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NLnet Foundation 11th Call of NGI Zero Commons Fund; Deadline Proposal: 01.02.2026

The overall mission of the Next Generation Internet initiative is to re-imagine and re-engineer the internet for the third millennium and beyond to shape a value-centric, human and inclusive society for all. How we share and retrieve information is an essential part of that equation. The internet can and should bring out the best in all of us. It should enable human potential, mobility and creativity at the largest possible scale - while dealing responsibly with our natural resources. Doing so is essential to preserve and expand the European way of life. The Next Generation Internet initiative aims to mobilise the best ideas to improve how we find and connect people, devices, services and ideas.

The NGI0 Commons Fund Consortium will competitively award 21.6 million euro worth of grants to independent researchers. The programme runs between January 1st 2024 and June 30st 2027, new calls will be announced until the budget of the programme has been fully allocated (expected early 2026).

The goal of this new fund is to help deliver, mature and scale new internet commons across the whole technology spectrum, from libre silicon to middleware, from P2P infrastructure to convenient end user applications. We have a holistic, full-stack approach, simply because there is no other way. If we want to reclaim the public nature of the internet and yield the full benefits from technology as a society, we need to have full coverage.

The changes we want to see are vast, and there is much technical debt to resolve as well. We are looking for troubleshooters that help society tackle the hard but very important challenges ahead. Ultimately we believe in the power of the quadruple helix - the collaboration of the public sector, aligned companies, academia and civil society - to restore the internet (and our economies) back to health. Together we can create a strong and open internet for all, and bring about new paradigms like the European Commissions vision for Web 4.0 which aim to harness upcoming technologies like virtual and augmented reality, generative AI and intelligent mediators in a responsible way so they may sustainably serve society.

We need new ideas and disruptive technologies, while at the same time evolving and growing existing technologies that are still future-proof. Have a look at the ongoing projects (or projects from several older NGI Zero programmes) to see the kind of efforts we mean, but don't be afraid to send something completely different if you think you can contribute to the topic - it really is an open call.

Projects are judged on their technical merits, strategic relevance to the Next Generation Internet and overall value for money. The key objective is to deliver potential break-through contributions to the open internet. All scientific outcomes must be published as open access, and any software and hardware must be published under a recognised open source license in its entirety.

The amount to be granted to each third party should be the amount necessary to achieve the key objectives of the action. During the two stage review process, the overall 'value for money' and strategic potential of the proposal are part of the review, and thus of the ranking. A first proposal may request a grant allocation up to 50,000 Euro. In other words, a proposal larger than 50,000 Euro must be preceded by one or more smaller projects within NGI0, which must have been successfully concluded before a new project can be granted: this means that the project deliverables have been made publicly available under recognised open/free licenses, that any software artefacts delivered were WCAG compliant, and that the outcomes of the independent security audit have been satisfactorily dealt with.

The deadline for application of the 11th call of NGI Zero Commons Fund is February 1st 2026 12:00 CET (noon).

Further information:
<https://nlnet.nl/commonsfund/>

IraSME 37th Call for Proposals for Transnational R&D Projects; Deadline Proposal: 25.03.2026

IraSME is a follow-up initiative of a former ERA-NET by ministries and funding agencies and one of the few to continue its work even after EU-funding had expired. The network coordination is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE) and carried out by AiF Projekt GmbH, a project management agency of BMWE, which is based in Berlin (Germany).

The main objective of IraSME is to strengthen the competitive capacity of SMEs by:

- increasing collaboration between SMEs from different countries,
- increasing cooperation between SMEs and RTOs,
- increasing cooperative and competitive capabilities of SMEs by working in international R&D networks,
- supporting them in developing new products, processes or technical services that exceed the existing state of the art and have good market opportunities by lowering economical risks

Projects must be innovative and must aim at either developing new or significantly improving existing products, processes or technical services that in their parameters exceed the existing state of the art. All projects must have significant technical risks. The outcome of the project must be clearly defined and demonstrate real market potential. At least one of these three statements must apply: Without public funding, eligible projects can a) not be carried out at all, b) only be carried out in a reduced form, or c) be carried out only with significant delay.

Participation of RTOs is possible but not mandatory, except for consortia with partners from Brazil where companies must collaborate with an EMBRAPA unit of their choice. RTOs can participate if at least one SME from their country / region is part of the consortium. They may be funded directly or treated as subcontractors depending on the applicable national / regional rules. If RTOs are involved, at least 50% of the work packages in the whole project must be carried out by companies.

The following regions/countries are participating in the 37th IraSME call: Brazil, Czech Republic, Flanders (Belgium), Germany, Luxembourg, Türkiye, and Wallonia (Belgium). Applicants from participating countries/regions can be funded according to the rules of the respective regional/national funding programmes. Applicants from other countries/regions are welcome to participate as additional partners of a project consortium, but will have to secure the financial means for their part on their own and cannot be funded through any of the IraSME member countries' /regions' support mechanisms.

Projects may take between 12 and 36 months to complete according to the applicable national rules (please see the overview of funding schemes published on the IraSME website). A project start date not earlier than five months after the call deadline is highly recommended in order to avoid rescheduling during the evaluation process.

Funding will be provided to each partner by their corresponding national/regional funding agency according to its respective rules (please see the programme portraits on the IraSME website for a first overview). Projects will be monitored according to the rules of the respective country/region. Hence, technical as well as financial reporting will be required according to national/regional rules as well. Arrangements will be made during the funding negotiation process.

The project application (IraSME Proposal Application Form) must be signed by each partner and submitted via e-mail to info@ira-sme.net by the international project coordinator no later than the deadline of the 37th Call (25 March 2026).

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**BMFTR Nationale Bioökonomiestrategie – EU-weite, datengestützte Lösungen für reale Herausforderungen;
Deadline Proposal: 21.01.2026**

Nachhaltige, effiziente und resiliente Produktionssysteme in der Landwirtschaft sind von grundlegender Bedeutung auf dem Weg zu einer funktionierenden Bioökonomie. In diesem Zusammenhang wurde die neue, kofinanzierte EU-Partnerschaft "Agriculture of Data (AgData) – Unlocking the Potential of Data for Sustainable Agriculture" durch die EU-Kommission initiiert. Die Partnerschaft ist im Oktober 2025 gestartet und besteht aus über 60 nationalen und regionalen politischen Entscheidungsträgern, Fördermittelgebern und Forschungseinrichtungen aus 23 EU-Mitglieds- und EU-assozierten Staaten. Die AgData-Partnerschaft verfolgt das übergeordnete Ziel, die nachhaltige landwirtschaftliche Produktion und die Wettbewerbsfähigkeit der Landwirtschaft in Europa zu verbessern. Dies soll in erster Linie durch verstärkte Nutzung von digitalen Datentechnologien in Kombination mit Erdbeobachtungs- und anderen Umwelt- und Agrardaten erreicht werden. Zudem zielt die Partnerschaft darauf ab, die Nutzung digitaler und datenbasierter Technologien in der Landwirtschaft zu fördern, indem maßgeschneiderte, leicht zugängliche und endnutzerorientierte datenbasierte Lösungen bereitgestellt werden. Langfristig soll die Partnerschaft Synergien für die Entwicklung und Nutzung datenbasierter Lösungen sowohl für den Agrarsektor als auch für die Politikgestaltung entwickeln.

Die erste transnationale Ausschreibung der AgData-Partnerschaft sieht drei Hauptthemen vor, die auf der Strategischen Forschungs- und Innovationsagenda (Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, SRIA) der AgData basieren. Eine BMFTR-Förderung von Vorhaben ist auf zwei dieser Hauptthemen begrenzt. Eingereichte Skizzen müssen demnach eines der beiden folgenden Themen adressieren:

- Thema 1 – Datentechnologien und Datenmanagement (Data Technologies and Data Management): Dieses Thema umfasst Forschung zur Identifikation, zum Zugang, zur Speicherung, Integration und Verarbeitung von FAIR-Daten (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable-Daten). Ziel ist es, die Vielfalt relevanter Daten zu bewältigen, um Interoperabilität zu erreichen, den Datenaustausch in Datenmärkten und -kooperativen zu ermöglichen und die Anwendung von KI-Techniken zur Entwicklung robuster KI-Modelle für den Agrarsektor zu ermöglichen.
- Thema 2 – Datenbasierte Lösungen für eine nachhaltige Landwirtschaft (Data-based solutions for sustainable agriculture): Dieses Thema umfasst Forschung zu datenbasierten Lösungen in der Landwirtschaft, mit denen die Kapazitäten zur Anpassung an den Klimawandel gestärkt und die Funktionalität, Leistungsbewertung und Entscheidungsfindung verbessert werden sollen. Es geht darum, die Nachhaltigkeit der Landwirtschaft zu unterstützen und die Anpassungsfähigkeit des Sektors an den Klimawandel zu erhöhen.

Es werden transnationale Verbundprojekte mit mindestens drei Partnern aus mindestens drei der in der Ausschreibung beteiligten Partnerländer gefördert. Die vorgeschlagenen Projekte müssen so konzipiert sein, dass eine Erreichung der Projektziele innerhalb von 24 bis maximal 36 Monaten möglich ist. Es ist weiterhin erforderlich, dass die Projekte hinsichtlich des Arbeitsvolumens zwischen den beteiligten internationalen Partnern ausbalanciert sind.

Die Höhe der Zuwendung pro Vorhaben richtet sich im Rahmen der verfügbaren Haushaltsmittel nach den Erfordernissen des beantragten Vorhabens, darf allerdings pro Verbund 400 000 Euro für alle deutschen Partner zusammen nicht überschreiten (inklusive Projektpauschale). Im Falle, dass ein deutscher Partner die Rolle des Verbundkoordinators übernimmt, darf die Zuwendung pro Verbund 500 000 Euro für alle deutschen Partner zusammen nicht überschreiten (inklusive Projektpauschale).

Die Ergebnisse des geförderten Vorhabens dürfen nur in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland oder dem EWR und der Schweiz genutzt werden sowie in den an der Ausschreibung beteiligten Ländern (siehe <https://agdata.ptj.de/>).

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Further information:

<https://www.bmftr.bund.de/SharedDocs/Bekanntmachungen/DE/2025/11/2025-11-18-bekanntmachung-herausforderungen.html>

**Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Research Fellowship;
Deadline Proposal: 31.01.2026**

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Research Fellowship supports you as a highly qualified postdoc from Germany in conducting your research in Japan – regardless of discipline.

There are two separate funding lines: short-term postdoctoral fellowships, which sponsors research stays of 1–12 months, and standard postdoctoral fellowships for research stays lasting from 12–24 months. The Humboldt Foundation pre-selects applicants for fellowships of six months or more on behalf of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS); the DAAD selects the fellows applying for shorter funding periods in the short-term programme. Up to 17 short-term postdoctoral fellowships and up to 12 standard postdoctoral fellowships may be awarded per year.

The monthly fellowship amount paid by JSPS is currently 362,000 yen. Fellows conducting a stay of three months or more will receive a one-off settling-in allowance of 200,000 yen. Travel and insurance allowances may also be paid.

During your stay abroad, the Humboldt Foundation will provide you with a contact person. We will also assist you in reintegrating in Germany: e.g. with allowances for job interviews or the possibility of a twelve-month return fellowship. We will keep in contact with you even after your research stay: Our alumni sponsorship measures flexibly support every Humboldtian's individual journey through life, in both their career and their future collaborations.

If you would like to apply for a JSPS Research Fellowship, you will require an academic host, who must be working at a university or selected national research institution in Japan. For a corresponding list please see the programme information. Individuals with whom you are in a close personal (marriage or civil partnership) or familial (parents, siblings, children) relationship cannot be selected as hosts.

You may apply for a JSPS Research Fellowship for highly qualified researchers from Germany if you meet the following criteria:

- You completed your doctorate no more than six years ago (cut-off date: 1 April of the corresponding financial year) and will be able to present a copy of your doctoral certificate by the time you start your fellowship at the latest.
- You have been published in academic journals and by academic publishers peer reviewed to international standards.
- You have German citizenship or a permanent residence permit for Germany. For further details please see the programme information for the corresponding programme line (Short-Term or Standard).
- Please note that Japanese citizens are not eligible to apply. This is also the case if you have dual citizenship and one of your citizenships is Japanese. You are moreover ineligible to apply if you hold a permanent residence permit for Japan.
- You have an excellent command of English. Japanese language skills are not necessarily required. Humanities scholars, social and medical scientists must however have good knowledge of Japanese if needed to successfully carry out their research.
- We expect you to abide by the rules of good scientific practice and the principles of scientific ethics. The foundation provides information on dealing with generative AI in the selection area.

Please apply to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation online and in English only. The next Selection Committee meeting will take place in February 2026.

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Further information:

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/japan-society-for-the-promotion-of-science-jsps-research-fellowship>

Other OVGU-Event "Wo gibt es Geld für die Forschung?"; Deadline Registration: 19.01.2026

20.01.2026, 10:00 – 11:30 Uhr: G80, R107

Sie möchten ein eigenes Forschungsprojekt starten, Kooperationen aufbauen oder den nächsten Karriereschritt planen,

wissen aber nicht, welche Förderprogramme dafür infrage kommen? In dieser Veranstaltung erhalten Sie einen kompakten Überblick über aktuelle Fördermöglichkeiten auf Landes-, Bundes- und EU-Ebene sowie ausgewählte Programme privater Stiftungen.

Expert*innen der Forschungsförderberatung der Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg stellen zentrale Förderlinien vor, geben praktische Tipps zur Antragstellung und beantworten Ihre Fragen rund um die strategische Planung von Forschungsanträgen.

Die Veranstaltung richtet sich an Nachwuchsforschende, Postdocs und Professor*innen aller Fakultäten.

Further information & registration: https://eveeno.com/wo_gibt_es_geld_fuer_forschung

Other EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt (nEUTzwerk)

The universities in the state of Saxony-Anhalt founded the "EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt" at the beginning of 2011 in order to support researchers at all universities in the acquisition and use of EU funding for research and innovation by providing information, application advice and project management. By strengthening and networking the administrative and advisory skills of the universities, the aim is to increase the acquisition of EU funding for research and innovation and technology transfer.

You may contact the EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt via the information provided online:
https://www.euhochschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/eu_hsnetz/en/

Other Contact Research Funding Advisory Service at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

If you have any questions about funding opportunities, specific calls for proposals, help with submitting applications and project support, please contact the Research Funding Advisory Service/EU University Network at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg.

Information about current event, funding structures and contact details online at:
<https://www.ovgu.de/en/ContactResearchFundingAdvice.html>
<https://www.euhochschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/en/>