



## Websites for regular updates

No	Funding Entity	Website	General Information
1	<b>European Commission</b>	EC Funding & Tenders	
2	Information System for	<u>Website</u>	European structural and investment funds (2014-2020)
	Management and		
	Monitoring of EU		Ministry of Interior Funds
	Funds in Bulgaria 2020		
			National Recovery and Resilience Plan
			European shared management funds (2021-2027)
			Luropean shared management runus (2021-2027)
			Financial Mechanism of European Economic Area and Norwegian Financial Mechanism
3	Active Citizens Fund in	1. Website	Civil Society development
	Bulgaria		
			The allocation to the Active Citizens Fund Bulgaria, is EUR 15 500 000, provided by the
		2. Check for Bilateral Funding	donor-states Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The Program will operate <b>until 2024</b> and
		Calls <u>HERE</u>	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.
			Objectives:
			"Civil society and active citizenship strengthened and vulnerable groups empowered"
			- long-term sustainability and capacity of the civil society sector, strengthening its
			role in promoting democratic participation, active citizenship and human rights.
			Areas of Support:
			- Democracy, active citizenship, good governance and transparency



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# **Bulgaria Funding Opportunities for RRP partners**

		<ul> <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> BILATERAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION: 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.
Iceland Lichtenstein Norway Grants	Website https://eeagrants.org/apply-for-funding	The EEA and Norway Grants are funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The Grants have two goals:  - to contribute to a more equal Europe, both socially and economically - to strengthen the relations between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, and the 15 Beneficiary States in Europe



5	German Marshal Fund	<u>Website</u>	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.
			<ul> <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> </ul>
			<ul> <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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- improving analytical, policy, and advocacy work on civil society and democracy in Central Europe

Engaging Central Europe: <a href="mailto:EngagingCE@gmfus.org">EngagingCE@gmfus.org</a>

Supporting the Social Involvement of Children and Young People through Democracy Education and Participation-based Model Projects (LINK HERE)

### Types of Eligible Activities:

- Offering age-specific, participation-based democracy education projects for children (aged 14+) or young adults (18+)
- Fostering grassroots democratic processes for the representation of student interests within schools and beyond
- Creating networks of democratic youth groups for coordination, joint activities, and development of a shared democratic agenda
- Amplifying the voice of democratic youths through online and offline campaigns
- Amplify the voice of students in the process of education-related decision-making at school, local, regional or national level
- Enhancing the democratic and civic skills of children (aged 14+) and young adults through community-development-oriented volunteering and internship programs.

#### 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: <a href="Ukraine3R@gmfus.org">Ukraine3R@gmfus.org</a>



6	Bulgarian Fund for Women	https://bgfundforwomen.org/en/bids-in-bg-en/	Main Goal: Gender equality; not-exclusive to women, girls, people with disabilities, LGBTIQ+  Objectives:  - Direct grant making (violence against women, economic independence of women, active participation of women social/political life, disadvantaged women, LGBTQI, healthy living conditions)  - Trainings – capacity-building for NGOs (all NGOs)  Activities  - Grantmaking  - Fundraising  - Grants, Programmes, Initiatives	
7	BCause Foundation	https://www.bcause.bg/en/about -us/who.html	BCause Foundation is an expert organisation, a recognized leader with more than 25 years of experience at national and international level (since 1995).  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.  Fundraising Instruments:  Platformata: Online donation campaigns. DMS: online and SMS text message donations for specific causes Payroll giving: payroll donation allows employees to automatically donate a portion of their pay check to a chosen charity Giving Tuesday campaign: 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.	



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8	Informational Portal	https://www.ng
	for NGOs in Bulgaria	<u>x.html</u>

os://www.ngobg.info/en/inde ml The Information Portal for NGOs in Bulgaria 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.

The mission of the NGO Portal 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.





## **Open Calls**

No	<b>Funding Entity</b>	Website	Description	Deadline
1	UNESCO- Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development	https://www.unesco.org/en/prizes/education-sustainable-development	<ul> <li>Education's role in sustainable development, focusing on social, economic, cultural, and environmental dimensions.</li> <li>Eligible Applicants:         <ul> <li>Institutions</li> <li>Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)</li> <li>Other entities engaged in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Funding Details:         <ul> <li>Award Amount: US \$50,000 for each of the three recipients</li> <li>Number of Awards: Three</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	18 April 2025
2	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)	Link is here	Thematic Focus:  - Supporting, advancing and implementing comprehensive policies to protect and promote the rights of the child, including the right to participate. It responds to children's current	29 April 2025 17:00h Brussels time



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needs and challenges in the EU, through three priorities:

- Children's rights in the digital age
- Children's engagement and participation
- Embedding a right of the child perspective in actions at national and local level
- This call focuses on the implementation of the actions and recommendations at EU, national and local levels of the EU Strategy on the rights of the child. It aims at responding to children's current needs and challenges in the EU.
- It pays attention to the rights of children with specific needs and vulnerabilities, including those who fled the Russian's war of aggression against Ukraine.

## Eligible applicants:

 Legal entities (public or private bodies) or international organizations;





- Lead applicants must be nonprofit making. Organizations which are profit oriented may apply only in partnership with public entities, private non-profit organizations, or international organizations;
- EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)
- Non-EU countries:
  - Countries associated to the CERV Programme or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature.

### Funding Details:

- Budget for this project is EUR 17 000 000.

The European Commission reserves the right not to award all available funds or to redistribute them between the call topics, depending on the proposals received and the results of the evaluation.





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3 Prevention Preparedn Projects Program 2	ess	Thematic Focus: Support projects in:  - Improving risk assessment and disaster risk management planning  - Increasing risk awareness and preparedness among populations  - Enhancing early warning systems for disaster prevention  - Strengthening civil protection institutions and preparedness capacity  Eligible Applicants:  - Legal entities (public or private bodies)  - Must be established in:   © EU Member States (including overseas territories)  © UCPM Participating States (Albania Rosnia
		territories)  O UCPM Participating States (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye,
		and Ukraine)  o Instrument for Pre- Accession (IPA) beneficiary countries not in UCPM: Kosovo o European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) countries:





			Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia  Funding Details: - Total Budget Available: EUR 14,000,000 - Prevention and Preparedness Topic: EUR 10,000,000	
4	UCF Edu-Fund Platform	https://dfbulgaria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/framework.pdf	Thematic Focus: Programmes aimed at addressing educational poverty in favor of lower and upper secondary school students (11-19 age), with a particular focus on: - addressing early school drop-out - training teachers - encouraging university attainment - enhancing employability for students, through the acquisition of adequate skills to enter the job market  Eligible applicants: - Non-profit organizations with a presence (e.g. headquarters, representative office, branch/branches, correspondents, etc.) in one of	30 April 2025





		the countries listed: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia  - Public administrations, political parties and movements, trade unions, professional and representative associations of economic categories, employers' associations, and entities under the direction, coordination, or control of these bodies are not eligible  - Have been established for at least two years and possess a solid financial structure  Funding Details:  - Three streams of funding opportunities, ranging from €100,000 to over €1 million, to cater to a range of program scales	
UNESCO – Greece Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Safeguarding and Management	Link is here	Thematic Focus: - Recognizing outstanding efforts in the protection and management of the world's cultural landscapes  Eligible Applicants:	30 April 2025





	of Cultural Landscapes 2025		<ul> <li>Individuals, institutions, entities, communities, or non-governmental organizations (NGOs)</li> <li>Applicants must have made a significant contribution to safeguarding, managing, and enhancing cultural landscapes</li> <li>NGOs in official partnerships with UNESCO or independent entities may apply</li> <li>Funding Details:         <ul> <li>Prize Amount: USD 30,000</li> <li>Award Frequency: Every two years</li> <li>Number of Laureates: One</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6	UNICEF Sustainable WASH Innovation Hub: Innovative WASH Solutions	https://www.unicef.org/innovation/call-innovative-wash-solutions	<ul> <li>Thematic Focus:         <ul> <li>Strengthening supportive environments for WASH SMEs</li> <li>Enhancing climate-sensitive data and integration into WASH programming</li> </ul> </li> <li>Eligible Applicants:         <ul> <li>Registered entities, including companies, university spin-offs, NGOs, UN organizations, or government agencies.</li> <li>Must demonstrate the ability to address WASH challenges in at</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	30 April 2025 11:59pm CET





			least one UNICEF Programme Country  • Must have financial viability with detailed financial plans for the next 12 months  Funding Details:  • Initial grant: Approx. USD 150,000	
7	Václav Havel Human Rights Prize in Europe	https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/havelprize	<ul> <li>Outstanding civil society action in defending human rights in Europe and beyond</li> <li>Nominees should have made a significant impact on human rights, uncovered systemic violations, or mobilized public opinion or international communities for a cause</li> <li>Eligible Applicants:         <ul> <li>Individuals</li> <li>Non-governmental institutions active in the defense of human rights</li> </ul> </li> <li>Funding Details:         <ul> <li>Prize Amount: €60,000</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	30 April 2025





8	TELUS Digital Bulgaria	https://communityboardbulgaria.org/index.php?r=site%2Fapply	Thematic Focus:  - Health - Education - Environment  Eligible Applicants: - NGOs  Funding details: - Maximum funding amount BGN15 000	30 April 2025
9	L'Oréal Fund for Women	https://fundforwomen.loreal.com/ExternalUser/Criteria/	Thematic Focus:  - Assisting highly vulnerable women and girls, combating sexist and sexual violence, and preventing domestic violence.  - Promoting access to education, social and professional integration, and the protection of women's rights, aiming to actively contribute to the resilience of women and girls experiencing extreme hardship, whether due to disability, refugee status, or other circumstances.  Eligible Applicants:  - Non-profit or not-for-profit grassroots organizations working in the public interest, able to	30 April 2025 12pm CEST





			demonstrate eligibility to receive philanthropic funds in the form of private grants, and possessing official statutes.  - Organization whose income cannot be directly or indirectly distributed to its members.  - Organizations with more than two years of official existence OR an organization with a solid and demonstrable innovative component that addresses a specific need.  - Organizations directly supporting a minimum of 200 beneficiaries per year in total.  - Organizations authorized to issue tax receipts (in France and the European Union).  Funding Details:  - Budget must be over €5,000 and under €300,000 a year that will expire by 3rd July 2026 subject to extension.	
10	Bulgarian Fund for Women	https://bgfundforwomen.org/en/2024/03/19/bfw-launches-new-program-open-opportunities/	"Open Opportunities" Program 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	May 2025



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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.

## Eligible applicants:

 Only organizations registered in Bulgaria under the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act (NPOA) and operating for public benefit.

#### Ineligible applicants:

- Non-profit private benefit associations, non-profit private benefit foundations, community centers. trade unions. international organizations without registration in Bulgaria, commercial companies, cooperatives, well as unregistered collectives and individuals.

Up to BGN 4889.58 (EUR 2,500 equivalent) for up to 6 months per organization





11	Full Scale	Link is here	Thematic Focus:	15 May 2025
	Exercises		Support projects that:	17:00h
	Program 2025		- Improve civil protection preparedness and response to	Brussels time
			disasters	
			- Provide a full-scale testing	
			environment for emergency	
			response actors	
			- Develop coordination mechanisms and EU Civil	
			Protection Team (EUCP)	
			procedures	
			- Address cross-cutting issues,	
			including gender, age, disability	
			inclusion, human rights, environmental sustainability, and	
			civil-military cooperation	
			civii mintary cooperation	
			Eligible Applicants:	
			- Legal entities (public or private	
			bodies)	
			- Must be established in: ○ EU Member States	
			(including overseas	
			territories)	
			<ul> <li>UCPM Participating</li> </ul>	
			States: Albania, Bosnia	
			and Herzegovina, Iceland,	
			Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia,	
			Norway, Serbia, Türkiye,	
			and Ukraine	





			o European Neighbourhood	
			Policy (ENP) countries and IPA Beneficiaries may	
			participate in field	
			exercises but are not	
			eligible as consortium members	
			Funding Details:	
			- Total Budget Available: EUR 14,000,000	
			- Full-Scale Field Exercises Topic:	
			EUR 4,000,000 (for projects	
			targeting EU Member States and UCPM Participating States)	
12	RADIAN 2.0:	<u>Link is here</u>	Thematic Focus:	30 June 2025
	Innovation		- HIV Service Innovations: Novel	
	Challenge Fund Program 2025		approaches to outreach, service demand, linkage to care,	
	<b>3</b>		retention, and service delivery for	
			key populations (KPs) and people	
			living with HIV (PLHIV) Enabling Environment	
			Innovations: Addressing	
			structural barriers such as stigma,	
			discrimination, low community engagement, and sustainability of	
			civil society organizations (CSOs).	
			- Digital Innovations: Use of AI,	
			blockchain, and telemedicine for improving HIV services and CSO	
			sustainability.	



			<ul> <li>Non-Digital Innovations:         Biomedical, social, and behavioral interventions to enhance HIV care and integration with other health services.</li> <li>Eligible Applicants:         <ul> <li>Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)</li> <li>Academic and research organizations</li> <li>Commercial entities (if justified and without profit in the project budget)</li> <li>Consortia of multiple organizations with a designated lead applicant</li> <li>Ineligible Entities: Individuals and government entities</li> </ul> </li> <li>Funding Details:         <ul> <li>Award Range: Up to \$300,000 per project</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
13	Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)	Link is here	Thematic Focus:  - Develop targeted support measures to include migrant women in the labour market, and society more broadly, that reflect their specific needs due to, inter alia, educational background, migration and family status.	16 September 2025 17:00h Brussels time





- Promote whole-of-family approaches to civic integration and labor market inclusion programmes with measures considering the perspective of the entire family, not just the individual beneficiary, recognizing that families vary in structure.
- Empower groups of migrant women with particular vulnerabilities or distance to the labor market to become selfreliant (e.g. women having experienced trauma or with a low level of education);
- Strengthen cooperation among relevant actors at the local, regional and national levels;
- Develop good practices on the integration of migrant women, with a view to upscaling and embedding them in more long-term funding structures.

#### Eligible applicants:

- Public or private bodies;
- EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)), excluding Denmark;
- Non-EU countries;





			<ul> <li>Countries associated to the AMIF (associated countries) or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature</li> <li>Funding Details:         <ul> <li>Topic 1 - Support measures for migrant women's integration - EUR 9 000 000</li> <li>Topic 2 - Access to healthcare - EUR 9 000 000</li> <li>Topic 3 - Improving digital skills among migrants - EUR 5 000 000</li> <li>Topic 4 - Complementary pathways linked to education - EUR 5 000 000</li> <li>Measures to support Member States in the field of protection of children in migration - EUR 6 000 000</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
14	UNICEF Global Learning Innovation Hub	https://www.unicef.org/digitaleducation/stories/seeking-next-blue-unicorn-edtech-tools-bridge-global-learning-gaps	Thematic Focus:  - The initiative seeks innovative EdTech solutions aimed at addressing the global learning crisis, with a focus on improving learning outcomes for children, particularly in low-resource settings.	Ongoing





			- 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.	
			<ul> <li>Eligible applicants: <ul> <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> </li> <li>Funding Details: <ul> <li>Up to \$150,000 in funding is available for selected EdTech tools.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
15	Smurfit Westrock Foundation:	https://www.smurfitwestrockfoundation.com/ Guidelines	Thematic Focus:  - The Smurfit Kappa Foundation's vision for the Foundation is to positively impact the lives of underprivileged people in the	Ongoing





Grants programme	communities where Smurfit Kappa Group operates.  - Financially supports sustainable projects that positively impact the lives of underprivileged people through health and nutrition, education and basic care.  Eligible Applicants:	
	Registered nonprofit organization or charity.  - Must be for the benefit of underprivileged people.  - Must be in the areas of health and nutrition, education or basic care.  - Must be a sustainable project i.e. the project should have a clear plan for continued financial income generation, ensuring long-term viability, and creating lasting positive impact.  - Must be for a public benefit - the project must serve a public benefit rather than a private or commercial interest.  - Must be supportive of a least one of the below United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals set as a priority: 1, 2, 3,4, 5 or 10.	
	Funding Details:	





			- Minimum grant amount of €10,000	
16	The Lifeline Embattled CSO Assistance Fund	https://www.csolifeline.org/emergency-assistance	Thematic Focus:  - Lifeline grants can address security, medical expenses, legal representation, prison visits, trial monitoring, temporary relocation, equipment replacement, and other urgently needed expenses.  Eligible applicants:  - NGOs, journalist associations, network organizations, community-based organizations, student groups, labor unions, think tanks, and other associations.  Funding Details:  - Average awards are around USD	Ongoing
			9,000	
17	Urgent Action: Fund for Women's Human Rights	https://urgentactionfund.org/our-grants/	Thematic Focus:  - Urgent Action Fund for Feminist Activism partners with frontline feminist movements to support women, trans, and non-binary activists striving to create a more just and equitable world.	Ongoing





### Eligible Applicants:

- Primarily Women/Trans/Nonbinary Led: Women, trans, or non-binary people must be the primary decision makers
- Focus on women, trans, and nonbinary rights: Actions proposed must benefit women, trans, and non-binary people
- **Urgent and Unanticipated:** The specific situation must be unanticipated and time urgent. Actions must be implemented within 3 months of approval of the grant
- Networked: The group must have support from local or international feminist activists or networks

### Funding Details:

- Security Grants:
  - Grant amount: up to \$8,000
  - o Grant period: 3 months
- Opportunity Grants:
  - o Grant amount: up to \$8,000
  - o Grant period: 6 months