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New Opportunities

Call Title:	REFUGEE-LED INNOVATION FUND
Programme:	UNHCR
Objective:	Objective The Refugee-led Innovation Fund aims to empower displaced and stateless individuals by championing their creativity and ensuring their active involvement in shaping humanitarian efforts.
Eligible Activities:	By providing financial resources, mentoring, and expertise directly to refugee-led organizations, the fund seeks to enable innovative solutions that address the needs of their communities effectively. Through this support, the fund endeavours to reshape the landscape of humanitarian work, fostering inclusive participation and lasting positive impact. Actions can take place worldwide.
Eligible Applicants:	The fund welcomes applications from organizations led by individuals with lived experience of forced displacement, including refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons, returnees, and stateless individuals recognized within their communities. Applicants can apply as a team, usually as part of an existing organization, and both registered and unregistered entities are eligible. Special consideration is given to organizations led by underrepresented groups such as LGBTIQ+ persons, women, people with disabilities, Indigenous populations, and others.
Total Budget: €1,500,000	
Deadline: 31/05/2024	
More information and official documents:	https://www.unhcr.org/innovation/refugee-led-innovation-fund/

Call Title:	EURES Targeted Mobility Scheme (TMS)
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	Scope The EURES Targeted Mobility Scheme (TMS) constitutes a European-level labour market measure designed to address labour shortages and hard-to-fill vacancies. It combines tailor-made recruitment, matching, training, and placement services with financial incentives. Support measures may vary based on labour market needs and their analysis. They should include provisions for interviews in another EU/EEA country, relocation, linguistic training, recognition of qualifications, as well as recruitment support. The end beneficiaries may include job changers, job/traineeship/apprenticeship seekers, and recruiting businesses, including SMEs, who may receive direct financial support through targeted allowances. The activities will encompass the provision of direct services to jobseekers and employers, including: information, matching, recruitment and placement; This may include innovative approaches and matching/recruitment methods to identify and reach individuals with particular skills, qualifications or profiles in line with the needs of specific labour sectors affected by labour shortages, in identified area.

pre- and post-placement support to customers (e.g., profiling and pre-selection of candidates, assessment of training needs and skills development, providing interview preparation support, offering information and assistance, addressing challenges that may arise during the early stages of employment, regular monitoring and assessing the performance and satisfaction of placed individuals and employers).

direct financial support to candidates to contribute to interview and relocation trip expenses, language training, and recognition of qualifications.

direct financial support to SMEs for training programmes for newly recruited individuals.

In this context the activities funded under this call shall support the implementation of the EURES TMS objectives, ensuring the provision of customized employment services, including innovative working methods to:

Tackle labour market imbalances, labour, and skills shortages.

Facilitate the matching and recruitment process, as well as the integration of mobile workers in the host countries.

Provide financial incentives.

Promote and disseminate activities/results to maximize impacts, addressing the challenges posed by labour shortages in identified economic sectors.

Eligible Activities:

Expected Outcomes

The action targets the filling of hard-to-fill vacancies and labour shortages as identified in national/EU labour market studies or other data sources.

The action, being strongly result-oriented, may contribute to:

addressing labour market needs, in particular tackling labour markets' imbalances, as well as labour and skills shortages;

improving the conditions for jobseekers and workers to exercise their right of freedom of movement across the EU;

filling of hard-to-fill vacancies (in the form of either jobs, traineeships or apprenticeships), notably where specific labour shortcomings have been identified; enhancing the service catalogue of the EURES organisations;

fostering public-private partnerships within EURES. This call may contribute also to the initiatives and activities in the context of 30th anniversary of EURES in 2024.

Eligible Applicants:

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible participants (eligible countries)

In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:

be legal entities (public or private bodies),

be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:

EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)

non-EU countries:

listed EEA countries associated to the ESF+

Total Budget: €16,000,000

Deadline: 04/06/2024

More information and official

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-

tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/esf-2024-eures-tms

documents:





Call Title: Bridging Opportunities: Empowerment for Young Roma through English Language and Soft Skills Training in the Czech Republic U.S. Embassy in Czech Republic Programme: Objective: The U.S. Embassy in Prague Public Diplomacy Section (PDS) of the U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce an opportunity for not-for-profit organizations/nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) or academic institutions to submit project proposals to carry out a program of empowering young Roma individuals in the Czech Republic through the development and implementation of a comprehensive English language training program, complemented by soft skills training tailored specifically for this demographic. The overarching goal of this program is to address the critical need for enhanced English language proficiency and the cultivation of essential soft skills among the Roma youth population. This program aims to create pathways for improved access to education, expanded employment opportunities, increased social integration for Roma youth across the Czech Republic, and greater capacity to participate in international exchanges and collaborate with international NGOs. **Eligible** Objectives The program objectives are: **Activities:** measurably increase the English language ability of Roma youth (ages 15-25); and participants in the program acquire soft skills that increase their employment opportunities and strengthen their overall educational performance. Duration Proposed programs should be completed in 24 months or less. **Eligible Activities** Project activities, which can be carried out directly by the primary implementing organization or which may include sub-awards to partner organizations, should include all the following components: English Language Proficiency Enhancement: Develop a dynamic and interactive English language curriculum catered to the specific needs and backgrounds of young Roma individuals. Develop a schedule of courses that utilize innovative teaching methodologies, multimedia resources, and culturally relevant content to create a supportive and engaging learning environment. Soft Skills Development: Develop and provide comprehensive and age-appropriate training modules focusing on essential soft skills, which may include topics such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, job interviews, public speaking, computer skills, and leadership. Through experiential learning activities, role-playing scenarios, and real-world applications, participants should gain the necessary skills and confidence to navigate academic, professional, and social contexts effectively. **Empowerment and Opportunities:**

Offer mentorship opportunities, networking, and access to resources aimed at holistic personal and professional development. This includes guidance on career pathways, educational opportunities, and strategies for overcoming societal barriers faced by Roma youth.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

Implement robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track the progress and impact of the program. Regular assessments, feedback sessions, and qualitative analysis will ensure continuous improvement and accountability throughout program implementation. Proposals should note how many students will participate, expected





Eligible	completion rates, and how progress on skills will be measured, including whether participants will receive any kind of certification for completing the program. The program targets young Roma individuals aged 15-25 residing in the Czech Republic, with a particular emphasis on reaching those facing socio-economic barriers to education and employment opportunities. Competitive proposals will create program cohorts in more than one Czech city. Proposals should include information on which specific cities will be targeted for courses, how many students will be enrolled, and what age cohorts within the target will be included in the proposed programs. Priority Region Czech Republic, with particular emphasis on activities outside the capital of Prague.
Applicants:	The following organizations are eligible to apply: Not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks and civil society/nongovernmental
	organizations (Czech or U.S.)
	Public educational institutions (Czech or U.S.)
Total Budget: €10	0,000
Deadline: 05/06/2024	
More information	https://cz.usembassy.gov/seeking-proposals-english-language-and-soft-skills-courses-
and official	for-roma-community/
documents:	

Call Title:	CFAs: Supporting Consumer Education, Awareness Raising and Local Advice to Consumers
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	The European Commission (EC) is offering grants to protect, empower and assist consumers, in particular those who are the most vulnerable, by enhancing their skills, and knowledge, by providing local advice, by raising awareness of their rights, obligations, and choices in the market. This is a call for proposals for EU action grants in the field of consumer protection under the Consumer Pillar of the Single Market Programme (SMP Consumers). Under the key priority area 'addressing specific needs of certain consumer groups' of the Agenda, special attention is given to consumers that can be particularly vulnerable and need specific safeguards, for instance older people, children, people with low income, low educational level, people with disabilities, people with migration background or people living in remote areas. In that respect, the Commission has committed: to support the initiatives providing local advice to consumers, who for structural or personal reasons do not have access to support and information provided online or at central information offices, and to improve consumer awareness and education through a strategic approach that also address the needs of different groups. This call for proposals is part of the Commission's strategic approach aimed at improving consumer awareness, education, local advice, and supporting measures addressing the needs of vulnerable consumers.





Eligible Activities:

Objectives

Enhance consumers' information and awareness of their rights, responsibilities, and choices in the marketplace.

Strengthen consumers' skills and knowledge when shopping in the store and online. Improve access to local advice services.

Promote sustainable consumption as part of the circular economy.

Improve digital literacy of consumers.

Strengthen cooperation between practitioners in the field of consumer education and local advice to enhance their knowledge and capacity to design and implement effective educational initiatives and exchange of best practices.

Themes and Priorities

The proposals under this call shall address one or more of the following objectives reflecting the key themes and priorities in providing consumer education, awareness and local advice:

Consumer rights and responsibilities: understanding rules and regulations with which both businesses and consumers must comply as actors; understanding consumer right to safety, choice, information, and redress.

Financial literacy: budgeting, managing personal finances effectively, understanding mortgage, credits terms, interest rates and financial products.

Digital literacy and online safety: safe online shopping, recognizing scams and phishing attempts, protecting personal data, developing critical thinking when consuming media content.

Environmental sustainability: reducing carbon footprint through environmentally responsible consumer choices, supporting eco-labels and sustainable practices. Eligible Activities

A wide range of activities are eligible to be supported by action grants. Such activities may include for instance (non-exhaustive list):

Educational workshops, webinars, trainings, seminars, and community events.

Multimedia awareness raising campaigns.

Development and dissemination of educational materials, applications, websites, and online platforms.

Development and implementation of school-based programmes.

Providing local assistance and advice to vulnerable groups of consumers.

Sharing knowledge, facilitating cooperation and exchange of best practices, and learning on consumer education at national, regional, or EU-wide levels.

Activities strengthening the capacities of local organisations providing assistance and advice to consumers.

 $Promoting \ awareness \ of \ sustainable \ practices \ within \ the \ local \ community.$

Eligible Applicants:

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:

be legal entities (public or private bodies)

be non-profit-bodies

be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.

EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))

non-EU countries:

listed EEA countries and countries associated to the Single Market Programme





Total Budget: €15,000,000	
Deadline: 06/06/2024	
More information	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-
and official	tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/smp-cons-2024-edu
documents:	

Call Title:	STRENGTHENING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN KAZAKHSTAN
Programme:	Kazakhstan USAID-Almaty
Objective:	Objective The Strengthening Civic Engagement in Kazakhstan initiative, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), aims to support and enhance civic participation and engagement in Kazakhstan. Through a cooperative agreement, USAID seeks to empower entities to implement programs that foster civic engagement, promote justice, and enhance legal services within the country.
Eligible Activities:	The new bilateral Civil Society Strengthening and Human Rights activity will support independent civil society actors to strengthen collaboration with the government and, where possible, work with the private sector to advance human rights - particularly in areas where the GOK has demonstrated political will. Actions must take place in Kazakhstan.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is unrestricted.
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Deadline: 07/06/2024	
More information and official documents:	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353700

Call Title:	EMPOWERING KENYAN YOUTH, CIVIL SOCIETY AND INDEPENDENT MEDIA ORGANISATIONS
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	Objective The global objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen the capacity and voice of Kenyan civil society and human rights organisations as independent actors of accountability and governance through deepening their participation in national and/or sub-national policy and democratic reforms discussions in the main areas of EU- Kenya partnership.
Eligible	The lots are:
Activities:	Lot 1: Engaging, empowering and connecting Kenyan youth Lot 2: Accountability of trade and the business sector
	Lot 3: Independent and pluralistic media
	Actions must take place in Kenya.





Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: civil society 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.	
Total Budget: €3,	Total Budget: €3,535,000	
Deadline: 07/0	06/2024	
More information	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/	
and official		
documents:		

Call Title:	CALL FOR FUNDING REQUESTS FROM IFCD
Programme:	International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD)
Objective:	Objective The International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD) is a multi-donor fund, established by the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005) to support its implementation in developing countries.
Eligible Activities:	The IFCD invests in projects that lead to structural change through: (1) the introduction and/or elaboration of policies and strategies that have a direct impact on the creation, production, distribution of and access to a diversity of cultural expressions, including cultural goods, services and activities; and (2) the reinforcement of human and institutional capacities of public sector and civil society organizations deemed necessary to support viable local and regional cultural industries and markets in developing countries. On 16 March 2022, The UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005) is an international standard-setting instrument that recognizes the sovereign right of states to formulate and implement policies and measures that support the emergence of dynamic and diverse cultural sectors. the International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD) launches its 13th call for funding requests. Actions must take place in IFCD developing countries.
Eligible Applicants:	Public authorities/institutions and NGOs from developing countries that are Parties to the 2005 Convention, as well as international NGOs are all eligible to apply.
Total Budget: €100,000	
	06/2024
More information and official documents:	https://en.unesco.org/creativity/ifcd/apply





Call Title:	SUPPORTING CIVIL SOCIETY IN UKRAINE
Programme:	NORAD
Objective:	Objective The Norad Funding Call for Proposals aims to support Ukrainian civil society organizations (CSOs) in contributing to inclusive and sustainable recovery and democratic governance reforms in Ukraine. Established as part of the Nansen Support Programme for Ukraine following Russia's invasion in 2022, the objective is to strengthen civic participation and promote a Ukraine capable of determining its own future. Through capacity building, networking, and small-scale grant schemes, the program seeks to enhance CSOs' ability to address development objectives, promote democratic values, and support Ukraine's aspirations for Euro-Atlantic integration. Key areas of focus include organizational capacity building, governance reforms, inclusive recovery efforts, advocacy, and policy formulation.
Eligible Activities:	Overall objective: To support Ukrainian civil society to effectively contribute to inclusive and sustainable recovery and democratic governance reforms in Ukraine. Specific objectives and menu of main expected results: (1) To enhance the organisational capacity of Ukrainian civil society organisations (CSOs), (2) To enhance the capacity of Ukrainian CSOs to contribute to inclusive and sustainable recovery across all governance levels, (3) To enhance the capacity of Ukrainian CSOs to engage in advocacy and policy formulation for and oversight of democratic governance reforms. Actions must take place in Ukraine.
Eligible Applicants:	Potential grant recipients include civil society/non-governmental organizations (international, Ukrainian, Norwegian, or other foreign), either as single entities or consortia of up to three organizations. Applicants must demonstrate independence, clear objectives, ethical guidelines, anti-corruption measures, experience with international donor funding, and partnerships with Ukrainian CSOs.
Total Budget: €6,000,000	
Deadline: 19/06/2024	
More information and official documents:	https://www.norad.no/en/front/funding/call-for-proposals-supporting-civil-society-in-ukraine/

Call Title:	BUSINESS EXPANSION INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT
Programme:	U.S. Mission to Afghanistan
Objective:	Objective The Public Diplomacy Section (PDS) of the U.S. Mission Afghanistan is pleased to announce an open competition for eligible organizations to submit applications to carry out a program to support the Business Expansion Initiative for Women's Employment. This initiative seeks to address the persistent gender gap in the Afghan workforce by empowering businesses to hire more women in sectors where they are permitted to work through strategic business expansion initiatives. The project aims to equip businesses with the necessary tools and support to embrace gender-inclusive





	practices, thereby creating more job opportunities for women and fostering economic growth.
Eligible Activities:	This initiative aims to support women in Afghanistan who face significant challenges and barriers to economic progress, including limited access to employment opportunities, capital, financial services, and education. It seeks to achieve the following objectives:
	Empowerment through Business Expansion: Supporting women to start and expand their own businesses, join other women-led enterprises, or acquire the skills necessary to participate in women-led enterprises.
	Gender-Inclusive Practices: Promoting gender-inclusive policies and practices within businesses to improve access to employment opportunities and financial resources for women.
	Economic Growth: Contributing to economic growth by maintaining the visibility of women in the workforce and economy and recognizing women's contributions to economic development.
	Actions must take place in Afghanistan.
Eligible Applicants:	Both non-profit and for profit organizations are eligible to apply.
Total Budget: \$75	0,000
Deadline: 21/06/2024	
More information and official documents:	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353672

Call Title:	PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARMENIA
Programme:	Armenia USAID-Yerevan
Objective:	Objective The purpose of the "Promoting Human Rights in Armenia" activity is to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms in Armenia by preventing, responding to human rights violations and enhancing rights protection.
Eligible Activities:	The activity will improve the legal and regulatory frameworks for human rights protection, strengthen human rights institutions and oversight mechanisms, and improve the public demand and access to human rights protection in Armenia. The activity is expected to lead to stronger legal, institutional, and practical guarantees for human rights protection in Armenia. Actions must be implemented in Armenia.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is unrestricted.





Total Budget: \$10,000,000		
Deadline: 21/06/2024		
More information	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353701	
and official		
documents:		

Call Title:	Grants to boost Trust, Transparency & Responsibility in Food System through Digital Solutions
Programme:	DRG4FOOD
Objective:	DRG4Food Open Call #2 welcomes multidisciplinary consortia of 2-3 entities, including startups, SMEs, research organizations, universities, technology adopters, and users in the food sector, particularly NGOs and consumer associations. The main objective of DRG4Food Open Call #2 is to enable the development and testing of responsible data-driven solutions in the food sector's key areas: food tracking, targeted nutrition, and enhancing consumers' food decisions. Open Calls resonate with DRG4Food's core objectives: Objective 1: Creating a roadmap for a novel data-driven food system grounded in principles of openness, sovereignty, fairness, and trust. Objective 2: Pioneering a new paradigm for successful data-driven food applications rooted in principles of openness, user-centricity, sovereignty, and trust, spanning from ideation to operation. Objective 3: Crafting human-centric, decentralized, and trustworthy electronic food system technology enablers, consisting of baseline technologies. Objective 4: Demonstrating innovative services and applications within a virtual food system.
Eligible Activities:	DRG4Food Open Call #2 Challenge Areas These areas are described to specify the expectations for DRG4Food Open Call #2, along with illustrative examples. It's important to note that these examples serve as clarifications rather than limitations, offering guidance to better understand the expectations without confining the scope to just those aspects or technologies. Food Tracking This challenge area places its emphasis on digital solutions related to food traceability, encompassing the entirety of the food system, from farm to fork. Technological proposals within this context should consider both environmental aspects such as CO2 emissions, waste generation, and water and land use, as well as societal considerations, such as fair income for farmers. Targeted Nutrition This challenge area is centred around some enablers aimed at shaping and providing targeted dietary and nutrition recommendations through a personalised approach towards more healthy diets. This approach considers various personal variables, including behavioural and emotional factors associated with food consumption, individual dietary preferences and limitations, lifestyle choices, and more. Consumers' Food Choices This challenge area places its focus on baseline enablers that can enhance consumers' literacy and knowledge about the consequences of their food choices. The aim is to empower consumers to make healthier and more sustainable dietary selections, while also ensuring that these options remain affordable and delicious.





	Types of Applicants
	DRG4Food Open Call #2 invites submissions from consortia comprising 2 to 3 partners,
	each led by a designated Coordinator. The partners within the consortium must be
	legally established in at least two different countries, including at least one partner
	from an EU member state and others from any eligible countries.
	The following types of entities can apply together in a consortium:
	Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including startups.
	Research and technology organisations (RTOs) and universities, and other non-profit
	research organizations: Open to both public and private entities focusing on
	conducting research and advancing technology, while addressing significant
	challenges related to openness, user-centricity, sovereignty, and trust.
	Technology adopters/users in the food sector: Includes civil society institutions such as
	NGOs and consumer associations interested in testing and validating innovative
	solutions that align with their needs and digital responsibility objectives.
Eligible	Eligible Countries
Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to applicants legally established in the following countries,
	collectively referred to as "Eligible Countries":
	The Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU), including their outermost regions.
	The Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) linked to the Member States;
	Countries that were associated with Horizon Europe at the time DRG4Food signed the
	Grant Agreement with the European Research Executive Agency (REA) (December
	2022): Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland,
	Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia,
	Türkiye.
	Participants (other third countries) from the low- to middle-income countries are
	automatically eligible for funding, according to the List of Participating Countries in
	Horizon Europe, as of January 2023.
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Total Budget: €1,900,000	
	06/2024
More information	https://drg4food.eu/open-calls/
and official	
documents:	

Call Title:	NIHR Global Advanced Fellowships - Round 1
Programme:	National Institute for Health and Care Research
Objective:	The Global Advanced Fellowship is a mid-career postdoctoral award. The scheme will create a career pathway for Global Health researchers from the UK and low and middle income countries to become research leaders.
Eligible Activities:	The Global Advanced Fellowship is for postdoctoral researchers at all levels. The NIHR Global Advanced Fellowship is aimed at individuals at various points of their career This £750,000 award will fund research projects, training and development, and institutional capacity strengthening. The programme funds researchers undertaking research that aims to specifically and primarily benefit people in LMICs eligible for Official Development Assistance (ODA).





	They welcome applications from different professional backgrounds, clinical and non-
	clinical.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility To be eligible for an NIHR Global Advanced Fellowship you must: Hold a relevant PhD or postgraduate medical research degree, or have submitted your thesis for examination at the time of application. You must have been awarded your PhD or postgraduate medical research degree by the time you attend interview. Not already hold a Professorship/Chair at the point of application. For clinical applications: have completed relevant pre-registration training. Be employed by a Higher Education Institution (HEI) or Research Institute in a LMIC or a HEI the UK
	Be conducting research that directly and primarily benefit patients and the public in countries on the OECD DAC list.
	Institutional eligibility LMIC-based researchers
	If you are employed by a Higher Education Institution (HEI) or research institute in a LMIC:
	The institution must be able to provide appropriate academic support throughout the length of your Fellowship
	The institution should have examples of recent research awards and a track record of research funding.
	You may wish to include other LMIC partner organisation/s
	The research outputs must be of direct and primary relevance to the health and care challenges of LMICs. UK-based researchers
	If you are hosted by a HEI in the UK (England and the Devolved Administrations): You must have at least one partner organisation in LMIC(s).
	The research outputs must be of direct and primary relevance to the health and care challenges of LMICs.
Total Budget: £750,000	
Deadline: 11/07/2024	
More information	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/nihr-global-advanced-fellowships-round-1/35266
and official	
documents:	

Call Title:	Call for Proposals: Use Cases for the UNCAN.eu Research Data Platform
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	The European Commission (EC) is seeking proposals to operationalise the UNCAN.eu research data platform foreseen in the Cancer Mission implementation plan, through a series of use-cases. To this goal, proposals are expected to develop tools supporting researchers to access, manage and analyse cancer digital data, building among others on resources developed by EOSC4cancer.





The goal of the Mission on Cancer is to improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030, through prevention, cure and for those affected by cancer including their families, to live longer and better. The objectives include: Understand; Prevent what is preventable; Optimise diagnostics and treatment; Support quality of life; Ensure equitable access in all aforementioned areas. The Mission on Cancer will address all cancers including poorly-understood cancers[[Includes refractory cancers or cancer subtypes, at any stage of the disease in any age group and part of society with a 5-year overall survival that is less than 50% from time of diagnosis.] in men and women, cancers in children, adolescents and young adults as well as in the elderly, cancers in socio-economically vulnerable populations, living in either cities, rural or remote areas, across all Member States and Associated countries.

The Mission on Cancer is implemented using a health-in-all policies approach Health in All Policies is an approach to public policies across sectors that systematically takes into account the health implications of decisions, seeks synergies, and avoids harmful health impacts in order to improve population health and health equity, through infrastructure support; regional, social and citizen community development; through investments; support and commitments from public and private sources, including from Member States, Associated countries and industry; through cooperation with third countries; and through synergies with other existing EU programmes including EU4HEALTH, EURATOM, Digital Europe, Erasmus+, the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2021-2027 and other initiatives related to cancer. Proposals for topics under this Mission should set out a credible pathway to improving Cancer control, and more specifically to all of the following impacts: Improve understanding of the development of cancer in the context of the environment, work, and lifestyle in the broadest possible sense,

Enhance cross-policy cancer prevention strategies,

Optimise the diagnostics and treatment of cancer based on the principle of equitable

Improve the quality of life of cancer patients, survivors and their families through widely analysing all key factors and needs that are related to the quality of life, Accelerate the digital transformation of research, innovation and health systems.

Eligible **Activities:**

Scope

The successful proposal should:

Develop the UNCAN.eu platform by integrating and, where relevant, complementing existing or planned data nodes of European research infrastructures and/or other national infrastructures that may link various cancer data holders across Member States and Associated Countries (e.g. hospitals, research centres, comprehensive cancer centres, etc.). The number of Member States involved should be sufficient to demonstrate scalability and flexibility of the UNCAN.eu platform while allowing for stepwise onboarding of more countries.

Provide tools, services and workflows to researchers across data nodes for dataset creation, standardisation, data discovery, secure access, management, visualization, harmonization, analysis and other functions as appropriate. This task should capitalise on EOSC4cancer's achievements, integrating and expanding as appropriate the available tools and solutions. It should also take advantage of the European Health Data Space and the European Open Science Cloud frameworks.

Design and implement a rich and diverse portfolio of use-cases to inform, steer the development and demonstrate the validity of the UNCAN.eu platform. Use cases should focus on research questions that are in line with the Cancer Mission objectives and that may advance the understanding of mechanisms involved in cancer development and





progression beyond the current state of the art. At least one use-case should target a cancer type with a 5-year overall survival of less than 50% from the time of diagnosis. A second use-case should target paediatric cancer.

At the same time, use-cases should be functional to the design and implementation of UNCAN.eu to increase the diversity of digital tools and services available for cancer researchers. The mobilisation and integration of a large amount of research and real word data beyond current practice and a balanced participation of clinicians, disease experts and data scientists will be essential to achieve the objectives of this topic. Due attention should be paid to sex and gender, disaggregating the data as appropriate. The successful consortium should develop innovative approaches, to integrate and analyse heterogeneous data from multiple sources and different research domains, including the participation of the necessary interdisciplinary set of European infrastructures and national data nodes. In this regard, at least one use-case should integrate imaging, digital pathology and genomic data, using and/or contributing with new data sources to the Genomics Data Infrastructure (GDI) and Cancer Image Europe (EUCAIM).

Give emphasis to data being managed and shared in line with the FAIR principles, and the concept of FAIR-by-design is applied wherever possible. The applicants must demonstrate that the necessary data sources are, or will be, effectively and timely available. During the project lifetime, new data sources that might become available at a later stage can be accommodated as well as allowing additional data holders to join the UNCAN.eu platform. Results must be open source and made available through a public repository under a permissive license. Open access data should be provided whenever possible.

Give due consideration to, and establish appropriate links with, EU-funded initiatives such as EHDS-related governance and implementation actions, the European Network of Cancer Registries.

Foresee to establish links with the successful proposal resulting from the topic HORIZON-MISS-2024-CANCER-01-02 'Support dialogue towards the development of national cancer data nodes'.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities are the ones described in the call conditions.

Applications will only be considered eligible if their content corresponds, wholly or in part, to the topic description for which it is submitted. Projects must focus exclusively on civil applications and must not:

aim at human cloning for reproductive purposes;

intend to modify the genetic heritage of human beings which could make such changes heritable (except for research relating to cancer treatment of the gonads, which may be financed):

intend to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research, or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer.

Outcomes

Proposal(s) under this topic are expected to contribute to all of the following outcomes: The UNCAN.eu platform is developed by federating a network of cancer data nodes built on European and national computing infrastructures that link different cancer data holders across European countries.

Use-cases focusing on the understanding of cancer initiation and progression are designed and implemented by multidisciplinary teams to develop tools and services for working with FAIR data.





Researchers and clinicians use the electronic resources provided by the UNCAN.eu platform to access, manage and analyse data of heterogeneous types and belonging to different research domains at an unprecedented scale.

Eligible Applicants:

Eligibility Criteria Affiliated entities

Affiliated entities (i.e. entities with a legal or capital link to a beneficiary 7 which participate in the action with similar rights and obligations to the beneficiaries, but which do not sign the grant agreement and therefore do not become beneficiaries themselves) are allowed, if they are eligible for participation and funding. Associated partners

Associated partners (i.e. entities which participate in the action without signing the grant agreement, and without the right to charge costs or claim contributions) are allowed, subject to any specific call/topic conditions. Entities without legal personality Entities which do not have legal personality under their national law may exceptionally participate, provided that their representatives have the capacity to undertake legal obligations on their behalf, and offer guarantees to protect the EU's financial interests equivalent to those offered by legal persons.

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Legal entities created under EU law including decentralised agencies may be part of the consortium, unless provided for otherwise in their basic act.

Joint Research Centre ('JRC')

Where provided for in the specific call/topic conditions, applicants may include in their proposals the possible contribution of the JRC but the JRC will not participate in the preparation and submission of the proposal.

Associations and interest groupings

Entities composed of members (e.g. European research infrastructure consortia (ERICs)) may participate as 'sole beneficiaries' or 'beneficiaries without legal personality'. However, if the action is in practice implemented by the individual members, those members should also participate either as beneficiaries or as affiliated entities (otherwise their costs will not be eligible).

Restrictions on participation in Innovation Actions

Legal entities established in China are therefore not eligible to participate in Horizon Europe Innovation Actions in any capacity.

beneficiaries, three legal entities independent from each other and each established in a different country as follows:

at least one independent legal entity established in a Member State; and at least two other independent legal entities, each established in different Member States or Associated Countries.

Total Budget: €30,000,000

Deadline: 18/09/2024

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documents: cancer-01-01

Call Title:

CFPs: Support Dialogue towards the Development of National Cancer Data Nodes





Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	The European Commission (EC) is accepting proposals to advance the process of establishing National cancer data nodes, by the scaling-up or improvement of existing national health data infrastructures and by fostering their links to the European Health Data Space infrastructures for primary and secondary data uses. The Cancer Mission supports the creation of the European Initiative to Understand Cancer (UNCAN.eu, a federated European cancer research data infrastructure) and the European Cancer Patient Digital Centre (ECPDC, a European network of national digital infrastructures for cancer patients). The goal of the Mission on Cancer is to improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030, through prevention, cure and for those affected by cancer including their families, to live longer and better. The objectives include: Understand; Prevent what is preventable; Optimise diagnostics and treatment; Support quality of life; Ensure equitable access in all aforementioned areas. The Mission on Cancer will address all cancers including poorly-understood cancers Includes refractory cancers or cancer subtypes, at any stage of the disease in any age group and part of society with a 5-year overall survival that is less than 50% from time of diagnosis. In men and women, cancers in children, adolescents and young adults as well as in the elderly, cancers in socio-economically vulnerable populations, living in either cities, rural or remote areas, across all Member States and Associated countries.
Eligible Activities:	Scope The proposal should address all of the following: Foster the development of national cancer data nodes through policy dialogues at national level with relevant actors in the research and innovation community, digital health and public health policy. Identify and build synergies between European infrastructures related to health data access and health data sharing for primary and secondary data uses and other initiatives relevant for the UNCAN.eu and ECPDC platforms. Identify challenges and barriers to the effective future implementation of the UNCAN.eu and the ECPDC platforms at national and European levels and propose operational solutions to overcome them. Identify population subgroups with poor digital skills and geographical areas with limited digital resources that might prevent the use of those platforms and propose solutions to reduce the digital divide. Outcomes The proposal under this topic is expected to contribute to all of the following outcomes: Advance the process of establishing National cancer data nodes, by the scaling-up or improvement of existing national health data infrastructures and by fostering their links to the European Health Data Space infrastructures for primary and secondary data uses. Potential barriers that may prevent the effective implementation of UNCAN.eu and ECPDC digital platforms are identified and a way forward to address them proposed.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility Criteria Affiliated entities Affiliated entities are eligible for funding if they are established in one of the countries listed above, or in a country identified in the specific call/topic conditions. Associated partners





Entities not eligible for funding (and therefore not able to participate as beneficiaries) may participate as associated partners, unless specified otherwise in the specific call/topic conditions.

Coordination and Support Actions

To be eligible to participate as beneficiaries (or affiliated entities) in 'Coordination and support' actions, legal entities must be established in a Member State or Associated Country, unless the specific call/topic conditions provide otherwise (in which case the general rules for eligibility for funding apply). Legal entities established in a nonassociated third country may, however, participate in 'Coordination and support' actions as associated partners, unless this is explicitly excluded by the specific call/topic conditions.

EU bodies

Legal entities created under EU law may also be eligible to receive funding, unless their basic act states otherwise.

International organisations

International European research organisations are eligible to receive funding. International organisations with headquarters in a Member State or Associated Country are eligible to receive funding for 'Training and mobility' actions or when provided for in the specific call/topic conditions. Other international organisations are not eligible to receive funding, unless provided for in the specific call/topic conditions, or if their participation is considered essential for implementing the action by the granting authority.

beneficiaries, three legal entities independent from each other and each established in a different country as follows:

at least one independent legal entity established in a Member State; and at least two other independent legal entities, each established in different Member States or Associated Countries.

Total Budget: €2,999,999.9 Deadline: 18/09/2024

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documents: cancer-01-02

Call Title:	Call for Proposals: European Cancer Patient Digital Centre
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	The European Commission (EC) is pleased to announce a call for proposals to design, develop, deploy and operate a pilot information portal of the ECPDC to support the information needs of patients, survivors and caregivers and covering all the spectrum of the cancer patient journey. Improving the quality of life of cancer patients, survivors and their families is one of the objectives of the Mission on Cancer and the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan. The future European Cancer Patient Digital Centre (ECPDC) will provide digital services to support cancer patients, survivors and caregivers to facilitate their access to quality information and data sharing. Specific Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools are developed and implemented to timely update the information provided and facilitate the user experience. The goal of the Mission on Cancer is to improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030, through prevention, cure and for those affected by cancer including their





families, to live longer and better. The objectives include: Understand; Prevent what is preventable; Optimise diagnostics and treatment; Support quality of life; Ensure equitable access in all aforementioned areas. The Mission on Cancer will address all cancers including poorly-understood cancers Includes refractory cancers or cancer subtypes, at any stage of the disease in any age group and part of society with a 5-year overall survival that is less than 50% from time of diagnosis. in men and women, cancers in children, adolescents and young adults as well as in the elderly, cancers in socio-economically vulnerable populations, living in either cities, rural or remote areas, across all Member States and Associated countries.

Eligible Activities:

Scope

Proposals should address all the following:

Design, develop and deploy, a pilot ECPDC information portal to complement the existing Knowledge Centre on Cancer (KCC). The knowledge base of the information portal will cover the cancer patient journey from diagnosis to life after cancer. It will provide evidence-based information on diagnosis, treatment options (including side-effects and late-effects of treatments such as fatigue, chronic pain, fertility, psychological and other health issues), rehabilitation, management of recurrence and palliative care.

The information to include in the knowledge base, complements information provided through the KCC, adding to it and expanding its contents. Attention should be given also onto those cancers with a 5-year overall survival less than 50% from time of diagnosis and as well as to those relevant to paediatric cancers. It relies on scientific evidence and European, international or, where relevant, national guidelines. The selection of the information provided to the users should be based on explicit and robust criteria and be transparent.

Provide a validated workflow for reviewing, selecting and timely updating the knowledge base when new clinical information and scientific evidence arise. The development and implementation of human centric AI-based tools may facilitate the reviewing, selecting and updating process.

An AI-based virtual assistant is implemented in the portal to interact with users and improve their experience by delivering information tailored to user cultural background, individual (clinical) circumstances, needs, preferences and/or expectations. This virtual assistant should be designed and tested in real-world patient populations for acceptability and value provided. Language should be non-technical and using lay terms.

All the developed IT-solutions and workflows should be open source and made available. The involvement of AI-researchers, clinicians, epidemiologists, guideline developers, service design specialists and patient organisation representatives are envisaged.

The pilot ECPDC information portal should also include other information that may be relevant to cancer patients and survivors and their families such as options to cross-border health care, participation to clinical research, psychosocial and legal support options, guidance and support for returning to study or to work, financial issues and survivors' rights.

To ensure an efficient and useful digital platform for patients, the pilot ECPDC information portal should be tested and validated by an appropriate number of cancer patients and survivors of different cancer types and age groups. Solutions to identified challenges should be provided and implemented. The action will also identify gaps in information relevant to patients and inform policy decisions.





A feasibility assessment of linking the pilot ECPDC information portal to the Knowledge Centre on Cancer, including operational solutions and sustainability, should be provided.

Regular monitoring, supervision and evaluation by KPIs should be conducted in order to ensure patient benefit.

Outcomes

Proposals under this topic should aim to deliver results that are directed and tailored towards and contribute to the following expected outcomes:

The ECPDC information portal is an entry point to quality information for cancer patients, survivors, their families and care givers, covering the cancer patient journey from diagnosis to treatment and post treatment care and life after cancer.

The ECPDC information portal complements the Knowledge Centre on Cancer (KCC) by integrating additional trusted information on cancers beyond what is currently available in the KCC.

The ECPDC information portal implements human-centric AI-based solutions to manage and systematically update the information provided to the users and to facilitate the user experience.

Eligible Applicants:

Eligibility Criteria

Affiliated entities

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Associated partners

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