

**June 2026**

## Welcome!

In our June edition we invite you to take a [quick survey about the updated Access Europe website](#) and explore the priorities of the upcoming Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU.

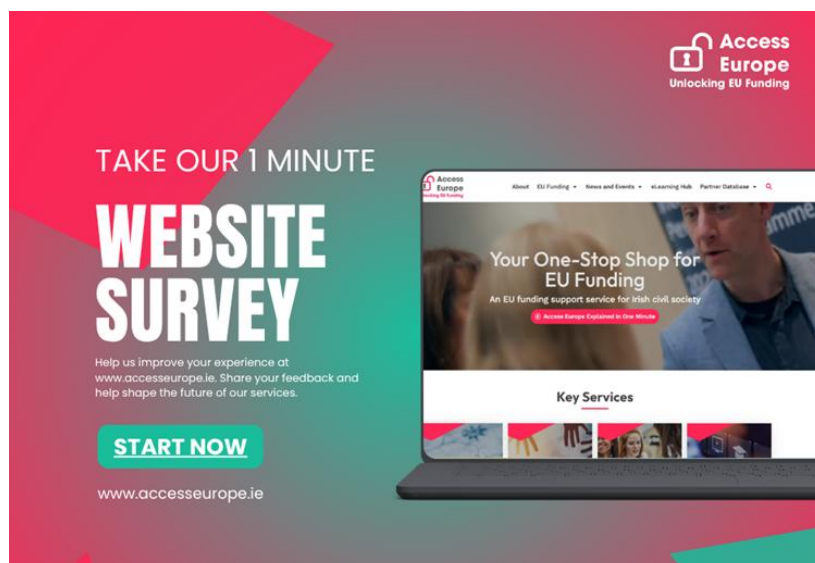
As always, you will also find the latest EU funding deadlines, training and events, and relevant EU policy news.

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



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**Your Feedback Matters: Help Improve the Access Europe Website**

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We're always looking for ways to make the Access Europe website more useful and user-friendly. Whether you visit regularly or only from time to time, we would love to hear your feedback. Our short survey takes just **one minute** to complete and will help us improve the website, including features such as the EU Events and Deadlines Calendar and the eLearning Hub. [Take the survey here.](#) The survey is open until **31 July 2026**. Thank you for helping us make Access Europe an even better resource for organisations engaging with EU funding and programmes!

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## EU News & Policy



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### **The Official Website of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU is Live!**

Ireland will assume the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the eighth time, from 1 July to 31 December 2026. The Irish Presidency will take forward an ambitious agenda, focused on the core pillars of competitiveness, values, and security. The Presidency will work intensively on proposals within each pillar, as well as on priorities, which span all three, including ongoing support for Ukraine and global engagement. Facilitating timely agreement on the Union's budget for 2028-2034, a new Multiannual Financial Framework, which equips the EU to address the challenges of the future, while supporting key existing policies, such as the Common Agricultural Policy and Cohesion Policy, will be an overarching priority for the Irish Presidency. [Download the Policy Programme and explore the official Presidency website.](#)

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## Have Your Say in Shaping the Digital Future of Europe's Social Economy!

Is your organisation part of the social economy (cooperative, association, mutual benefit society, foundation, charity, or social enterprise)? If so, Eurofound invites you to take part in their [EU-wide online survey on digitalisation in the social economy](#). Your response helps shape Europe's understanding of the digital needs and priorities of social economy entities across all EU member states. Your insights will also help build the evidence base for better policy and support. **Complete the survey by 15 July 2026.**

## Explore the EU's New AgoraEU Funding Programme at Civil Society Europe's Webinar

Civil Society Europe invites you to register for their 29 June webinar "**All Roads Lead to the Agora: The Multiannual Financial Framework's New Programme.**" AgoraEU merges three existing EU funding programmes into one: Creative Europe, Media+, and CERV (Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values). These become the three strands of the new AgoraEU programme under the Multiannual Financial Framework, the EU's long-term budget for 2028 – 2034. This webinar represents a valuable capacity-building opportunity to understand the main changes of the programme and how they will impact national organisations working at Member State level. [Please register via Zoom.](#)

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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!](#)



### COPE Galway CLG

COPE Galway is a local charity with a vision for a community where every person is valued, cared for and supported at every stage of life. We provide essential services for people experiencing homelessness, women and children affected by domestic abuse and support older people towards healthy independent ageing. Since 2022, we have been working towards becoming a trauma-

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informed organisation in providing the best possible service for the 3,000+ people we support and advocate for each year.



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### **Killarney Technology Innovation Ltd**

The Killarney Innovation Centre (KIC) is a dynamic hub dedicated to driving business development, fostering entrepreneurship, and supporting local economic growth. Our mission is to empower businesses and individuals with the tools and resources needed to succeed in an ever-evolving marketplace. We offer a range of tailored services, including business mentorship, networking opportunities, workshops, and access to modern coworking spaces. We have helped launch more than 50 thriving businesses.



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### **Midlands LGBT+ Project**

Midlands LGBT+ Project is a service for LGBT+ people living in rural Ireland, aiming to reduce isolation and build a sense of community in the area. We do this through social and support groups and through providing 1:1 support to the LGBT+ community, especially those at high risk of isolation and discrimination including LGBT+ refugees, LGBT+ people over 50 and more. We also provide inclusivity training to local businesses, schools and community groups. We run approx 25 groups per month.

## **Events**



**How to Write Competitive MSCA Doctoral Network Applications - 18 July (Online)**

*CrowdHelix*

Preparing a competitive MSCA Doctoral Networks application is no small task, with only 10% of applicants being successful. But



**EU Funding for Youth Initiatives – 23 July (Online)**

*Access Europe*

Join us and your Irish National Contact Points as we look at EU funding for youth

with the right guidance, and the right tools, activities through you can significantly improve your chances the [Erasmus+](#) and [European Solidarity](#) of success. This workshop provides practical [Corps](#) programmes and the [first Interreg NPA Youth Call!](#) Our colleagues from Léargas and the Northern & Western Regional Assembly will provide an overview of their funding programmes and the types of youth-focussed activities that can be delivered.

[Register here](#)



### **Adult Education Erasmus+ Info Session – 30 July (online)**

*Léargas*

The next Erasmus+ deadlines coming up for Adult Education will be in October 2026!

Get ahead and start planning your European projects now! This event will give you an overview of the projects you can apply for as an Adult and Community Education organisation in Ireland, including international travel opportunities for staff and learners.

[Register here](#)

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### **KA120 Accreditation Application Clinic – Adult Ed and VET – 25 August (Online)**

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Get hints and tips on submitting your KA120 Accreditation application at our Application Clinic specifically tailored for Adult Education and Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers. This online event is designed to assist you in navigating the accreditation application process smoothly.

[Register here](#)

## **Current EU Funding Opportunities**

### **URBACT call for Action Networks**

**Deadline:** 17 June 2026

This call aims to fund transnational networks of cities to implement their existing urban strategies through concrete local actions, while fostering cooperation, knowledge

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exchange, and capacity-building for sustainable urban development.

**PEACEPLUS – Investment Area 2.3 Skills Development (Second call)**

**Deadline:** 17 July 2026

This call aims to address existing and emerging skills gaps, leading to equal access to inclusive and quality services and increasing cross-border labour mobility.

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**Erasmus+ – Centres of Vocational Excellence**

**Deadline:** 3 September 2026

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

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**MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026**

**Deadline:** 9 September 2026

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

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**CERV – Promoting an Enabling Civic Space**

**Deadline:** 15 September 2026

This call supports actions that strengthen both the monitoring of civic space and the protection and resilience of CSOs and human rights defenders working to uphold EU values.

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**CERV – Raising Awareness of and Building Capacity for the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights**

**Deadline:** 15 September 2026

This call supports projects that raise the fundamental rights knowledge of relevant actors.

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<b>LIFE – Alleviating household energy poverty in Europe</b>	<b>Deadline:</b> 16 September 2026
This call aims to fund projects that reduce household energy poverty in Europe by improving energy efficiency, lowering energy costs, and supporting coordinated, socially inclusive solutions for vulnerable households.	<a href="#">FULL INFO</a>

<b>LIFE – Facilitating cooperation among energy communities</b>	<b>Deadline:</b> 16 September 2026
This call aims to fund projects that strengthen cooperation, knowledge exchange, and support structures among energy communities to help them scale up, diversify activities, and contribute more effectively to the clean energy transition.	<a href="#">FULL INFO</a>

<b>LIFE – Climate Governance and Information</b>	<b>Deadline:</b> 22 September 2026
This call aims at supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the Union legislation and policy on climate change, contributing to climate change mitigation and/or adaptation.	<a href="#">FULL INFO</a>

<b>LIFE – Climate Change Mitigation</b>	<b>Deadline:</b> 22 September 2026
This call aims to support the implementation of the European Green Deal.	<a href="#">FULL INFO</a>

<b>LIFE – Climate Change Adaptation</b>	<b>Deadline:</b> 22 September 2026
This call aims to help to achieve the long-term vision of the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change.	<a href="#">FULL INFO</a>

<b>LIFE – Nature Governance and Information</b>	
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This call aims to fund projects that support a smart and outcome-based implementation of the EU nature and biodiversity legislation.

**Deadline:** 22 September 2026

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### **LIFE – Nature and Biodiversity**

This call aims to contribute to European Union objectives for the protection, maintenance and restoration of the Union’s natural capital in its marine, freshwater and terrestrial ecosystems.

**Deadline:** 22 September 2026

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### **LIFE – Circular Economy and Zero Pollution**

This call aims to support projects that support the transition toward a sustainable, circular, energy-efficient and climate-resilient economy, a toxic-free environment and toward protecting, restoring and improving the quality of the environment.

**Deadline:** 22 September 2026

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### **LIFE – Environment Governance**

This call aims to support projects that facilitate the transition toward a sustainable, circular, energy-efficient and climate-resilient economy, a toxic-free environment and at protecting, restoring and improving the quality of the environment.

**Deadline:** 22 September 2026

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### **LIFE – Ecodesign and energy labelling compliance support facility for suppliers and retailers**

This call aims to increase compliance of products on the European market with ecodesign and energy labelling requirements.

**Deadline:** 22 September 2026

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### **Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Government in transition: how governments change the way they work and prepare the civil service for the future**

**Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that result in policy recommendations on adopting new governance paradigms and strategies for enhanced support for internal government innovation efforts.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Governing global commons sustainably**

**Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that develop concepts, methods, processes, and information relevant for decision-making that foster the sustainable governance of global commons.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Electoral integrity in the digital context**

**Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that investigate the risks new technologies pose to democratic integrity, particularly through the manipulation of public opinion and electoral processes.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality**

**Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call aims to establish a Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality with academic institutions, public bodies, and civil society organisations.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Safeguarding linguistic diversity in Europe**

**Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that result in policy-relevant evidence, strategies and recommendations for promoting multilingualism and safeguarding linguistic diversity.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – The impact of the use of digital tools outside school and for communication on educational outcomes and mental health**

**Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that develop actionable advice for policymakers and citizens to promote young people's healthy use of digital tools for leisure.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Fostering cooperation and integration between SSH and STEM research and innovation in the EU** **Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that create an SSH-STEM Action at European level.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Digital and media literacy as drivers for democratic and civic resilience** **Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that empower citizens to navigate the digital landscape with discernment and critical thinking.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Understanding the forms of local democracy in low-income and low-middle income countries** **Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that gather evidence on how local actors could foster democratic practices and increase citizens' trust in governance and democratic institutions.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Supporting post-conflict democracy and reconstruction** **Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that develop and implement effective strategies for sustainable peace and democratic reconstruction in post-conflict areas.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Tackling gender-based violence against politically active women and LGBTIQ people** **Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that provide an enhanced understanding of the drivers of violence against women and LGBTIQ people who are politically active or political aspirants.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Creative alliances:  
Fostering global partnerships in cultural policies  
and CCI innovation**

**Deadline:** 23 September  
2026

This call supports projects that explore how international partnerships can strengthen cultural policies and creative industries innovation.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Open topic:  
Strengthen Europe’s social model and sustainable  
competitiveness through productivity**

**Deadline:** 23 September  
2026

This call supports projects that provide policymakers with recommendations and innovative solutions to boost Member States’ labour productivity.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Tackling child poverty  
and ensuring disadvantaged children’s access to  
Early Childhood Education and Care**

**Deadline:** 23 September  
2026

This call supports projects that provide insights into the cost of child poverty and the returns from securing access of disadvantaged children to quality Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) in the EU.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Contribution of basic  
skills to productivity, innovation, competitiveness  
and economic growth**

**Deadline:** 23 September  
2026

This call supports projects that develop actionable advice about how education and training systems can help foster basic skills.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Fostering competences for the green transition**

**Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that develop guidance on how to address the interconnection between fostering the competences for the green transition and the digital transition.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Making Europe a global magnet for talent: Attracting and retaining students, researchers and high-skilled workers from outside the EU**

**Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that provide evidence-based policy insights/options to improve migration pathways for skilled talent across the EU.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Sustainable paths to media viability**

**Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports collaborations with news media organisations to enhance innovation across the news media sectors.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Boosting creative startups for disruptive innovation**

**Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that boost the growth of creative startups into scaleups or boost creative startups/scaleups with a potential for disruptive innovation.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Strengthened implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum and a focus on inclusion, integration, and health**

**Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that will lead to improved implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum

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through evidence-based insights in asylum and migration management.

**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Rethinking long-term care policy in the face of EU demographic shifts** **Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that evaluate the effectiveness and resilience of existing long term-care policies at national and regional levels and propose new policy solutions.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – “Artistic intelligence”: harnessing the power of the arts to address complex challenges, enhance soft skills and boost innovation and competitiveness** **Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that enhance soft skills through creativity and the arts or conduct pilots on emerging technologies.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – AI integration in CCSI work practice: catalysing innovation and competitiveness** **Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that leverage AI for facilitating new revenue streams for the cultural and creative sectors and industries.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Towards a fair and transparent market for cultural and creative content in the era of generative AI** **Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that aim to mitigate the risks associated with generative AI and develop new positive prospects.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Preventing and fighting illicit trafficking of cultural goods** **Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that lead to increased evidence collection and intelligence gathering, effective cross-border and cross-domain cooperation and uptake by the Law Enforcement Authorities.

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**Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Citizenship education as part of lifelong learning** **Deadline:** 23 September 2026

This call supports projects that provide policymakers, educators, and other relevant actors with tools and recommendations to put in place more opportunities for lifelong civic and citizenship learning.

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**CERV – Town Twinning**

**Deadline:** 24 September 2026

This call aims to promote exchanges between citizens of different countries to reinforce mutual understanding and tolerance and to give them the opportunity to broaden their perspective and develop a sense of European belonging and identity.

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**ESF+ Social Innovation – Strengthening the European Child Guarantee national governance systems**

**Deadline:** 30 September 2026

This call supports projects which aim at testing new approaches and transferring or scaling up social innovations that strengthen the governance and implementation of the European Child Guarantee, ensuring children in need have access to key services.

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**ESF+ Social Innovation – Supporting access to the labour market of Roma NEETs** **Deadline:** 30 September 2026

This call supports supports social experimentation projects which test innovative approaches to improve Roma Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs) access to employment through tailored activation strategies.

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**Interreg NPA Youth Call**

**Deadline:** 2 October 2026

The Interreg NPA Youth Call offers a flexible and inclusive opportunity for organisations working with young people to connect across regions, share ideas, learn from each other, and co-create solutions that address real needs in their communities.

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**MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026**

**Deadline:** 24 November 2026

This call aims to support the implementation of high-quality doctoral programmes through international, interdisciplinary, and intersectoral partnerships that enhance researchers' skills, career prospects, and innovation capacity while strengthening the quality and impact of doctoral training across participating organisations.

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**Horizon Europe New European Bauhaus – Understanding capital market dynamics for increased investment in New European Bauhaus projects in neighbourhoods**

**Deadline:** 1 December 2026

This call supports projects that result in increased investments towards NEB-aligned projects for the sustainable and inclusive transformation of neighbourhoods.

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**Horizon Europe New European Bauhaus – Structurally addressing homelessness through**

**Deadline:** 1 December 2026

**coordinated social infrastructure and services in neighbourhoods**

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This call supports projects that result in improved availability and accessibility of key social infrastructure and services for homeless groups in the targeted neighbourhoods.

**Horizon Europe New European Bauhaus – Innovative solutions for the sustainable and beautiful use of vertical space**

**Deadline:** 1 December 2026

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This call funds projects that result in higher availability of innovative solutions for vertical space use on the market.

**Horizon Europe New European Bauhaus – Advancing sustainable maintenance and repair measures for existing buildings**

**Deadline:** 1 December 2026

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This call funds projects that result in easier application and more frequent use of predictive maintenance in existing buildings.

**Horizon Europe New European Bauhaus – Sustainable, inclusive, affordable and beautiful solutions for thermal comfort in buildings**

**Deadline:** 1 December 2026

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This call funds projects that develop solutions to achieve and maintain the thermal comfort in buildings while significantly reducing life cycle energy use.

**Horizon Europe New European Bauhaus – Understanding inhabitant's experiences of neighbourhoods to support their health and well-being**

**Deadline:** 1 December 2026

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This call funds projects that result in robust evidence on how inhabitants experience their neighbourhood and the impact of these experiences on their health and well-being.

**Horizon Europe New European Bauhaus – Innovative approaches for the spatial design of neighbourhoods**

**Deadline:** 1 December 2026

This call funds projects that result in an efficient and effective integration of user perspectives in the spatial design and/or transformation of public spaces.

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**Horizon Europe New European Bauhaus – Addressing homelessness through housing-led approaches aligned with the New European Bauhaus**

**Deadline:** 1 December 2026

This call funds projects that ensure that housing-led approaches aligned with the NEB are made available to stakeholders involved in tackling homelessness.

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

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**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.

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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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