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0. Introduction

This is a call for proposals for EU **action grants** in the field of culture under the **Creative Europe Programme**.

The regulatory framework for this EU Funding Programme is set out in:

- Regulation 2024/2509 ([EU Financial Regulation](#))¹
- the basic act (Creative Europe Regulation [2021/818](#))².

The call is launched in accordance with the 2026 Work Programme³ and will be managed by the **European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)** ('Agency').

 Please note that this call is subject to the final adoption of the budget 2006 by the EU budgetary authority. In case there are substantial changes, we may have to modify the call (or even cancel it).

The call covers the following **topic**:

- **CREA-CULT-2026-EU-HERITAGE-LABEL — Support to the implementation of the European Heritage Label**

Each project application under the call must address only one of these topics. Applicants cannot submit more than one proposal under this call.

We invite you to read the **call documentation** on the carefully, and in particular this Call document, the Model Grant Agreement, the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal Online Manual](#) and the [EU Grants AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#).

These documents provide clarifications and answers to questions you may have when preparing your application:

- the [Call document](#) outlines the:
 - background, objectives, scope, activities that can be funded and the expected results (sections 1 and 2)

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) ('EU Financial Regulation') (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024).

² Regulation (EU) 2021/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 establishing the Creative Europe Programme (2021 to 2027) (OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 34).

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2025) 6405 final of 24 September 2025 concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2026 and the financing decision for the implementation of the Creative Europe Programme.

- timetable and available budget (sections 3 and 4)
- admissibility and eligibility conditions (including mandatory documents; sections 5 and 6)
- criteria for financial and operational capacity and exclusion (section 7)
- evaluation and award procedure (section 8)
- award criteria (section 9)
- legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements (section 10)
- how to submit an application (section 11)
- the Online Manual outlines the:
 - procedures to register and submit proposals online via the EU Funding & Tenders Portal ('Portal')
 - recommendations for the preparation of the application
- the AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement contains:
 - detailed annotations on all the provisions in the Grant Agreement you will have to sign in order to obtain the grant (*including cost eligibility, payment schedule, accessory obligations, etc*).

You are also encouraged to visit the [Creative Europe Project Results](#) website to consult the list of projects funded previously.

1. Background

Creative Europe brings together actions supporting the European cultural and creative sectors.

The term '**cultural and creative sectors**' means all sectors whose activities are based on cultural values or artistic and other individual or collective creative expressions. The activities may include the development, the creation, the production, the dissemination and the preservation of goods and services, which embody cultural, artistic, or other creative expressions, as well as education or management, related to these activities. Those sectors include, inter alia, architecture, archives, libraries and museums, artistic crafts, audio-visual (including film, television, video games and multimedia), tangible and intangible cultural heritage, design (including fashion design), festivals, music, literature, performing arts, books and publishing, radio, and visual arts.

The **general objectives of the Programme** are:

- to safeguard, develop and promote European cultural and linguistic diversity and heritage.
- to increase the competitiveness and the economic potential of the cultural and creative sectors, in particular the audio-visual sector.

The objectives of the Programme take into account the dual nature of the cultural and creative sectors, recognising, on the one hand, the intrinsic and artistic value of culture and, on the other, the economic value of those sectors, including their broader contribution to growth and competitiveness, creativity and innovation. The objectives are pursued in a way that encourages inclusion, equality, diversity and participation,

including, where appropriate, specific incentives that encourage the active participation in the cultural and creative sectors of people with disabilities, people belonging to minorities and people belonging to socially marginalised groups, including both the creative process and audience development; and gender equality, in particular as a driver of economic growth, innovation and creativity.

EU values being at the core of the EU programmes, beneficiaries and activities implemented within actions of the Creative Europe Programme have to respect the EU values, as reflected in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, and the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, particularly Article 21: respect of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law, respect for human rights, non-discrimination based on sex, race, ethnic or social origins, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation.

CREATIVE EUROPE CONTRIBUTION TO OVERARCHING EU PRIORITIES

The cultural and creative sectors are facing several overarching challenges triggered inter alia by the current volatile context and geopolitical instability, including the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine.

The priorities of the European Commission provide a special role for culture in protecting democracy, boosting societal resilience, upholding values and safeguarding the rule of law.

The actions of the Programme will as well contribute to the implementation of high-level initiatives, such as the European Green Deal and the New European Bauhaus.

Digital transition

The way in which cultural content is created, produced, distributed, and disseminated is increasingly digital.

Digital technologies and the acceleration of generative artificial intelligence offer new opportunities but also poses challenges for the cultural and creative sectors. The deployment of AI models shall be carried out in full respect of EU law, including AI act and copyright legislation. The provisions included in the Artificial Intelligence Act will support the enforcement of the EU copyright rules for the training of general-purpose AI models and will increase transparency about the training content. Furthermore, AI generated content will have to be labelled as such.

Meanwhile, artists, cultural professionals, and creative organisations and companies must prepare to take advantage of the new opportunities emerging from AI. Creative Europe funding will be a catalyst for the sector to take up new technologies, while addressing the related challenges and risks.

The Programme, and the projects it finances, will be implemented in line with the values enshrined in the declaration European Digital rights and principles declaration, which promotes a sustainable, human-centric vision for the digital transition.

Strengthening the green transition - Creative Europe contribution to the EU Greening efforts

In 2026, the Commission will continue to assess how environmental, sustainable and proportional measures can be effectively and efficiently introduced in Creative Europe actions and funded initiatives, addressing the objectives of the European Green Deal, while respecting the core values of the Programme.

This work will continue to be based on the results of the study "[Greening the Creative Europe Programme](#)" (2023), particularly the "Creative Europe Programme Greening Strategy" included there and the document on "[Quality Assessment of Green Aspects in Creative Europe Projects \(Culture strand\)](#)" (2024), but also on the recommendations of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) group of experts from both cultural and environmental-climate policies, expected in the second half of 2025.

The Commission (DG EAC) will also continue supporting the network of Green Contact Points in Creative Europe Culture Desks to share good practices and build the capacity of all stakeholders engaged in the implementation of the Culture strand of the Programme.

Inclusion and gender equality

Inclusion and gender equality remain at the heart of the Creative Europe Programme, meaning that funded projects must address those topics in the design and implementation phases. In the assessment of proposals across all actions, a special focus is placed on the strategies put forth by applicants to guarantee social inclusion and gender balance.

In this way, projects under the Creative Europe Programme will contribute to the [Commission equality and inclusion strategies](#) under the Union of Equality policy framework, contributing and reporting its actions on gender equality, anti-racism and fighting antisemitism, Roma strategic framework for equality, inclusion and participation, LGBTIQ equality and rights of persons with disabilities.

International relations

Following the illegal full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia, Creative Europe will continue supporting Ukrainian artists and cultural operators in showcasing their work and supporting the Ukrainian displaced population in accessing culture in these extremely challenging times.

Furthermore, the Programme, and the projects it finances, promote capacity-building within the European cultural and creative sectors, including grassroots organisations and micro-organisations, so that they are able to be active at the international level.

2. Objectives — Themes and priorities — Activities that can be funded — Expected impact

CREA-CULT-2026-EU-HERITAGE-LABEL — Support to the implementation of the European Heritage Label

Scene setter

The European Heritage Label (henceforth "EHL") is one of the most valuable EU initiatives to strengthen European citizens' sense of belonging to the EU. It is a symbolic action established by the European Union to recognise and celebrate Europe's shared cultural heritage.

Initiated as an intergovernmental initiative and geared up at European Union level in 2011 ([Decision No. 1194/2011/EU](#)), the EHL aims to strengthen the sense of belonging among European Union citizens by highlighting and promoting the heritage sites that have played a significant role in the history, culture, and integration of Europe. The EHL is an action focusing on cultural landmarks, that hold a particular significance to the identity of the European Union and intends to further promote their

European dimension and foster a greater appreciation for the shared values and history of Europe. In this context, the action plays an essential role in unifying citizens from diverse national backgrounds and enhancing their sense of connection to the European project.

Until 2025, a total of 67 sites and 275 locations across 22 EU Member States have been awarded the European Heritage Label, encompassing a diverse range of locations that embody the rich cultural tapestry of the continent. As the number of EHL sites continues to grow, it is essential to centralise the development and exchange of joint practices and activities among them, as well as to formalise and enhance the visibility of the Action both at the local and international levels. The creation of a network of EHL sites, coordinated by a centralised secretariat was a logical next step in the development of the action. This network began with the EHL@Network initiative (2019 - 2022) and evolved into [the EHL Bureau](#) (2023-2026) with activities revolving around upskilling, networking, visibility and financing.

The EHL Bureau has been instrumental in fostering collaboration among labelled sites, organising upskilling and learning opportunities through regional seminars and workshops and facilitating networking activities during events like the *EHL Awards Ceremonies* and *EHL Days*.

The EHL Bureau was equally essential in enhancing the overall visibility of the action, creating a cohesive identity for EHL sites and transforming them into an interconnected community of practices.

Finally, the EHL Bureau was instrumental in facilitating numerous collaborative initiatives, financing annual cross-borders projects closely aligned on the sites' needs and the promotion of shared European values.

Objectives

The **general objective of the call** is to continue to support the European Heritage Label network of sites, fostering training, exchanges, collaboration and opportunities among the EHL Stakeholders.

This call will support a single organisation or a consortium of organisations, with a special focus on cultural heritage and capacity building, which are active in the creative and cultural sectors or running capacity-building and promotional work. The selected project is meant to act as a secretariat for the EHL Network. It will be key to accompany the work of the EHL sites and stakeholders and in ensuring the sustainability of the European Heritage Label, as specified below.

The Network, through its secretariat, will support the range of EHL sites and stakeholders and their synergies with bodies active in the field of heritage, cultural and creative sectors together with educational sectors. A strong emphasis will be placed on directing resources towards community-wide actions and site-level projects, in order to generate tangible benefits for citizens while ensuring an efficient and impactful use of funds.

It will target the following stakeholders in the EHL initiative:

EHL Sites⁴

⁴ More information available via the following link: <https://culture.ec.europa.eu/cultural-heritage/initiatives-and-success-stories/european-heritage-label>

67 Heritage sites representing 275+ locations have been awarded the label until 2025. In 2026 this number is likely to evolve following the results of the 2025 selection. The selected sites encompass a great variety of cultural heritage as defined in the EHL Decision. Together the selected sites offer a complete geographical and temporal coverage of European territory and history.

Rooted in diverse management models, and having benefited from different funding sources, EHL sites would benefit from further integration and support for carrying out European cross-borders projects, impactful public relations and promotional activities and audience-development programmes with a European dimension. This development includes their transition towards integrated digital means and environmental sustainability and social inclusion.

EHL National Coordinators⁵

The success of the initiative relies on the integration of the EHL national coordinators and their teams into the EHL community of practices through:

- the promotion of the label at national level,
- the support and pre-selection of applications, and
- the regular support and monitoring of the EHL sites located in their territory.

In 2025 a total of 26 EHL national coordinators, representing EU Member States' national administrations, have undertaken these functions. Although their needs may differ, and each of them serves as a key expert in heritage safeguarding and promotion in their respective country, equipping them with additional skills to improve their activities at European level will benefit the growth and outreach of the EHL.

The entity implementing the action should facilitate a dialogue with the EHL National Coordinators, supporting regular information exchange and activities.

Themes and priorities (scope)

The action will aim at strengthening of the EHL members around a Community of practice⁶ for the years 2026-2029 which imply strengthening the presence of the EHL action, the impact of its activities and the development of a shared vision among its members:

1. Increase the presence and understanding of the EHL Action:

- Externally:

- Strengthen the visibility of the EHL Action across participating countries and among targeted audiences through targeted outreach, media engagement, and high-level communication campaigns.
- Organise events such as workshops, stakeholder assemblies, and bi-annual award ceremonies to reinforce the profile of EHL sites nationally

⁵ More information with a full list is available via the following link: <https://culture.ec.europa.eu/cultural-heritage/initiatives-and-success-stories/european-heritage-label/european-heritage-label-national-coordinators>

⁶ <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/9d18431e-1a88-11ec-b4fe-01aa75ed71a1>

and internationally.

- Pay particular attention to raising the visibility of rural and smaller sites, especially towards specialised press and cultural heritage professionals, ensuring broad and balanced recognition.

- **Internally:**

- Promote a coherent shared narrative and a unified visual identity across all EHL sites to highlight European values and ensure consistency in communication.
- Develop and provide common tools and platforms that facilitate internal communication, joint outreach, and collaborative initiatives, reinforcing the sense of belonging to a collective European action.
- Introduce a dedicated multilingualism support mechanism ("Translation Bank"), coordinated by the Secretariat, to help sites translate and share key materials in all EU languages, reducing duplication of costs and ensuring accessibility for all audiences

2. Capacity Building for EHL Stakeholders:

- **Learning & Upskilling**

- Enhance EHL stakeholders' skills in European project coordination through dedicated training programmes and tailored advice on EU funding opportunities.
- Support EHL sites in designing and implementing activities that reflect their European significance and specific contributions to European history and cultural heritage.
- Develop a targeted support scheme to guide candidate sites in addressing these requirements effectively.

- **Networking & Financing**

- Provide financial support to EHL sites for the implementation of their Action Plans, ensuring alignment with the EHL's cross-cutting priorities: promoting EU values and shared European history, engaging youth and fostering intergenerational dialogue, advancing sustainable tourism in close cooperation with local communities, and strengthening multilingualism. This should be implemented through financial support to third parties (cascading grants).
- Strengthen cooperation within the Network by enabling EHL sites to collaborate with one another in the development and submission of joint projects, fostering exchanges and collective initiatives at both regional and transnational levels. These collaborations should be designed to have a multiplier effect, ensuring broad visibility and optimal use of EU funds. This should be implemented through financial support to third parties (cascading grants).
- Support smaller sites and ensuring equity: there is an imbalance between larger and smaller sites, particularly in rural areas, which often

faced financial and administrative challenges. Capacity-building programmes and mentorship schemes to support smaller sites, helping them improve their operations and visibility is needed, alongside targeted efforts to ensure that all EU Member States, especially those with fewer resources, can participate fully or engage in international projects.

- The project budget should prioritise investment in site-level and regional actions, thereby maximising visibility and impact on the ground, while maintaining an appropriate balance with coordination and administrative needs

3. Foster collaboration among European heritage players:

- Build synergies with other European cultural heritage initiatives by aligning activities with major EU programmes such as the European Heritage Days, the European Heritage Awards, and the European Heritage Hub, ensuring complementarity and greater visibility.
- Contribute actively to Europe-wide cultural heritage events and actions by promoting intercultural dialogue and positioning EHL sites as ambassadors of European identity and values, ensuring that their activities reinforce shared European objectives. In this role, the EHL Network can act as a catalyst, complementing and amplifying other EU initiatives, while ensuring that resources invested contribute to greater visibility, accessibility (through multilingualism), and long-term sustainability.
- Where relevant, collaboration should also extend to other initiatives such as the European Capitals of Culture, the European Authors' Day, and the European Youth Week, among others, ensuring complementarity, visibility, and optimal use of EU resources.
- In synergy with the European Commission's DiscoverEU initiative, the project should explore the development of a cooperation scheme between the EHL Network and DiscoverEU beneficiaries. This could allow European Heritage Label sites to be featured within the DiscoverEU and European Youth Card (EYCA) networks, encouraging young travellers to discover EHL sites and deepening their sense of belonging to Europe through direct encounters with its shared heritage.
- Furthermore, the action will incentivise collaboration with entities actively developing or deploying artificial intelligence tools for cultural heritage. By leveraging trustworthy, conversational AI systems, EHL stakeholders will be encouraged to transform artworks, narratives, and products into engaging, interactive experiences that bring European heritage to life and expand access to diverse audiences.

Activities that can be funded (scope)

Activities should be formulated within a solid strategic framework and be structured in work packages. A work package means a major sub-division of the project. Each work package is accompanied by an objective (expected outcome) and should list the activities, milestones and deliverables that belong to it (See section 10 – Milestones and Deliverables).

These activities have to be specifically designed to tackle the themes and priorities of the call in an effective way. Each work package should establish a clear link between

the project activities of the work package and the relevant theme and priority, as specified in section 10 – Milestones and deliverables of the Call document.

Activities should consider the needs of the awarded sites and facilitate their participation throughout the entire project. To maximise impact, proposals should also create synergies and foster dialogue, cooperation or exchanges through for instance joint activities with other networks, particularly those funded under the Creative Europe programme.

Activities should give priority to: (a) site-level and regional projects with clear European visibility; (b) multilingualism and translation support schemes to ensure broad accessibility; and (c) collaborative cross-border initiatives that demonstrate high value for money.

Under this call, financial support to third parties is eligible. For more details on the eligibility of activities, see section 6 (Eligibility of activities) and section 10 (Milestones and Deliverables).

Applicants should devote most of the project budget to project activities benefiting the EHL sites. From this perspective, applicants must demonstrate in the proposal how they will:

- Support sites **directly** (e.g. cascading grants) and /or **indirectly** (e.g. through national coordinators, capacity-building, training, or applicant support, EHL Ceremony, General Assemblies, joint communication campaigns).
- Ensure **personnel costs** linked to the management and coordination of the project should **remain proportionate, transparent and measurable**. Please note that all personnel costs linked to the management and coordination of the project should be included under Work Package 1 (WP1).

While all cascading grant activities and network-building activities should be implemented in the countries participating in the EHL action, relevant communications activities could be organised in other countries such as for instance in candidate countries (which could access this Action under the new legal base)⁷.

Expected impact

This call will fund one project proposed by a single organisation or a consortium of organisations working to achieve the objectives, themes and priorities of this action. It is expected the project will bring about the Network of sites formally constituted and able to take forward the results achieved, and the project activities implemented so far.

By ensuring that most resources are allocated directly to site-level and community-wide actions, supported by multilingualism schemes and cross-border collaborations, the project will deliver strong European added value, equitable participation across Member States, and optimal cost-effectiveness of EU investment.

3. Available budget

The estimated available call budget is **EUR 3 000 000**.

Specific budget information per topic can be found in the table below:

⁷ Check the national coordinators at: <https://culture.ec.europa.eu/cultural-heritage/initiatives-and-success-stories/european-heritage-label/european-heritage-label-national-coordinators>

	Topic budget
Support to the implementation of the European Heritage Label	EUR 3 000 000

The availability of the call budget still depends on the final adoption of the budget 2026 by the EU budgetary authority.

We reserve the right not to award all available funds or to redistribute them between the call priorities, depending on the proposals received and the results of the evaluation.

4. Timetable and deadlines

Timetable and deadlines (indicative)	
Call opening:	26 November 2025
<u>Deadline for submission:</u>	<u>11 February 2026 – 17:00:00 CET</u> <u>(Brussels)</u>
Evaluation:	February-March 2026
Information on evaluation results:	August 2026
GA signature:	May/November 2026

5. Admissibility and documents

Proposals must be submitted before the **call deadline** (see *timetable section 4*).

Proposals must be submitted **electronically** via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System (accessible via the Topic page in the [Calls for proposals](#) section). Paper submissions are NOT possible.

Proposals (including annexes and supporting documents) must be submitted using the forms provided *inside* the Submission System (⚠ NOT the documents available on the Topic page — they are only for information).

Proposals must be **complete** and contain all the requested information and all required annexes and supporting documents:

- Application Form Part A — contains administrative information about the participants (future coordinator, beneficiaries and affiliated entities) and the summarised budget for the project (*to be filled in directly online*)
- Application Form Part B — contains the technical description of the project (*template to be downloaded from the Portal Submission System, completed, assembled and re-uploaded*)
- Part C — contains additional project data and the project's contribution to EU programme key performance indicators (*to be filled in directly online*)
- **mandatory annexes and supporting documents** (*templates to be downloaded from the Portal Submission System, completed, assembled and re-uploaded*):

- detailed budget table/calculator
- CVs of core project team: not applicable
- activity reports of last year: not applicable
- list of previous projects (key projects for the last 4 years) (*template available in Part B*)


Please be aware that since the detailed budget table serves as the basis for fixing the lump sums for the grants (and since lump sums must be reliable proxies for the actual costs of a project), the costs you include **MUST** comply with the basic eligibility conditions for EU actual cost grants (see [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement, art 6](#)). This is particularly important for purchases and subcontracting, which must comply with best value for money (or if appropriate the lowest price) and be free of any conflict of interests. If the budget table contains ineligible costs, the grant may be reduced (even later on during the project implementation or after their end).

At proposal submission, you will have to confirm that you have the **mandate to act** for all applicants. Moreover, you will have to confirm that the information in the application is correct and complete and that all participants comply with the conditions for receiving EU funding (*especially eligibility, financial and operational capacity, exclusion, etc*). Before signing the grant, each beneficiary and affiliated entity will have to confirm this again by signing a declaration of honour (DoH). Proposals without full support will be rejected.

Your application must be **readable, accessible and printable** (please check carefully the layout of the documents uploaded).

Proposals are limited to maximum **70 pages** (Part B). Evaluators will not consider any additional pages.

You may be asked at a later stage for further documents (*for legal entity validation, financial capacity check, bank account validation, etc*).

 For more information about the submission process (including IT aspects), consult the [Online Manual](#).

6. Eligibility

Eligible participants (eligible countries)

In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:

- be legal entities (public or private bodies)
- be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:
 - Creative Europe Participating Countries:
 - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))
 - non-EU countries:
 - listed EEA countries and countries associated to the Creative Europe Programme ([list of participating countries](#))

Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the [Participant Register](#) — before submitting the proposal — and will have to be validated by the Central Validation Service (REA Validation). For the validation, they will be requested to upload documents showing legal status and origin.

Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions, etc (*see section 13*).

Specific cases and definitions

Natural persons — Natural persons are NOT eligible (with the exception of self-employed persons, i.e. sole traders, where the company does not have legal personality separate from that of the natural person).

International organisations — International organisations are eligible. The rules on eligible countries do not apply to them.

Entities without legal personality — Entities which do not have legal personality under their national law may exceptionally participate, provided that their representatives have the capacity to undertake legal obligations on their behalf, and offer guarantees for the protection of the EU financial interests equivalent to that offered by legal persons⁸.

EU bodies — EU bodies (with the exception of the European Commission Joint Research Centre) can NOT be part of the consortium.

Associations and interest groupings — Entities composed of members may participate as 'sole beneficiaries' or 'beneficiaries without legal personality'⁹. ⚠ Please note that if the action will be implemented by the members, they should also participate (either as beneficiaries or as affiliated entities, otherwise their costs will NOT be eligible).

Creative Europe Desks (CEDs) — The host organisations of Creative Europe Desks are eligible as coordinator or beneficiary in open calls, if they have procedures to segregate the project management and the information provision functions and if they are able to demonstrate cost separation (i.e. that their project grants do not cover any costs which are covered by their other grant). This requires the following:

- use of analytical accounting which allows for a cost accounting management with cost allocation keys and cost accounting codes AND application of these keys and codes to identify and separate the costs (i.e. to allocate them to either one of the two grants)
- recording of all real costs incurred for the activities that are covered by the two grants (including the indirect costs)
- allocation of the costs in a way that leads to a fair, objective and realistic result.

Countries currently negotiating association agreements — Beneficiaries from countries with ongoing negotiations for participation in the programme (*see list of participating countries above*) may participate in the call and can sign grants if the negotiations are concluded before grant signature and if the association covers the call (i.e. is retroactive and covers both the part of the programme and the year when the call was launched).

EU restrictive measures — Special rules apply for entities subject to [EU restrictive measures](#) under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)¹⁰. Such entities are not eligible to

⁸ See Article 200(2)(c) EU Financial Regulation [2024/2509](#).

⁹ For the definitions, see Articles 190(2) and 200(2)(c) EU Financial Regulation [2024/2509](#).

¹⁰ Please note that the EU Official Journal contains the official list and, in case of conflict, its content prevails over that of the [EU Sanctions Map](#).

participate in any capacity, including as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties (if any).

EU conditionality measures — Special rules apply for entities subject to measures adopted on the basis of EU Regulation 2020/2092¹¹. Such entities are not eligible to participate in any funded role (beneficiaries, affiliated entities, subcontractors, recipients of financial support to third parties, etc). Currently no such measures are in place. Currently such measures are in place for [insert targeted entities + legal basis, e.g. Hungarian public interest trusts established under the Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity they maintain (see [Council Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2022/2506](#), as of 16 December 2022).]

 For more information, see [Rules for Legal Entity Validation, LEAR Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment](#).]

Consortium composition

Both applications by single applicants and proposals submitted by a consortium are allowed. Proposals that will be submitted by a consortium, must have at least 2 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following :

- minimum 2 independent entities from eligible countries

Eligible activities

Applications will only be considered eligible if their content corresponds wholly (or at least in part) to the topic description for which they are submitted.

Eligible activities are the ones set out in section 2 above.

Projects must comply with EU policy interests and priorities. Projects must also respect EU values and European Commission policy regarding reputational matters (*e.g. activities involving capacity building, policy support, awareness raising, communication, dissemination, etc*).

Financial support to third parties is allowed for grants or similar forms of support and prizes under the following conditions:

- the calls must be open, published widely and conform to EU standards concerning transparency, equal treatment, conflict of interest and confidentiality
- the calls must remain open for at least one month
- the outcome of the call must be published on the participants' websites, including a description of the selected projects, award dates, project durations, and final recipient legal names and countries
- the calls must have a clear European dimension.

Financial support to third parties will be accepted for activities complying with the objectives of the call and contributing to the themes and priorities listed above.

¹¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget (OJ L 325, 20.12.2022, p. 94).

Your project application must clearly specify why financial support to third parties is needed, how it will be managed and provide a list of the different types of activities for which a third party may receive financial support. The proposal must also clearly describe the results to be obtained.

Duration

Projects should not normally exceed 40 months.

Extensions are possible, if duly justified and through an amendment.

7. Financial and operational capacity and exclusion

Financial capacity

Applicants must have **stable and sufficient resources** to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share. Organisations participating in several projects must have sufficient capacity to implement all projects.

The financial capacity check will be carried out on the basis of the documents you will be requested to upload in the [Participant Register](#) during grant preparation (*e.g. profit and loss account and balance sheet, business plan, audit report produced by an approved external auditor, certifying the accounts for the last closed financial year, etc*). The analysis will be based on neutral financial indicators, but will also take into account other aspects, such as dependency on EU funding and deficit and revenue in previous years.

The check will normally be done for coordinators, except:

- public bodies (entities established as public body under national law, including local, regional or national authorities) or international organisations
- entities active in cultural and creative sectors that have received over 50% of their annual revenue from public sources over the last two years
- if the project requested grant amount is not more than EUR 60 000.

If needed, it may also be done for affiliated entities.

If we consider that your financial capacity is not satisfactory, we may require:

- further information
- an enhanced financial responsibility regime, i.e. joint and several responsibility for all beneficiaries or joint and several liability of affiliated entities (*see below, section 10*)
- prefinancing paid in instalments
- (one or more) prefinancing guarantees (*see below, section 10*)

or

- propose no prefinancing
- request that you are replaced or, if needed, reject the entire proposal.

 For more information, see [Rules for Legal Entity Validation, LEAR Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment](#).

Operational capacity

Applicants must have the **know-how, qualifications** and **resources** to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share (including sufficient experience in projects of comparable size and nature).

This capacity will be assessed together with the 'Project Management' award criterion, on the basis of the competence and experience of the applicants and their project teams, including operational resources (human, technical and other) or, exceptionally, the measures proposed to obtain it by the time the task implementation starts.

If the evaluation of the award criterion is positive, the applicants are considered to have sufficient operational capacity.

Applicants will have to show their capacity via the following:

- general profiles (qualifications and experiences) of the staff responsible for managing and implementing the project
- description of the consortium participants
- list of previous projects (key projects for the last 4 years) (template available in Part B).

Additional supporting documents may be requested, if needed to confirm the operational capacity of any applicant.

Public bodies, Member State organisations, international organisations and entities active in cultural and creative sectors that have received over 50% of their annual revenue from public sources over the last two years are exempted from the operational capacity check.

Exclusion

Applicants which are subject to an **EU exclusion decision** or in one of the following **exclusion situations** that bar them from receiving EU funding can NOT participate¹²:

- bankruptcy, winding up, affairs administered by the courts, arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or other similar procedures (including procedures for persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts)
- in breach of social security or tax obligations (including if done by persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts)
- guilty of grave professional misconduct¹³ (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- committed fraud, corruption, links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking (including if done by persons having powers of

¹² See Articles 138 and 143 of EU Financial Regulation [2024/2509](#).

¹³ 'Professional misconduct' includes, in particular, the following: violation of ethical standards of the profession; wrongful conduct with impact on professional credibility; breach of generally accepted professional ethical standards; false declarations/misrepresentation of information; participation in a cartel or other agreement distorting competition; violation of IPR; attempting to influence decision-making processes by taking advantage, through misrepresentation, of a conflict of interests, or to obtain confidential information from public authorities to gain an advantage; incitement to discrimination, hatred or violence or similar activities contrary to the EU values where negatively affecting or risking to affect the performance of a legal commitment.

representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)

- shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of EU Regulation [2988/95](#) (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin or created another entity with this purpose (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- intentionally and without proper justification resisted¹⁴ an investigation, check or audit carried out by an EU authorising officer (or their representative or auditor), OLAF, the EPPO, or the European Court of Auditors.

Applicants will also be rejected if it turns out that¹⁵:

- during the award procedure they misrepresented information required as a condition for participating or failed to supply that information
- they were previously involved in the preparation of the call and this entails a distortion of competition that cannot be remedied otherwise (conflict of interest).

8. Evaluation and award procedure

The proposals will have to follow the standard submission and evaluation procedure (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation).

An **evaluation committee** (assisted by independent outside experts) will assess all applications. Proposals will first be checked for formal requirements (admissibility, and eligibility, see *sections 5 and 6*). Proposals found admissible and eligible will be evaluated (for each topic) against the operational capacity and award criteria (see *sections 7 and 9*) and then ranked according to their scores.

For proposals with the same score (within a topic) a **priority order** will be determined according to the following approach:

Successively for every group of *ex aequo* proposals, starting with the highest scored group, and continuing in descending order:


- 1) The *ex aequo* proposals within the same topic will be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for the award criterion 'Relevance'. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on their scores for the criterion

¹⁴ 'Resisting an investigation, check or audit' means carrying out actions with the goal or effect of preventing, hindering or delaying the conduct of any of the activities needed to perform the investigation, check or audit, such as refusing to grant the necessary access to its premises or any other areas used for business purposes, concealing or refusing to disclose information or providing false information.

¹⁵ See Article 143 EU Financial Regulation [2024/2509](#).

'Dissemination'. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on their scores for the criterion 'Quality of content and activities'.

All proposals will be informed about the evaluation result (**evaluation result letter**). Successful proposals will be invited for grant preparation; other ones will be put on the reserve list or rejected.

 No commitment for funding — Invitation to grant preparation does NOT constitute a formal commitment for funding. We will still need to make various legal checks before grant award: *legal entity validation, financial capacity, exclusion check, etc.*

Grant preparation will involve a dialogue in order to fine-tune technical or financial aspects of the project and may require extra information from your side. It may also include adjustments to the proposal to address recommendations of the evaluation committee or other concerns. Full compliance will be a pre-condition for signing the grant.

If you believe that the evaluation procedure was flawed, you can submit a **complaint** (following the deadlines and procedures set out in the evaluation result letter). Please note that notifications which have not been opened within 10 days after sending will be considered to have been accessed and that deadlines will be counted from opening/access (see also [Funding & Tenders Portal Terms and Conditions](#)). Please also be aware that for complaints submitted electronically, there may be character limitations.

9. Award criteria

The **award criteria** for this call are as follows:

- 1. Relevance:** Background and objectives; Needs analysis; Complementarity with other actions and innovation — European added value; Cross-cutting priorities (25 points)
- 2. Quality of content and activities:** Concept and methodology; Partnership and consortium; Target groups and audiences; Project design (35 points)
- 3. Project management:** Consortium management and decision-making; Project teams, staff and outside resources (including operational capacity); Cost effectiveness and financial management; Project management, quality assurance, risk management and monitoring and evaluation strategy (25 points)
- 4. Dissemination:** Impact and ambition; Communication, dissemination and visibility; Sustainability and continuation (15 points)

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance ¹	13	25
Quality of content and activities	18	35
Project management	13	25
Dissemination	8	15
Overall (pass) scores	70	100

Maximum points: 100 points.

Individual thresholds per criterion: 13/25, 18/35, 13/25 and 8/15 points.

Overall threshold: 70 points.

Proposals that pass the individual thresholds AND the overall threshold will be considered for funding — within the limits of the available budget (i.e. up to the budget ceiling). Other proposals will be rejected.

10. Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements

If you pass evaluation, your project will be invited for grant preparation, where you will be asked to prepare the Grant Agreement together with the EU Project Officer.

This Grant Agreement will set the framework for your grant and its terms and conditions, in particular concerning deliverables, reporting and payments.

The Model Grant Agreement that will be used (and all other relevant templates and guidance documents) can be found on [Portal Reference Documents](#).

Starting date and project duration

The project starting date and duration will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 1*). Normally the starting date will be after grant signature. A retroactive starting date can be granted exceptionally for duly justified reasons — but never earlier than the proposal submission date.

Project duration: *see section 6 above*.

Milestones and deliverables

The milestones and deliverables for each project will be managed through the Portal Grant Management System and will be reflected in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement.

Project activities must be organised in pre-defined work packages structured around the call themes and priorities, with specific activities and deliverables, as explained below. Additional work packages may be added.

Each work package must have at least one deliverable but not more than an average of five. The project should not have more than 25 in total. All deliverables should illustrate the scope, reach, progress and success of the proposed activities. All deliverables should provide clear evidence of scope, reach, efficiency, and impact, thereby illustrating the project's contribution to European added value and cost-effectiveness.

The project activities must be organised in the following work packages:

WP1: Project management and coordination (mandatory)

Objective: this work package should ensure an efficient and effective management of the project. This work package should include activities relating to the management, planning, administration, and evaluation of the project. This work package might present activities such as meetings, evaluation, coordination and quality control activities, strategies development, preparation of reports, etc.

Deliverables of this work package might include **only major** project activities or outputs.

WP2: Increase the presence and understanding of the EHL Action (mandatory)

Objective: this work package should group the activities aiming at ensuring adequate visibility of the activities of the European Heritage Label and a wide dissemination of its results beyond local, regional and national levels.

Deliverables of this work package might include **only major** project activities or outputs targeting the abovementioned “Themes and priorities (scope)”.

WP 3 – Capacity Building for EHL Stakeholders – Learning & Upskilling (mandatory)

Objective: this work package should empower EHL stakeholders (Sites and National Coordinators).

Deliverables of this work package might include **only major** project activities or outputs targeting the abovementioned “Themes and priorities (scope)”.

WP 4 – Capacity Building for EHL Stakeholders – Networking & Financing (mandatory)

Objective: this work package should empower EHL stakeholders (Sites and National Coordinators).

Deliverables of this work package might include **only major** project activities or outputs targeting the abovementioned “Themes and priorities (scope)”.

WP 5 – Fostering collaboration among European Heritage players (mandatory)

Objective: this work package should promote the collaboration with other organisations in the field of cultural heritage throughout Europe and beyond.

Deliverables of this work package might include **only major** project activities or outputs targeting the abovementioned “Themes and priorities (scope)”.

Form of grant, funding rate and maximum grant amount

The grant parameters (*maximum grant amount, funding rate, total eligible costs, etc*) will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 3 and art 5*).

Project budget (requested grant amount): EUR 3 000 000 per project.

The grant will be a lump sum grant. This means that it will reimburse a fixed amount, based on a lump sum or financing not linked to costs. The amount will be fixed by the granting authority on the basis of the estimated project budget and a funding rate of **90%**.

Budget categories and cost eligibility rules

The budget categories and cost eligibility rules are fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 3, art 6 and Annex 2*).

Budget categories for this call:

Lump sum contributions¹⁶

¹⁶ [Decision](#) of 26 May 2021 authorising the use of lump sums for actions under the Creative Europe Programme.

Specific cost eligibility rules for this call:

- the lump sum amount must be calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in the lump sum decision and using the detailed budget table/calculator provided (if any)
- the lump sum calculation should respect the following conditions:
 - for lump sums based on estimated project budgets: the estimated budget must comply with the basic eligibility conditions for EU actual cost grants (see [AGA – Annotated Grant Agreement, art 6](#))
 - for lump sums based on estimated project budgets: costs for financial support to third parties: can be included in the detailed budget table for grants or similar and prizes; maximum amount per third party EUR 60 000, unless a higher amount is required because the objective of the action would otherwise be impossible or overly difficult to achieve and this is duly justified in the Application Form

Reporting and payment arrangements


The reporting and payment arrangements are fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 4 and art 21 and 22*).

After grant signature, you will normally receive a **prefinancing** to start working on the project (float of normally **40%** of the maximum grant amount; exceptionally less or no prefinancing). The prefinancing will be paid 30 days from entry into force/financial guarantee (if required) — whichever is the latest.

There will be one or more **additional prefinancing** payments linked to a prefinancing report.

Payment of the balance: At the end of the project, we will calculate your final grant amount. If the total of earlier payments is higher than the final grant amount, we will ask you (your coordinator) to pay back the difference (recovery).

All payments will be made to the coordinator.

 Please be aware that payments will be automatically lowered if you or one of your consortium members has outstanding debts towards the EU (granting authority or other EU bodies). Such debts will be offset by us — in line with the conditions set out in the Grant Agreement (see *art 22*).

Please also note that you are responsible for **keeping records** on all the work done.

Prefinancing guarantees

If a prefinancing guarantee is required, it will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 4*). The amount will be set during grant preparation and it will normally be equal to or lower than the prefinancing for your grant.

The guarantee should be in euro and issued by an approved bank/financial institution established in an EU Member State. If you are established in a non-EU country and would like to provide a guarantee from a bank/financial institution in your country, please contact us (this may be exceptionally accepted, if it offers equivalent security).

Amounts blocked in bank accounts will NOT be accepted as financial guarantees.

Prefinancing guarantees are normally requested from the coordinator, for the consortium. They must be provided during grant preparation, in time to make the prefinancing (scanned copy via Portal AND original by post).

If agreed with us, the bank guarantee may be replaced by a guarantee from a third party.

The guarantee will be released at the end of the grant, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Grant Agreement (*art 23*).

Certificates

Depending on the type of action, size of grant amount and type of beneficiaries, you may be requested to submit different certificates. The types, schedules and thresholds for each certificate are fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 4 and art 24*).

Liability regime for recoveries

The liability regime for recoveries will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 4.4 and art 22*).

For beneficiaries, it is one of the following:

- limited joint and several liability with individual ceilings — *each beneficiary up to their maximum grant amount*
 - unconditional joint and several liability — *each beneficiary up to the maximum grant amount for the action*
- or
- individual financial responsibility — *each beneficiary only for their own debts*.

In addition, the granting authority may require joint and several liability of affiliated entities (with their beneficiary).

Provisions concerning the project implementation

IPR rules: *see Model Grant Agreement (art 16 and Annex 5)*:

- different rights of use of the granting authority on materials, documents and information received for policy, information, communication, dissemination and publicity purposes: Yes

Communication, dissemination and visibility of funding: *see Model Grant Agreement (art 17 and Annex 5)*:

- additional communication and dissemination activities: Yes
- special logos: Yes

Specific rules for carrying out the action: *see Model Grant Agreement (art 18 and Annex 5)*: n/a

Other specificities

Consortium agreement: Yes

Non-compliance and breach of contract

The Grant Agreement (chapter 5) provides for the measures we may take in case of breach of contract (and other non-compliance issues).

 For more information, see [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#).

11. How to submit an application

All proposals must be submitted directly online via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System. Paper applications are NOT accepted.

Submission is a **2-step process**:

a) create a user account and register your organisation

To use the Submission System (the only way to apply), all participants need to [create an EU Login user account](#).

Once you have an EULogin account, you can [register your organisation](#) in the Participant Register. When your registration is finalised, you will receive a 9-digit participant identification code (PIC).

b) submit the proposal

Access the Electronic Submission System via the Topic page in the [Calls for proposals](#) section (or, for calls sent by invitation to submit a proposal, through the link provided in the invitation letter).

Submit your proposal in 4 parts, as follows:

- Part A includes administrative information about the applicant organisations (future coordinator, beneficiaries, affiliated entities and associated partners) and the summarised budget for the proposal. Fill it in directly online
- Part B (description of the action) covers the technical content of the proposal. Download the mandatory word template from the Submission System, fill it in and upload it as a PDF file
- Part C containing additional project data. To be filled in directly online.
- Annexes (see *section 5*). Upload them as PDF file (single or multiple depending on the slots). Excel upload is sometimes possible, depending on the file type.

The proposal must keep to the **page limits** (see *section 5*); excess pages will be disregarded.

Documents must be uploaded to the **right category** in the Submission System, otherwise the proposal may be considered incomplete and thus inadmissible.

The proposal must be submitted **before the call deadline** (see *section 4*). After this deadline, the system is closed and proposals can no longer be submitted.

Once the proposal is submitted, you will receive a **confirmation e-mail** (with date and time of your application). If you do not receive this confirmation e-mail, it means your proposal has NOT been submitted. If you believe this is due to a fault in the Submission System, you should immediately file a complaint via the [IT Helpdesk webform](#), explaining the circumstances and attaching a copy of the proposal (and, if possible, screenshots to show what happened).

Details on processes and procedures are described in the [Online Manual](#). The Online Manual also contains the links to FAQs and detailed instructions regarding the Portal Electronic Exchange System.

12. Help

As far as possible, ***please try to find the answers you need yourself***, in this and the other documentation (we have limited resources for handling direct enquiries):

- [Online Manual](#)
- Topic Q&A on the Topic page (for call-specific questions in open calls; not applicable for actions by invitation)
- [Portal FAQ](#) (for general questions).

Please also consult the Topic page regularly, since we will use it to publish call updates. (For invitations, we will contact you directly in case of a call update).

Contact

For individual questions on the Portal Submission System, please contact the [IT Helpdesk](#).

Non-IT related questions should be sent to the following email address: FACEA-SIEHL@ec.europa.eu.

Please indicate clearly the reference of the call and topic to which your question relates (*see cover page*).

13. Important



IMPORTANT

- **Don't wait until the end** — Complete your application sufficiently in advance of the deadline to avoid any last minute **technical problems**. Problems due to last minute submissions (*e.g. congestion, etc*) will be entirely at your risk. Call deadlines can NOT be extended.
- **Consult** the Portal Topic page regularly. We will use it to publish updates and additional information on the call (call and topic updates).
- **Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Exchange System** — By submitting the application, all participants **accept** to use the electronic exchange system in accordance with the [Portal Terms & Conditions](#).
- **Registration** — Before submitting the application, all beneficiaries, affiliated entities and associated partners must be registered in the [Participant Register](#). The participant identification code (PIC) (one per participant) is mandatory for the Application Form.
- **Consortium roles** — When setting up your consortium, you should think of organisations that help you reach objectives and solve problems.

The roles should be attributed according to the level of participation in the project. Main participants should participate as **beneficiaries** or **affiliated entities**; other entities can participate as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions. **Associated partners** and third parties giving in-kind contributions should bear their own costs (they will not become formal recipients of EU funding). **Subcontracting** should normally constitute a limited part and must be performed by third parties (not by one of the beneficiaries/affiliated entities). Subcontracting going beyond 30% of the total eligible costs must be justified in the application.
- **Coordinator** — In multi-beneficiary grants, the beneficiaries participate as consortium (group of beneficiaries). They will have to choose a coordinator, who will take care of the project management and coordination and will represent the consortium towards the granting authority. In mono-beneficiary grants, the single beneficiary will automatically be coordinator.
- **Affiliated entities** — Applicants may participate with affiliated entities (i.e. entities linked to a beneficiary which participate in the action with similar rights and obligations as the beneficiaries, but do not sign the grant and therefore do not become beneficiaries themselves). They will get a part of the grant money and must therefore comply with all the call conditions and be validated (just like beneficiaries); but they do not count towards the minimum eligibility criteria for consortium composition (if any). If affiliated entities participate in your project, please do not forget to provide documents demonstrating their affiliation link to your organisation as part of your application.
- **Associated partners** — Applicants may participate with associated partners (i.e. partner organisations which participate in the action but without the right to get grant money). They participate without funding and therefore do not need to be validated.
- **Consortium agreement** — For practical and legal reasons it is recommended to set up internal arrangements that allow you to deal with exceptional or unforeseen circumstances (in all cases, even if not mandatory under the Grant Agreement). The consortium agreement also gives you the possibility to redistribute the grant money according to your own consortium-internal principles and parameters (for instance, one beneficiary can reattribute its grant money to another beneficiary). The consortium agreement thus allows you to customise the EU grant to the needs inside your consortium and can also help to protect you in case of disputes.

- **Balanced project budget** — Grant applications must ensure a balanced project budget and sufficient other resources to implement the project successfully (*e.g. own contributions, income generated by the action, financial contributions from third parties, etc*). You may be requested to lower your estimated costs, if they are ineligible (including excessive).
- **Completed/ongoing projects** — Proposals for projects that have already been completed will be rejected; proposals for projects that have already started will be assessed on a case-by-case basis (in this case, no costs can be reimbursed for activities that took place before the project starting date/proposal submission).
- **No-profit rule** — Grants may NOT give a profit (i.e. surplus of revenues + EU grant over costs). This will be checked by us at the end of the project.
- **No cumulation of funding/no double funding** — It is strictly prohibited to cumulate funding from the EU budget (except under 'EU Synergies actions'). Outside such Synergies actions, any given action may receive only ONE grant from the EU budget and cost items may under NO circumstances be declared under two EU grants; projects must be designed as different actions, clearly delineated and separated for each grant (without overlaps).
- **Combination with EU operating grants** — Combination with EU operating grants is possible, if the project remains outside the operating grant work programme and you make sure that cost items are clearly separated in your accounting and NOT declared twice (see [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement, art 6.2.E](#)).
- **Multiple proposals** — Applicants cannot submit more than one proposal under this call. Multiple proposals will be rejected.
- **Resubmission** — Proposals may be changed and re-submitted until the deadline for submission.
- **Rejection** — By submitting the application, all applicants accept the call conditions set out in this this Call document (and the documents it refers to). Proposals that do not comply with all the call conditions will be rejected. This applies also to applicants: All applicants need to fulfil the criteria; if any one of them doesn't, they must be replaced or the entire proposal will be rejected.
- **Cancellation** — There may be circumstances which may require the cancellation of the call. In this case, you will be informed via a call or topic update. Please note that cancellations are without entitlement to compensation.
- **Language** — You can submit your proposal in any official EU language (project abstract/summary should however always be in English). For reasons of efficiency, we strongly advise you to use English for the entire application. If you need the call documentation in another official EU language, please submit a request within 10 days after call publication (for the contact information, see *section 12*).

- **Transparency** — In accordance with Article 38 of the [EU Financial Regulation](#), information about EU grants awarded is published each year on the [Europa website](#).

This includes:

- beneficiary names
- beneficiary addresses
- the purpose for which the grant was awarded
- the maximum amount awarded.

The publication can exceptionally be waived (on reasoned and duly substantiated request), if there is a risk that the disclosure could jeopardise your rights and freedoms under the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights or harm your commercial interests.

- **Data protection** — The submission of a proposal under this call involves the collection, use and processing of personal data. This data will be processed in accordance with the applicable legal framework. It will be processed solely for the purpose of evaluating your proposal, subsequent management of your grant and, if needed, programme monitoring, evaluation and communication. Details are explained in the [Funding & Tenders Portal Privacy Statement](#).