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## The Arts Council - Capacity Building Support Scheme

In light of the unique circumstances presented by COVID-19, the Capacity Building Support Scheme has been developed to support arts organisations to gain support, skills and expertise to review and adapt their artistic and/or business models and support their strategic development in the medium to long term. It supports activities that will assist in building capacity, in developing inclusivity, and/or in growing peer support and collaborations.

### Eligibility

Arts organisations who have been funded by the Arts Council previously

Groups of arts organisations who have been funded by the Arts Council previously (in these cases one organisation must act as the named applicant)

In the case of arts organisations that do not have a historical funding relationship with the Arts Council, we will accept applications from arts organisations that are not for profit and/or formally constituted as CLGs, DACs or charities.

Organisations may be awarded funding only once in a calendar year as the named (lead) applicant. However, they may subsequently apply to future rounds of the scheme as part of a consortium.

It is possible that organisations may be part of one or more group/consortia applications while also applying as a single organisation, however they can only be the named (lead) applicant in one application. In these cases there must not be a duplication of purpose or activity across applications – e.g. an organisation may be part of a group/consortium that applies to the scheme to develop digital capacity, and then the organisation may make a separate application for costs of professional development for staff.

Single applications can be made up to a maximum of €20,000.

Group/Consortia applications can be made up to a maximum of €30,000.

### Activities

Activities supported might include, but are not limited to, the following:

Digital capability: expenses to strengthen digital infrastructure; accessing the appropriate expertise, equipment, infrastructure, software, tools and advice; making content accessible to diverse and underrepresented audiences, artists and arts practitioners; coaching fees; advisor fees; subscriptions.

Business and practice development: costs for seeking outside expertise to assist in adapting existing practice and operations; accessing expertise to develop new business, human resource, well-being and/or workforce plans; exploring alternative models and platforms for creation, collaboration, mobility or distribution; advisor fees; coordinator and collaborator fees; coaching; other expenses to research and develop new markets and income streams.

Professional development: costs for remote/digital professional development, well-being and support programmes for staff, coaching and training, courses, online learning.

Developing collaborations and connections: funding towards knowledge exchange; other expenses to explore and develop collaborative networks; coaching fees; advisor fees; coordinator and collaborator fees.

Developing capacity for inclusion: funding to avail of expertise, training or advice that develops the organisation's capacity for inclusion and relevance across the diversity of Irish society. This may include improving the organisation's planning and practices in areas such as youth voice, disability, cultural diversity, or other areas.

Applicants may apply for one distinct activity, or for a combination of activities.

## How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 11 May 2023

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## The St Andrews Prize for the Environment

The St Andrews Prize for the Environment is a major international initiative led by the University of St Andrews that recognises and supports innovative and inspirational responses to environmental challenges, including the climate crisis. It is overseen by the Master of the United College, Professor Ineke De Moortel FRAS FRSE.

The St Andrews Prize welcomes applications from individuals and organisations (including community groups) who lead projects that protect the environment and/or contribute to its sustainable development.

As a core aim of the Prize is to bring about substantial progress in solving environmental problems, we seek applications from projects where winning would lead to a step-change in the development and implementation of the idea.

As a general rule, the University is unlikely to be able to make payments to countries under international sanctions, therefore we encourage projects based in such locations to consider carefully if this may impact them before applying.

### Eligible projects

For a project to be eligible it must:

- An established project with a proven track record of success
- Be related to sustainable development and/or biodiversity, and be aligned with the [UN Goals for Sustainable Development](#)
- Be replicable from one geographic area to another and ideally be scalable in size
- Have a clearly defined need for funding
- Have the ability to inspire others in the field
- Contribute to the global pursuit of sustainability in the short- to long-term
- Meet high ethical standards in respect of intellectual property, and in how it interacts with people, and with the environment
- Must be inclusive

### How to Apply

[Please visit the St. Andrews Award website to review the full details.](#)

Deadline: 12 Apr 2023

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## National Geographic Society Grants

We have awarded more than 15,000 grants since our founding in 1888.

The recipients of these grants, who we call National Geographic Explorers, are a diverse community of changemakers from around the world working to support our mission to illuminate and protect the wonder of our world.

Our Explorers are people of all walks of life from all over the world. They don't just venture to the tops of mountains or the bottom of the ocean. They're also in the lab diving deep into the microscopic world, in their local communities capturing the stories of a fishing village, or in the classroom sharing their discoveries with the next generation.

We fund individuals working on projects in science, conservation, storytelling, education, and technology that align with one or more of our focus areas.

And we don't just support their incredible work. We actively seek to help them network, connect, and learn with National Geographic and each other, empower them with cutting-edge tools, technology, and training, and further their impact and recognition through our storytelling.

We offer grant opportunities at various entry points to provide a dynamic pathway to join our community and engage with us.

Whether you are an aspiring Explorer or already a luminary in the field, each opportunity has unique criteria and benefits to ensure that our Explorers receive support and funding aligned to their specific needs and goals. Each year, a small number of grants are awarded to individuals who are just beginning their National Geographic journey, as well as those who are working on more advanced projects.

The National Geographic Society warmly welcomes and encourages applicants from historically and currently underrepresented and underserved populations to apply. National Geographic is committed to funding a diverse and globally representative cohort of Explorers. The National Geographic Society does not discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, ancestry, age, or disability.

### **LEVEL I FUNDING**

Level I Grants are designed for individuals who may be earlier in their career, those looking to establish themselves better in their field, those seeking mentorship from others in their field

and beyond, or those who want to grow their network and enhance their impact by joining a global community of National Geographic Explorers. This opportunity is best suited for individuals who have the potential and desire to make significant positive contributions to their field by leveraging the funding, capacity, and additional support provided by the National Geographic Society and connections to other Explorers. These grants are highly competitive and priority will be given to applicants who thoughtfully demonstrate how joining the [Explorer Community](#) will help to advance their career.

Individuals who are already National Geographic Explorers (i.e., those who have already received a grant from the National Geographic Society) are NOT eligible to apply for Level I Grants. Level I Grants are only available to individuals who are entirely new to the National Geographic Society network, as well as individuals already in the network who are not yet Explorers, including team members on previous grants, National Geographic Young Explorers awarded in 2019 or later, recipients of discretionary funding opportunities such as the COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Journalists and the COVID-19 Remote Learning Emergency Fund, and recipients of grants from the China Air & Water Fund.

Funding requests at this level can be up to USD \$20,000. Projects can be up to one year in length, although projects with “Technology” as the primary focus can be up to two years.

### **Benefits**

Level I Grants receive funding up to USD \$20,000 and offer unique opportunities for training, networking, coaching, mentorship, and more from fellow National Geographic Explorers, experts, staff, partners, and forums. We are looking for individuals who are interested in becoming an active part of the [Explorer Community](#).

### **LEVEL II FUNDING**

If you are more established in your field, have previously received a National Geographic Society grant, or are seeking a higher level of funding, you may apply for a Level II Grant. You are not required to have previously received a National Geographic Society grant to apply for this opportunity. These grants are highly competitive and reserved for select projects that push boundaries to achieve significant and tangible impact in your field. Projects can be up to two years long.

### **Benefits**

Level II Grant recipients receive funding up to \$100,000. Smaller requests will be accommodated and will not be more or less competitive. At this funding level, grantees will



provide mentorship to others within the Explorer community, contribute their expertise, and may participate in relevant speaking engagements upon request.

## How to Apply

[See full application details here.](#)

[Level I](#) and [Level II](#) Grant proposal submissions are due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 12, 2023.

Level I applicants who submit pre-applications will be notified of decisions in May 2023, whether declined or invited to submit a full application. Invited applicants will have seven (7) weeks to submit a full application. Level I full applications will be due by 11:59pm EDT on June 27, 2023.

Level I and Level II applicants will be notified of funding decisions in September 2023.

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## Horizon Europe

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

### Aims & Objectives

It aims to:

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

### What does it support?

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

**Pillar 1:** Excellent Science aims to increase the EU's global scientific competitiveness. This pillar includes the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions which fund the development of excellent doctoral and postdoctoral training programmes and collaborative research projects.

**Pillar 2:** Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness supports research relating to societal challenges and reinforces technological and industrial capacities through its seven "clusters" or themes.

**Pillar 3:** Innovative Europe aims to make Europe a frontrunner in market-creating innovation via the European Innovation Council.

**Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area:** This horizontal activity will increase support to EU Member States in their efforts to make the most of their national research and innovation potential.

### Who can apply?

- Academia and higher education institutions
- Researchers and research centres
- Public bodies (local, regional, or national)
- Industry and private businesses

- Non-governmental organisations and nonprofits who would like to promote and facilitate engaged and ethical research into issues impacting their beneficiaries.

## **Why the EU funds research and innovation**

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Research and innovation](#)

## **Budget**

€95.5 billion over 7 years.

## **Project Examples**

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

[Find more case studies on the Campus Engaged website.](#)

## **National Contact Point in Ireland**

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For Horizon Europe Health: Enterprise Ireland, [Dr Matha Cahill](#)

[Horizon Europe Contact List](#)

## **Want to find out more?**

[Horizon Europe - The EU Research & Innovation Programme](#)

[Horizon Europe Info Days 2021](#)

[Irish Marie Skłodowska-Curie Office](#)

[Network of MSCA National Contact Points \(NCPs\)](#)

[MSCA matchmaking platform](#)

## How to Apply

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

Current calls:

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### **Horizon Europe - Pragmatic clinical trials on minimally invasive diagnostics**

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Deadline: April 12, 2023

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### **Horizon Europe - Establish best practices and tools to improve the quality of life for childhood cancer patients, survivors and their families in European regions**

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Deadline: April 12, 2023

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### **Horizon Europe - Enhance primary cancer prevention through sustainable behavioural change**

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Deadline: April 12, 2023

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### **Horizon Europe - Cluster 6 - Improve the reliability and effectiveness of alternative water resources supply systems and technologies**

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Deadline: April 12, 2023

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### **Horizon Europe - Cluster 6 - Enhancing social inclusion in rural areas: focus on people in a vulnerable situation and social economy**

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Deadline: April 12, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Cluster 6 - International benchmarking of rural and territorial policies and delivery mechanisms**

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Deadline: April 12, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Cluster 6 - Inclusive and smart ways to communicate sustainability of food**

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Deadline: April 12, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Cluster 6 - Fostering resilient European food systems in a changing world**

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Deadline: April 12, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Cluster 6 - Eradicate micronutrient deficiencies in the EU**

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Deadline: April 12, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Cluster 6 - Assessing urban farming impacts**

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Deadline: April 12, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Cluster 6 - Improving rural future through better territorial governance and rural-urban synergies**

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Deadline: April 12, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - The Silver Deal - Person-centred health and care in European regions**

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Deadline: April 13, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Planetary health: understanding the links between environmental degradation and health impacts**

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**Horizon Europe - Evidence-based interventions for promotion of mental and physical health in changing working environments (post-pandemic workplaces)**

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Deadline: April 13, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Interventions in city environments to reduce risk of non-communicable disease (Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases - GACD)**

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Deadline: April 13, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Maintaining access to regular health and care services in case of cross-border emergencies**

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Deadline: April 13, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Resilience and mental wellbeing of the health and care workforce**

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Deadline: April 13, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Environmentally sustainable and climate neutral health and care systems**

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Deadline: April 13, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Integrated, multi-scale computational models of patient patho-physiology ('virtual twins') for personalised disease management**

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Deadline: April 13, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Development and harmonisation of methodologies for assessing digital health technologies in Europe**

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Deadline: April 13, 2023

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**Horizon Europe - Health - Novel approaches for palliative and end-of-life care for non-cancer patients**

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Deadline: April 13, 2023

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## ALL Collaboration & Innovation Fund 2023

The ALL Collaboration and Innovation Fund is a €1 million funding call to support collaborative and innovative activities that address unmet literacy, numeracy, or digital literacy needs, develops literacy awareness, and work towards creating a more literacy-friendly society for everyone.

### Aim of the Fund

The ALL Collaboration and Innovation Fund aims to bring regional and community partners all over Ireland together in working towards creating a more literacy-aware society, and achieving the targets set out in the Adult Literacy for Life 10-Year Strategy:

- Increasing the number of learners engaging with literacy and language support by 20,000 over the first half of the strategy's lifetime;
- Reduce the number of adults in Ireland with unmet literacy needs, from 18% to 7%;
- Reduce the number of adults in Ireland with unmet numeracy needs from 25% to 12%;
- Reduce the share of adults in Ireland without basic digital skills from 47% to 20%.

The aim of the fund is to encourage fresh and sustainable partnerships between diverse members of our literacy support landscape. That landscape includes those working in education, health, community development, local government, literacy advocacy, and NGOs, to name but a few.

The Adult Literacy for Life Strategy calls for a whole of society approach to ensure that everyone has the necessary literacy, numeracy and digital literacy to fully participate in society and realise their potential.

### Eligibility

We are inviting applications to the ALL Collaboration and Innovation Fund from public, non-profit, community and voluntary organisations across Ireland. A minimum of two organisations working in partnership is required to apply for the fund, with one organisation taking the lead.

Partnerships may include anyone working across Ireland's diverse and wide-ranging support landscape, including those working in education, health, community development, literacy advocacy, NGOs, local government, civil society organisations and literacy-friendly services.



The maximum grant available is €50,000. There is no minimum amount that may be applied for. Successful projects will showcase collaboration, partnership, and meaningful literacy-awareness and learner-focused outcomes.

## How to Apply

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

Deadline: 14 Apr 2023

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## Pobal - Community Services Programme (CSP)

Funding of €1 million will be available for this new call in 2023 which will provide new organisations with an opportunity to access support to employ additional staff in line with the programme's re-defined sub-programmes and new vision, which were approved in 2022.

Following the pre-application supports, organisations will be invited to submit a short concept note to Pobal outlining their proposal for assessment against the objectives of the call and organisations will then be informed whether their proposal fits with the call.

The purpose of this funding is to support social enterprises and community/voluntary organisations that:

- Are addressing a local priority and evidenced need, particularly for those most disadvantaged in their community
- Are delivering tangible and practical benefits for those most disadvantaged in their community
- Are moving towards a sustainable social enterprise business model through trading.

Applications will be accepted from all organisations under two strands:

### **Strand 1:**

Organisations operating in the circular economy which are owned and led by traveller organisations and/or provide employment primarily to members of the traveller community.

### **Strand 2:**

Demonstrate their proposal meets one or more of the CSP strategic objectives and the horizontal principles of the programme.

The CSP contribution is not aligned to the minimum wage and does not meet the full salary cost of supported posts, rather it is a fixed annual contribution towards the salary costs of managers and employees in supported organisations. The CSP contribution must be co-funded by the organisation concerned from other sources, for example, from income received from the public use of their facilities and services.

As part of the restructuring process, a new funding rate allocation model for the CSP has been introduced from January 2023, as an alternative to the previous flat rate payment model. CSP organisations that are operating in areas of high disadvantage, employing individuals from the

prescribed programme target groups and having limited earning potential will benefit from the higher funding rate category.

A total increase of €4,000 for both full time positions and managers has been provided for those organisations in the high funding category, with €2,000 per full-time position and manager provided to those in the medium funding category.

No change is proposed for the small number of organisations in the low funding category, these are organisations identified with the strongest earning potential and operating in less disadvantaged areas.

The strategic objectives of the Programme are:

- To address community needs through supporting services and community assets ensuring these are inclusive and responsive to those experiencing disadvantage or marginalisation.
- To provide employment opportunities and improve the employability of individuals most distant from the labour market/or in disadvantaged areas.
- To strengthen and support community organisations operating as social enterprises to deliver improved facilities and services and to pilot innovative social economy initiatives.

The horizontal principles of the Programme are:

- Promoting social inclusion and equality
- Building sustainable communities.

## How to Apply

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

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## Justice: action grants to support transnational projects on judicial training covering civil law, criminal law or fundamental rights

The Justice programme is the EU's funding programme to support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters. Read more about the [Justice Programme](#).

### Call overview

The objective of the call is to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU law in the areas of civil law, criminal law and fundamental rights.

### Call details

The 2023 priorities will concentrate funding on training activities and tools for training providers, as described below, in order to support cross-border training activities for:

- 1) members of the judiciary and judicial staff, meaning judges, prosecutors, court and prosecution offices' staff, other justice professionals associated with the judiciary, such as lawyers in private practice, notaries, bailiffs, insolvency practitioners and mediators, as well as court interpreters and translators, prison and probation staff; and/or
- 2) justice professionals in initial / induction training, and/or
- 3) multipliers, such as judicial trainers or EU law court coordinators, where there are guarantees that the multipliers will pass on their knowledge to justice professionals in a systematic way, and/or
- 4) cross-professional training, in order to stimulate discussions across justice professions about the application of EU law and contribute to a European judicial culture across professional boundaries on precisely identified topics of relevance to the concerned professions.

### Activities to be funded

This call may support training activities such as:

- organisation of interactive, practice-oriented seminars;
- multilateral exchanges between justice professionals;

- cross-border initial training activities (online, face-to-face activities or exchanges), covering as many Member States as possible, to create a common European legal culture from the moment of entering a justice profession;
- training activities on the use of digital justice tools, in particular with regard to the priority topics set out above, including i.a. on the European e-Justice Portal, in combination with training on legal topics;
- joint study visits to European courts (such as the CJEU and the ECHR) by justice professionals from as many different Member States as possible;
- creation of training material, whether for presential learning, blended learning or e-learning, ready-to-use either by trainers or by practitioners for self-learning, in combination with the organisation of training activities, including the creation of 'Capsule' e-training (short, up to date, tightly focused) to address justice professionals' immediate needs in the context of a concrete case;
- pilot innovative online training using latest methodologies and tools;
- update and/or translation of existing training material possibly combined with adaptation to national settings, in combination with the organisation of cross-border training activities;
- creation of tools or activities for training providers (for example: train-the-trainers on active and modern adult learning techniques, train-the-trainers on online training skills and tools, tools to support the organisation of cross-border training, etc.), including to facilitate their cooperation at EU-level;
- evaluation of the organised training activities on the basis of the participants' satisfaction, increased competence and, where possible, impact on their performance.

## Eligibility

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

- + be legal entities (public or private bodies)
- + be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:

EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs), excluding Denmark

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

and comply with other eligibility conditions:

a) Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations;

b) the applications must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries;

c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than € 100 000.

### **Consortium composition**

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 2 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions: the applications must involve minimum 2 entities (beneficiaries, not affiliated entities) from different eligible countries.

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

### **Duration**

Projects should normally range between 12 and 24 months. Extensions are possible, if duly justified and through an amendment. Applications for longer projects are accepted provided that a thorough explanation for the longer duration is provided in the grant application. The maximum duration is 36 months.

### **Project budget**

Project budgets (maximum grant amount) are expected to range the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than € 100 000. There is no upper limit.

### **How to Apply**

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

Deadline: 19 Apr 2023

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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](http://www.accesseurope.ie).

## How to Apply

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

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**CERV - Proposals to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children: call to intermediaries (giving financial support to third-party civil society organisations)**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: 19 April, 2023

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**CERV - Networks of Towns**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: 20 April, 2023

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**CERV - Supporting an enabling environment for the protection of whistleblowers**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: May 25, 2023

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**CERV - Capacity-building and awareness raising on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: May 25, 2023

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**CERV - Strategic Litigation**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: May 25, 2023

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**CERV - Protecting EU values and rights by combating hate speech and hate crime**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: May 25, 2023

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**CERV - Promoting rights and values by empowering the civic space**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: May 25, 2023

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**CERV - European Remembrance - 2023**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: June 6, 2023

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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:

1. The establishment of a Guarantee Facility targeting the cultural and creative sectors
2. The promotion of transnational policy cooperation
3. 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:

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### **Creative Europe - Innovation Lab**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: April 20, 2023

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### **Creative Europe - European Co-development**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: April 26, 2023

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### **Creative Europe - European Film Distribution**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: April 27, 2023

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### **Creative Europe - NEWS - Journalism partnerships - Collaborations**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: April 27, 2023

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**Creative Europe - NEWS - Journalism partnerships - Pluralism**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: April 27, 2023

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**Creative Europe - European mini-slate development**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: June 1, 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**

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

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

Deadline: 20 Apr 2023

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## Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme 2023-24

The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission's 2023-24 Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme is now open and accepting applications until 3.00pm, Wednesday 26 April 2023. The purpose of the grants scheme is to support projects by civil society and trade unions that promote human rights and equality. A total of €400,000 is available for projects.

### Grants Scheme Strands

The 2023-24 Grants Scheme's themes are informed by the Commission's strategic priorities set out in its [Strategy Statement 2022-24](#). This year the Grants Scheme will support projects under the following strands.

**Strand A:** Advancing Access to Justice and Rights

**Strand B:** Promoting the Eradication of Ableism, Ageism, Racism, Sexism, Homophobia and Transphobia

### Funding Streams

Funding is available for small and general grants:

1. Small Grants up to: €6,000
2. General Grants up to: €20,000

### Eligibility

The Grants Scheme is open to civil society organisations working to promote human rights and equality and trade unions. Civil society organisations include: local and national community and voluntary organisations, non-governmental organisations, rights-holder-led groups, groups representing area based communities or communities of interest protected under the nine grounds of the Equality legislation, as well as people experiencing poverty, socio-economic discrimination or exclusion, including international protection applicants and migrant communities.

### Activities Supported

Activities eligible for grant support include but are not limited to:

- Training and capacity building courses
- Education and training resources

- Participatory and qualitative research, legal and policy analysis
- Conferences, seminars, and workshops
- Creative and participatory engagement initiatives
- Campaigns and digital resources.

## How to Apply

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

Deadline: 26 Apr 2023

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## 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+ - EURES Cross-border partnerships**

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Deadline: May 3, 2023

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### **ESF+ - EURES Social partners cooperation**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: May 3, 2023

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### **ESF+ - EURES EEA non-EU countries cooperation**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: May 3, 2023

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### **ESF+- Posting of workers: enhancing administrative cooperation and access to information**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: May 3, 2023

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**ESF+- Activities to tackle undeclared work**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: May 3, 2023

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**ESF+ - Implementation of a European Tracking Service for pensions**

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: May 11, 2023

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**ESF+ - Support to the European Platform on Combatting Homelessness**

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Deadline: June 6, 2023

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## European Solidarity Corps Programme

The European Solidarity Corps is the EU's funding programme for volunteering and promoting solidarity.

### Aims & Objectives

The European Solidarity Corps aims to:

- Empower young people to participate positively in their world: The programme aims to provide young people, including young people with fewer opportunities, with easily accessible opportunities to take part in solidarity activities that bring about positive societal changes in the European Union and beyond.
- Build an inclusive and democratic Europe: The programme aims to support young people and organisations across Europe and to strengthen cohesion, solidarity, democracy, European identity and active citizenship in the Europe Union and beyond.
- Promote sustainable development through projects at grassroots level: European Solidarity Corps projects are about addressing societal challenges on the ground, with a particular focus on the promotion of sustainable development, social inclusion and equal opportunities.

The European Solidarity Corp's priorities are:

- Inclusion and Diversity
- Environmental Protection and Climate Action
- Digital Transformation
- Participation in Democratic Life
- Health Promotion and Support
- Connecting EU and Youth

### What does it support?

The European Solidarity Corps supports young people aged 18 to 30 to address needs in their community or abroad by taking part in activities across Europe.

Young people can volunteer or develop solidarity projects that benefit their communities at local, regional or European levels.

Projects are funded under 'Volunteering Projects' and 'Solidarity Projects'.

Volunteering Projects are projects where young people are sent by an accredited organisation to volunteer in another European country to exchange ideas, learn, connect and grow. Volunteering may take place in Ireland or abroad. Funding is available for 'Individual Volunteering Projects', 'Volunteering Teams Projects' or 'Preparatory Visits'.

Solidarity Projects are organised by groups of young people who want to make a positive difference at national or international level.

### **Who can apply?**

Any public or private body may apply for funding.

In order to take part in the European Solidarity Corps, organisations need to obtain a quality label, which certifies that they carry out high quality solidarity activities in compliance with the principles, objectives and requirements of the programme. Visit the European Solidarity Corps site for more [information about the Quality Label](#).

### **Why the EU funds European solidarity and volunteering**

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Education, training, youth and sport](#).

### **Budget**

€1,1 billion over 7 years.

### **Project Examples**

[My Experience as a European Solidarity Corps Volunteer: Laurita Maher-Bordalo](#)

[Amina Moustafa: The Evolution of the Erasmus+ Experience](#)

[Detached Youth Support - Supporting Young People in Time of Covid-19](#)

[More impact stories of the European Solidarity Corps](#)

### **National Contact Point in Ireland**

[Léargas](#) is the National Agency for the European Solidarity Corps in Ireland and they hold a range of online application workshops and information sessions. Keep an eye on their [Event Calendar](#) or sign up to their [newsletters](#) for details.

Contact Suzanne Kavanagh at [kavanagh@leargas.ie](mailto:kavanagh@leargas.ie) or Noeleen O'Callaghan at [nocallaghan@leargas.ie](mailto:nocallaghan@leargas.ie) for more information.

Website: [www.leargas.ie](http://www.leargas.ie)

How to Apply

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Deadline: May 3, 2023

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## SuperValu TidyTowns Competition

The national SuperValu TidyTowns competition is an annual contest organised by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The competition is supported by the title sponsor SuperValu and many other agencies.

The competition involves participating areas being rated on all aspects of their local environment and prizes awarded to the best under many different categories. The overall winner is “Ireland’s Tidiest Town”. which is announced at a national ceremony in September each year.

With progress monitored and detailed feedback provided year on year, most participants initially enter the competition to generate interest about the environment in their community and create a solid platform on which to raise issues with the relevant authorities. Over time, the areas attain a standard where competing for major prizes is within reach. As such it is very much a development programme for towns and villages across Ireland.

### Eligibility

The SuperValu TidyTowns competition is open to all areas, big or small, urban or rural, and each are entered under their respective population categories. These range from the smallest, Category A – Under 200, to the largest, Category H – 25,001 and over. Entry is free regardless of the size of an area.

Entrants are the ‘ambassadors’ for their area in SuperValu TidyTowns and therefore are the primary contact in relation to correspondence. Ideally, entry should be made by a broad-based group that represents all sectors of the community.

All main prizes are based on the scores achieved by entrants in the competition as follows:

Endeavour Awards for the biggest improvement by an entrant in each county from the previous year.

County Awards for the top three entrants in each county.

Regional Awards for the top-scoring entrant in each region.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals for entrants with scores that fall within a set range from that year’s winning score.

Category Awards for the highest scoring entrants in the Village, Small Town, Large Town and Large Urban Centre categories.



Ireland's Tidiest Town Award for the highest scoring entrant in the whole competition.

There are also separate awards sections for Island entrants and Gaeltacht entrants.

## How to Apply

[Visit the Tidy Towns website](#) for full information.

Deadline: 10 May 2023

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## The Arts Council - Arts Grant Funding

The Arts Council is the national agency for funding, developing and promoting the arts in Ireland. The Council recognises that the arts have a central and distinctive contribution to make to society.

The purpose of Arts Grants Funding is to ensure that there is a breadth of high-quality arts activity and programmes throughout the country. It offers flexible support for a fixed period of time, and in so doing responds to the needs of those who are making, presenting and supporting work.

Arts Grant Funding is intended to:

- Support more than one distinct arts activity taking place within a fixed period of time, or
- Provide supports or facilities to artists over a fixed period of time.

The focus of Arts Grant Funding is to deliver outcomes that develop the arts, either through:

- Generating high-quality experiences for the public to engage with the arts, or
- Providing excellent services, resources or facilities that support the work of artists or the arts sector and
- Contributing to the ecology of the arts within your area of practice.

Applications can be made to cover the costs of activities taking place from either January - December 2024, or January 2024 - December 2025.

### Who can apply?

Arts Grant Funding is available across all artforms and arts practice areas, and is open to organisations and individuals.

### How to Apply

Full guidelines and details of how to register in order to apply online are available [here on the Arts Council website](#).

Deadline: 11 May 2023

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## The Arts Council - Capacity Building Support Scheme

In light of the unique circumstances presented by COVID-19, the Capacity Building Support Scheme has been developed to support arts organisations to gain support, skills and expertise to review and adapt their artistic and/or business models and support their strategic development in the medium to long term. It supports activities that will assist in building capacity, in developing inclusivity, and/or in growing peer support and collaborations.

### Eligibility

- Arts organisations who have been funded by the Arts Council previously
- Groups of arts organisations who have been funded by the Arts Council previously (in these cases one organisation must act as the named applicant)

In the case of arts organisations that do not have a historical funding relationship with the Arts Council, we will accept applications from arts organisations that are not for profit and/or formally constituted as CLGs, DACs or charities.

Organisations may be awarded funding only once in a calendar year as the named (lead) applicant. However, they may subsequently apply to future rounds of the scheme as part of a consortium.

It is possible that organisations may be part of one or more group/consortia applications while also applying as a single organisation, however they can only be the named (lead) applicant in one application. In these cases there must not be a duplication of purpose or activity across applications – e.g. an organisation may be part of a group/consortium that applies to the scheme to develop digital capacity, and then the organisation may make a separate application for costs of professional development for staff.

Single applications can be made up to a maximum of €20,000.

Group/Consortia applications can be made up to a maximum of €30,000.

### Activities

Activities supported might include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Digital capability: expenses to strengthen digital infrastructure; accessing the appropriate expertise, equipment, infrastructure, software, tools and advice; making content accessible to diverse and underrepresented audiences, artists and arts practitioners; coaching fees; advisor fees; subscriptions.

- Business and practice development: costs for seeking outside expertise to assist in adapting existing practice and operations; accessing expertise to develop new business, human resource, well-being and/or workforce plans; exploring alternative models and platforms for creation, collaboration, mobility or distribution; advisor fees; coordinator and collaborator fees; coaching; other expenses to research and develop new markets and income streams.
- Professional development: costs for remote/digital professional development, well-being and support programmes for staff, coaching and training, courses, online learning.
- Developing collaborations and connections: funding towards knowledge exchange; other expenses to explore and develop collaborative networks; coaching fees; advisor fees; coordinator and collaborator fees.
- Developing capacity for inclusion: funding to avail of expertise, training or advice that develops the organisation's capacity for inclusion and relevance across the diversity of Irish society. This may include improving the organisation's planning and practices in areas such as youth voice, disability, cultural diversity, or other areas.

Applicants may apply for one distinct activity, or for a combination of activities.

## How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 11 May 2023

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## Oakfield Trust - Social Enterprise Funding

Since our beginnings in 1997, as a social enterprise, our focus has always been on the community. We have provided a range of property-based services and related supports to assist community and local projects. We have also helped local organisations in the form of Project Development Loans and Grants as well as New Build Project Management. As well as that, supporting social enterprise has always been at the heart of what we do. We have assisted in areas such as providing premises and financial support to existing social enterprises in the Clondalkin area. [Recreate](#) and [Recycle IT](#) are great examples of social enterprises we continue to support, which provide a wonderful footprint in terms of social impact, both in the people they employ and the valuable work that they do.

During the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic, Oakfield Trust also donated €130,000 in funding to initiatives working to combat the impact of Covid-19. We contributed €45,000 to The Children's Rights Alliance Emergency Food Provision Scheme aimed at addressing food poverty across Ireland, and €75,000 to Rethink Ireland's Social Innovation Fund which offers extensive wraparound supports to vulnerable social and community enterprises across Ireland. Funding for both initiatives was matched by the Government. You can read more about that in our [Projects section](#).

Oakfield Trust is accepting funding applications for social enterprises in the following categories:

### **The Explore Award**

This is an award to enable an applicant to explore a great idea for a social enterprise or a social innovation for social enterprise which addresses a social issue. The award amount is up to €1,000.

### **The Get Started Grant**

This is a grant to develop a new social enterprise idea towards full start-up. The grant amount is up to €5,000.

### **The Scale Up Grant**

This is a grant for an established social enterprise or entrepreneur to scale up and/or develop their enterprise. The grant amount is up to €10,000.

### **How to Apply**

For full guidelines and application details for funding, [please visit the Oakfield Trust here](#).

Deadline for all three funds: 12 May 2023

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## Science Foundation Ireland - National Challenge Fund

The National Challenge Fund provides ambitious researchers the chance to make a difference by developing solutions to key challenges in the areas of Green Transition and Digital Transformation.

The National Challenge Fund is a €65M research fund that consists of eight challenges. In total, it aims to fund approximately 90 research teams with up to €250k over 18 months to develop their ideas. Under each challenge stream, a number of teams will then be awarded follow-on funding of up to €500k before going on to compete for prizes between €1-€2m.

[The first teams funded under the National Challenge Fund have begun their work](#). The Future Food Systems Challenge and the Sustainable Communities Challenge are open for applications until 26th May 2023.

Challenge Funding is a solution-focused approach to research funding that uses prizes, phases, defined timelines, teamwork, mentorship, and competition to direct research activity towards addressing pressing societal and economic problems.

### Challenge Details

#### Future Food Systems Challenge (Open)

Challenge of creating sustainable, productive and resilient food systems.

Greenhouse gases from the agricultural sector represent the largest contribution to Ireland's Emissions Inventory, but where there remain significant challenges in achieving reductions while maintaining productivity. There are opportunities for innovation across the food value chain, from production to consumption to ensure a sustainable food system for all.

The [Future Food Systems Challenge](#) seeks solutions for sustainable, productive and resilient food systems.

Under this Challenge, applications would be considered in areas including but not limited to:

Methane emissions – solutions to measure, manage and reduce methane emissions from the agriculture sector.

Sustainable and regenerative agriculture – Solutions that will enable the transformation to a low-input, low-impact agrifood sector, for example, through reduced/alternative fertiliser use, water efficiency, or fewer fossil-based or chemical inputs.

Alternative proteins – Solutions to provide lower impact sources of protein across the food value chain for animals and humans

Food waste/loss – Solutions to reduce food loss and waste across the full breadth of the food supply chain

Bioeconomy – Solutions to transform and reuse biological resources into value-added products, such as food, feed, bio-based products as well as bioenergy

Soil – Solutions to preserve and restore healthy soils as an essential component of the climate transition and a sustainable agricultural sector.

## Sustainable Communities Challenge (Open)

Challenge of creating sustainable and inclusive ways for all people to live, be productive and creative, and to thrive in balance with nature, the environment and our planet.

At the heart of the Green Transition and Digital Transformations is imagining how we will live in the future. As society is transformed, we must create sustainable and inclusive ways for all people to live, be productive and creative, as well as to thrive in balance with nature, the environment and our planet.

The [Sustainable Communities Challenge](#) seeks solutions that will support a sustainable future for Ireland's urban and rural populations.

Under this Challenge, applications would be considered in areas including but not limited to:

Built environment – solutions that will address the impact of our built environment, for example, through construction materials, energy efficiency and enabling energy neutral or positive energy communities

Transport and mobility – solutions for clean transport in cities, towns and rural communities, in areas such as planning and modelling, novel modes of transport, driving modal shifts and enabling technologies

Resilient infrastructure – Solutions for sustainable provision of power, water, waste management, transport and other services to communities leveraging new technologies or nature-based approaches

While the Sustainable Communities Challenge falls under the Green Transition stream of the National Challenge Fund, it is acknowledged that many potential solutions will also be aligned with the Digital Transformation.



## How to Apply

Full details here: <https://www.sfi.ie/challenges/national-challenge-fund/>

Deadline for both funds: 26 May 2023

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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 May 2023

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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

Within the 2022-2023 priorities, the Joint Council on Youth has defined more specific [focus themes](#) for pilot activities to be supported by the European Youth Foundation in 2022.

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.

## Grant Amount

The maximum grant available for a Pilot Activity in 2022 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 – 10 weeks before the start of your activity. However, it can take up to 3 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).

The Programming Committee on Youth has decided to update the list of eligible costs in pilot activity grants, which now include certain specified administrative costs linked to the activity. It is now possible to include certain administrative costs as eligible expenditure, as long as they are linked to the activity and for a maximum of 7% of the awarded grant. More specifically, it concerns the following costs:

Part of staff salaries, corresponding to their time dedicated to the project. Please note that expert or trainer fees have always been eligible and are not considered salaries;

Office rent, insurance, electricity, water and heating costs.

Administrative costs not mentioned above will continue to not be considered eligible.

## 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

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

Deadline: 1 Jun 2023

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## CLÁR Funding

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd Riachtanais) or Funding for Small-Scale Rural Projects is a targeted investment programme which provides funding for small-scale - infrastructural projects in rural areas that have suffered the greatest levels of population decline.

The CLÁR programme (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) provides funding for small-scale infrastructural projects in rural areas.

Reopened in 2016, CLÁR aims to support sustainable development in identified areas by attracting people to live and work there. The funding works in conjunction with local funding and on the basis of locally identified priorities.

The scheme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. It is delivered by local authorities in consultation with groups in local communities.

The Measures being funded under the 2023 CLÁR Programme are:

**Measure 1\*: Developing Community Facilities & Amenities**

**Measure 2\*\*: Mobility, Cancer Care and Community First Responders Transport**

**Measure 3\*\*: “Our Islands”**

How to Apply

### Measure 1

Applications will only be accepted directly from Local Authorities under Measure 1. Please contact your Local Authority for an application form and further information.

### Measures 2 and 3

Applications are being accepted directly by the Department in respect of Measures 2 and 3 via email to [CLAR@drccd.gov.ie](mailto:CLAR@drccd.gov.ie) Scheme Outlines and Application Forms in respect of these measures can be accessed below.

The deadline for receipt of applications under Measures 1 and 3 is Tuesday 6th June 2023.

The deadline for receipt of applications under Measure 2 is Friday 12th May 2023.

[Learn more here.](#)

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## Interreg Europe

The [Interreg Europe programme](#) brings together policy organisations from at least three different countries in the 27 EU member states, Norway and Switzerland. For four years, they learn from each other and work together on a shared policy issue.

The lessons they learn lead to the improvement of regional policies and a more sustainable economic, social and environmental impact on the ground for the people and the place they serve.

### Second Call for Projects - overview

This call supports policy-relevant organisations from different countries in Europe working together on a common regional development issue in line with EU Cohesion Policy.

### Call details

The programme is structured around one single cross-cutting priority, the Interreg-specific objective 'a better cooperation governance'. This means that beneficiaries can cooperate on any topics of shared relevance in line with their regional needs, as long as this falls within the scope of cohesion policy. This scope includes the topics defined by the policy objectives and specific objectives of cohesion policy as presented in Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (CPR), Article 5 and Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 on ERDF, Article 3. Despite one single priority, the actions of the programme are still organised according to the specific objectives of the cohesion policy which include:

- Smarter Europe
- Greener Europe
- More Social Europe
- More Connected Europe
- Europe Closer to Citizens

In addition, in the context of the Interreg-specific objective 'a better cooperation governance', Interreg Europe can support 'non-thematic' cooperation on issues dealing with pure implementation related challenges of regional development policies (e.g., state aid, public procurement, territorial tools, financial instruments, evaluation and monitoring). These governance related issues are also important when working on more efficient regional development policies.



Projects need to select a specific objective in their application form.

### **Action supported**

This is a call for proposals for interregional cooperation projects. These projects gather policy-relevant organisations from different countries in Europe working together on a common regional development issue. The first three years of the projects ('core phase') are dedicated to exchange and transfer of experience among the participating partners in order to improve the policy instruments addressed by the project. In the fourth and last year ('follow-up phase'), the regions mainly focus on monitoring the results and impact of the cooperation.

### **Eligibility**

- Organisations relevant to regional development policies and based in the 27 EU Member States, as well as in Norway and Switzerland, are eligible for Interreg Europe funding. These include:
- National, regional, or local public authorities
- Institutions governed by public law (e.g., regional development agencies, business support organisations, universities)
- Private non-profit bodies.

Partners from other countries can participate at their own costs.

### **Consortium composition**

The application involves partners from the four geographical areas defined by the programme (North, East, South, and West). These partners should also represent at least three countries, of which at least two partners must be from EU Member States, with the latter applying for Interreg Europe funding.

### **Project duration**

Project activities are implemented in two phases over four years (with an additional three months to close the project). The two phases are the core phase (3 years) and the follow-up phase (1 year).

### **Funding available**

Up to 40% of the overall ERDF budget (approximately EUR 130 million) of the Interreg Europe programme is made available for the first call for proposals. The final committed budget will depend on the quality of the submitted applications.

The eligible project activities are co-financed by the ERDF at a rate of either 70% (non-profit bodies) or 80% (Public bodies and bodies governed by public law) depending on the legal status of the EU partner. Partners from Norway and Switzerland are not eligible to receive ERDF but can receive co-financing from their respective national funds.

A project's total ERDF budget usually ranges from 1 MEUR up to 2 MEUR.

## How to Apply

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

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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](#)

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