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## Charlemagne Youth Prize

Since 2008, the European Parliament together with the 'Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen' have each year been inviting young people from all EU Member States to submit projects run by and for youth showing an active participation in the development of Europe.

### **CAN WE PARTICIPATE?**

Young citizens aged between 16 and 30 living in any EU Member State can submit projects for the European Charlemagne Youth Prize.

Projects can be submitted individually or, preferably, in groups. They should promote European and international understanding; foster the development of a shared sense of European identity and integration; and provide role models for young people living in Europe and offer practical examples of Europeans living together as one community.

The European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen invite young people from all EU Member States to participate in a competition on EU development, integration and European identity issues.

The 'European Charlemagne Youth Prize' is awarded to projects, which:

- promote European and international understanding,
- foster the development of a shared sense of European identity and integration,
- serve as a role model for young people living in Europe and offer practical examples of Europeans living together as one community.

The projects can focus on the organisation of various youth events, youth exchanges or online projects with a European dimension.

### **WHAT TYPE OF PROJECT CAN WE SUBMIT?**

[Previous winners](#) have been awarded for projects such as youth exchanges, events in the fields of sports, arts or culture or may take the form of online projects with a European dimension. Have a look [here](#) to read about previous winners' projects.

### **WHAT IF WE WIN?**

The prize for the best project is €7500, the second €5000 and the third €2500. As part of the prize, the three European laureates are invited to visit the European Parliament in Brussels or Strasbourg.

One representative of each national winning project is invited to Aachen for several days to attend several events, including the Youth Prize Award Ceremony, which always takes place two days before Ascension Day, the day on which the prestigious International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen is awarded.

The prizes for the best three projects will be presented by the President of the European Parliament and representatives of the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen.

Your project will also receive lots of coverage through the European Parliament's and the Foundation's media channels.

... and last but not least, your stay in Aachen will be a unique chance to meet and network with other dynamic young people from all over Europe, a platform to share your vision about Europe in front of European leaders and for many it will be the beginning of some long-lasting friendships with like-minded young people from all over Europe!

## How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online via the website of the European Charlemagne Youth Prize ([www.charlemagneyouthprize.eu](http://www.charlemagneyouthprize.eu)).

For more information please send an email to [ECYP2021@ep.europa.eu](mailto:ECYP2021@ep.europa.eu)

[Full application details available here.](#)

Deadline: 2 Feb 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.

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

## How to Apply

**See open calls below:**

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### European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas

Deadline: February 8, 2023

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### European Solidarity Corps - Solidarity Projects

Deadline: February 23, 2023

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### European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Projects

Deadline: February 23, 2023

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## PEACE PLUS

PEACE PLUS is a new funding programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland.

### **Aims & Objectives**

The overall objective of the PEACE PLUS Programme will be to build peace and prosperity.

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

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

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

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

The programme focuses on six key thematic areas:

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

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

### **Who can apply?**

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

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

### **Budget**

A total of €1 billion from 2021-2027.

### **Project Examples**

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

Case Study: [Breakthrough](#)

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

National Contact Point in Ireland

The [Special EU Programmes Body \(SEUPB\)](#) manages programme delivery.

## How to Apply

### **Current open calls:**

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## PEACE PLUS - Call for Pre-Application Concept Notes for "Collaborative Health and Social Care"

Deadline: February 8, 2023

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## Interreg IVB - North West Europe

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

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

### Thematic priorities

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

#### **Priority 1 - Smart climate and environmental resilience for NWE territories**

Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account ecosystem-based approaches (SO 2.4)

Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution (SO 2.7)

#### **Priority 2 – Smart and just energy transition for NWE territories**

Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions (SO 2.1)

Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein (SO 2.2).

#### **Priority 3 - Transition towards a place-based circular economy**

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

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

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

## **Priority 5 –Transition towards a socially inclusive and resilient society**

Enhancing the effectiveness and inclusiveness of labour markets and access to quality employment through developing social infrastructure and promoting social economy(SO 4.1).

Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems,including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-and-community-based care (SO 4.5).

Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development,social inclusion and social innovation (SO 4.6).

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

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

## **How to Apply**

### **Current open calls:**

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## **Interreg North-West Europe: call 2**

Deadline: February 9, 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 [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions \(MSCA\)](#): Irish University Association, Yvonne Halpin, [yvonne.halpin@iua.ie](mailto:yvonne.halpin@iua.ie)

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

[Horizon Europe Contact List](#)

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

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

[Horizon Europe Info Days 2021](#)

[Irish Marie Skłodowska-Curie Office](#)

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

[MSCA matchmaking platform](#)

## Social media

[Horizon Europe on Twitter](#)

[Horizon Europe Ireland on Twitter](#)

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

[Marie Skłodowska Curie Programme on Twitter](#)

## How to Apply

### Current calls:

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#### Horizon Europe - MSCA COFUND 2022

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#### Horizon Europe - MSCA Staff Exchanges 2022

Deadline: March 8, 2023

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#### Horizon Europe - Cluster 2 - The emotional politics of democracies

Deadline: March 14, 2023

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#### Horizon Europe - Cluster 2 - The climate imperative and its impact on democratic governance

Deadline: March 14, 2023

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Horizon Europe - Cluster 2 - Intersectionality and equality in deliberative and participatory democratic spaces

Deadline: March 14, 2023

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Horizon Europe - Cluster 2 - Fostering socio-economic development and job creation in rural and remote areas through cultural tourism

Deadline: March 14, 2023

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Horizon Europe - Cluster 2 - Addressing housing inequalities in a sustainable, inclusive and affordable way

Deadline: March 14, 2023

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Horizon Europe - Cluster 2 - Bridging the migration research to policy gap

Deadline: March 14, 2023

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Horizon Europe - Cluster 2 - Tackling European skills and labour shortages



Deadline: March 14, 2023

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# The Community Foundation for Ireland - RTÉ Toy Show Impact Grants

The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal was established in 2020 to raise funds for Irish children's charities through the televised Late Late Toy Show. Since then, more than €17 million has been raised to support these charities.

The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal mission is: Inspired by children, we work to bring the magic of the Late Late Toy Show to every child in Ireland. By funding essential support, health, wellbeing, play and creativity we aim to change children's lives for good.

In the wake of the cost-of-living crisis, increased number of refugees from Ukraine and elsewhere in the world, as well as the climate crisis, the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal is more important than ever.

Thanks to the continued generosity of the Irish public, the Appeal raised over €3,800,000 since November 2022 to be distributed through two open grant rounds:

1. Impact Grants Round
2. Community Grants Round

Children and family focussed charities working at local, regional and national level can apply for a grant under one of the following thematic pillars:

1. Addressing Essential Needs
2. Improving Health and Wellbeing
3. Creativity and Play.

Organisations can apply only once to the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal this year. Where multiple applications are received from the same organisation, none will be considered for assessment.

Community Foundation Ireland will be sharing an informative how-to video to support charities in their application. This will cover information relevant to both the Impact and the Community Grants rounds including the criteria, the application form and how to write a strong application. This video will be released and posted on our [You Tube Channel](#) on Monday 23rd January.

## How to Apply

The Impact Grants Round is now open and is for children and family charities with an annual income of €500,000 or more and will close on Friday 10th February 2023.

The Community Grants Round will open on Monday 13th February and is for children and family charities with an annual income of less than €500,000 and will close on Friday 10th March 2023.

[Full application guidelines available here.](#)

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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.

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.

The National Challenge Fund encourages collaboration between government departments, agencies, enterprise, the academic research community, and societal stakeholders to identify challenges and enable action to address green transition and digitalisation targets set at government level. These partnerships will inform the expected outputs and outcomes to ensure that they are meaningful and relevant to the end user.

It is expected that solutions are inclusive, equitable and sustainable and adhere to the principles of responsible research and innovation.

The National Challenge Fund was established under the Government's National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), funded by the EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility. The fund is coordinated and administered by Science Foundation Ireland.

### Challenge Details

The [Healthy Environment for All Challenge](#) seeks solutions to ensure clean and healthy air, water and soil for humans, animals and plants, with an overall prize award of 2 million euro.

The [Energy Innovation Challenge](#) seeks solutions to accelerate Ireland's transition to a clean and secure energy system, with an overall prize award of 2 million euro.

The [OurTech Challenge](#) supports research teams to address the challenge of enhancing the connections between government, communities and people, with an overall prize award of 1 million euro.

The [Digital for Resilience Challenge](#) supports research teams to focus on the challenge of enhancing Ireland's capabilities in crisis prediction & response, with an overall prize award of 1 million euro.

In addition to funding, research teams will be provided with non-financial support through training and mentorship. All challenges will support inter- and trans-disciplinary teams made up of scientists, engineers and researchers from different domains working together with non-technical experts and those beyond academia. Initial funding is for a period of six months with teams expected to move from there to a second stage lasting twelve months.

## How to Apply

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

Deadline: 10 Feb 2023

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## Fit for Life Awards 2023

Every year, the Fit for Life Foundation awards grants of EUR 100,000 each to 3 non-profit organizations or social enterprises that are pioneering projects to promote lifelong fitness and health.

Winner will be announced during the awards ceremony that will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, in September/October 2023.

If your organization makes an impact on healthy aging for older (65+ years) or middle-aged people (45+ years), we would love to hear about your work.

### Eligibility

To apply for the Fit for Life Awards, applicants must meet the following criteria:

The organization or initiative must be legally registered as a non-profit or social enterprise in its country/countries of operations.

We do not accept applications from the following types of organizations:

- Research institutes
- Government/public sector institutes
- Political organizations
- Organizations that discriminate in their leadership, staffing, or service provision on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, disability, national origin, political affiliation, religious belief or sexual orientation.

We welcome applications from organizations all around the world.

### Areas of impact

The mission and activities of the organization or initiative must directly address healthy aging for older (65+ years) or middle-aged people (40+ years).

We welcome solutions relevant to:

- Physical fitness
- Exercise and sport

- Mental health
- Mental well-being
- Mobility
- Nutrition
- At-home care
- Community support for older people
- Prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs)
- Other forms of preventative health support.

## How to Apply

Full guidelines and application details are available here: <https://www.fitforlife.foundation/awards-application>

Deadline: 15 Feb 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**

### **Current calls:**

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#### **ESF+ - EURES Targeted Mobility Scheme**

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#### **ESF+ - ALMA Initiative**

Deadline: March 15, 2023

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## Emigrant Support Programme

The Irish Government Emigrant Support Programme (ESP) is a tangible expression of the Government's support, commitment to, and interest in, Global Irish communities. Strengthening connections with Irish communities abroad and promoting links with Irish people and people of Irish ancestry worldwide is also a key objective of the Department of Foreign Affairs. These communities are made up of Irish emigrants, their descendants, those living abroad who share and celebrate an Irish heritage identity and global links with Ireland.

Central to achieving this objective is the Emigrant Support Programme (ESP), which is administered by the Irish Abroad Unit of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin, in partnership with Irish Embassies and Consulates abroad.

Through the ESP, the Government provides financial support to organisations engaged in the delivery of front line advisory services and community care to Irish emigrants, particularly to the more vulnerable and marginalised members of our community abroad, including the elderly. In addition, the ESP also facilitates Irish Government investment in a range of cultural, community and heritage projects, which foster a vibrant sense of Irish community and identity, as well as strategic capital projects.

Since its inception in 2004, the Emigrant Support Programme has assisted over 530 organisations in some 37 countries with grants totalling over €220 million. Grants have ranged from small amounts for grass-roots groups, to major allocations awarded to voluntary and community organisations operating on a large scale. In 2022 alone, there were 529 project applications from 36 countries requesting almost €23 million worth of funding for the Programme's €12.593 million budget.

### **Priorities and Objectives of ESP – Is your project eligible?**

The Emigrant Support Programme prioritises projects which align with the objectives of the [Government's Diaspora Strategy 2020-2025](#), with a particular focus this year on Pillar 1 of the Strategy - "Our People".

These would include new and innovative projects which protect the dignity, well-being and welfare of Irish emigrants, strengthen ties with our diaspora and reach out to engage with those who are less connected to our existing networks, including digital initiatives, new ways of building connections and support for the vulnerable.

We will also, of course, continue to welcome applications which align with any of the other pillars of the Strategy.

## **Criteria for grant aid**

Applicant organisations should be established as registered charities, charitable bodies or voluntary/not for profit organisations and will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- the need for the project
- beneficiaries in the Irish community (including second and later generations), including their needs and vulnerabilities
- the impact of the project based on clear expected outputs and outcomes
- partnerships with other statutory, voluntary and ESP-funded organisations to maximise service delivery to vulnerable Irish people
- how the outcomes will contribute to the achievement of ESP's objectives
- the capacity of the organisation to deliver the project
- the total project cost and value for money offered
- what funding has been secured from other sources for the project
- the monitoring and evaluation systems in place to measure the outcomes for target beneficiaries
- commitment to good governance and best practice throughout the organisation (including e.g. financial management, fundraising strategy, inclusion policies and staff training and development)

## **Categories of Funding**

All funding decisions are based on the information submitted in the official application form, which must be submitted online. No hard copy application forms will be accepted.

The categories under which ESP can be applied for are as follows;

- Heritage - Project involving the promotion and maintenance of Irish heritage and identity overseas.
- Welfare (Elderly) - Projects that are specifically targeted at the older members of the Irish community.

- Welfare (Other)- Projects involving the provision of front-line welfare services including advisory, counselling, information and outreach services to Irish communities.
- Business Networks - Projects to support Irish business networks or other Irish professional networks overseas.
- Capital - Projects involving the construction, refurbishment or purchase of capital assets. This includes projects related to website development and large digital/software projects.

Organisations are permitted to make applications in more than one category.

Principles governing recipients of Irish Government funding

The ESP is funded through taxpayer’s money and is therefore public funding. The highest levels of transparency and accountability will be applied. As part of this we require reports on the impacts and the success of projects funded as well as financial reports.

In line with regulations governing the receipt of grants from the Irish Government, all grantees must:

### **Clarity**

Set out clearly the objectives, inputs and outputs of their funding spend:

- Show clearly that funding was spent only for the business purposes for which it was provided
- Seek clarification from the grantor where necessary – on use of funds, governance and accountability arrangements

### **Governance**

Ensure appropriate governance arrangements are in place for oversight and administration of funding:

- control and safeguarding of funds from misuse, misappropriation and fraud
- accounting records which can provide, at any time, reliable financial information on the purpose, application and balance remaining of the public funding
- Accounting for the amount and source of the funding, its application and outputs/outcomes

## **Value for money**

Be in a position to provide evidence on:

- effective use of funds
- value achieved in the application of funds
- avoidance of waste and extravagance

## **Fairness**

Manage public funds with the highest degree of honesty and integrity:

- Act in a manner which complies with relevant laws and obligations (e.g. tax, minimum wages)
- Procure goods and services in a fair and transparent manner
- Act fairly, responsibly and openly in dealings with the Grantor

## **Additional Points to Note**

It is recognised that it may not be possible to immediately begin a project which has been approved for funding. However, it is expected that the project will have commenced within six months of receipt of the grant. Irish Government accounting practices require the money to be used for the approved purpose within the same funding year.

The Funding year runs from 1st July 2023 until the 30th June 2024.

Grant aid not used in accordance with the terms and conditions specified by the Irish Government must be repaid in full. If a grant has been awarded towards funding for a staffing position and a vacancy arises in that position during the funding year, organisations should expect a clawback for the period the position was unfilled.

## **How to Apply**

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 15 Feb 2023

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## Interreg IVB - Atlantic Area

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

### Aims & Objectives

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

The programme priorities are:

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

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

The total list of 27 regions is as follows:

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

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

**Ireland: Northern and Western, Southern, Eastern and Midland**

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

### What does it support?

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

- Innovation & Competitiveness
- Resource Efficiency
- Territorial Risks Management
- Biodiversity and
- Natural & Cultural Assets.

### **Who can apply?**

The following organisations can benefit from funding:

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

### **Budget**

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

### **Project Examples**

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

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



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

## How to Apply

### Current open calls:

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## Interreg Atlantic Area - First Call for Projects 2021-2027

Deadline: February 17, 2023

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## Irish Youth Foundation - Bursary 2023

The Irish Youth Foundation Bursary is awarding grants of €5,000 to young people who are ready to transition to the next stage of their lives however, are being held back because of financial constraints.

The Bursary is a fixed yearly investment of €2,500 for two years – €5,000 in total.

The unique element to this funding opportunity is its flexibility. Each young person will receive 100% tailored and personalised financial support to remove obstacles blocking their chances for success.

The Bursary is unique in that it is designed to meet young people where they are at. For example, young people can apply for financial support for; college fees, grinds for Leaving Cert exams, practical supports to enable them access and remain in apprenticeships or other training opportunities, childcare costs to support school/college attendance, and more.

### Criteria

This Bursary will support young people living in the Republic of Ireland aged between 15- 24 years and is focused on supporting young people experiencing disadvantage and marginalisation in their lives.

### Who is eligible to apply for funding?

Any young person living in the Republic of Ireland, aged between 15-24 years is eligible to apply.

However, the application must be made with by a youth worker / support worker on behalf of the young person, and must be made through a registered youth organisation.

Organisations applying for funding on behalf of an interested young person should adhere to the terms and conditions outlined [here](#).

### How to Apply

Full guidelines and criteria are available here: <https://iyf.ie/bursary-fund/>

Deadline: 17 Feb 2023

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## HSE - National Lottery Grants

The HSE offers National Lottery grants to health and social care projects. Community groups and voluntary organisations can apply.

You must provide health or social care services to the community. For example, you might help people with a disability, older people, carers or disadvantaged groups.

### Projects we can fund

We fund one-off projects and services that improve the health of communities.

For example, you can apply for funding to:

- buy equipment and small fixtures and fittings like hoists, tables, and chairs
- run camps, classes, courses, personal development training, information or activity events

### Respite care

Your group or organisation may apply for funding for short-term or once-off respite care.

For example, if your organisation supports carers you might apply for funding for respite care or a break for carers or the people they are caring for.

You must use your respite care funding by 30 June the following year.

### How much you can apply for

You can apply for between €300 and €10,000 in funding for each project.

You can apply for funding for more than 1 project. But there is a limit on how much funding you can get from your local HSE Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO).

The maximum that a CHO can give to an organisation or group is €10,000.

## How to Apply

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

Deadline: 17 Feb 2023

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## EU4Health Programme

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

### Aims & Objectives

It aims to:

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

### What does it support?

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

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

### Who can apply?

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

### Why the EU funds healthcare and well-being

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

## Budget

€5.3 billion over 7 years.

## Project Examples

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

## National Contact Point in Ireland

[Health Research Board](#)

Contact: Amanda Daly

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## How to Apply

### Current open calls:

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EU4Health - Call for proposals on prevention of NCDs - action on health determinants

Deadline: February 21, 2023

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EU4Health - Call for proposals on prevention of NCDs - cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and other NCDs

Deadline: February 21, 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**

### **Current funding calls:**

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#### **Creative Europe - Circulation of European literary works**

Deadline: February 21, 2023

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

Deadline: February 23, 2023

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

Deadline: February 23, 2023

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

Deadline: February 23, 2023

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## Creative Europe - Video games and immersive content development

Deadline: March 1, 2023

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## Creative Europe - European Festivals

Deadline: March 9, 2023

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## Creative Europe - Films on the Move

Deadline: March 14, 2023

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## Creative Europe - Audience Development and Film Education

Deadline: March 30, 2023

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## Creative Europe - News Media Literacy

Deadline: March 30, 2023

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## The Arts Council - Commissions Award

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 the Commissions Award is to enable the commissioning of new work from freelance artists.

In general, the finished work may be in a form capable of being presented, exhibited, published, performed and/or disseminated in its entirety at the point of completion, or it may be capable of being presented as a work-in-progress, either live or online. Please see the artform/arts area specific guidance below for the priorities for the award in each area.

### **STRAND 1 – Artform commissions**

Commissions can be applied for in the areas of:

- Dance
- Opera
- Music
- Traditional Arts

This means that any applicant, whether an organisation or an individual, can apply to commission an artist working within one of these artform areas.[\[1\]](#)

### **STRAND 2 – Cross arts-area commissions**

In order to assist with the animation of arts organisations working across different artforms and with the commissioning of work by artists working in particular contexts, the award is open to organisations in the following categories:

#### **Festivals**

In these cases, organisations can apply to commission an artist working in any artform, with the exception of festivals applying for a commission in Dance, Music, Opera, Traditional Arts or Literature, which should apply directly to those artforms in Strand 1. The application will be assessed primarily in relation to the context in which the commission is proposed. The Arts Council's artform specialists will provide a secondary comment where their artform is integral to the proposal.

## How to Apply

[Full guidelines available here.](#)

Deadline: 23 Feb 2023

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## Erasmus+ Programme

Erasmus+ is the EU's funding programme for education, training, youth and sport.

### Aims & Objectives

It aims to:

- Provide support for lifelong learning
- Contribute to building a European Education Area
- Promote learning mobility in education, training, youth, and sport
- Improve the quality of education and training systems
- Strengthen European identity and active citizenship

### What does it support?

Projects addressing sector-specific priorities in the programme's strands:

- Adult Education
- Higher Education
- School Education
- Vocational Education and Training

Projects that address one (or more) of the programme's four key horizontal priorities:

- Inclusion and diversity
- Digital transformation
- Environment and the fight against climate change
- Participation in democratic life

Projects take the form of the following Key Actions:

- Key Action 1: Learning Mobility for Individuals
- Key Action 2: Cooperation Among Organisations and Institutions

- Key Action 3: Support to Policy Development and Cooperation

### **Who can apply?**

In general, any public or private organisation in a Erasmus+ Programme country can apply if they are a legal entity. Sole traders cannot apply for Erasmus funding.

### **Higher Education**

- Students
- Staff
- Higher Education Institutions

### **Adult Education**

- Organisations providing formal, informal and non-formal adult education
- Local and regional public authorities, coordination bodies and other organisations with a role in the field of adult education
- Organisations whose aim is to educate the general public on a specific topic or issue

### **School Education**

- All schools - pre-primary, primary and post-primary
- Teachers
- Learners – individuals or groups/classes
- School Education staff

### **Vocational Education and Training**

- Organisations providing initial or continuing vocational education and training
- Local and regional public authorities, coordination bodies and other organisations with a role in the field of vocational education and training
- Companies and other public or private organisations hosting, training or otherwise working with learners and apprentices in vocational education and training

- Organisations creating training and/or educational materials for staff, volunteers or other professionals

### **Youth**

- Young people
- Youth workers
- Organisations that work directly with and/or advocate for youth

### **Sport**

- a public body in charge of sport at local, regional or national level;
- a sport organisation at local, regional, national, European or international level;
- a National Olympic Committee or National Sport confederation;
- an organisation representing the 'sport for all' movement;
- an organisation active in the field of physical activity promotion;
- an organisation representing the active leisure sector;
- an organisation active in the field of education, training or youth.

### **Why the EU funds education, training, youth and sport**

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

### **Budget**

€26.2 billion over 7 years.

### **Project Examples**

The [SCOPE](#) project is aimed at third sector staff and volunteers in need of capacity building, skills development and recognition of non-formal learning, particularly those who are socially excluded in such a way that it is difficult for them to access training opportunities.

The [Ethics4Sport](#) project investigates and promotes ethics and perceptions of fairness in grassroots sport.

[ASPIRE](#) was an international collaborative project that sought to find out how to best support migrants and refugees, building on the wide popularity of sports and other forms of physical activity.

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

[Léargas](#) for Adult Education, School Education, Vocational Education and Training, and Youth strands

[Higher Education Authority](#) for Higher Education strand

Erasmus+ Sport is managed centrally in Brussels by the [European Education and Culture Executive Agency](#) and can be contacted at [EACEA-SPORT@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EACEA-SPORT@ec.europa.eu)

## How to Apply

### **Current open calls:**

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ERASMUS+ - Accredited projects for mobility of learners and staff in vocational education and training

Deadline: February 23, 2023

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ERASMUS+ - Youth Participation Activities

Deadline: February 23, 2023

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ERASMUS+ - Mobility of Young People

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## ERASMUS+ - Accredited projects for mobility of learners and staff in adult education

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## ERASMUS+ - Accredited projects for youth mobility

Deadline: February 23, 2023

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## ERASMUS+ - Short-term projects for mobility of learners and staff in adult education

Deadline: February 23, 2023

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## ERASMUS+ - Mobility of Youth Workers

Deadline: February 23, 2023

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## ERASMUS+ - Short-term projects for mobility of learners and staff in vocational education and training

Deadline: February 23, 2023

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## ERASMUS+ - DiscoverEU inclusion action

Deadline: February 23, 2023

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## ERASMUS+ - Capacity Building in the Field of Youth

Deadline: March 8, 2023

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## ERASMUS+ - European Youth Together

Deadline: March 9, 2023

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## ERASMUS+ - Cooperation Partnerships in Adult Education

Deadline: March 22, 2023

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## ERASMUS+ - Cooperation Partnerships in Vocational Education and Training

Deadline: March 22, 2023

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## ERASMUS+ - Cooperation Partnerships in Higher Education

Deadline: March 22, 2023



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## ERASMUS+ - Small-scale partnerships in Adult Education

Deadline: March 22, 2023

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## ERASMUS+ - Small-scale partnerships in Vocational Education and Training

Deadline: March 22, 2023

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## ERASMUS+ - Small-scale partnerships in Youth

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## ERASMUS+ - Cooperation Partnerships in Youth

Deadline: March 22, 2023

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## Shared Island Civic Society Fund

The Shared Island Civic Society Fund is now open for applications. This initiative will make €500,000 available in 2023 to organisations working on North South projects across a range of sectors.

### 1. What is the Shared Island Civic Society Fund?

The Shared Island Civic Society Fund is an initiative to promote practical North South cooperation and engagement across a range of sectors and themes, consistent with the objectives and commitments of the Good Friday Agreement.

The Shared Island initiative is a whole-of-government priority which aims to harness the full potential of the Good Friday Agreement to enhance cooperation, connection, and mutual understanding on the island and engage with all communities and traditions to build consensus around a shared future. The [Shared Island Dialogue series](#) has confirmed the extent of ongoing cooperation between civic society actors, North and South and interest in deepening those relationships on an all-island basis, combining ideas and capacity to have a positive impact on people's lives far beyond what can be achieved separately in either jurisdiction.

The Good Friday Agreement and subsequent Agreements acknowledge the importance of active and inclusive civic engagement on a cross-border basis, in supporting and developing the relationships accommodated in the Agreement.

Some civic society organisations are constituted on an all-island basis, such as the major Sports Governing Bodies. Others have formed strong cross-border partnerships, or have members in both jurisdictions. However, in many areas, cross-border civic society interaction is limited or non-existent, notwithstanding common circumstances, concerns, and interests.

### 2. Objectives

The Shared Island Civic Society Fund, which will complement the vital work supported through the Reconciliation Fund and other Government resources, will encourage and support civic society and community organisations to develop new cross-border links, to further strengthen existing partnerships, or to create or broaden cross-border connectivity on issues of concern for the island of Ireland.

Applications are also invited from business and trade union representative groups and other regional or national representative bodies, including of underrepresented voices of women, young people, older people, ethnic minorities, and LGBTQI+.

Applications must have a strong North South dimension and applicants will be asked to demonstrate how their proposed project will do one or more of the following:

- Deepens North South links through the development of sustainable cross-border civic relationships
- Develops and/or deepens cross-border relations between civic society organisations, North and South
- Promotes constructive and inclusive dialogue around the opportunities and challenges facing the island through cross-border and cross-community engagement
- Contributes significantly to the development of an all-island civic society ecosystem, particularly in relation to areas of cooperation and fundamental rights provided for under the Good Friday Agreement
- Adopts an innovative or novel approach to building North South relations

The Fund will prioritise applications relating to, but not limited to, the following areas, including applications from regional or national representative bodies:

- Climate and environment
- Community development
- Heritage and conservation
- Social enterprise, charity, and voluntary sector
- Sport

Applications with both East West as well as North South dimensions will be welcomed. Applications will be strengthened by the inclusion of funding contributions from the participating partner organisations.

Consistent with the objectives of the Shared Island Civic Society Fund, applications are particularly sought which will foster sustained engagement between civic society organisations at a regional, national or sectoral level as distinct from stand-alone events or engagements.

### **Eligibility**

Funding is intended to support the emergence of new cross-border civic projects and forums. Funding may complement and add to specific project work that is already taking place on a

North South basis, or serve as seed funding for regional or national civic society organisations establishing new strategic links on a cross-border basis.

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria and will be required to reach a minimum threshold under each of these headings in order to be recommended for funding:

- How the project/programme outcomes align with the Fund's objectives
- The impact of the project/programme based on clear expected outputs and outcomes
- Capacity of the application organisation to deliver results
- The organisation's financial management capacity, governance arrangements, monitoring and evaluation systems, and sustainability

Successful applications will be chosen through a competitive application process and reaching the minimum threshold under the above headings will not necessarily guarantee receipt of funding.

The following additional eligibility criteria also apply:

- Applications must have a clear North South dimension and only applications from civic society organisations based in the South engaging in new project/programme work with a partner(s) in the North or civic society organisations in the North engaging in new project/programme work with a partner(s) in the South will be considered. East/West dimensions and partners to such projects will also be welcomed.
- Funding will not be awarded to cover standalone activities that are not part of a wider project/programme
- Only direct project/programme work will be eligible for funding and grants will not be awarded to cover core operational or capital costs
- An organisation may only make one application for funding
- Organisations already in receipt of funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and/or other Government Departments/public bodies are eligible to apply for this fund, although activities supported must be distinct and additional to those being supported by other Government funding schemes.

## **Grant amounts**

In 2023, the Fund will award up to a total of €500,000 to a number of cross-border projects. Grants awarded through the Fund will be made on a once-off basis to support the project activities outlined in a given application for a period of up to 12 months' duration.

Applications are particularly sought which will foster sustained engagement among civic society organisations at a regional, national or sectoral level.

Funding awards of up to €25,000 per successful project will generally be made, with scope for awards of a maximum of €50,000 where necessary for bigger projects. While this Fund will support organisations collaborating with one another on a North South basis, grants will be awarded to one lead organisation to support the collaborative activities outlined in a given application.

The Shared Island Civic Society Fund is designed to provide project/programme funding, not institutional core support. Grants will therefore be awarded only to cover direct project/programme costs associated with a project/programme with a clear North South dimension involving civic society organisations on both sides of the border. Grants will not be awarded to cover established operational costs, such as core salaries and overheads.

## How to Apply

See here for comprehensive details: <https://www.dfa.ie/about-us/funding/sharedislandcivicsocietyfund/>

Deadline: 27 Feb 2023

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## Mohamed bin Zayed - Species Conservation Fund

The Fund will consider grants for the conservation of any threatened or poorly known animal, plant or fungus species.

Its focus is global and eligibility for grants will extend to all plant, animal and fungi species conservation efforts, without discrimination on the basis of region or selected species.

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

Grants will be awarded based on their ability to meet criteria pre-determined by the Species Fund, and are for maximum of \$25,000 for each project.

### Criteria

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

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

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

**Content:** Text provided in an application should be kept concise and clear, with clearly stated quantitative goals, aims and methods. When writing an application, please bear in mind that there is only so much text which the Advisory Board and the Fund's board of directors are

capable of reading. Priority will be given to those projects that support the professional development of young conservationists.

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

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

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

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

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

## How to Apply

[Visit the Fund website](#) to learn more before submitting an online application.

Deadline: 28 Feb 2023

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## Music Network - Music Capital Scheme

The Music Capital Scheme provides funding for the purchase of musical instruments to individual professional performing musicians and non-professional performing groups.

Established in 2008, the Music Capital Scheme is supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and managed by Music Network. The scheme is open to groups and musicians performing a wide range of musical styles, and to date more than €2 million has been awarded across two distinct awards. The instruments purchased through the scheme continue to make a significant impact on the quality of, and access to, music making and live music performance throughout Ireland.

Award 1: Non-professional performing groups

Award 2: Individual established professional performing musicians

Award 3: Individual emerging professional performing musicians

### How to Apply

[Download full application details and specific award guidelines here.](#)

Deadline: 28 Feb 2023

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## Rise Community Fund

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

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

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

### Eligibility

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

### Terms & Conditions

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

- Applicants must be located within the community fund location calendar and within the deadline dates listed.
- Due diligence is critical to RISE, organisations must be able to satisfy by supplying additional information upon request
- Annual turnover must not exceed €500,000

By sending in your application, you accept these terms & conditions and [privacy statement](#).

## How to Apply

See full list of local applications schedule

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

Deadline: 28 Feb 2023

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## Christian Brothers Edmund Rice Trust Fund

To mark the beatification of their founder in 1996, the Christian Brothers in Ireland established a Trust Fund to respond, in the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice, to the challenges facing Christianity in the modern world. The fund is managed by a Board of Trustees in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust. The Trust is a registered charity.

The annual income from the fund is available to promote the objectives of the Trust. These objectives include helping individuals and groups in the pursuit of projects which are in accordance with the objectives of the Trust and which are deemed worthy by the Trustees.

Among the projects it may assist are:

- The alleviation of poverty
- The training of teachers, parents, youth leaders or others engaged in the provision of education, leadership or development
- Research into educational disadvantage, school effectiveness, youth leadership and religious development of young people
- Educational facilities

### APPLICATIONS

Applications are invited each year between January 1st and February 28th. Applications received after the closing date of February 28th are not considered.

Applications must be presented on the official application form available from the Secretary at the address below.

Applicants are requested to give serious consideration to the enclosed Rules Governing Funding, giving special attention to Rules 9,10 and 11.

### FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

The Trustees meet in May each year to review applications received by the Trust. The applicants are advised of the Trustees decision in June. Successful applicants will receive funding in September and the funds received are to be applied from that September to June of the following year. Exceptions may be approved when circumstances are deemed deserving.

### REPORTS

An Annual Report form, available from the Trust, should be completed and submitted to the Trustees for their information in June each year for funding received in the previous year

As part of this report, a detailed breakdown of how the funding was used should include the different items of expenditure, together with invoices and receipts, the total expenditure, and the balance in hand.

## **RULES GOVERNING FUNDING**

- Projects must be deemed by the Trustees to conform fully to the objectives of the Trust.
- The Trust has strict a policy whereby it will only provide funding to groups/organisations with a child and vulnerable adult safeguarding policy. The Trust will not consider applications from any group/organisation which does not have such a policy in place.
- The decision of the Trustees, regarding funding for any project, shall be final.
- Funding from the Trust will be made available in the form of a donation which does not have to be repaid. However, if for any reason, after receipt of funding from the Trust, the implementation of the project becomes impossible, the Trustees shall be made aware of this immediately and they may require the return of whatever portion of the donation to the project that remains unexpended.
- Any change in the details of the project, as submitted to the Trustees, must be made known to them immediately.
- The Trustees must be informed immediately if funds, other than those already specified in the original application, later become available to finance the complete project or any section of it. This may have implications for ongoing funding.
- The exact amount of funding received from the Trust must be acknowledged immediately to the Trustees. Where foreign exchange is involved, the acknowledgement must state (1) the exact amount received, in the currency in which it is received and (2) the equivalent in the local currency.
- A payment schedule will be decided by the Trustees.
- The Trustees require annual reports in June each year for funding received in the previous year. Failure to submit year end reports will impact the consideration of future funding applications.

- The financial section of the year-end report should detail the financial aspects of the project, including all income and expenditure. All project-related records and documents, including receipts for expenditure, invoices, vouchers and bank statements, must be retained for a minimum period of seven years, in accordance with standard accounting practice
- The Trustees have the right, at their discretion, to nominate a representative to visit the project in order to check progress and/or substantiate financial reports and records.
- If applicants do not object, the Trustees may use information relating to the project in any statements by them concerning the operation of the Trust.

## How to Apply

Download the application form [here](#).

Download guidelines [here](#) and [here](#).

Deadline: 28 Feb 2023

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## The Arts Council - Young Ensembles Scheme

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 primary purpose of the Young Ensembles Scheme is to support groups of young people between the ages of ten and twenty-four to create or critically engage with ambitious and original work together in any artform (e.g. circus, street art, spectacle, dance, digital media, film, music, theatre, literature, visual arts, architecture, or any combination of the above). Groups/ensembles must be made up of three or more members.

The Young Ensembles Scheme has two strands. The maximum award under Strand 1 is €10,000 and the maximum under Strand 2 is from €10,000 to no more than €25,000. You may only apply to one strand, and you should choose the strand that is most suitable for your ensemble and for your proposal.

### How to Apply

[Please visit the Arts Council website for full application details and updated guidelines.](#)

Deadline: 28 Feb 2023

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## World Habitat Awards

The World Habitat Awards competition has been run by World Habitat in partnership with UN-Habitat since 1985. In that time some of the world's most remarkable and innovative housing projects have received international recognition for their work. This year we will be presenting Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards to the most outstanding projects and programmes.

The two GOLD Award-winning projects receive:

- a trophy (presented at a global event) in recognition of their work to develop and deliver good practice in housing. World Habitat meets travel and accommodation costs for a project representative to attend the awards ceremony;
- prize money of £10,000; and
- follow-up support from World Habitat through our [exChange](#) programme

Silver and Bronze Award-winning projects receive a certificate, the opportunity to partner with World Habitat in the promotion of their initiatives, and entry to the World Habitat Award Winners Network.

### Eligibility

We want to hear about projects from around the world that:

- focus on affordable and adequate housing;
- have taken action to address the climate emergency;
- are in progress or have been completed in the last ten years;
- are taking steps to promote diversity, equality and inclusion; and
- have been designed and/ or delivered in close collaboration with the residents/ local community

### How to Apply

Read the full guidelines and apply online at the [Awards website](#).

Deadline: 12 Mar 2023

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## Creative Ireland - Climate Action Fund

Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin, and Minister for the Environment, Climate, Communications and Transport, Eamon Ryan, has launched a €3 million fund to support imaginative creative projects that build awareness around climate change and empower citizens to make meaningful behavioural changes.

Applications for the scheme are now open. The successful teams will include experts from the climate science, community engagement as well as the arts and culture sectors.

The 'Creative Climate Action II: Agents of Change' programme is a joint initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme and the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

The programme is calling for creative projects which address the following:

- Encourage everyone to rethink their lifestyles
- Connect with the biodiversity crisis
- Enable a fair and just transition in making lifestyle changes
- Assist citizens to understand the climate crisis
- Adapt to the effects of climate change

There are two funding strands:

### **1. Spark**

This strand is for those looking to pilot a new idea, or who want to deliver a creative project at a local level. Organisations, community groups and creative groups who can inspire, build knowledge, skills and confidence are welcome to apply for grants between €20,000 and €50,000.

[Apply for strand 1 here](#)

### **2. Ignite**

This funding strand is suitable for those with experience in delivering public engagement projects at scale, and are proposing durational projects with extensive public participation. Applicants may be eligible for grants between €50,000 and €250,000.

[Apply for strand 2 here](#)



## How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 13 Mar 2023

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## Community Recognition Fund

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys and Minister of State Joe O’Brien, have set out the details of the €50 million Community Recognition Fund.

This major initiative, the first of its kind, is designed to specifically support communities across the country that have welcomed and are hosting families and citizens from Ukraine and other countries.

Among the projects that will be supported under the fund include:

- The refurbishment of local sports clubs and facilities
- The upgrade of community facilities such as play areas, walkways, parks and community gardens
- The purchase of equipment to benefit local clubs, festivals, music and arts organisations
- The enhancement of school or parish facilities that are open to the wider community after hours or on weekends
- Transport infrastructure such as community vehicles and bus shelters.

The €50 million has been allocated across all local authorities based on the number of new arrivals located there. (See allocations below).

The funding will be drawn down over 2023 and 2024.

Projects will be delivered by the local authorities in conjunction with community organisations.

The Fund aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community.

The allocations per county are:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Carlow County Council	€937,967
Cavan County Council	€1,191,206
Clare County Council	€2,925,549

Cork City Council	€1,163,515
Cork County Council	€2,307,035
Donegal County Council	€3,114,395
Dublin City Council	€2,392,127
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	€707,864
Fingal County Council	€1,813,912
Galway City Council	€1,911,918
Galway County Council	€1,333,290
Kerry County Council	€4,403,073
Kildare County Council	€807,328
Kilkenny County Council	€948,063
Laois County Council	€1,014,607
Leitrim County Council	€2,204,319
Limerick City And County Council	€1,389,505
Longford County Council	€653,453
Louth County Council	€1,515,727
Mayo County Council	€2,354,126
Meath County Council	€1,231,685
Monaghan County Council	€881,203
Offaly County Council	€669,691
Roscommon County Council	€689,057
Sligo County Council	€1,424,596

South Dublin County Council	€2,754,305
Tipperary County Council	€997,861
Waterford City And County Council	€1,421,869
Westmeath County Council	€1,649,996
Wexford County Council	€1,509,870
Wicklow County Council	€1,680,887
TOTAL	€50,000,000

## How to Apply

Download the scheme outline and funding proposal form document below.

[DOWNLOAD](#)

Deadline: 15 Mar 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: 22 Mar 2023 (large grants)

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## The Arts Council - Artist in the Community Scheme

This scheme is funded by the Arts Council and managed by Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts. Please note that this award may be subject to different conditions and criteria than the awards directly administered by the Arts Council.

### Description

The 2023 Deadlines for the AIC Scheme are 5pm Monday 27th March (Round One) and Mon 25 September (Round Two).

This includes the following awards:

- Research and Development Award (without mentoring)
- Research and Development Award (with Mentoring)
- Recent Graduate Research and Development Award (with Mentoring).

### How to Apply

[Further details available here.](#)

Deadline: 27 Mar 2023

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## EPA - Event Support Grants

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

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

The amount of funding per event will not exceed €3,000.

Funding is not provided for large-scale events, conferences, symposiums, festivals etc.

Funding is only provided for events with a clear relevance to Irish environmental research priorities and on the condition that the events are run on a not-for-profit basis.

The event should target other researchers working in the area and the expected end-users of the research (e.g. local authorities, EPA, government departments, industry, academia, etc).

### How to Apply

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

Deadline: 31 Mar 2023

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## EYF Grants - International 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.

### What is International Activity?

International meeting of young people or youth leaders in Europe which contribute to the work of the youth sector of the Council of Europe in topic, methodology and with a clear European dimension.

The following hard criteria are a requirement for an international activity:

- Participants must represent at least 7 Council of Europe member states\*;
- It has to be run by an international team (4 nationalities represented in the project team);
- 75 % of participants under 30 years old;
- A gender and geographical balance must be ensured;
- A gender perspective is taken into account throughout the whole process.
- Importance is also given to a non-formal education approach in your projects.

Until now, four working days were considered as a minimum duration for an international activity based on the principles of non-formal education/learning. However, in order to adapt to NGOs' needs, the EYF will no longer consider this duration as a hard criterion. Nevertheless, the EYF will continue to assess grant applications on the basis of their merit and the quality of the programme provided. NGOs applying for activities lasting less than four days will have to convince the EYF that the activity is based on a non-formal education approach.

Statutory or internal meetings (e.g. Board meetings, General Assemblies) cannot be supported as a one-off international activity. These are covered by an EYF [structural grant](#). If a statutory meeting takes place in conjunction with an international activity supported by the EYF (e.g. a Board meeting directly after the activity), this has to be clearly explained and the relevant costs must be separated.

The maximum grant allocated is €20 000. The EYF will cover up to two-thirds of the total real costs of the activity. NGOs need to find additional resources to cover the remaining one-third.

Gender perspective criteria included in all EYF grants

Special attention will be given to applications integrating a gender perspective. This should be clearly explained in the grant application. Gender perspective does not mean having an equal number of female and male participants. You should try to develop your project looking through different gender glasses, taking into account the needs of young women and men.

More information on gender mainstreaming [www.coe.int/equality](http://www.coe.int/equality) and [our gender mainstreaming page](#) developed having in mind youth NGOs.

### **What costs are covered by the grant?**

Participant's travel, accommodation and food are covered. Also trainer/expert fees, production of material and renting of rooms and equipment. Volunteer time can be included up to a maximum of 10% of the total budget.

The volunteer cannot be paid (travel, accommodation, food can be covered) but the monetary value of the volunteers's contribution can be included in expenditure and income. A more detailed explanation can be seen in the [Volunteer time recognition](#)

### **Eligibility**

[International non-governmental youth organisations](#) can apply on their own;

[International networks of youth NGOs](#) can apply on their own;

[Regional networks of youth NGOs](#) can apply on their own;

[National non-governmental youth organisations](#) can apply if the activity is prepared in partnership with at least 3 other national NGOs or networks from different countries or with at least 1 international NGO or network.

### **How to Apply**

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

Deadline: 1 Apr 2023

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## Culture Ireland Grants

Culture Ireland promotes Irish arts worldwide. We create and support opportunities for Irish artists and companies to present and promote their work at strategic international festivals and venues.

### **Purpose of Awards**

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

In supporting an event, Culture Ireland offers grant funding towards costs which relate directly to the international presentation of the event, i.e. travel and travel related costs such as transport, accommodation and subsistence.

Culture Ireland considers applications for all forms of the arts as defined in the Arts Act 2003: “arts means any creative or interpretative expression (whether traditional or contemporary) in whatever form, and includes, in particular, visual arts, theatre, literature, music, dance, opera, film, circus and architecture, and includes any medium when used for those purposes”.

### **Basic Eligibility Requirements:**

- Application must be in respect of a Irish professional artist/s or arts organisation
- Application must be in respect of an art form defined under the Arts Act 2003
- Only international events are supported (i.e., outside the island of Ireland)
- The event must be accessible to an open public audience and fees must be payable to the artist/s or arts organisation
- Funding support is limited to travel and travel related costs
- Grants are only payable to the person/organisation named on the initial application

Applications deemed eligible are assessed in line with the following criteria:

- Artistic quality of work and track record of artist/s or arts organisation
- Financial and operational viability of the event (including fees and level of support from presenter/venue/other partners)
- Profile of international venue/festival

- Proven capacity of applicant, artist/s or arts organisation to present work internationally
- Wider promotional and media impact

What does Culture Ireland mean by artistic quality? Artistic quality can be defined as work that is ambitious, excellent and original, connects to audiences and has been presented nationally to critical acclaim. It should be noted that the assessment of the artistic quality of the proposed work is made using knowledge, experience and specialist advice.

Examples of eligible applications include:

- Theatre, circus and dance performances by professional companies
- Film-makers presenting films at key international film festivals
- Performances by professional or professionally-led musicians and ensembles
- Visual artists/galleries exhibiting at internationally recognised art fairs/galleries
- Readings by writers/poets in English or Irish or otherwise at international literary festivals

Please note that because of the competitive nature and context of each grant round, limited funding and a large number of applicants, eligibility and compliance with criteria for assessment alone does not guarantee that you will receive grant funding.

Examples of ineligible applications include:

- Events which have already taken place
- Research, opportunities, study or professional training
- Production Costs
- Residencies
- Bursaries
- Workshops/Conferences
- Amateur events
- Work by non-professional artists

- Events of a competitive nature.

## How to Apply

Application forms and further information can be accessed on [the Culture Ireland website](#).

Deadline: 1 Apr 2023

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## EYF Grants - Annual Work Plan 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.

Within the strategic approach or global action plan of an organisation (what the organisation would like to achieve in the year(s) to come), you are asked to identify a coherent set of activities/elements to be submitted to the EYF. It should be in line with what you do and want to achieve, but it should also be in line with the work, priorities and principles of the youth sector of the Council of Europe.

Each activity/element should contribute to the aim of the work plan and the accomplishments of the work plan as a whole should contribute to the global purpose of the organisation. The work plan does not need to reflect the whole strategy of your NGO; it can be one element of it only.

The different activities of a work plan have to contribute to achieve the objective of the work plan as a whole and have to be interconnected.

It is useful to look at the "flow" of the various actions chronologically: individual activities are linked to each other, feed off and feed into each other (content-wise, through the participants and/or multipliers, towards one common result).

Material production or preparatory meetings should not be included as separate activities. They should be included in the activities they are contributing to.

The maximum grant allocated is €50 000. The grant awarded for an annual work plan is paid in three instalments: 60% when the signed contract is sent to the EYF by post and the conditions in the contract (if any) are met, 25% upon receipt of the interim report and the remaining 15% upon receipt of a satisfactory activity and financial report.

The following criteria are a requirement for annual work plans:

- Composed by several activities (international/other); at least one international activity;
- Clear flow/link between activities: interconnected;

- Each individual activity contributes to the overall objectives of the work plan;
- Link with priorities, missions and vision of the CoE youth sector;
- At least one third of co-funding for international activities;
- A gender perspective is taken into account throughout the whole process.

Importance is also given to a non-formal education approach in your projects.

### **What kind of activities can be included?**

#### **International activities**

A work plan cannot be a set of very small activities or material production only. A work plan needs to have a "European dimension" and this means it should still contain international activities (at least one).

Remember the criteria of international activities (see link): 4 nationalities represented in the team, a gender and geographical balance among participants (minimum of 7 nationalities).

You should find co-funding for the international activities. The EYF will not be able to cover more than two-thirds of the total cost of the international activities calculated together (i.e. the two-third rule will not apply to each separate international activity).

#### **Other activities**

“Other activities” can be included such as campaigns, study visits, series of workshops, “mobile” activities (activities which involve travel).

Examples of activities that can be included in a work plan as an “other” activity.

Preparatory meetings, research, needs analysis should be linked to an activity in the work plan, not an activity in itself. Material production should be the “result of” or part of the “follow up of” an activity and not an activity standing on its own.

Statutory or internal meetings (e.g. Board meetings, General Assemblies) cannot be included as separate activities in a work plan. These are covered by an EYF structural grant. If a statutory meeting takes place in conjunction with an activity supported by the EYF (e.g. a Board meeting directly after an international activity), this has to be clearly explained and the relevant costs must be separated.

### **Aim and objectives of an annual work plan**

- You will be asked to provide the objectives of each activity of the work plan and also the objectives and the aim of the work plan as a whole. The objectives of each individual activity should contribute to achieve the overall objectives of the work plan.
- You need to show the relevance of the set of activities submitted to the EYF within the medium or long-term development of the organisation, but also show how this contributes to the priorities, mission and vision of the Council of Europe.
- Gender perspective criteria included in all EYF grants

Special attention will be given to applications integrating a gender perspective. This should be clearly explained in the grant application. Gender perspective does not mean having an equal number of female and male participants. You should try to develop your project looking through different gender glasses, taking into account the needs of young women and men. More information on gender mainstreaming [www.coe.int/equality](http://www.coe.int/equality) and our gender mainstreaming page developed having in mind youth NGOs.

## **Eligibility**

Who can apply?

- International youth NGOs;
- International networks of youth NGOs.

## **How to Apply**

Non-governmental youth organisations must be registered before being able to submit an application.

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

Deadline: 1 Apr 2023

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## Additional Resources

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

### Fundraising Guidance Library

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

### Fundraising Helpdesk

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

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