



February 2026

Welcome!

February has been a busy month for Access Europe. In this edition of our newsletter, we look back on recent events, share details of upcoming CERV activities, and highlight exciting developments in EU policy and funding.

As always, you will also find the latest EU funding deadlines, training and events, and relevant EU policy news.

Visit the [Access Europe website](#) for more information and [follow us on LinkedIn](#) for weekly EU funding updates. If you have an EU funding related event or news you would like to share, please email europe@wheel.ie to have it included in our next edition.

Enjoy the read and thanks for joining us!

Updates & Opportunities



Navigating EU Funding with the new Access Europe Website

On 10 February 2026, we were delighted to host our online session “Navigating EU Funding with the New Access Europe Website”, where we guided attendees through the key features of the new Access Europe website.

During the session, we explored how the new Access Europe website makes it easier to:

- Find and navigate EU funding opportunities
- Discover project partners, training, and upcoming events
- Use new tools designed for both newcomers and experienced EU funding practitioners
- Access our brand-new eLearning Hub

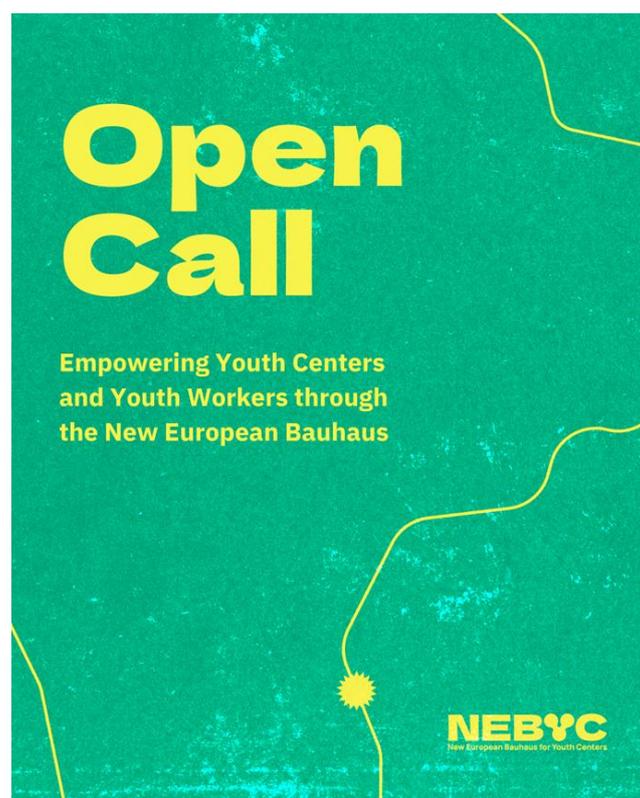
Missed the event? You can [watch the full event recording now](#).

Sustainability & Climate Change: Building Research-Community Partnerships

On 17 February, researchers, civil society organisations, and funding experts came together at Maynooth University to explore how academic–community partnerships can tackle sustainability and climate change. Through presentations, networking, and funding insights, participants gained practical knowledge to develop impactful, collaborative projects.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and contributed to such an engaging and productive day.

EU News & Policy



New European Bauhaus for Youth Centres (NEB-YC) project

Who: Accelerating Change Together (ACT) are selecting five Youth Centres in Ireland (urban or rural) to join this European initiative.

The Benefit: Selected teams will receive training in regenerative design and co-creation, plus the chance to win support packages worth up to €5,000.

Goal: ACT are looking for initial ideas that integrate sustainability, inclusion and community engagement.

Deadline: 28 February 2026 | [Click to apply here](#).

Research Invitation for adult and community education organisations not involved in Erasmus+ in Ireland

Léargas is carrying out a piece of research that aims to learn more about the impact of the Erasmus+ programme on the adult education sector in Ireland. You can read more about their research partners, the RIA-AE network here: [RIA-AE](#)

As part of this research process, they are keen to gain a better understanding of the possible barriers that exist for organisations in accessing the funding and so they are trying to seek out organisations who have not yet applied for funding through Léargas, for their insights.

This would involve a 30-minute call on Teams, and the questions can be sent to you in advance.

Your feedback will be very important in informing recommendations for future Erasmus+ funding.

If you are interested, please email Jemma on jlee@leargas.ie.

Human-Computer Interaction Design Projects at UCD

University College Dublin are currently inviting expressions of interest from community partners interested in benefiting from the dedicated efforts of an interdisciplinary team of postgraduate Human-Computer Interaction students this Summer 2026.

Each team of students - possessing skills and experience spanning the fields of design, computer science, engineering, architecture, psychology, management and the medical sciences - will devote three months of their time to developing innovative solutions to an open-ended complex problem you face, or indeed to simply exploring new possibilities for advancing the work that you do through digital technology.

Partners to date have included leading organisations, companies, institutions, teams and individuals spanning Ireland and Europe.

To read more and express your interest in taking part before 27 February 2026, please visit <https://bit.ly/hcidesignproject>

Partner Profiles

The [Access Europe partner database](#) connects Irish civil society organisations with organisations across Europe for partnership in EU projects.

Every month we present three new profiles of Irish organisations. Visit the full profiles and get to know them!

Are you an Irish organisation interested in creating your own profile? [Register here!](#)



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Wild Earth – Self Directed Learning

Wild Earth is a nature-based, self-directed learning community, which is pioneering a new model which seeks to strengthen children's resilience, improve their well-being and to enhance their engagement with climate action. Wild Earth does this by bringing children to nature, by providing access to bio-diverse spaces where children are free to play, explore their interests and to deepen their connection to the natural world whilst being active participants in a sociocratic community.



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Humanist Association of Ireland (HAI)

The Humanist Association of Ireland (HAI) is a community of people who believe in humanist principles and aspire to a fair, balanced, ethical and responsible secular society. Education is a key part of the HAI's work, and the advancement of education about humanism is one of our charitable objects. We provide support and guidance to parents and teachers, including humanism lesson plans, school speakers and guidance on the rights of parents and children.



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Enterprise Evolution Education & Consultancy

We research, develop and test initiatives that foster entrepreneurship, good growth, social impact, innovation, and inclusion. Our portfolio of projects & interests include; Social Impact, Value Measurement, Reporting, and

Verification; Corporate Social Responsibility Reporting; Enterprise Education; Women’s Enterprise Support; Digital learning, tools & adoption; Financial Capabilities; Women’s Workplace Health; Transnational collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Events



Civil Society Week 2026 – 2-5 March 2026 (Brussels and online)

European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Focusing on the theme People, Democracy, Resilience – Our Future!, the four-day event will bring together civil society networks, EU policymakers, youth representatives, journalists and organisations from across Europe. The event will focus on advancing diversity, civic engagement, equality, and inclusion as key pathways to renewing Europe’s social and democratic promise for future generations.

[Register here](#)



Youth Track: Let your idea meet Interreg NPA! - 24 March (Online)

Interreg NPA

This online webinar on 24 March 13:00 – 14:30 CET, is a good starting point if you are curious about the Interreg NPA Youth Call but not sure where to begin.

It will explain, in simple terms, what kinds of project ideas can be funded – and what is outside the scope of the Programme.

[Register here](#)



Horizon Europe info days - Cluster 2 Culture, creativity and inclusive society – 26 March (Online)

European Commission

Horizon Europe Cluster 2 “Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society” aims to meet EU goals and priorities on enhancing democratic governance and citizens’ participation, on the safeguarding and promotion of cultural heritage and Cultural and Creative Industries, and on to responding to and shaping multifaceted

social, economic, technological and cultural transformations. This info day aims to inform potential applicants about the 2026 topics.

[Register here](#)

Current EU Funding Opportunities

Erasmus+ – European Youth Together 2026

Deadline: 5 March 2026

This call aims to create cooperation, enabling young people across Europe to set up joint projects, organise exchanges and promote trainings.

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Erasmus+ – Small-scale partnerships in youth

Deadline: 5 March 2026

This action enables participating organisations to gain experience in international cooperation and to strengthen their capacities.

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Erasmus+ – Small-scale partnerships in vocational education and training

Deadline: 5 March 2026

This call aims to widen access to the programme to small-scale actors and individuals who are hard to reach in the field of vocational education and training, education, and training.

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Erasmus+ – Small-scale partnerships in adult education

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Erasmus+ – Small-scale Partnerships (Sport)

Deadline: 5 March 2026

This call aims to to widen access to the programme to small-scale actors and individuals who are hard to reach in the field of sport.

[FULL INFO](#)

Erasmus+ – Cooperation Partnerships (Sport)**Deadline:** 5 March 2026

This call aims to allow organisations to increase the quality and relevance of their activities, to develop and reinforce their networks of partners, and to increase their capacity to operate jointly at transnational level.

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This call aims to support sport activities and policies in third countries as a vehicle to promote values as well as an educational tool to promote the personal and social development of individuals and build more cohesive communities.

[FULL INFO](#)**Erasmus+ -Not-for-profit European sport events****Deadline:** 5 March 2026

This Action aims to support the organisation of sport events with a European dimension.

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Erasmus+ – Alliances for STEM Skills Foundries **Deadline:** 10 March 2026

This call aims to create sectorial, transnational and sustainable cooperation between higher education institutions, VET providers and business companies that will foster new, innovative and multidisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning.

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Erasmus+ – Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills (implementing the ‘Blueprint’) **Deadline:** 10 March 2026

This call aims to support a coherent and comprehensive set of sectoral or cross-sectoral talent and skills development activities

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Erasmus+ – Alliances for Education and Enterprises

Deadline: 10 March 2026

This call aims to strengthen Europe’s innovation capacity by boosting innovation through cooperation and flow of knowledge among higher education, vocational education and training, and the broader socio-economic environment.

[FULL INFO](#)

PEACEPLUS – Change Maker Funding Programme

Deadline: 31 December 2026

The PEACEPLUS Change Maker Funding Programme will focus on activities which enhance community cohesion and bring communities and groups together on a cross

[FULL INFO](#)

community or Cross Border basis, with the aim of embedding and enhancing existing relationships, and establishing new relationships and networks.

Creative Europe – NEWS – Media Literacy

Deadline: 11 March 2026

This call aims to support policy cooperation and innovative actions supporting all strands of the Programme and to promote a diverse, independent and pluralistic media environment and media literacy.

[FULL INFO](#)

New Solutions Pilot Grants

Deadline: 13 March 2026

The objective of the Pilot grants under New Solutions is to fund social innovation initiatives to trial and experiment a new idea, service or model.

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Creative Europe – Call for residency hosts 2025-2026

Deadline: 16 March 2026

The call for residency hosts provides financial support to legal entities wishing to host artists and cultural professionals for a residency project.

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Creative Europe - Films on the Move

Deadline: 19 March 2026

This call aims to support the wider distribution of non-national European films.

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Erasmus+ – Virtual Exchanges (Western Balkans, Neighbourhood East, South-Mediterranean countries, Sub-Saharan Africa)

Deadline: 26 March 2026

This call aims to promote inclusive, digitally enabled intercultural dialogue and skills development through facilitated virtual exchanges that complement physical mobility and strengthen European values, citizenship, and cooperation with third countries.

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Erasmus+ – Capacity building in VET (Western Balkans, Neighbourhood East, South-Mediterranean countries, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, Caribbean)

Deadline: 26 March 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call aims to strengthen the capacity, quality, and labour-market relevance of vocational education and training systems in third countries through international cooperation, demand-oriented partnerships, and alignment with socio-economic development strategies.

PPPA – Advancing Social Cohesion in the Face of Polarized Public Discourse

Deadline: 31 March 2026

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This call aims to pilot a neutral, scientifically robust and GDPR-compliant approach to analysing and mitigating online political polarisation in the EU, in order to strengthen social cohesion, democratic resilience, and evidence-based policy-making.

Erasmus+ – Adult Education: Motivation in Motion: Empowering Adults to Up- and Reskilling

Deadline: 8 April 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call aims to support innovative approaches to stimulate adults to engage in learning activities in their usual and trusted environments.

Erasmus+ – Vocational Education and Training: Developing basic skills in Vocational Education and Training

Deadline: 8 April 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call aims to fund projects to test and pilot promising and innovative practices to improve basic skills in VET

Erasmus+ – Digital Education: AI-powered Personalised Learning Pathways for Basic Skills

Deadline: 8 April 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call aims to foster the application of (ethical, transparent, and explainable) AI-based PLPs at school education and initial VET level.

Erasmus+ – Digital Education: Public-private partnerships for ethical design, development and use of Artificial Intelligence tools in education and training

Deadline: 8 April 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call aims to support proposals that establish public-private partnerships for the pedagogically driven design, development, deployment and use of ethical, trustworthy AI-based resources to improve teaching and learning.

Erasmus+ – Digital Education Content: success factors in decision making and use by teachers, trainers and school/institution leaders

Deadline: 8 April 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call aims to promote and establish collaboration and agreement between teachers/educators, creators/providers of digital education content.

Erasmus+ – Micro-credentials – focus on eco-systems

Deadline: 8 April 2026

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This call aims to support developing micro-credentials' eco-systems in STEM.

Horizon Europe – MSCA COFUND

Deadline: 8 April 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

MSCA COFUND co-finances new or existing doctoral programmes and postdoctoral fellowship schemes with the aim of spreading the best practices of the MSCA.

Biodiversa+: Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity, and connectivity

Deadline: 14 April 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call is focused on fostering innovative research to be integrated into nature restoration practices for interconnected and well-functioning ecosystems and habitats, with special consideration for long-term sustainability and future-proofing of restoration efforts across spatial scales, including their evaluation.

CERV – Network of Towns

Deadline: 16 April 2026

The programme promotes exchanges between people of different countries, reinforces mutual understanding and tolerance and gives them the opportunity to broaden their perspective and develop a sense of European belonging.

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Horizon Europe – MSCA Staff Exchanges

Deadline: 16 April 2026

MSCA Staff Exchanges promote innovative international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration in research and innovation through exchanging staff and sharing knowledge and ideas at all stages of the innovation chain.

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Creative Europe – Creative Innovation Lab

Deadline: 23 April 2026

This call aims to support policy cooperation and innovative actions supporting all strands of the Programme and to promote a diverse, independent and pluralistic media environment and media literacy.

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CERV – Supporting work-life balance, equal share of care responsibilities, family-friendly policies among employers and the value of care sector jobs

Deadline: 28 April 2026

This call aims to promote work-life balance, an equal sharing of care responsibilities, family-friendly workplace practices, and the social and economic value of care work.

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CERV – Promoting and supporting the implementation of the provisions of the Pay Transparency Directive and respect of equal pay for equal work and work of equal value

Deadline: 28 April 2026

This call aims to strengthen pay transparency, promoting equal pay for equal work or work of equal value, and building the capacity of employers, social partners, and public authorities to prevent and address gender-based pay discrimination.

[FULL INFO](#)

Deadline: 28 April 2026

CERV – Supporting equal participation and representation of women and men in economic and political decision-making

[FULL INFO](#)

This call aims to strengthen the equal participation and representation of women and men in political and economic decision-making, including in corporate leadership and public life.

CERV – Tackling gender stereotypes in media and advertising **Deadline:** 28 April 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call aims to challenge and reduce gender stereotypes and bias in media and advertising through capacity building, awareness-raising, and the promotion of gender-sensitive practices.

Culture Moves Europe - Individual Mobility of Artists + Cultural Professionals **Deadline:** 30 April 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call offers mobility grants to individual artists and cultural professionals willing to implement a project abroad.

Erasmus+ – Centres of Vocational Excellence **Deadline:** 3 September 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call aims to support the establishment and development of transnational collaborative networks that bring together local and regional VET stakeholders.

PEACEPLUS – Change Maker Funding Programme **Deadline:** 31 December 2026

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European Urban Initiative: City-to-City Exchanges **Deadline: 29 December 2027**
- Capacity Building

This call aims to bring together urban authorities to tackle a joint challenge.

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LEADER Funding

Deadline: 31 December 2027

LEADER funding is available to private businesses or community-based groups in rural areas.

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