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INTRODUCTION

This brochure is an invitation and encouragement for representatives from education trade unions to explore funding opportunities for projects and activities, with the explanatory focus on how to search for open calls for proposals and how to apply for grants under several European and international instruments and programmes.

Applying for a grant is beneficial both for education trade unions and their affiliates and it is a great opportunity to implement your political objectives and strategies. It also offers possibilities to foster cooperation among education trade unions through the implementation of joint projects and various case studies focused on good practices sharing. This brochure can contribute to the sustainability of the unions’ work.

ETUCE encourages to consider this guide as a starting point for further exploring existent funding opportunities.

The responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided lies with the authors of the sources considered.
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CSOLA  Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities Thematic Programme
DCI    Development Cooperation Instrument
DG INTPA European Commission Directorate-General for International Partnerships
DGB    Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund
EEA    European Economic Area
EaSI   Employment and Social Innovation
ECAS   European Commission Authentication Service
EDF    European Development Fund
EED    European Endowment for Democracy
EIDHR  European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights
ENI    European Neighbourhood Instrument
ESF    European Social Fund
FES    Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
GPGC   Global Public Goods and Challenges Thematic Programme
IcSP   Instrument Contributing to Stability and Peace
IPA    Instruments for Pre-Accession
MFF    Multiannual Financial Framework
OECD   Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OSF    Open System Foundation
OPPS   Online Project Proposal System
PADOR Potential Applicant Data Online Registration
PIC Participant Identification Code
RRF Recovery and Resilience Facility
SWIM Subventions Web Input Module
UNDEF United Nations Democracy Fund
CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND CALL FOR TENDERS - WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE

A call for tender is a notice published by a donor organisation seeking applicants who can deliver specific services, goods or work.

A call for proposal is an invitation launched by a donor organisation to submit project proposals within the framework of a specific programme. Each funding provider sets its own rules with regards to the level of funding available, eligibility criteria, application forms and guidelines. Calls for proposals are the means through which grant donor organisations attract ideas for initiatives meeting their objectives. Grants are direct financial contributions awarded as donations to third parties on a competitive basis. In particular, the European Commission’s funding instruments and programmes are based on a co-financing principle. Co-financing means that part of the cost of a project is covered by the grant beneficiary or by contributions other than the European Commission’s contribution. Co-financing can represent the so-called “own contribution” which consists of a financial allocation by a beneficiary organisation; financial support provided by other donor organisations or in-kind contributions (services or goods delivered by a beneficiary organisation).

This brochure focuses on calls for proposals only.
Each project starts with an idea which should be beneficial both for the applying organisation and its affiliates. To embody an idea five questions should be raised:

- WHAT?
- WHO?
- WHEN?
- WHY?
- HOW?

Once an idea is selected, a clear offset of main goals and objectives is needed. The following step is to describe a method or an approach (training seminars; case studies etc.), in other words, ways to address issues indicated in the project description and to achieve goals. It is important to have a clear vision on concrete outcomes for project beneficiaries and their sustainable impact. It is vital to consider what resources and services an applying organisation has at its disposal.
Once the previous steps are achieved, you can carry out a research of funding opportunities.

**Key note:**

In this research it is important to pay attention to **three main aspects** when reading descriptions of an open call for proposal:

- **Objectives and priority areas** of the call;
- **Eligibility criteria** for applicants – legal status (see the glossary); types of organisations that are eligible to apply for a grant and geographical coverage of the action/consortium (see the glossary);
- **Financial allocation** - size of grants and co-financing rates (where applicable).
HOW DOES THE EU ALLOCATE ITS FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) was first introduced in 1988. The main objective is to ensure the orderly development of expenditure in line with EU priorities and within the limits of the European Union’s own resources. The MFF sets budget lines for resources allocation in the period 2021-2027, with a total budget of **EUR 1074.3 billion**. It is divided into **seven categories** of expenditure in line with different areas of EU activities:

1. Single market, innovation and digital

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6. Neighbourhood around the world

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Different EU activities:

• Smart and Inclusive Growth
  a. Competitiveness for growth and jobs: includes research and innovation; education and training; trans-European networks in energy, transport and telecommunications; social policy; development of enterprises etc.
  b. Economic, social and territorial cohesion: covers regional policy which aims at helping the least developed EU countries and regions to catch up with the rest, strengthening all regions’ competitiveness and developing inter-regional cooperation.

• Sustainable Growth: Natural Resources: includes the common agricultural policy, the common fisheries policy, rural development and environmental measures.

  Security and citizenship: deals with justice and home affairs, border protection, immigration and asylum policy, public health, consumer protection, culture, youth, information and dialogue with citizens.

• Global Europe: covers all external action (‘foreign policy’) by the EU such as development assistance or humanitarian aid with the exception of the European Development Fund (EDF) which provides aid for development cooperation with African, Caribbean and Pacific countries, as well as overseas countries and territories. As it is not funded from the EU budget but from direct contributions from EU Member States, the EDF does not fall under the MFF.

• Administration: covers the administrative expenditure of all the European institutions, pensions and European Schools.
The budget lines under the MFF use different funding instruments and programmes that are presented hereafter.

At large, within the MFF’s themes, some relevant areas include:

**Cohesion, resilience and values**

Spending under this heading aims at strengthening the resilience and cohesion between the EU Member States. To this end, the funding helps reduce disparities in and between EU regions, and within and across Member States, and promote sustainable territorial development. In addition, by investing in the green and digital transition, young people, health and action to protect EU values, the programmes seek to make the EU more resilient to present and future challenges. Programmes such as the *Recovery and Resilience Facility* (presented in the chapters below) and *REACT-EU*, financed under *NextGenerationEU*, support important investments and reforms in the Member States.

**Neighbourhood and Around the World**

Programmes under this heading reinforce the EU socio-economic impact in its neighborhood, in developing countries and in the rest of the world. The heading also includes assistance for countries preparing for accession to the EU. Thanks to this funding, the EU can keep and even strengthen its role as a global player. The EU can also remain, together with its Member States, the world’s leading development and humanitarian aid donor.

**European Public Administration**

The European public administration plays a crucial role in helping the EU to deliver on its priorities, and to implement policies and programmes in the common interest of the EU. At the same time, it remains relatively small in size compared with national or even many regional and local administrations. The budget for administration has been broadly stable over the years, accounting for less than 7% of the spending under the long-term budget. In parallel, EU staff have been asked to deliver on more and more tasks. This heading mainly covers the administrative expenditure of all the EU institutions, as well as the pensions of retired EU officials.

**Flexibility:**

The 2021-2027 EU budget includes flexibility mechanisms that ensure that it can address unexpected needs. These allow for additional financial support to be mobilized in case of unforeseen events such as natural disasters and emergencies. These flexibility mechanisms (also known as special instruments) ensure that the EU budget is fit for the needs of tomorrow, as well as the needs of today. The maximum additional amount that can be used for special instruments is EUR 21 billion, distributed between the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve and the Brexit Adjustment...
Reserve.
EU Aid Explorer- HOW TO FIND OPEN CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

The EU Aid Explorer represents the EU’s one-stop shop for all funding information. Updated in 2022, it facilitates donor coordination, ensures transparency and improves accountability to citizens. Channelled through more than 200 partners and organisations, EU aid allows citizens to find comprehensive aggregate data, as well as detailed information on international development projects funded by the EU and its Member States.

The new platform is built using European Commission data and open data published by EU Member States to the OECD Creditor Reporting System (CRS) and the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) standard. Data providers are the European Commission (both the EU budget and the European Development Fund), EU Trust Funds, the European Investment Bank and EU Member States. The platform is overseen by DG INTPA units D1 – Effective Development Policy and Team Europe, and R2 – Planning, Budget, Reporting.

Within the European Commission, the main providers of development and humanitarian assistance are the Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INPTA), the Directorate-General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI).

The data employed is updated annually and has the aims of reducing poverty in the world, ensure sustainable economic, social and environmental development and to promote democracy, the rule of law, good governance and the respect of human rights, notably through external aid. These goals are to be achieved through different instruments and programmes (see below):
As noticed above, the Development Cooperation Instrument represents one of the EU’s budgetary instruments for financing external action.

The main objective of the DCI and of EU development policy in general is to alleviate poverty. The DCI is also meant to contribute to fostering sustainable economic, social and environmental development, and supporting democracy, good governance, human rights and international law in recipient countries. More specifically, the DCI should help the EU meet its obligations to developing countries arising from the United Nations' millennium development goals. Where DCI-funded actions concern countries eligible for overseas development aid (ODA) according to the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development—the vast majority of DCI beneficiaries—they must be designed to meet OECD/DAC criteria.

The DCI consists of two thematic programmes:

- Civil Society Organisations & Local Authorities
- Global Public Goods and Challenges

DG INTPA Publications (formerly EuropeAid) gives a clear differentiation of grants (direct financial contributions provided to organisations, or to projects carried out by them) and contracts (awarded through tendering procedures to purchase services, supplies or works).

Information on grants for actions and operating grants can be found at: [https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/)

All call for proposals published under the abovementioned thematic and geographical instruments and programmes can be found on the DG INTPA Publications website at [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=0,1,2,8;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCm2Id=111111;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destinationGroup=null;missionGroup=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=0,1,2,8;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCm2Id=111111;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destinationGroup=null;missionGroup=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState)
The search for proposal of your interest can be performed by reference of a call:

Or with the help of the advanced search function, which enables you to choose the programming period, programme group and type of call (I select call for grant).

For example, if one were to choose to apply for the Creative Europe Programme group, they would need to select it in the Programme section:
To make access easier, results can be sorted by their deadline of application:

Once a call has been selected, please read attentively the guidelines for grant applicants, including the objectives, priorities and eligibility criteria.

To do this, scroll through the internal navigation panel:

[Image of the internal navigation panel with the deadline sorting feature highlighted]
Then, select the conditions and documents field, while making sure that you keep in mind the evaluation criteria and the indicative timetable:

Grants provided under DG INTPA are subject to a written agreement signed by the two parties and, as a general rule, require co-financing by the grant beneficiary. It is important to read carefully all information on the financial allocation and eligibility of costs provided by the contracting authority.

If you comply with all requirements and decide to apply, the next step is to register your organisation in PADOR. Before beginning this process, please make sure that you have the following:

- A sufficiently stable internet connection
- The e-mail address of your organization
- An EU Login account

If you do not have an EU Login account, please see Appendix 1, for a step-by-step guide on creating one.

Once you have an EU account, please follow the steps below, in order to register with PADOR account. PADOR is an on-line database in which organisations register and update information concerning their entity. Organisations registered in PADOR get a unique ID, which they must mention in their application.

1. Go to the e-Calls PADOR application by clicking on the following link: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/pador
2. Enter your email address and password.

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1 e-Calls PADOR - EXACT External Wiki - EN - EC Public Wiki (europa.eu)
3. Once registered, you will be automatically directed to the PADOR website:

4. Click on the “Create organisation” button (see image above). The application will ask you to first check if an e-Calls PADOR profile already exists for your organisation.

5. Fill-in the search criteria of the organisation in the fields as illustrated in the image below. You have to specify at the least 2 search criteria: (1) the country of establishment, and (2) one of the remaining fields. Then, click on the "Search" button.

6. If no PADOR profile is found, please click on

7. Fill in the fields required for creating a PADOR account:
If you are having trouble with creating your PADOR account, please follow the European Commission’s guidelines, published under the following link: https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=33522282

Once you have successfully logged in to your PADOR account, the following step is to submit a concept note (description and relevance of actions as well as estimation of the requested grant) online via PROSPECT.

In order to do so, please consult the guideline on how to submit a concept note: https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/ExactExternalWiki/Manual+for+Applicants+-+e-Calls+PROSPECT?preview=/33522295/44144469/MA_PROSPECT_APPLICANT_EN.pdf

Once you have successfully submitted a concept note, applicants will be preselected and invited to submit a full application via PROSPECT.

Please note that grants cover a diverse range of fields; the specific conditions that need to be fulfilled may vary from one area of activity to another.

Geographical coverage:

*European Instrument For Democracy And Human Rights (EIDHR)*: Worldwide except EU countries.

*Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)*: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
**Civil Society Organisations And Local Authorities Thematic Programme (CSOLA):** Official Development Assistance list recipients of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), excluding those covered by the Instruments for Pre-Accession (IPA), but including European Overseas Countries and Territories.

**Global Public Goods And Challenges Thematic Programme (GPGC):** All countries covered by the Official Development Assistance recipients list of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development’s Development Assistance Committee, excluding countries covered by the Instrument of Pre-Accession, but including European Overseas Countries and Territories.

**European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI):** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

**Instruments For Pre-Accession (IPA II):** Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Albania, Serbia, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Iceland.

**Instrument Contributing To Stability And Peace (IcSP):** Worldwide.

**European Development Fund (EDF):** 79 African, Caribbean and Pacific partner countries of the Union and for the Overseas Countries and Territories of Member States.

**Grant amount:**

Depending on the instrument/programme the budget/grant amount available under calls for proposals may vary. Thus, ETUCE invites interested member organisations to consult information indicated in calls for proposals.
Erasmus + - HOW TO APPLY

Erasmus + is a programme² offering opportunities both for individuals and for organisations. Erasmus+ aims to contribute to reducing unemployment, especially among young people; promoting adult learning, especially new skills and skills required by the labour market; encouraging young people to take part in European democracy; supporting innovation, cooperation and reform; reducing early school leaving and promoting cooperation and mobility with the EU’s partner countries.

The budget for ERASMUS + is €26.2 billion.

The 2021-2027 programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people’s participation in democratic life.

The opportunities for individuals are divided into the following categories:

- School pupils: Spend up to 1 month abroad in a group or by yourself, organised by your school
- Students: Study or take a traineeship abroad, or explore Erasmus Mundus
- Youth exchanges: Short exchange experiences with young people from different countries
- Youth workers: Professional development opportunities through training or networking periods abroad
- Trainees: Support for current or recent graduates in higher education and VET placements
- Staff (teaching): Teach abroad, get VET experience, find school or adult education placements
- Staff (training): Training activities for staff in higher education, schools, adult education and VET
- Adult learners: Time at an adult education organisation abroad, by yourself or in a group
- Sports staff: Professional development abroad for coaches and other sport staff

The opportunities for organisations include the following key actions:

1. Learning mobility of individuals
2. Cooperation among organisations and institutions
3. Support for policy reform
4. Jean Monnet
5. Sport

To discover funding opportunities under the Erasmus+ programme, please visit the Erasmus + website at: https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/. From the start page, please click on the “Find out how to take part” button:

Once the new screen is displayed, please click on “Browse opportunities for organisations”:

**Individual applicants**
If you are looking to take part by yourself, it’s likely that you will need to apply through an organisation such as your university, training centre, company and so on.

You can ask them if they are applying for a project grant, or explore the Erasmus app for advice and inspiration.

**Applicant organisations**
If you are an organisation looking to apply for a project grant or call for proposals, read the registration steps you need to take first.

This page allows you to search for open calls for proposals via specific key actions by clicking on “Learn more”, for your action of interest.

Conversely, you can follow this link: https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/funding-calls and be redirected to a list of all the ERASMUS + funding opportunities.
Once you accessed the ERASMUS + “Call for proposals”, the list of opportunities will appear:

Here, you can find a list of all the ERASMUS+ opportunities for funding, which can be filtered by the key topic:

After choosing an open call for proposals of your interest and checking all criteria, you have to register your organisation by creating an European Commission Authentication System (ECAS) account and receiving a Participant Identification Code (PIC). A Participant Identification Code (PIC) is a 9-digit number that serves as a unique identifier for legal entities participating in European funding programmes. A PIC number has no expiry date.

The validation of your PIC number is necessary only when your proposal or tenders are successfully evaluated.

In addition, to complete your registration procedure you have to access the Participant Portal. (https://ecas.ec.europa.eu/cas/oauth2/authorize?client_id=2kAMiBKVhNNv5Z1prCL5N8MvMKLOvt2IWcRhkzWFIJGhnc140DTMd7aKnSOgtceZXhKVeFXrgi95zqckkVF7E-J71zYb8yrKQA5DgC0k50&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fec.europa.eu%2Finfo%2Ffunding-tenders%2Fopportunities%2Fportal%2F&response_type=id_token&scope=openid%20email%20profile&
Please do not forget to follow hyperlinks to find out more about the Participant Portal. While registering, you are invited to provide information on the legal status and financial capacity (in your case – a declaration on honour). The following step is to fill in and submit the application form, which follows a standard proposal template. The steps to filling in this document are presented in the following guide: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/erasmus/temp-form/af/af_erasmus-eche-certificate_en.pdf.

Please use the specific forms for each Action. They are available on the websites of the European Commission, of the National Agencies or of the Executive Agencies.

Depending on the nature of the actions, application forms should be submitted to:

National Agencies are based in Programme Countries and their role involves:

- providing information on Erasmus+
- electing projects to be funded
- monitoring and evaluating Erasmus+
- supporting applicants and participants
- working with other National Agencies and the EU
- promoting Erasmus+
- sharing success stories and best practices

The list of agencies can be found here: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/about_en#tab-1-1.

Countries which are not in the list of programme countries - partner countries - may alternately have a National Erasmus+ Office: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/national-erasmus-plus-offices_e.

In case projects are submitted on behalf of consortia, the coordinating organisation/main applicant or group submits a single application for the whole project on behalf of all the participating organisations.
Key note:
The ETUCE advises you to make sure to read the Erasmus+ Programme guide which explains in detail each action, the eligibility criteria and the application procedure.

Geographic coverage:
Programme Countries can fully take part in all the Actions of the Erasmus+ Programme: the member states of the European Union and Non-EU programme countries. Partner countries can take part in certain actions under the Erasmus+ Programme, subject to specific criteria or conditions.

Grant amount:
Depending on the Key Action and/or call for proposals the available grant amount may vary. Thus, ETUCE invites interested member organisations to consult information indicated in calls for proposals.
Horizon Europe - HOW TO APPLY

Horizon Europe (2021-2027) is the European Union’s (EU’s) key funding programme for research and innovation, with a budget of more than €95.5 billion. The programme is built around three main pillars – excellent science, global challenges and industrial competitiveness, and innovative Europe.

Five missions relating to climate change, cancer, oceans and water, carbon-neutral cities and soil health, also form an integral part of Horizon Europe. For the program’s structure, see the image below:

Before beginning the application process, it is important to make sure that your project fits within the four strategic orientations, presented below:
With this in mind, you can then check the Call for Tenders and Proposals, by following this website: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search?programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027&frameworkProgramme=43108390

Here, you will notice the same interface as the one presented in this guide’s section on the EU Aid Explorer, on page 15.

Once you identified one grant that you want to apply to, the application process follows the same steps as the general one presented in EU Aid Explorer.

After reading the eligibility criteria, you should start your submission process, by clicking on the designated button.
It is important to keep in mind that for most calls of proposals you must apply as a team of at least 3 partner organisations from different countries. At least one of the 3 partners must be from an EU country. In addition to these 3 partners, organisations from other countries might be able to join your consortium. At the same time, some calls for proposals require a so-called multi-actor approach: this means your proposed project must involve a diverse set of stakeholders, in particular end-users and users of the project’s results.

One key aspect of the Horizon Europe application process is represented by the fact that the website offers a Partner Search Tool (see photo below), which enables organisations to connect with other organisations, interested to work on the same project.

Key note:

For a better understanding of how the Horizon Europe program works, please make sure to read the Horizon Europe guide, which can be found by clicking the following link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/programme-guide_horizon_en.pdf.

Give the high complexity of the topics, Horizon Europe also organizes regular Information Days events, which are marked in the events calendar, at https://rea.ec.europa.eu/events_en. These are also places where possible partner organisations can be found, as the events hosted are based on thematic interests.

Geographic coverage:

Automatically eligible for funding: the member states of the European Union; associated countries and the following countries, except where this is explicitly excluded in the call text: Azerbaijan; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kosovo; Kyrgyzstan; Tajikistan; Uzbekistan. Non-EU applicants that are NOT automatically eligible: Russia.

Grant amount:

Depending on the call for proposals, the available grant amount may vary. Thus, ETUCE invites interested member organisations to consult information indicated in calls for proposals.
EaSI - EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation: HOW TO APPLY

The European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) is the main financial instrument strengthening Europe’s social dimension, by putting the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights into practice. It targets employment, labour mobility, social inclusion and skills.

ESF+ supports EU Member States to achieve high employment levels, fair social protection, the eradication of poverty and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy. The ESF+ budget is €87.9 billion for the period 2021 – 2027 out of which €87.3 billion for the shared management strand implemented by the EU Member States, (including ESF+ Technical Assistance (ESF+ TA) and €676 million for the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) strand.

This call for proposals is financed under the Employment and Social Innovation ("EaSI") strand of the ESF+, which is a European-level financing instrument managed directly by the European Commission. It provides financial support to achieve high employment levels, fair social protection, a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the future world of work, as well as inclusive and cohesive societies aiming to eradicate poverty.

By following the link below, the specific details (including the timeline, available budget, duration, geographic location) https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/esf/wp-call/2023/call-fiche_esf-2023-pow-udw_en.pdf can be read.

Activities that can be funded

In order to achieve the objective, it is intended with this call for proposals to fund transnational cooperation initiatives aiming at developing activities by relevant stakeholders involved in the context of posting with a significant and lasting impact on workers, companies and administrations. Activities aim at supporting competent authorities in MS and social partners in administrative cooperation, in increasing access to essential information for posted workers, to promote the evidence basis through the collection and evaluation of original data and analysis.

The two topics of the project are:

**Topic 1:** ESF-2023-POW-UDW-01 – Posting of Workers: enhancing administrative cooperation and access to information.

**Topic 2:** ESF-2023-POW-UDW-02 — Activities to tackle undeclared work.

The projects’ activities should have a specific focus on one of the three:

a) a certain sector (i.e. construction, road transport, healthcare, meat processing etc.), and/or

b) the type of a posted worker (i.e. seasonal worker, temporary agency worker, posted third country national etc.), and/or
c) the situation of the posted worker (i.e., working in the situation of subcontracting, health and safety of the worker, remuneration conditions etc.).

Budget

Project budgets (maximum grant amount) are expected to be higher than EUR 350 000 per project, but this does not preclude the submission/selection of proposals requesting other amounts.

In order to find new calls for projects, the ETUCE invites you to access the DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion website: https://ec.europa.eu/social/home.jsp?langId=en.

By selecting policies and activities → Funding → Calls for proposals (or by clicking on the following link: Calls for proposals - Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion - European Commission (europa.eu), more calls for proposals related to the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) and the EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) can be selected from the menu (see picture below).

Since the EU Aid Explorer represents the EU’s one-stop shop for all applications and projects, the application process follows the same steps presented starting from page 15 from this guide.

Before applying, learn more about Subventions Web Input Module (SWIM) - electronic system developed by the DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion whose objective is to manage effectively its calls for proposals and the ensuing grant agreements.

At the grant application stage, SWIM allows the applicants to fill in and to submit the application form and the estimated budget.

During the implementation period, the beneficiary uses SWIM to: create and submit budget amendment requests; create and submit participants amendment requests; create and submit declarations of costs already incurred to be joined to a request for further pre-financing/interim payments, if these payments are foreseen in
the grant agreement. After the action closing date, the beneficiary uses SWIM to submit the final financial statement as well as the final technical implementation report. SWIM uses ECAS (European Commission Authentication Service) as a unique authentication method.

The SWIM manual can be found under the following link: https://ec.europa.eu/tools/dms/en/dms/subventions-web-input-module-swim/qg/swim-quick-guide?language_content_entity=en#1-introduction-0.
NextGenerationEU: Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)

The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) entered into force on 19 February 2021. It finances reforms and investments in Member States until 31 December 2026. The RRF is a temporary instrument which is the centerpiece of NextGenerationEU—the EU’s plan to emerge stronger and more resilient from the current COVID-19 crisis and beyond.

Through the Facility, the Commission raises funds by borrowing on the capital markets (issuing bonds on behalf of the EU). These are then available to its Member States, to implement ambitious reforms and investments that:

- make their economies and societies more sustainable, resilient and prepared for the green and digital transitions, in line with the EU’s priorities;
- address the challenges identified in country-specific recommendations under the European Semester framework of economic and social policy coordination.

The RRF in numbers:

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Mechanism:

To benefit from the support of the Facility, Member States submit their recovery and resilience plans to the European Commission. Each plan sets out the reforms and investments to be implemented by end-2026 and Member States can receive financing up to a previously agreed allocation.

Each plan should effectively address challenges identified in the European Semester, particularly the country-specific recommendations adopted by the Council. It should also advance the green and digital transitions and make Member States’ economies and societies more resilient. For an overview of the six pillars of the RRF, see the image below:
Key note:

The RRF has a performance-based mechanism. In other words, fulfilment of agreed milestones and targets towards achieving the reforms and investments in the plans will unlock regular payment. For an overview of the RRF’s assessment mechanism, see the image below:

To access country-specific information, please access the following link: [https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages_en](https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages_en) and select your organisation’s country.
The European Social Dialogue Funding

Social dialogue is a fundamental component of the European social model. It enables the social partners (representatives of management and labour) to contribute actively, including through agreements, to designing European social and employment policy.

To get an overview of the European Social Dialogue’s aims and achievements, the ETUCE recommends reading ETUC’s guide, published under https://resourcecentre.etuc.org/eu-social-dialogue.

In order to access the European Social Dialogue Funding, please access the Funding and Tenders website: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/socpl-2023-soc-dialog.

Here, you can find all calls for proposals, aiming to achieve the European Social Dialogue’s goals:

Once you select one grant to apply for, you should click on its name. The following web-page will pop-out, displaying all the information about the grant.

Once again, the application process follows the same process as the one described under the general section on the EU Aid Explorer page, starting from page 15 of this document.
The Joint Translation Fund

In order to promote full implementation of EU social dialogue texts throughout Europe, a fund has been created for translating texts negotiated through the EU social dialogue into languages of EU member states as well as candidate countries.

The fund is available for translating documents produced by the European cross-industry social dialogue as well as agreements negotiated in the framework of the European sectoral social dialogue with a direct link and/or deriving from cross-industry social dialogue texts.

Who can apply?

National confederations affiliated to the European social partner organisations: ETUC, BusinessEurope, SMEunited and SGI Europe as well as European Industry Federations willing to translate EU level sectoral agreements directly linked and/or deriving from cross-industry social dialogue texts.

How to apply:
To benefit from the fund, national social partners must send a joint request to either BusinessEurope (a.luchie@businesseurope.eu) or the ETUC (lfallon@etuc.org; clazzaroni@etuc.org), indicating the document(s) they wish to translate.

Practical procedure:
The cost of the translation(s) will then be reimbursed by either BusinessEurope or ETUC according to the language.

For more information, please access: https://resourcecentre.etuc.org/resource-center/joint-translation-fund.

The websites for general information about and BusinessEurope are: https://www.etuc.org/en and https://www.businesseurope.eu/.

Key note: The ETUC organizes on-demand seminars on issues relating to the reinforcement of bipartite social dialogue. To find out more about these workshops and to apply for them, please visit: https://resourcecentre.etuc.org/resource-center/social-partner-demand-seminars.

EXAMPLES FROM OTHER INTERNATIONAL SOURCES: OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS

The Open Society Foundations are a family of offices and foundations created by philanthropist George Soros. The Open Society Foundations has expanded the activities of the Soros Foundations network to other regions of the world where the transition to democracy is of particular concern. This directory includes offices and country and regional foundations located throughout the world.
It is focused on education and youth, governance and accountability, health, rights and justice and media and information.

With offices in: Tirana, Albania; Brussels, Belgium; Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Tblisi, Georgia; Berlin, Germany; Skopje, North Macedonia; Chisinau, Moldova; Belgrade, Serbia; Barcelona, Spain; Dnipro, Ukraine; Odesa, Ukraine; Kharkiv, Ukraine; Lviv, Ukraine; Kyiv, Ukraine; London, United Kingdom; Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Pristina, Kosovo, the organisation aims to support open and inclusive societies and to invest in those who seek to reinvent and revitalize democracy.

A comprehensive list of the grants offered can be found under the following link: Grants and Fellowships from the Open Society Foundations - Open Society Foundations.

When clicking on the chosen grant, the ETUCE advises you to read the eligibility and ineligibility criteria carefully.
The Open Society Foundation enables fellows to past and current fellows. The ETUCE recommends utilising this opportunity to connect with other organisations.

In order to start the application process, click on the “Apply here” button, after making sure that your organisation meets all the eligibility criteria.

**Guidelines**

There are three stages to the application and selection process. First, all applicants must submit a full and completed application by the deadline of January 31, 2023. Second, each application will be reviewed for critical need, competitiveness, ability to influence the racial justice field, innovation, and the leadership qualities of the applicant. Applications will be evaluated on the extent to which the applicant possesses the vision, drive, and skills needed to broaden understanding, spur debate, or catalyze change on the issues at the heart of the Open Society Foundations’ racial justice priorities. We will then select a group of finalists who will be invited to interview with a selection committee consisting of Open Society Foundations staff and outside social justice experts. Finally, after each finalist is interviewed, we will select up to 15 individuals to receive a Fellowship award.

Applicants who have questions about the parameters of the fellowship guidelines may submit a brief email inquiry to equality.fellowship@openocietyfoundations.org.

Please do not submit an email inquiry before reviewing the appropriate documents. Additional technical guidance for your submission can be found here.
You will then be redirected to the following screen, where you can start the process of creating an account, by clicking on the “New User” button.

Then, you can start the process of creating an account, by filling in the Registration Portal Form.

**Geographic coverage:**

Worldwide

**Grant amount:**

Depending on the call for proposals, the available grant amount may vary. Thus, ETUCE invites interested member organisations to consult information indicated in calls for proposals.
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

With a budget of 195 million EUR, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung was founded in 1925. The namesake is Friedrich Ebert, the first democratically elected President of Germany. As a non-profit political foundation, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung united with social democracy and the trade union movement in the pursuit of freedom, justice, solidarity and the preservation of peace.

With innovative solutions, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is tackling today's challenges in education, counselling and networking and shaping the just and solidary society of tomorrow – in Germany, Europe and worldwide.

The FES has been working as a partner of German foreign and development policy for decades, prioritizing the promotion of social justice, democracy, peace and security. Around the world, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung aims to strengthen democratic forces and promote young politicians. In Europe, the shaping of the European Union and the acceptance of the European idea are central issues.

An essential mission of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung’s international work is the strengthening of free trade unions. Without them, socio-ecological change and fair, sustainable and democratic economic systems cannot be implemented. They represent the interests of the German trade union confederation, the Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund (DGB) and its member unions abroad.

The ability to bring key people together is a particular strength of the international network of over 100 FES offices. In regional and global projects, FES develops comprehensive, transnational approaches, such as in foreign and security policy or climate and energy policy. With offers of dialogue, publications and advice in Germany, FES contributes to the intertwining of political analysis, discussion and action.

In order to connect to the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung’s opportunities, you need to first create an account on their website, by clicking registering on their website (https://www.fes.de/meine-fes/registrierung).

1. First, you need to click on the Login button and select the register option (see image below).
2. Once you accept the Terms and Conditions (see image below), you will be redirected to the registration page:

3. Then, you can fill in your institution’s details in the following table:
Key note:

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung has 108 international offices. For this reason, you should contact the office the closest to you. Offices can be found at: https://www.fes.de/standorte/fes-international.

The division of international offices includes:

**Work units in Germany & locations worldwide**

- Africa Unit
- Asia and Pacific Unit
- Latin America & Caribbean Unit
- Department of Middle East & North Africa
- Global and European Politics Unit
- European Union & North America Unit
- Eastern Europe Unit
The FES also offers an online library, featuring the organization’s publications. The ETUCE recommends reading FES’s previous works, to get acquainted with its values and priorities. This can be done by following the next website: https://www.fes.de/bibliothek/fes-publikationen.
EEA and Norway Grants

The EEA and Norway Grants fund projects in 15 countries in Europe. Applicants need to be based in one of them in order to apply. The countries are: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary*, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

In addition to this, the Fund for Youth Employment accepts projects with partners from Ireland, Italy and Spain.

The fund for Regional Cooperation accepts projects from Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.

What is funded:

EEA and Norway Grants fund a large variety of topics, ranging from climate change and energy to cultural cooperation and civil society support. However, EEA and Norway Grants do not cover all of them in every country. Instead, they prioritise the funding to what is most relevant in each country. This means that in order to be eligible for funding, your project idea needs to fit into one of the programmes in your country and contribute to its overall objective.

The topics founded can be found at: https://eeagrants.org/topics-programmes

Topics & Programmes

After having read about the organisation’s mission, on their website (https://eeagrants.org/), you can begin the application process for your project.
You can also learn more about the current opportunities, by clicking on: https://eeagrants.org/partnership-opportunities.

At first, you can check available funding options online, by accessing: https://eeagrants.org/currently-available-funding

Here, you can find available funding, which can be filtered by country:

Once you find a suitable programme, you can click on it, to find information about its timeline and budget. Information similar to the details below would be offered.

Then, you need to access the “See the programme website for further information about the call” (as presented in the image below).
These next screen will include information about workshops supporting applicants in their application process, along with the conditions for applicants and general rules (see picture below).

**Conditions for applicants**

Project application can be submitted by any association or foundation registered in Latvia that fulfills all the conditions of the call:

- are independent of public administration, political parties, commercial organizations and their influence (among other things, such organizations or their official representatives are in minority (proportionally or by level of influence) among members or managing bodies),
- by their nature / character / activities cannot be equated with political parties, religious or faith-based organizations, trade unions, employer associations, companies or cooperatives,
- do not pursue the professional, commercial or direct economic interests of its members or founders and whose members / founders have no commercial interest in the outcome of the work of the organization or of its activities.

The limit of EUR 138,000 in total ACF support will not apply. Organisations that have already received AIF support for other projects will therefore be eligible to participate.

**Support for applicants**

The information seminar on the call for proposals will take place on 7 September at 14.00-17.00 at the ZOOM platform. Apply by 6 September by filling in the application form: [https://forms.gle/n394zaTWyoMC3JN97](https://forms.gle/n394zaTWyoMC3JN97)

Consultations on the call and project preparation are provided by AIF consultants Rasa Lazdiņa ([rasa.lazdina@activecitizensfund.lv](mailto:rasa.lazdina@activecitizensfund.lv), phone: 25176456), Oskars Zuģīciks ([oskars@nvoc.lv](mailto:oskars@nvoc.lv), phone: 26565858)

**Rules and annexes**

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- Annex 1 “Direct eligible expenses” [LV EN RU](#)
- Annex 2 “Project applicant declaration” [LV](#)
- Annex 3 “Partnership declaration” [LV](#)
- Annex 4 “Certification of the partner organisation in English” [EN](#)

**Key note:**

In order to receive updates regarding the available funding opportunities, you can sign up to the [https://us6.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b0110dcf22f6e47955f26e8dc&id=dcf53ac7d4](https://us6.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b0110dcf22f6e47955f26e8dc&id=dcf53ac7d4) and you can select the “New funding opportunities“ button:
Want to stay updated on the EEA and Norway Grants?

Sign up to receive updates about new funding opportunities, news and events directly in your inbox!

Email Address

First Name

Last Name

I would like to receive updates about:

- ☐ New funding opportunities
- ☐ News and events
- ☐ Job opportunities
Appendix 1- Creating an EU Login account

To create an EU Login account, please follow the steps below:

1. Go to the e-Calls PADOR application by clicking on the following link:
   
   
   When the following screen appears, you click on “Create an account”:

   ![Create an account](image)

2. Fill in all the fields in the following screen and then click on “Create an account”, after reading the privacy statement and checking the confirmation box.
If you are having trouble with filling in the fields, see the table below:

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3. You will receive a confirmation email, through the email address provided in the previous step. Follow the link on the confirmation email.
Appendix 2- Examples of member organisations’ solidarity funds

Member organisations and trade union centres that have solidarity funds to finance project activities. Possible project applications should be forwarded to EI for coordination and further distribution.

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| Norway  | Union of Education Norway (UEN) Website: [https://www.utdanningsforbundet.no/om-utdanningsforbundet/english/](https://www.utdanningsforbundet.no/om-utdanningsforbundet/english/)  
LO Norway Website: [https://www.lo.no/language/english/](https://www.lo.no/language/english/) |
| Denmark | DM (formerly the Danish Association of Masters and PhDs) Website: [https://dm.dk/english/about-dm/](https://dm.dk/english/about-dm/)  
BUPL- The Danish National Federation of Early Childhood and Youth Educators Website: [https://bupl.dk/](https://bupl.dk/)  
DLF- The Danish Union of Teachers Website: [https://www.dlf.org/service-menu/english](https://www.dlf.org/service-menu/english)  
The LO/FTF Coucil (Danish Trade Union Council for International Development Cooperation) Website: [https://uia.org/s/or/en/1100002846](https://uia.org/s/or/en/1100002846) |
| The Netherlands | AOb- Algemene Onderwijsbond  
Website: [https://www.aob.nl/en/](https://www.aob.nl/en/) |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                 | FNV Netherlands  
Website: [https://www.fnv.nl/](https://www.fnv.nl/) |
Appendix 3

The EU countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

The European Economic Area countries: the EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

The European Free Trade Association countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

The EU candidate countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.

The potential candidate countries: Kosovo and Georgia.

Official Development Assistance list recipients of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Armenia, Albania, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kosovo, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, North Macedonia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Turkmenistan.