



Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition

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Dear Members,

Welcome to the seventh Digital Skills and Jobs Coalitions funding brief.

This Funding Brief for National Coalitions is divided in the following three sections:

1. **New Open Calls**
2. **On-going Calls Reminder** (list of calls described in previous funding briefs)
3. **Forthcoming Calls**

It contains a short description of open and upcoming EU funding opportunities, which may be of interest for the activities of National Coalitions or their stakeholders.

Don't forget that DSJC team is here to support your project in finding partners, proposal writing and project activities implementation. Let us know if you have a project idea and need help for applying!

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EU FUNDING – NEW OPEN CALLS

Programme:



Call for Proposals: EAC/20/2017

[Altiero Spinelli Prize for Outreach: Spreading Knowledge about Europe](#)

Deadline: 16/08/2017 for registering intention to apply; 02/10/2017 for applications

Objectives/Priorities: There has never been a more urgent time for the EU institutions to reinforce positive messages about the EU's contributions, still without losing sight of failures, contradictions or dilemmas experienced in the European integration process. More than ever before, we need to inform the public objectively about the EU, but also to inspire the citizens and help them develop positive and constructively critical European identities and a sense of belonging to Europe. The 30th anniversary, in 2016, of the death of Altiero Spinelli (one of the founding fathers of the European Union) and the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome are an opportunity for action. The Commission plans to award a number of "Altiero Spinelli Prize for Outreach: Spreading Knowledge about Europe" following an EU-wide contest. The Prize will reward outstanding contributions that communicate the EU - its founding values, history, action and key benefits - to wider society, enhance citizens' understanding of the EU, broaden the ownership of the European project and build trust in the EU.

Budget: There will be:

- six first prizes of 50.000 EUR
- six second prizes of 30.000 EUR
- ten third prizes of 17.000 EUR

Eligible Applicants and Partners: The prize is open to individuals or groups of individuals (natural persons). The individual applicant (or the group leader, in case of groups of individuals applying) must have at least a Master's Degree and must, at the time of the application, be affiliated with a legal entity such as, for example, an academic institution, organisation, civil society organisation, company or other type of legal entity established and based in an EU Member State. Eligible participants include scientists, artists, scholars/researchers, writers, journalists and all kinds of other actors who can contribute to articulating what Europe stands for today and tomorrow and why European citizens should "fall in love with Europe" despite its imperfections.

More Information:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/altiero-spinelli-prize-contest-2017_en

Programme:



Call for Proposals: PAOKT-2017-AG (PPPA-AG Pilot Project & Preparation Action Grant)

[Open Knowledge Technologies: Mapping and Validating Knowledge](#)

Deadline: 05/09/2017

Objectives/Priorities: Develop and demonstrate a Europe-wide learning and assessment technology. The proposed solution should integrate and improve the development of non-cognitive skills by testing and piloting them for effectiveness in various learning and training contexts. The preparatory action will consist of the development and deployment of a technological platform integrating online services, which will incorporate the following modules and services:

1. Competence mapping of non-cognitive skills;
2. Tailored learning roadmaps for enhancing the learners' non-cognitive skills via educational services and/or solutions (including specific open educational resources);
3. Mechanisms for measurement/assessment/credentialisation (e.g. by certificate and/or badge) and recognition of the new learning and skills.

The action is expected to develop a European-wide learning technology system to support, enhance and facilitate the learning of non-cognitive skills of European citizens at risk of exclusion, in particular unemployed youth. Types of activities eligible under this call for proposals:

- Prototyping, deployment and testing/validation actions;
- Conferences, seminars;
- Awareness and dissemination actions;
- Actions aiming at the creation and improving of networks, exchanges of good practices;
- Studies, analyses, mapping projects;
- Research activities.

Duration: The maximum duration of projects is expected to be 24 months.

Budget: The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects is estimated at EUR 1.000.000. The Commission expects to fund 1 proposal.

Eligible Applicants and Partners: Only applications from legal entities established in the EU Member States are eligible. Applications may be submitted: by a single legal entity; by a consortium made up of several legal entities; or by one applicant, whether established specifically or not for the action, which is formed of several legal entities.

More Information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/pppa/topics/paokt-2017-ag.html>

Programme:



European Economic and Social Committee

Call for Proposals: 2017 EESC Civil Society Prize

[Innovative projects to promote quality employment and entrepreneurship for the future of work](#)

Deadline: 08/09/2017 at 23:39 (CET)

Objectives/Priorities: for the European Economic and Social Committee (the "EESC"), the aim of the prize, which is awarded annually, is to reward and encourage initiatives of civil society organisations and/or individuals that have made a significant contribution to promoting European identity and integration. The overall objective of the prize is to raise awareness of the contribution that civil society organisations and/or individuals can make to the creation of a European identity and citizenship in a way that underpins the common values that shore up European integration. The theme of the 2017 EESC Civil Society Prize is the followings: "Innovative projects to promote quality employment and entrepreneurship for the future of work". The prize will reward innovative initiatives carried out by civil society organisations and/or individuals and which aim at the labour market integration of newcomers and all the people who are distant from the labour market and require specific support.

Budget: the prize has a total value of EUR 50.000

Eligible Applicants and Partners: all civil society organisations (the "CSOs") officially registered within the European Union and acting at local, national, regional or European level. It is also open to individuals. This definition includes the so-called labour-market players, i.e. the social partners; organisations representing social and economic players, which are not social partners in the strict sense of the term; non-governmental organisations which bring people together in a common cause, such as environmental organisations, human rights organisations, consumer associations, charitable organisations, educational and training organisations, etc.; community-based organisations i.e. organisations set up within society at grassroots level which pursue member-oriented objectives, e.g. youth organisations, family associations and all organisations through which citizens participate in local and municipal life; religious communities. Individuals are natural persons. EU citizens are eligible, regardless of their country of residence. Third-country nationals are also eligible, provided they are legally resident in the territory of the EU.

More Information:

<http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.events-and-activities-civil-society-prize-2017>

Programme:



Call for Proposals: PPVPIS-2017-AG (PPPA-AG Pilot Project & Preparation Grant)

[Pilot Project - European platform on vulnerable people in the Information Society: Mapping best practices and socio-economic impact for the empowerment](#)

Deadline: 24/09/2017 17:00 (CET)

Objectives/Priorities: The overall objective of this pilot project is to develop and disseminate widely an interactive catalogue of best practices and online map of Europe that summarises the existing best practices that take place at local, regional or national level to better integrate vulnerable/disadvantaged groups in the digital society across the 28 EU Member States and also to identify areas where no initiatives exist to tackle digital exclusion and where vulnerable people are therefore more at risk of exclusion. The identified best practices and the interactive online map will include information on existing tools, practices, capacities, technics, infrastructure, and standards to tackle digital exclusion of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups. In the context of this project, the following people are considered vulnerable: people with disabilities; elderly people; marginalised young people and children (based on socio-economic status); unemployed or those facing social problems; migrants.

Budget: The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects is estimated at EUR 750.000. The Commission expects to fund 1 proposal.

Eligible Applicants and Partners: Applications may be submitted:

- by a single legal entity;
- by a consortium made up of several legal entities; or
- by one applicant, whether established specifically or not for the action, which is formed of several legal entities complying with the eligibility, non-exclusion and selection criteria set out in this call for proposals, and implementing together the proposed action, provided the application identifies the said entities.

Eligible Countries: Only applications from legal entities established in the EU Member States are eligible.

More Information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/pppa/topics/ppvpis-2017-ag.html>

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Programme:



Call for Proposals: **Connect/2017/3346110**

Modules for Master Degrees in Art and Science

Deadline: 10/10/2017 (23:59 CET)

Objectives/Priorities: design innovative interdisciplinary modules for Master degrees, combining arts and ICT with entrepreneurial skills and business exposure. This action, provided by Creative Europe, aims to promote an interdisciplinary approach in masters and university courses by fostering cross-sectorial curricula combining technology with Arts. The modules should be designed with a view to:

- Equipping students in arts and creativity, business and technology with the knowledge and core transferable competences they need to work across cultural and creative sectors and disciplines;
- Improving the quality and relevance of teaching and learning in arts and culture disciplines by linking creativity, business and technology;
- Developing an entrepreneurial culture among the students and the teaching staff;
- Stimulating innovative learning environments within and across disciplines through the integration of creative, digital and entrepreneurial education.

Budget: The total budget of this call is EUR 1.5 million. The maximum rate of co-financing is 80% of eligible costs. Applicants may propose a lower co-funding rate. The EC may fund up to four proposals with a maximum budget of EUR 500.000 per proposal.

Eligible Applicants and Partners: The Applicant/coordinator must be a higher education institution (HEI), established in an eligible country, which designs and runs master programmes. Partners may include:

- a higher education institution; a research institute;
- a cultural or audiovisual operator;
- culture and creative industries, being a public or private, a small, medium or large enterprise;
- a public body at local, regional or national level;
- an intermediary or association which represents enterprises;
- an accreditation, certification or qualification body.

Eligible Countries: The 28 Member States of the European Union and the EFTA/EEA countries: Iceland and Norway.

Minimum partnership composition: a consortium of at least one higher education institution (lead applicant) and two partner organisations from three different eligible countries and consist of a lead applicant and partners. One partner must be a cultural or audio-visual operator active in the cultural and creative sectors. The remaining applicant(s) may come from other relevant sectors and be legally established in any of the eligible countries.

More Information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/call-proposals-modules-master-degrees-arts-and-science>

Programme



Call for Proposals: REC-RRAC-RACI-AG-2017

Prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance

Objectives/Priorities: The call is aimed at supporting projects contributing to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance. Proposals under this call may explore the use of all available tools and forms of cooperation between national authorities, non-governmental organisations, communities and international organisations and bodies, and are encouraged to be developed on the basis of a holistic approach. While proposals do not need to be transnational, the added value of projects involving organisations from more than one participating country is of particular interest. The call to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance will support:

- Projects focusing on preventing and combating Antisemitism
- Projects focusing on preventing and combating anti-Muslim hatred and intolerance
- Projects focusing on preventing and combating xenophobia and anti-migrant hatred
- Projects focusing on preventing and combating other forms of intolerance, such as homophobia and transphobia (also as a contribution to the implementation of the Commission's List of Actions to advance LGBTI equality, anti-gypsyism, Afrophobia, hate crimes against persons with disabilities)

Budget: Total budget under this call EUR 4.000.000; The EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75.000. Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80%.

Eligible Applicants and Partners: the project can be either national or transnational; the application must involve at least two organisations. Applicants and co-applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations.

Eligible Countries: Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU), including their overseas departments, and Iceland

More Information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rrac-raci-ag-2017.html>

Programme



Call for Proposals: REC-RDIS-DISC-AG-2017

[Support national or transnational projects on non-discrimination and Roma integration](#)

Deadline: 09/11/2017 -17:00 (CET)

Deadline: 09/11/2017 - 17:00 (CET, Brussels time)

Objectives/Priorities: This call will aim to co-fund projects tackling at least one of the following grounds of discrimination of Art. 19 TFEU: racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. They should aim at:

- Fighting against discrimination based on sexual orientation in society and promoting the rights of LGBTI people;
- Promoting diversity management in the public and private sector: identification of existing practices, measurement of diversity management benefits, and awareness-raising. The proposed activities may be linked to the launch and implementation of Diversity Charters.
- Fighting against discrimination of Roma through: activities aiming to raise awareness and combat harmful stereotypes of Roma and thereby supporting their integration into mainstream society; identify and exchange good practices in fighting discrimination against Roma and antigypsyism, in particular in education and housing and promoting the empowerment of Roma (youth and women);
- Raising awareness about intergenerational solidarity and non-discrimination based on age (in particular of young people).

Priority will be given to fund at least one project in each of the above-mentioned four priority areas, subject to eligibility and reaching sufficient quality threshold under award criteria.

Budget: Total budget under this call EUR 3.500.000. The EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75.000 or higher than EUR 500.000. Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80%.

Eligible Applicants and Partners: the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries. Applicants and co-applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations.

Eligible Countries: Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU), including their overseas departments, and Iceland

More Information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rdis-disc-ag-2017.html>

Programme:



Call for Proposals: ENI CBC Med SEA BASIN 2014-2020

Call for proposals for standard projects

Deadline: 09/11/2017

Objectives/Priorities: The "ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020" is a multilateral cross-border cooperation programme co-financed by the European Union under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI). The Programme provides the framework for the implementation of cross-border cooperation activities in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy, complementing efforts exerted within the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, with the final aim of developing an area of peace, stability, prosperity and good neighbourliness involving EU Mediterranean Countries (EUMC) and Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs). The Programme has 4 Thematic Objectives as shown below:

- A.1 Business and SMEs development
- A.2 Support to education, research, technological development and innovation
- A.3 Promotion of social inclusion and the fight against poverty
- B.4 Environmental protection, climate change adaptation and mitigation

Each Thematic Objective includes one or more priorities (total of 11 priorities for the 4 TO). The application shall refer to only one Thematic Objective and clearly indicate the Priority selected. The **duration** of projects is between 24 and 36 months.

Budget: The total Budget available for this call is EUR 84.668.413,86. The EC contribution covers up to 90% of the total eligible costs of the project. The project total contribution from the Programme must be within a minimum of EUR 1.000.000 and a maximum of EUR 3.000.000. The total cost of the project and related budget cannot exceed EUR 3.500.000 including co-financing.

Eligible Applicants and Partners: partnerships shall include a minimum of three countries and shall include at least one EU Mediterranean Country (EUMC) and one Mediterranean Partner Country (MPC).

Eligible Countries: Applicants and partners must be established in the eligible **territories** of the countries participating in the Programme and they shall meet the eligibility criteria indicated in the Guidelines for Applicants. These countries are: Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Palestine, Portugal, Spain and Tunisia.

More Information:

<http://www.enpicbmed.eu/enicbmed-2014-2020/submit-a-project-proposal>

**Programme:****Award:** [The Silver Economy Awards](http://www.silvereconomyawards.eu/)**Deadline:** 15/11/2017

Objectives/Priorities: The Silver Economy Awards is a new initiative to reward ICT-based innovative solutions that improve the lives of European seniors and support the growth of the European Silver Economy. The Awards promote and reward innovative and creative ideas that have proven benefits for people aged 50 and above. The first edition of the Awards Scheme is organised by the SEED Project (www.silvereconomyawards.eu), a project funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 programme. The Awards Secretariat is operated by AGE Platform Europe (<http://www.age-platform.eu/>). All applicants will benefit from online publication on the Silver Economy website after the winners are selected. Winners and finalists are invited to showcase their product or service at the Awards Ceremony in spring 2018, where they will be celebrated for their achievements. Winning teams will also receive an Award bearer logo and exclusive photographs from the event. This will be a unique opportunity to network & exchange with other innovators and Silver Economy leaders. The winning solutions will be further promoted by the European Commission and SEED partners in the media, on websites, in newsletters and through other promotional material.

The Innovative solutions are welcomed from the broad spectrum of areas that make up the European Silver Economy:

- Housing, Outdoor spaces and Buildings
- Mobility, Tourism and Leisure
- Health & long-term care
- Wellbeing, prevention & self-care
- Civic & Social participation, Communication and Information
- Employment, education & training
- Consumer Goods and Services

Eligible Applicants and Partners: The Silver Economy Awards consists of three award categories:

- Public Authority
- Non-for-profit organisation
- For-profit organization

More Information:

<http://silvereconomyawards.eu/>

ON-GOING CALLS REMINDER

Programme



Call for Proposals: EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment Call 2017-01
[ACTIVE YOUTH Call for proposals – Concept Note Phase](#)
Deadline for submitting concept notes: 01/08/2017 (12:00 noon CET)

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Programme



Call for Proposals: SwafS-05-2017
[New constellations of Changing Institutions and Actors](#)
Deadline: 30/08/2017 - 17:00h (CET, Brussels time)

Call for Proposals: SwafS-10-2017
[Putting Open Science into action](#)
Deadline: 30/08/2017 - 17:00h (CET, Brussels time)

Call for Proposals: SwafS-11-2017
[Science education outside the classroom](#)
Deadline: 30/08/2017 - 17:00h (CET, Brussels time)

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Programme



Erasmus+

Call for Proposals: [General Call EAC/A03/2016 - Key Action 2](#)

[Strategic Partnership in the field of Youth](#)

Deadline: [04/10/2017 - 12:00h \(noon\) \(CET, Brussels time\)](#)

Full description in Funding Alert #6

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FORTHCOMING CALLS

Programme:



Call for Proposals: Interreg Central Europe Third Call for Proposals will be launched on 21 September 2017

Deadline: 25/01/2018

Objectives/Priorities: We are looking for ideas that address shared challenges in various cities and regions in Central Europe. In the upcoming call we seek transnational project ideas that help to improve capacities for urban and regional development in all our four priority areas:

1. Innovation and knowledge development
2. Low carbon economy
3. Natural and cultural resources
4. Transport

AD Members could be particularly interested in Specific Objective 1.1 (under priority area 1): “Improve skills and entrepreneurial competences for advancing economic and social innovation in central European regions”.

Duration: The typical project duration is around 36 months.

Budget: Around 60 million EUR will be available. The co-financing rates reach up to 85% depending on the geographical location of an institution.

Eligible Applicants and Partners: Transnational partnerships can be formed by both public and private organisations. The minimum requirement for a project partnership is the participation of 3 financing partners from at least 3 countries.

Eligible Countries: Nine EU Member States cooperate in the programme, including all regions from Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as eight Länder from Germany (Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, Berlin, Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Sachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt, and Thüringen) and nine regions from Italy (Emilia-Romagna, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Liguria, Lombardia, Piemonte, Provincia Autonoma Bolzano, Provincia Autonoma Trento, Valle d’Aosta, and Veneto).

More Information:

<http://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/apply/home.html>

For an overview of already existing new project ideas that are currently searching for partners, join the free [Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Community](#).



Programme: EC Rights, Equality and Citizenship



Call for Proposals: REC-RDIS-DISC-AG-2017 opening on the 20th of June 2017

[Support national or transnational projects on non-discrimination and Roma integration](#)

Deadline: 09/11/2017 - 17:00 (CET, Brussels time)

Objectives/Priorities: This call will aim to co-fund projects tackling at least one of the following grounds of discrimination of Art. 19 TFEU: racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. They should aim at:

- Fighting against discrimination based on sexual orientation in society and promoting the rights of LGBTI people.
- Promoting diversity management in the public and private sector: identification of existing practices, measurement of diversity management benefits, and awareness-raising. The proposed activities may be linked to the launch and implementation of Diversity Charters.
- Fighting against discrimination of Roma through: activities aiming to raise awareness and combat harmful stereotypes of Roma and thereby supporting their integration into mainstream society; identify and exchange good practices in fighting discrimination against Roma and antigypsyism, in education and housing and promoting the empowerment of Roma (youth and women) as well as their active involvement in the process of Roma integration.
- Raising awareness about intergenerational solidarity and non-discrimination based on age (of young people).

Priority will be given to fund at least one project in each of the above-mentioned four priority areas, subject to eligibility and reaching sufficient quality threshold under award criteria.

Budget: Total budget under this call EUR 3.500.000. The EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75.000 or higher than EUR 500.000. Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80%.

Eligible Applicants and Partners: the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries.

Applicants and co-applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations.

Eligible Countries: Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU), including their overseas departments, and Iceland

More Information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rdis-disc-ag-2017.html>

**Programme:****Call for Proposals:** [SwafS-05-2017 New constellations of Changing Institutions and Actors](#)

(CSA Coordination and support action– single stage), opening on the 4th of May 2017

Deadline: 30/08/2017 - 17:00h (CET, Brussels time)

Challenge & scope: Member States are reconsidering their science, technology and innovation policy. New actors such as regions, cities, social entrepreneurs and NGOs of various kinds are becoming important, and new forms of governance are emerging, partly bottom-up. Clearly, it is important to support such changes within and between actors and stakeholders when they help articulate good practices.

The present topic focuses on the importance of new constellations of actors, already visible in public-private partnerships and open science and open innovation, but now becoming broader and more heterogeneous.

The proposals would require specific attention to RRI issues, but not necessarily be limited to it. Given the variety of interests and possible tensions, a somewhat independent actor might lead the project, as some of these independent actors have already shown an interest and are engaged in RRI. One generally acknowledged way of managing conflict and nurturing trust is via “boundary organisations” that act as brokers or mediators between science and society with credibility in the eyes of both.

Expected Impact: the proposed action is expected to enable diversification of constellations of actors and stakeholders in Research and Innovation processes, a spread of good practices among them, and a transformation in their governance framework.

Budget: proposals requesting a contribution from the EU of between EUR 3 million and 3.55 million would allow this specific challenge to be addressed appropriately. Total budget: EUR 7.100.000

Eligible Applicants and Partners: at least one legal entity established in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country.

Eligible Countries: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2016-2017/annexes/h2020-wp1617-annex-a-countries-rules_en.pdf

More information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/swafs-05-2017.html>