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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.

The Co-funding Award 2025 is subdivided by strands:

Strand 1: Co-funding Award for Creative Europe Cooperation Projects commencing in 2025. The primary purpose of Strand 1 of this award is to enable Irish organisations that have secured funding, either as Lead Co-ordinator or Partner, for artistic activities under the Cooperation Projects strands of the Creative Europe Programme 2021–27 to apply for co-funding. Funding will be considered to support Irish arts activities that align with the objectives and priorities of this award.

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.

Strand 2: Co-funding Award for Partner Meetings in preparation for Creative Europe Cooperation Project applications. The primary purpose of this strand is to enable Irish organisations to apply for support towards meetings with potential European partners in preparation for applications to the Cooperation Projects strand of the Creative Europe Programme 2021-2027.

Funding of up to €2,000.

Who Can Apply?

Strand 1 criteria

- Arts organisations based in Ireland
- Must have received an offer of funding from Creative Europe Cooperation Projects or European Platforms in 2024
- This offer can be as lead coordinator or partner
- Your application for this award must be in the same calendar year that you received an offer of funding from the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

- You can only apply for one Strand 1 award per Creative Europe Cooperation Project or European Platforms

Note: Non-arts organisations can apply if:

- You identify an Irish arts organisation as a partner in the project
- The funding from this award is used for that partner’s Irish arts activities.

Strand 2 criteria

- Arts organisations based in Ireland
- You have identified potential European partners
- You are preparing for a Creative Europe Cooperation Project application with a European partner
- You are planning to hold meetings with these potential European partners.

Note: You can only apply for one strand in any one year.

How to Apply

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

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Creative Europe Programme

Creative Europe is the EU's funding programme for providing support to the culture and audiovisual sectors.

Aims & Objectives

The Creative Europe programme aims

- to strengthen the transnational creation and circulation of European works and artists;
- to enhance the capacity of European cultural and creative sectors to nurture talents, to innovate, to prosper and to generate jobs and growth.

What does it support?

CULTURE strand: initiatives promoting and enhancing artistic and cultural cooperation at European level

MEDIA strand: actions encouraging the competitiveness, innovation and sustainability of the European audiovisual sector

CROSS-SECTORAL strand: initiatives promoting innovative actions and collaboration across the audiovisual and cultural sectors

Who can apply?

Non-profit organisations, municipalities, associations, town councils, charities, foundations, etc.

The sectors funded may include architecture, archives, libraries and museums, artistic crafts, audiovisual (including film, television, video games and multimedia), tangible and intangible cultural heritage, design (including fashion design), festivals, music, literature, performing arts, (including theatre and dance), books and publishing, radio, and visual arts.

Why the EU funds art and creativity

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Arts, creativity and heritage](#).

Budget

€2,54 billion over 7 years.

Project Examples

[Currently funded projects in Ireland](#)

[Creative Europe: Culture cooperation projects selected from 2014 to 2020](#)

National Contact Point in Ireland

[Creative Europe Desk Ireland](#)

How to Apply

Open Calls

Find open calls for [Creative Europe](#).

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

Deadline: 5 Dec, 2024

[View Detail](#)

Creative Europe MEDIA - European slate development

Deadline: 5 Dec, 2024

[View Detail](#)

Creative Europe - Media 360

Deadline: 9 Jan, 2025

[View Detail](#)

Creative Europe - News Media Freedom Rapid Response Mechanism

Deadline: 15 Jan, 2025

[View Detail](#)

Creative Europe MEDIA - Innovative tools and business models

Deadline: 16 Jan, 2025

[View Detail](#)

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Irish Aid - Global Citizenship Education Grants

Irish Aid issues a call for global citizenship education project proposals annually. The Global Citizenship Education Grant Scheme is open to Irish-based organisations only.

Grants are allocated in the range of €10,000 to €180,000 annually. In 2025, applications can be submitted for projects with a duration of one, two or three years.

The 2025 Global Citizenship Education Grant call for proposals is now open.

Application Process

All organisations hoping to apply must complete an eligibility form. Eligibility forms can be requested by emailing the Global Citizenship Education Mailbox.

Completed eligibility forms must be submitted to the Global Citizenship Education Mailbox by 5pm on Friday, 8 November 2024. Organisations who fail to meet the eligibility deadline cannot be considered. Organisations will be notified of their eligibility by Wednesday 13 November 2024.

The completed application form, signed by the legal representative of the organisation (e.g. the CEO or the Chair of the Board) should be e-mailed to the Global Citizenship Education Mailbox by 5pm on Thursday, 5 December 2024.

Please note, applications which are received after this date will not be considered.

How to apply for DEAR (Development Education and Awareness Raising) Co-Funding -

An organisation in receipt of European Union funding for a Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) project can apply to Irish Aid for DEAR co-funding. DEAR co-funding is open to Irish-based organisations only. An organisation may apply for DEAR Co-Funding in addition to other global citizenship education funding applications. Applicants to DEAR should write to Global Citizenship Education Unit informing them that they intend to apply for DEAR funding, provide a short description of the project being developed and the proposed budget.

The maximum grant available under this grant modality is up to 10% of total funds received from the European Union.

In 2025, applications can be submitted for projects with a duration of one, two or three years.

Applications for DEAR co-funding can be submitted at any time of the year.

Further Information in relation to all Calls for Proposals

It is intended that the appraisal of applications will take place in Quarter 1 2025 and notification of funding decisions will issue by early March 2025.

Please note that individual meetings cannot be held with applicant organisations while any call for proposals is active and Irish Aid officials will not be available to answer questions or provide clarifications on an individual basis.

Questions or queries in relation to the Global Citizenship Education Grant Round should be addressed directly to the Global Citizenship Education Mailbox. Queries will be responded to up to two weeks prior to the appropriate application deadline.

Please note that any attempt to influence the outcome of the decision-making process in relation to grant applications will result in disqualification. Please also note that no individual meetings will be held with organisations that plan to apply for funding once the call for proposals issues.

How to Apply

Deadline: 5 Dec 2024

<https://www.ireland.ie/en/irish-aid/what-we-do/global-citizenship-education/funding/>

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The Arts Council - Touring of Work Scheme

The Touring of Work Scheme 2025 - Round 2 invites applications for proposals seeking funding to support the touring of work across all artform and arts practice areas for tours taking place in the Republic of Ireland starting from July - December 2025.

Information clinic

We will host an information clinic at 11am on Thursday, 12 December. A recording of this session will be uploaded to the Arts Council YouTube channel.

Please register for the clinic [here](#).

Please note, the Arts Council is currently reviewing the way we fund touring and the parameters of this award are set to change. We consider change to be an integral part of our role as the development agency for the arts in Ireland. Changes to our decision-making and policy-making are informed by data provided by the sector.

Recent changes we have made to the scheme:

- We have aligned the objectives and priorities of this award more closely to the Arts Council strategy Making Great Art Work;
- Applications for tours planned throughout 2025 will be accepted;
- We have standardised the mandatory supporting material required for all applicants – some exceptions remain, so please read this guidance carefully;
- We have added a new application artform area (MDA / Arts Participation / YPCE). Applicants with a particular focus on Arts Participation or YPCE should select this as their primary artform area;
- We have aligned our assessment and decision-making processes to follow Arts Council peer-panel procedure.

How to Apply

Deadline: 10 December 2024 (opening) / 23 Jan 2025 (deadline)

Visit the Arts Council website for full guidelines and application details.

<https://www.artscouncil.ie/funds/Touring-and-dissemination-of-work-scheme/>

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Foras na Gaeilge - Colmcille Small Grants Scheme 2024

Colmcille is a partnership between Foras na Gaeilge in Ireland and agus Bòrd na Gàidhlig in Scotland. The aim of Colmcille 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.

Colmcille has three funding schemes:

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

How to Apply

Deadline: 18 December 2024

If you are interested in applying to the small grants scheme you need to contact Colmcille officers (colmcille@forasnagaeilge.ie) in Foras na Gaeilge before you fill in the scheme application form.

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

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Benefact Group - Movement for Good Awards

12 Days of Giving is the Benefact Group's festive final phase of Movement for Good 2024. In December, they're giving 120 charities £1,000 (or the Euro equivalent) each over 12 days.

The first draw takes place on 5th December and the last on 20th December with 10 charities drawn every weekday.

If you've already nominated your favourite charity this year, then you're already in the draw. If you haven't nominated yet, getting a cause close to your heart in the running is just a few clicks away.

It's one nomination per charity per person, so if you have more than one favourite cause, why not try putting them on the map with a nomination?

How to Apply

Deadline: 19 December 2024

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

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Interreg IVB - Atlantic Area

Interreg Atlantic Area is a European funding programme that promotes transnational cooperation among 36 Atlantic regions in five European countries.

Aims & Objectives

The programme's overall objective is to implement solutions to respond to regional challenges in the areas of innovation, resource efficiency, environment and cultural assets, supporting regional development and sustainable growth.

The programme priorities are:

1. Priority 1: Stimulating innovation and competitiveness
2. Priority 2: Fostering resource efficiency
3. Priority 3: Strengthening the territory's resilience to risks of natural, climate and human origin
4. Priority 4: Enhancing biodiversity and the natural and cultural assets
5. Priority 5: Technical Assistance

The Atlantic Area for 2021-2027 covers the western part of the Atlantic Ocean and includes all regions of Ireland and Portugal, as well as several French and Spanish regions close to or on the Atlantic Ocean coast.

The total list of 27 regions is as follows:

Spain: País Vasco, Navarra, La Rioja, Cantabria, Principado de Asturias, Galicia, Andalucía, Islas Canarias

France: Normandie (Haute Normandie and Basse Normandie), Pays-de-la-Loire, Bretagne, Nouvelle-Aquitaine (Aquitaine, Limousin, Poitou-Charentes)

Ireland: Northern and Western, Southern, Eastern and Midland

Portugal: Norte, Algarve, Centro, Lisboa, Alentejo, Região Autónoma das Açores, Região Autónoma de Madeira

What does it support?

Interreg Atlantic Area co-finances cooperation projects in the fields of:

- Innovation & Competitiveness
- Resource Efficiency
- Territorial Risks Management

- Biodiversity and
- Natural & Cultural Assets.

Who can apply?

The following organisations can benefit from funding:

- Business support organisations
- Social enterprises
- Third sector organisations
- Public authorities
- Education and training organisations
- Environmental protection agencies
- Local communities
- Civil society clusters
- Universities
- Higher education bodies
- Research/innovation institutions

Budget

€113 million ERDF (up to 75% support per project) for the 2021-2027 programming period.

Project Examples

[Funded projects with an Irish partner.](#)

National Contact Point in Ireland

[Northern & Western Regional Assembly](#) is the national contact point for Interreg NPA in Ireland. Please contact Travis O Doherty at todoherthy@nwra.ie.

How to Apply

Deadline: 20 December 2024

Full details available here: <https://www.accesseurope.ie/open-funds/interregatlanticaarea-secondcall>

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Our Rural Future: 2024 Community Recognition Fund

The Minister for Rural & Community Development has announced a further €50 million in funding under The Community Recognition Fund, to deliver projects over 2024- 2025. The Community Recognition Fund was first introduced last year to recognise the huge efforts made by communities in welcoming and supporting people coming to Ireland.

Through the 2023 allocation, funding of €50 million was approved for some 900 projects in supporting cities, towns and villages nationwide that have welcomed people from Ukraine and other countries. Local authorities, in collaboration with communities, will be funded to develop projects that will deliver long term benefits to those living in the areas selected.

Under this latest announcement, a further €50 million is being provided again to deliver projects over 2024 and 2025.

Local authorities, in collaboration with communities, will be funded to develop projects that will deliver long term benefits to those living in the areas selected.

Projects that will be funded include:

- Development or refurbishment of community or cultural facilities including play areas, walkways, parks, community/sensory gardens, allotments, and recreational areas;
- Development or refurbishment of local club and sports facilities;
- Enhancement to school/parish facilities which are open to use by all of the community after school hours;
- Purchase of equipment for local clubs, festivals, community events and organisations
- Transport infrastructure such as community vehicles.

Local authorities can submit funding proposals to the Department of Rural & Community Development in phases, which will allow them to respond to changing circumstances during the year.

€50 million is available under the Fund and this was allocated between each local authority based on the number of ‘new arrivals’ located there. The Fund is being administered at a local level by the relevant local authority. Funding proposals, comprising of projects selected and prioritised locally, should be submitted by each local authority in the timeframes advised to the Department of Rural and Community Development for final approval.

The allocations per county are as follows:

Local Authority	CRF 2024 Allocation
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Carlow County Council	€1,171,621
Cavan County Council	€1,155,190
Clare County Council	€2,608,408
Cork City Council	€1,214,022
Cork County Council	€2,014,691
Donegal County Council	€3,391,917
Dublin City Council	€2,140,584
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	€765,487
Fingal County Council	€1,538,573
Galway City Council	€1,702,897
Galway County Council	€1,303,230
Kerry County Council	€3,946,095
Kildare County Council	€830,007
Kilkenny County Council	€867,987
Laois County Council	€1,012,996
Leitrim County Council	€2,212,974
Limerick City And County Council	€1,400,378
Longford County Council	€893,486
Louth County Council	€1,317,173
Mayo County Council	€2,428,540
Meath County Council	€1,188,066
Monaghan County Council	€914,972

Offaly County Council	€1,055,308
Roscommon County Council	€1,002,434
Sligo County Council	€1,742,899
South Dublin County Council	€2,249,663
Tipperary County Council	€1,465,434
Waterford City And County Council	€1,436,394
Westmeath County Council	€1,740,646
Wexford County Council	€1,703,377
Wicklow County Council	€1,584,550
Total	€50,000,000

How to Apply

Engagement with Communities

It is essential that the funding proposal submitted by each local authority is developed based on direct engagement with impacted communities and in consultation with the Municipal Districts, Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the local Community Response Fora. Proposals should also be consistent with Local Economic and Community Plans.

The proposal also has to demonstrate that the funding is targeted at and specifically invested in those cities, towns and villages where the highest level of new arrivals are located and where there is a clear need for investment identified.

Deadline: 1 January 2025 (opening) / 31 January 2025 (deadline)

Further details here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/e626a-community-recognition-fund-2023/>

The Fund will be administered at a County level by local authorities. If you have a query regarding a project please contact your local authority, details are [here](#) .

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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

OR

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.

For Individuals:

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving partial or full grants to individuals for the following:

Specialised mobility equipment, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, car adaptations, medical appliances and aids, hearing aids, nebulisers, specialised vision aids, specialised computer equipment, therapeutic equipment/treatment, orthopaedic beds, mattresses or pillows, riser/recliners chairs, lift hoist/aids.

Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Acupuncture, Speech Therapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic treatment, Reflexology, Massage Therapy and Aromatherapy.

Home adaptations, walk in showers, accessibility adaptations to bathrooms, access ramps, non-slip flooring, stair lifts.

How to Apply

Deadline: 2 December 2024 (large grants) / 3 January 2025 (standard grants)

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

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Foras na Gaeilge - Professional and Amateur Drama Companies Scheme

Foras na Gaeilge is the body responsible for the promotion of the Irish language throughout the whole island of Ireland.

The Professional and Amateur Drama Companies Scheme will be open to drama groups established legally as a drama company, both amateur and professional, including newly established groups, who wish to produce Irish language or bilingual plays around the country.

This scheme focuses on Irish language drama companies which aim to foster, develop and provide Irish language drama to the arts sector, the Irish language community, the general public and the education sector. As well as that, this scheme focuses on the development of community, attendance and audience.

How to Apply

Deadline: 6 Jan 2025

Visit the Foras na Gaeilge website to download application forms:

<https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/funding-schemes/the-professional-and-amateur-drama-companies-scheme-2025/?lang=en>

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Foras na Gaeilge - Festivals Scheme

The Festivals Scheme will be open to appropriate local groups to give them an opportunity to develop arts festivals or elements of festivals being run and implemented through the medium of Irish or which Irish language arts are a central part of them between 01 January- 30th June 2025

This scheme is aimed at festivals which aim to foster and promote through Irish or bilingually the Irish language, language-based arts and Irish language heritage, as an integral part of the festival, and to provide a platform for the Irish language community, to the wider community and to the arts sector.

How to Apply

Deadline: 6 Jan 2025

[Visit the Foras na Gaeilge website to download application forms.](#)

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Foras na Gaeilge - Major Arts Events Scheme

Foras na Gaeilge is the body responsible for the promotion of the Irish language throughout the whole island of Ireland.

This scheme focuses on major events which aim to foster and promote the Irish language and language-based Irish language arts through the medium of Irish or bilingually as a part of a major event. As well as that, this scheme focuses on the Irish language social networks, the general public and the arts sector on an all-island and international basis.

The Major Arts Events Scheme will be open to appropriate professional groups to give them an opportunity to develop major arts events or elements of major arts events being run and implemented through the medium of Irish or of which the language-based Irish language arts are a central part.

How to Apply

Deadline: 6 Jan 2025

Visit the Foras na Gaeilge website to download application forms:

<https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/funding-schemes/the-major-arts-events-scheme-2025/?lang=en>

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Rethink Ireland - Breaking Barriers Fund

Rethink Ireland is partnering with the State Street Foundation, and the Department of Rural and Community Development on the three-year Breaking Barriers Fund to support projects or organisations that are working towards Equity in both education and the workplace in Ireland. The fund will support access-to-workplace initiatives, sustaining employment and educational initiatives, in support of the fact that educational attainment leads to better employment opportunities.

The Breaking Barriers Fund aims to support awardees that tackle discrimination and inequality in the Irish labour market and education system. The fund will achieve this through investments in innovative projects offering tailored solutions combating discrimination and inequality in the Irish labour market or education system with outcomes including (but not limited to); sustainable jobs, work placements & internships as well as training and education. The ultimate goal of the fund is to find and back change-making projects that support beneficiaries from the minority communities we have identified into sustainable employment, work placements, education or internships while also tackling discrimination, prejudice and inequality.

The fund will focus on projects which rise to the challenges captured in the following themes:

- **Addressing Discrimination and Inequality:** This includes tackling labour market discrimination and barriers to employment related to race, ethnicity, and nationality.
- **Increasing Participation and Access:** The fund aims to increase the participation of minority and disadvantaged groups in the labour market and facilitate better access to higher education, further education, and apprenticeships for those who face barriers (i.e through tailored employability programmes, holistic skills development courses, bespoke employment supports).
- **Eliminate Barriers:** This involves reducing both structural and practical barriers to employment, work placements, and educational opportunities for people/groups who face these barriers.
- **Supporting Career Development and Skills Growth:** The fund supports the career development and personal skills growth of employees/future employees who are under-represented at senior levels.
- **Systems Change Approach-Empowerment of Marginalised Communities:** The fund aims to empower leaders from marginalised and disadvantaged communities to self-advocate and champion their cause, strengthening networks and partnerships to challenge discriminatory practices and support systemic reforms that enhance access to decent work or education for the most marginalised communities.

NOTE: For theme 5 – A comprehensive systems change agenda is imperative to address the deeply rooted discrimination and inequality pervasive in Ireland’s societal fabric. This type of change necessitates collaborative efforts to reform policies, enhance enforcement mechanisms, and promote diversity in leadership roles. Therefore in this theme we are looking to support e.g alliances, projects that are led by two or more organisations applying together, or joint partnerships, or initiatives embracing a systems change approach (collaborating across sectors, engaging with multiple stakeholders, seeking to create sustainable and scalable impact by shifting how systems functions at a fundamental level).

The fund offers a package of cash grants and non-financial supports up to the value of €204,000 for up to 5 projects, to help them expand and increase their social impact.

This includes:

- Up to 5 awards of up to €189,000*
- The non-financial supports will include:
 - a place on Rethink Ireland’s Accelerator Programme
 - bespoke business and capacity building supports designed in consultation with the successful projects on topics such as strategic planning, maximising your impact, communications, storytelling and fundraising
- 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.

How to Apply

Deadline: 10 January 2025 @ 1pm

We will hold an application clinic online on 5th of December at 1pm. Please join us to find out more and answer any questions that you have. Register below:

December 5th 2024 Thursday at 1 pm: [Register Here](#)

If you have questions, please contact breakingbarriers@rethinkireland.ie.

https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/breaking-barriers-fund/

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SSE Airtricity Generation Green Community Fund

SSE Airtricity has opened its €5 million all-island Community Fund for applications. The initiative aims to empower local communities across the island of Ireland to implement meaningful green projects that contribute to the transition to net zero.

The SSE Airtricity Generation Green Community Fund is part of SSE Airtricity's commitment to customers and the communities it serves by supporting community led sustainability projects and education for a sustainable future. The fund recently closed a successful consultation phase which generated over 600 submissions from individuals and organisations across Ireland, providing key insights on the types of sustainable initiatives that will deliver most value for communities.

By providing financial assistance to both urban and rural initiatives, SSE Airtricity aims to kick-start and support community driven projects that focus on environmental education, sustainability, and climate action. The fund is particularly aimed at fostering local leadership and promoting social equity, ensuring that all communities, regardless of their size or location, can contribute to Ireland's sustainable future.

Speaking at the launch of the SSE Airtricity Generation Green Community Fund, Jack Chambers T.D., Minister for Finance said: "We all have a responsibility in delivering Ireland's sustainable future and social impact funds like SSE Airtricity's €5m Generation Green Community Fund will make a real difference in supporting communities and organisations in their local endeavours.

Strand 1 - Education for a Sustainable Future

Objective: Empower young people and the broader community with the knowledge and skills needed to contribute to the Green Transition, fostering the next generation of climate leaders.

Focus Areas:

- **STEM and Climate Education:** Programmes working with primary and secondary schools that promote STEM education with a focus on climate and energy-related subjects
- **Green Curriculum and Schools Funding:** Schools, education centres or organisations that develop and implement sustainability focused curricula and initiatives.
- **Youth Engagement and Innovation:** Programmes that develop youth-led sustainability initiatives and competitions that encourage innovation in climate solutions.
- **Community Education and Engagement:** Programmes that may consist of community workshops, awareness campaigns or educational programmes that promote sustainable living, renewable energy and climate action at grassroots level.

- Green Skills and Employability Programmes: Programmes that provide training and certification in Green Skills (e.g. renewable energy technologies, energy efficiency, sustainable construction etc.).

Strand 2 - Community-Led Sustainability Projects

Objective: Empower local communities to lead and implement sustainability projects that contribute to net zero goals, ensuring long term impact and local ownership.

Focus Areas:

- Climate Resilience Planning: Initiatives that assist communities in developing climate action plans that address local vulnerabilities to climate change.
- Sustainable Infrastructure Development: Green infrastructure projects like eco-friendly community hubs or retrofitting of existing buildings with renewable energy and energy-saving technologies (e.g. solar panels, rainwater harvesting systems, LED lighting etc.).
- Community Environmental Programmes: Community programmes that will develop environmental projects like community gardens, biodiversity projects, conservation projects and nature trails etc.
- Circular Economy and Waste Reduction Initiatives: Projects focused on waste reduction, recycling and initiatives promoting the circular economy (e.g. community repair cafes, upcycling centres or local composting programmes).
- Eco friendly travel initiatives – Initiatives that promote eco-friendly travel in communities like Bicycle infrastructure, public transit upgrades and electrification, local travel infrastructure.

How to Apply

Deadline: 10 January 2025

Full details available here: <https://www.sseairtricity.com/communityfund>

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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

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[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](#)

Social media

[Horizon Europe on Twitter](#)

[Horizon Europe Ireland on Twitter](#)

[The Irish Marie Skłodowska-Curie Office on Twitter](#)

[Marie Skłodowska Curie Programme on Twitter](#)

How to Apply

Current calls:

MSCA Researchers at Risk 2024

Deadline: 14 Jan 2025

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Horizon Europe - Cluster 5 - Market Uptake Measures of renewable energy systems

Deadline: 4 February, 2025

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Horizon Europe - Cluster 5 - Minimisation of environmental, and optimisation of socio-economic impacts in the deployment, operation and decommissioning of offshore wind farms

Deadline: 4 February, 2025

[View Detail](#)

Horizon Europe - Cluster 5 - DACCS and BECCS for CO2 removal/negative emissions

Deadline: 4 February, 2025

[View Detail](#)

Horizon Europe - Cluster 5 - Digital solutions to foster participative design, planning and management of buildings, neighbourhoods and urban districts (Built4People Partnership)

Deadline: 4 February, 2025

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MSCA Staff Exchanges 2024

Deadline: 5 Feb 2025

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European Parliament - Media Actions

This call aims to contribute to resilience in society against disinformation and information manipulation.

Objective

The EP is looking to co-finance media actions by news agencies television channels, radio stations, digital media and written press. Digital media includes both digital-only media and digital platforms of other media, including content creators that develop news reports and articles, interviews etc. to be distributed on social media platforms.

These media actions should have a two-fold objective:

- Provide regular, reliable, pluralistic and non-partisan information on the political and legislative work of the European Parliament, including information on the implementation of EU legislation, emphasizing its implications in the European citizen's daily lives. Actions can also include monitoring on the implementation of EU legislation.
- Contribute to resilience in society against disinformation and information manipulation through awareness raising, fact-checking and media literacy.

Applicants must describe in detail in their proposals how they plan to fulfil this two-fold objective.

The potential reach, audience and impact of the action in terms of contributing to raise citizen's awareness about the European Parliament, to ensure wide dissemination and geographical balance, are key criteria for awarding the grants.

The actions should be multi-platform with an integration of channels including innovative media and formats.

Applicants must prove their current levels of audience in their proposals.

Audience outside the 27 EU Member States will not be considered an asset.

Activities funded

To be eligible, the activities and projects must meet the objectives and principles of this call and take the appropriate form as set out in section 2. Applications will only be considered eligible if their content corresponds, wholly or in part, to section 2 and this section.

Supported activities may include, but are not limited to:

- TV shows or parts of them, including integration of slots in shows with established viewing figures or in peak times; audience outside the EU27 is not considered in the evaluation.
- Radio programmes, including integration of slots in programmes with established airing figures or in peak times; audience outside EU27 is not considered an asset.
- Reports, news, opinion articles, blogs, debates, interviews, etc. (both in multimedia and written formats), including actions targeting EU-based citizens in non-EU languages.
- Multimedia actions with high views and engagement rates, including distribution via social media, engagement and other forms of interaction with public, including actions targeting EU-based citizens in non-EU languages.
- Actions with a trans-European dimension (cooperation of different media across Europe).
- Actions that contribute to fact-checking and to counter disinformation, providing a high level of audience, including actions targeting EU-based citizens in non-EU languages.
- Polls, data visualisation, surveys and other forms of visual and interactive communication.

Eligibility

- Entities from all EU Member States are eligible.
- To be eligible for a grant, applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are:
- A private legal person constituted and registered as legal entity for at least two years at the time of application;
- A legal person established in one of the Member States of the European Union;
- A legal person with no political affiliation.
- Proposals by pan-European associations (pan-European association means, for the purpose of this call, an organisation operating in most or all EU Member States) or networks of media should provide a clear commitment from each of the members participating in the action to publish or broadcast part or the totality of the media content produced by the association or network (see section 7.2).

The following entities are not eligible:

- natural persons;
- international organisations and EU bodies;
- public authorities and governmental organisation and bodies.

[Read more in the call document.](#)

Consortium composition

The actions supported under this call are mono-beneficiary actions. This means that only proposals submitted by one single legal entity are eligible. Proposals submitted by a consortium of partners are not eligible.

Duration

The actions proposed shall have a duration of at least 6 months and take place between September 2025 and March 2027.

Budget

Total budget: EUR 5 000 000

As an indication, proposals are expected to request a contribution from the European Parliament (maximum grant amount per project) between EUR 30.000 and EUR 150.000.

How to Apply

Deadline: 15 January 2025

Full guidelines and application details available here:

<https://www.accesseurope.ie/open-funds/european-parliament-ep---media-actions>

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Interreg IVB - North West Europe

The Interreg North-West Europe (NWE) Programme is one of the fourteen transnational cooperation programmes financed by the European Union. It is financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). ERDF is one of the funds designed to improve EU Cohesion.

The Programme encourages public, scientific, private and civil society organisations to cooperate with a view to promote a green, smart and just transition for all NWE territories. The aim is to support a balanced development and make all regions more resilient. The Programme co-finances these organisations to work together in transnational projects on specific themes. All projects financed by the Programme will need to demonstrate high transnational cooperation intensity throughout their lifetime with a clear focus on results. This means that partners must work together to deliver, disseminate and roll-out the results of their project.

Thematic priorities

To deliver its aim, the Programme has identified five thematic priorities, each of which is subdivided into Specific Objectives (SO). These priorities and Specific Objectives are:

Priority 1 - Smart climate and environmental resilience for NWE territories

- Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account ecosystem-based approaches (SO 2.4)
- Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution (SO 2.7)

Priority 2 – Smart and just energy transition for NWE territories

- Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions (SO 2.1)
- Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein (SO 2.2).

Priority 3 - Transition towards a place-based circular economy

- Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy (SO 2.6).

Priority 4 – Improving territorial resilience in NWE through innovative and smart transformation

- Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies (SO 1.1).

Priority 5 – Transition towards a socially inclusive and resilient society

- Enhancing the effectiveness and inclusiveness of labour markets and access to quality employment through developing social infrastructure and promoting social economy(SO 4.1).
- Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems,including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-and-community-based care (SO 4.5).
- Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development,social inclusion and social innovation (SO 4.6).

Over the lifetime of the Programme, € 287 million of ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) will be allocated to projects. No ceiling is set for this call.

All projects need to have a partner contribution (provide match-funding). The maximum ERDF grant rate for partners is 60% of the total project budget. The partnership needs to contribute the remaining40%.

How to Apply

Deadline: 16 January 2025

<https://www.accesseurope.ie/open-funds/interreg-north-west-europe---call-5>

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EU4Health Programme

EU4Health is the EU's funding programme to deliver on EU health policy and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Aims & Objectives

It aims to:

- Improve and foster health in the Union
- Protect people from serious cross-border health threats
- Improve access to medicinal products, medical devices, crisis-relevant products
- Strengthen health systems.

What does it support?

It funds actions that fall under the programme's four strands with a cross-cutting focus on cancer:

- Disease prevention
- Crisis preparedness
- Health systems and healthcare workforce
- Digitalisation

Who can apply?

- Representatives of patients' associations
- Civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities)
- Academia and education establishments
- Research institutes
- Organisations of healthcare professionals

Why the EU funds healthcare and well-being

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Health](#).

Budget

€5.3 billion over 7 years.

Project Examples

[SOEEFHealth](#): Promote health and reducing health inequalities for people with intellectual disability in Europe.

National Contact Point in Ireland

The [Health Research Board](#) is the National Contact Point for EU4Health in Ireland.

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How to Apply

Current call:

EU4Health - Proposals to support a comprehensive, prevention-oriented approach to mental health in the Union

Deadline: 22 January 2025

<https://www.accesseurope.ie/open-funds/eu4health---proposals-to-support-a-comprehensive-prevention-oriented-approach-to-mental-health-in-the-union>

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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 £1500 from Schools (teaching the national curriculum) based in the UK and Ireland towards the cost of musical resources.

Criteria

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.

How to Apply

Deadline: 22 January 2025

[Full details here.](#)

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IGHN Partnerships Programme Grant Round 2024

The IGHN Partnerships Programme (formerly the ESTHER Ireland programme) is a well-established, cost-effective model for supporting Institutional Health Partnerships funded by Irish

Aid and supported by the HSE Global Health Programme. The programme supports partnerships between Irish health institutions and counterparts in low- and middle-income countries to improve health outcomes and strengthen health systems.

The 2024 IGHN Partnerships Programme grant round aims to strengthen partnerships' capacity to demonstrate their impact by funding MEAL (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning) activities. By prioritising MEAL, the IGHN aims to equip partnerships with the necessary support to assess their progress, quantify outcomes, and build a solid evidence base.

Applications are invited from Irish health institutions and organisations engaged in established health partnerships with institutions in low- and middle-income countries. NGOs are generally not eligible for IGHN Partnership Programme grants unless they are part of a collaboration with an Irish health service or institution.

Partnerships may apply for grants to:

- Build capacity within the partnership in MEAL
- Develop results frameworks
- Implement pilot studies in MEAL: Conduct small-scale studies or assessments to establish baseline data or evaluate the effectiveness of specific interventions
- Conduct data analysis of data gathered from the activities of the partnership
- Impact reporting and documentation: Produce reports or case studies that document the partnership's impact, capturing qualitative and quantitative data to demonstrate success and lessons learned to funders and stakeholders.
- Other MEAL related activities that support the partnership to demonstrate impact

The ceiling for grants is €3,000. Grants must be spent within 12 months of disbursement.

How to Apply

Deadline: 24 January 2025

<https://globalhealth.ie/pp-grant-round/>

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Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

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

Aims & Objectives

The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme's aims are 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 actions:

- 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

Eligibility

Who can apply?

Civil society organisations as well as public authorities, European-level networks and think tanks.

EU Policy

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [European citizenship and values](#).

Budget

€1,56 billion over 7 years

Project Examples

[Examples of successful projects from Ireland](#)

National Contact Point in Ireland

Not yet decided, information will follow soon.

Assistance is also available via www.accesseurope.ie.

How to Apply

Find open calls for [CERV](#), or see direct links below:

CERV - Call for proposals for 3-year framework partnership agreements to support European networks, civil society organisations active at EU level and European think tanks in the areas of Union values

Deadline: 28 January, 2025

[View Detail](#)

CERV - Operating grants to framework partners active in the area of Union values

Deadline: 5 February, 2025

[View Detail](#)

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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.

Pilot activity grants refer to projects that:

- address young people's needs or challenges at a local level.
- contribute to the [priorities of the youth sector of the Council of Europe](#), in particular to the 2025 focus themes
- are based on innovation, either in terms of methodology for the target group and/or the organisation and the context, or on replication of good practice
- have a clear youth dimension and contribute to youth participation
- have a clear local impact
- follow the basic principles of youth work, [non-formal education](#) and intercultural dialogue
- contribute to social cohesion, by combating exclusion and the prevention of phenomena specifically affecting young people
- help young people, particularly disadvantaged young people, to find ways of meeting both the challenges facing them and their own aspirations.

Pilot activities are flexible in their format and may utilise a range of approaches, such as youth meetings, capacity building sessions, awareness raising actions, meetings with experts, local workshops, local actions, visits, campaigns, workshops in schools, festivals etc.

The maximum duration of a pilot activity project can be up to one year. The project must start at least 3 months after the deadline.

Focus themes 2025

The following focus themes for pilot activity grants were approved by Joint Council on Youth within the [youth sector priorities](#):

Human rights education with and by young people

This includes the possibility to apply to the EYF for a pilot activity grants for:

- initiatives that support the [Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education](#) and the role of youth NGOs in its implementation
- initiatives that support young people's democratic engagement in the revitalisation of democracy (cfr. [Reykjavík Declaration](#))

- initiatives that support climate action and awareness on the right to a healthy environment, following the [CM Recommendation \(2024\)6 on young people and climate action](#) adopted on 23 October 2024.

Peacebuilding, conflict transformation and intercultural dialogue

This includes the possibility to apply to the EYF for a pilot activity grants for:

- initiatives that associate young people and their organisations with peacebuilding and intercultural dialogue
- initiatives that emerge from flagship activities of the Council of Europe’s youth sector, such as the Youth Peace Camp
- initiatives strengthening young people’s agency and capacities to prevent violence, transform conflict and to build a culture of peace and human rights.

Grant amount

The maximum grant for a Pilot Activity is €15 000. The EYF can cover the all real costs of the activity up to this amount. The EYF will initiate the payment of the first instalment – 80% of the grant awarded – approximately 4 weeks before the start of your activity. However, it can take up to 4 weeks until the money arrives into your bank account. The remaining 20% will be paid upon receipt and approval of the final report (check the [Reporting](#) page).

Eligibility

[Regional networks of youth NGOs](#)

[National youth NGOs](#)

[Local youth NGOs](#)

If an interested organisation is not yet registered with the EYF, please register as soon as possible. More information can be found [here](#).

How to Apply

Deadline: 1 February 2025

Every NGO interested in applying to the European Youth Foundation has to be registered with us (see additional information on [Registration](#)) and go through the [application process](#).

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

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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 and we'll get back to you shortly. www.wheel.ie.

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