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## New Opportunities

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Global Challenges Local Solutions Grant Program for Ukrainian Refugees</b>
<b>Programme: Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>With the decision of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, a funder of the Global Challenges Local Solutions European granting program, which is operated by the Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland, a 3rd grant round “GCLS for Ukrainian Refugees”, has been organized.</p> <p>The primary objective of the Global Challenges Local Solutions (GCLS) Fund is to support community foundations throughout Europe to address global challenges on the local level, focusing on initiatives referring directly to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This objective has been implemented so far through six grant round competitions, connecting CFs and SDGs. Up until now, the Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland (ADPP), the operator of the GCLS program, has distributed 83 grants for the total amount of approximately 1 260 000 USD, to local organizations across Europe.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The funds will be provided in the form of grants, which CFs may apply for through an announced competition and call for proposals. The competition and all procedures are conducted by the Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland, the operator of the GCLS program.</p> <p>The six main characteristics of the CFs are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Act as grant-making foundations – i.e. give grants to support development projects,</li> <li>2. Their mission is broadly defined i.e. to improve quality of life in a community,</li> <li>3. Serve geographically defined communities: a city, state, region, district or province,</li> <li>4. Are supported by a broad range of private as well as public donors and seek philanthropic contributions primarily inside the community,</li> <li>5. Are governed by multi-sectoral local boards reflecting framework of the community,</li> <li>6. Build capital endowment, which is an important element of sustainability.</li> <li>7. Regarding Ukraine, the Mott Foundation has made a grant to support Ukrainian community foundations as they respond to local humanitarian needs in their communities. Ednannia will provide grants Ukrainian community foundations to ensure that they can effectively respond to the needs of their communities, internally displaced persons, volunteers as well as donors seeking to direct their support to communities. Community foundations will also support local authorities in establishing shelters for displaced people, coordinate logistics of humanitarian support deliveries and collect funds for their communities. In addition to managing the regranting process, Ednannia will continue to provide informational and organizational development support to Ukrainian community foundations.</li> </ol> <p>Eligible Activities</p> <p>Submitted projects may include such activities as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• supporting local communities accepting refugees;</li> <li>• integration and adaptation activities for people arriving from Ukraine such as: legal, educational, psychological assistance;</li> <li>• learning the local language;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assistance to refugees from Ukraine and help in organizing their stay in the country, e.g. coordinating humanitarian aid;</li> <li>• contact, coordination and information points;</li> <li>• purchase of equipment for the duration of their stay in the country, such as: clothing, cleaning supplies, home furnishings.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Target Groups</p> <p>Applications to the Competition may be submitted only by community foundations(Applicants), registered and operating in the following countries: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom (UK), Vatican City. However, applications from countries bordering Ukraine, i.e. Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and other countries which are facing the refugee crisis the most, will be prioritized. Only foundations and associations are eligible to apply for the grant.</p> <p>Community foundation is understood as a non-profit and non-governmental organization designed to pool donations into a coordinated investment and grant making facility dedicated primarily to the social improvement of a given community.</p>
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 01/04/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://localsolutionsfund.org/gcls-for-ukrainian-refugees-special-grant-round-is-open-2/?fbclid=IwAR3caUgu2blg-foqxl7Xw_4OrM5nMNUM5c-QRIwlyFQRr9dlgpXIU2H6rHI">https://localsolutionsfund.org/gcls-for-ukrainian-refugees-special-grant-round-is-open-2/?fbclid=IwAR3caUgu2blg-foqxl7Xw_4OrM5nMNUM5c-QRIwlyFQRr9dlgpXIU2H6rHI</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>GRANTS FROM ALSTOM FOUNDATION</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>ALSTOM FOUNDATION</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>Since 2007, the Alstom Foundation has championed humanitarian initiatives espoused by its employees that deal with: (1) economic and social development (e.g. protecting children, frequently orphans, living in dire circumstances and those which develop the employability of disadvantaged women and youth seeking to enter the job market); (2) environmental protection (e.g. enhancing environmental awareness, protect natural habitats and build resilience to natural disasters); (3) access to mobility (e.g. facilitating economic development of communities by facilitating the movement of both people and goods); and (4) access to energy and water (e.g. helping remote communities to raise their living standards through access to these fundamental facilities).</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>As a responsible company, Alstom created its foundation in order to improve living standards of communities located close to where it has a presence around the world. The Foundation supports projects that meet needs identified by Alstom's local employees. All these projects are focused on raising living standards within local communities and all of them have a sustainability dimension.</p>

	The Alstom Foundation promotes economic development and social progress on a local scale – usually in the vicinity of Alstom’s operating locations. Eligible countries are: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The Alstom Foundation only supports projects that have been submitted by employees, whether it means working alongside local associations or NGOs, or funding completely original projects. Every year, the Foundation selects and funds the most original and attractive ideas from the diversity of the Group’s international footprint.
<b>Total Budget: €1,500,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 12/04/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.foundation.alstom.com/submit-project">https://www.foundation.alstom.com/submit-project</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES (CFLI) – MALAYSIA</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>High Commission of Canada in Malaysia</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The High Commission of Canada in Malaysia is pleased to launch its annual call for proposals for the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). The CFLI is a program designed to fund small-scale bilateral projects in Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligible countries (including Malaysia), which align with Global Affairs Canada’s thematic priority areas for engagement.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The program is directed at projects conceived and designed by local organisations. Projects will be selected and approved by the High Commission of Canada in Malaysia. The CFLI also serves to support positive bilateral relations between Canada, recipient countries and their respective civil societies by deepening contacts and supporting local endeavours.</p> <p>All projects must align with at least 1 of the following CFLI thematic priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.</li> <li>• Inclusive governance, democracy, and the rule of law.</li> <li>• Human Rights, diversity, and inclusion.</li> <li>• Environment and climate action focusing on adaptation and mitigation, as well as on water management.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Malaysia.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible recipients include: (1) local non-governmental, community and not-for-profit organisations; (2) local academic institutions working on local projects; (3)

	international, intergovernmental, multilateral and regional institutions, organisations and agencies working on local development activities; (4) municipal, regional or national government institutions or agencies of the recipient country working on local projects; and (5) Canadian non-governmental and not-for-profit organisations that are working on local development activities.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>17/04/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cfili-fcil/2024/malaisia-malaisie.aspx?lang=eng">https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cfili-fcil/2024/malaisia-malaisie.aspx?lang=eng</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>GLOBAL GATEWAY: SOCIAL INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION (“SOCIAL ACCELERATOR”)</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is: To put human development and social cohesion at the heart of the EU-LAC Global Gateway Investment Agenda, by fostering new solutions in the social sector and unlocking inclusive investments that boost social innovation, resilience of social systems, and just, socially responsible and inclusive green/digital transitions.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The specific objectives of this call for proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To identify and utilise poles of social innovation that can foster gender equality and social inclusion as a part of the offer under the EU-LAC Global Gateway Investment Agenda with a 360o approach, and lead to more fair, green and digital transitions in the LAC region.</li> <li>• To explore innovative solutions oriented to tackle gender and other inequalities through Global Gateway public-private initiatives, boosting human development and social opportunities for the most vulnerable.</li> <li>• To unlock gender-transformative investments between EU and LAC that trigger social innovation, resilience of social systems, and just, socially responsible, and inclusive green/digital transitions.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Latin America and the Caribbean region, and in the European Union when considered appropriate in the context of the EU-LAC bi-regional partnership and Global Gateway agenda.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation, private sector organisation, public sector operator or local entity, financing development institution, 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.</p>

<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€15,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>23/04/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORT TO THE INDEPENDENT MEDIA SECTOR IN SERBIA</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is to support media organisations and media associations in their contribution to the implementation and monitoring of the Media Strategy of Serbia, aiming at strengthening freedom of expression and ensuring media quality and plurality.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The specific objective of this call for proposals is: to support innovative activities of media organisations and associations in Serbia to ensure the implementation of the National Media Strategy and address the needs of the media sector, as well as to improve access to evidence based and quality content and hence</p> <p>Actions must take place in Serbia.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as print/electronic/on-line media, radio or television channel, media organisation, news agency, media production house or media association.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€1,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>26/04/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN SIERRA LEONE</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is: Empowering Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities for enhanced governance and more effective development outcomes.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The specific objectives of this call for proposals are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthening Civil Society Organisations, and notably youth organizations and organisations focusing on youth economic empowerment and political participation.</li> <li>2. Increasing Youth participation in governance, accountability and public policy processes.</li> </ol>



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Promoting young people's economic empowerment and contribution towards a more inclusive and sustainable growth.</li> <li>4. Empowering Local Authorities for enhanced governance and more effective development outcomes</li> </ol> <p>Actions must take place in Sierra Leone.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: be a Civil Society Organisation and/or their associations and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
<b>Total Budget: €6,939,500</b>	
<b>Deadline: 30/04/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Solutions working to close the Gender Digital Divide</b>
<b>Programme: Women in the Digital Economy Fund (WiDEF)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The Women in the Digital Economy Fund (WiDEF) is inviting local entities in the countries where USAID operates to submit applications for grants to scale existing solutions that have made measurable progress toward closing the gender digital divide in their contexts and contribute to transformative approaches to digital inclusion. WiDEF will support entities that are rooted in the communities in which they seek to affect change and have demonstrated successful approaches to advancing gender equality and/or digital inclusion for women, girls, and marginalized populations, such as persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples.</p> <p>WiDEF is committed to closing the gender digital divide by scaling evidence-based, proven solutions that improve women's livelihoods, economic security and resilience. They aspire to shifting the trajectory of digital ecosystems so that women and marginalized populations, including youth and young women; disabled, indigenous, LGBTQI+, and rural women, have equitable access to safe, affordable, and meaningful online participation.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>This funding aims to scale proven solutions that have demonstrated, through credible evidence, that the solution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drives digital inclusion for women through meaningful access to and use of accessible digital technology, particularly smartphones and the internet.</li> <li>• Significantly closes the gender digital divide in their context.</li> <li>• Is economically sustainable and scalable.</li> <li>• The gender digital divide – and the digital exclusion of marginalized populations – is a function of complex, inter-related factors, such as restrictive social norms that often limit women's use of digital technology and exacerbate symptoms of this divide.</li> </ul> <p>Priority Areas</p>

	<p>Eligible applications need to articulate the most prominent barriers facing the communities they aim to support and how they will address at least two core WiDEF priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved access to affordable devices and online experiences: Increase women's access to the internet and internet-enabled devices, and ensure that devices, digitally enabled services, including digital finance, and data are affordable, reliable, secure, and accessible, including for users with disabilities.</li> <li>• Increased availability of relevant products and tools: Design, develop, and provide access to relevant products and tools (interfaces, voice technologies, applications, digitally enabled services) that meet women's needs and facilitate women's demand for and use of mobile devices and applications, particularly smartphones, internet, and other technologies, especially for income-generation purposes.</li> <li>• Elevating digital literacy and skills: Strengthen women's digital skills and literacy, including media literacy, so that they can fully and safely access digital services, and participate and lead in digital spaces, including the digital economy.</li> <li>• Enhancing safety and security: Address technology-facilitated gender-based violence, including gender-based online harassment and abuse, and strengthen safeguards for digital user protection, including on consumer financial protection, data protection, cyber security, fraud, and risk mitigation.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, all applications need to commit to generating data and insights: Expand collection and responsible use of required sex-disaggregated data, research, and gender analysis (a) to better understand and address social norms and systems that influence gender disparities in technology adoption; (b) as a precursor to inform gender-equitable design of and activities related to digital policies, protocols, platforms, products, and services; and (c) to track and benchmark change.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b> Both local nonprofit and for-profit local entities are eligible for grant funding. Successful applications will propose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A solution that advances digital inclusion broadly and aims to integrate and scale a proven solution to effectively address gender constraints and close the gender digital divide.</li> <li>• Specific integration of at least two of the core priority areas above, in addition to generating data and insights.</li> <li>• Clearly articulate which components of their existing or proposed programs are scalable across different contexts, and which are specific to the location/context of their pilot/current program.</li> </ul> <p>Entities must have, or be able to adopt, gender-based violence mitigation policies for all digital inclusion activities Entities need to meet USAID Eligibility Requirements Preference will be given to women-led organizations proposing feminist, gender transformational solutions and entities with a demonstrated track record of supporting gender equality and the inclusion of marginalized populations. At least 50% of award funding will support entities in subSaharan Africa. <b>USAID Eligibility Criteria</b> All countries are eligible, excluding Afghanistan, Burma, China, Cuba, Haiti, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Venezuela; entries from India are ineligible for Round 1 funding as WiDEF will be launching India-specific funding opportunities in late 2024/early 2025.</p>

	<p>Organizations need to fit the following USAID Local Entity criteria:</p> <p>Is legally organized under the laws of a country that is receiving assistance from USAID;</p> <p>Has its principal place of business or operations in a country receiving assistance from USAID;</p> <p>Is majority-owned by individuals who are citizens or lawful permanent residents of a country receiving assistance from USAID; and</p> <p>Is managed by a governing body, the majority of whom are citizens or lawful permanent residents of a country receiving assistance from USAID.</p> <p>Entities have, or are in the process of obtaining, a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).</p> <p>Entities are familiar with applicable sections in the Mandatory and Required-asApplicable Standard Provisions for Non- U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations and sign and upload the necessary Recipient and Solicitation Standard Provisions certifications as part of the application.</p>
<b>Total Budget: \$1,500,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 06/05/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://widedf.global/funding/">https://widedf.global/funding/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>EU NDICI GLOBAL EUROPE – THEMATIC PROGRAMME FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS –ISRAEL 2024</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is to contribute to the upholding of democratic principles, to the promotion and protection of human rights, and to the strengthening of Israel’s Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) as independent actors of good governance and development.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>LOT 1 – Thematic Programme for Civil Society Organisations: The specific objective for LOT 1 is to support civil society initiatives to increase the role of under-represented groups in decision-making and public discourse.</p> <p>LOT 2 –Thematic Programme on Human Rights and Democracy: The specific objective for LOT 2 is to contribute to the upholding of democratic principles and the promotion and protection of human rights of the citizens of Israel and those for whom Israel is a duty bearer, in compliance with international standards and obligations.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Israel.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>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: a non-governmental civil society organisation, including non-governmental non-profit organisations, community based organisations, faith-based organisations, universities and research institutions, private sector non-profit agencies 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.</p>

<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€4,323,202</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>07/05/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>U.S. Mission to Benin</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>U.S. Embassy Cotonou is pleased to announce an open competition for non-governmental organizations to apply for a Local Governance and Accountability Project in Borgou Department under the Prevention and Stabilization Fund (PSF). This project seeks to improve civic participation and government engagement in marginalized communities in northern Benin, fostering transparency, accountability, and collaboration by providing tools, knowledge, and resources for marginalized communities and their associated civil society groups to actively engage in local governance and the political sphere to achieve representation and receive improved service delivery.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>In support of the stated goal, project objectives may include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <p>Objective 1: Build capacity of women, minority ethnic groups, LGBTQI+ persons, religious minorities, and in particular internally displaced persons (IDPs) to actively participate in policy dialogue, political processes, and upcoming local and national elections.</p> <p>Objective 2: Promote greater civic awareness, citizen engagement and ultimately a more inclusive and responsive political system that better serves the need and aspirations of targeted groups.</p> <p>Objective 3: Protect and promote human rights and equal protection under the law of targeted groups and other community at risk.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Benin.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligible applicants are Benin-based non-profit/non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with a Registration Certificate, a bank account in the organization's name, electronic funds transfer information, and a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). They must not be receiving funding for the same activities from other donors or the Government of Benin.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>17/05/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352885">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352885</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORT MEASURES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY: TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE, EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE GREEN GROWTH IN NAMIBIA</b>
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<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is: To enhance CSO participation, free and independent engagement in the definition and implementation of the country's development agenda with a special focus on sustainable, equitable and inclusive natural resources management within a transparent and accountable governance.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The specific objectives of this call for proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To strengthen CSO capacities in promoting evidence-based policy advocacy and participate in policy dialogue towards a well-governed, equitable and inclusive green growth, energy and the extractive industry with a special attention to equitable and sustainable management of natural resource (land, forests, marine resources, water, minerals etc) as well as to issues of transparency and accountability, governance, and the upholding of the highest environmental, social, human rights and labour standards.</li> <li>To enhance the engagement of communities and the citizenry, particularly the youth, women and vulnerable and indigenous groups in the extractive sector and energy, particularly around the sustainable management of natural resources, enabling them to fully participate in decisions affecting their lives and their rights to sustainable livelihoods, taking advantage of opportunities and mitigating any environmental, social and governance risk.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Namibia.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a 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.
<b>Total Budget: €2,300,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 17/05/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS IN FAVOUR OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE AFRICAN DISABILITY PROTOCOL (ADP)</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The global objective of this call for proposals is: Enjoyment of human rights and other fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities (PwDs) in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals is/are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribute towards ratification, domestication and implementation of the African Disability Protocol (ADP)/instruments in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe;</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Capacitating grassroots and local Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) to execute their mandates;</li> <li>3. Promote implementation of rights of all Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and enhance effective voice/participation in advancing disability inclusion in national/regional development processes.</li> </ol> <p>Actions must take place in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: be a civil society organisation (CSO) or a legally registered Organisation of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), institutions and organisations and networks thereof at local, national, regional and international levels and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
<b>Total Budget: €1,500,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/05/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CFPs: Strengthening Civil Society Regional Partnerships in favour of Ratification of the ADP</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The European Commission (EC) has announced the call for proposals for enjoyment of human rights and other fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities (PwDs) in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals is/are:</p> <p>Contribute towards ratification, domestication and implementation of the African Disability Protocol (ADP)/instruments in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe;</p> <p>Capacitating grassroots and local Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) to execute their mandates;</p> <p>Promote implementation of rights of all Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and enhance effective voice/participation in advancing disability inclusion in national/regional development processes.</p> <p>Priorities</p> <p>The priority (ies) of this call for proposals are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with local civil society organisations,</li> <li>• Strengthening capacities of CSOs/OPDs to actively engage in policy dialogue for the ratification of the ADP,</li> <li>• Collaborative engagements such as with CSOs/OPDs, think tanks/academia, national/regional human rights commissions, human rights defenders, the private sector, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Types of Activity

	<p>The below list of activities is indicative and non-exhaustive. Applicants are encouraged to use innovative approaches and intervention methodologies. Coordination of activities and creation of synergies with on-going/past EU programmes and projects and with other non-EU funded programmes and projects need to be ensured.</p> <p>Examples of activities that may be financed under this Call include:</p> <p>Movement building for local OPDs to effectively engage at regional levels;</p> <p>Demonstration of concrete involvement of partner governments during the design and in the implementation phases of the action;</p> <p>Supporting OPDs' internal management systems including effectiveness and advocacy;</p> <p>Support the design of laws and public policies &amp; services that protect human rights of persons with disabilities – including advancing the implementation of specific articles of the ADP (e.g. right to access to justice, to education, to healthcare, and to independent living, etc.);</p> <p>Support actors to strengthen accountability systems and increase civil society participation in processes that mainstream and domesticate UNCRPD recommendations and in ratification processes of the ADP.</p> <p>Location</p> <p>Actions must take place in the following countries:</p> <p>Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe,</p> <p>In duly justified cases, certain activities may take place outside the target countries.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Lead applicant(s)</p> <p>In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>be a legal person and;</li> <li>be non-profit-making and;</li> <li>be a specific type of organisation such as: a civil society organisation (CSO) or a legally registered Organisation of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), institutions and organisations and networks thereof at local, national, regional and international levels, and;</li> <li>be established in either; i) a Member State of the European Union or; ii) in either Malawi, Zambia or Zimbabwe; or iii) in another country which is a eligible under the NDICI - Global Europe, and;</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p>Co-applicant(s)</p> <p>Co-applicants participate in designing and implementing the action, and the costs they incur are eligible in the same way as those incurred by the lead applicant.</p> <p>Co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant himself.</p> <p>Co-applicants must sign the mandate form.</p> <p>Affiliated entities</p> <p>The lead applicant and its co-applicant(s) may act with affiliated entity(ies).</p> <p>Only the following entities may be considered as affiliated entities to the lead applicant and/or to co-applicant(s):</p> <p>Only entities having a structural link with the applicants (i.e. the lead applicant or a co-applicant), in particular a legal or capital link.</p> <p>This structural link encompasses mainly two notions:</p> <p>Control on the annual financial statements, consolidated financial statements and related reports of certain types of undertakings:</p> <p>Entities affiliated to an applicant may hence be:</p>



	<p>Entities directly or indirectly controlled by the applicant (daughter companies or first-tier subsidiaries). They may also be entities controlled by an entity controlled by the applicant (granddaughter companies or second-tier subsidiaries) and the same applies to further tiers of control;</p> <p>Entities directly or indirectly controlling the applicant (parent companies). Likewise, they may be entities controlling an entity controlling the applicant;</p> <p>Entities under the same direct or indirect control as the applicant (sister companies). Membership, i.e. the applicant is legally defined as a e.g. network, federation, association in which the proposed affiliated entities also participate or the applicant participates in the same entity (e.g. network, federation, association) as the proposed affiliated entities</p>
<b>Total Budget: €1,500,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/05/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/180511PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/180511PROSPECTSEN</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>U.S. MISSION TO CHINA PUBLIC DIPLOMACY GRANTS ANNUAL PROGRAM STATEMENT</b>
<b>Programme: U.S. Mission to China</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The U.S. Mission to China invites proposals for projects that strengthen people-to-people ties between the United States and the People's Republic of China (PRC), and increase local PRC audiences' understanding of the United States' foreign policy, values, and culture through direct or virtual engagement. Competitive proposals should support a priority program area (see below). All programs must include content or connections with American expert(s), organization(s), or institution(s) that will promote increased cooperation between the people of the United States, the U.S. Mission in China, and the people of China.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Examples of Public Diplomacy Grants Program projects include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Academic and professional lectures, seminars, and speaker programs;</li> <li>– Artistic and cultural workshops, joint performances, and exhibitions;</li> <li>– Cultural heritage protection programs; and</li> <li>– Programs that encourage and expand connections between students and scholars in both countries.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in China.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility is limited to U.S. and PRC entities, including not-for-profit organizations, think tanks, educational institutions, civil society organizations, museums, national parks, nature reserves, and individuals with expertise in relevant subject areas. For-profit entities and projects in Hong Kong, Macau, or Taiwan are not eligible.</p>



<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>30/06/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352912">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352912</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Ensuring the safety, resilience and security of waterborne digital systems HORIZON-CL5-2024-D6-01-10</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>HORIZON-RIA HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Expected Outcome: Project outputs and results are expected to contribute to the following expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased safety and resilience of waterborne digital systems, including system of systems and their functions and considering both malicious intervention and system failure with particular regard to the application of artificial intelligence methodologies, networks of sensors and the onshore on-board communications.</li> <li>• Improved system design addressing human factors issues in the changing levels of human/automated system interactions</li> <li>• Assurance of the resilience, safety and security of waterborne digital and connected systems is undertaken on the basis of robust methodologies to a similar standard to that applied within other sectors which apply safety critical digital technology and their application in safety critical conditions including the safety of navigation and its systems.</li> <li>• Robust by design waterborne digital and connected systems for safety and resilience (incl. reliability regimes such as fail safe, fail secure, fail to operation etc., HAZOP, system of systems, security, hardware and equipment data, etc.)</li> <li>• Methodologies to enable effective HAZOP analysis and validation of waterborne digital systems are developed and disseminated, increasing the use of common approaches, also when using artificial intelligence applications.</li> <li>• Increased software safety (incl. functional analysis and reliability assessment).</li> <li>• Increased cyber security for operation and maintenance (incl. software maintenance).</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Scope: Increasingly, modern waterborne transport relies upon smart digital and connected systems to ensure safe and efficient operation. Within large complex vessels, system of systems approaches are used together with Internet of Things and Artificial Intelligence approaches to integrate diverse systems ranging from sensors, business and cargo management systems, power and engine management, electronic navigation and situational awareness. System integration of systems with proprietary digital control systems has become more and more critical in terms of ensuring safety and efficiency. The complexity and foundation upon software, makes assurance of the resilience of such systems challenging and requires a different to that applied to hardware- based systems. Waterborne digital system can be vulnerable to both malicious intervention and the consequences of system failure. Examples have included the spoofing of navigational GPS signals, ransom wear attacks on integrated container management systems, complete power shutdown and the helicopter evacuation of a large passenger ship when engine protection systems identified a common fault across all engine waterborne systems. The</p>

	<p>challenge to assure the safety and resilience of digital systems is particularly important within large complex vessels where the level of integration and connectivity is high and where the consequences of failure can be particularly severe.</p> <p>In the domain of power generation and management the vastness of new technological solutions, often driven by environmental regulations, poses new challenges in ships' design and management, where the need for integration of diverse energy converters (ICEs, batteries, fuel cells, wind, capacitors, etc.) confront designers and operators with systems based on profoundly different operating principles coming together with different requirements and control and digital systems. Integration for harnessing the full potential in a safe and secure frame is key to their implementation.</p> <p>Furthermore, the capability of integrating different systems (and their dynamics) involve an always increased number of sensors, whose data, fused, should become available for optimisation and increased awareness during normal and safe critical operations.</p> <p>Comprehensive HAZOP (Hazard Operability) studies are essential for such vessels, yet the methodologies are poorly established within the waterborne sector whilst other sectors operating safety critical digital systems (aerospace, nuclear, medical automotive etc.) have well established practices. Furthermore, applying "hardware in the loop" to simulation and validation of digital systems is dependent on the quality of the digital simulation model. This can be difficult for waterborne transport due to the variability of ship designs, complexity and lack of relevant data concerning the integrated components. Pre-delivery testing and sea trials could include fault simulation and digital testing founded upon the identification of critical digital systems identified by the HAZOP, yet such trials focus on hard-ware or subsystems such as rudder control rather than addressing the entire integration. For safety critical systems, reliability regimes need to be established to identify the safe default state in case of system failure or the identification of malicious intervention. In this respect the best system state could be: "fail operational", "fail soft", "fail safe", "fail secure", "fail passive", "be fault tolerant".</p> <p>Activities will address the development of a HAZOP methodology for whole system assessment of highly digitised, connected complex vessels. The methodology should include system, system of systems designed for specific function or sets of functions and/or a methodology for the entire vessel, including when application of artificial intelligence algorithms is foreseen. The methodology will be developed with relevant stakeholders including shipbuilders, system designers and equipment providers, IT professionals, operators, class societies, regulators. The acceptability of the methodology to all stakeholders will be assessed and an implementation roadmap will be developed to account for any identified barriers. Work will draw upon the expertise of other sectors with more developed procedures for the assessment and assurance of digital safety.</p> <p>On-board systems and functions integration by design, for safe and secure operation should be used to test and demonstrate the safety and security of the applications.</p> <p>The developed methodology will be applied to a representative complex highly digitised vessel, safety critical systems and functions will be identified, and appropriate reliability regimes and mitigation measures will be established with consideration of both malicious intervention and system failure.</p>
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	<p>Cost effective methodologies for validating the safety, resilience and correct functioning of digital and connected safety critical ship systems, including system of systems, will be developed and demonstrated.</p> <p>In case of validation on the basis of a theoretical digital models and/or digital twinning (e.g. hardware in the loop) then the validity of the model should be proven as well as its flexibility to be applied towards a range of vessel designs.</p> <p>In case of validation on the basis of physical testing of the responses of the final system to a range of fault conditions and malicious interventions during the final trials, there should be assurance that test conditions are representative of the identified risks.</p> <p>Guidance should be produced and disseminated concerning the recommended methodology for assuring the safety and resilience of complex digitalised and connected shipping.</p> <p>The safety assessment should be developed by using methodologies suitable for being assessed in international fora such as the International Maritime Organisation.</p> <p>Specific Topic Conditions: Activities are expected to achieve TRL 5-6 by the end of the project</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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 &amp; tenders portal.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€8,500,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>05/09/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-10">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-10</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Expanding Academia-Enterprise Collaborations HORIZON-EIE-2024-CONNECT-02-01</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>HORIZON-CSA HORIZON Coordination and Support Actions</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Expected Outcome:</p> <p>Projects results are expected to contribute to four (4) or more of the following expected outcomes:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved integration of research institutions, Higher Education Institutions, vocational schools, and similar organisations into Europe’s innovation ecosystems by establishing better links with start-ups and start-up networks, accelerators and incubators, business angels and investor communities;</li> <li>• Improved flows of knowledge, skills, and talents between educational institutions and other innovation ecosystem actors at various levels of development, including in the deep tech[1] field in line with the New European Innovation Agenda[2];</li> <li>• Improved skills of all involved ecosystem actors to increase innovation potential, inter-sectoral mobility, and market uptake of new technologies; Targeted are skills necessary and responsive to innovation and labour market needs on digital, green, and entrepreneurial skills, networking skills, risk taking, and in particular in the deep tech field;</li> <li>• Improved connections of educational institutions to high-quality remote testing, validation, and up-scaling of innovations delivered by research and technology infrastructures across the EU;</li> <li>• Improved competence of students, graduates, researchers, and workforce to launch, run, and lead successful and profitable start-ups, including in the deep tech field;</li> <li>• Enhanced availability of local talents equipped with skills to support business acceleration and digitalisation[3];</li> <li>• Enhanced entrepreneurial activity in developing innovation ecosystems and their upscaling and interconnectedness across the EU supported by citizens and local initiatives in order to build innovative solutions to current and future challenges;</li> <li>• Increased engagement and connectedness with other ecosystem actors (e.g. other educational institutions, Technology Transfer Offices, Research and Technology Organisations, local and regional enterprises, private companies, start-ups, early-stage companies, accelerators, incubators, etc.) within and between regions;</li> <li>• Increased youth (self) employability and gender balance in collaborations.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Scope:</p> <p>Target group(s): Research and innovation ( related actors such as vocational schools, higher education institutions, public authorities in the field of education and employment, innovation agencies, SMEs, deep tech companies, the European Innovation Council (EIC) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) start-ups and industry, research performing organisations, knowledge and technology transfer offices and associations, students and researchers.</p> <p>Educational and research institutions are considered key places for knowledge production and innovation, and should be well connected within and beyond their respective regional innovation ecosystems. By increasing the connectedness of educational and research institutions, host regions will be able to increase their competitive advantage by fostering and possibly attracting talent, high-tech companies, and boosting innovation output in the area;</p> <p>However, due to the diverse innovation landscape in Europe, educational and research institutions from better-connected innovation ecosystems benefit from more local accelerators with greater funding opportunities and more qualified business support services compared to their counterparts in other areas, including rural or peripheral areas.</p>

	<p>The action should foster the creation of innovation ecosystems with educational and research institutions, or strengthen their existing links. Proposals should outline activities for supporting educational and research institutions to take a greater entrepreneurial role, e.g. through boosting innovation and entrepreneurship within their activities. The action should also ensure that educational and research institutions' assets and vision are articulated clearly and in line with respective regional specialisations (such as smart specialisation strategies), so they can easily be integrated into innovation ecosystems and economic value chains.</p> <p>The proposals should leverage best practices of the private and public sector in the EU's well performing innovation hubs and enhance collaborations between businesses with R&amp;I actors in educational and research institutions. The proposals should build on the educational and research institutions' focus areas and relationship to innovation, matching regional and business interests (and where relevant complement smart specialisation strategies), in order to maximize each stakeholders' strengths and accelerate progress. The proposals should outline activities that will foster connectedness of the innovation ecosystems while preventing brain drain and encourage talent to stay in emerging regions, including rural areas. Only by providing local talents, including female talents, with knowledge and opportunities to contribute to the local private sector or develop their own businesses, local innovation ecosystems can expand based on sustainable and inclusive growth. The proposals should valorise high levels of technical skills, including in deep tech, in developing innovation ecosystems with hands-on knowledge and experiences in business management and international scale-up processes.</p> <p>The action supports co-designed programmes of activities of at least two (2) years, proposed jointly by educational institutions, research institutions, and other R&amp;I actors from 'emerging' and 'moderate' innovation ecosystems and the private sector from innovation hubs ('strong innovators' and 'innovation leaders'), to ensure better connectedness between higher education institutions and research organisation with other actors of innovation ecosystems, for example:</p> <p>Engagement of business experts into the implementation of networking activities and building innovation ecosystem around the university/research institution;  Engagement of students, graduates, researchers and workforce from various disciplines and departments into the innovation ecosystem, with a focus on networking and building networks around educational and research institutions as centres of gravity, and engaging in companies' structures and business processes;  Engagement of students and researchers in start-ups from both their immediate local environment and beyond (regional, national, transnational) working with various actors from the innovation ecosystem to experience what starting and running a venture entails, such as raising funds, pitching events, creating, editing, and adapting business models in the creation process from idea to market, etc.;</p> <p>Creation of synergies between students, graduates, researchers, innovators, education institutes, research performing organisations, and business partners, locally, at EU level, and globally targeting the creation of networks and communities of practices in the field of deep tech to stimulate the market uptake of results and new technologies, as well as their co-creation.</p> <p>The proposed programmes of activities should ensure gender-balanced participation opportunities.</p>
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	To ensure that the impact of the action goes beyond consortium members and their respective countries, it is encouraged that the selected consortia work closely with innovation agencies from their respective territories and beyond, and seek synergies with relevant EU initiatives in the field of university-business cooperation, such as knowledge and innovation alliances under the Erasmus+ programme or the EIT Knowledge Innovation Communities (KICs) to allow for complementarities and possible use of already existing EIT KICs' knowledge, expertise, networks, communities or platforms such as those developed under the EIT Initiative on Innovation Capacity Building for Higher Education[4]that focuses on strengthening partnerships between higher education and businesses including developing innovation and business support services.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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 &amp; tenders portal.</p> <p>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.</p>
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