



Funding Opportunities

European Scout Region



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Introduction

We are pleased to provide this update on **Funding Opportunities available to Member Organisations (NSOs and NSAs) in Europe**.

This document is a working tool for all NSOs and NSAs in the European Scout Region, aiming to offer comprehensive information about the different funding opportunities available in Europe to support NSOs and NSAs in their development and to foster the exchanges among Scout Associations. It gives an overview of the available funding opportunities, with useful information and direct contacts. Particular attention is given to deadlines and procedures to enable you to be aware of the amount of time and preparation required for an application.

We are happy to announce that the EU's budget 2021-2027 for youth projects has almost tripled, with respectively EUR 2.4 billion for **Erasmus+** and EUR 1 billion for **European Solidarity Corps**.

To secure access to these funds we would like to draw your attention to the **Erasmus+ youth accreditation** and the **European Solidarity Corps Quality label**. These are both important accreditations because they will give you simplified and priority access to the EU funds in the coming years, and it is therefore important to not miss the call for these accreditations. The World Scout Bureau Europe Support Centre is available to support you in this process.

The new **Re-energizing Scouting fund** will support NSOs to recover from the pandemic throughout 2021, and the Region has also been allocated more funds than previously from **Messengers of Peace**.

If you are interested to know more about the different opportunities, if you have a specific question, or if you would like support to develop an application, please do not hesitate to submit a [WOSM Service Request](#) or contact the **Europe Support Centre** at brussels@scout.org.

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Summary table

Name	Aim/ Objective	Type of activity	Who can apply	Amount of grant	Deadline
Leadership Training Fund	Bi-lateral and multilateral training projects between different NSOs and MOs of the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM	Training events between associations	NSOs/NSAs and MOs in partnership with one or more associations in Europe (not in the same country)	No limit, related to the outcomes	No fixed deadline
Messengers of Peace	Peace and community involvement, NSO/NSA capacity strengthening	Projects that support youth to work to improve their communities, gain and spread awareness of the SDGs and directly contribute to achieving the SDGs. Capacity strengthening projects and Special Projects (Emergency funding)	NSOs/NSAs in Europe.	No limit, related to the outcomes	No fixed deadline
Re-Energising scouting Fund	Recovery of membership lost during the pandemic and post-pandemic opportunities for Scouting to attract new members and provide community service.	Gross and recovery projects	NSOs/NSAs in Europe.	No limit, related to the outcomes	Application deadline: September 2021; projects can be implemented until June 2022
European Scout Foundation – Friends of Scouting in Europe	Funding local as well as smaller national level Scout projects, focused on educational activities for young people with a widening of the focus to the whole Region	Local and small national level Scouting activities	Local Scout Groups, national level, with the approval of the International Commissioner	No limit, related to the outcomes, with the note that smaller projects have better chances	No fixed deadline
Erasmus+	European citizenship; youth participation; Digitalisation, Green Transition, innovative non-formal education practices, social inclusion	Youth exchanges; trainings of Scout leaders; large transversal partnership projects with partners outside Scouting, youth participation initiatives at local or national levels	Youth organisations in the EU plus Programme Countries Possibility of partnerships outside Europe extended	Depending on the actions applied. Most of the projects offer a flat rate and fixed costs. Co-funding might be needed, depending on the real cost of the project but not compulsory for most of the actions.	Deadlines: K1: 11 May 2021 5 October 2021 K2: 20 May 2021 3 November 2021

European Solidarity Corps	Creating opportunities for young people to volunteer or in projects that benefit communities and people around Europe and outside.	European Volunteers (within and outside Europe), possibility of national volunteers for young people with fewer opportunities EU Aid Volunteers Volunteering youth led projects at local level	Youth Organisations such as NSOs/NSAs from the Erasmus+ Programme countries with a valid <u>European Solidarity Corps Quality label</u>	Depending on the actions applied. Most of the projects offer a flat rate and fixed costs. Co-funding might be needed, depending on the real cost of the project but not compulsory for most of the actions	Deadlines: 28 May 2021 5 October 2021
European Youth Foundation	Human rights; youth participation; cultural diversity; social inclusion; quality education	International events, seminars, training (at least 7 countries represented and 4 days of activities); Pilot projects at local/national level (innovative)	Youth organisations including NSO/NSAs, regions and local groups	For international events the average is EUR 15'000 (max EUR 20'000) For pilot projects the maximum is EUR 15'000. Co-funding is needed	International Events: 1 April 1 October No fixed deadline for pilot projects, but at least 3 months in advance
Eric Frank Trust	Development of leadership skills Currently providing emergency funding in the light of COVID-19.	Leadership dimension in youth programmes	Any organisation worldwide, whose main purpose is the education and development of young people, with priority given to NSOs/NSAs, may apply	Depending on project application.	No fixed deadline but it is recommended to have a preliminary exchange with the trustees through the Brussels Support Centre before submitting the project application.
Visegrád Fund	Facilitate and promote the development of closer cooperation among citizens and institutions in Europe as well as between the V4 region and other countries, especially in the Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership region	Support is given to original projects, in the areas of culture, science and research, youth exchanges, cross- border cooperation and tourism promotion as well as in other priority areas defined in the calls of proposals of the Fund.	Organisations worldwide. Any project application must have at least 3 partners from the V4 countries (Slovakia, Czechia, Poland, Hungary).	Depending on the application	Three deadlines per year: 1 February 1 June 1 October

Detailed information on funding opportunities

Leadership Training Fund



- ❑ **Donor:** Donation to the European Scout Foundation to support Scouting and Guiding in Europe
- ❑ **Aim:** Support leadership and training development through non- formal education for adults from the age of seventeen and upwards; support practical Scout/Guide training (including events using typical Scouting/Guiding activities and methodologies) in partnership between two or more European countries wanting to learn from each other; events where practical training is taking place (rather than theoretical discussions about training); lead to a longer term and positive change which will continue beyond the project; lead to results that can be measured and assessed.
- ❑ **Who can apply:** All the NSO/NSAs of the European Scout Region and part of the Eurasia Scout Region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine), as well as Member Organisations of the WAGGGS Europe Region.
- ❑ **Procedure:** applications should be submitted to leadership@europak-online.net. There is an [application form](#), but you can also write down your ideas and budget and send it in a format that is suitable for you.
- ❑ **Budget:** No limit but it is expected that participants and/or participant organisations would cover costs which they would usually cover for a similar training.
- ❑ **Deadline:** Applications may be submitted at any time. There are no application deadlines, but applicants should submit their project application at least three months before the start of their projects.
- ❑ **Example of approved projects:** Scout leader training activities in partnership between 2 NSOs
- ❑ **More information:** <https://weconnect.eu.com/blog/resources/leadership-training-fund/>
- ❑ **Contact for any questions:** leadership@europak-online.net

Messengers of Peace



- ❑ **Donor:** Multiple donors through the World Scout Foundation
- ❑ **Aim:** To inspire and motivate youth worldwide to work to improve their communities through capacity building, dialogue and community action and directly contribute to achieving the SDGs.
- ❑ **Who can apply:** NSOs/NSAs as well as Regional and Global Support Centres of the World Scout Bureau; local Scout Groups must go through their NSO to submit projects. Preference will always be given to NSOs/NSAs, particularly those in countries facing economic difficulties.
- ❑ **Procedure:** Project proposals should be completed using the online platform Fluxx. An NSO with no previous experience with Fluxx will be given access and further instructions by the Europe Support Centre upon contact.
- ❑ **Budget:** No limits established, however, applications below USD 25'000 are reviewed by the Regional Decision Committee and those above USD 25'000 are reviewed by the world level Joint Executive Committee.
- ❑ **Deadline:** There are no deadlines for applications. When the application is finalised, the review and consideration will depend on the requested amount and vary from 1-3 months. Final deadline to submit projects for the 2020-2021 budget is September 2021.

- ❑ **Example of approved projects:** The fund targets three categories of work: (1) capacity strengthening, (2) community development /action (3) special projects (disaster response, Support to youth in (post-)conflict zones, Peace and culture of dialogue). The fund is also supporting the two priorities of the Scout European Region "Youth Empowerment" and "Diversity and Inclusion".
- ❑ **More information:** <http://scout.org/messengersofpeace>
- ❑ **Contact in the Europe Support Centre:** brussels@scout.org

Re-Energising Scouting Fund

- ❑ **Donor:** World Scout Foundation (World Scout Foundation/World Health Foundation)
- ❑ **Aim:** To support activities that promote membership recovery, retention and growth among National Scout Organisations (NSOs) impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❑ **Who can apply:** NSOs/NSAs in good standing with WOSM, who have a strong understanding of their membership situation and which have submitted updated census information on WOSM's Members Portal.
- ❑ **Procedure:** Same as Messengers of Peace, project proposals should be completed using the online platform Fluxx. An NSO with no previous experience with Fluxx will be given access and further instructions by the Europe Support Centre upon contact.
- ❑ **Budget:** Maximum of USD 50'000.
- ❑ **Deadline:** September 2021, projects can be implemented until June 2022.
- ❑ **Example of approved projects:** The Re-energising Scouting Fund will focus on two specific areas: (1) Recovery of membership lost during the pandemic; (2) Post-pandemic opportunities for Scouting to attract new members and provide community service.
- ❑ **More information:** <https://www.scout.org/re-energising-scouting-fund>
- ❑ **Contact:** Brussels@scout.org

European Scout Foundation



FOSE, Friends of Scouting in Europe

- ❑ **Donor:** European Scout Foundation
- ❑ **Aim:** To provide financial support for the development of Scouting in Europe.
- ❑ **Who can apply:** Local Scout groups and national applications for smaller project proposals from across the Region, with the approval of their International Commissioner.
- ❑ **Procedure:** Project proposals should be completed using the Online Application Form, which can be found on <http://europeanscoutfoundation.com/fose/>. This procedure is subject to change in the coming months, a new procedure will be available from July 2021 onwards.
- ❑ **Budget:** No limits established, but smaller projects are more likely to be funded.
- ❑ **Deadline:** No deadlines are established for applications.
- ❑ **Example of approved projects:** Contribution to educational projects; purchase of material; and organisation of events. Priority is given to projects supporting the educational programme.
- ❑ **More information:** <http://europeanscoutfoundation.com/project-terms-and-conditions/>
- ❑ **Contact:** europefoundation@scout.org
- ❑ **Important:** This information will change in the near future. We advise you to regularly consult the Foundation's [webpage](#) for updated information.

Erasmus+



- ❑ **Donor:** European Union
- ❑ **Aim:** This is the Programme that the European Union has set up for education, with a separate chapter for young people and youth organisations with the following transversal priorities: Inclusion and Diversity, Green, Digital, Active participation.

It promotes mobility within and beyond the EU borders, youth work, non-formal education, trans-sectorial partnerships among different educational actors.

- ❑ **Who can apply:** Organisations from EU "programme countries" plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, North Macedonia, and Serbia. Organisations from "Neighbouring countries" need to have at least one partner from a "Programme Country" to apply. The new Erasmus+ programme has an extended international dimension and aims at supporting more the exchanges outside Europe. For all actions there are different age limits and different numbers of eligible participants/partners.
- ❑ **Procedure:** The programme is divided in three different actions (2 relevant for NSOs):

Key action 1: "Individual mobility" youth exchange, youth initiative, youth worker mobility, seminars, trainings. This action is the easiest to access. New: Youth participation activities can now also be held nationally without international exchange.

[Discover EU](#) provides Interrail Train tickets to young people reaching 18 years old.

Key action 2: "Strategic partnerships" (bigger projects involving ideally also partners from outside Scouting and the youth sector for innovative approaches to non-formal education). The projects for this action are more complex to access but can include project management and staff costs.

[Small-scale Partnerships](#) within key action 2 are designed to widen access to small-scale actors. With lower grant amounts awarded to organisations (lump sum EUR 50'000), shorter duration and simpler administrative requirements compared to the Cooperation Partnerships, this action aims at reaching out to grassroots organisations, less experienced organisations and newcomers to the Programme.

The **Erasmus Youth accreditation** is awarded for the period from 2021 to 2027. Accredited organisations have the possibility to apply for funding (grant requests) for youth mobility activities in a prioritised and simplified way. Once an organisation has the accreditation, applications are based on the previously approved accreditation plan, so a detailed list and description of the planned activities is not required. We recommend all NSO/NSAs to proceed with the accreditation of their organisation.

- ❑ **Budget:** Youth Programme for 7 years: EUR 2.4 billion. Each action has different funding rules but generally the support is offered in terms of travel, accommodation and activity costs through lump sums and a scale of unit costs.
- ❑ **Deadline:** Key Action 1: 11 May 2021, 5 October 2021; Key Action 2: 20 May 2021, 3 November 2021
- ❑ **Example of approved projects/financed actions:** youth exchanges, youth initiatives, youth democracy projects, training and networking activities, meetings with young people and those responsible for youth policy.
- ❑ **More information:** http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en
- ❑ **Contact:** brussels@scout.org

European Solidarity Corps (ESC)



- ❑ **Donor:** European Union
- ❑ **Aim:** The European Solidarity Corps is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer in projects in their own country or abroad that benefit communities and people around Europe. This programme replaces the former European Voluntary Service.

- ❑ **Who can apply:** Youth Organisations such as NSOs/NSAs from the Erasmus+ Programme countries. But countries outside the EU can host volunteers. Applicant organisations should have a valid European Solidarity Corps quality label. We encourage all NSO/NSAs to apply for a European Solidarity Corps Quality label.
- ❑ **Quality label accreditation:** A [Quality Label](#) is an organisation's entry ticket to the European Solidarity Corps and an organisation can apply for a Quality Label for volunteering - supporting and/or host role. The Quality Label gives access to the ESC funding opportunities and a pool of motivated young people.
- ❑ **Procedure:** Application forms are available through an online system [here](#). Applications for the ESC quality label can be submitted at any time online [here](#). The programme offers the possibility to deploy volunteers in "crisis" countries through the EU Aid Volunteers (application at centralised level).
- ❑ **Budget:** EUR 1 billion available for 2021-2027. Each action has different funding rules but generally the support is offered in terms of travel, accommodation and activity costs through lump sums and a scale of unit costs.
- ❑ **Deadline:** 28 May 2021; 5 October 2021
- ❑ **Examples of approved projects/financed actions:** Long term International volunteering placement (2 to 12 months), possibility of in-country volunteering for young people with fewer opportunities, volunteering projects initiated by young people at local level, International Support Team in Jamborees through the centralised call: Volunteering Teams in high priority areas
- ❑ **More information:** European Solidarity Corps website.
- ❑ **Contact:** brussels@scout.org

European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe (EYF)



- ❑ **Donor:** Council of Europe
- ❑ **Aim:** provide financial support for European youth activities. Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.
- ❑ **Who can apply:** Youth organisations such as NSO/NSAs from countries which are Member States of the Council of Europe. Even if the participants in the projects are youth leaders, at least 75% of them must be under the age of 30.
- ❑ **Procedure:** Youth organisations must be registered online in the EYF database before being able to submit an application; in order to apply, an organisation has to complete an online application. Please note that the majority of the actions require a partnership among organisations from different countries meaning that the activities have to be international. Pilot projects are the only way to have local activities granted without other international partners.
- ❑ **Budget:** EYF cannot cover the full cost of the project. Its contribution may not exceed two-thirds of the total cost of a project. Average grant for an International Event is EUR 15'000 (up to EUR 20'000); Pilot projects are limited to a maximum EUR 15'000.
- ❑ **Deadline:** International Events: two deadlines per year: 1 April + 1 October. There are no fixed deadlines for the submission of pilot projects. However, the project application should reach the EYF Secretariat at least 3 months before the beginning of the activity.
- ❑ **Example of approved projects/financed actions:** There are 2 categories of grants to which national organisations can apply to: International event (at least 4 days of events, three international partners, seven countries represented and four in the planning team) and pilot projects. Priority is given to pilot projects that address a particular situation in a country or local community (e.g.: crisis, minorities, discrimination etc.). For the pilot projects the application is on-going (no fixed deadline).

We recommend you try and apply for a pilot project grant before trying to access the International Event ones.

- ❑ **More information:** <http://www.coe.int/web/european-youth-foundation>
- ❑ **Contact in the Europe Support Centre, Brussels:** Brussels@scout.org You may also submit a [WOSM Service Request for additional support](#).

Eric Frank Trust



- ❑ **Donor:** Eric Frank Trust
- ❑ **Aim:** Funding projects within organisations which help empower young people to develop the leadership and social skills necessary to contribute constructively to their society.
- ❑ **Procedure:** Projects must be submitted electronically to "The Administrator of the Eric Frank Trust ericfranktrust@gmail.com". There is a standard cover page, but no application form. No application from a Scout organisation will be considered unless it has the written support of the European Support Centre. The Trust is currently open to appeals for small grants for emergency funding resulting from the pandemic which will be processed as fast as possible.
- ❑ **More information:** <http://www.ericfranktrust.org/grants/>
- ❑ **Contact:** brussels@scout.org

Visegrád Fund



- ❑ **Donor:** Equal contributions of the V4 countries (Hungary, Poland, Czechia, Slovakia) plus contributions from other governments (Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, USA).
- ❑ **Aim:** Facilitate and promote the development of closer cooperation among citizens and institutions in the region of the 4 countries as well as between the V4 region and other countries, especially in the Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership regions.
- ❑ **Who can apply:** Any legal entity or natural person worldwide. Preferences are given to applicants from non-governmental and non-profit organizations, municipalities and local governments, public schools and universities, research and scientific bodies and public institutions. Any application must involve at least 3 partners from the V4 countries.
- ❑ **Procedure:** Application forms are available through an online system at <http://my.visegradfund.org/>. The system usually opens 30 days prior to given deadline. Applicants need to register with an existing e-mail address to start a new application form.
- ❑ **Budget:** Annual budget of EUR 8 million.

Timeline

Deadlines: 1 Feb / 1 Jun / 1 Oct



- ❑ **Example of approved projects/financed actions:** The Central European Jamboree, The Scout and Guide Academy, European Youth Event.
- ❑ **More information:** <http://visegradfund.org/home/>
- ❑ **Contact in the Europe Support Centre, Brussels:** brussels@scout.org

Useful resources for funding

- ❑ **Especially for NSOs/NSAs of South-Eastern Europe:** the Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) <http://www.balkancsd.net/>
- ❑ T-kit 9 "Funding and financial management" produced by EU-COE youth partnership.
- ❑ http://youth-partnership-eu.coe.int/youth-partnership/publications/T-kits/9/Tkit_9_EN.
- ❑ **UK Institute of Fundraising** (website with a lot of interesting suggestions): <http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/>.
- ❑ **Funds for NGOs** (website with lot of interesting suggestions and free latest funds alert): <http://www.fundsforngos.org/>.
- ❑ **European Fundraising Association:** <http://www.efa-net.eu/>.

*Please note that the **Europe Support Centre, Brussels** always informs NSOs/NSAs of funding opportunities that might be interesting for them and has developed a database including all this and other information that is relevant for youth organisations.*

Some funding opportunities or donors have not been listed in this document only because they might be active in specific geographical areas of countries and therefore are not relevant for a communication addressing all the NSOs/NSAs in Europe. This includes, for example, programmes of the European Union focusing on neighbouring non-EU countries or that have different implementation objectives in different countries.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Europe Support Centres in Brussels or Geneva to inquire for more information.



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