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Call Title:	Opportunity Fund: Call for Proposals – Global South
Programme:	Climate Ambition Support Alliance (CASA)
Objective:	The Climate Ambition Support Alliance (CASA) is now accepting applications, via the Opportunity Fund, to fund activities that increase the capacity and capability of climate-vulnerable country negotiators and negotiation groups to engage in international climate negotiations and take transformative actions to confront the impacts and risks of climate change.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The CASA Opportunity Fund provides grants to finance activities that support a fair, inclusive, and ambitious negotiation process in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), upholding the objectives of the Paris Agreement and Glasgow Pact.</p> <p>CASA is a £9.5m UK Department for Energy Security and Net Zero funded programme implemented by DAI Global UK Ltd. The programme is an important support mechanism for many climate vulnerable country parties that are adopting the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), by supporting their ability to access and influence climate negotiations.</p> <p>They are particularly interested in receiving applications from organisations based in the global south that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support negotiators from diverse backgrounds, particularly indigenous groups, women and youth. Focus on either Transparency & Reporting, Adaptation, or Nature. Support in drafting National Adaption Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC). Enhance coordination and collaboration amongst negotiators and strengthen progressive alliances. Generate products that support countries to develop capacity at the institutional, policy and legislative levels to implement the goals of the Paris Agreement. Support climate vulnerable country negotiators to access best practice resources, funding, and knowledge exchange to implement UNFCCC agreements. This includes support in preparation and submitting applications to large multilateral climate funds.
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a company or organisation that is legally registered, or is in the process of legal registration, in its main country of operations. The Applicant has the financial management and technical capabilities to implement the project. The Applicant organisation has been operational for at least 3 months prior to applying for the programme. Minimum of eight years' project delivery experience within the proposed delivery team. The proposed project has considered potential risks and provided clear risk management approach. The proposed project's environmental impacts are minimum or non-existent.
Total Budget:	£500,000
Deadline:	29/02/2024
More information and official documents:	https://casaclimate.org/news/opportunity-fund-call-for-proposals-2/

Call Title:	Ethereum Foundation Academic Grants Round 2024
Programme:	Ethereum Foundation
Objective:	<p>The Ethereum Foundation is thrilled to announce the Academic Grants Round 2024, an initiative dedicated to fostering research in the Ethereum ecosystem.</p> <p>Following the overwhelming success of the 2023 round, where they funded 43 projects from 20 countries, they are eager to continue supporting academic contributions. With a focus on a wide array of domains such as, applied and theoretical cryptography, economics, game theory, security, consensus protocols, formal verification, p2p networking, society and regulation, and hardware, they aim to catalyze research that propels the Ethereum ecosystem forward.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The Foundation is looking for proposals that not only align with the wishlist but also bring novel perspectives and approaches. They encourage you to draw inspiration from the wishlist and think creatively about how your research can contribute to the Ethereum ecosystem.</p> <p>Research Domain Areas</p> <p>The Ethereum Foundation is interested in research and academic output in the following domain areas, but don't let this restrict your creativity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Econ & Game Theory • Theoretical and Applied Cryptography • Consensus/Protocol • Networking & P2P • Client Engineering • Security • Formal Verification • Context • Research Areas • Past Ethereum Specification FV • Humanities <p>Selection Criteria</p> <p>Applications are selected for funding on a case-by-case basis. You may submit more than one application as long as each proposal is unique and meets the requirements and goals of this round. Submissions will be reviewed using the following considerations. Note: depending on the proposal, some criteria might not be applicable:</p> <p>Impact of the proposed research output</p> <p>Quality of work and experience of the research team</p> <p>Clarity, conciseness, and organization of the proposal</p> <p>Contribution to the wishlist areas</p> <p>Potential of long-term involvement in the Ethereum ecosystem</p> <p>Analyses of visualizations that help a non-technical audience gain insight into the research</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Projects must produce formal academic research.</p> <p>Research output must be open-access with a free and permissive license.</p> <p>Individual researchers with academic backgrounds, research centers, universities, think-tanks, educators and other stakeholders interested in research on matters related to Ethereum and its ecosystem are encouraged to apply.</p> <p>Undergraduate researchers will require a postdoctoral advisor.</p>

	<p>What is not eligible?</p> <p>Anything that is not legal within the jurisdiction where the work is taking place</p> <p>Financial products and services (trading platforms, investment products, stablecoins, lending or betting platforms, etc.)</p> <p>Art projects or social impact projects that don't fit within the scope of this round</p> <p>Projects requesting retroactive funding</p> <p>Projects with a planned token launch or public funding round</p>
Total Budget:	\$1,000,000
Deadline:	05/03/2024
More information and official documents:	https://esp.ethereum.foundation/academic-grants

Call Title:	STRENGTHENING PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AT THE PUBLIC AND WORKPLACE IN BANGLADESH
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is: Women, men, girls and boys, in all their diversity, are free from all forms of gender-based violence in public spheres, the work place and online. The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals is: To strengthen the prevention and the response to sexual and gender-based violence at the public and workplaces.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The priorities of this call for proposals are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevention of and protection from all forms of sexual and gender-based violence in the public spheres, in the work place and online through legislation and effective enforcement. 2. System strengthening and safeguarding approach to respond to all forms of gender-based violence, including sexual harassment and bullying, in educational institutions, workplaces and the transport sector. 3. Civil society, workers and young people are agents of change to transform discriminatory social norms and gender stereotypes that perpetuate gender inequality and gender-based violence. <p>Actions must take place in Bangladesh.</p>
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 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:	€4,800,000
Deadline:	20/03/2024
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	USAID ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE ACTIVITY (EECRA)
Programme:	Bangladesh USAID-Dhaka
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>The USAID Enabling Environment for Climate Resilience Activity (EECRA) is a program seeking applications for a Cooperative Agreement from qualified International and/or Bangladeshi local entities.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The goal of EECRA is to strengthen climate resilience by fostering an enabling environment. This involves supporting initiatives that contribute to the resilience of communities, systems, and institutions in Bangladesh against climate-related impacts. The program emphasizes the importance of innovative and effective approaches to address climate challenges, aiming to create sustainable and long-term resilience strategies.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Bangladesh.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The opportunity is open to any type of entity, both international and Bangladeshi local entities, subject to any further clarifications in the notice.
Total Budget:	\$15,000,000
Deadline:	21/03/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352076

Call Title:	FY 2024 NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR NGO PROGRAMS BENEFITING REFUGEES IN ETHIOPIA
Programme:	U.S. Department of State
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>The FY 2024 funding opportunity by the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration aims to support NGO programs that primarily assist refugees in Ethiopia, particularly in the Afar, Amhara, and Gambella regions.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>This initiative is part of PRM's mandate to provide protection, assistance, and sustainable solutions for refugees and victims of conflict. The focus is on programs that ensure at least 50% of the beneficiaries are refugees, addressing their critical needs in these specific regions and contributing to their protection and well-being.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Ethiopia.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education. International organizations and United Nations agencies should contact the PRM Program Officer directly instead of applying through Grants.gov.

Total Budget:	\$2,000,000
Deadline:	22/03/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352210

Call Title:	USAID STRENGTHENING LOCAL HEALTH SECURITY
Programme:	USAID-VIETNAM
Objective:	Objective The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Vietnam (USAID/Vietnam) is seeking applications for a Cooperative Agreement from qualified entities to implement the “USAID Strengthening Local Health Security” Activity.
Eligible Activities:	The activity aims to strengthen Vietnam’s capacity at the sub-national levels to effectively prevent, detect, and respond to epidemic-prone emerging infectious diseases (EID) through One Health (human, animal, and environmental) approaches to achieve Global Health Security (GHS) targets, focusing on zoonotic diseases (ZD), EID surveillance and response, and risk communications and community engagement (RCCE). Actions must take place in Vietnam.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is unrestricted.
Total Budget:	\$21,500,000
Deadline:	22/03/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352199

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM MINOR FOUNDATION FOR MAJOR CHALLENGES
Programme:	MINOR FOUNDATION FOR MAJOR CHALLENGES
Objective:	Objective The Minor Foundation for Major Challenges is a Norwegian trust that funds communication projects which mitigate anthropogenic climate change. The board grants support to the projects they believe have the greatest impact on influencing public opinion and increasing political support for cutting green house gas emissions. The Foundation’s work focuses on providing inspiration, changing attitudes, spreading information, etc., all meant to have an impact on decision-makers in society.
Eligible Activities:	Their ultimate goal is to reach as many people as possible in the hope of limiting and helping to prevent global climate changes. Most of their funding goes to Europe. So far they have supported around 30 projects. Innovative and experimental projects with high impact are particularly encouraged. The thematic areas of eligible for funding are (1)

	<p>climate change and (2) environment and natural resources. The foundation's priorities are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – encourage and support innovation in climate communication – increase the number of voices and narratives in climate advocacy – help strengthen social and political movements that open up for radical change – concentrate on supporting European proposals <p>They have funded projects in Asia (China) and Europe but welcome applications from all over the world.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible for funding are non-profit organisations with a mission to combat climate change and environmental concerns.
Total Budget:	€200,000
Deadline:	22/03/2024
More information and official documents:	https://unifor.no/stiftelser/the-minor-foundation-for-major-challenges/?_sf_s=Minor

Call Title:	SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS IN CONFLICT PREVENTION, PEACE-BUILDING AND CRISIS PREPAREDNESS IN SOUTH ASIA AND MYANMAR
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is to contribute to effective conflict prevention, peace building and crisis preparedness. The specific objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen the institutional and operational capacity of in-country civil society actors, specifically focusing on youth in peace and security.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>The priority of this call for proposals is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting conflict prevention and conflict resolution measures targeting in particular young people engaged in peace and security actions, including by facilitating and building capacity in confidence-building, mediation, dialogue and reconciliation processes. <p>Actions must take place in Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal.</p>
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 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:	€3,900,000
Deadline:	23/03/2024
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	2024 DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS CALL FOR PROPOSALS – PHILIPPINES
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is to support and strengthen civil society organisations working on critical democracy and human rights issues in the Philippines. The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support human rights defenders working on the most critical areas of human rights policy and democracy issues; • To contribute to the national effort in protecting the rights of children and other vulnerable groups impacted by climate change; • To support CSO initiatives to promote human rights cities in the Philippines.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The priority(ies) of this call for proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot 1: Support to human rights defenders • Lot 2: Protecting the rights of children and other vulnerable groups impacted by climate change • Lot 3: Support to human rights cities <p>Actions must take place in Philippines.</p>
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 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:	€3,350,000
Deadline:	23/03/2024
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES (CFLI) – SOUTH AFRICA
Programme:	High Commission of Canada in South Africa
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>The High Commission of Canada in South Africa is pleased to launch its annual call for proposals for the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). The purpose of this process is to select approximately 5-6 projects to be implemented in South Africa starting in or around July 2024.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>All projects must align with at least 1 of the following CFLI thematic priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive governance, including diversity and 2SLGBTQI+, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Growth that works for everyone, including women’s economic rights, decent jobs and entrepreneurship, investing in the poorest and most vulnerable, and safeguarding economic gains. • Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human dignity, covering health, education and nutrition. <p>Actions must take place in South Africa.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible recipients include: Local non-governmental, community and not for-profit organizations; Local academic institutions working on local projects; International non-governmental organizations working on local development activities; Canadian non-governmental and not for-profit organizations that are working on local development activities.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	01/04/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cfli-fcil/2024/south-africa-afrique-du-sud.aspx?lang=eng

Call Title:	CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES (CFLI) – NAMIBIA
Programme:	High Commission of Canada in South Africa
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>The High Commission of Canada in South Africa is pleased to launch its annual call for proposals for the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). The purpose of this process is to select approximately 3-4 projects to be implemented in Namibia starting in or around July 2024.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>All projects must align with at least 1 of the following CFLI thematic priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusive governance, including diversity and 2SLGBTQI+, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Growth that works for everyone, including women's economic rights, decent jobs and entrepreneurship, investing in the poorest and most vulnerable, and safeguarding economic gains. Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. Human dignity, covering health, education and nutrition. <p>Actions must take place in Namibia.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible recipients include: Local non-governmental, community and not for-profit organizations; Local academic institutions working on local projects; International non-governmental organizations working on local development activities; Canadian non-governmental and not for-profit organizations that are working on local development activities.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	01/04/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cfli-fcil/2024/namibia-namibie.aspx?lang=eng

Call Title:	DANUBE REGION PROGRAMME SECOND CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Programme:	Interreg - Danube Region
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>In the EU Member States, the programme area covers Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. The neighboring countries that belong to the programme area are Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, and Ukraine.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Projects submitted under the second call should focus on one of the following specific objectives:</p> <p>SO 1.1 Research and innovation</p> <p>SO 1.2 Skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship</p> <p>SO 2.1 Renewable energy</p> <p>SO 2.2 Climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention</p> <p>SO 2.3 Access to water and sustainable water management</p> <p>SO 2.4 Protection and preservation of the nature and biodiversity</p> <p>SO 3.1 Labour markets and access to quality employment</p> <p>SO 3.2 Education, training and lifelong learning</p> <p>SO 3.3 Culture and sustainable tourism</p> <p>SO 4.2 Institutional capacities for territorial and macro-regional governance</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligible applicants include public authorities, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, research organizations, and other relevant stakeholders from the Danube region. Each project has to involve at least three financing project partners from three different countries of the programme area.</p>
Total Budget:	€55,051,854
Deadline:	03/04/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.interreg-danube.eu/dtp-archive/about-dtp/new-funding-2021-2027/how-to-apply/second-call

Call Title:	DRL Improving Remedy, Accountability and Deterrence for the Repressive Misuse of Spyware (Europe and Eurasia)
Programme:	Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL)
Objective:	<p>The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces an open competition for organizations interested in submitting applications for projects to strengthen the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms online through a focus on responses to digital security threats.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>Objectives can include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve paths to remedy and accountability for targets of the repressive misuse of spyware in Europe and Eurasia. • Improve the ability of targets of repressive spyware in Europe and Eurasia to obtain evidence they can use to seek remedy, hold violators accountable, and take individual and/or collective direct action to detect, prevent, and/or mitigate similar future hacking operations.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the ability of civil society to collect and preserve evidence of the illicit sale, transfer and repressive misuse of spyware in Europe and Eurasia in order to support accountability efforts of competent investigative authorities. [This term includes any national, hybrid or international institutions (governmental, intergovernmental or international) carrying out criminal investigations.] • Improve access to forensic tools and techniques among civil society in Europe and Eurasia that allow validation, identification, analysis, interpretation, documentation and presentation of digital evidence of spyware used in repressive ways. • Establish or strengthen accountability mechanisms in Europe and Eurasia to hold States, corporations or individuals accountable for the repressive misuse of targeted spyware. • Improve safeguards against the sale and transfer of commercial spyware to end users who are likely to misuse these tools in Europe and Eurasia. • Strengthen legal and regulatory frameworks that govern spyware in Europe and Eurasia (both regional and country-level, where applicable) in line with international law, including international human rights law. • Promote transparency regarding the volume, nature, value, destination, and end user of spyware transfers to/from Europe and Eurasia.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Key Program Considerations</p> <p>This list of considerations is provided as a guide to help applicants develop responsive, robust program strategies.</p> <p>Competitive programs must</p> <p>Show a clear focus on real-world impacts that will improve access to remedy and accountability by targets of the repressive misuse of spyware in Europe and Eurasia.</p> <p>Reflect a deep understanding of the repressive misuse of spyware perpetrated by states in the European and Eurasian regions, and local policy advocacy contexts. Propose advocacy and/or support strategies that reflect these understandings.</p> <p>Demonstrate clear advocacy and/or support strategies with clearly enumerated activities, goals, and outcomes that are focused on creating concrete change.</p> <p>If providing direct support, demonstrate a deep familiarity and experience with providing support for the groups being served.</p> <p>Show an understanding of context-specific ethical and safety considerations of the approach, a clear plan for responsibly and safely conducting the work, and appropriate capacity and expertise to carry out that plan and respond to emergent risks to the program, implementers, and/or beneficiaries.</p> <p>Proposals should allocate \$1,480,019 in program funds for activities that aim to affect positive change in the European and Eurasian countries listed above and not less than \$493,339 for activities that aim to affect positive change in Central Europe (Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and/or Slovenia). These separate allocations should be delineated in two separate subsidiary budgets.</p> <p>Preference will be given to projects which:</p> <p>Are led by, or include collaborative partnerships with, organization(s) in the target countries and/or regions. Where appropriate, applicants are invited to form consortia for submitting a combined proposal, with one lead (“prime”) applicant. Proposals with 40% or more of the proposed budget dedicated to local organization(s) will be given greater preference.</p> <p>Demonstrate a strong understanding of the unique needs and challenges facing the targeted at-risk community and/or local and community-focused Protection Providers</p>

	<p>serving this community, such as barriers to their participation in project activities, and how to safely mitigate these risks and challenges.</p> <p>When working with marginalized and vulnerable populations, substantively partner with organizations or groups who are composed of, or led by, members of the populations being supported and/or explicitly focus on issues related to those groups.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>DRL welcomes applications from U.S.-based and foreign-based non-profit organizations/nongovernmental organizations (NGO) and public international organizations; private, public, or state institutions of higher education; and for-profit organizations or businesses. DRL's preference is to work with non-profit entities; however, there may be some occasions when a for-profit entity is best suited.</p> <p>Applications submitted by for-profit entities may be subject to additional review following the panel selection process. Additionally, the Department of State prohibits profit to for-profit or commercial organizations under its assistance awards.</p>
Total Budget:	€1,973,358
Deadline:	15/04/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352239

Call Title:	Call for Proposals: Promotion of Family Farming in West Africa
Programme:	French Committee for International Solidarity (CFSI)
Objective:	<p>The French Committee for International Solidarity (CFSI) has launched a Promotion of Family Farming in West Africa (Pafao) Program.</p> <p>The Promotion of Family Farming in West Africa (Pafao) program has been jointly supported, since 2009, by the Fondation de France and the French Committee for International Solidarity (CFSI). It benefits from a contribution from the JM.Bruneau Foundation (housed at the Fondation de France) and the French Development Agency (AFD). The Joint Action for West-Africa (Jafowa) program participates in the capitalization component of the program. The Network of West African Farmers' and Producers' Organizations (Roppa) is a member of the steering and monitoring committee. The program supports or has supported more than 330 initiatives since 2009 (annual "general" call for projects and 6 Coup de Pouce calls.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Objectives</p> <p>The general objective of the Pafao program is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote local initiatives strengthening the access to healthy and qualitative food produced by viable and sustainable West African family farms and processed in either the country itself or in adjacent regions, all while ensuring an equitable distribution of the added value, produced throughout the value chains (this is the present call for proposals); Capitalize (produce knowledge) by drawing useful lessons beyond the projects, serving both organizations and advocacy actors. The objective is to contribute to the already existing documentation on topics such as agriculture and food

	<p>system-sustainability. Subsequently, the newly acquired knowledge can then be used by decision-makers when deciding upon public policies;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the construction of strategies for change of scale so that successful initiatives do not remain marginal but occupy more economic space. <p>Challenges</p> <p>The program provides financial support for local and farmer-led initiatives in West Africa to respond in a sustainable way to the growing demand of domestic markets, and to ensure a better distribution of added value. These initiatives meet two challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen and/or maintain the availability of local quality products from sustainable family farming in rural and urban markets - for mass consumption: How can sustainable family farming continue to supply domestic markets and better satisfy the most vulnerable populations, thereby increasing resilience in the event of a crisis? How can producers, processors, traders and consumers organize themselves to better respond to each other's needs and benefit from a better distribution of the added value? How can the income generated by family farming strengthen the resilience of actors in the sector in the event of a crisis? • Developing sustainable farming practices/sustainable food systems: How can family farming adapt to climate change and prepare for future crises (e.g. war in Ukraine and rising input prices in 2022)? How can it contribute to the preservation of natural resources and biodiversity, whether in the production, processing or marketing phases? How can they guarantee the diversification of production and the variety and nutritional quality of local products? <p>Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2024 call for proposals targets initiatives that help to: • improve people's resilience in the event of crises by supporting sustainable local food chains; • compete with imported products. • Initiatives must target one or both of these challenges: • marketing local products consumed by as many people as possible, including vulnerable groups; • marketing local products from the most isolated areas and/or those suffering from insecurity. • In addition, priority will be given to proposals based on one of the following two approaches: • accessing major, formalized markets such as contracts with public institutions and businesses (school canteens, prisons, hospitals, hotels, supermarkets, etc.). • targeting the role of West African consumers and their representative organizations in promoting local consumption.
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligible Projects</p> <p>Only projects demonstrating an effective contribution to the creation of remunerative, fair and sustainable economic circuits will be selected in 2024. The presented project must respond to the prioritized question of the Pafao 2024 call for proposals.</p> <p>The program's committee will prioritize projects that respond to the prioritized question of the call for proposals and:</p> <p>build on past initiatives while taking into consideration lessons learned by your or other organizations, working on similar topics or in the same territory;</p> <p>encourage cooperation between several of the concerned territorial actors;</p> <p>which are articulated with similar and/or complementary initiatives, and whose positioning in relation to these other initiatives and other actors (e.g. farmers'</p>

	<p>organizations, national platforms, national or foreign support organizations, local authorities, government services, private-sector actors, consumer associations, media, international organizations, donors, etc.) is explicitly explained.</p> <p>The program's committee will only select initiatives that demonstrate a real capacity for innovation, change or replication of successful experiences to boost the consumption of quality local products from sustainable family farming. Priority will be given to projects focusing on the downstream part of the value chain (processing, marketing). Projects in which the focus are given to capitalization and/or advocacy may also be selected. Projects can be annual or multi-year (maximum 3 years).</p> <p>Projects must take place in one of the following 16 West African countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>This call is only open to projects carried out in partnership by a minimum of two organizations, one West African and the other European (must be an EU member state). If the project leader is a West African organization, then the main partner must be European. Conversely, if the project leader is a European organization, then the main partner must be West African. The partnership between the two organizations must be formalized and pre-existing to the project for which the grant is requested. Other organizations may be involved as "other partners".</p> <p>The applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a non-profit legal entity based in West Africa or Europe (EU), of the following type: farmers' organization, West African NGO, support NGO active in West Africa or Europe (European Union - EU) as long as it operates with local partners. Cooperatives are also eligible. Public institutions and local authorities are not eligible as applicants; have been registered for more than one year; have previously carried out actions in the agricultural and food sectors.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	13/05/2024
More information and official documents:	https://www.cfsi.asso.fr/appel-a-projets-promotion-de-lagriculture-familiale-en-afrique-de-louest-pafao-2024/

Call Title:	BOOSTING FACT-CHECKING ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE
Programme:	European Media and Information Fund (EMIF)
Objective:	<p>Objective</p> <p>The Call Boosting Fact-checking Activities in Europe aims at supporting projects from independent fact-checking organisations, which play a key role in limiting the negative effects of disinformation on the public discourse and democratic processes. In the context of the ongoing Russia – Ukraine war, and in light of its repercussions across Europe, this Call for Proposals is currently accepting applications that contemplate collaborations with Ukrainian fact-checking and media organisation and/or journalists.</p>
Eligible Activities:	Though Ukrainian organisations are not eligible as funded partners, costs pertaining to such collaborations, namely subcontracting costs, will be considered as eligible.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urgent actions: projects designed to increase coverage, depth, and speed of fact-checking activities by organisations that commit to producing regular flows of fact-checks. b. Scale-up projects: free-lance collaborations within newsrooms and/or the integration of state-of-the-art technologies for content verification and media and social media monitoring <p>Actions must take place in Europe.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Only individual entities or organisations in a consortium located in the EU, EFTA and UK are eligible.
Total Budget:	€4,350,000
Deadline:	30/06/2024
More information and official documents:	https://gulbenkian.pt/emifund/bolsas-lista/boosting-fact-checking-activities-in-europe/

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