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JUSTICE - Call for proposals for action grants to support transnational projects in the fields of e-Justice, victims' rights and procedural rights

The Justice programme is the EU's funding programme to support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters.

Call overview

This call aims to support transnational projects in the fields of e-Justice, victims' rights and procedural rights.

Call detail

The call for proposals aims to facilitate effective and non-discriminatory access to justice for all, and effective redress, including by electronic means (e-Justice), by promoting efficient civil, and criminal procedures, and by promoting and supporting the rights of all victims of crime as well as the procedural rights of suspects and accused persons in criminal proceedings.

This biennial call for proposals, under the Access to justice specific objective, covers two priorities:

- E-justice priority
- Victims' rights and procedural rights priority

Background

Digitalisation has the potential to improve the efficiency of justice, for example by replacing paper-based with digital communication and by allowing scarce human resources to focus on the essential functions of justice. Digitalisation can also tangibly contribute to increasing the resilience of justice systems in time of crisis. Similarly, progress on European e-Justice can support an effective European area of justice with regard to strengthening judicial cooperation and facilitating access to justice for individuals, legal practitioners and businesses.

Read more in the call document.

Objectives

Facilitate effective and non-discriminatory access to justice for all, and effective redress, including by electronic means (e-Justice), by promoting efficient civil, and criminal procedures, and by promoting and supporting the rights of all victims of crime as well as the procedural rights of suspects and accused persons in criminal proceedings.

Themes and priorities

Priority 1 - e-Justice

The key objective under the e-Justice priority is to support the implementation of Regulation 2023/2844.

Primary priority will be given to projects facilitating electronic cross-border interaction and communication between judicial authorities, as well as with citizens, businesses and practitioners in judicial proceedings.

Secondary priority will be given to projects aiming at joining or enhancing existing or ongoing e-Justice projects.

Finally, as tertiary priority, other e-Justice projects related to the development of relevant EU policies that are in advanced stage of development or already live on the e-Justice Portal at the moment when the call is published could also be financed.

National projects will be funded insofar as they offer a clearly demonstrated EU added value, for instance allowing to participate in EU projects, providing best practices for other EU Member States or promoting interoperability. Notwithstanding, transnational (multi-country) projects will have priority over national ones.

Activities:

Project activities under this call would in principle include analytical, conceptual, design and elaboration work, IT software development, quality assurance and related auxiliary measures necessary for the establishment of new IT systems, as well as the expansion and adaptation of existing national and transnational solutions towards addressing the objectives of the call.

Indicative budget: EUR 2 400 000

Priority 2 - Victims' rights and procedural rights

Projects to be funded under this priority should:

- contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU law in the area of the rights of victims of crime, notably in line with the priorities set up by the EU Strategy on victims' rights (2020-2025).
- contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU criminal law in the area of the rights of persons suspected or accused of crime.

In both areas (procedural rights and victims' rights), the Commission will consider proposals concerning possible future EU initiatives regarding gaps in EU legislation and policy where a further need for EU action is identified that would tie in with the existing

EU acquis/policy and its effective implementation. Projects ensuring maximum practical benefits and impact for the target groups will be assessed more favorably than theoretical projects consisting mainly of research and other analytical activities. Actions on access to information, support, protection to victims of core international crimes will also be considered. Successful projects shall ensure easy access to and wide dissemination of their results.

Activities:

The following activities can be covered:

- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, development of working and learning methods which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- exchange and provision of information and development of information and educational tools;
- capacity building for professionals, including training in victim-sensitive communication;
- facilitating cooperation between competent authorities (including where relevant national experts or agencies dealing with the aspects covered by this call) and/or legal practitioners and/or service providers (including multi-disciplinary networks at EU or international, national, regional or local levels) and/or civil society organisations / National Human Rights Institutions / Equality bodies, Ombuds Institutions and national authorities (at national and local level, where relevant, including experts with gender expertise);
- communication activities including dissemination of information about rights and activities raising awareness of the existing rules on rights at EU and national levels, relevant to the priorities of the call;
- training activities, as long as they are of ancillary nature and not the main purpose of the project;
- analytical activities, such as data collection and creation of data bases, surveys, research etc.

Indicative budget: EUR 3 000 000

Read more about the two priorities in the call document.

Eligibility

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), excluding Denmark)

non-EU countries: countries associated to the Justice Programme or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature (list of participating countries).

Consortium composition

For priority 1 - e-Justice

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least two applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions:

minimum two independent entities from two different eligible countries

The consortium must include at least one public body, private non-profit organisation or international organisation as beneficiary (not as affiliated entity).

Proposals by single applicants or by a consortium from one eligible country are exceptionally allowed, but only if the project application clearly demonstrated potential for EU added value.

For priority 2 - Victims' rights and procedural rights

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least two applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions:

minimum two independent entities from two different eligible countries.

the consortium must include at least one public body, private non-profit organisation or international organisation as beneficiary or affiliated entity.

Project Duration

Projects should normally range between 12 and 24 months

Budget

The estimated available call budget is EUR 5 400 000.

Priority 1

Indicative budget: EUR 2 400 000

For priority 1 (e-Justice): Project budgets (requested grant amount) cannot be lower than EUR 100 000. The maximum requested grant amount is EUR 800 000 per project.

Priority 2

Indicative budget: EUR 3 000 000

For priority 2 (victims' rights and procedural rights): Project budgets (requested grant amount) cannot be lower than EUR 100 000. There is no upper limit.

For both priorities, the grant awarded may be lower than the amount requested.

How to Apply

Deadline: 2 Oct 2025

Full details available here.

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The Arts Council - Partnership Funding

The purpose of Partnership Funding is to invest in and support local authorities/statutory bodies and Ealaín na Gaeltachta to sustain and develop the arts in Ireland.

Recipients of Partnership Funding must play a critical part in delivering the policy priorities of Making Great Art Work, the Arts Council's ten-year strategy.

What are the aims and objectives of Partnership Funding?

In offering Partnership Funding, the Arts Council wishes to ensure:

- The delivery of agreed Strategic Actions and outcomes as per your Framework Agreement
- The delivery of excellent art and/or excellent arts activities, events and services
- A supportive environment for the development of the arts
- Excellent professional-development opportunities for practising artists and/or arts professionals
- That more people will enjoy high-quality arts experiences, including more diverse audiences
- Increased engagement by the public with the arts – in particular, by new communities, people for whom access to the arts is difficult, and young people and children
- Standards of excellence in governance and management in the arts.

Who is eligible for the Partnership Funding programme?

Partnership Funding is open to Ealaín na Gaeltachta, local authority and statutory organisations only. Organisations can make only one submission each year for Partnership Funding.

To be eligible for application, your organisation must be a local authority or statutory organisation.

Partnership Funding is intended to support several strategic actions or strategic arts-activity costs of Ealaín na Gaeltachta, local authority and statutory organisations only.

How to Apply

Deadline: 2 Oct 2025

Please visit the Arts Council website for full application details.

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NDA Research Promotion Scheme 2025-26

The National Disability Authority (NDA) is inviting proposals for our Research Promotion Scheme (RPS) 2025-26 from researchers, academic institutions, advocacy organisations, Disabled Persons Organisations, service providers or other relevant bodies

The RPS 2025-26 theme is Disability in Marginalised Groups and Communities with particular interest in proposals focused on disability issues in Traveller and/or Roma communities.

We anticipate awarding up to three grants and are open to individual grant applications for varying amounts between €15,000 and €40,000 with the total funding available not exceeding €80,000.

Applications are required to demonstrate meaningful involvement of disabled people in the research process as appropriate to the design of the study.

How to Apply

Deadline: 6 Oct 2025 @ 12 noon

Those interested in applying should review the full Call for Proposals and Application Forms, available for download on the NDA Website.

Please address any queries you have to: research@nda.ie

The NDA is the independent statutory body, providing evidence-informed advice and research to Government on disability policy and practice and promoting Universal Design.

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Interreg IVB - Northern Periphery and Artic Programme

For 20 years, the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme has provided a framework for regions to work together with a focus on promoting sustainable development in remote and sparsely populated communities.

The next programme will continue to do this, focusing on those themes and types of activities that are deemed to benefit most from transnational cooperation between the regions in the NPA area.

In the EU Member States, the Programme area covers Northern and Eastern Finland, Northern and Western Regions of Ireland, and Northern Sweden. Outside the EU, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, and Northern parts of Norway belong to the Programme area.

Priorities

The NPA programme area is vast and participating territories are separated by long distances. Yet, similarities and linkages between the participating territories as well as common characteristics and shared development concerns in the NPA regions offer a strong basis for cooperation.

A more detailed description of the territorial features in the NPA can be found in the Area Analysis. The Interreg NPA 2021-2027 will also seek a wider and more active engagement of young people in both the projects and the programme.

Through transnational cooperation, the Interreg NPA Programme addresses the challenges and opportunities in the programme area through 3 Priorities.

1 Strengthening the innovation capacity for resilient and attractive NPA communities	1.1 Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies
	1.2. Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities
	1.3. Enhancing sustainable growth & competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investment
2 Strengthening the capacity for climate change adaptation, and	2.1. Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

resource sufficiency in NPA communities	
	2.2. Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem based approaches
	2.3. Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy
3 Strengthening the organisational capacity among NPA communities to make use of cooperation opportunities	3.1. Enhance institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies.

Funding / Budget

The final budget of the Interreg NPA Programme is 51,5 million euro. Between 2021-2027, the Programme will allocate 46 833 778 Euros to projects, of which 39 978 162 EUR in European funding (ERDF) will be available to partners in Member States (Finland, Ireland, Sweden) and 6 855 616 EUR for partners in the Non-EU partner countries (Norway, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Greenland). The remaining amount will cover programme administration costs, so called Technical Assistance.

The funding available for projects has been distributed as follows:

- Priority 1 Innovation capacity: 45%
- Priority 2 Climate change and resource sufficiency: 45%
- Priority 3 Cooperation opportunities: 10%

The Programme is financed through European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and ERDF equivalent funding from the Non-EU partner countries, supplemented by match funding from projects.

Projects apply to the Programme for ERDF or ERDF equivalent co-financing and contribute to the project with public or private match funding.

How to Apply

Call overview

Projects funded by the Interreg NPA programme are invited to join efforts and submit a clustering project application that leads to better outputs and results.

Call detail

In 2017 and 2018, the NPA programme funded projects to encourage clustering activities between ongoing projects in Interreg programmes in the Arctic. Clustering activities were to take place with the objective to diversify and capitalise on outputs and results from two or more previously implemented or ongoing projects. Based on previous experiences, the Interreg Aurora and NPA programme administration want to encourage clustering activities between the two programmes through a common/coordinated call. Interreg Aurora will fund cross-border clustering projects and Interreg NPA will fund transnational clustering projects.

Expected outcomes

A clustering project is in general intended to lead to better outputs and results from the involved projects and a greater outreach for the dissemination of the results from the two programmes. Clustering projects are expected to give a higher profile to topics relevant to people living in the Arctic and contribute to the practical implementation of the EU Arctic Policy in communities. Examples of outcomes are:

• Projects collaborating to explore transferring of project outputs to other organisations, sectors and/or regions, for example disseminating result and outputs beyond their ongoing or completed project activities.

• Projects collaborating to maximize the cross-border/transnational impact of existing outputs on local level, to end users or widening the preparedness for cooperation to other beneficiaries, for example by organising collaboration initiatives that connect end users across regions.

• Projects collaborating to increase the awareness of the cross-border/transnational added value and the potential of cooperation. The establishment of a lasting network could be one such activity for example.

• Projects with complementary skill sets collaborating to focus on improving (the uptake of) project outputs.

• Projects collaborating to gain critical mass to inform decision makers.

Eligibility

Small-scale transnational clustering projects must involve partners from at least 3 NPA programme partner countries. At least one partner from an ongoing or finalized project funded by the 2021-2027 Interreg Aurora programme and at least one partner from an ongoing or finalized project financed by the 2021-2027 Northern Periphery and Arctic programme. New partner(s) could be included, provided that there are clear synergies.

The partners in a transnational clustering project need to fulfil the Interreg NPA programme requirements for eligible partners, and they are expected to be located in the NPA area.

Partnerships are recommended to include at least 2 of the 3 geographical zones of the programme area: Finland-Sweden-Norway; Ireland; Faroe Islands-Greenland-Iceland.

In addition to expectations outlined in the Interreg Regulation, Lead Partners have to meet the following criteria:

• They are a public sector organisation.

• They are based in the NPA Programme area, unless they have a national remit that covers the Programme area.

Budget

The maximum total eligible project budget is 200 000 EUR, with a financing rate of 65% for all partner countries, except for Norwegian partners with a 50% intervention rate.

Duration

12 months for project activities, excluding final reporting.

Deadline: 6 Oct 2025

Full details available here.

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Arts and Disability Connect Funding

Arts and Disability Connect includes Mentoring, Training, New Work, and Research and Reflection awards for individual artists with disabilities.

The Arts and Disability Connect scheme is designed to support artists with disabilities to be ambitious, to develop their practice and to connect with arts organisations and arts professionals in the Republic of Ireland.

How to Apply

Deadline: 7 Oct 2025 @ 4pm

https://adiarts.ie/artists/funding/connect/

One-on-one Applicant Support

The Arts and Disability Connect scheme Round Two 2025 One-on-one Applicant support session is one-on-one time where you can talk to, ask any questions and get feedback from a member of our team about the Arts and Disability Connect scheme.

Once you have booked this session you will be sent a 30 minute Zoom meeting link. If you prefer a phone call, please email your phone number to Róisín at connect@adiarts.ie or put it in the form when booking.

We recommend you send a draft Arts and Disability Connect application form 2 days before your meeting to connect@adiarts.ie. If you book the meeting at short notice, Róisín may not have time to read your application in advance.

We recommend that you read the guidelines of the award you are applying for before attending the meeting.

If you have any access requirements or any questions please email Róisín at connect@adiarts.ie or phone her at 015688477.

Click here to book one-on-one support.

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Community Foundation Ireland - Circular Economy Innovation Fund 2025

The Circular Economy Innovation Fund is designed to support innovative circular economy projects led by social enterprises, voluntary and community organisations, and small businesses with fewer than 50 employees. Since its launch in April 2021, the scheme has awarded €1.8 million to 36 projects, spanning key circular economy themes such as food waste, plastics, single-use packaging, construction, textiles, and general waste.

Following a successful 2024 call, the scheme will once again be administered in partnership with Community Foundation Ireland, a philanthropic hub that connects donors, grantees, and communities committed to positive social change. The Foundation will manage the application, evaluation, and administrative processes, and provide ongoing support to successful applicants.

For the 2025 round, €650,000 in total funding is available, with individual grants expected to range between €40,000 and €50,000.

Projects should focus on priority areas for Ireland's circular economy, including:

- Plastics: Redesigning products or packaging to replace non-recyclable or virgin plastic with recyclable alternatives
- Construction and Demolition Waste: Creating reusable construction products or enabling selective demolition for material recovery
- Food Waste: Implementing technical or behavioural interventions to reduce waste in production and commercial settings
- Resources and Raw Materials: Enhancing recovery of critical raw materials and reducing hazardous substances in products.

How to Apply

Deadline: 8 Oct 2025

Full details on the application process for the CEIGS are available on Community Foundation Ireland's website.

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Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe is the EU's key funding programme for research and innovation.

Aims & Objectives

It aims to:

- strengthen the EU's scientific and technological bases and the European Research Area (ERA);
- boost Europe's innovation capacity, competitiveness and jobs;
- deliver on citizens' priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals

What does it support?

It funds actions under its three pillars and one horizontal activity:

- Pillar 1: Excellent Science aims to increase the EU's global scientific competitiveness. This pillar includes the Marie Skolodowska-Curie Actions which fund the development of excellent doctoral and postdoctoral training programmes and collaborative research projects.
- Pillar 2: Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness supports research relating to societal challenges and reinforces technological and industrial capacities through its seven "clusters" or themes.
- Pillar 3: Innovative Europe aims to make Europe a frontrunner in market-creating innovation via the European Innovation Council.
- Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area: This horizontal activity will increase support to EU Member States in their efforts to make the most of their national research and innovation potential.

Who can apply?

- Academia and higher education institutions
- Researchers and research centres
- Public bodies (local, regional, or national)
- Industry and private businesses
- Non-governmental organisations and nonprofits who would like to promote and facilitate engaged and ethical research into issues impacting their beneficiaries.

Why the EU funds research and innovation

Read more about EU policy on the topic of Research and innovation

Budget

€95.5 billion over 7 years.

Project Examples

Re-InVest: Investing in the right to a home. This qualitative research project used a participatory action approach to co-construct policy knowledge. The research focused on the experience of lone parent families living in emergency homeless accommodation, particularly in relation to their experience of the private rental subsidy Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and of Family Hubs, a new form of emergency.

Find more case studies on the Campus Engaged website.

National Contact Point in Ireland

For Horizon Europe (Cluster 2) & European Research Council: Irish University Association, Chiara Loda, chiara.loda@iua.ie

For Marie Skolodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA): Irish University Association, Yvonne Halpin, yvonne.halpin@iua.ie

For Horizon Europe Health: Enterprise Ireland, Dr Matha Cahill

Horizon Europe Contact List

Want to find out more?

Horizon Europe - The EU Research & Innovation Programme

Horizon Europe Info Days 2021

Irish Marie Skłodowska-Curie Office

Network of MSCA National Contact Points (NCPs)

MSCA matchmaking platform

How to Apply

Find open calls for Horizon Europe.

Current calls:

MSCA Staff Exchanges 2025

Deadline: 8 Oct, 2025

View Detail

MSCA - European Researchers' Night and Researchers at Schools 2026-2027

Deadline: 22 Oct 2025

View Detail

Horizon Europe Cluster 3 - Open topic on prevention, detection and deterrence of various forms of crime and terrorism through an enhanced understanding of the related societal issues

Deadline: 12 Nov 2025

View Detail

Horizon Europe Cluster 3 - Open topic on citizen and regional and/or local authorities' engagement in enhanced disaster risk awareness, including education, and preparedness

Deadline: 12 Nov 2025

View Detail

MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025

Deadline: 25 Nov 2025

View Detail

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Clean Energy Transition Partnership

Research Ireland and the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) are participating in the Clean Energy Transition Partnership (CETP), supporting Irish researchers to develop and strengthen transnational collaborations and accelerate the energy transition towards achieving the EU's goal of becoming the first climate-neutral continent by 2050.

CETP is a European Partnership co-funded by the European Commission under Horizon Europe, enabling regional and national funders and organisations to pool resources, leverage knowledge and experience and strategically align priorities to drive a unified response to shared challenges and to meet the ambitious objectives required to transform the energy system across all its dimensions.

A joint Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda defines specific thematic challenges – also referred to as 'Transition Initiatives' (TRIs) – to be addressed under CETP, primarily through the implementation of joint transnational calls (JTCs) for research and innovation projects.

The Joint Call 2025 includes 39 funding organisations across 34 EU Member States and Associated Countries, with a total available budget ~€80 million.

More information on the CET Partnership and the Joint Call 2025, including the call text and general eligibility requirements, are available on the CET Partnership website. Details specific to applicants based in Ireland requesting funding through Research Ireland can be found below.

Awarded projects will have a duration of up to 36 months. For applicants based in Ireland, Research Ireland will provide the following funding for projects:

Up to a maximum of €330,000 direct costs* per award for Irish applicants as Partner on transnational proposals.

Up to a maximum of €405,000 direct costs* per award for Irish applicants as Coordinator on transnational proposals.

*The maximum total award, including overhead contribution, will be €405,000, for a partner and €530,000 for applicants who take on the role of coordinator.

Eligibility

Only an academic partner or coordinator based in an eligible Irish Host Research body may apply for Research Ireland funding.

Applicants must meet the primary eligibility requirements outlined in Research Ireland's Eligible Research Bodies Policy and all additional call eligibility criteria as specified on this webpage and in the Joint Call Text 2025.

Please note that individuals who hold a contract of employment (whole or in-part, primary or secondary) with industry or any other private sector entity, are not deemed eligible to apply to CETP through Research Ireland. Such individuals interested in the CETP Joint Call 2025 should review the necessary criteria to apply via the other participating Irish agencies.

Additional criteria (Research Ireland)

Research Ireland will only accept one pre-proposal application per individual applicant.

Applicants can apply to both Research Ireland and other participating Irish agencies with different project proposals, if eligible under each agency's own rules. An applicant is not permitted to request funding from more than one participating Irish agency for the same pre-proposal.

If two or more Ireland-based applicants are partners on the same pre-proposal planning to carry out distinct work, funding can be requested separately by each partner to different participating agencies, adhering to each agency's own rules and requirements. Please note Research Ireland will fund only one partner per proposal.

How to Apply

If applying through Research Ireland, please give a brief notification of your intent to submit a pre-proposal by email before the submission deadline to eu-cofund@researchireland.ie.

Within the notification, please include the following information:

List of project partners

Irish Host institution Please note it is also the responsibility of the applicant to notify the Research Office of their Host Institution of their intention to submit a pre-proposal to the CETP Joint Call 2025

Total budget request to Research Ireland

Whether you intend to apply as a coordinating or non-coordinating partner

The completed pre-proposal must be submitted directly on the CETPartnership Submission Platform.

Applicants may be contacted directly by Research Ireland to confirm eligibility following proposal submission or at any time subsequently should queries arise in relation to the application.

Deadline: 9 Oct 2025

https://www.researchireland.ie/funding/clean-energy-transition/

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2025 Digital Transformation Project

Microsoft and TechSoup Europe are inviting applications to join their 2025 Digital Transformation Project. This year's programme is offering 3 fully funded spots to eligible nonprofits from Fingal, South County Dublin and Kildare. Applications are open now until 10 October 2025.

Are you ready to strengthen your nonprofit with the right technology, expert guidance, and hands-on training — all fully funded? The Nonprofit Digital Transformation Journey 2025 offers a unique chance to implement customised digital solutions that help your team collaborate better, operate more efficiently, and serve your community more effectively.

What's Included in the Programme?

- The programme provides participating organisations with expert consulting and digital tools valued at up to €8,000 — all fully funded.
- A comprehensive assessment of your organisation's digital maturity and needs
- A tailored Digital Transformation Roadmap, co-designed with your team
- Up to 3 digital transformation projects implemented based on your roadmap (cloud tools, security, automation, data analytics, etc.) See list of available projects here.
- Expert-led implementation support and training for your team
- Artificial Intelligence and Change Management workshops to ensure sustainable adoption
- A TechSoup Quad Membership for one year.

Eligibility

If you are a registered nonprofit based in Fingal, South Dublin or Kildare, committed to Digital Transformation, then apply!

How to Apply

Deadline: 10 Oct 2025

To learn more about the programme and to apply, visit the TechSoup Europe website here.

You can also read about those organisations who participated in last year's programme here.

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Rethink Ireland - Children's Active Play Fund

The Children's Active Play Fund is a three-year fund aimed at supporting children and young people across Ireland get active, stay healthy, and have fun.

This €1.5 million fund is created by Rethink Ireland in partnership with the Sunflower Charitable Foundation and the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht via the Dormant Accounts Fund.

The fund is open to charitable organisations delivering innovative projects that encourage movement, activity and social connections, making it easier and more enjoyable for young people to lead active lives.

The fund offers a package of cash grants and non-financial supports for up to eight projects to help them expand and increase their social impact.

This includes: A multi-year cash grant worth up to between €130,000 – €210,000 (per successful project).

The non-financial supports include:

- A place on Rethink Ireland's Accelerator Programme.
- Business and capacity-building supports designed in consultation with successful projects on topics such as strategic planning, impact management, communications, and fundraising.
- Access to Rethink Ireland's networks.

Eligibility

Projects must meet both Rethink Ireland's criteria and the specific criteria for the Children's Active Play Fund, as set out below:

Rethink Ireland Core Criteria

- The project must address a critical social or environmental issue.
- The project must be innovative in an Irish context.
- The project must be based on the island of Ireland and must make its main impact in the Republic of Ireland.
- The project must have potential and a desire to scale or replicate in Ireland (it may also have potential internationally, but this is not a requirement).
- The project must provide evidence that it is up and running, or has been tested at least in a minimal way.
- Applicants must come from an entity which is a registered charity.

Children's Active Play Fund Criteria

Projects must be working innovatively to enhance physical activity, mental health, and overall well-being among children living in Ireland, including one or more of the following;

- Enhance the mental and physical health, sports, physical activity and healthy lifestyles of young people using evidence-based approaches and/or community development approaches.
- Support the reduction of health inequities faced by young people and communities by increasing educational, training, cultural, recreational, leisure, social or physical activities
- Projects that inspire children and young people through activity, play and outdoor pursuits to foster healthy habits and lifestyles, connection and community building
- Projects that recognise and address the social determinants of health that **contribute to poor mental health and well-being.**

Advantageous criteria

In addition to the core criteria, projects may receive favourable consideration for the following advantageous criteria:

- Projects that prioritise addressing health and well-being disparities among underserved youth in Ireland.
- Projects that support an intergenerational 360 Health approach aimed at ensuring the moral, intellectual, physical, emotional and social welfare of all generations.
- Projects that foster coalitions, partnerships and cross-sectoral collaborations to maximise the impact of their initiatives
- Organisations that have a positive effect on Ireland's Green Transition through their activities/interventions. This criteria applies if the organisation tackles issues related to the environment and green transition, such as carbon reduction, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture, pollution and/or the just transition.

How to Apply

Deadline: 10 Oct 2025

Full application guidelines and criteria are available here: https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/childrens-active-play-fund/

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safefood: CFI Cross Border Partnerships Funding

Safefood is inviting applications for funding for its Community Food Initiatives (CFI) Cross Border Partnerships Funding.

The Community Food Initiatives programme aims to empower people in low-income communities to make healthier food choices. It funds local projects that improve access to healthy and safe food using a community development approach. Since 2010, over 65,000 people have taken part in a Community Food Initiative activity.

The Community Food Initiatives Programme 2025-28 is funded by Safefood and administered by SECAD Partnership CLG.

Safefood is an all-island implementation body set up under the British-Irish Agreement (1999) to promote awareness and knowledge of food safety and healthy eating on the island of Ireland.

CFI Cross Border Partnerships

Four cross-border partnerships will be funded focusing on low-income areas across the island of Ireland. A total of 8 organisations will be chosen with 2 organisations (one each from Ireland and Northern Ireland) working in partnership to deliver programmes over a 4-year period.

The two organisations involved in each partnership will deliver one programme per year. The two organisations need to develop and plan the programme and all its elements in partnership. The programme will be co-designed by the participating organisations and in consultation with their local communities, to address specific local needs.

The programme will involve the delivery of a small project by each partner and must include at least one joint activity between the two organisations involved in each partnership. For example, one organisation hosts an event or initiative that includes participants from the partner organisation. These projects should take a programme approach where participants are supported over a period of time.

Your organisation must have identified a partner before an application for funding is submitted. One organisation in the partnership will act as the lead partner. This organisation will be the primary point of contact between the partners and SECAD Partnership. The application will be submitted by the lead partner.

Funding

Interested organisations may apply for funding up to €2,650 (€5,300 per partnership) or the sterling equivalent per annum.

- Up to €2,000 programme funding per organisation
- Up to €650 funding for travel per organisation

Timeframe for the delivery of the CFI Cross Border Partnership project: All activities for this year should be completed by Sunday, 14th December 2025.

Applicant Organisation Criteria

Organisations must:

- Be community-led organisations with a legal status and appropriate governance structure
- Be experienced in the management of public funds which support social inclusion initiatives
- Currently employ and manage professionals with community development experience
- Have experience of working with the target group identified
- Be supporting other broader community initiatives through their work
- Provide supports across communities irrespective of age, race or creed

How to apply

Deadline: 10 Oct 2025

Please contact Sinéad Conroy in SECAD Partnership for details on the programme and how to apply for the funding at:

E: sconroy@secad.ie
M: +353 (0)87 354 3606

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The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity

The Hospital Saturday Fund was founded in 1873, at a time when poverty, overcrowding and ill-health were prevalent and little help was available for those needing costly hospital care.

The Hospital Saturday Fund has two grant categories:

1. Standard grants of up to £2,000 or €3,000

2. Large grants to up to £10,000 or €13,500 (please note this is the maximum sum that HSF will grant).

Eligibility

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants to registered medical health charities within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. The Hospital Saturday Fund will also consider giving grants to individuals within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

For medically related charities, hospitals, hospices and medical clinics:
The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants towards medical capital projects, medical care or research and in support of medical training. The Hospital Saturday Fund will also consider grants for running costs.

How to Apply

Deadline: 14 Oct 2025 (standard grants)

Full guidelines and access to online applications are available here.

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Mohamed bin Zayed - Species Conservation Fund

The Fund intends to be as flexible and accommodating as possible when reviewing applications, and to take into account as many different factors as is reasonable when assessing the merit of a suggested project. To support this and to try to streamline the application process, the review process is kept comparatively simple.

However, the Fund does receive many more applications for support than grants could possibly be provided, so please find below some criteria and guidelines which would be useful to bear in mind when submitting an application.

Language: Applications must be submitted in English.

Currency: Budgets must be submitted in US Dollars.

Maximum Grant: The Fund maximum grant size is $25,000, and any application asking for more than this from the Fund will be rejected. The total budget of a project can be higher if there are other sources of funding, but the Fund will not award more than $25,000.

Conservation status: The Fund was established to support species conservation work, and so if your project is not about an endangered species it is probably not worth your while submitting an application.

The Fund will use the IUCN Redlist (www.iucnredlist.org) as the primary guide to the conservation status of a given species, although documented variations for sub-species, distinct populations and sub-populations will be taken into account. For those species not assessed through the IUCN Redlist we welcome other methods of assessment and the submission of quantative data to confirm a species status. Generally the Fund gives priority to those species facing a hight threat of extinction (with an emphasis on Endangered and Critically Endangered species), as well as those which are listed as Data Deficient or unlisted but are suspected as highly threatened. Please ensure that the conservation status mentioned in the application is correct and cross-referenced to a website or publication. It might be of use to consult with the relevant IUCN/SSC Specialist Group if you are in doubt or would like some guidance.

Please note that applications with clearly incorrect conservation status and no justification will NOT be considered for funding.

Content: Text provided in an application should be kept concise and clear, with clearly stated quantative goals, aims and methods. When writing an application, please bear in mind that there is only so much text which the Advisory Board and the Fund's board of directors are capable of reading. Priority will be given to those projects that support the professional development of young conservationists.

In situ conservation: Generally the Fund is primarily interested in providing support to in situ conservation work in the field (such as survey work and data gathering, direct action, recovery management, training and the like), focusing on the species in its natural habitat. However, the importance of ex situ work (genetic analysis, workshops, ex situ populations etc) is also recognised, and so a few grants may be given to projects which focus on ex situ conservation work in certain circumstances.

Core costs: The Fund will not award a grant simply to cover the core running costs of an organisation or administrative overheads, and yet does recognise that sometimes support salaries, stipends, per diems and project related living costs are a vital part of in situ conservation work, as part of a conservation project.

Species: Generally, the Fund would prefer to support projects which focus on a single species, but it also recognises that in some geographic and taxonomic circumstances it makes more sense to group a number of species.

Grant amount: The Fund will not provide a grant of more than $25,000.

Grants for continuation: The Fund is happy to provide continuation support for a project which had previously been supported, which is now completed and for which the Fund has received all required reporting by the time of the respective submission deadline.

External review: In some cases, the Advisory Board and/or the Fund's board of directors may ask for an application to be passed on for additional review, which may add to the response time.

Online: Only applications submitted through the Fund's online, web-based system will be considered. Supporting documents can be sent as email attachments, but the application itself must be online.

How to Apply

Deadline: 15 Oct 2025

Full guidelines and application details are available here:
https://www.speciesconservation.org/grants/criteria

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Sound & Vision Scheme

The Sound & Vision Scheme provides funding to broadcasters and independent producers to enable the creation of high-quality, accessible programming that reflects Irish culture, history, language and diversity for broadcast on national, local and community TV and radio services.

Celebrating our culture

Sound & Vision funding boosts Ireland's creative sector, bringing to life television, radio and film content in both the Irish and English languages.

Programming produced celebrates our cultural and linguistic heritage, amplifies voices from marginalised communities, and explores underrepresented perspectives.

The TV License Fee funds Sound & Vision. Since 2020, the Scheme has supported the production of over 900 projects.

Recent Funding Outcomes

Rath Dara Community College Music Project – In this three-part series for community radio station, Phoenix FM, listeners follow Transition Year students in a Dublin DEIS school on a music composition journey. With support from professionals, they brainstorm themes and genres, compose, perform, record, mix their music piece and promote their music online.

Additional €2 million funding secured by the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to support content focusing on the voices of immigrant and new Irish Communities.

How to Apply

Deadline: 16 Oct 2025 (opening) / 27 Nov @ 12 noon (closing)

https://www.cnam.ie/industry-and-professionals/media-development/support-funding/sound-vision/

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Irish Youth Foundation - Flagship Fund 2025

The Irish Youth Foundation is once again opening our Flagship Fund for 2025. The goal of this fund is to support projects and programmes around the country that are focused on lifting children and young people up and out of poverty.

The Flagship Fund is now open for applications and closes on Friday, 17 October 2025 at 5pm.

Awards of between €1,500 - €30,000 are available with this fund.

The fund will support work that is aligned with one of the following three focus areas for change:

1. Educational Attainment – Programmes that support positive transitions through school from primary to secondary school and/or completion of secondary cycle

2. Health & Wellbeing – Programmes that support happy, healthy transitions from childhood through to adulthood

3. Skills & Employability – Programmes that support successful transitions for young people to economic independence

The Fund will support organisations working with children and young people in the Republic of Ireland aged between 5-25 years.

How to Apply

All applications must be made via the online portal.

To learn more about this opportunity please read the full fund criteria and review the application form on the IYF website : https://iyf.ie/flagship-fund/

Registration

To apply for funding from the Irish Youth Foundation, you must first register with them. This registration ensures that you are a voluntary or community group and you work with and for vulnerable and marginalized children and young people. Only registered groups are notified of Irish Youth Foundation grant calls.

Deadline: 17 Oct 2025

Visit the IYF website now to register.

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Community Foundation Ireland - Biodiversity Fund

Local communities are being invited to seek supports to develop or implement action plans to protect and promote plants, wildlife and habitats.

A partnership between Community Foundation Ireland and the National Parks and Wildlife Service has already seen 250 communities working with expert ecologists to offer new hope to endangered species as well as the landscapes in which they live.

Central to the work are Community Biodiversity Action Plans which bring together the passion and energy of local people, farmers and landowners with the knowledge of ecologists so that the most effective actions can be identified.

This work is supported through the provision of philanthropic private funds from the Community Foundation and public funding made available from Government through the Parks and Wildlife Service.

The 2025 grant round is inviting local applications through two strands

Support for communities seeking to draw up their own local action plan by working with an ecologist to map current species, identify actions needed and set out next steps (grants of €6,000-€11,000).

Support for those communities which already have an action plan and are now ready to make it happen (up to €12,000).

How to Apply

Deadline: 17 Oct 2025

Full guidelines and application details are available here:

https://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/biodiversity-fund-2025/

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Benefact Group - Movement for Good Awards

The Benefact Group, does financial services differently – we give all available profits to charity and good causes.

The Movement for Good Awards is our annual programme of giving that anyone can get involved in, and again this year we'll be donating over £1 million to charities and good causes.

Nominate a Charity for €1,000

Nominations made from Jan 1st 2025 – December 15th 2025 will be entered into all remaining £1,000 draws. Nominations from previous years do not roll over.

Nominations are accepted between Jan 1st 2025 – 16 Dec 2025.

During this time anyone can nominate their favourite charity or charities for an award of £1,000 – it's one nomination per charity, per person.

You can nominate a registered charity, not-for-profit organisation or community interest company in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man. Click here to see the full terms and conditions.

There are six £1,000 draws in 2025, so the earlier you nominate, the more chances your charity has of being drawn.

Once you've nominated, your charity will be included in all the remaining £1,000 draws in 2025.

The more nominations a charity gets, the better their chances of being drawn, so once you've nominated please share with your network.

Please note: Nominations from previous years do not roll over.

See full terms and conditions.

€5,000 Special Draws

There will be four special draws throughout 2025 – we'll have 10 awards of £5,000 in each draw. See the categories and dates for each draw below and please sign up to receive notifications about any that are of interest to you.

These are special five day draws that support one charity sector each.

If your favourite charity is in the £1,000 draw, you'll need to enter them into the special draw too if they are eligible.

Draw 1: Animals & Wildlife / 17 - 23 Feb

Draw 2: Health & Wellbeing / 28 Apr - 4 May

Draw 3: Children & Young People / 16 - 22 Jun

Draw 4: Arts & Culture / 13 - 19 Oct

See here: https://movementforgood.com/#specialDraws

Partnership Funding

In May we'll be launching our new partnership funding initiative. If you're a charity or know a charity that may be interested in applying, please sign up to our database to make sure you're kept up to date.

How to Nominate

Visit www.movementforgood.com to nominate a charity now.

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The Arts Council - Festivals Investment Scheme

The Festivals Investment Scheme supports small-to-mid-scale festivals to deliver high-quality arts experiences for audiences.

It focuses on programmes engaged with, and relevant to, local communities or communities of interest.

Criteria for Round 2 has not yet been released. Please visit The Arts Council website, via link below, from 21 October for updated guidelines.

How to Apply

Deadline: 21 Oct 2025 (opening) / 20 Nov 2025 (closing)

https://artscouncil.ie/funding-opportunities/festivals-investment-scheme-round-2/

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The Arts Council - Theatre Project Award

The award supports specific projects in the field of Theatre.

The objective of the Theatre Project Award (strands 1 and 2) is to support the development, generation and creation of theatre for general audiences. The award is open to professional artists and organisations with a demonstrable track record in theatre practice, in collaboration with artists and/or in partnership with existing theatre organisations, arts centres or festivals, where that partnership is additional to, and separate from, that organisation's core activity.

Guidelines for the previous round of this award can be viewed here. Please note: these guidelines may be changed for the upcoming round of the award. New guidelines will available before the window for applications opens.

Eligibility

The award is open to professional artists and organisations working in theatre. To be eligible to apply, applicants must: • Be resident in the Republic of Ireland. However, we may accept applications from outside the Republic of Ireland. In this case, you must detail in your application form how your proposal would benefit the arts in the Republic of Ireland. We would need to be satisfied with your explanation.

Theatre Project Budget Template

Applicants for the Theatre Project Award must provide a completed Theatre Project Budget Template as part of their supporting material. The template should use the following naming convention: Theatre_Project_Budget_Template_2025_[name of project]. Please note that there are two tabs in the template, the second of which allows you to list in kind supports.

There are two strands to the 2026 Theatre Project Award:

Strand 1 – Play Development (up to €15,000)

Strand 2 – Theatre Creation (up to €26,000).

How to Apply

Deadline: 21 Oct 2025 (opening) / 20 Nov 2025 (closing)

Full details available here:
https://www.artscouncil.ie/Funds/Theatre-Project-Award/

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UMUKSF School Awards

The Foundation has to date helped over 10,000 students, schools and teachers improve their access to music through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and/or equipment.

Please read the following information before completing an application form.

We Support

Applications for funding up to £1000 from Schools, teaching the national curriculum, which are based in the UK and Republic of Ireland towards the cost of musical resources.

Please Note

We do not fund retrospectively and you are not eligible for financial assistance if you have already purchased your resources or if you buy them after you submit your application, but before an offer of funding is made.

If you receive funds from another source after submitting your application to UMUKSF please inform us as soon as possible.

We are unable to accept applications on behalf of Trusts/Academies for multiple schools, each school must submit their own application form.

Returning Applicants

If you have applied for funding in the past and were successful please wait for two years from when the funding was offered before applying again. If your application was unsuccessful, you may apply again after one year. If you are unsure of when you are next eligible to apply, please email umuksoundfoundation@umusic.com before completing an application form.

If you are unsure of when you are next eligible to apply, please email umuksoundfoundation@umusic.com before completing an application form.

How to Apply

Deadline: 21 Oct 2025

Full details here.

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Coimisiún na Meán - Annual Sponsorship Scheme

Coimisiún na Meán understands the importance of recognising and promoting the range of talent and creativity across Ireland's media sector. We sponsor a range of media related events and activities each year that increases the prominence and visibility of culturally relevant content for Irish audiences. We look forward to engaging with a diverse range of groups to promote their work and our role within the media sector.

We operate a sponsorship round each year, calling for applications to support a range of media events and activities taking place across the country that align with our Strategy Statement and promote our work within the media sector.

Coimisiún na Meán defines sponsorship as:

"a contribution in money offered to an organisation, or individual, for the purposes of supporting the staging an event, providing a service or undertaking an activity which is in keeping with Coimisiún na Meán's objectives, with the expectation of a specific outcome."

What can be sponsored under the Scheme?

Examples of sponsored events and activities include media festivals, award ceremonies, and media conferences and seminars.

Funding Available

By way of guidance on individual funding awards, the amount of sponsorship funding typically offered to applicants ranges between €1,000 and €15,000. Greater amounts may be awarded in certain circumstances. Assessment of proposals will take into consideration the nature of the event, its relevance to An Coimsiún's work, value for money, and promotional aspects included in the application.

How to Apply

Deadline: 21 Oct 2025

Full guidelines and application details are available here: https://www.cnam.ie/industry-and-professionals/media-development/support-funding/sponsorship/

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Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) is the EU's funding programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values.

CERV at a Glance

- CERV funds projects aimed at protecting and promoting EU values such as democracy, fundamental rights, equality, and the rule of law
- CERV is competitive and organisations with prior EU funding experience are more likely to be successful applicants
- CERV provides funding for both national and transnational projects

Aims & Objectives

The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) Programme aims to:

- protect and promote Union rights and values
- promote rights, non-discrimination, equality, including gender equality
- promote citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union and exchanges between citizens of different Member States
- raise awareness of the common European history

What does it support?

CERV funds activities:

- promoting non-discrimination and gender equality, the rights of the child, European remembrance and citizens' engagement, as well as combat racism and gender-based violence
- strengthening the protection and promotion of the rule of law and democratic dialogue, transparency and good governance
- supporting, empowering and building the capacity of civil society organisations active in the promotion of values and rights, at local, regional, national and transnational level.

Specific activities funded include:

- training activities, workshops, conferences
- mutual learning and cooperation, capacity building
- town twinning
- media campaigns, awareness raising and dissemination activities.

Who can apply?

- Civil society organisations
- Public authorities
- European-level networks
- Think tanks

Why does the EU fund European citizenship and values?

Read more about EU policy on the topic of European citizenship and values.

Budget

The programme has a total budget of €1.56 billion for 2021-2027.

Project Example

ACTZen – Active Citizen for People and Planet

Oxfam Ireland was a partner in the CERV-funded project "ACTZen - Active Citizen for People and Planet." Delivered from 2022 to 2024 by 7 partners in 5 EU counties, ACTZen's focus was to engage citizens in discussions and action related to the climate and environment and propose solutions to decision makers. Explore the project results on the European Commission's website.

National Contact Point in Ireland

There is no Irish National Contact Point for the CERV Programme. Please contact the Access Europe team with any questions.

How to Apply

Open Calls

Find open calls for CERV.

CERV - Fighting against anti-Muslim hatred

Deadline: 23 Oct 2025

View Detail

CERV - Fighting against antisemitism

Deadline: 23 Oct 2025

View Detail

CERV - Promoting diversity management and inclusion at the workplace

Deadline: 23 Oct 2025

View Detail

CERV - Fighting against discrimination and racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, including antigypsyism, anti-black, and anti-Asian racism

Deadline: 23 Oct 2025

View Detail

CERV - Fighting discrimination against LGBTIQ people and promoting LGBTIQ equality

Deadline: 23 Oct 2025

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European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

The European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) aims to support member states and regions to improve employment and education opportunities, to enhance social inclusion and to tackle poverty.

ESF+ is a combination of four funds from the 2014-2020 programming period: the European Social Fund (ESF), the Fund for European Aid to the most Deprived (FEAD), the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and the European Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI).

In Ireland, ESF+ funding is distributed by the national government and is mostly absorbed by state and semi- **ESF+ at a Glance**

state bodies

Occasionally, the Irish managing authority publishes open calls for proposals from civil society organisations on specific employment and social inclusion themes

More frequent open calls for proposals are published through Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)

Aims & Objectives

The European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) aims to achieve:

- high employment levels
- fair social protection
- the eradication of poverty
- a skilled and resilient workforce
- equal access to the labour market
- fair and quality working conditions
- social protection and inclusion.

ESF+ has a particular focus on:

- quality and inclusive education and training
- lifelong learning
- investment in children and young people
- access to basic services

What does it support?

ESF+ co-funds local, regional and national employment-related projects. Its funding focuses on the following priorities:

- Social Inclusion
    - Active inclusion
    - Socio-economic integration of third-country nationals
    - Socio-economic integration of marginalised communities, such as Roma people
    - Equal access to quality services and modernising social protection systems
    - Social integration of people at risk of poverty and social exclusion
- Addressing material deprivation
    - Education and Skills
    - Better education and training systems at all levels
    - Equal access to quality education and training
    - Upskilling, reskilling and lifelong learning for all
- Employment
    - Access to quality employment for all, including youth employment
    - Modernising labour market institutions and services
    - Gender-balanced labour market participation
    - Adaptation of workers, enterprises and entrepreneurs to change

Who can apply?

- Civil society organisations
- Public authorities or bodies
- Social security institutions and employment services
- Microfinance institutions
- Institutions providing finance to social enterprises or other social investment actors.

Why does the EU fund equality and inclusion?

Read more about EU policy on the topic of Human rights, justice and equality.

Budget

The programme has a total budget of €99 billion for 2021-2027.

Please note: ESF+ is a co-financed programme, meaning that EU funding must be matched by a set percentage of national funding.

Project Example

JUST4ALL - Building social innovation learning laboratories in Europe through a just transition for all and with all

Aontas is a partner on the ESF+-funded project "JUST4ALL - Building social innovation learning laboratories in Europe through a just transition for all and with all." Delivered by 7 partners in 6 EU countries, JUST4ALL aims to develop integrated, inclusive, and innovative adult learning and education (ALE) models that promote just transition, with a special focus on migrants, women, and low-skilled adults. Visit the project website to learn more about JUST4ALL.

National Contact Point in Ireland

The Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science is the Managing Authority for ESF+ in Ireland. Contact them at esf@dfheris.gov.ie.

How to Apply

Find open calls for ESF+

ESF+ - Implementing the Disability Employment Package

Deadline: 30 October, 2025 5:00 PM Brussels time

Project Duration: 18-24 months

Funding available: EUR 10 million

Partners required: Minimum three eligible entities established in at least two different eligible countries, of which at least one entity should be a public authority.

Full details here.

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Church of Ireland Priorities Fund

The objective of the Priorities Fund is to raise and distribute money, on behalf of the Church of Ireland, to various worthy projects within the island of Ireland.

AREAS CURRENTLY SUPPORTED BY THE FUND:

- Training – Lay and Ordained Training in the following areas:- post-ordination, clergy in-service, lay ministry, youth ministry, children's ministry, student chaplaincy.
- Christian Education Development of RE in schools, children's ministry, youth work, adult education.
- Outreach Initiatives To encourage creative and innovative projects, which reach out to the communities our parishes serve, including church plants and missional areas.
- Innovative Ministry in a Rural Context To encourage creative and innovative ministry projects in the sparsely populated areas of the country, in rural or village settings.

We encourage:

- Applications for grants for 'seed capital'.
- Applications for grants which will have a significant influence in attracting other funding.

We try to avoid:

- Funding for projects which are still at the planning stage, including feasibility studies.
- Recurrent grant aiding.
- Funding for salaries.
- Financing debts.
- Restoration projects for cathedrals and church buildings.
- Routine renovations and repairs.

Example Grants:

- Eco Congregation Ireland - €1,000
- 3Rock Youth (Dublin and Glendalough) - €2,000
- Church of Ireland Youth Department - €17,958
- Derry and Raphoe Youth - €2,155
- Solas Project - €10,000
- The Basement Youth Centre - €11,972

The Priorities Fund Committee is committed to the encouragement of growth and makes the following choices in the assessment of applications:

- people not buildings
- new projects rather than recurrent expenditure
- mission and outreach rather than maintenance
- projects and programmes rather than structures

At the present time the following categories under which applications are considered are being used but it is possible that these will change in the future. This year, there is a new category, 'Innovative Ministry in a Rural Context', to encourage the Church of Ireland in the sparsely populated areas of the country, in rural or village settings.

How to Apply

Deadline: 31 Oct 2025

Visit the Priorities Fund website for more information.

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Culture Ireland Grants

Culture Ireland operates a range of funding programmes to support and promote the presentation of Irish arts internationally. The current initiatives include a Regular grants round, the See Here scheme, Delegate Scheme and a Showcase programme.

Regular Grant Scheme

Culture Ireland offers support to Irish professional artists, arts organisations and international presenters to present work by Irish artists at significant international venues and festivals.

In supporting an event, Culture Ireland traditionally offers grant funding towards costs which relate directly to the international presentation of the event, i.e. travel and travel related costs such as transport, freight, accommodation and subsistence. In order for an application to be considered, the applicant must have an international partner or be an international presenter who will provide a fee to the artist and assist with promotion and presentation costs.

There will be four grant rounds in 2025 covering all windows of activity throughout the year. Based on feedback, we are also extending the activity timeline for each round – full details below – please check that your project is eligible prior to submission.

https://www.cultureireland.ie/funding/regular-grant/

Showcase Scheme

The Showcase Scheme has as its primary aim, the creation of new opportunities for Irish artists to present their work on the global stage.

This aim is achieved through the support of Irish artists to participate at industry showcase events. Where possible as part of their participation. Culture Ireland facilitates artists to present their work to international delegates, including programmers and presenters.

The strategic priorities for the Showcase Scheme are:

- To ensure ongoing contact between Irish artists and key international presenters/programmers
- To increase awareness and interest by the international sector of recent and new work by Irish artists with a view to future collaboration/partnership/presentation
- To provide mentorship for artists with specific reference to presentation of their work in the international environment

- To promote high quality digital recordings/promotional materials to showcase Irish artists.

Music from Ireland is a programme, delivered in partnership with First Music Contact to showcase Irish music internationally.

Culture Ireland leads Irish delegations to events such as WOMEX World Music Expo, Classical: NEXT and Folk Alliance International and partners with national resource organisations in the delivery of many of the other Showcases as listed below.

Applications to form part of the Culture Ireland delegations are usually made by open call and must be made online.

Details of all events are posted on the Culture Ireland website.

https://www.cultureireland.ie/funding/showcase/

See Here Scheme

The See Here Scheme is specifically designed to support direct engagement by international promoters and programmers with Irish artists' work in Ireland a view to securing future presentation opportunities abroad.

Culture Ireland support under the See Here Scheme usually involves travel by international delegates to attend festivals where there is a programme of Irish artists being presented and meet artists in person in Ireland. Currently, given travel restrictions these engagements take place digitally and involve a combination of pre-recorded performances and live engagement.

Priority is given to attendance at events where the international delegates will see a range of work by Irish artists and to delegates connected with venues or festivals which have an interest in programming international artists.

Queries regarding Culture Ireland's See Here activity should be sent to: showcases@cultureireland.gov.ie

https://www.cultureireland.ie/funding/see-here/

How to Apply

Deadline: 6 Nov 2025

https://www.cultureireland.ie/funding/

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New European Bauhaus

New European Bauhaus (NEB) is a policy and funding initiative that makes green transition in built environments and beyond enjoyable, attractive and convenient for all. Even the smallest communities on the ground deserve living spaces that improve their well-being and sense of belonging. The initiative promotes solutions that are not only sustainable, but also inclusive and beautiful, while respecting the diversity of places, traditions, and cultures in Europe and beyond.

The New European Bauhaus works by:

- engaging people at a grassroots level, focusing on neighbourhoods
- providing tools and guidance
- offering tailor-made solutions for different communities
- incorporating the views of various stakeholders into the process of design and implementation
- prioritising people and social inclusion but also the economy to boost competitiveness and EU strategic autonomy.

There are two types of community membership open for you to join: Partners and Friends. Those calls of the New European Bauhaus are permanently open.

Partners are organisations (any entity except for-profit organisations and public authorities can apply) with a significant outreach capacity who are trusted members of their communities. Their core activities address one or more dimensions of the New European Bauhaus.

Friends of the New European Bauhaus are for-profits and public authorities, who are willing to provide some form of support to the projects. Cities, Regions and Businesses are ideal candidates.

All NEB community members promote the core values of the European Union: human rights: freedom, democracy, equality and rule of law. Finally, they support the priorities of the European Union.

How to Apply

Current calls:

New European Bauhaus - Network of neighbourhoods for innovative policies on gentrification

Deadline: 12 Nov 2025

Full details here.

New European Bauhaus - Applying regenerative design to the built environment in neighbourhoods

Deadline: 12 Nov 2025

Full details here.

New European Bauhaus - Beautiful, sustainable and inclusive street furniture for the transformation of neighbourhoods

Deadline: 12 Nov 2025

Full details here.

New European Bauhaus - Renovating the built environment through design for adaptability and disassembly.

Deadline: 12 Nov 2025

Full details here.

New European Bauhaus - Bio-fabricated materials for sustainable and beautiful construction

Deadline: 12 Nov 2025

Full details here.

New European Bauhaus - The impact of common space on neighbourhood communities

Deadline: 12 Nov 2025

Full details here.

New European Bauhaus - Bottom-up social entrepreneurship for the co-creation of neighbourhoods in line with the New European Bauhaus

Deadline: 12 Nov 2025

Full details here.

New European Bauhaus - Sufficiency measures in the built environment

Deadline: 12 Nov 2025

Full details here.

New European Bauhaus - Reverse local construction supply chains for the beautiful re-assembly of reclaimed construction products

Deadline: 12 Nov 2025

Full details here.

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Additional Resources

Nonprofits seeking fundraising advice and guidance can avail of two additional resources:

1. Fundraising Guidance Library

- Fundraising Essentials
- Applying to Grant Makers
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