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Funding Opportunities/ Возможности финансирования

This issue of EECA Regional Platform Newsletter contains information about funding opportunities.

- Review the information below – maybe some opportunities are applicable for you or your organization.
- Only basic information about each opportunity is provided. Please follow the links to find out more about eligibility criteria and submission process.
- Some of the submission deadlines are very close. The opportunities are still included, so you can monitor these website for future calls.

Данный выпуск информационного бюллетеня Региональной платформы ВЕЦА содержит информацию о возможностях получения финансирования.

- Ознакомьтесь с приведенной ниже информацией - возможно некоторые из объявленных конкурсов подходят для вашей организации.
- Здесь представлена только основная информация о каждом из конкурсов. Чтобы получить более подробную информацию о критериях отбора и процессе подачи заявок – перейдите по указанным ссылкам.
- Сроки подачи заявок по некоторым из конкурсов уже очень близки. Мы включили эти конкурсы в список, чтобы вы могли в дальнейшем самостоятельно следить за обновлением информации о будущих конкурсах на сайтах этих организаций.
- *Все грантовые конкурсы доступны на английском языке, поэтому краткая информация о них ниже также представлена только на английском языке.*

The UN General Assembly mandated the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture to distribute voluntary contributions to victims of torture through *"established channels of assistance"*. As a general rule, only applications by civil society organizations are admissible. Applications by governmental, parliamentary or administrative entities, political parties or national liberation movements are inadmissible.

- *Countries*: all countries
- *Submission Deadline*: **March 01, 2025**
- *Donor*: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- *Grant Size & Timeframe*: Direct assistance and capacity building annual grants are awarded for a one-year period (1 January to 31 December) of the following year for amounts ranging from 30,000 USD to 100,000 USD.

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Strengthening Civil Society Resilience. Capacity-Building Program to Address Key Risks faced by CSOs in Eastern Partnership Countries

EU NEIGHBOURSEAST

The Transatlantic Foundation (TF), in cooperation with the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation program of the German Marshall Fund of the United States is launching a dedicated call for proposals for EaP CSOs to deliver capacity-building programs aimed at enhancing the resilience of civil society entities (including exiles) in the EaP region. The *primary goal is to equip civil society organizations* with the knowledge and tools to mitigate and navigate region-wide challenges such as but not limited to: geopolitical, related to disinformation or digital security, or to country-specific challenges such as: domestic politics, legal constraints, political culture, malign narratives, or ongoing conflicts.

'Enhancing the Resilience of Civil Society in the Eastern Partnership' (ERICS-EaP) project is funded by *the European Commission* and led by the Transatlantic Foundation (TF), in cooperation with the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation program of the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

- *Countries*: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine
- *Submission Deadline*: **March 01, 2025**
- *Donor*: European Commission
- *Grant Size & Timeframe*: the grants are in the amount of 20,000 EUR covering a project duration of a maximum of 6 months.

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The Swedish Institute (SI) Baltic Sea Neighbourhood Programme - provides funding to projects in which *Swedish organisations* work on cross-border challenges and opportunities *together with organisations from the EU countries around the Baltic Sea and countries in the EU's Eastern Partnership*. There are two different types of grants for cooperation in the Baltic Sea region: seed funding and funding for cooperation projects.

- *Countries*: **Core countries within the EU:** Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland; **Core countries outside the EU:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine; **Additional countries:** Denmark, Finland and Germany
- *Submission Deadline*: **March 04, 2025**
- *Donor*: Swedish Institute
- *Grant Size & Timeframe*: *seed funding is* at least SEK 100,000 and up to SEK 500,000 for 6 – 15 months; *cooperation projects are* at least SEK 750,000 and up to SEK 2 million for 12 – 24 months.

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**Call for Proposals
from the Council of Europe
for Civil Society Organizations in Ukraine**

Project "Facilitating access to human rights and essential services for internally displaced persons and returnees at the community level" **announces a call for grant proposals for non governmental organizations.** The project implementation period should begin **no earlier than April 7, 2025 and last no longer than September 30, 2025.** Support will be provided to projects that facilitate access to human rights and essential services for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees to Ukraine at the local level.

- *Country*: Ukraine
- *Submission Deadline*: **March 05, 2025**
- *Donor*: Council of Europe
- *Grant Size & Timeframe*: 10,000 EUR. Project implementation period should begin no earlier than April 7, 2025 and last no longer than September 30, 2025.

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THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR ARMENIA

JUREMONIA: Justice Reform Monitoring in Armenia

The project is envisioned to become the primary means through which *civil society will help to restore integrity and efficiency in the justice system in Armenia*. The effective engagement of civil society is a must for carrying out systemic reforms as well as including a connection to citizens and victim groups.

- *Country*: Armenia
- *Submission Deadline:* **March 15, 2025**
- *Donor*: European Union
- *Grant Size & Timeframe*: CSO's will be supported up to the 15000 EUR maximum. Only one grant will be awarded. Co-financing or any kind of contribution is encouraged. Proposed projects should be fulfilled before 30th of November 2025.

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Annual Operating Grants to Support EU-level Social NGO Networks

The European Commission (EC) is accepting applications for the Annual Operating Grants to support EU-level Social NGO Networks. More information is in the Call Document.

- *Countries*: EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories); non-EU countries: – listed EEA countries and countries associated to the ESF+ (list of participating countries).
- *Submission Deadline*: **April 15, 2025**
- *Donor*: European Commission (EC)
- *Grant Size & Timeframe:* The annual budgets of operating grants are expected to range indicatively between EUR 100.000 and EUR 1.250.000 per work programme. The value of the annual grant should be in line with the framework partnership agreements multi-annual budget estimate. The grant awarded may be lower than the amount requested.

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SOLVE: 2025 Global Health Challenge

Solve seeks innovative, human-centered, tech-based solutions to our Global Challenges. Through open innovation, Solve is looking for a diverse portfolio of solutions across geography, development stage, and team members' gender and background. We encourage people of all backgrounds to submit applications.

- *Countries*: all
- *Submission Deadline*: **April 17, 2025**
- *Donor*: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- *Grant Size*: 10,000 USD.

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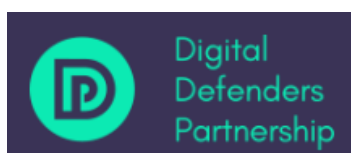### Internet Freedom Fund Program

The Internet Freedom Fund is the primary opportunity through which Open Technology Fund supports innovative global internet freedom projects. These projects are focused on technology development and implementation, but can also include applied research, convenings, and digital security projects.

The goal is to support efforts that aim to advance *Internet freedom in the world's most repressive environments*. Ideally, this means we support organizations and individuals that are: (1) Working on projects that will directly benefit those living in the world's most oppressive censorship and surveillance environments; (2) Located in or have direct experience with communities in the Global South; (3) Come from or have direct experience with repressive censorship and surveillance environments; (4) Come from or have direct experience with underrepresented and/or targeted minority groups, including those with a focus on human rights, LGBT, journalism, media, or activism.

- *Countries*: all. except OTF is not able to support applicants within countries that the United States has trade restrictions or export sanctions as determined by the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).
- *Submission Deadline*: **Ongoing**
- *Donor*: Open Technology Fund (OTF)
- *Grant Size & Timeframe*: awards are between $10,000 and $900,000 for up to 24 months. Ideal applicants seek funding between $50,000 and $200,000 for efforts between 6 and 12 months.

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Incident Emergency Fund

A rapid response mechanism for human rights defenders, journalists, activists and organisations facing digital threats and attacks.

- *Countries*: all
- *Submission Deadline*: **Ongoing**
- *Donor*: Digital Defenders Partnership
- *Grant Size & Timeframe*: up to €10,000 and can be used to cover costs which will directly reduce the risk or impact of a digital attack. The funding covers activities for a maximum of four months.

NOTE: *Incident Emergency Fund website as of 24 February 2025 states: Due to recent changes in US development aid policy, we are forced to pause the Incident Response Fund until further notice. We will only keep processing grants accepted up to January 24. We are working to reestablish the normal functioning of the fund.*

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