

Websites for regular check-up

| No | Funding Entity | Website | General Information |
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| 1 | European Commission | EC Funding&Tenders | |
| 2 | Information System for Management and Monitoring of EU Funds in Bulgaria 2020 | Website | <p>European structural and investment funds (2014-2020)</p> <p>Ministry of Interior Funds</p> <p>National Recovery and Resilience Plan</p> <p>European shared management funds (2021-2027)</p> <p>Financial Mechanism of European Economic Area and Norwegian Financial Mechanism</p> |
| 3 | Active Citizens Fund in Bulgaria | <p>1. Website</p> <p>2. Check for Bilateral Funding Calls HERE</p> | <p>Civil Society development</p> <p>The allocation to the Active Citizens Fund Bulgaria, is EUR 15 500 000, provided by the donor-states Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The Program will operate until 2024 and shall contribute to the overall objectives of the EEA and Norway Grants, to reduce economic and social disparities, and to strengthen bilateral relations between the beneficiary and donor states.</p> <p>Objectives: “Civil society and active citizenship strengthened and vulnerable groups empowered”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - long-term sustainability and capacity of the civil society sector, strengthening its role in promoting |



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| | | <p>democratic participation, active citizenship and human rights.</p> <p>Areas of Support;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Democracy, active citizenship, good governance and transparency- Human rights and equal treatment through combating any discrimination on the grounds of racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation or gender identity- Social justice and inclusion of vulnerable groups- Gender equality and gender-based violence- Environment and climate change <p>BILATERAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION:</p> <p>The Norwegian Helsinki Committee (www.nhc.no) plays a central role in providing information and promoting bilateral cooperation between civil society organizations in Norway and beneficiary countries such as Bulgaria. To help the partnerships, the NCHC runs the www.ngonorway.org website, updating it with the relevant information and database of potential partner organizations from Norway and the beneficiary countries.</p> |
| 4 | Iceland Lichtenstein Norway Grants Website | <p>The EEA and Norway Grants are funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The Grants have two goals:</p> |



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| | | <p>to contribute to a more equal Europe, both socially and economically</p> <p>to strengthen the relations between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, and the 15 Beneficiary States in Europe</p> |
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German Marshal
Fund

[Website](#)

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) is a nonpartisan American public policy organization committed to the idea that the United States and Europe are stronger together. GMF strives to champion democratic values and the transatlantic alliance by strengthening civil society, forging bold and innovative policy ideas, and developing a new generation of leaders to tackle global challenges.

1.Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation ([LINK HERE](#))

The Trust promotes regional cooperation and good governance in the wider Black Sea region; accountable, transparent, and open government; strong, effective civic sectors; and independent and professional media. The Trust supports organizations in the Black Sea region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Turkey, and Ukraine) and Central and Eastern Europe (Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia). In addition to **accepting applications on a rolling basis** through the Regional Programs and Civic Participation programs, the Trust provides support through a variety of calls for proposals with specific thematic and geographic priorities. (Some current calls may focus on support related to the war in Ukraine.)

- **Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation: BlackSeaTrust@gmfus.org**



2.Engaging Central Europe ([LINK HERE](#))

This initiative supports democratic resilience and revival, media pluralism, electoral integrity, rule of law, civic education, citizen participation, and regional cooperation in the easternmost member states of the European Union and NATO.

- strengthening CSOs' management and advocacy skills, constituency building, and financial sustainability
- expanding civic activism and free media in peripheral and rural areas
- bolstering democratic participation, education, and deliberation, especially among young people, women, and vulnerable groups
- enhancing the resilience of civil society in shrinking spaces
- protecting fundamental rights, the rule of law, and electoral integrity
- fostering anti-corruption and transparency initiatives
- broadening regional networking among civil society in Central Europe and beyond
- improving analytical, policy, and advocacy work on civil society and democracy in Central Europe

Engaging Central Europe:
EngagingCE@gmfus.org

Enhancing Participation of Women in Political and Policy Processes through Awareness-raising and Advocacy ([LINK HERE](#))

DEADLINE: 1st November 2023



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| | | <p>Types of Eligible Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enhancing public participation of women through awareness-raising, advocacy, or educational campaigns- Boosting and innovating civic engagement of women at the local, regional, or national level with special attention to their participation in public deliberation, political decision-making, and implementation or monitoring of policy processes- Reaching out to new constituencies, attracting new activists, and responding to emerging needs- Mobilizing constituencies in a sustainable way- Furthering cross-sectoral cooperation of CSOs and strengthening networks of pro-democratic actors. <p>Enhancing Participation of Vulnerable Groups in Political and Policy Processes through Awareness-raising and Advocacy (LINK HERE)</p> <p>DEADLINE: 1st November 2023</p> <p>Types of Eligible Activities:</p> <p>Enhancing public participation of vulnerable groups through awareness-raising, advocacy, or educational campaigns</p> <p>Boosting and innovating civic engagement of these groups at the local, regional, or national level with special attention to</p> |
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| | | <p>(aged 14+) and young adults through community-development-oriented volunteering and internship programs</p> |
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3.Ukraine: Relief, Resilience, Recovery Programme ([LINK HERE](#))

This emergency program in response to Russia's war against Ukraine supports Ukrainian citizens, civic activists and civil society organizations, and journalists and independent media. Support is provided to civic initiatives, civil society organizations, and independent media outlets as well as targeted capacity-building measures, Ukrainian civil society networking and cooperation, and policy initiatives by Ukrainian experts and think tanks.

- **Ukraine: Relief, Resilience, Recovery: Ukraine3R@gmfus.org**

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| 6 | Bulgarian Fund for Women | https://bgfundforwomen.org/en/bids-in-bg-en/ | <p>Main Goal: Gender equality; not-exclusive to women, girls, people with disabilities, LGBTIQ+</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Direct grant making</u> (violence against women, economic independence of women, active participation of women social/political life, disadvantaged women, LGBTQI, healthy living conditions) - <u>Trainings</u> - capacity-building for NGOs (all NGOs) <p>Activities</p> <p>Grantmaking Fundraising Grants, Programmes, Initiatives</p> |
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OPEN CALLS

ORGANISATION/FUNDING PROGRAMME INTERREG Danube Transnational Programme

WEBSITE <https://www.interreg-danube.eu/dtp-archive/about-dtp/new-funding-2021-2027/how-to-apply/second-call>

DEADLINE **CALL OPENS 2nd October 2023**

OBJECTIVES

PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

1. A smarter Danube Region
2. A greener, low-carbon Danube Region
3. **A more social Danube Region**
4. A better cooperation governance: 4.2 Increased institutional capacities for territorial and macroregional governance

Projects submitted under the second call should focus on one of the following specific objectives:

- SO 1.1 Research and innovation
- SO 1.2 Skills for smart specialization, industrial transition and entrepreneurship



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| | <p>SO 2.1 Renewable energy SO 2.2 Climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention SO 2.3 Access to water and sustainable water management SO 2.4 Protection and preservation of the nature and biodiversity SO 3.1 Labour markets and access to quality employment SO 3.2 Education, training and lifelong learning SO 3.3 Culture and sustainable tourism SO 4.2 Institutional capacities for territorial and macro-regional governance</p> |
| OPEN CALL | <p>Call opens on 2nd October 2023</p> <p>For reference, you can find more information on the 1st call for proposals here: https://www.interreg-danube.eu/dtp-archive/about-dtp/new-funding-2021-2027/how-to-apply/first-call</p> |
| LINK OPEN CALL | <p>The application package and all relevant information about the programme will be available from October on the programme website: http://www.interregdanube.eu</p> <p>Applicants Manual: https://www.interreg-danube.eu/uploads/media/default/0001/56/681d87f62ead00c2ca6a7d0c3caf4e4ba0e14c51.pdf</p> |

ORGANISATION Swiss Cooperation Programme

WEBSITE <https://www.eda.admin.ch/schweizerbeitrag/en/home/zweiter-schweizer-beitrag.html>

DEADLINE **Upcoming call**

OBJECTIVES The programme The Swiss-Bulgarian Cooperation Programme aims at reducing economic and social disparities in the enlarged European Union, as well as between thriving centres and weaker regions in Bulgaria. The programme is running in Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia.

The Programme focuses on following thematic areas:

- Fostering economic growth and social partnership, reducing (youth) unemployment
- Protecting the environment and tackling climate change
- Scaling up healthcare and other public services
- Civic engagement and transparency
- Migration management, integration and public safety

[Here](#) you can find the projects which were funded in the first programme, which may inspire some new ideas.

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| | You can look for more and updated information on the website of the Swiss Cooperation Programme (in English), or also on the Facebook page of the Bulgarian-Swiss Cooperation (in Bulgarian). |
| OPEN CALL | Upcoming |
| LINK OPEN CALL | https://www.eda.admin.ch/schweizerbeitrag/en/home/zweiter-schweizer-beitrag/zusammenarbeit/aufruf-projekteingaben.html |

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| ORGANISATION | European Commission Programme: Pilot Projects & Preparation Actions |
| WEBSITE | You can find the call in the website of the EC here , or search for it using the following parameters: Programme: Pilot Projects & Preparation Actions (PPPA) Type of Action: Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions Deadline: 17th October 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time |
| DEADLINE | 17th October 2023 |
| OBJECTIVES | Sport Supports – emergency sports actions for youth (PPA-SPORT-2023-EMERGENCY-YOUTH) |
| OPEN CALL | Scope: This pilot project will focus on encouraging community integration of children and youth. Sport activities, are to help interaction with the host community; facilitate integration into the education system and the labour market. To achieve the best results those activities should be organised at the local, grassroots level , mainly through grassroots sports clubs, involving only one country , as it is easier to respond to integration needs by implementing activities at the local level. Cooperation between grassroots sports clubs and centres that could offer social, psychological or pedagogical support would be important and required. Expected results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to promote the direct engagement of young people affected by the war with meaningful activities in at local level, in their host communities; • to facilitate overcoming trauma, adapt to new environments and create bonds with the temporary hosting communities; • to improve physical and mental well-being of those displaced by attending sport sessions; • to collect experiences and good practices for dissemination and further inspiration to take up similar initiatives elsewhere in Europe. |



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