

**April 2026**

## Welcome!

In our April edition, we invite you to explore upcoming funding opportunities for climate and biodiversity at the LIFE Info Day and check out the Access Europe stand at Eurofound's Open Day.

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](mailto:europe@wheel.ie) to have it included in our next edition.

Enjoy the read and thanks for joining us!

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## Updates & Opportunities



### Join Us at Eurofound's Open Day!

Access Europe is proud to partner with Eurofound, the EU Agency, as it hosts its annual Open Day on **Friday, 12 June 2026**. This year's theme is Ireland in the European Union.

Running from 10.00 to 13.00 at Eurofound's Loughlinstown premises in Dublin, this event invites the public to explore the agency's mission of improving living and working conditions across Europe. Visitors can meet the team, tour the grounds, and learn how Eurofound helps to shape social policies for a stronger Europe.

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Be sure to visit Access Europe's stand, where our team will be delighted to discuss our work in Ireland. [Register now!](#)

## **Check Out Funding Opportunities for Climate & Biodiversity Projects at the National Info Day for the LIFE Programme!**

Hosted by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, this hybrid event on **12 May** will provide interested organisations with comprehensive information on the [European Union's LIFE Programme](#), the primary funding instrument for environment, nature conservation, climate action and clean energy projects across Europe. The 2026 LIFE calls for proposals will open on 21 April, so this is the perfect opportunity to maximise your chances of writing a successful application!

The info day is designed to help potential applicants understand how to develop strong project proposals and align their ideas with national & EU environmental and climate objectives. Presentations offer a practical and informative overview of the current LIFE funding calls, application processes and common pitfalls. The event includes a dedicated Q&A session, allowing attendees to engage directly with speakers (including Christina from Access Europe!) and clarify any queries.

[Find more information and register now!](#)

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## **EU News & Policy**



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## **CASPr (Community Action Service Project) Launches “Listen to Us” Project**

Delivered in partnership with Eurochild and Terres des Hommes, CASPr's ["Listen to Us"](#) project aims to empower marginalised voices within the community by creating

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platforms for active civic participation and ensuring community needs are heard by policymakers.

During the initial Listen to Us co-design workshops, project partners experienced a high level of engagement from local community members. After a successful launch, the project is already building greater confidence among participants to advocate for themselves, while strengthening CASPr's capacity to lead international collaborations and implement new inclusive methodologies.

CASPr's words of advice for prospective EU funding applicants? "Don't be intimidated by the process – the opportunity to exchange knowledge with European partners brings a transformative perspective that deeply enriches your local impact."

Follow the Listen to Us journey on [social media](#) and visit [the project website](#) to learn how you can support their upcoming community forums!

*\*\* If you would like your organisation's EU-funded project featured in the Access Europe newsletter, please email us at [europe@wheel.ie](mailto:europe@wheel.ie)*

## **Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) Youth Call Opening this Summer!**

The Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic Youth Call brings together organisations working with and for young people, helping them learn from each other, co-create solutions that meet real community needs, and gain a stronger voice to actively shape their future in the Northern Periphery and Arctic. The Youth Call opens on **10 June 2026** and closes on **2 October 2026 at 11:59 (noon) CET**, with decisions expected in December. From January until the Call deadline, the Joint Secretariat will offer a range of support services and events.

[Find more details on the Interreg NPA website.](#)

## **International Training Events for Newcomers to Erasmus+**

Learn more about the Erasmus+ programme and make new connections with potential partners for your European projects. These events are highly subsidised - there is a participation fee of €65 and all flights, accommodation, etc. are covered. The application deadline for both events is **26 April**. Places are limited, there is a short application form and selection will apply after the deadline.

ParticipatiON in actiON: promoting inclusion in the Erasmus+ community

Spain, June 23-25

[https://salto-et.net/events/show/ES01\\_0875\\_THO\\_2026](https://salto-et.net/events/show/ES01_0875_THO_2026)

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## 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!](#)



[Visit profile](#)

### Junior Achievement Ireland

JAI is a member of one of the world's largest educational non-profits, helping prepare young people for their futures by delivering hands-on, experiential learning in entrepreneurship, employability, financial literacy and the value of STEAM. We utilise the experience of those already in the workforce to help young people of all ages to fully understand the important role that education will play in shaping their futures.



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### The Mediators' Institute of Ireland

MII is founded on our belief in the transformative process of mediation. Member led we protect both the public interest and the interests of professional mediators. We are committed to raising standards through the continual promotion, development and accreditation. MII is the largest mediation organisation in Ireland with 710 members and has achieved Triple Lock accreditation, a quality assurance mark that is awarded for best practise in governance, transparency and trust.

## Irish Global Health Network



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The Irish Global Health Network (IGHN) addresses critical global health challenges through education, advocacy, and collaboration. It offers solutions such as Global Health eModules, the Summer School in Global Health, workshops, and IGHNx events. IGHN reaches hundreds annually, providing training and fostering partnerships. Its reports influence policy and advocacy, driving systemic change in global health and empowering professionals to tackle health inequities worldwide.

## Events



### MSCA Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowships Webinar - 22 April (online)

#### *MSCA National Contact Point*

The MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships provide PhD holders with funding to conduct research abroad, gain new skills, and advance their careers. Applicants apply with a host organisation, which can be a university, research institution, business, civil society, or other entity. Civil society organisations gain significant benefits from participating, including access to highly skilled researchers, cutting-edge research expertise, and stronger links with the academic sector. This webinar will provide an overview of the call, eligibility criteria, and key features.

[Register here](#)

### YouSports Erasmus+ Evening at Explorium - 29 April (Sandyford)

#### *Léargas*

Are you part of a sports club working with young people and interested in exploring European opportunities? Join the YouSports Erasmus+ Evening, taking place in the Explorium Sport & Science Museum, Sandyford. This free event offers clubs, coaches, and young athletes (13–30) the chance to learn about Erasmus+ funding opportunities available for both young people and sports staff, and to explore how your club can benefit from youth exchanges, training pathways, and international collaborations.

[Register here](#)



**Irish National Information Day for the LIFE Programme - 12 May (Tullamore & online)**

*Irish National Contact Point*

The LIFE Information Day is a key national event organised to provide potential applicants, stakeholders and interested organisations with comprehensive information on the European Union’s LIFE Programme, the primary funding instrument for environment, nature conservation, climate action and clean energy projects across Europe. The presentations offer a practical and informative overview of the current LIFE funding calls, application processes and common pitfalls.

**Social Economy Action Plan – What’s Working, What’s Missing - 23 April (online)**

*Event by Social Economy Europe*

This event will focus on the implementation of the Social Economy Action Plan, addressing both EU-level policy measures and the development of national Social Economy strategies. It will bring together stakeholders from across the Social Economy ecosystem to assess progress, identify remaining gaps, and examine emerging challenges.

[Register here](#)

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**Current EU Funding Opportunities**

**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.

[FULL INFO](#)

**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

[FULL INFO](#)

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.

**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

[FULL INFO](#)

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.

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

**Deadline:** 28 April 2026

[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.

**CERV – Supporting free, fair and inclusive electoral processes**

**Deadline:** 29 April 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call focuses on supporting free, fair and inclusive electoral processes.

**CERV – Promoting citizens’ active engagement and democratic participation in public policymaking, beyond elections, as well as broader civic engagement**

**Deadline:** 29 April 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call focuses on promoting citizens’ active engagement and democratic participation in public policymaking, beyond elections, as well as broader civic engagement.

**CERV – Countering the spread of disinformation and foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI) in democratic debate and processes**

**Deadline:** 29 April 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call focuses on countering the spread of disinformation and foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI) in democratic debate and processes.

**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.

**Creative Europe – European Cooperation Projects Small Scale**

**Deadline:** 5 May 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

European Cooperation Projects are **transnational projects** involving organisations in the cultural and creative sectors from different countries taking part in the programme.

**Creative Europe – European Cooperation Projects Medium Scale**

**Deadline:** 5 May 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

European Cooperation Projects are **transnational projects** involving organisations in the cultural and

creative sectors from different countries taking part in the programme.

**PEACEPLUS – 1.2 Empowering Communities – Strand 2, The Institutional Capacity Development Programme**

**Deadline:** 3 June 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call aims to build the capacity of organisations to develop new models of service delivery, which contribute to peace and reconciliation.

**PEACEPLUS – 1.2 Empowering Communities – Strand 3, The Community-Based Safety Interventions Programme**

**Deadline:** 3 June 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call aims to improve peace and reconciliation within local communities.

**European Urban Initiative – Innovative Actions**

**Deadline:** 15 June 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

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

**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.

**MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026**

**Deadline:** 9 September 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

This call aims to foster excellence in research by researchers gaining experience in other countries, disciplines and non-academic sectors.

**PEACEPLUS – Change Maker Funding Programme**

The PEACEPLUS Change Maker Funding Programme will focus on activities which enhance community cohesion and bring communities and groups together on a cross community or Cross Border basis, with the aim of embedding and enhancing existing relationships, and establishing new relationships and networks.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

[FULL INFO](#)

**European Urban Initiative: City-to-City Exchanges - Capacity Building**

**Deadline:** 29 December 2027

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

[FULL INFO](#)

**LEADER Funding**

**Deadline:** 31 December 2027

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

[FULL INFO](#)

## Meet the Access Europe Team



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