

July 2026

Welcome!

This July, we are delighted to welcome Úna Kehily to the Access Europe team – check out her introduction below! We also invite you to have your say on the the future of the LIFE programme and [tell us what you think about the redesigned Access Europe website](#). Enjoy!

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

Úna Kehily (She/Her) - EU Funding
Officer



Meet Úna Kehily, the Newest Member of the Access Europe Team!

Dia dhaoibh! I'm Úna and I am the new EU Funding Officer at The Wheel. I am very excited to join the Access Europe team to support organisations on their path to EU funding. I will be working on a range of activities with the

team, including our helpdesk, identifying and sharing relevant opportunities, partnership support and developing training and events. I have previously worked on an EU funded programme for teachers in Léargas and I look forward to being back in the world of EU funding and connecting with many amazing Irish organisations! You can contact me on una@wheel.ie for any questions or support.

Closing Soon: Access Europe Website Survey

Don't forget to share your thoughts on the Access Europe website! Our short website survey closes on 31 July and will only take 1 minute to fill out. [You can take the survey here](#). Help us improve features like the EU Events and Deadlines Calendar and eLearning Hub so that the Access Europe website can continue to be a valuable resource for organisations engaging with EU funding and programmes.

EU News & Policy



Have Your Say in Shaping the Future of the LIFE Programme!

The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment wants to find out how to strengthen Irish organisations' participation in the EU's LIFE Programme. The LIFE Programme is the European Union funding programme for environment, nature, biodiversity, climate action and clean energy transition projects. It supports organisations to develop and deliver projects that contribute to EU environment and climate objectives. Complete the [short survey](#) before **31 July** to share your thoughts on the opportunities and barriers to accessing LIFE funding, and how to improve Irish organisations' participation in the programme.

The European Week of Regions and Cities 2026 is Coming this October!

Register now for the European Week of Regions and Cities 2026, the largest EU event dedicated to cohesion policy. The event brings together stakeholders from cities and regions across Europe to exchange knowledge and address regional and urban challenges. The programme includes sessions and workshops designed and implemented by selected partners. It also offers formal and informal networking opportunities, high-level discussions and interactive activities to ensure a memorable and impactful experience for participants and partners. You can read more about the event and how to register for sessions [here](#).

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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Ballyshannon Action Group

Ballyshannon Action Group aims to protect our rural area from unsuitable development while safeguarding the biodiversity that supports and enriches our rural way of life. We promote awareness of local biodiversity through our social media channels and community engagement. We also celebrate the heritage and history of the area by organising local events and guided walks that connect people with the landscape and its past.



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GORM

GORM is an multi-award winning social enterprise on a mission to unify across differences and advance belonging for marginalised communities through intercultural media and education. Guided by

evidence based methods such as Belonging Design Principles to Elevate the voices of diverse communities through media, Enable Communities to tell their stories through community programme, and Equip leaders through evidence based intercultural consultancy.



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The Open Doors Initiative

The Open Doors Initiative creates pathways to work for people from marginalised backgrounds. Through training, education, employment, and entrepreneurship. We break barriers to employability for refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, people with disabilities, disadvantaged youth, people with a criminal past, Traveller, Roma background, LGBTIQ+ community.

Events



Application Clinic: Erasmus+ Youth Participation Projects – 2 September (Online)

Léargas

Join us for an informative online event to learn about the application process for Youth Participation Projects. Whether you're a seasoned applicant or new to the process, our experts will guide you through it.

[Register here](#)



Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic Youth Track JEMS Platform Webinar – 9 September (Online)

Joint Secretariat

Are you submitting a proposal to the Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme's Youth Funding Call? Not sure how to submit your application or what to fill in in specific sections? Join this webinar dedicated entirely to the JEMS portal. This session will walk you through the system and answer common questions about using the

portal to complete and submit your application.

[Register here](#)

Current EU Funding Opportunities

PEACEPLUS – 6.1 Strategic Planning and Engagement

Deadline: 28 August 2026

This call supports activity that will reduce the legal and administrative barriers to cross-border co-operation through joint development and management of strategies.

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European Social Fund Plus – Inclusive Incubation and Finance for More Entrepreneurs

Deadline: 2 September 2026

This call supports the development and testing of incubation approaches and financing mechanisms tailored to under-represented entrepreneurs.

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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.

[FULL INFO](#)**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.

[FULL INFO](#)**LIFE – Alleviating household energy poverty in Europe****Deadline:** 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.

[FULL INFO](#)**LIFE – Facilitating cooperation among energy communities****Deadline:** 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.

[FULL INFO](#)**#BeActive EU Sport Awards – Peace****Deadline:** 17 September 2026

This award seeks to recognise organisations that have successfully used sport as a powerful tool to promote peace.

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#BeActive EU Sport Awards – Physical Activity**Deadline:** 17 September 2026

This award aims to recognise sport activities implemented by organisations that have significantly contributed to promoting physical activity across education and training establishments, non-formal learning environments, workplaces or local community.

[FULL INFO](#)**#BeActive EU Sport Awards – Across Generations****Deadline:** 17 September 2026

This award aims to recognise sport activities implemented by organisations working with sport across generations and contributing to strengthen communities.

[FULL INFO](#)**#BeActive EU Sport Awards – Inclusion****Deadline:** 17 September 2026

This award aims to recognise sport activities implemented by organisations that have successfully used sport as a powerful tool to promote social inclusion, gender equality, diversity and unity.

[FULL INFO](#)**#BeActive EU Sport Awards – Volunteering****Deadline:** 17 September 2026

This award aims to recognise sport activities implemented by organisations and/or individuals that have made outstanding contributions to sports through volunteer work.

[FULL INFO](#)**LIFE – Climate Governance and Information****Deadline:** 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.

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LIFE – Climate Change Mitigation**Deadline:** 22 September 2026

This call aims to support the implementation of the European Green Deal.

[FULL INFO](#)**LIFE – Climate Change Adaptation****Deadline:** 22 September 2026

This call aims to help to achieve the long-term vision of the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change.

[FULL INFO](#)**LIFE – Nature Governance and Information****Deadline:** 22 September 2026

This call aims to fund projects that support a smart and outcome-based implementation of the EU nature and biodiversity legislation.

[FULL INFO](#)**LIFE – Nature and Biodiversity****Deadline:** 22 September 2026

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.

[FULL INFO](#)**LIFE – Circular Economy and Zero Pollution****Deadline:** 22 September 2026

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.

[FULL INFO](#)**LIFE – Environment Governance****Deadline:** 22 September 2026

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.

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

Deadline: 22 September 2026

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

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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

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solutions to boost Member States' labour productivity.

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.	FULL INFO

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.	FULL INFO

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 through evidence-based insights in asylum and migration management.	FULL INFO

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.	FULL INFO

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

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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Erasmus+ – Short-term Projects for Mobility of Learners and Staff in Vocational Education and Training

Deadline: 29 September 2026

This action supports providers of vocational education and training (VET) and other organisations active in the field of VET that want to organise learning mobility activities for VET learners and staff.

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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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Erasmus+ – Mobility Projects for Youth Workers **Deadline: 1 October 2026**

This call supports organisations to carry out Youth Workers' mobility projects, fostering the professional development of youth workers and their organisations.

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Erasmus+ – Short-Term Projects for Mobility of Learners and Staff in Adult Education **Deadline: 1 October 2026**

This action supports adult education providers and other organisations active in the field of adult education that want to organise learning mobility activities for adult education staff.

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Erasmus+ – Mobility Projects for Young People **Deadline: 1 October 2026**

This action supports organisations and groups of young people to carry out Youth Exchanges, bringing together young people from different countries to exchange and learn outside their formal educational system.

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Erasmus+ – Youth Participation Activities **Deadline: 1 October 2026**

This action supports activities outside formal education and training that encourage, foster and facilitate young people's participation in Europe's democratic life at local, regional, national and European level.

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European Solidarity Corps – Solidarity Projects

Deadline: 1 October 2026

This call aims to support groups of young people to implement a Solidarity Project to address the needs of their local community.

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Interreg NPA Youth Call

Deadline: 2 October 2026

This 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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Pilot Projects & Preparatory Actions – Youth-Driven Social Media Design: Safe, Inclusive, and Publicly-Owned Social Media

Deadline: 6 October 2026

This call seeks to fund a project that will design and test a social media platform that is targeted at young EU citizens and is focused on user well-being.

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Justice – Call for proposals for action grants to support transnational projects in the fields victims' rights and procedural rights

Deadline: 15 October 2026

This call supports projects that promote and support the rights of all victims of crime as well as the procedural rights of suspects and accused persons in criminal proceedings.

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Creative Europe – Perform Europe Open Call 2026-2028

Deadline: 22 October 2026

This call supports projects that explore how cross-border touring can be made fairer, greener and more inclusive.

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CERV – Preventing Gender-Based Violence

Deadline: 3 November 2026

This call supports projects that focus on the prevention of gender based violence through awareness raising and capacity building activities.

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CERV – Protecting and Supporting Victims and Survivors of Gender-Based Violence

Deadline: 3 November 2026

This call supports projects that focus on setting up instruments for the protection and support of victims of gender-based violence.

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CERV – Strengthening Integrated Child Protection Systems and Ensuring Child-Centred Responses to Violence Against Children

Deadline: 3 November 2026

This call supports projects that contribute to systemic changes in the prevention, protection and support of children in cases of violence.

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CERV – Supporting the objectives of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women

Deadline: 3 November 2026

This call aims to support and build the capacity of Member State authorities and other relevant actors in victim support.

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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

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

Horizon Europe New European Bauhaus – Structurally addressing homelessness through coordinated social infrastructure and services in neighbourhoods

Deadline: 1 December 2026

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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

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

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

Deadline: 1 December 2026

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.

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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

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existing relationships, and establishing new relationships and networks.

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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