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## Creative Europe Programme

Creative Europe is the European Commission's framework programme for support to the culture and audio-visual sectors.

The Creative Europe programme is open to cultural and creative organisations from EU Member States, as well as non-EU countries. Subject to certain conditions EEA (European Economic Area), candidate/potential candidate and ENP (European Neighbourhood Policy) countries can also participate in the programme on an equal footing with Member States.

### Creative Europe Culture Sub-programme

Creative Europe (2021-2027) will support European creative sectors with a budget of €2.44 billion.

The Creative Europe programme 2021 – 2027 sets out common goals for the cultural and creative sectors. It puts a stronger emphasis on transnational creation, global circulation and promotion of European works, innovation across sectors, and ease of funding access through higher EU co-financing rates. All funded actions and projects should respect gender equality and the EU's environmental commitments in the design and implementation of their activities

The CULTURE strand of the Programme consists of the following actions:

- Horizontal actions covering all cultural and creative sectors: support to cultural cooperation projects, networks of professional organisations, platforms for the promotion of European artists and works, individual mobility scheme.
- Sector-specific support to complement horizontal actions in music, book & publishing, cultural heritage and architecture as well as other sectors.
- Special actions to reward and promote excellence and creativity such as the awards for literature, music, architecture and cultural heritage, European Capitals of Culture, and the European Heritage Label.

### Creative Europe Media Sub-programme

The MEDIA sub-programme of Creative Europe supports European film and audiovisual industries in the development, distribution and promotion of their work. The programme supports projects with a European dimension while also enabling them to seek markets beyond national and European borders. Funding is also available for training, development, and new technologies.

## **Creative Europe Cross Sector Strand**

The Cross-sectoral strand of the Creative Europe programme is designed to serve three primary functions:

- The establishment of a Guarantee Facility targeting the cultural and creative sectors
- The promotion of transnational policy cooperation
- Supporting a network of Creative Europe Desks.

### **How to Apply**

You can read more on the [Irish Creative Europe website](#) and contact the national [Creative Europe Desk](#).

Current funding calls:

#### **Creative Europe MEDIA - TV and online content**

[View Detail](#)

Deadline: 7 Dec, 2023

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#### **Creative Europe MEDIA - European slate development**

[View Detail](#)

Deadline: 13 Dec, 2023

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#### **Creative Europe MEDIA - MARKETS & NETWORKING**

[View Detail](#)

Deadline: 18 Jan, 2024

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#### **Creative Europe - European Cooperation projects Medium Scale**

[View Detail](#)

Deadline: 23 Jan, 2024

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### **Creative Europe - European Cooperation Projects Small Scale**

[View Detail](#)

Deadline: 23 Jan, 2024

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### **Creative Europe MEDIA - Video games and immersive content development**

[View Detail](#)

Deadline: 24 Jan, 2024

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### **Creative Europe MEDIA - Innovative tools and business models**

[View Detail](#)

Deadline: 25 Jan, 2024

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### **Creative Europe - Pan-European Cultural Entities**

[View Detail](#)

Deadline: 31 Jan, 2024

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## The Arts Council - Co-funding Award for Creative Europe Cooperation Projects

The primary purpose of the award is to enable Irish organisations that have secured funding for artistic activities under the Cooperation Projects strands of the Creative Europe Programme 2021-2027 to apply for co-funding.

Funding will be considered to support those elements of Irish arts activities that align with the objectives and priorities of this award.

The award is only open to arts organisations based in Ireland that have received an offer of funding, either as Lead Co-ordinator or Partner, from Creative Europe's Cooperation Projects in 2023.

The objectives and priorities of this award align with the Arts Council's strategy, [Making Great Art Work 2016-2025](#) and are:

- Projects that recognise the value of international practice and relationships for both the applicant organisation and for individual artists
- Projects that demonstrate the promotion and development of good practice in the area of audience development along with deepening and growing public engagement;
- Projects that contribute to ensuring the arts sector is skilled, resourceful and committed to its own renewal.

Applications from non-arts organisations will be eligible only where an Irish arts organisation has been identified as a participant in the project and where Arts Council support will be used for the benefit of the arts organisation's Irish art activities. Applications for a Co-funding Award for Cooperation Projects must be made in the same calendar year in which an offer of funding is received from the EACEA.

### How to Apply

[Full details and guidelines available here.](#)

Deadline: 7 Dec 2023

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## PEACEPLUS

PEACEPLUS is a new funding programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. PEACEPLUS is the successor programme to both PEACE IV and INTERREG VA.

### **Aims & Objectives**

The overall objective of the PEACEPLUS Programme is to build peace and prosperity.

The programme aims to contribute towards a more prosperous and stable society in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland. PEACEPLUS focuses on supporting social, economic and regional stability, in particular by promoting cohesion between communities.

The programme will help to address long standing social and economic challenges which have, and continue to, impact on communities, particularly those in rural border areas as well as ongoing challenges that exist in urban settings. It will also recognise the impact of Covid-19 on society and the risks associated with the UK's exit from the EU.

### **What does it support?**

PEACEPLUS aims to achieve its objectives by funding peace and reconciliation activities, and by funding activities that contribute to North/South cross-border economic and territorial development of the region.

The programme focuses on six key Investment Areas:

- Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities
- Delivering Economic Regeneration and Transformation
- Empowering and Investing in Our Young People
- Healthy and Inclusive Communities
- Supporting a Sustainable and Better Connected Future
- Building and Embedding Partnership and Collaboration

Each thematic area of the programme includes a strong community-led focus. PEACEPLUS will involve civil society at all levels, in relation to the development and implementation of actions and initiatives to address societal and community challenges.

## Who can apply?

The Programme area includes Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, namely Counties Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan and Sligo.

However, cross border collaboration is not strictly limited to the administrative borders of the Programme but has a flexible geography depending on the topic concerned. This is called a functional area and allows for organisations and institutions not based in the core Programme area to get involved in projects by linking with partners within the core Programme area.

## Budget

A total of €1.1 billion from 2021-2027.

## Project Examples

Case Study: [Connecting People, Places and Heritage](#)

Case Study: [Breakthrough](#)

The [PEACE Programmes Learning Platform](#) acts as a repository and archive of key records related to the PEACE Programmes and provides a single point of access to the materials that have been developed since 1994.

## How to Apply

National Contact Point in Ireland: The [Special EU Programmes Body \(SEUPB\)](#) manages programme delivery.

## Current calls:

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### PEACEPLUS - Investment Area 1.1 - Co-Designed Local Authority PEACEPLUS Action Plans

Deadline: 14 Dec 2023

[Full details here.](#)

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## European Social Fund + (ESF) Programme

The European Social Fund + (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 that were separate in 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).

### Aims & Objectives

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

- high employment levels
- fair social protection
- the eradication of poverty
- a skilled and resilient workforce
- equal opportunities
- 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

In all its investments, the ESF+ promotes its overall priorities of gender equality, respect for fundamental rights, equal opportunities and non-discrimination.

### What does it support?

ESF+ co-funds local, regional and national employment-related projects and its funding will focus 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, as well as microfinance institutions and institutions providing finance to social enterprises or other social investment actors.

### **Why the EU funds employment and social inclusion**

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Human rights, justice and equality](#).

## Budget

€99 billion over 7 years.

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

## Project Examples

[Funded projects in Ireland](#)

## How to Apply

Learn more here: <https://eufunds.ie/european-social-fund/operational-programmes/esf-2021...>

Current calls details below:

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### **ESF+ - Social Innovation Practices to Combat Homelessness**

Funding available: EUR 15 000 000

Partners required: Open to sole applicants comprised of umbrella organisations or networks OR consortium of at least 3 applicants

Learn more: <https://www.accesseurope.ie/open-funds/esf-social-innovation-practices-to-combat-homelessness>

Deadline: 14 Dec 2023

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## 2023 Parent Peer Support Fund

The Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman, has launched the 2024 Parent Peer Support fund. The fund is open to organisations working with parents and/or children and young people to facilitate the development and support of parent peer support groups.

Beneficiaries of the initial round of Parent Peer Support funding included organisations working with parents of LGBTI+ children, parents of children with a disability and parents of children who have recently migrated to Ireland.

This year, a total of €75,000 will be made available to 37 organisations with each successful applicant receiving €2000 to provide and promote parent peer support group activities across the country.

### How to Apply

Applicants can access the funding terms and conditions, guidance note for applicants and the application form below

Terms and Conditions Parent Peer Support Fund 2023

[Download](#)

Guidelines Parent Peer Support Fund 2023

[Download](#)

Parent Peer Support Fund application 2023

[Download](#)

Learn more here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/554b5-2023-parent-peer-support-fund-now-open-for-applications/>

For enquiries please contact: [parentingsupport@equality.gov.ie](mailto:parentingsupport@equality.gov.ie)

Deadline: 15 Dec 2023

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## Benefact Group - Movement for Good Awards

At the Benefact Group, charitable giving is at the heart of what we do – and has been for over 135 years. We are an international family of specialist financial services companies that give all available profits to charity and good causes.

The [Movement for Good Awards](#) is our annual programme of giving. This year we'll be giving over £1million to charities and good causes – with your help.

You can nominate as many charities as you like for a £1,000 (or Euro equivalent for the Republic of Ireland) award – it's one nomination per charity, per person. Simply fill in the [short form](#) to get them into the draw. 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.

The more nominations a charity gets, the greater their chances of winning, so [spread the word!](#)

### Terms & Conditions

[Read and consider all relevant terms and conditions here](#) prior to entering.

### How to Nominate

In September the next 150 charities will receive a £1,000 grant.

In December, 120 charities will receive a £1,000 grant, spread across 12 days.

It's best to nominate as early as possible to get into all three £1,000 draws. However, you can nominate at any time up until the closing date and you'll be entered into however many draws remain.

[Visit the website to use the nomination form here.](#)

Deadline: 17 Dec 2023

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## Rural Action Awards

The Awards offer rural community-based organisations in Northern Ireland or the border region of Ireland the opportunity to apply for and secure £1000 or €1000 towards their volunteer led community action project.

### **What is a Rural Action Award?**

Our Rural Action Awards scheme for this year will again support up to 12 volunteer led community action projects up to March 2024.

As before, the scheme is open to constituted rural community-based organisations including charities, not for profit community groups, sporting and cultural organisations, heritage groups, Parent Teacher Associations, youth groups/clubs and social enterprises.

The scheme seeks to support practical, tangible and timebound projects where the project must complete within 12 weeks.

### **What is different for this year's Awards?**

This year, Rural Action will operate 4 calls for applications. Opening and closing dates will be advertised here and on our social media channels. 3 applications from each call will be randomly selected. At our discretion, we may apply a particular theme to each call and ask for applications which cover that theme.

### How to Apply

Full details and application guidelines available here: <https://ruralaction.co/what-we-do/rural-action-awards-scheme/>

Deadline: 20 Dec 2023

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## Rise Community Fund

The RISE Community Fund supported by NBI is aimed at addressing the rural digital divide and will award 5 monthly grants of €1,000 each to empower local businesses, community groups and social enterprises to enhance their digital strategy. The Fund offers an immediate financial injection into your local community, boosting the digital ecosystem.

Each applicant's submission must support the positive impact of technology on their project highlighting an identified digital need. Non-technology related applications will not be considered.

5 monthly grants of €1,000 in each community location chosen by RISE.

### Eligibility

All applicants must be over 18 years of age and operate within the monthly Community Fund Location area.

### Terms & Conditions

- You are 18 years of age or older.
- You have given full and truthful information, both verbal and written, at all stages of the application and selection process.
- Each applicant's submission must support the positive impact of technology on their project highlighting an identified digital need. Non-technology related applications will not be considered.
- RISE/NBI will hold the personal details which you submitted with your application form and will not share with third parties.
- Awardees will be requested to take part in publicity about the grants and allow NBI and RISE to publish the names and images of successful applicants.
- Awardees will be contacted by RISE to share updates on their project's progress and outcomes.
- Awardees will be expected to share the successful outcomes of their projects in supporting other organisations where relevant and sharing best practice.

- Applicants must be located within the community fund location calendar and within the deadline dates listed.
- Due diligence is critical to RISE, organisations must be able to satisfy by supplying additional information upon request
- Annual turnover must not exceed €500,000
- By sending in your application, you accept these terms & conditions and [privacy statement](#).

## How to Apply

See full list of local applications schedule here:

<https://riseglobalfoundation.com/programs/rise-community-fund/>

Deadline: 27 Dec 2023

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## Foras na Gaeilge - Colmille Small Grants Scheme 2023

Colmille is a partnership between Foras na Gaeilge in Ireland and agus Bòrd na Gàidhlig in Scotland. The aim of Colmille is to further interaction and cooperation between speakers of Irish and Scottish Gaelic and to strengthen the two language communities.

For promoting a project or partnership with Scotland.

Applications may be made to this scheme at any time. The scheme has no deadline.

Colmille has three funding schemes:

1. The small grants scheme for carrying out research and for planning joint initiatives
2. The Colmille grants scheme for funding projects (the main Colmille grants scheme)
3. The bursaries scheme to help people learn Scottish Gaelic

### How to Apply

If you are interested in applying to the small grants scheme you need to contact Colmille officers ([colmille@forasnagaeilge.ie](mailto:colmille@forasnagaeilge.ie)) in Foras na Gaeilge before you fill in the scheme application form.

Learn more here: <https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/funding-schemes/colmille-small-grants-scheme-2023/?lang=en>

Deadline: 31 Dec 2023

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## EPA - Event Support Grants

The Environmental Protection Agency provides funding to support science, technology, research and innovation projects through grant-aid to third level institutions, state agencies, government departments, local and regional authorities, the private sector and individuals.

The EPA Research Programme will consider applications for the financial support of small workshops, seminars, and other events which showcase current Irish research by the organisers and EPA funded groups. Applications must meet the following criteria:

- The amount of funding per event will not exceed €3,000.
- Funding is not provided for large-scale events, conferences, symposiums, festivals etc.
- Funding is only provided for events with a clear relevance to Irish environmental research priorities and on the condition that the events are run on a not-for-profit basis.
- The event should target other researchers working in the area and the expected end-users of the research (e.g. local authorities, EPA, government departments, industry, academia, etc).

### How to Apply

[Full details are available on the EPA website.](#)

Applications should be made online via the EPA's Grant Management and Application Portal.

Funding is available as a rolling call with four submission deadlines each year (31st December; 31st March; 30th June; 30th September).

Applications for events taking place within the first 28 days of a call period must be submitted prior to the closure of the penultimate call period (i.e. an application for an event taking place between 1st and 28th January must be submitted by the deadline of 30th September).

A response shall be communicated to applicants within one month of the call deadline date.

Requests for funding should be made using the appropriate application form using the following headings:

- Background and Work Programme (20 marks)
- Relevance to Environmental Research in Ireland (30 marks)

- Expected outputs and benefits (30 marks)
- Environmental Policy (20 marks)

Applications will be judged competitively against others received in the period using these criteria and regarding the need to balance funding across institutions and thematic areas.

Deadline: 31 Dec 2023

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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 (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.

#### **For Individuals:**

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving partial or full grants to individuals. See website for full details

### How to Apply

Full guidelines and access to online applications are [available here](#).

Deadline: 4 Jan 2024 (standard grants)

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## Cork County Council - Arts Funding 2024

Cork County Council now invites applications for arts projects and activities that may be eligible for funding under the following grant assistance schemes in 2024. Click on the grant type below to access the application form. The guidelines are available as a link on the front page of each form.

[Arts Grant Scheme](#)

[Artists in Schools Scheme](#)

[Tionscadail Ealaíon nó Imeachtaí a úsáideann an Ghaeilge](#)

How to Apply

[Full application details available here.](#)

Deadline: 11 Jan 2024

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## Rethink Ireland - Entrepreneurship Impact Fund 2023-2026

The Entrepreneurship Impact Fund 2023-2026 is a three-year fund, through the support of a private donor, which aims to have impact across three strands:

Strand 1: The Social Innovation Growth and Scaling Fund

Strand 2: Youth Entrepreneurship Incubators

Strand 3: The Minority Entrepreneurship Fund.

This open call covers Strand 1, worth a total of €3,000,000, and is open for applications via the online portal from the 16th of November 2023 to 11th January 2024 at 1.00pm. The open-calls for strands 2 & 3 are expected to be announced in 2024.

The Entrepreneurship Impact Fund – Strand 1 aims to support mid-stage and mature social innovations to achieve higher levels of impact by scaling their innovations and reaching the next stage of growth.

Ireland faces continuing critical social issues across health, education, equality, and the green sectors. One of the key problems confronting social innovations is the difficulty of scaling their operations and social impact. Insufficient funding in terms of both scale and duration to align with their aspirations, as well as a shortage of suitable capacity-building supports are key main barriers.

The Entrepreneurship Impact Fund's Strand 1 will address the challenge of scaling and reaching growth by providing multi-year funding and targeted support in the areas of scaling, investment and procurement readiness, organisational resilience, leadership, impact measurement, and financial sustainability.

This strand has two investment areas: the Growth Fund and the Scale Up Fund.

### **The Growth Fund**

The Impact Goal of the Growth Fund is to enable mature social innovations and social enterprises to:

- Scale up/out their operations to national level: through a well-defined scaling strategy aligned with their strategic plan
- Reinforce the financial sustainability: through growing their income with support from expert consultants and Rethink Ireland

- Achieve national transformative impact and/or system change

The Growth Fund will support up to three awardees for three years and provide an annual cash grant ranging from €160,000 to €200,000 as well as capacity building supports\*.

### **The Scale Up Fund**

The Impact Goal of the Scale Up Fund is to enable mid-stage social innovations and social enterprises to:

- Scale their operations to new geographies/locations: through a well-defined scaling strategy aligned with their strategic plan
- Increase financial sustainability: through growing their income with support from expert consultants and Rethink Ireland
- Increase their social impact to new levels

The Scale Up Fund will support up to four awardees for three years and provide an annual cash grant ranging from €40,000 to €60,000 as well as capacity building support\*. This Fund will focus on scaling mid-stage social innovations and social enterprises that have proof of impact, but require additional support to reach the next stage of growth.

Capacity building supports include:

- a place on Rethink Ireland's Accelerator Programme
- bespoke business and one-to-one consultancy supports delivered by experts consultants and designed in consultation with the successful projects on topics such as scaling, financial sustainability, investment readiness, organisational resilience, and impact measurement.
- access to Rethink Ireland's networks.

\* The Rethink Ireland Board will decide how much money to award, which may be less than the amount requested. The final amount of the award will depend on how many organisations are selected.

You can apply to the Entrepreneurship Impact Fund – Strand 1 via the [online portal](#) from the 16th of November 2023 to 11th January 2024 at 1.00pm.

This fund is open to organisations that have a not-for-profit legal form, e.g. charity, social enterprise and other voluntary organisations that meet the following criteria:

## Eligibility & Criteria

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

### **Rethink Ireland 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 in the Republic of Ireland
- The project must have the potential and desire to scale or replicate in Ireland
- 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 that has a 'not for profit' legal form for example, a charity or voluntary organisation.

### **Entrepreneurship Impact Fund – Strand 1 Core Criteria**

The criteria that applicants for the Growth Fund will need to demonstrate are:

- Proven track record of scaling and measuring impact
- Has a well-developed, Board-approved, multi-year strategic plan and financial projections that clearly map out scaling strategy
- Proven sustainable income/business model, over 5 years, with sustainable and diverse income streams and multi-year funding
- Existing impact measurement/management plan
- Clear vision for scaling nationally and strategic objectives to achieve it as well as a proven track record of scaling the social innovation/social enterprise in the past
- If the applicant is a social enterprise, existing and projected traded income streams needs to be clearly outlined in financial projections

The criteria that applicants for the Scale Up Fund will need to demonstrate are:

- How the social innovation or social enterprise impacts on a critical social issue



- Proven business model, multi-year funding, with stable income streams that support current operations
- Social innovation has potential and desire to scale and has the ambition to further explore their business model with a view to scale to new geographies/locations
- If the applicant is a social enterprise, the applicant must have generated traded income.

Advantageous criteria:

The criteria below will be considered advantageous in applications, however, organisations that meet the core criteria but do not meet the advantageous criteria are encouraged to apply. Projects applying to either the Growth Fund or Scale Up Fund incorporating any of the below in their application will have an advantage:

- Is beneficiary-led or involves members of the beneficiary community in decision-making roles
- Social enterprises that have a positive effect on Ireland’s Green Transition through their activities/interventions
- Projects applying to the Scale Up Fund will have an advantage if they can demonstrate:
- Having a well-developed, Board-approved, multi-year year strategic plan, supported by financial projections that outline plans to scale.

Strand 1 will support a total of up to 7 awardees across the following Funds:

- Growth Fund – up to three awardees for three years. Annual cash grant ranging from €160,000 to €200,000.
- Scale Up Fund – up to four awardees for three years. Annual cash grant ranging from €40,000 to €60,000.

Both funds will also provide:

- A place on a 3-year Rethink Ireland Accelerator Programme:
- Rethink Ireland’s Accelerator is a unique offer, equipping awardees with the skills needed to expand and deepen their impact. It provides training from best-in-class experts across the private, nonprofit and public sector. Training is provided across a range of functions and may include:

- Impact measurement and management
- Communications, strategy and social media storytelling
- End-game and scaling strategic planning
- Financial sustainability

In addition, the awardees will receive a budget for business supports in the range of €24,000-€30,000 each. Business supports will be tailored to the specific needs of each project and carried out by approved consultants, focusing on creating social impact in line with their theory of change and strategic plan.

### **What can cash grants be spent on?**

The cash grant must be spent on the project that won the award and must be ring-fenced for work you are undertaking. The specific use of the cash grant will be agreed between Rethink Ireland and the Awardee.

The funding may be used to cover operations/staff costs but you must be able to demonstrate in your application how this is facilitating you to run the project that you are applying for. Cash grants may not be used to pay off debts or for capital items such as renovations, or for vehicles, land, buildings or large equipment.

### **What non-financial supports will be provided to successful applicants?**

Rethink Ireland's non-financial supports have been called our 'secret sauce' that help projects to really develop their capacity and sustainability, in addition to the benefit of the cash supports. Non-financial supports will include:

a place on Rethink Ireland's Accelerator Programme. Each Awardee's project lead and potentially other relevant staff will take part in the Accelerator programme which consists of a series of interactive training workshops to increase the capacity building of our awardees.

bespoke business and one-to-one consultancy supports delivered by experts consultants and designed in consultation with the successful projects on topics such as scaling, financial sustainability, investment readiness, organisational resilience, and impact measurement.

access to Rethink Ireland's networks and the opportunity to develop networks and contacts with the other Awardees of the Fund which are often very valuable in the longer term.

### **What is expected of Awardees?**

The project lead will be expected to take part in the Accelerator Programme, which includes attending approximately 6 workshops per year and spending time working 1:1 with a business/strategy consultant.

## How to Apply

Applications are made via our [funding portal](#). The application form asks you for information about:

- your project and organisation
- the problem your project tackles
- what makes your project different from others
- who it benefits
- how your project meets the fund conditions
- how you test or evaluate how well your project is doing
- referees
- other details
- It also asks you to send us financial documents (listed below) and a short video about your project (this is optional).

Full details available here: [https://rethinkireland.ie/current\\_fund/entrepreneurship-impact-fund-2023-2026/](https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/entrepreneurship-impact-fund-2023-2026/)

Deadline: 11 Jan 2024

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## The Heritage Council - Heritage Organisations Support Fund

The scheme is open to not-for-profit non-governmental heritage-focused organisations with demonstrated national and or regional relevance.

Organisations that fit the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- **Company Type:** Your not-for-profit organisation must be established as a Company limited by guarantee (CLG) and must not be controlled either directly or indirectly by any state or other body.

**Constitution requirements:** The constitution of the organisation must prohibit the payment of remuneration to the directors.

- **Purpose of the organisation:** The purpose must relate to one of the aspects of heritage mentioned in the [Heritage Acts 1995, 2018](#), or organisations engaged in the protection of intangible cultural heritage as part of Ireland's commitments to the [2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage](#).
- **Demonstrated national and or regional relevance:** The organisation must carry out work that has application at a national and or regional scale or, its work is being used to inform policies at a national and or regional scale.

**Organisational work plan:** The organisation must be undertaking innovative small to medium scale actions that provide clear outcomes that assist in the delivery of one or more of the following - [the Heritage Council's strategic plan](#); [the National Biodiversity Action Plan](#); [Heritage Ireland 2030](#); [Places for People- National Policy on Architecture](#) and the [Built & Archaeological Heritage Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan](#).

### Objective of the Fund

The Heritage Organisations Support Fund aims to build the capacity of non-governmental organisations working in the heritage sector in Ireland by providing funding towards their core costs. This funding would provide support to:

- develop and strengthen the skills, processes, and resources that heritage organisations need to survive, adapt, and thrive in the uncertainty of recent times.
- heritage organisations who play a key role in the heritage infrastructure of Ireland and to help achieve national policy and plans.

## Funding available

The maximum amount available per organisation is €60,000. We envisage the average offers to be in the €30,000 - €60,000 range and that about 30 to 40 organisations will be supported by this scheme. Funding will be allocated on a competitive basis.

## What we can fund

- Core costs to support essential organisational and administrative spending. These are the key expenses required to keep your organisation running.
- Funding towards your organisation's core costs. Core costs include existing staff salaries, rent, rates, statutory and/or legal responsibilities etc.
- Costs to help your organisation be more resilient in the future, for example, adapting business plans, corporate governance improvements, risk management reviews and piloting new ways of working.
- For professional institutions – funding of bursaries for professional training or for specific personnel to deliver accredited CPD courses on heritage.
- Training and skills development costs.
- Hiring of new or contract staff. A clear job description for the post must be provided with your application.

National Living Wage: The Heritage Council supports organisations in receipt of Heritage Council funding paying employees the real living wage.

A zoom information webinar about the scheme took place on Thursday 23 November 2023. [Watch it back here.](#)

## How to Apply

Full details here: [https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/heritage\\_orgs-fund](https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/heritage_orgs-fund)

Deadline: 15 Jan 2024

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## EYF Grants - Pilot Activity Grant

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities. Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

The aim of pilot activity grants is to support actions which address young people's needs or challenges at a local level. The actions have a clear link to the local context and address the [focus themes](#) for pilot activities, as set out by the Joint Council on Youth.

These activities should be based on innovation or on replication of good practice, have a clear youth work dimension and be based on non-formal education principles. The link between the action and the envisioned impact on the community should be clearly thought out.

### Format

Pilot Activities are flexible in their format and may utilise a range of approaches, such as training sessions, meetings with experts, local workshops, local actions, visits, campaigns, workshops in schools, festivals etc. An essential feature of a pilot activity is the educational element - the EYF supports education projects, using a [non-formal](#) approach.

The pilot activity can be:

- An awareness raising activity: participants are informed or educated about a topic or an issue, with the intention of influencing their attitudes, behaviours, solutions or responses in their local context. At the end of the activity they can say "I have learned this" or "I am aware of that".
- A Skills development activity: participants develop skills to address identified needs. At the end of the activity they can say: "I can do this" or "I have the ability to do that".
- Collaborative work: participants' skills and knowledge serve as a basis to build and develop an outcome (for example a campaign, guidelines, recommendations etc.) and at the end they can say "I have contributed to the development of this or that".

The maximum duration of a pilot activity project is 6 months.

If you are interested in reading some examples of EYF supported projects from the past years, you can visit the page "[Supported Projects](#)".

Be creative!

## Criteria

When assessing applications for pilot activities, the EYF will concentrate on the following criteria:

- Activities addressing challenges affecting young people at a local level. The EYF expects that you highlight a specific challenge or concern affecting young people at a local level based on evidenced needs. Applications will propose ways of tackling the issue, with a view to finding solutions and creating an impact in the community.
- NGOs should be concrete and specific when introducing the local context, the situation of young people, and their challenges and needs. It should be clear how their proposed activity will help respond to these challenges at the local level.
- The EYF expects that youth projects have an educational element and an approach based on non-formal education. Some [resources](#) on our website can give you some insight on how to integrate the [non-formal education](#) principles in your youth activities.
- The EYF expects to clearly see a link to our focus themes and the Council of Europe's youth sector priorities. Your project needs to contribute to one of the priorities of the Council of Europe's youth sector, defined by the Joint Council on Youth (the central co-managed political body of the youth sector). Within the [current priorities](#), the Joint Council on Youth has defined more specific [focus themes](#) for pilot activities to be supported by the European Youth Foundation.
- Projects supported by the European Youth Foundation must be organised by, with and for young people (between 15-30 years old). We will expect to see how young people are involved in the decision making at all stages of the project.
- The EYF will pay particular attention to activities developed with local authorities or social services/workers, and projects involving young people trained in the European Youth Centres or presented by local NGOs supported by an international/European youth NGO.

## Eligibility

[Regional networks of youth NGOs](#)

## [National youth NGOs](#)

## [Local youth NGOs](#)

Local actions may be carried out by international NGOs/networks as part of their work plan and in co-operation with local NGOs. However, only the NGOs mentioned above may submit a Pilot Activity application.

## How to Apply

All the projects must start in 2024. Project must start at least 3 months after the deadline.

These deadlines do not concern the EYF Special call in support of young people from Ukraine. For this special call, applications are received on a rolling basis. For more information, [check the special call webpage](#).

As a reminder, only local and national youth organisations can apply for pilot activity grants. If an interested organisation is not yet registered with the EYF, please register as soon as possible. More information can be found [here](#).

Find out more about pilot activities [at this page](#). Read more about examples of projects supported [here](#).

Find out more about the budget and financial management at this [page](#).

Word versions of the applications for pilot activities can be found [here](#).

For further criteria and registration, [please visit the EYF website](#).

Deadline: 15 Jan 2024

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# European Parliament - A European public sphere: a new online media offer for young Europeans

## FUNDING PROGRAMME

The European Parliament is the legislative branch of the European Union and its communications grants programme provides funding to advance its institutional communication strategy.

## CALL OVERVIEW

This call aims to support the production of daily, thought-provoking and trustworthy content on current affairs from across Europe for and by young Europeans.

## CALL DETAIL

Following similar calls for proposals in 2020, 2021 and [2022](#), this Call for Proposals implements the European Parliament Preparatory Action "A European public sphere: a new online media offer for young Europeans". With a total budget of €9 million, it provides an opportunity for news media organisations and non-profit (youth) organisations to launch ambitious, cross-border projects.

The call seeks to bring the EU closer to young people, encourage them to become active citizens and connect them across borders. The objective of this action is to increase the availability of online information, in different languages, around European topics that affect young people across the EU, presented in engaging formats and through multiple viewpoints. Projects should seek to generate engaging discussions and organise youth events. The grant agreements will include a charter of independence to make sure that grantees are editorially-free and operate without any political interference.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

- Collaboration between at least five organisations from five EU Member States;
- Creation of daily, thought-provoking content around current affairs, through innovative cross-border editorial processes;
- An outreach plan, to reach as many young Europeans as possible;
- Distribution via own channels, partner websites, blogs and/or social media networks;
- Engaging discussions and youth events.

## 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)).

Proposals may be submitted by any of the following applicants or combinations of:

- News media organisations
- Nonprofit organisations, including youth organisations (private or public).

### **Consortium composition**

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 5 applicants (beneficiaries; affiliated entities and other participants are allowed, if needed, but affiliated entities do not count for the minimum number of applicants), which complies with the following conditions:

- Minimum 5 entities from 5 different EU Member States.
- Associated partners, if any, are considered third parties. They are not applicants, not part of the consortium and hence do not count for the minimum number of applicants

## PROJECT DURATION

Projects should start in summer 2024, with an indicative duration of 14 months.

## BUDGET

The Commission expects to up to 4 proposals, with a maximum grant set at €3.2 million. The maximum rate of co-financing is 80% of eligible costs, yet applicants may propose a lower co-funding rate.

## How to Apply

[Full details and applications links available here.](#)

Deadline: 29 Jan 2024

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## Patagonia Environmental Grants

Patagonia supports environmental organizations with bold, direct-action agendas and a commitment to long-term change.

We support innovative work that addresses the root causes of the environmental crisis and seeks to protect both the environment and affected communities. We focus on places where we've built connections through outdoor recreation and through our network of retail stores, nationally and internationally.

We believe local battles to protect a specific stand of forest, a stretch of river, an indigenous wild species or a community from a polluting refinery build public support and confront larger, more complex issues like climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental justice.

We encourage work that brings underrepresented communities to the forefront of the environmental movement and defend communities whose health and livelihoods are threatened by environmental exploitation.

We support multipronged campaigns that push for greater environmental protections and force the government to abide by its own laws.

We fund work that:

- builds an equitable, inclusive and diverse environmental movement
- confronts systemic bias, discrimination and injustice in environmental policy or outdoor spaces
- is action-oriented
- focuses on root causes
- has a clear strategy
- identifies specific goals and objectives that can be effectively measured to evaluate success
- builds public involvement and civic engagement
- works to build an inclusive and diverse environmental movement
- takes place within the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czechia, Denmark, France, Germany, **Ireland**, Italy, Japan, Korea,

Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Patagonia believes that the most direct path to real change is through building grassroots momentum.

Our funding focuses on organizations that have or can create a strong base of support. Because we're a privately held company, we have the freedom to fund risk-taking, off-the-beaten-track groups, and that's where we believe our small grants are most effective.

We accept one proposal per group in a given fiscal year (May 1–April 30). Our typical grant size ranges between \$5,000 and \$15,000. Proposals are reviewed and grants decisions are made by an employee grants council in Europe.

## How to Apply

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline: 31 Jan 2024

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## Community Monuments Fund 2024

The Community Monuments Fund was first established in 2020 to provide investment in Ireland's archaeological heritage. Funding is prioritised for local authorities, private owners and custodians and community groups for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments.

Total funding available nationally for projects under Community Monuments Fund 2024 will be €7,000,000.

The Community Monuments Fund invests in archaeological heritage and helps owners and custodians of archaeological monuments to safeguard them into the future for the benefit of communities and the public.

The impacts of climate change on our monuments is increasingly evident. With increased weathering and severe climate events, the repair cycle on built heritage is likely to become shorter. Increased maintenance and repair will be key to building resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of a changing environment.

### Core Aims of the Fund

The core aims of this Fund are the conservation, maintenance, protection and presentation of archaeological monuments. It will:

- enable conservation works to be carried out on monuments which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support
- build resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change
- encourage access to monuments and improve their presentation.
- The Department encourages project promoters to incorporate a traditional skills training element in projects.

### Streams 1-3

1. Stream 1 will offer grants up to €100,000 aimed at essential repairs and capital works for the conservation and repair of archaeological monuments

2. Stream 2 will offer grants of up to €30,000 for development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports that are aimed at identifying measures for conservation of archaeological monuments and improving public access.
3. Stream 3 will offer grants of up to €30,000 for enhancement of access infrastructure and interpretation (including virtual/online) at archaeological monuments.

## Eligible Projects

The Community Monuments Fund provides funding for projects in relation to:

- Archaeological Monuments that are included in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) under the National Monuments Act 1930 (as amended)
- Archaeological Monuments that are identified in the Sites and Monuments Record compiled by the National Monuments Service.

Eligible projects will be drawn from the following categories:

- projects proposed by a Local Authority in relation to archaeological monuments in public ownership, where a clear heritage focus and community or public benefit has been demonstrated
- projects proposed by a Local Authority on foot of applications from private applicants who are the owners or custodians of relevant archaeological monuments where there is a tangible public benefit
- projects with a clearly defined heritage focus and community or public benefit proposed directly to the department by a State-funded organisation working in the heritage area.

## How to Apply

For private applicants or community groups who are owners/custodians of archaeological monuments, Application Form CMF/A must be completed and submitted to the Local Authority on a date specified by the LA, which should be no later than 1 February 2024.

To find out more and to apply, please see here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/362a1-community-monuments-fund-2024-call-for-projects>

Deadline: 1 Feb 2024

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## Go for Life - National Grant Scheme for Older People

The Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme offers financial supports – provided by Sport Ireland – to local clubs, groups and organisations, nationwide who promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people.

Supporting Physical Activity within Nursing Homes and Day Centres.

Applications for the Active National Grant Scheme, specific to nursing homes and day centres, will open on Thursday 1st September and close at noon Friday 30th September. Grant results will be announced at the end of November.

This grant is part of the Active Grant Scheme announced in May 2022 when €514,120 was allocated to nearly 1,000 groups and organisations around Ireland promoting physical activity in older people.

The Grant Scheme demonstrates the wide scope and ambition of older people across Ireland where keeping healthy and active is concerned.

How to Apply

[Full guidelines and application forms are available here.](#)

Deadline: expected to open in Feb 2024 (exact date not yet confirmed)

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## Interreg IVB - Northern Periphery and Arctic 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 resource sufficiency in NPA communities	2.1. Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
	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:

- 1. Priority 1 Innovation capacity: 45%
- 2. Priority 2 Climate change and resource sufficiency: 45%
- 3. 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

The 4th Call for projects opens for all three Priorities. Besides main projects in priority 1 and 2, Interreg NPA is looking forward to funding main and small-scale capacity building projects in Priority 3.

### **PRIORITY 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 and

### **PRIORITY 2: Strengthening the capacity for climate change adaptation, and resource sufficiency in NPA communities**

2.1 - Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

2.2 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches and

2.3 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

### **PRIORITY 3: Strengthening the organisational capacity among NPA communities to make use of cooperation opportunities**

3.1 – Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies

### **Priority 3 thematic focus**

The novelty of Priority 3, is that it aims to build the cooperation capacity and experience among the stakeholders in the NPA area, leading to the development of more resilient communities. Actions funded in this priority are developing and transferring concepts to engage stakeholders in cooperation based on local knowledge, and supporting them to implement strategies for Northern Periphery and Arctic regions.

Note: In Priority 3, the Monitoring Committee invites both main and small-scale projects to build capacity in cooperation in particular focusing on the following topics and target groups.

[Read more here.](#)

## **Budget**

Main projects are expected to have an average budget of 1.500.000 EUR and run for 3 years.

Small-scale capacity building projects applying under Priority 3 have a total budget of no more than 200.000 EUR (handled as a lump sum), and run for 18 months.

## **CONSORTIUM**

Both main and small-scale projects under Priority 3 must involve partners from at least 3 programme partner countries, at least one of which is from an EU Member State.

Partnerships are also recommended to include at least 2 of the 3 geographical zones of the Programme area: Finland/Sweden/Norway; Ireland; Faroe Islands/Greenland/Iceland. Lead Partners have to be a public sector organisation, based in the NPA Programme area; unless they have a national remit that covers the Programme Area.

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 2 Feb 2024 (4th call for main project proposals)

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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:

1. Pillar 1: Excellent Science aims to increase the EU's global scientific competitiveness. This pillar includes the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions which fund the development of excellent doctoral and postdoctoral training programmes and collaborative research projects.
2. 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.
3. 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](mailto:chiara.loda@iua.ie)

For [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions \(MSCA\)](#): Irish University Association, Yvonne Halpin, [yvonne.halpin@iua.ie](mailto: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

### **Current calls:**

Horizon Europe - Cluster 5 - The role of social economy in addressing social exclusion, providing quality jobs and greater sustainability

[View Detail](#)

Deadline: 7 Feb 2024

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## CESCA Equality & Social Inclusion Small Grants Scheme 2024

CESCA (Cork Equal and Sustainable Communities Alliances) is delighted to launch its Grassroots Grants Scheme 2024, with huge thanks to the HSE Social Inclusion Services in Cork for supporting us with this initiative. Our intention with this one-off small grant is to support initiatives that are working to bring communities together, to promote and progress equality and social justice in Cork City.

### Application guidance

Joint applications with one or more other organisations or groups are particularly welcomed and encouraged.

We again will give priority to applications focused on tackling climate change and/or raising awareness of climate justice. Programs seeking to address socio-economic deprivation will also be prioritised, however we welcome applications seeking to address wider inequalities and injustices.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday 9th February 2024. Applications received after this date and time will not be considered.

It is intended to announce successful applicants soon after the closing date.

The successful programme must be based in Cork City or support communities specifically living in or accessing services in Cork City.

Grants of between €250- €1000 will be provided on a one-off basis. We have been allocated a total of €5,000 for this years Grassroots Grant.

CESCA members cannot apply as an individual organisation, but applications will be considered if in partnership with other non-CESCA members.

Applicants must be a not-for-profit organisation or a Company Limited by Guarantee, delivering community-based programs.

The CESCA Executive in partnership with the wider membership will make the final decision on successful applications based on the criteria outlined.

Where a CESCA member has jointly applied for funding with another organisation, they will be precluded from the decision making process regarding the grant recipients.

The program must be completed within a one-year timeframe from the date of allocation of the grant.

Where programs are already availing of grants or supports to complete their programs of work, please state where and why additional funds are required.

An end of program report will be required as a means of ensuring the stated aims were achieved and if not, the reasons for same.

CESCA reserve the right to request the repayment of funds in situations where the stated aims of a program have not been sufficiently met or evidenced.

### How to Apply

More information and application forms can be accessed via the link below.

If you have any queries please contact Sarah Harrington CESCA Coordinator, [cesca.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:cesca.coordinator@gmail.com)

Full details available here: <https://www.cesca.ie/cesca-equality-social-inclusion-small-grants-scheme-2024/>

Deadline: 9 Feb 2024

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## Additional Resources

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

### Fundraising Guidance Library

1. [Fundraising Essentials](#)
2. [Applying to Grant Makers](#)
3. [Fundraising From The Public](#)
4. [European Funding](#)

### Fundraising Helpdesk

Can't find an answer to your fundraising question in the above articles? Then get in touch with The Wheel's Fundraising Helpdesk now. Email as much detail as possible to: [paul@wheel.ie](mailto:paul@wheel.ie) and we'll get back to you shortly. [www.wheel.ie](http://www.wheel.ie).

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