



EU FUNDING CATALOGUE 2025/2026

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Introduction

The Trade Council at the Danish Embassy in Brussels is a strategic partner to Danish companies and subsidiaries in the EU, Belgium and Luxembourg.

As part of the Trade Council's services in EU public affairs, this catalogue aims to provide general information on EU funding for projects and programmes within the tech/digitalisation, energy, and life science sectors. EU funding is available to research organisations, public entities, NGOs and private companies engaging in activities that serve EU policies.

The mapping is thematically structured as per the MFF 2021-2027, which you can find [here](#), and includes information on the relevant sector, the management type, the project phase, and the application process.

Management Types

While the EU provides funding for specific programmes or projects, it is not always directly involved in the day-to-day management. The Member States are in charge of the implementation of the majority of the EU budget, but the European Commission has the ultimate responsibility for its execution.

All programmes that are funded by the EU budget fall under one of three types of implementation, depending on the nature of the funding: **direct management**, **shared management**, **indirect management**.

Direct Management: EU funding managed directly by the European Commission.

Under direct management, the European Commission is solely responsible for all steps in a programme's implementation, from launching the calls for proposals and making payments to assessing the results of the projects. These tasks are carried out directly by the Commission's departments, in the EU delegations or through EU executive agencies. Programmes implemented in direct management account for approximately 20% of the EU budget 2021-2027.

Example: An example of a direct management programme is the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (COSME) programme, which has the objective of supporting the creation and expansion of SMEs. In the case of an applicant entrepreneur looking for financial backing from the EU, the contact and managing department would be found in the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency, which run the COSME programme.

Calls for projects under direct management are published on the [Funding and Tenders Portal \(SEDIA\)](#). Applicants can find a thorough how-to-guide on the process [here](#).

Read more about Direct Management [here](#).

Shared Management: EU funding managed jointly by the European Commission and national authorities.

Under shared management, both the European Commission and national authorities in Member States, such as ministries and public institutions, are in charge of running the programme. Programmes implemented in shared management account for around 70% of the EU budget 2021-2027.

The Member States' administrations (at national, regional and local level) choose which projects to finance and take responsibility for day-to-day management. In collaboration with the Member States, the Commission ensures that the projects are successfully concluded, and resources are utilised efficiently.

Example: A farmer in the EU, that wants to start a project growing organic tomatoes, would be eligible to apply for funds under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). For that, they would have to go through their national Ministry of Agriculture, or an equivalent institution, which would be in charge of managing the funds for their project on behalf of the EU.

Read more about the different kinds of suitable national-, regional, and local programmes [here](#).

Indirect Management: EU funding managed by partner organisations or other authorities inside or outside the EU.

Under indirect management, the funding programmes are partly or fully implemented with the support of external entities, e.g. national authorities or international organisations. The majority of the EU budget allocated by indirect management is to humanitarian aid and international development. Programmes implemented under indirect management account for approximately 10% of the EU budget 2021-2027.

Example: The European Commission delegated financial support to fight the Ebola outbreak in West Africa and the earthquake in Nepal in 2015.

Read more about the different kinds of implementing partners [here](#).

Additional information

Read more about the three different kinds of management [here](#).

Three phases of processes in funding



To clarify which funds are available for which phases of applicants' projects and organisations, the overview distinguishes between three phases: research, development, and commercialisation.

Research

The research phase focuses on exploring new scientific or technological concepts and generating fundamental knowledge. It aims to understand underlying principles without yet targeting a specific commercial outcome.

Development

The development phase involves designing, building, and refining prototypes or processes based on the research results. The goal is to translate promising concepts into functional technologies or products ready for testing.

Commercialisation

The commercialisation phase focuses on bringing the validated solution to the market. It includes scaling up production, marketing, and establishing business models or partnerships to ensure sustainable use and impact.

Allocations for the EU MFF budget for 2021-2027

Heading 1: Single Market, Innovation and Digital

Research and Innovation

| Horizon Europe | |
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| Sector | Innovation, Health, Climate, Energy, Agriculture, Digitalisation, Technology |
| Management type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Research and Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The programme facilitates collaboration and strengthens the impact of research and innovation in developing, supporting and implementing EU policies while tackling global challenges. Horizon Europe is one of the biggest funding projects in the EU and there are many different areas and individual funds to apply for under the name 'Horizon Europe'. See all the different call for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> <p>From 2021-2028, the 5 overall missions are: combatting cancer, climate resilience, climate-neutral cities, healthy oceans and waters (maritime environment) and healthy agriculture.</p> <p>Target Group: All types of organisations from EU Member States and associated countries: start-ups, SMEs, universities, research organisations, large companies.</p> <p>Demands: In general, operational and financial capacity to carry out the tasks that they propose. Besides that, for most calls for proposals, you must apply as a team of at least 3 partner organisations from 3 different EU or associated countries. At least one of the 3 partners must be from an EU country. In addition to these 3 partners, organisations from other countries might be able to join your consortium.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €94.67 billion. Find the individual funding at call for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadlines for the individual call for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | Consult the application manual for more information about the application process. |
| Extra | Horizon Europe covers a broad variety of sectors: read more about Horizon Europe 2021-2028 and the specific amount of funding for each cluster here . |

| Euratom Research and Training Programme | |
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| Sector | Energy, Innovation |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Research and Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The Euratom Research and Training Programme pursues the following key research activities through direct and indirect actions: nuclear safety, security, radioactive waste, spent fuel management, radiation protection, fusion energy. The programme also expands research into non-power applications of ionising radiation.</p> <p>Target Group: Research organisations, universities, laboratories, large companies, SMEs etc.</p> <p>Demands: Eligible countries and entities. Read more about who can apply for funding here. Be aware of individual demands for every call for proposals and tenders.</p> |

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| | Funds: Total budget of €1.38 billion. The budget breakdown is as follows: €583 million for indirect actions in fusion research and development, €266 million for indirect actions in nuclear fission, safety and radiation protection, and €532 million for direct actions undertaken by the Joint Research Centre. |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check deadlines for the individual call for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | Follow the application process in this manual and take note of specific application requirements in the individual calls for proposals and tenders. |
| Extra | Read more about the Euratom Research and Training Programme here . |

European Strategic Investments

| InvestEU Fund | |
|-----------------|---|
| Sector | Energy, Innovation, Climate, Research, Social Affairs |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Research and Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The InvestEU Fund supports private and public investments in four policy areas, which represent important priorities for the European Union and bring high EU added value: sustainable infrastructure; research, innovation and digitisation; small and medium-sized businesses; and social investment and skills.</p> <p>Target Group: Invest EU implementing partners (see here) provide direct and intermediated financing solutions to both private and public project promoters, known as final recipients. The eligible final recipients can be natural or legal persons established in an EU country or in a Third Eligible Country, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private entities such as special-purpose vehicles (SPV) or project companies, large corporates, midcap companies, and SMEs - Public sector entities (territorial or not) and public-sector type entities - Mixed entities, such as public–private partnership (PPPs) and private companies with a public purpose - Non-profit organisations <p>Demands: The InvestEU Fund provides support to final recipients that are deemed economically viable according to internationally accepted standards.</p> <p>Funds: Find the different programmes and their funding here.</p> |
| Deadline | Find the different programmes and their deadlines here . Check the deadlines for the individual call for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | Project promoters should apply directly to implementing partners. Find the list of InvestEU Implementing partners here . Small mid-caps and SMEs should apply to their local commercial or public banks whose financial products are covered by the EU guarantee in their country or region. The local intermediary will inform them if a particular financing programme is covered by the InvestEU Fund. Find all local intermediaries here . |
| Extra | Read more about the programme here . |

| Connecting Europe Facility - Transport | |
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| Sector | Transport |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for Transport helps build new or upgrade existing transport infrastructure across Europe. It focuses on cross-border projects and projects aiming at removing bottlenecks or bridging missing links. For military mobility specifically, read more here.</p> <p>Target Group: Private and public stakeholders from Member States (and occasionally associated countries), often focused on cross-border projects.</p> <p>Demands: Projects contributing to the Trans-European Networks for Transport (TEN-T) and cross-border infrastructure.</p> <p>Funds: CEF provides funding in the form of grants and procurement, and contributes to attracting private investments. CEF Transport has a total budget of €25.8 billion. Specific funds are allocated in calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadlines for the individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | Check the Application guide to find information regarding the application process of individual projects. |
| Extra | Read more about the programme here . |

| Connecting Europe Facility - Energy | |
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| Sector | Energy |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: As part of the CEF Energy, the Trans-European Networks for Energy (TEN-E) framework aims to enable a connected, modern, secure and smart energy infrastructure for Europe. It works towards the Union's decarbonisation objectives for 2030 and 2050 while contributing to sector and market integration, security of supply and competition.</p> <p>Target Group: Private and public stakeholders from Member States (and occasionally associated countries), often focused on cross-border projects. Can include large companies and SMEs, universities and research organisations.</p> <p>Demands: Alignment with the objectives of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) and Projects of Mutual Interest (PMIs). This includes supporting the EU towards decarbonisation objectives for 2030 and 2050, and making the EU energy systems more interconnected, smarter and digitalised.</p> <p>Funds: CEF provides funding in the form of grants and procurement and contributes to attracting private investments. The total budget is €5.84 billion. Specific funds are allocated in calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadlines for the individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | Check the Application guide to find information regarding the application process of individual projects. |
| Extra | Read more about the programme here . |

| Connecting Europe Facility - Digital | |
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| Sector | Digitalisation, Innovation |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: CEF Digital aims to leverage public and private investments in digital connectivity infrastructures of common European interest. It is managed by the Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)</p> <p>Target Group: Private and public stakeholders from Member States (and occasionally associated countries), often focused on cross-border projects.</p> <p>Demands: Projects must contribute to cross-border digital connectivity and infrastructure for the EU. Projects must be in areas such as: 5G coverage, Cloud for Smart Communities, Backbone networks for pan-European cloud federations, Quantum communication infrastructure and operational digital platforms. Read more about the different topics here.</p> <p>Funds: CEF provides funding in the form of grants and procurement and contributes to attracting private investments. CEF Digital's total budget is €1.5 billion. Specific funds are allocated in individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls for proposals and tenders: Call for proposals portal and Tenders portal . HaDEA's specific calls for proposals and tenders: Calls for proposals HaDEA portal and tenders portal HaDEA . |
| How to apply | Check the Application guide to find information regarding the application process of individual projects. |
| Extra | Read more about the programme here . |

| Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL) | |
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| Sector | Technology, Digitalisation, Innovation |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: DIGITAL is an EU funding programme focused on bringing digital technology to businesses, citizens and public administrations. It is fine-tuned to fill the gap between the research in digital technologies and their deployment, and to bring the results of research to the market for the benefit of Europe's citizens and businesses. This includes a particular focus on SMEs. Investments under the Digital Europe Programme support the EU's twin objectives of the green transition and the digital transformation, and strengthen the EU's resilience and strategic autonomy.</p> <p>Target Group: Industry, SMEs, and public administration.</p> <p>Demands: Projects that support areas such as: supercomputing, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, advanced digital skills, semiconductors, and ensuring the wide use of digital technologies across the economy and society.</p> <p>Funds: DIGITAL has a total budget of €8.1 billion. Specific funds are allocated in individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check deadlines for individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | Check the Application guide to find information regarding the application of individual programmes. |
| Extra | Read more about the programme here . |

Single Market

| Single Market Programme (SMP) | |
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| Sector | Agriculture, Justice, Competitiveness |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development and Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The Single Market Programme is an EU funding programme that helps the single market reach its full potential and ensures Europe's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. SMP has 6 major objectives: Food safety, consumer protection, support to SMEs, a more effective single market, high quality European statistics, and effective European standards. Read more about the objectives here.</p> <p>Target Group: Individuals, public companies, private companies, especially SMEs.</p> <p>Demands: Individuals, companies and organisations based in an EU Member State or a linked overseas country or territory, or in a non-EU country associated with the programme, are eligible. Legal entities created under EU law or international organisations are also eligible. Finally, legal entities based in a non-EU country not associated with the programme, but whose activities are in line with its objectives can also be eligible.</p> <p>Funds: The total SMP budget is €4.2 billion. Find a breakdown of the budget by objective here. Specific funds are allocated in individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadlines for individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . For an overview of calls for proposals by objective, read more here . |
| How to apply | The individual programme provides information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the programme here . |

| Union Anti-Fraud Programme (UAFP) | |
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| Sector | Finance, Justice, Innovation |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Research and Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The programme provides funding to support the protection of EU financial interests, in particular for technical and operational investigation equipment, and specialised training and research activities. The Union Anti-Fraud Programme (2021-2027) has the following general objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protecting the financial interests of the EU by supporting action to combat irregularities, fraud and corruption affecting the EU budget. - Supporting mutual assistance and cooperation between administrative authorities in EU Member States via the Anti-Fraud Information System (AFIS). - Operating the Irregularity Management System (IMS) so Member States can report irregularities. <p>Target Group: Public administrative authorities, private companies, NGO's, research institutions, universities etc.</p> <p>Demands: The project must contribute to the Anti-Fraud programme.</p> |

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| | Funds: Total budget of €181 million. Specific funds are allocated in individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check deadlines for individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the programme here . |

| Cooperation in the Field of Taxation (FISCALIS) | |
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| Sector | Finance, Innovation |
| Management Type | Direct management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: FISCALIS is an EU cooperation programme that enables national tax administrations to create and exchange information and expertise. It helps Member States develop and run major trans-European information technology tax systems, as well as establishing networks of officials across the EU. Its aims include fighting tax fraud, tax evasion and tax avoidance and improving tax collection.</p> <p>Target Group: Public tax authorities from EU Member States, but the programme is also open to acceding countries, candidate countries, potential candidate countries, and European Neighbourhood Policy countries. As such, as of 2025, the following countries have also joined the FISCALIS programme: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia and Ukraine.</p> <p>Demands: Eligible activities under this programme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The development and operation of the common components of the European electronic systems for taxation (EES). - Collaborative activities between the administrations and their experts, and between the administrations and the Commission, as well as with other partners – seminars, workshops, project groups, networks, expert teams, study/working visits, etc. - EU-level human competency building and training activities – eLearning modules, eBooks, nano-learning courses, educational videos, etc. - Studies and communication activities. - Innovation activities – proof-of-concepts, pilots, prototyping initiatives and similar activities. <p>Funds: Total budget of €269 million. Specific funds are allocated in individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check deadlines for individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the programme here . |

| Cooperation in the Field of Customs (CUSTOMS) | |
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| Sector | Innovation, Trade |
| Management Type | Direct management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The CUSTOMS programme supports the development and operation of central EU information technology systems for customs. It facilitates collaborative activities between customs officials, including the exchange of good practices and knowledge in customs policy and law, and their practical implementation. The programme is restricted to customs authorities in the EU and eligible non-EU countries.</p> <p>Target Group: Public tax authorities from EU Member States, but the programme is also open to acceding countries, candidate countries, potential candidate countries, and European Neighbourhood Policy countries. Read more about the target group and demands on their website.</p> <p>Demands: Eligible activities under this programme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The development and operation of the common components of the European electronic systems for customs (EES). - Collaborative activities between the administrations and their experts, and between the administrations and the Commission, as well as with other partners – seminars, workshops, project groups, networks, expert teams, study/working visits, etc. - EU-level human competency building and training activities – eLearning modules, eBooks, nano-learning courses, educational videos, etc. - Studies and communication activities. - Innovation activities – proof-of-concepts, pilots, prototyping initiatives and similar activities. <p>Funds: Total budget of €950 million. Specific funds are allocated in individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check deadlines for individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the programme here . |

Space

| European Space Programme | |
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| Sector | Space, Innovation, Technology |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Research and Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The European Space Programme implements space activities in the fields of Earth Observation, Satellite Navigation, Connectivity, Space Research and Innovation. While striving to strengthen European space assets and services, it also drives space entrepreneurship and innovative solutions based on space technologies, data and services with targeted investments towards European start-ups and SMEs.</p> <p>Target Group: Research institutions, Industry, Member States, public authorities, SMEs and other eligible organisations, depending on the individual call for proposals. Read more about who can apply here.</p> <p>Demands: Consortia who fulfil the individual criteria of the needs/objectives of each project. Consortia often consist of multiple relevant players in the value chain, including, amongst others, entities such as component manufacturers, system integrators, device manufacturers, end-product manufacturers and distributors. These players can be industry representatives, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), research institutes or universities, and other type of organisations.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €14.88 billion. Specific funds are allocated in individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check deadlines for individual calls for proposals here . |
| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the programme here . |

Heading 2: Cohesion, Resilience and Values

Regional Development and Cohesion

| European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) | |
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| Sector | Research, Innovation, Climate, Civil Rights, Digitalisation |
| Management Type | Shared management |
| Phase | Research, Development, Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) provides funding to public and private bodies in all EU regions to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities. The ERDF works to make the EU more competitive and smarter, greener, more connected, more social, and closer to the citizens.</p> <p>Target Group: Private and public companies, Local-, regional- and national authorities, public institutions and NGO's.</p> <p>Demands: ERDF spans over all of Europe with the purpose of connecting countries and regions. Each programme has specific rules and requirements for project applications.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €226.05 billion. Specific funds are allocated in individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadlines for the programmes for Denmark here . |
| How to apply | <p>Read more about how to apply for funds generally here.</p> <p>Find the relevant national/regional managing authority (Denmark). The individual proposal or tender will provide information about the application process. The Danish national application rounds can be found here.</p> |
| Extra | <p>Read more about the programme here.</p> <p>Read more about the major subprogram Interreg and which types of programmes they offer here. Find Interreg programmes by country, theme, or type of programme here. Interreg programmes that specifically regard Denmark include: URBACT, Interact, Interreg South Baltic, Interreg North Sea, Interreg Baltic Sea Region, Interreg ESPON, Interreg Öresund-Kattegat-Skagerrak, Interreg Europe, Interreg Germany-Denmark.</p> |

| Cohesion Fund | |
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| Sector | Environment, Economics, Social Affairs |
| Management Type | Shared management |
| Phase | Research, Development, Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The Cohesion Fund provides support to Member States with a gross national income (GNI) per capita below 90% EU-27 average to strengthen the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the EU. The Cohesion Fund supports investments in the field of environment and trans-European networks in the area of transport infrastructure (TEN-T).</p> <p>Target Group: For the 2021-2027 period, the Cohesion Fund concerns Bulgaria, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Croatia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.</p> <p>Demands: Member States with a gross national income (GNI) per capita below 90% EU-27 average. 37% of the overall financial allocation of the Cohesion Fund are expected to contribute to climate objectives. Besides that, each programme has specific rules and requirements for project applications.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €48.03 billion. Specific funds are allocated in individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadlines for the programmes for Denmark here . Find an overview of all programmes here . |
| How to apply | Find the relevant national/regional managing authority (Denmark). The individual proposal or tender will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the Cohesion Fund here . |

| REACT-EU | |
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| Sector | Economic, Digitalisation, Social Affairs |
| Management Type | Shared management |
| Phase | Research, Development, Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: REACT-EU supports investment projects that foster crisis-repair capacities and contribute to a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy, including support for maintaining jobs, short-time work schemes and support for the self-employed. It can also support job creation and youth employment measures, healthcare systems and the provision of working capital and investment support for small and medium-sized enterprises.</p> <p>Target Group: Public authorities, private businesses, research and educational institutions, NGOs and civil-society organisations, healthcare providers, labour-market actors, partnerships/consortia, SMEs. The target group can differ according to the individual programme.</p> <p>Demands: REACT-EU spans over all of Europe with the purpose of connecting countries and regions. Each programme has specific rules and requirements for project applications.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €50.6 billion. Specific funds are allocated in individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadlines for the programmes for Denmark here . |
| How to apply | Find the relevant national/regional managing authority (Regional office Denmark) The individual proposal or tender will provide information about the application process. The Danish national application rounds can be found here . |
| Extra | Read more about the REACH-EU programme here . |

Recovery and resilience

| Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) | |
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| Sector | Climate, Digitalisation, Economics, Social Affairs |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Research, Development, Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is a temporary instrument that is the centrepiece of NextGenerationEU, the EU's plan to emerge stronger and more resilient from the current crisis. Through the RRF, the Commission raises funds by borrowing on the capital markets (issuing bonds on behalf of the EU). These are then available to its Member States, to implement ambitious reforms and investments that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make their economies and societies more sustainable, resilient and prepared for the green and digital transitions, in line with the EU's priorities. - Address the challenges identified in country-specific recommendations under the European Semester framework of economic and social policy coordination. <p>Target Group: Private businesses, research and educational institutions, NGOs and civil-society organisations, healthcare providers, labour-market actors, partnerships/consortia, SMEs. The target group can differ according to the individual programme.</p> <p>Demands: Each programme/grant has specific rules and requirements for project applications.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €723.8 billion in EU. Denmark has a budget of €1.812 billion.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadlines for the programmes in Denmark here . |
| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the RRF here . Read more about Denmark's recovery and resilience plan here and on the Danish national site for EU-funded projects . |

| Technical Support Instrument (TSI) | |
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| Sector | Energy, Climate, Social affairs, Education, Economics, Migration, Health |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development and Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The Technical Support Instrument (TSI) provides tailor-made technical expertise to EU Member States to design and implement reforms. The TSI provides technical support to Member States in a wide range of policy areas, including: green transition (including climate action, circular economy and energy transition), digital transition, health and long-term care, skills, education and training, governance and public administration, competitiveness, financial sector and access to finance, revenue administration and public financial management, labour market and social protection, and migration management.</p> <p>Target Group: EU Member states.</p> <p>Demands: The assessment criteria and principles considered to assess the requests are defined in Article 9 of the TSI Regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urgency, breadth and depth of the challenges identified; - Support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned; |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of socioeconomic indicators, as well as institutional and general administrative capacity of the requesting Member State; - The principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management; - Prioritisation by the Member State. <p>Funds: Total budget of €864 million.</p> |
| Deadline | Yearly call: read more about the specific deadline here . |
| How to apply | Read about the application process for calls and the request template for Member States here . |
| Extra | Read more about the Technical Support Instrument here . |

| Protection of the Euro against Counterfeiting | |
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| Sector | Finance, Justice |
| Management Type | Direct management |
| Phase | Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The programme prevents and combats counterfeiting and related fraud and preserves the integrity of the euro banknotes and coins. It aims to strengthen the trust of citizens and businesses in the genuineness of banknotes and coins, and enhance the trust in the EU's economy, while securing the sustainability of public finances.</p> <p>It provides exchange and dissemination of information, in particular through the organisation of workshops, meetings and seminars, including training, targeted placements and exchanges of staff of competent national authorities. It also provides technical, scientific and operational assistance. Finally, it purchases equipment to be used by specialised anti-counterfeiting authorities of third countries to protect the euro against counterfeiting.</p> <p>Target Group: EU Member states</p> <p>Demands: Only eligible authorities from Member States can apply for the funds.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €6 million. Check the distribution of funding across the programmes here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadlines for the funded projects here and calls for proposals here . |
| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the Protection of the Euro against counterfeiting programme here . |

| EU Civil Protection Mechanism and rescEU | |
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| Sector | Social Affairs, Climate |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The Mechanism aims to strengthen civil protection cooperation between the EU countries and 10 additional participating states to improve prevention, preparedness, and response to disasters.</p> <p>Any country hit by a disaster, in Europe and beyond, can request emergency assistance through the Mechanism. The Commission plays a key role in coordinating the disaster response and contributing to the transport and/or operational costs of deployments.</p> <p>Target Group: National authorities and affiliated entities.</p> <p>Demands: The demands differ according to the individual programme.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €3.32 billion.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the different deadlines for the call for proposals , tenders and EU Funded projects |
| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and rescEU programme here . |

| EU4HEALTH | |
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| Sector | Health, Innovation, Social Equality |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: Initially introduced as an EU response to COVID-19, the programme now goes beyond crisis response and aims to pave the way for a stronger, healthier and more resilient Health Union. EU4Health is the largest health programme ever and has four objectives: it aims to improve and foster health, protect people, give access to medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products, and strengthen health systems.</p> <p>Target Group: Eligible legal entities from EU Member states or overseas territories that are linked to it; eligible legal entities from third countries associated to the programme or third countries listed in the annual work programmes; legal entities created under EU law; and international organisations.</p> <p>Demands: Each programme/grant has specific rules and requirements for project applications.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €4.4 billion. Read more about the funding here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the calls for proposals , tenders and EU Funded projects |
| How to apply | Read more about how to apply here . |
| Extra | Read more about the EU4 Health programme here . |

Investing in people, social cohesion and values

| European Social Fund+ | |
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| Sector | Social Affairs, Economics, |
| Management Type | Shared and Direct management |
| Phase | Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The European Social Fund+ (ESF+) is the European Union's main instrument for investing in people and supporting the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights. ESF+ contributes to the EU's employment, social, education and skills policies, and socio-economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Target Group: Public bodies, private sector entities, particularly small businesses, universities, associations, NGOs, and voluntary organisations. Foreign firms with a base in the area covered by the relevant programme may also apply, as long as they comply with EU public procurement rules.</p> <p>Demands: The eligibility criteria for ESF+ funding are determined at the national and regional level in each country, on the basis of EU law.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €142.7 billion. The budget for Denmark is €120 million.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the individual deadline for each tender by the European Commission and the Danish national application rounds . |
| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the European Social Fund+ programme here . |

| Erasmus+ | |
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| Sector | Education, Training, Youth and Sports |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development and Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe. It also supports priorities and activities set out in the European Education Area, Digital Education Action Plan and the European Skills Agenda.</p> <p>Target Group: Higher education, vocational education and training, school education (including early childhood education and care), adult education, youth, sport and all types of institutions regarding education, training, youth and sport.</p> <p>Demands: Erasmus+ is a broad programme, covering a diverse range of actions. Therefore, demands can differ strongly depending on the programme, the applicant, and the applicant's country. Read more about the demands here.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €26.51 billion.</p> |
| Deadline | Current deadlines for programmes can be found under calls for proposals 2026 . |
| How to apply | Follow the Application Guide . Find an overview on the application forms here . Find the individual call for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| Extra | Read more about Erasmus+ programme in the entire Programme Guide . |

| European Solidarity Corps | |
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| Sector | Education, Youth and Sports, Culture |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The European Solidarity Corps is an EU funding programme for young people wishing to engage in solidary activities in a variety of areas. These include, for example, humanitarian aid, as well as contributing to health and environmental action across the EU and beyond. The programme finances projects to engage young people in solidarity, addressing societal challenges through volunteering or by setting up their own projects. The programme's ambition is not only to be more inclusive but also greener and more digital.</p> <p>Target Group: Young people between 18 and 30 years of age. The upper age limit for volunteers in the field of humanitarian aid is 35, with the possibility of hiring experts and coaches without an upper age limit. Both public or private organisations are eligible to apply as well (e.g. NGOs, social enterprises, associations, community organisations).</p> <p>Demands: Any public or private organisation from an EU Member State holding a Quality Label can submit applications for funding within set deadlines for volunteering, traineeships and jobs. Read more about the Quality Label here. Groups of young people registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal may apply for solidarity project funding.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €1.01 billion. Read more about the funding for the individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadline for the individual call for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the European Solidarity corps here . |

| Justice Programme | |
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| Sector | Justice, Equality |
| Management Type | Direct management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The programme provides funding to support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters. This can include training for judges and other legal practitioners, or effective access to justice for citizens and businesses. The programme aims to contribute to the further development of a European area of justice based on the rule of law, including independence and impartiality of the judiciary.</p> <p>Target Group: Representative bodies for the judiciary, public authorities, judicial training bodies, academic and research institutions, and civil society organisations working in justice and rule-of-law fields.</p> <p>Demands: Organisations established in an EU Member State or a linked overseas country or territory, or in a non-EU country associated with the programme and created under EU law, or any international organisation. Read more about the specific activities that are eligible for funding here.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €300 million. Read more about the funding for individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadline for the individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here |

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| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the Justice Programme and its subprogrammes here . |

| Creative Europe | |
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| Sector | Youth, Culture |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: Creative Europe is supporting projects to foster cultural diversity, safeguard European cultural and linguistic diversity and heritage, and boost the competitiveness and economic potential of the creative industries. The programme is divided in three strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Culture strand, which covers initiatives promoting and enhancing artistic and cultural cooperation. - Media strand, which covers actions encouraging the competitiveness, innovation, and sustainability of the European audio-visual sector. - Cross-sectoral strand, which covers innovative actions and collaborations across the audio-visual and cultural sectors. <p>Target Group: Cultural and creative organizations from select countries, audio-visual entities, non-governmental organizations, public authorities, educational and research institutions. Eligibility criteria can vary depending on the specific call for proposals.</p> <p>Demands: Read more about eligible countries here. The guidelines of each specific call for proposals defines the further demands.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €2.44 billion. Find the exact amount of funding in the individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU Funded projects.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the individual deadlines for the individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU Funded projects . |
| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. The website of the European Education and Culture Executive Agency also provides further detailed information on the application process. Applicants can also be supported by the Creative Europe Desks . |
| Extra | Read more about the Creative Europe programme here . Find Creative Europe Denmark here . |

Heading 3: Natural Resources and Environment

Agriculture and maritime policy

| European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) | |
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| Sector | Agriculture |
| Management Type | Shared management |
| Phase | Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The EAGF helps the EU's farmers to provide a secure supply of safe, healthy, and affordable food. Through EAGF, EU Member States offer basic payment schemes for farmers, green direct payments for sustainable farming, payments for young farmers, and aid to small and medium sized farms.</p> <p>Target Group: Farmers in the EU.</p> <p>Demands: Registered farmers under the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP).</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €291.09 billion. €270 billion is allocated for income support schemes, with the rest dedicated to supporting agricultural markets.</p> |
| Deadline | Yearly calls: check the deadlines for the individual calls for proposals and tenders . Continuous funding throughout the support schemes is available. |
| How to apply | Information about the application process can be found under the individual proposals . |
| Extra | Read more about the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) here . |

| European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) | |
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| Sector | Agriculture |
| Management Type | Shared management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The EAFRD finances the EU's contribution to rural development programmes (RDPs). RDPs are defined as projects that contribute to at least four of the six priorities of the EAFRD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- fostering knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas- enhancing the viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture- promoting food chain organisation, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture- promoting resource efficiency and a climate resilient agriculture economy- restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems- promoting social inclusion <p>Target Group: Farmers, agriculture organisations, private and public businesses,</p> <p>Demands: EU countries may apply for funding from the EAFRD through a number of measures, which are in line with the priorities of the EAFRD. Read more about the measures here.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €95.51 billion. Find the funding for the individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadlines for the individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development here . |

| European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) | |
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| Sector | Fisheries, Climate, Culture, Biodiversity |
| Management Type | Shared and Direct management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The EMFAF helps achieve sustainable fisheries and conserve marine biological resources, with an eye on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - food security through the supply of seafood products - growth of a sustainable blue economy - healthy, safe and sustainably managed seas and oceans <p>Generally, the EMFAF supports innovative projects that contribute to the sustainable exploitation and management of aquatic and maritime resources.</p> <p>Target Group: Particularly small-scale coastal fisheries and young fishers, public authorities and regions, private businesses, educational and research institutions.</p> <p>Demands: Eligible applicants must be legal entities established in an EU Member State, created under EU law. International organisations are also eligible.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €6.108 billion. The national budget in Denmark is 917 million DKK.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing deadlines: check individual deadlines for projects on Denmark's national site here . Check the following for EU calls for proposals , tenders and EU Funded projects . |
| How to apply | Use the Danish application portal to apply for individual calls for proposals. The individual programme will also provide information about the application process. Check the entire list of EMFAF national authorities here . |
| Extra | Read more about the EMFAF here , and specifically on Denmark here . |

Environment and Climate Action

| Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) | |
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| Sector | Energy, Climate, Biodiversity, Nature, Circular Economy |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: LIFE supports demonstration, best practice, coordination and support actions, capacity building, and governance projects, which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - facilitate the shift towards a sustainable, circular, energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and resilient economy - protect, restore and improve the quality of the environment - halt and reverse biodiversity loss - tackle the degradation of ecosystems <p>Target Group: Public authorities, public companies, private companies, third countries associated to the LIFE programme, international organisations. Natural persons are not eligible to apply.</p> <p>Demands: Projects must align with the programme's priorities and sub-programmes. Read more about the sub-programmes here.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €5.43 billion. Read more about LIFE funding and its distribution per sub-programme here.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check individual deadlines for calls for proposals and EU Funded projects . |

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| How to apply | Information regarding the application process can be found in the individual calls for proposals and EU Funded projects . Additional guidance on the application is available here . |
| Extra | Read more about the programme here . |

| Just Transition Fund | |
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| Sector | Finance, Social Affairs, Energy, Climate |
| Management Type | Shared management |
| Phase | Research, Development, Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The fund is a key tool to support territories that are most affected by the transition towards climate neutrality and provide them with tailored support. This includes: productive investments in small and medium-sized enterprises, the creation of new firms, research and innovation, environmental rehabilitation, clean energy, up- and reskilling of workers, job-search assistance and active inclusion of jobseeker programmes, and the transformation of carbon-intensive installations.</p> <p>Target Group: SMEs, regions, research organisations, universities, NGO's etc.</p> <p>Demands: Projects must align with the priorities of the fund. Territorial eligibility is defined here.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €19.7 billion.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the individual deadlines for the individual call for proposals , tender and EU Funded projects . |
| How to apply | The individual programme will provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the Just Transition Fund here . |

| EU Innovation Fund | |
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| Sector | Energy, Climate, Innovation, Technology |
| Management Type | Direct management |
| Phase | Research and Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The Innovation Fund is one of the world's largest funding programmes for the deployment of net-zero and innovative low-carbon technologies. The Fund focuses on highly innovative clean technologies and big flagship projects with European added value that can bring significant emission and greenhouse gas reductions.</p> <p>Target Group: Private companies, public companies and institutions</p> <p>Demands: Projects for regular grants are evaluated based on effectiveness in emissions reduction, innovation, maturity, replicability, and cost efficiency. Competitive bidding projects must meet minimum qualifications and are ranked by cost. Each call for proposals defines detailed scoring, ranking, and any additional criteria for geographical or sectoral balance. Find the calls and auctions here.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €40 billion. The Innovation Fund covers up to 60% of costs for regular grants and up to 100% for competitive bidding, calculated per each call's methodology. Grants are disbursed flexibly based on project milestones, with up to 40% of regular grants available before full project completion.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls for proposals and competitive bidding: check deadlines for the calls and the biddings . New calls for proposals and biddings are published annually. |
| How to apply | Find more information in the application process manual . The individual programmes will also provide information about the application process. Project |

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| | promoters can apply via the EU Funding and Tenders portal by submitting their proposals when there is an open call for projects. |
| Extra | Read more about the EU Innovation Fund here . |

| Modernisation Fund | |
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| Sector | Energy, Climate |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The Modernisation Fund supports the modernisation of energy systems and the improvement of energy efficiency in 13 EU Member States. It aims to help the beneficiary Member States achieve their climate targets and the objectives of the European Green Deal by supporting investments in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renewable energy - Energy efficiency - Energy storage and the modernisation of energy networks - Support for low-income households to address energy poverty - Just transition in carbon-dependent regions <p>Beneficiary Member States will work in close cooperation with the European Investment Bank (EIB), with the European Commission (EC) and the Investment Committee set up for the fund.</p> <p>Target Group: The 13 EU Member States: Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia</p> <p>Demands: To obtain financing, the beneficiary Member State must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate that the investment complies with the Modernisation Fund requirements set in the ETS Directive and the Implementing Regulation. - Have sufficient funds available in the relevant category on its Modernisation Fund account. - Provide evidence that the investment proposal is in line with the State aid rules. - Demonstrate that the investment complies with the “do no significant harm” principle (from 1 January 2025). - Confirm that the investment complies with any other applicable requirements of EU and national law. - Confirm that there is no double funding of the same costs with another EU or national instrument. <p>More detailed eligibility criteria can be found here.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €57 billion. Find the specific amount of funding for each of the 13 Member States here.</p> |
| Deadline | N.A. |
| How to apply | EU Member States select the investments they wish to submit for the Modernisation Fund support. Member States submit the proposed investments to the European Investment Bank, European Commission and the Investment Committee. |
| Extra | Read more about the Modernisation Fund here . |

Heading 4: Migration and Border Management

Migration

| Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) | |
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| Sector | Social Affairs, Justice, Technology |
| Management Type | Shared, Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: AMIF contributes to the achievement of four specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to strengthen and develop all aspects of the common European asylum system, including its external dimension- to support legal migration to the Member States, including by contributing to the integration of third-country nationals- to contribute to countering irregular migration and ensuring effectiveness of return and readmission in third countries- to enhance solidarity and responsibility sharing between the Member States, in particular towards those most affected by migration and asylum challenges <p>Target Group: State and federal authorities, local public bodies, non-governmental organisations, humanitarian organisations, private and public law companies, education and research organisations etc.</p> <p>Demands: The project must contribute to the four specific objectives for the fund and fulfil the criteria for the eligible countries and entities. Funded actions under AMIF can include a wide range of initiatives, as described here.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €10.94 billion. Find specific funding amounts under the individual calls for proposals and tenders.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadline for the individual calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | Consult the application manual here . The individual programmes will also provide information about the application process |
| Extra | Read more about the AMIF here . Denmark does not take part in AMIF. |

Border Management

| Integrated Border Management Fund | |
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| Sector | Social Affairs, Justice, Technology |
| Management Type | Shared, Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The Integrated Border Management Fund is made of two components that work on border management and customs: the Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI), and the Customs Control Equipment Instrument (CCEI). Read more about the two subprogrammes here.</p> <p>Target Group: State and federal authorities, local public bodies, non-governmental organisations, humanitarian organisations, private and public law companies, education and research organisations etc.</p> <p>Demands: The project must contribute to the overall objectives for the Integrated Border Management Fund and fulfil the individual criteria for the eligible countries and entities.</p> |

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| | Funds: Total budget of €10.94 billion. Find specific funding amounts under the individual calls for proposals and tenders. |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check individual deadlines for the call for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . Many calls can be found under BMVI and CCEI , instead of the umbrella Integrated Border Management Fund. |
| How to apply | Read more about the application process here . The individual programmes will also provide information about the application process. |
| Extra | Read more about the Integrated Border Management Fund here . |

Heading 5: Security and Defence

Security

| Internal Security Fund | |
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| Sector | Defence, Technology, Innovation, Justice, Education |
| Management Type | Shared, Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Development and Commercialisation |
| Description | <p>Summary: The Internal Security Fund contributes to the security of the EU, in particular by prevention, information exchange, and cross-border cooperation. Concrete actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- procurement of ICT systems- monitoring implementation of EU law and policies- support thematic and cross-theme networks- education and training <p>Target Group: State/Federal Police, Customs and other specialised law enforcement services (including national cybercrime units, anti-terrorism and other specialised units), local public bodies, non-governmental organisations, international organisations, union agencies, private and public law companies, networks, research institutes and universities.</p> <p>Demands: Eligible legal entities have to be established in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a Member State (except Denmark) or an overseas country or territory linked to it.- a third country listed in the work programme as part of a consortium composed of at least two independent entities, at least one of which is established in a Member State <p>In addition, legal entities created under EU law or any international organisation relevant for the purposes of the Fund are also eligible. Natural persons are not eligible for financing.</p> <p>Funds: Total budget of €1.91 billion.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the individual deadlines for the calls for proposals, tenders and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | Information regarding the application process can be found under the individual calls for proposals, tender and projects. |
| Extra | Read more about the Internal Security Fund here . |

Defence

| European Defence Fund | |
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| Sector | Defence, Technology, Innovation |
| Management Type | Direct and Indirect management |
| Phase | Research and Development |
| Description | <p>Summary: The EDF supports companies across Member States to develop competitive and collaborative defence projects that will deliver innovative and interoperable defence technologies and equipment.</p> <p>Target Group: SMEs, large companies, research organisations, universities, public authorities etc.</p> <p>Demands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applying requires a consortium of at least three Member States or associated countries (two for disruptive technologies). - Recipients and subcontractors must be EU-based, with EU-located management, and not controlled by a non-associated third country unless approved guarantees apply. - Non-associated third-country entities may participate under strict conditions but cannot receive EDF funding. <p>Funds: Total budget of €7.3 billion. The financial support is offered primarily through grants up to 100% of eligible costs contingent on activities, and a bonus system that considers SMEs, mid-caps, and connection to a PESCO project.</p> |
| Deadline | Ongoing calls: check the deadline for individual calls for proposals here and EU funded projects here . |
| How to apply | Consult a video tutorial for the application process here , and read more about the application here . |
| Extra | Read more about the EDF here . |

Other EU Funding Options

European Investment Bank (EIB)

The EIB offers loans, guarantees, equity investments and advisory services. Its financial products and services are in support of the economic, social, and environmental objectives of the European Union.

Support for SMEs is a major priority for the EIB Group. In 2024, the EIB Group provided over €16 billion for SMEs through its intermediaries (commercial banks, National Promotional Banks and Institutions, leasing companies, private equity funds etc.).

The EIB also lends directly to mid-caps (250-3000 employees) for R&D investment.

You can find more information on financing conditions for SMEs and midcaps [here](#).

INVEST EU

The InvestEU Programme is composed of three parts, the InvestEU Fund, the InvestEU Advisory Hub and the InvestEU Portal.

The programme is implemented by the EIB.

The InvestEU Fund supports private and public investments in:

- Sustainable infrastructure
- Research, Innovation and Digitalisation
- SMEs
- Social investment and skills

The [InvestEU Advisory Hub](#) helps projects reach financing by giving technical assistance and by connecting project promoters with advisors. To request Advisory Support, go to the InvestEU Advisory Hub [Central Entry Point](#).

The [InvestEU Portal](#) is a matchmaking tool for EU-based projects and companies to reach potential investors worldwide.

European Investment Fund (EIF)

The [European Investment Fund \(EIF\)](#) is part of the European Investment Bank Group, and a major implementing partner for InvestEU. Its main mission is to support SMEs and help them access finance, by working with financial intermediaries across Europe, including funds, banks, guarantee and microfinance institutions. Through its work, the EIF supports EU objectives in sustainability, innovation, R&D, entrepreneurship, growth and employment.

Danish entrepreneurs looking for EU-sourced financing can go to the [Export and Investment Fund of Denmark \(EIFO\)](#), or a number of other Danish InvestEU, EIB and EIF intermediaries (full list [here](#)).

Prizes for winners of European Innovation Council (EIC) Prizes

The EIC offers several annual challenges and prize pools around the theme of innovation, through which companies can apply for funding. Read more [here](#).