#### **EUROPEAN FUNDING INSTRUMENTS**





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## Introduction and background



#### **Before 2018:**

- Existence of alternative EU funding programmes unknown
- Spending of these funds very low
- No organizations with expertise in alternative EU funding programmes besides the European Development Funds





#### **EU DESK Curação**

- Started December 2018
- Embedded within Division of Foreign Economic Cooperation of Ministry of Economic Development
- Covers a part of the policy area of International Development
   Cooperation namely Cooperation with the European Union





#### **Objectives**

- Create awareness about the existence of the EU funding programmes
- Increase direct participation of Curação in EU funding programmes
- Promote visibility of EU in Curação and vice versa
- Assist Curação organizations to effectively access EU funding
- → MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF AVAILABLE EU FUNDING







- Serves as a National Contact Point for all non- EDF programmes
- Identifies EU calls and programmes for which Curação is eligible
- Informs and raises awareness on non EDF programmes on local level
- Participates actively in transnational networks to stimulate access to EU funding
- Helps build local capacity on managing EU programmes

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#### TASKS OF THE EU DESK CURAÇAO

- National Contact Point an open window within Gov.ment for EU programs
- Identifies EU programs and Calls for proposal
- Raises awareness on these programs on local level
- Assists and advises for application for calls for proposals
- Participates in transnational networks to stimulate access to EU funding
- Provides support/training to build local capacity
- Build a solid database per sector to increase the information flow to potential beneficiaries



## **European Funding instruments**



#### European Union and its member states:

- big global foreign investor and funding provider
- big global trading partner and
- donor of development assistance

#### However

- Long and burocratic process because of
  - Strict management rules
  - Tight control
  - Transparency and accountability criteria



## **European Funding instruments**



#### Three main European Funding instruments:

- 1. Structural & Investment Funds for big investments in Europe itself
- 2. Several Horizontal and Thematic programmes managed directly by Directorate Generals and Executing Agencies of the EC to carry out European strategies
- 3. European Development Fund (EDF) for development cooperation aid in ACP countries (Africa, Caribbean, and Pacific) and OCTs (Overseas Countries and Territories)



# EU Horizontal and Thematic programmes



#### What are EU Horizontal and Thematic Programmes?

• Programmes financed directly from the EU long-term budget also known as Multi-annual Financial Framework 2021-2027

 Direct financial contribution (grants) to finance an action to achieve EU policy objectives and priorities



# EU Horizontal and Thematic programmes



#### **Review characteristics of EU Horizontal and Thematic programmes**

- Calls for proposal & Expression of Interest (EU F & T Portal)
- Applicants can apply directly
- Project based; no funding of existing work
- Competitive element
- Transnational, requiring at least 2 other European partners
- Consortium / Partnership on equality base w/coordinator
- 100 %- or Co-financing
- Results/impact oriented -> clear demonstrable results/impact
- Award: Excellence; Impact; Quality & efficiency of execution



## **EU programmes for OCTs**



#### All EU Programmes

Archipel.eu – An innovative cultural project designed for OCTs and ORs BEST

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme

COSME - Single Market Programme

Creative Europe

Erasmus+

EU cooperation through the European Development Fund (EDF)

EU4Health

European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund

European Social Fund+

**European Solidarity Corps** 

Horizon Europe

Interreg

LIFE programme



## **EU programmes HORIZON EUROPE**



#### **SUBPROGRAMMES / 3 PILLARS:**

European Research Executive Agency (REA)

- 1. Open science 2. Global challenges and industrial competitiveness 3. Open innovation
  - 2.1 Health
  - 2.2 Inclusive and Secure Society
  - 2.3 Digital and Industry
  - 2.4 Climate and Energy Mobility
  - 2.5 Food and Natural Resources

Covered Sectors and thematic scopes: - Multi-sectoral

#### **Example of project initiatives and activities:**

To be published work programmes will provide further details on application process and objectives of the calls and instruments

Who can apply: Eligible are natural persons, private and public legal entities





## **EU programmes CREATIVE EUROPE**



#### **SUBPROGRAMMES: CULTURE AND MEDIA (Audio/visual industry)**

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency and Dutch Culture Agency

#### **Covered Sectors and thematic scopes:**

- Cultural and creative sectors incl. Audiovisual sector

#### **Example of project initiatives and activities:**

- (a) Music sector: promoting diversity, creativity and innovation in the field of music
- (b) Book and publishing sector: actions promoting diversity, creativity and innovation
- (c) Architecture and cultural heritage sectors: mobility of operators, capacity-building, audience development and internationalization of cultural heritage and architecture, safeguarding, conservation and enhancement of cultural heritage and its values through awareness-raising
- (d) Other sectors: development of the creative aspects of the design and fashion sectors and cultural tourism.

Who can apply: Eligible are natural persons, private and public legal entities http://ec.europa.eu/creative-europe; https://dutchculture.nl





### **EU programmes ERASMUS PLUS**



#### PROGRAMME FUNDS FOR: EDUCATION & TRAINING; YOUTH; SPORT

European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) / Dutch National Agency Erasmus

Key Action 1 Learning mobility: Higher-, School -, Adult education, Vocational education & Training (VET)

Erasmus

Key Action 2 Cooperation among organizations: for exchange of practices, innovation, excellence

Key Action 3 Support to policy development and cooperation

#### **Covered Sectors and thematic scopes:**

- Education, training, youth and sport sector

#### **Example of project initiatives and activities:**

Workprogramme 2021 published 25-3-2021.

Calls published with deadlines: 7 September, 5 Oktober and 11 November for Partnerships on Centres of Vocational Excellence; Promoting Innovation; Adult education; Youth work.

See website:https://www.erasmusplus.nl/actueel/deadlines

Who can apply: Eligible are natural persons, private and public legal entities



## EU programmes LIFE-

#### PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION



#### **2 SUBPROGRAMMES EACH:**

**Environment**: 1) Nature and biodiversity + 2) Circular economy and quality of life

Climate action: 3) Climate change mitigation and adaptation + 4) Clean energy transition

European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)

#### **Covered Sectors and thematic scopes:**

- Environment, circular economy, climate change, energy transition

#### **Example of project initiatives and activities:**

Yet to be published Work Programmes 2021-2024 and 2025-2027. Including details on: sub-programmes, calls for proposals timelines, funding allocation, types of projects, co-financing rates and submission procedures.

Who can apply: Eligible are natural persons, private and public legal entities





## **EU programmes DIGITAL EUROPE**



**FIVE SUPPORT AREAS: 1.** Supercomputing,

- 2. Artificial intelligence,
- 3. Cybersecurity,
- 4. Advanced digital skills, and
- 5. Wide use of digital technologies across the economy and society.

EC Directorate-General CONNECT

#### **Covered Sector and thematic scopes:**

- Artificial intelligence, computing, data infrastructure, education, use of digital capacity

#### **Example of project initiatives and activities:**

DIGITAL Europe Work Programme 2021-2022

DIGITAL Europe — European Digital Innovation Hubs Work Programme 2021-2023

DIGITAL Europe —Cybersecurity Work Programme 2021-2022

Interesting the support for wide use of digital technologies across the economy and society.

Who can apply: Legal entities established in the OCTs. Natural persons are NOT eligible !!





# **EU programmes SINGLE MARKET PROGRAMME - SMP**



#### A NEW EU PROGRAMME

#### **OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITY AREAS:**

- Internal market: initiatives directed to EU internal market (not applicable for OCTs/Curação)
- Effective standards: support for development of quality and safety standards for products and services
- Competitiveness (particularly SMEs): e.g. support to innovation, addressing global and societal challenges
- Consumers protection: safe products on the market and consumers know their rights
- Food safety: prevent, control and eradicate animal diseases and plant pests, support sustainable food production and consumption
- **EU Statistics**: supports national statistics institutes for production and dissemination of high-quality statistics to monitor economic, social, environmental and territorial situation

Workprogramme and Calls: There are no calls for Proposals announced yet

Who can apply: Legal entities established in OCTs are eligible for funding like any other EU Member State



## **EU programmes**CITIZENS, EQUALITY, RIGHTS & VALUE - CERV



4 PILLARS: 1. Union Values 2. Equality, Rights and Gender equality

3. Citizens engagements & participation in democratic life 4. Daphne

#### **Covered Sectors and/or thematic scopes:**

1. Union values, 2. human/child rights, (data) protection, non-discrimination, (gender) equality 3. democracy

4. prevention gender based violence and violence against children

#### **Example of project initiatives and activities:**

Calls open Pillar #2:

To promote right, non-discrimination and (gender) equality:

- Call deadline 15 June: projects against Xenophobia, Racism, Discrimination
- Call deadline 7 Sep: Protect and promote rights of child
- Call deadline 9 Sep: Data protection and legislation

Who can apply: Eligible are natural persons, private and public legal entities





## EU programmes EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF INNOVATION AWARDS - iCAPITAL

**HORIZON EUROPE – INNOVATION AWARD:** Submission deadline: 15 July 2021, 17:00 Bussels time Call objective: efforts to raise awareness about benefits of urban innovation 'with' and 'for' citizens, supporting cities in addressing relevant societal challenges, and strengthening their urban resilience.

#### **Covered Sectors and thematic scopes:**

- Urban sector, cities, innovation

#### **AWARDS:**

#### A. EU capital of innovation:

1º Winner → Prize € 1 million + 2x Runners up cities → Prize €100.000 each

#### B. EU Rising Innovative city:

1º Winner → Prize € 500.000 + 2x Runners up cities → Prize €50.000 each



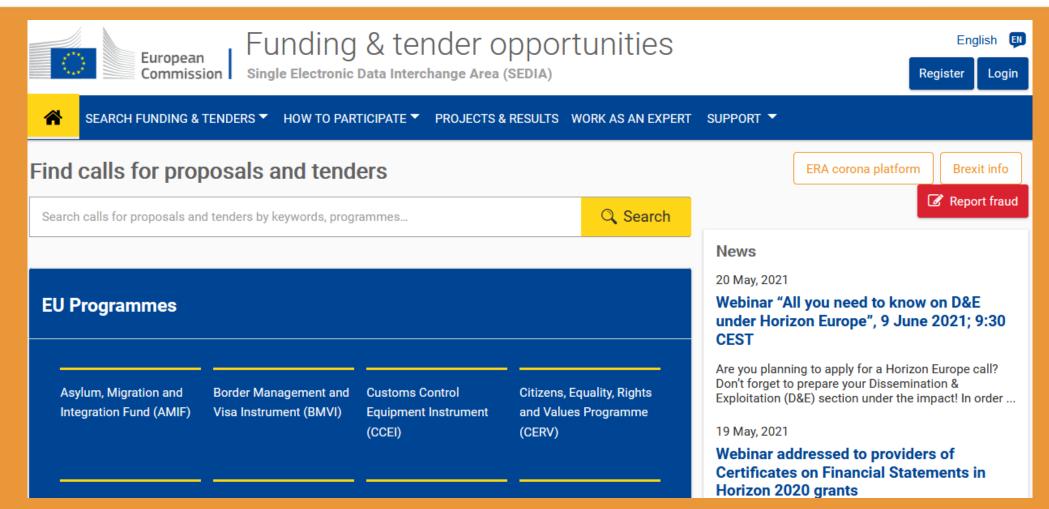
#### Who can apply:

Yes. Cities located in overseas countries and territories (OCTs) are included among the ones eligible for funding under Horizon Europe, and therefore, iCapital. However, it is important to recall that in order to be eligible to participate in this competition, the <u>city</u> applicant must fulfill all eligibility criteria (i.e. population).



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