

### Websites for regular updates

No	Funding Entity	Website	General Information
1	European Commission	<a href="#">EC Funding &amp; Tenders</a>	
2	Information System for Management and Monitoring of EU Funds in Bulgaria 2020	<a href="#">Website</a>	<p><a href="#">European structural and investment funds (2014-2020)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ministry of Interior Funds</a></p> <p><a href="#">National Recovery and Resilience Plan</a></p> <p><a href="#">European shared management funds (2021-2027)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Financial Mechanism of European Economic Area and Norwegian Financial Mechanism</a></p>
3	Active Citizens Fund in Bulgaria	<p>1. <a href="#">Website</a></p> <p>2. Check for Bilateral Funding Calls <a href="#">HERE</a></p>	<p><b>Civil Society development</b></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 <b>until 2024</b> 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"> <li>- long-term sustainability and capacity of the civil society sector, strengthening its role in promoting democratic participation, active citizenship and human rights.</li> </ul> <p>Areas of Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Democracy, active citizenship, good governance and transparency</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Social justice and inclusion of vulnerable groups</li> <li>- Gender equality and gender-based violence</li> <li>- Environment and climate change</li> </ul> <p><b>BILATERAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION:</b> The Norwegian Helsinki Committee (<a href="http://www.nhc.no">www.nhc.no</a>) 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 <a href="http://www.ngonorway.org">www.ngonorway.org</a> 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	<p><a href="#">Website</a></p> <p><a href="https://eeagrants.org/apply-for-funding">https://eeagrants.org/apply-for-funding</a></p>	<p>The EEA and Norway Grants are funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The Grants have two goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>to contribute</b> to a more equal Europe, both socially and economically</li> <li>- <b>to strengthen</b> the relations between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, and the 15 Beneficiary States in Europe</li> </ul>

5	<p>German Marshal Fund <a href="#">Website</a></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>1. Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation (<a href="#">LINK HERE</a>)</b></p> <p>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 <b>accepting applications on a rolling basis</b> 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.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation: <a href="mailto:BlackSeaTrust@gmfus.org">BlackSeaTrust@gmfus.org</a></b></li> </ul> <p><b>2. Engaging Central Europe (<a href="#">LINK HERE</a>)</b></p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- strengthening CSOs' management and advocacy skills, constituency building, and financial sustainability</li> <li>- expanding civic activism and free media in peripheral and rural areas</li> <li>- bolstering democratic participation, education, and deliberation, especially among young people, women, and vulnerable groups</li> <li>- enhancing the resilience of civil society in shrinking spaces</li> <li>- protecting fundamental rights, the rule of law, and electoral integrity</li> <li>- fostering anti-corruption and transparency initiatives</li> <li>- broadening regional networking among civil society in Central Europe and beyond</li> </ul>
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6	<b>Bulgarian Fund for Women</b>	<a href="https://bgfundforwomen.org/en/bids-in-bg-en/">https://bgfundforwomen.org/en/bids-in-bg-en/</a>	<p>Main Goal: Gender equality; not-exclusive to women, girls, people with disabilities, LGBTIQ+</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <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)</li> <li>- <u>Trainings</u> – capacity-building for NGOs (all NGOs)</li> </ul> <p><b>Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grantmaking</li> <li>- Fundraising</li> <li>- Grants, Programmes, Initiatives</li> </ul>
7	<b>BCause Foundation</b>	<a href="https://www.bcause.bg/en/about-us/who.html">https://www.bcause.bg/en/about-us/who.html</a>	<p>BCause Foundation is an expert organisation, a recognized leader with more than 25 years of experience at national and international level (since 1995).</p> <p>The Foundation channels donor resources and contribute to the financial and organizational strengthening of civil society organizations and public institutions – and promotes and supports donation causes.</p> <p>Fundraising Instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Platformata</u></b>: Online donation campaigns.</li> <li>• <b><u>DMS</u></b>: online and SMS text message donations for specific causes</li> <li>• <b><u>Payroll giving</u></b>: payroll donation allows employees to automatically donate a portion of their pay check to a chosen charity</li> <li>• <b><u>Giving Tuesday campaign</u></b>: 3 December 2024 – November will be the month of campaigning. BCause Foundation leads the campaign in Bulgaria. NGO participation – including of RRP and inter-agency partners – are welcome.</li> </ul>

8	<p><b>Informational Portal for NGOs in Bulgaria</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.ngobg.info/en/index.html">https://www.ngobg.info/en/index.html</a></p>	<p><b>The Information Portal for NGOs in Bulgaria</b> was launched in January 2010. It was developed and is maintained by the Program and Analytical Center for European Law Foundation (PACEL) in partnership with the Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law (BCNL). The portal is a non-commercial project with a charitable mission.</p> <p><b>The mission of the NGO Portal</b> is to facilitate and encourage the sharing of up-to-date information about the Bulgarian non-governmental sector that is useful to the organizations themselves, donors, socially responsible businesses, and anyone interested in civil society organizations, their activities, and results. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing Bulgarian civil organizations with a platform where they can freely present themselves without censorship or limitations, helping them reach more supporters, like-minded individuals, and donors.</li> <li>• Offering donors and socially responsible businesses the opportunity to promote their goals and programs among active citizens and showcase the results of the people and organizations they support, helping them attract greater public support, partners, and ideas for development.</li> <li>• Providing Bulgarian citizens with a “showcase” of active NGOs, with a variety of materials and search capabilities, helping them find causes and organizations whose efforts they wish to support.</li> <li>• Offering Bulgarian media and journalists, who follow and report on the activities of civil society organizations, examples of real achievements and challenges, helping them inform the public about diverse civil initiatives in various social fields.</li> </ul>
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## Open Calls

No	Funding Entity	Website	Description	Deadline
1	<b>Bulgarian Fund for Women</b>	<a href="https://bgfundforwomen.org/en/2024/03/19/bfw-launches-new-program-open-opportunities/">https://bgfundforwomen.org/en/2024/03/19/bfw-launches-new-program-open-opportunities/</a>	<p><b>“Open Opportunities” Program</b></p> <p>The aim of this call is to contribute to building an inclusive, sustainable, and pro-democracy civil society in Bulgaria that has the capacity and resources to deal with unexpected external or internal factors and crises. The program will support independent civil society organizations active at local, regional, or national level whose main mission and activities are focused on the protection, promotion and awareness-raising of fundamental rights, European Union (EU) values, the rule of law, gender equality and democracy.</p> <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Only organizations registered in Bulgaria under the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act (NPOA) and operating for public benefit.</li> </ul> <p>Ineligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-profit private benefit associations, non-profit private benefit foundations, community centers, trade unions, international organizations without registration in Bulgaria, commercial</li> </ul>	May 2025

		<p>companies, cooperatives, as well as unregistered collectives and individuals.</p> <p>Up to BGN 4889.58 (EUR 2,500 equivalent) for up to 6 months per organization</p>	
2	<p><b>The Minor Foundation for Major Challenges (MFMC)</b></p> <p><a href="https://unifor.no/stiftelser/the-minor-foundation-for-major-challenges/">https://unifor.no/stiftelser/the-minor-foundation-for-major-challenges/</a> <a href="https://minor-foundation.no/how-to-apply">https://minor-foundation.no/how-to-apply</a></p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Projects that promote transitions to a low-carbon economy</li> <li>- Initiatives that impact public or private institutions' policies or practices</li> <li>- Projects that increase knowledge on climate policies and technologies</li> <li>- Actions that reduce fossil fuel use and promote carbon-free solutions</li> <li>- Advocacy campaigns that align with the 1.5°C global warming pathway</li> </ul> <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European-based organizations that lead communication projects related to climate change advocacy and policy reforms.</li> </ul> <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Larger Grants: EUR 20,000 to EUR 200,000</li> <li>- Small Grants: Up to EUR 10,000 for smaller-scale projects</li> </ul>	24th October, 2024
3	<p><b>UNICEF Global Learning</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.unicef.org/digitaleducation/stories/seeking-next-blue-unicorn-edtech-tools-bridge-global-learning-gaps">https://www.unicef.org/digitaleducation/stories/seeking-next-blue-unicorn-edtech-tools-bridge-global-learning-gaps</a></p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The initiative seeks innovative EdTech solutions aimed at addressing the global</li> </ul>	Ongoing



<p><b>Innovation Hub</b></p>		<p>learning crisis, with a focus on improving learning outcomes for children, particularly in low-resource settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Solutions will be evaluated based on their potential to impact over 100 million children, scientific grounding in learning principles, proven positive outcomes, secure data management, adaptability to low-resource contexts, and affordability.</li> </ul> <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eligible applicants include technology companies, academic institutions, and non-profit organizations with evidence backed EdTech tools.</li> <li>- Selected tools will be featured on the Learning Cabinet, a global platform for innovative EdTech solutions, and will engage with local ecosystems for market insights and collaboration.</li> </ul> <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to \$150,000 in funding is available for selected EdTech tools.</li> </ul>	
<p>4 <b>Specialised Education Programmes in Key Capacity Areas</b></p>	<p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/digital-2024-advanced-digital-07-keycapacity">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/digital-2024-advanced-digital-07-keycapacity</a></p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The call supports the design and delivery of higher education programs at ISCED levels 6 (Bachelor's), 7 (Master's), or 8 (Doctoral), as well as self-standing modules (online, hybrid, or inperson) leading to certification in advanced digital skills.</li> </ul>	<p>21 November 2024</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Programs should be co-designed by higher education institutions, industry, and research partners to foster digital ecosystems and close the digital skills gap.</li> </ul> <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applicants must be legal entities (public or private bodies) established in one of the eligible countries: - EU Member States, including Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs). - Non-EU countries, including listed EEA countries and countries associated with the Digital Europe Programme.</li> <li>- The consortium should include at least three degree-awarding higher education institutions from three different eligible countries with Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) status. Other eligible higher education institutions may also participate, provided they are recognized by national authorities and offer full study programs leading to higher education degrees.</li> </ul> <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The total call budget is EUR 55,000,000</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>The Citizens' Budget – Sofia Municipality</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.sofia.bg/en/idei-za-grad">https://www.sofia.bg/en/idei-za-grad</a></p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Citizens' Budget of Sofia was created to stimulate the active participation of citizens in the decision-making process and the</li> </ul>	30 October 2024

		<p>implementation of projects that are aimed at improving the urban environment and the quality of life of the citizens of Sofia Municipality and its districts.</p> <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Citizens over 16 years of age with a current address on the territory of Sofia Municipality, civil organizations registered under the Law on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), informal groups of citizens.</li> </ul> <p>Areas of funding Thematic areas of projects that citizens can submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Urban Environment;</li> <li>- Solidarity;</li> <li>- Environment;</li> <li>- Culture and Heritage;</li> <li>- Sport;</li> <li>- Education and Youth Activities,</li> <li>- Mobility;</li> <li>- Security;</li> <li>- Housing;</li> <li>- Sharing Economy</li> </ul> <p>The themes are indicative but not restrictive. Citizens and organisations are free to propose their own ideas, which may fall into another thematic area.</p>	
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		Ineligible activities for the Citizens' Budget projects are: travel within the country and abroad; activities that are already foreseen for funding from the Capital City Municipality budget; co-financing or financing of activities foreseen under other municipal programmes or programmes financed with EU funds; costs for hiring staff, etc.	
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