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## New Opportunities

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>GRANTS FROM EKHAGA FOUNDATION</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Ekhaga Foundation</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Ekhaga Foundation (Ekhagastiftelsen) was founded by Gösta Videgård in 1944 and since then has supported research in ecological agriculture and biological medicine. They mainly support the following fields: (1) Better and healthier food: they support research and development based on the principles of organic and biodynamic food production or other methods and orientations that promote this goal. Research should be in line with IFOAMs (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements) principles of organic production; (2) Nutrition and way of life: Ekhaga supports research into the role of the diet in the treatment of diseases and strengthening the body's resistance (i.e. research into which type diet and food the body needs, the impact of different food choices on bodily functions and related nutritional issues); and (3) Complimentary medicine and natural medicines: there are mental and psychological aspects in complementary medicine, and research in this direction can also be supported.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The main focus should be on scientific research and primarily applied research. Basic research in areas such as for example molecular biology and genetic research can be supported if it clarifies causal relationships that can be considered to be of direct value for further research related to foundation's purpose. In addition to funding scientific research, the foundation can, to a lesser extent, grant funding for projects designed to have research findings put into practice, for example, training activities, documentation projects, book projects or conferences. Such applications must contribute to a development in line with the foundation's purpose. The foundation also welcomes applications for planning grants. These can be for organizing seminars/workshops on the issue that the applicant wants to study, in order to get a better basis for a definite application (which can also be directed to other funding bodies) and as part of a dialogue between scientists and the scientific advisory council.</p> <p>The Foundation does not have any defined focus countries. Funding is provided to research projects implemented anywhere across the globe.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Applications from all over the world are welcome (however, for applications from outside Europe or North America applicants need to have a cooperation with a Swedish institution). They do not have any formal requirements that applications can only come from institutions (universities, colleges, research institutions, etc.).
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€1,500,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>20/05/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="http://www.ekhagastiftelsen.se/eng/tidsplan.shtml">http://www.ekhagastiftelsen.se/eng/tidsplan.shtml</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND JUSTICE</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Agence Française de Développement (AFD)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) proposes to subsidize civil society organizations (CSOs) for the implementation of a financing, reinforcement and structuring mechanism for feminist organizations in partner countries of the France's

	development and solidarity Policy. The primary objective is to promote equality between women and men in the countries where AFD operates. Additionally, there is a specific focus, with 60% of the funding allocated to women's civil society organizations on the African continent (refer to the Terms of Reference – Section XII for further details).
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The objective of the call for proposals is to identify and select two consortia comprising French, international, and/or national civil society organizations (CSOs) from partner countries. Each selected consortium will be responsible for managing half of the total funding, which amounts to €3.92 million each. This funding is designated for supporting women's organizations in partner countries, aligned with French development and solidarity policy as well as AFD operations.</p> <p>Each consortium must cover a maximum/minimum of 4 countries by geographical area, including at least 2 of the countries pre-identified by AFD by geographical area: (1) Africa: Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Tanzania; and (2) Latin America: Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	This call is open to not-for-profit organizations, national and international civil society organizations (CSOs) from all countries in the world.
<b>Total Budget: €7,840,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 05/06/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.afd.fr/en/call-proposals-gender-based-violence-and-justice">https://www.afd.fr/en/call-proposals-gender-based-violence-and-justice</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>(RISE) GRANTS CHALLENGE</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>IUCN</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The Resilient, Inclusive and Sustainable Environments (RISE) grants challenge aims to address the complex and multi-layered linkages between gender-based violence (GBV) and environmental issues. Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) and managed by IUCN, the challenge supports activities designed to prevent, mitigate, and respond to GBV within and linked to environment and climate-related sectors. Through this initiative, RISE seeks to promote gender equality, social inclusion, and environmental protection while fostering cooperation and shared commitment across sectors.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>In 2024, the RISE grants challenge seeks proposals that adopt strategies to prevent, mitigate and respond to the risk of gender-based violence and environmental linkages in the context of the dual global biodiversity and climate crises. The RISE grants challenge will accept applications spanning diverse biodiversity and climate sectors and contexts, however, this year, there is also a specific earmark for at least several projects to specifically address gender-based violence in fisheries sectors.</p> <p>RISE grants challenge projects must be implemented in one or more of the targeted 18 countries or be non-area based global policy focused projects: Brazil, Colombia,</p>

	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mexico, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Tanzania, Thailand, Vietnam, Zambia.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants for the RISE grants challenge include civil society organizations, networks, indigenous peoples, and community-based organizations operating regionally and/or globally. Projects must be implemented in one or more of the targeted 18 countries or focus on global-level policy to address GBV in environmental programming. Applicants must demonstrate operational and administrative capacity, thematic responsiveness, and a commitment to self- and collective care.
<b>Total Budget: \$1,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 07/06/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://genderandenvironment.org/rise-challenge/call/">https://genderandenvironment.org/rise-challenge/call/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CFPs: Combined Challenges of Ageing and Socio-Economic Contexts in the Western Balkans and Southeast Asia</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Agence Française de Développement (AFD)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The French Development Agency (AFD) is launching a research program to examine how demographic structures and dynamics as well as plural forms of socio-economic development are articulated/intertwined.</p> <p>The Agence française de développement (AFD) group is a public institution that finances, supports and accelerates transitions towards a more just and sustainable world. It implements France's development and international solidarity policy. Focusing on long-term development trajectories related to settlement/depopulation dynamics is a key topic, which is not taken into account at this stage and yet has major strategic and financial implications for a development agency.</p> <p>Ageing is an «unprecedented event in the history of humanity» according to the population division of the United Nations. 2020 marks a historic turning point where the evolution curves of the proportion of people aged 65 and over on the one hand, and people under five years of age intersect and engage in strongly divergent directions, on the other hand.</p> <p>Indeed, global ageing results from the combination of a progressive weakness in fertility and the average lengthening of life. This phenomenon has been known for decades in developed countries and now affects an increasing number of developing countries. Outside Sub-Saharan Africa, the only region still young and in the process of settlement, and assuming an unchanged ratio of the dependency rate, the number of people over the age of 60 will increase sharply in volume.</p> <p>Themes</p> <p>To shed light on the specificities of AFD's countries/regions of intervention, analyses are therefore already needed on the themes raised by the IMF.</p> <p>The articulation with the growing challenges of climate change by examining whether the sociodemographic characteristics of aging transitions are (or not) essential to limit/mitigate the effects of climate change, what would be the adaptive capacities of aging populations, and if these issues, for the time being, "emerging", are to be further developed as part of the proposed research programme;</p>

	<p>Major trends in national, regional and international migration. Indeed, they can note differences in economic and legal attractiveness (attraction/repulsion) in “geo-historical” migrations between regions and continents (Mexico/United States, Maghreb/Europe, South Asia/United Kingdom, Turkey/Germany, Balkans/Western Europe); “increased” migration by the evolution of communication technologies and social networks that make permanent settlement migrations evolve towards migrations without definitive break with the countries of origin; migrations of health care providers such as doctors, nurses, care workers; additionally, “constrained” migrations with the spread of conflicts of all kinds and the exacerbation of geopolitical crises; finally, migrations linked to the slowdown of globalization, the return of protectionism and the strengthening of restrictive national laws and regulations and its corollary, the closure of borders (United States, Europe of 28) and finally, progress in regional development and mobility at the continental (Africa, Balkans) or national (China, South Asian countries).</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p><b>Purpose</b> In order to study in more detail the socio-economic challenges and perspectives for the mentioned geographies (Western Balkans and South-East Asia) and the themes of intervention of AFD, the Department of Economic Diagnostics and Public Policies (ECO) AFD’s Innovation, Strategy and Research (ISR) Executive Directorate is calling for expressions of interest for a 24 month global research programme. Research is expected to clearly identify, describe and analyze these links, both from an academic perspective but also with a view to an informed operationalization and facilitation of dialogues that AFD conducts with its public partners in the countries in which it operates. More specifically, the research projects covered in this call will focus on population dynamics in three of the traditional fields of demography (mortality/ morbidity, aging, migration) and modes of (de)settlement and territorial planning (territorial identities, urbanization/ rural areas in particular in relation to natural environments) and their impacts/ interactions with the socio-economic issues present and to come in these geographies. The ambition of this program is to feed AFD into its dialogue with public authorities in the Balkans and South-East Asia: it therefore has a strong operational aim. All proposals will have to jointly address three sub-projects: Sub-project 1: a literature review; Sub-project 2: country studies; Sub-project 3: Valorization activities in order to deepen knowledge on the one hand and feed the dialogue of AFD with its public partners, on the other hand. For sub-project 2, proposals will have to present multidisciplinary contributions from the social, political and economic sciences in at least 4 countries and at most 5 countries in the following two geographies: Western Balkans (2 to 3 countries, with a priority given to the following countries sur Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, North Macedonia) Southeast Asia (Vietnam, the Philippines and free choice of a possible additional country). Proposals should in particular For the literature review: Describe how, by whom and on what sources will be produced the academic literature review of aging issues presenting in an historical (a) and prospective (b) dimensions the effects of aging on societal values, political systems, macroeconomic issues, in particular consumption patterns, and typologies of social protection systems</p>

	<p>(objectives, organisations, funding methods). This global review of the scientific progress/knowledge about aging should recall examples, experiences and lessons learned from already advanced countries in their ageing transition, thus shedding light on emerging and/or future challenges in the above mentioned geographies. Enunciate the questions and methodological principles for the elaboration of the deliverable related to this sub-project.</p> <p>For Country Studies:</p> <p>For the countries to be studied in the Western Balkans (there are 2, Serbia and Bosnia) and in Southeast Asia (there are 3 maximum, including Vietnam and the Philippines), explain the relevance of the subject and share research questions articulating demographic determinants (mainly aging), socio-economic and climate issues and more if necessary.</p> <p>Proposed research questions should cover the following:</p> <p>The importance of ageing contexts for each country studied</p> <p>Challenges related to ageing in terms of existing and future public policies</p> <p>Ageing and its social consequences</p> <p>Propose preliminary hypotheses with a view to presenting later when carrying out country studies, scenarios to quantify financial efforts and investments with a perspective of sustainable development and under the constraint of climate change and its consequences.</p> <p>List the methodological questions and principles for the development of research deliverables.</p> <p>Demonstrate the ability to identify the existence and value of the work of local research teams working on these topics and explore opportunities for research partnerships with them.</p> <p>For dialogue activities:</p> <p>Propose specific deliverables in short and comparable formats for decision-makers and public actors as well as valorisation activities.</p> <p>Eligible Projects</p> <p>Research projects should, as far as possible, involve the following disciplines: sociology, demography, geography, history, political science, urbanism and spatial planning, economics, legal and administrative sciences (taxation, social protection, employment), environmental and biodiversity sciences.</p> <p>Multidisciplinary work is sought after and particular attention will be paid to the quality of researchers, either individually or mobilized by research institutions. Proposals for country studies must have a partnership dimension including research institutions from the countries in which the studies are carried out. In addition, research involving academic and non-academic actors (think tanks, statistical institutes for example) sharing their knowledge, their skills and experiences in providing concrete answers to scientific questions that can be later endorsed by public actors will be privileged.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Constitution of the research team</p> <p>AFD encourages candidate institutions to call on partners from other institutions/organizations in the target countries to complete their team and meet the requirements of this call.</p> <p>The application must specify the main institution of the team and the affiliations. The main institution that will submit the application on behalf of the entire team will imperatively be an academic institution (university, research center, laboratory) or recognized as having produced knowledge recognized as such (think tank for example).</p>



	A single lead institution may submit several projects, provided that the principal researchers have the expertise to conduct the proposed thematic analysis and that the proposals include operational tracks/ proposals (of the policy papers style) consistent with the chosen research axis.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€200,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>10/06/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.afd.fr/en/combined-challenges-ageing-and-socio-economic-contexts-western-balkans-and-southeast-asia">https://www.afd.fr/en/combined-challenges-ageing-and-socio-economic-contexts-western-balkans-and-southeast-asia</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>USAID/ETHIOPIA HEALTH SECURITY ACTIVITY</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Ethiopia USAID-Addis Ababa</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications from qualified entities for an anticipated cooperative agreement to implement the USAID/Ethiopia Health Security activity. The purpose of the USAID/Ethiopia Health Security Activity (HSA) is to reduce the impact of infectious disease outbreaks on morbidity and mortality through building a resilient One Health (OH) surveillance, diagnostics and workforce development capacities. The HSA will achieve this through strengthening Ethiopia's capacity to detect infectious disease outbreaks early, supporting the subnational laboratory systems to diagnose resistant and zoonotic pathogens and building a OH workforce to respond to any emerging or re-emerging infectious disease outbreaks.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The HSA will build on the lessons drawn from the USAID Ethiopia's five years of experience in the sector including but not limited to Infectious Disease Surveillance (IDDS), Core Group Partners Project (CGPP) and Africa One Health University Network (AFROHUN). The expected outcomes will be evidence-based and will objectively be measured by the progress made in the country's capacities to prevent, detect, and respond to emerging infectious and zoonotic diseases through a One Health approach.  Actions must take place in Ethiopia.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility for this award is not restricted.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$27,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>10/06/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353888">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353888</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORT FOR THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN EL SALVADOR</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The overall objective of this call for proposals is: Promote the development of models of sustainable and circular economy in SMEs in El Salvador.

<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The specific objectives of this call for proposals are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Development of sustainable production models in Salvadoran SMEs;</li> <li>2) Responsible consumption of materials and products, both by producers and consumers;</li> <li>3) Sustainable management and reuse of waste in the Salvadoran public and private sector;</li> <li>4) Promote public-private collaboration in sustainable and circular economy.</li> </ol> <p>Actions must take place in El Salvador.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation, such as: non-governmental organisation and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
<b>Total Budget: €2,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 11/06/2024</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 INITIATIVES IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen CSOs as independent actors to operate sustainably and provide development assistance to the population while promoting an inclusive dialogue on policy issues and contributing to the delivery of public services. The specific objectives of this call for proposals is to promote: digital democracy, civic empowerment, research and data analysis, policy dialogue and outreach to national community groups and decision-makers, upgrade of capacities to address poverty and development issues and effective contribution to domestic policies processes, including from a strategic, administrative and organisational points of view.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The priorities of this call for proposals are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) gaining improved knowledge of research, innovation, design, implementation and evaluation of projects and policies</li> <li>b) build capacity of CSO's to engage in dialogues with different stakeholders to identify common priorities and steer decisions towards more effective development processes and interventions and maintaining human rights</li> <li>c) developing sustainable business models and diversifying CSOs funding</li> <li>d) building collectives, networks and/or strengthening existing civil society platforms to be able to speak in a unified voice and to deal with the new regulatory framework</li> <li>e) contributing to evidence based policy-making through improved dialogue capacities and outreach, research, data collection and analytical skills</li> <li>f) Strengthening leadership capacities and community mobilisation to promote social cohesion, democratic values and contributing to peace making process</li> </ol>

	Actions must take place in Kyrgyz Republic.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation, such as: non-governmental organisation (international organisations are ineligible) 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: €2,513,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 13/06/2024</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>SUPPORTING INCREASED TOLERANCE AND INTEGRATION OF MINORITY GROUPS IN SLOVAKIA</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>U.S. Mission to Slovakia</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	Through this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), we are soliciting proposals focused on advancing tolerance and integration of vulnerable minority groups in Slovakia that address one or more of the following priority areas.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Priority areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) protection of the human rights and wellbeing of LGBTQI+ people and/or raising awareness on LGBTQI+ issues;</li> <li>2) support for Roma inclusion in social, economic, and political life;</li> <li>3) advancing the rights and integration of ethnic and religious minorities; and</li> <li>4) countering extremism, hate, and intolerance against minority groups in Slovakia.</li> </ol> <p>Proposals in the above areas may include, but are not limited to: capacity-building for civil society organizations; advocacy for vulnerable minority groups; providing and expanding support, services, trainings, and overall empowerment to members of the vulnerable minority groups; creating welcoming and supportive communities; advancing public awareness and tolerance toward members of the vulnerable minority groups; and building greater public and political support for minority rights in Slovakia.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Slovak Republic.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Not-for-profit organizations based in Slovakia, including civil society/non-governmental organizations, think tanks, and educational institutions, are eligible to apply.
<b>Total Budget: €350,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 16/06/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353816">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353816</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>BAJENU GOX CAPACITY BUILDING TO COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>U.S. Mission to Senegal</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal, announces an open competition for organizations to submit applications under the 2024 Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership (TSCTP)/CVE Program for Women Leading Peace in West Africa.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Proposals funded under this announcement should seek to carry out a program to build the capacity of Bajenu Gox members (neighborhood godmothers-English translation) to counter violent extremism (CVE) in local communities along the eastern border regions of Senegal.  Actions must take place in Senegal.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations, public and private educational institutions, think tanks, civil society/non-governmental organizations, and public international organizations.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>21/06/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353829">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353829</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Submissions open for HCLTech Grant - India</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>HCLFoundation</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	A unique aspect of the HCLTech Grant is that the organisations are recognized not only based on the “idea”, but also for their power to transform these ideas into reality and thereby, transforming Rural India. Objectives HCLTech Grant aims to achieve sustainable rural development by supporting NGOs that are doing path-breaking work, anywhere in India. HCLTech Grant has following specific objectives: Award financial Grant to innovative, replicable, scalable, sustainable & time-bound projects, proposed by NGOs which are committed towards transformative rural development, in the categories of Environment, Health & Education. Identify NGOs that have made significant impact in rural transformation and publish a compendium capturing work of these NGOs, such that they become globally visible for their efforts.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Thematic Grant Categories The HCLTech Grant is awarded under 3 thematic categories - Environment, Health and Education. Below is an indicative list of sub-thematic areas that may be proposed to seek funding under HCLTech Grant. Environment Conservation of environment, the indigenous flora and fauna. Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and clean energy for all. Combating climate change and its impact.

	<p>Protecting, restoring, and promoting sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystem and wetlands</p> <p>Conservation of natural water bodies, including river rejuvenation, oceans, natural springs, lakes and others.</p> <p>Combating desertification, deforestation, land degradation, biodiversity loss, pollution and promoting use of renewable resources. (Please note – proposals that come from agriculture domain only, without any environmental impact, will not be considered under Environment category)</p> <p>Wildlife conservation and preservation.</p> <p>HCLTech Grant complements and contributes to National priorities &amp; Sustainable Development Goals. Inclusive and gender transformative approaches are encouraged and prioritized under the screening process.</p> <p>Health</p> <p>Equitable &amp; Universal access to Health for all segments of population.</p> <p>Access to clean drinking water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, prevention and elimination of water borne diseases.</p> <p>Maternal, adolescent, child health, nutrition and eradication of communicable and non-communicable diseases.</p> <p>HCLTech Grant complements and contributes to National Missions &amp; Sustainable Development Goals. Inclusion and Gender-Transformative approaches are underlying principles for HCLTech Grant.</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Right to Education for All by upscaling initiatives that strengthen Early Childhood Care &amp; Development (ECCD), Elementary, Secondary, Higher Education, Adult Literacy &amp; Inclusive Special Education</p> <p>Education that promotes learning opportunities through skill development and confidence building, including digital literacy.</p> <p>Education that leads to better livelihood opportunities and improved income &amp; better living for young people and adults.</p> <p>Holistic education that encompasses co-scholastics such as sports, art and craft, performing &amp; fine arts, promotion of culture, orientation on national heritage, theatre, provides opportunity for not only overall development but also sustainable livelihoods.</p> <p>Equitable, inclusive, technology enabled and relevant quality education, leading to gender equality and human resource development.</p> <p>Education that emphasizes the development of Digital Literacy skills and a deeper understanding of STEM concepts to promote experiential and inquiry-based learning.</p> <p>HCLTech Grant aligns with the objectives of National Education Policy 2020 and the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>HCLTech Grant is built on the foundation of inclusion and gender transformative approaches, which are the driving forces behind the program's underlying principles.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Not available
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$2,200,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>25/06/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.hclfoundation.org/hcltech-grant/about">https://www.hclfoundation.org/hcltech-grant/about</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET) SUPPORT PROGRAM</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>U.S. Mission to Georgia</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The objectives of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Support Program 2024 are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing systematic vocational counselling and career guidance from school to higher education level for all learners, jobseekers, and alumni, for better informed career decisions and higher access to labor market.</li> <li>• Mainstreaming gender in TVET – integrating a gender perspective and priority in all policy planning, implementation, and evaluation activities at all levels.</li> <li>• Increasing the participation of female students in formerly male-dominated TVET programs and promoting formerly nontraditional TVET programs to both, female and male students to overcome discriminatory cultural norms and community practices so that women and men benefit equally from the same opportunities.</li> <li>• Strengthening the capacity of TVET providers to overcome gender disparity in student recruitment and retention.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The Public Diplomacy Section (PDS) of the U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi will accept projects proposed and managed by Georgian TVET institutions that support the above listed objectives.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Georgia.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility is limited to Georgian public and private TVET institutions. Regional institutions with public-private partnerships are encouraged to apply.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€250,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>01/07/2024</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353887">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353887</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) 2024 FROM ROBERT CARR FUND</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Robert Carr Fund</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The Robert Carr Fund for civil society networks announces an open Request for Proposals (RFP) for the funding period 2025-2027. The aim of this RFP is to support global and regional civil society networks addressing the health, social inclusion, and wellbeing of inadequately served populations (ISPs). Through this funding cycle, the Fund seeks to encourage continuity among existing partners while also welcoming applications from new and emerging networks, particularly those representing under-served populations and regions. By providing core funding and supporting activity needs, the Fund aims to strengthen social enablers, human rights, gender equality, and responses led by ISPs, thus contributing to the objectives outlined in its Strategic Plan 2025-2030.</p>

<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The Robert Carr Fund will prioritize applications by global and/or regional networks and consortia of networks that are aligned with the Fund's Theory of Change and Strategy. The RCF strategy has the following Result Areas:</p> <p>Result Area 1: Network strength and influence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networks have improved basic organizational status.</li> <li>• Networks show increased fiscal capacity and sustainability.</li> <li>• Networks are more representative of their constituencies and more democratically governed.</li> </ul> <p>• Networks show increased influence and capacity to unite and mobilize movements.</p> <p>Result Area 2: Human rights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networks contribute to an improved human rights environment for at least one ISP.</li> </ul> <p>Result Area 3: Access to services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networks contribute to increased access to services and programs.</li> <li>• Networks contribute to increased quality of services and programs.</li> </ul> <p>Result Area 4: Resource accountability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networks contribute to increased and sustainable financing of HIV response including ISP programs.</li> </ul> <p>The RFP is open to civil society networks worldwide, allowing for a global reach in addressing the needs of inadequately served populations across various regions and countries. Networks and/or consortia from the Middle East and North Africa, West Africa or Central Africa will be preferred.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>To be eligible for the grant, applicants must be civil society networks and/or consortia operating regionally and/or globally, led by or serving ISPs. While ISP-led networks are prioritized, non-ISP led networks are also eligible but must demonstrate meaningful engagement of ISPs in their work. The Fund recognizes the challenges some ISP groups may face in leadership roles and remains open to applications from networks addressing such contexts.</p>
<b>Total Budget: €700,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 21/07/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://robertcarrfund.org/request-for-proposals">https://robertcarrfund.org/request-for-proposals</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Exploiting the potential of secondary bio-based products HORIZON-MISS-2024-NEB-01-01</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>HORIZON-RIA HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Expected Outcome:</p> <p>Project results are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better understanding of the properties of products using bio-based material(s) derived from secondary sources by the construction sector stakeholders;</li> <li>• Roadmaps for the industrial scale production or re-use (beyond the established state-of-the art recycling and down-cycling) of at least four different types of products using secondary bio-based materials unlocking and demonstrating the full potential and benefits of the circular bio-based economy;</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced environmental performance of the construction products, including enhanced resource efficiency and potential long-term carbon removal.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p><b>Scope:</b> Although the NEB has been championing bio-based materials for the built environment, more research is needed on products that make use of secondary bio-based construction materials, such as from by-products or waste from other industries or processes, including bio-based composites and residues/by-products from agriculture or from fishing, aquaculture and agro-food industries, in line with the cascading principles[1]. Using such products in the construction sector will reduce reliance on primary resources, hence minimising the environmental impact associated with their extraction and processing.</p> <p>Proposals should increase the potential of innovative bio-based products making use of materials from secondary sources for construction applications, thereby enhancing the circular bio-based economy in the construction sector, in line with the NEB values and the cascading principles. Project results will allow to inform the construction sector's supply chain, including architects, developers and other construction sector stakeholders, about the availability, potential, and added-value of bio-based materials from secondary sources for new construction and renovation projects.</p> <p>Proposals are expected to, for each secondary bio-based product covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess its properties, benefits, design and construction possibilities and aesthetic[2]. This should cover at least the structural, thermal, acoustic, health-related and durability properties as well as the life cycle performance and environmental impact. This should also include the potential for deconstruction, re-use and recycling when buildings/public spaces undergo changes;</li> <li>Validate it in a relevant environment;</li> <li>Identify the sectors and applications where the chosen secondary bio-based material(s) could be embedded in construction processes and practices;</li> <li>Evaluate its economic scalability, including pathways for setting up efficient circular value chain to collect the secondary source.</li> <li>Contribute to the development of relevant European standards.</li> <li>Cross-sectoral and cross-disciplinary collaboration is encouraged between profiles such as architects, artists, designers, engineers, biologists, urban planners, environmentalists, social scientists, and by extension the broader cultural and creative sector.</li> </ul> <p>Actions are strongly recommended to collaborate with and build on the work of relevant research, including national or European funded research[3]. Actions are also encouraged to take into account and contribute with their results to future work in the field of regenerative design applied to architecture.</p> <p>Projects shall share their intermediate and final results and findings with the 'New European Bauhaus hub for results and impacts' that will be established[4]. It will also cooperate, interact and take part in its activities when relevant to support the achievement of its objectives. Resources should be dedicated to engage with this Coordination and Support Action.</p>



	Specific Topic Conditions: Activities are expected to achieve TRL5 by the end of the project
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Affiliated entities</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Associated partners</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Coordination and Support Actions</p> <p>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 non-associated third country may, however, participate in 'Coordination and support' actions as associated partners, unless this is explicitly excluded by the specific call/topic conditions.</p> <p>EU bodies</p> <p>Legal entities created under EU law may also be eligible to receive funding, unless their basic act states otherwise.</p> <p>International organisations</p> <p>International European research organisations are eligible to receive funding.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>beneficiaries, three legal entities independent from each other and each established in a different country as follows:</p> <p>at least one independent legal entity established in a Member State; and</p> <p>at least two other independent legal entities, each established in different Member States or Associated Countries.</p>
<b>Total Budget: €8,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 19/09/2024</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-miss-2024-neb-01-01">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-miss-2024-neb-01-01</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>New governance models for the co-design and co-construction of public spaces in neighbourhoods by communities HORIZON-MISS-2024-NEB-01-02</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>HORIZON-IA HORIZON Innovation Actions</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Expected Outcome:</p> <p>Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved understanding by public authorities of how innovative engagement approaches can foster openness, social cohesion, trust and acceptance within communities and promote the inclusion of marginalised communities and/or vulnerable groups.</li> <li>Tested and validated engagement approach(es) are made available to public authorities to involve citizens in the co-design and co-development of public spaces in their neighbourhoods.</li> <li>Better public acceptance of change thanks to the meaningful and continuous engagement of all relevant end-users and local communities in the design, construction and maintenance of public spaces.</li> <li>Improved cooperation mechanisms between citizens and project developers.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Scope:</p> <p>Addressing societal challenges such as climate change, energy poverty, the pandemic, ageing population or the increased societal divide will require to rethink the way we develop and live in our neighbourhoods. Current ways of planning, designing and building often overlook the importance of continuously engaging end-users or local communities. Yet, incorporating community knowledge and efforts can lead to more liveable neighbourhoods that reflect local needs and contexts and empower current and future residents. Moreover, the way public spaces are designed can have an important impact on the way people interact with each other, the kind of activities that take place in such spaces, and the trust of people towards their local authority and thus democracy. Therefore, it is key to empower people to take an active role in co-designing those spaces. This can lead to greater acceptance, enhanced sense of belonging, social trust and an increased willingness to further engage with the community, and thus promote a global positive social impact on people's well-being and the neighbourhood as a whole.</p> <p>Building on work carried out in previous projects, proposals will study, refine and validate existing engagement approaches, that allow residents, businesses, cultural organisations and local governments to co-design and co-create public spaces in neighbourhoods. For instance, this should include how to involve citizens in the development and maintenance of public spaces and neighbourhoods; or flexible designs allowing communities to re-create or re-furbish spaces according to evolving needs. Special attention should be paid to involve diverse groups and citizens at risk of exclusion.</p> <p>Proposals are expected to address all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study and refine engagement model(s) and methodology(ies) that enables the meaningful participation of concerned stakeholders and citizens in the co-design, refurbishment and development of public spaces in their neighbourhoods. The model and methodology should:</li> <li>Be inclusive and accessible, and ensure that citizens are empowered to contribute to the decision-making processes;</li> <li>Use innovative digital tools, platforms and technologies such as augmented reality or virtual reality, to facilitate virtual and physical collaboration between citizens, designers, urban planners, policymakers and the construction ecosystem to enhance citizen engagement in the planning, design and construction process while ensuring that digital solutions remain inclusive and accessible, and assessing their added value compared to 'traditional' in-person methods.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate that the chosen engagement approach(es) (e.g. model, methodology, digital tools) can effectively and measurably foster openness, social cohesion, trust and acceptance within communities as well as promote the inclusion of marginalised communities and/or vulnerable groups in public space redevelopment projects. Proposals should demonstrate this in at least three neighbourhoods with differing local environmental, social and economic conditions, and each one located in a different Member State or Associated Country.</li> <li>• Monitor and evaluate all stages of the chosen engagement approach(es), using an appropriate methodology, and measure the success of projects in fostering openness, social cohesion, acceptance within communities as well as the inclusion of marginalised communities and vulnerable groups.</li> <li>• Assess how the above may impact future project design and decision-making in the construction of neighbourhoods as well as in the construction ecosystem.</li> <li>• Cross-sectoral and cross-disciplinary collaboration between architects, engineers, designers, creative sectors, natural and social scientists, urban planners, environmentalists, and by extension the broader cultural and creative sector is encouraged. The involvement of relevant stakeholders such as local small organizations, communities' representatives, end-users, and local authorities in the design and implementation of the project is also encouraged.</li> </ul> <p>Actions are strongly recommended to collaborate with and build on the work of relevant research. Actions are also encouraged to take into account and contribute with their results to future work on the impact of public spaces on social relations in neighbourhood communities.</p> <p>Projects shall share their intermediate and final results and findings with the 'New European Bauhaus hub for results and impacts' that will be established. It will also cooperate, interact and take part in its activities when relevant to support the achievement of its objectives. Resources should be dedicated to engage with this Coordination and Support Action.</p> <p>Specific Topic Conditions: Activities are expected to achieve TRL 7-8 by the end of the project</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Affiliated entities</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Associated partners</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Coordination and Support Actions</p> <p>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 non-associated third country may, however, participate in 'Coordination and support'</p>

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<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>GRANTS FROM GOODPLANET FOUNDATION</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>GOODPLANET FOUNDATION</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The GoodPlanet Foundation aims to support projects that address significant environmental challenges while simultaneously reducing socio-economic inequalities. Through its funding initiatives, the Foundation focuses on three key areas: promoting agroecology and agroforestry, providing access to essential goods and services such as water and sustainable energy, and conserving marine and coastal ecosystems. Projects funded by the Foundation must align with these thematic priorities and demonstrate a clear impact on both the environment and society. With a focus on sustainability and social equity, the Foundation seeks to empower communities and foster positive change on a global scale.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Some of their carbon finance projects are coming to an end. They would like to renew our project portfolio to support and assist new projects for access to renewable and sustainable energy and energy efficiency supported by carbon finance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case n°1: Projects of up to 19,999 tonnes of CO2 equivalent avoided per year, which integrate the GoodPlanet project portfolio, supported by annual carbon finance from several financiers.</li> <li>• Case n°2: Projects exceeding 20,000 tonnes of CO2 equivalent avoided per year, subject to pre-financing from a single donor, with multi-year funding acquired.</li> </ul> <p>Actions can take place in various countries worldwide.</p>

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Project selection is open to non-governmental organisations, companies from the social and solidarity economy, associations, foundations, etc. The GoodPlanet Foundation does not support for-profit projects with no socio-economic benefits for disadvantaged populations. Project leaders must have proven experienced in project management and in the environmental sector. The GoodPlanet Foundation accepts applications from French and foreign organisations.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.goodplanet.org/en/submit-your-project/">https://www.goodplanet.org/en/submit-your-project/</a>

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