widening country[8]. This will help spread excellence and contribute to fostering balanced brain circulation in widening countries.

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