



Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition

Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition Funding Brief for National Coalitions

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Dear Members,

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

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

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

It contains a short description of open 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: EC - Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion (EaSI) – PROGRESS Axis



Call for Proposals: VP/2018/008 - [Support for the deployment of skills assessments in the implementation of “Upskilling Pathways”](#)

Deadline: 06/07/2018

Objectives/Priorities: The overall objective of this Call is to support EU Member States and other EaSI countries in their implementation of the Council Recommendation “Upskilling Pathways: New Opportunities for Adults”. The specific objective of this call is to support the deployment by national and/or regional authorities, as an integral element in their implementation of the Recommendation on Upskilling Pathways, of the provision of individual skills assessments (including literacy, numeracy and digital skills) for low skilled / low qualified adults.

Budget: The total budget earmarked for the EU co-financing of projects under this call is estimated at EUR 1.500.000. The EU grant requested should indicatively be between EUR 250.000 and EUR 500.000. The EC expects to fund between three and six proposals. Only one grant will be awarded per focus country (i.e. country where the core of the activities take place). The EU grant may not exceed 80 % of the total eligible costs of the action.

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible, the mono-applicant or lead applicant in case of consortium must be a **public entity in charge of national or regional policies** and actions for upskilling/re-skilling adults. Any co-applicants must be public or private entities (profit or non-profit making) involved in the organisation and/or financing and/or provision of services to adults such as skills assessment, validation of competences, education and training, orientation and guidance. In the case of an action to be implemented by a transnational consortium, the application must make clear which country will be the focus country of the project.

Eligible countries: Legal entities properly established and registered in the following countries are eligible as applicant (or as lead applicant and co-applicant in the case of a consortium): EU Member States; Iceland and Norway, Albania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.

More Information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=629&langId=en&callId=537&furtherCalls=yes>

A webinar to present the call in greater detail and respond to questions from potential applicants will be held in English on 29 May from 15h to 17h (Brussels time)

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Programme: EC - Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion (EaSI)



Call for Proposals: VP/2018/010 - [European Social Fund Pilot Joint Action Plan](#)

Deadline: 19/07/2018

Objectives/Priorities: The Commission promotes the use of innovative financing tools like Joint Action Plans (JAPs) in order to shift the focus towards outputs and results. The pilot JAP will contribute to achieving the goals and objectives of the European Social Fund (ESF).

This call is intended to provide a financial support to finance JAPs, i.e. a set of complementary actions which are carried out by at least two organisations under the responsibility of the beneficiary with the aim to address a challenge identified in the following pilot JAP areas:

- To support the achievement of a Member State's Country Specific Recommendations relevant to the investment priorities listed under Article 3(1)(a) to (c) of Regulation (EU) 1304/2013;
- And/or to support the Commission's policy initiatives relating to Long Term Unemployment, Youth Unemployment, Integration of Migrants and the Skills Agenda.

Budget: The total budget earmarked for the EU co-financing of projects under this call is estimated at 2,3 million EUR. The Commission expects to fund 1 to 3 proposals. The EU grant may not exceed 90 % of the total eligible costs of the action.

Eligible Applicants: Each eligible organisation can participate in not more than *two* project proposals under the present call. To be eligible, the lead or sole applicant must be a **public body (national, regional, local) including public university or educational institution** (no international public entity). Co-applicants must be: public bodies (national, regional, local), including public universities and educational institutions (no international public entity); non-profit organisations; private universities or educational institutions; public or private research centres or institutes; social enterprises or social partner organisation at European, national or regional level.

Eligible countries: Legal entities properly established and registered in the EU Member States.

More Information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=629&langId=en&callId=535&furtherCalls=yes>

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Programme:



Call for Proposals: EAC\S11\2018 - [Pilot project for Cultural and Creative Industries](#)

Finance, Learning, Innovation and Patenting for Cultural and Creative Industries (FLIP for CCIs)

Deadline: 10/08/2018

Objectives/Priorities: The general objective of this pilot project is to define and test policies and actions for sustaining and developing cultural and creative industries and to generating cross-sectoral benefits and spill-overs in the different areas and sectors CCIs interface with. The pilot project should cover the following aspects concerning CCIs: **Finance, Learning, Innovation and Patenting** (FLIP). The duration of the project shall be 28 months.

The purpose of this call is to select an organisation that will co-ordinate and organise different activities with cultural and creative professionals and entrepreneurs, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises, as well as other stakeholders.

Proposals should contain information as to the planned beneficiaries of the action, which must be cultural and creative professionals and entrepreneurs as well as other stakeholders active in the cultural and creative sectors.

Specific objectives:

- Specific objective n°1 in field of Finance: Elaboration of guidelines, follow- up of EU CCI actions.
- Specific objective n°2 in field of Learning: Support skills classification system, development of guidelines for CCI skills development, activities and dissemination.
- Specific objective n°3 in field of Innovation: Guidelines for CCIs development, good practice cases and showcase events on innovative models, peer-to-peer hubs exchange.
- Specific objective n°4 in field of Patenting: Analysis, case studies and recommendations.

Budget: The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of this project is estimated at 1.000.000 EUR. The call budget will be allocated to one single project. The financial contribution from the Commission cannot exceed 80% of the total eligible costs.

Eligible Applicants: Applicants must be: (1) a public or private organisation with legal personality (natural persons are not eligible to apply for a grant under this call); (2) a single entity involved in strategic support - related to the core aspects of the project - to CCIs, particularly SMEs and micro-enterprises, active in the cultural and creative sectors, or a consortium of which most of its members should be active in the cultural and creative sectors; and (3) have their registered legal office in one of the beneficiary European countries under the Creative Europe programme.

More Information:

https://ec.europa.eu/culture/calls/pilot-project-cultural-and-creative-industries_en

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Programme:



Call for Proposals: EEA Grants - [Collaborative Research Project](#)

Deadline: 01/10/2018

Objectives/Priorities: To provide funding through collaborative research projects that aim to enhance research-based knowledge development in **Romania**. The objectives of the Call are:

- To support research cooperation between Romania and the Donor States (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) through establishing of long-term strategic partnerships between research institutions from Romania and Donor States;
- To increase the application of research results;
- To increase the research capacity, including through increasing the number of young researchers, encouraging their training in environment of high scientific quality and supporting the careers of female researchers;
- To enhance the performance of Romanian research internationally;
- To support an active participation of Romania in the European Research Area, including increasing the potential of Romanian researchers for further applications to EU framework programmes calls and other international funding sources.

There are 6 thematic areas: Energy; Environment; Health; Social sciences and humanities, including gender studies and social inclusion studies; ICT; and Biotechnology.

Applications under the ICT thematic area shall fall within one or more of the following key topics:

- Cyber security, personal data protection, protection of critical infrastructures and services; Technologies, instruments and methods for software development – artificial intelligence (AI) & cloud computing;
- Advanced robotics, mechatronics and additive manufacturing technologies (3D printing, bio-printing);
- Technologies and applications of Big Data and/or Internet of things (IoT) for public administration, education, agriculture, health, banking etc.

Budget: The amount of EUR 16.312.500 is made available under this call. The minimum amount of grant assistance to be applied for is EUR 500.000 and the maximum amount is EUR 1.500.000.

Eligible Applicants and Partners: The organizations (as Project Promoters and/or Project Partners) financed under this program must be located in **Romania, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein**. Other eligible partners are Research Organizations from third countries but they cannot receive funding from the project grant.

More information:

<https://uefiscdi.ro/eea-grants-collaborative-research-projects>

<https://uefiscdi.ro/eea-mobility-grants>

Programme:



Call for Proposals: REC-RRAC-RACI-AG-2018 - [Call for proposals to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance](#)

Deadline: 04/10/2018

Objectives/Priorities: The call priorities are:

- improving responses to hate crime and hate speech, including but not limited to means of criminal law;
- supporting victims of hate crime and hate speech;
- preventing hatred by fostering tolerance and social cohesion.

Projects should address forms of intolerance, such as Antisemitism, anti-Muslim hatred, homophobia and transphobia, antigypsyism, xenophobia and anti-migrant hatred, Afrophobia, hate crimes against persons with disabilities. The call will fund projects focused on one or more among the following activities:

- development of tools and practices to improve responses to hate crime and hate speech, a view to:
 - build capacity of public authorities, civil society and other relevant actors to respond to hate crime and hate speech and interact with victims;
 - ensure support and protection for victims of hate crime and hate speech, including through the development and strengthening of victim support services, initiatives aimed at addressing the issue of underreporting and initiatives aimed at building trust between communities and public authorities;
 - achieve strengthened cooperation between key actors, including through the development and implementation of cooperation protocols and practices or the setting up of coordination bodies involving different national and/or local authorities, civil society organisations, targeted communities;
- creating better understanding between communities, including through interreligious and intercultural activities and projects focusing on coalition building;
- awareness raising campaigns and initiatives.

Budget: The indicative maximum amount earmarked for this call is EUR 4.000.000. The EU grant requested cannot be lower than EUR 75.000. The grant from the Commission cannot exceed 80% of the total eligible costs.

Eligible Applicants and Partners: The Member States of the EU, including their overseas departments, Iceland and Liechtenstein. The applicant and partners must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the programme, or international organisations. The project can be either national or transnational and the application must involve at least two organisations (applicant and partner).

More information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rrac-raci-ag-2018.html>

Programme:



Call for Proposals: REC-RRAC-ONLINE-AG-2018

Topic: [Call for proposals to monitor, prevent and counter hate speech online](#)

Deadline: 11/10/2018

Objectives/Priorities: the call will support the following priorities:

- Projects aimed at development, studies and analyses of the sociological landscape and trends on hate speech online;
- Projects on developing online alternative and counter-narratives and promoting the development of critical thinking by Internet users;
- Projects aimed at countering illegal hate speech online on social platforms/Internet companies and enhancing transparency on how manifestations of hate speech are addressed in the online world.

Proposals building on the activities relating to the implementation of the Code of Conduct on countering hate speech online are of particular interest. While projects may focus only on one of the priorities of the call, projects combining different priorities will be regarded as having an added value. Moreover, while projects can be national and only cover one Member State, projects covering several countries or which may, in the future, be transferable to other countries will be considered to have an added value.

Budget: The indicative maximum amount earmarked for this call is EUR 1.500.000. The EU grant requested cannot be lower than EUR 75.000. The grant from the Commission cannot exceed 80% of the total eligible costs.

Eligible Applicants and Partners: The Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU), including their overseas departments, Iceland and Liechtenstein. The applicant and partners must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the programme, or international organisations.

Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit organisations. The project can be either national or transnational and the application must involve at least two organisations (applicant and partner).

More information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rrac-online-ag-2018.html>

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Call for Proposals: [European Cooperation in Science and Technology \(COST\)](#)

Deadline: 29/11/2018 at 12:00 noon (CET).

Objectives/Priorities: COST is a pan-European intergovernmental framework dedicated to European-based Science and Technology networking activities aiming at allowing their participants to jointly develop their ideas and new initiatives across all scientific disciplines through trans-European coordination of nationally or otherwise funded research activities. COST Mission is notably to enable breakthrough scientific developments leading to new concepts, services and products and thereby contributing to strengthening European research and innovation capacities. These are the tools through which eligible activities can be funded by COST:

- Meetings (Action Management Committee meetings, Working Group meetings, Workshops, Conferences),
- Training Schools,
- Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs),
- Dissemination.

These tools can generate activities that, although not directly funded by COST, contribute to the proposed Action challenge. Please refer to the following link for further information: <http://www.cost.eu/participate/networking>

Budget: The average COST Action budget depends on the number of COST Member States participating in the Action. The funding is provided via a yearly grant agreement. COST is supported by the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020.

Eligible Applicants and Partners: COST Actions are open to researchers from universities, public and private research institutions, as well as to NGOs, industry and SMEs. Proposals shall be submitted by a network of proposers, represented by a Main Proposer affiliated to an institution located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member, or affiliated to a European RTD organisation. COST Action proposals must include a Network of Proposers from at least 7 different COST Full or Cooperating Members amongst which a minimum of 50% must be from COST [Inclusiveness Target Countries](#).


More information:

http://www.cost.eu/participate/open_call



On-Going Calls Reminder

Programme:


<p>Call for Proposals: MSCA-ITN-2018 Inducement prize: Online security - Seamless personal authentication Deadline: 27/09/2018</p>

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Forthcoming calls

Programme:



Call for Proposals: ICT-30-2019-2020

Topic: [An empowering, inclusive Next Generation Internet](#)

Innovation Action (IA) & Coordination and support action (CSA) single-stage

Deadline: 28/03/2019 - 17:00 (CET, Brussels time) – planned opening date 16/10/2018

Objectives/Priorities: The objective is to support actions on smarter, open, trusted and personalised learning solutions to optimise digital learning and to allow learners to engage and interact with content and with peers.

Innovation Action (IA): Digital Learning Incubator: The objective of this action is to advance personalised and inclusive digital learning through a fast-paced adoption cycle of technological and methodological solutions. The work will build on cross-links and advances in the various NGI technologies (such as machine-learning, AR/VR, AI) research fields and foster synergies between all the relevant market players, researchers and educational agents working on promising and innovative products. The action will be based on a "push and pull" strategy whereby the research actors push the best research projects to enter the innovation cycle and the market actors pull for the ideas with best market traction. The action shall select small scale projects through the use of financial support to third parties.

The Commission considers that up to 1 proposal requesting a contribution from the EU of around 7 million would allow this area to be addressed appropriately

Coordination and Support Action (CSA) in the area of Digital Learning: the action will:

- stimulate the collaboration between all EU-funded FP7 and H2020 projects on digital learning, analyse the outcomes and best practices carried out in these projects, support the dissemination of their results as well as ensure their integration within the Next Generation Initiative and link with other support measures.
- identify: a) emerging research challenges, notably those arising from digital certification of learning outcomes and blockchain technologies and their uptake for a more inclusive and personalised learning; b) address legal, organisational and technological challenges underpinning the uptake of the proposed solutions, notably in relation to their scalability; c) make policy recommendations in view of the priorities of the next programme for research, innovation and deployment.

The Commission considers that proposals requesting a contribution from the EU of around 1 million would allow this area to be addressed appropriately.

Eligible countries:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2018-2020/annexes/h2020-wp1820-annex-a-countries-rules_en.pdf



More information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/ict-30-2019-2020.html>

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Programme:



Call for Proposals: [DT-TRANSFORMATIONS-07-2019](#)

Topic: [The impact of technological transformations on children and youth](#)

Research and Innovation action (RIA) & Coordination and support action (CSA) single-stage

Deadline: 14/03/2019 - 17:00 (CET, Brussels time) – planned opening date 06/11/2018

Objectives/Priorities:

- **Research and Innovation action:** Proposals should assess the online behaviour of children and young people as well as their use of digital content and devices by socio-economic, gender and age group, with attention to motivations for using ICT at home, for leisure and in schools or training institutions. Robust methodologies for measuring and explaining long-term impacts in areas such as skills and competencies (i.e. digital and media literacy, innovation and creativity, learning and socio-emotional competencies and more specific labour market relevant skills), wellbeing and (mental) health or other relevant aspects of brain development should be developed and tested across EU level. Methodologies should focus on understanding why and how some children and adolescents benefit from ICT use while others seem to be impacted negatively. Evidence-based models identifying and analysing at-risk groups can be developed. Proposals should take into account diversity as appropriate and address the impact of ICT use on education inequalities. (Lack of) equity of access to ICT across social groups should also be considered. Children and young people should be active collaborators in the project. The Commission considers that proposals requesting a contribution from the EU in the order of EUR 3 million would allow this specific challenge to be addressed appropriately.
- **Coordination and Support action:** This coordination and support action should aim at the establishment of a Pan-European platform to co-ordinate research activities in the EU Member States and Associated Countries with the purpose of developing a knowledge base, and filling current gaps, into how children and young people behave and interact online as well as the risks they may encounter while online. Proposals should pay particular attention to the vulnerability of children and young people in the digital environment and propose solutions for building online resilience, while also taking cultural and gender-related issues into account. Through the proposed platform, researchers across different countries, disciplines and approaches should share existing knowledge, fill research gaps, build capacity and work towards a consensual framework for future work. Based on the evidence base, policy recommendations should be developed on how to best protect and ensure positive online experiences for children and young people. In addition, emerging issues such as the rise of hate speech and radicalisation should be addressed. The Commission considers that proposals requesting a contribution from the EU in the order of EUR 1.5 million would



allow this specific challenge to be addressed appropriately.

Eligible

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2018-2020/annexes/h2020-wp1820-annex-a-countries-rules_en.pdf

More information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/dt-transformations-07-2019.html>

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Programme:



Call for Proposals: H2020 SwafS-01-2018-2019

Topic: [Open schooling and collaboration on science education](#)

CSA Coordination and support action 2-stage application

Deadline: 02/04/2019 - 17:00 (CET, Brussels time) – planned opening date 11/12/2018

Objectives/Priorities: The proposed action targets the creation of new partnerships in local communities to foster improved **science education for all citizens**. This action aims to support a range of activities based on collaboration between formal, non-formal and informal science education providers, enterprises and civil society in order to integrate the concept of **open schooling**, including all educational levels, in science education. "Open schooling" where schools, in cooperation with other stakeholders, become an agent of community well-being shall be promoted; families should be encouraged to become real partners in school life and activities; professionals from enterprises and civil and wider society should actively be involved in bringing real-life projects to the classroom. Relevant policy makers should also be involved, to encourage policy buy-in and the mainstreaming of good practices and insights into policies, and hence sustainability and impact beyond the lifetime of funding. Partnerships that foster expertise, networking, sharing and applying science and technology research findings across different enterprises (e.g. start-ups, SMEs, larger corporations) should be promoted. Gender, socio-economic and geographical differences should be considered.

It is expected that in the short term the development of partnerships between schools, local communities, Civil Society Organisations, universities and industry should contribute to a more scientifically interested and literate society and students with a better awareness of and interest in scientific careers. In the medium term the activities should provide citizens and future researchers with the tools and skills to make informed decisions and choices and in the long-term this action should contribute towards the ERA objectives of increasing the numbers of scientists and researchers in Europe.

Budget: The Commission considers that proposals requesting a contribution from the EU of the order of EUR 1.50 million would allow this specific challenge to be addressed appropriately.



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/2018-2020/annexes/h2020-wp1820-annex-a-countries-rules_en.pdf

More information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/swafs-01-2018-2019.html>

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