

Funding Catalyst

Quarterly Bulletin

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Funding opportunities

Digital Europe - Local Digital Twins for Smart Sustainable Cities (LDT4SSC) New local digital twins	
Areas of intervention	Digitalization, Urban challenges (mobility, energy etc.)
Budget per project	500.000 EUR (50% co-financing)
Deadline	02.04.2026
Link to the Call	Click here

International Water Association Call for hosting 2027 Water and Development Congress	
Area	Organization of a water sector global event
Budget	To be defined IWA provides technical and financial support
Deadline	06.04.2026
Link to the Call	Click here

Horizon Europe - Towards the water infrastructures of the future Research and Innovation Action – single stage	
Areas of intervention	Water infrastructure (drinking water and wastewater)
Budget of the Call	10 million EUR
Deadline	14.04.2026
Link to the Call	Click here

European Urban Initiative Innovative actions (for EU Cities above 25.000)	
Areas of intervention	Climate, environment, clean energy (Topic 5)
Budget per project	Up to 2 million EUR
Deadline	15.06.2026
Link to the Call	Click here

Interreg Urbact Call for Action Networks	
Areas of intervention	Any key area of the European Agenda for Cities
Budget per network	Up to 1 million EUR
Deadline	17.06.2026
Link to the Call	Click here

Events

Interreg Urbact Online Info session	
Theme	Presentation of the Call for Action Networks
Location	Online (ZOOM)
Date	01.04.2026
Link	Click here

Interreg Europe Joint Secretariat Europe, let's cooperate!	
Themes	Interreg Europe – results, benefits, get involved
Location	Copenhagen, Denmark (Hybrid)
Dates	16 - 17.04.2026
Link	Click here

Water Market Europe 2026 Multi-stakeholder forum	
Themes	Digital Twins, Data governance and AI
Location	Brussels, Belgium
Date	16.04.2026
Link	Click here

International Water Association Awards	
Categories	Global Water Award, Gender Diversity and Water Award, Young Leadership Award
Awards	Trophy, Honorary Certificate
Deadline	26.04.2026
Link	Click here

EU Life programme Online Info session	
Theme	Presentation of the upcoming LIFE Calls for proposals
Location	Online
Dates	28-30.04.2026
Link	Click here

International Water Association Young Water Professionals European Conference	
Categories	Emerging leaders in the water sector
Location	Milan, Italy
Dates	14 - 17.06.2026
Link	Click here

Open calls

European Urban Initiative City to City exchanges (EU members only)	
Themes	Climate adaptation and energy transition, urban mobility, housing, regeneration of deprived neighbourhoods etc.
Budget	Covered costs for travel and accommodation
Link	Click here

Interreg Slovenia – Croatia Small scale projects	
Themes of intervention	Governance, Greener Europe, Social Europe
Budget per project	16.000 EUR (Type 1) or 24.800 EUR (Type 2)
Link	Click here

Good to know

The EBRD's Green Economy Transition (GET) 2026-30 framework integrates the water sector into a broader "Urban System" strategy that prioritizes climate resilience and the reduction of non-revenue water through digitalization. It emphasizes the shift toward a circular economy by promoting wastewater reuse and energy recovery from sewage sludge while aiming to increase the number of projects with dedicated climate adaptation components by 50%. This approach specifically focuses on transitioning public utilities toward financial and environmental sustainability by aligning infrastructure investments with low-carbon pathways and EU environmental standards.

For more details, please find the document [here](#).

Thank you for the cooperation

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