

List of EU programmes and financial instruments open to Ukraine's participation

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1. Horizon 2020	<p>Horizon 2020 covers a wide range of activities from fundamental research up to close-to-market activities with a wide scope on research, development and innovation. Nearly €80 billion of funding is available over 2014 to 2020.</p> <p>Instruments used are Equity and Risk Sharing (in the form of loans and guarantees) instruments as well as new generation of Debt and Equity Instruments: InnovFin products (SME Guarantee, SME Venture Capital, MidCap Guarantee, MidCap Growth Finance, Large Projects, Energy Demo Projects, Infectious Diseases, Advisory).</p> <p>Ukraine is a member of Associated Countries since March 2015.</p> <p>Different H2020 Pillars and Objectives with potential related projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cross-theme – Euratom – Excellent Science (Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions, Research infrastructures) – Industrial Leadership (Advanced materials, Space, Information and Communication, Technologies) – Science with and for Society (Promote gender equality in research and innovation) – Societal Challenges (Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials; Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective Societies; Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research; Secure societies - Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens; Secure, clean and efficient energy; Smart, green and integrated transport; Health, demographic change and wellbeing) – Spreading excellence and widening participation (Twinning of research institutions) 	<p>Any natural or legal persons (e.g. any company, big or small, research organisations, universities, non-governmental organisations, stand-alone projects etc.).</p> <p>Eligibility conditions for participation are available here (on page 7).</p> <p>As most Horizon 2020 projects are collaborative, there is a list of services which assist you in finding the right partners for your next project.</p>	<p>Selection of projects is based on a competition between projects, the best projects are selected (i.e. money are not earmarked per country): it is challenging but it gives an invaluable experience from competing with EU MS administrations and from accessing EU networks of experts and researchers.</p> <p>One possible action is to develop the scope of participants as currently the Ukrainian participation in the Horizon 2020 program is dominated by Higher Education Institutions (HES), Private Sector (PRC) and Research Organisations (REC).</p>	<p>Calls for proposals are available here.</p>

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<p>2. Euratom Research and Training Programme</p>	<p>The Euratom Research and Training Programme, running from 2014 until 2018, complements Horizon 2020. The budget for the three remaining years (2016-2018) for direct and indirect actions in fission and fusion is €872.5 million.</p> <p>Ukraine joined Euratom Training Programme on 27 June 2016 (Agreement ratified). Ukraine was also associated to the previous Euratom research programmes between 2007 and 2013.</p> <p>It covers the fusion energy research and development programme, the fission and radiation protection research activities, and the Joint Research Centre direct actions in nuclear security and safety.</p> <p>The programme will contribute to the ‘Innovation Union’ flagship by supporting policy-relevant, pre-commercial and crosscutting nuclear research and facilitating knowledge and technology transfer process between academia, industry and public authorities.</p> <p>By putting emphasis on training in all its activities, boosting competitiveness in the current nuclear industry and creating a new sector of high-tech industry for fusion energy in particular, the Euratom Programme will lead to growth and new jobs in a wide range of disciplines.</p>	<p>Participation of Research centres, Corporations, Administrations States, SMEs, Universities, International Organisation and Industry.</p> <p>Promotion of participation of SMEs, citizens and civil society.</p>	<p>Ukrainian participation allowed in call for proposal under the 2016 and 2017 budget.</p> <p>The EU and Ukraine will both benefit from widening opportunities for science and research cooperation by developing new partnerships and new scientific ideas.</p>	<p>Calls for proposals can be found here (tick the box "Euratom Research and Training Programme 2014-2018).</p>

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3. COSME	<p>COSME is the EU programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) running from 2014 to 2020 with a planned budget of €2.3bn. Instruments are mainly equity and guarantees.</p> <p>Ukraine signed the agreement on January 2016.</p> <p>COSME will support SMEs in four areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Improving access to finance for SMEs in the form of equity and debt, – Improving access to (foreign) markets, – Improving framework conditions for the competitiveness and sustainability of enterprises, – Promoting entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial culture. 	<p>Enterprise, in particular SMEs will be able to benefit from the support provided under the COSME programme (e.g. benefitting more easily of loans or venture capital, access to markets services). Ukrainian SMEs can benefit from 25 sub-programmes within COSME classified according to three objectives: facilitation to enter external markets, improvement of competitiveness, and improvement of business culture. Among the sub-programmes, there are such important initiatives as Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs, European Strategic Cluster Partnerships, European Destinations of Excellence, etc.</p> <p>Business support organisations (e.g. chambers of commerce, cluster organisations) can benefit from dedicated support and networking activities.</p> <p>Policy makers could benefit from activities (e.g. exchanges of best practices) aiming at improving the framework conditions for business.</p>	<p>The European Commission calls on Ukraine to ratify the signed agreement on joining COSME as soon as possible because the programme’s financial tool is not yet available to Ukrainian enterprises.</p> <p>The Commission also calls to create a special COSME contact point to help communicate information about conferences, the Enterprise Europe Network and its research, and to encourage Ukrainian SMEs to participate in the programme. An important task within implementation of the programme is to make sure entrepreneurs are aware of COSME opportunities.</p> <p>Ukrainian businesspeople will receive professional advice and analytics, support for export-import activities, and help with the expansion of trade and economic relations. The educational component of the program includes information exchange and sharing experience, including the “Erasmus for Entrepreneurs” programme, various industry conferences, training, seminars, exchange programs, and internships.</p> <p>Moreover, the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), is now being expanded in Ukraine as a result of COSME. EEN is an online support platform for SMEs designed to boost international cooperation and innovation, as well to enhance technology transfer from research institutions to businesses. EEN-Ukraine will help SMEs find new clients, suppliers, partners, investors, producers or distributors, and provide advice on participation in the EU financial programmes, including info days and training sessions, international fairs, and exhibitions.</p>	<p>Information on closed and open calls for proposals can be found on the EASME website.</p> <p>Calls for proposals are available here.</p>

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4. Creative Europe	<p>With a budget of €1.46 billion for 2014-2020, Creative Europe is the new EU programme to support European cinema and the cultural and creative sectors (culture and media sub-programmes).</p> <p>Ukraine signed the agreement in November 2015.</p> <p>Creative Europe will allow cultural and creative organisations to collaborate with partners from all over Europe and access funding for cultural cooperation projects, literary translation schemes, and cultural networks and platforms.</p>	<p>Creative Europe will not be open to applications from individuals, but funding will be received through projects submitted by cultural organisations.</p> <p>Potential beneficiaries are: artists, cultural and audiovisual professionals and organisations (including SMEs) in the performing arts, fine arts, publishing, film, TV, music, interdisciplinary arts, heritage, and the video games industry.</p> <p>Virtually all of the projects receiving support will have a cross-border dimension. Most of the budget will be used to provide grants to individual projects. However, the programme will also support initiatives pursuing similar objectives such as European Capitals of Culture, the European Heritage Label, the European Heritage Days and five European Union prizes (EU Prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Awards, EU Prize for Contemporary Architecture, EU Prize for Literature, European Border Breakers Awards, and EU Prix MEDIA).</p>	<p>The Ukrainian audio-visual sector will benefit from funding for training, festivals, audience development and market access activities.</p> <p>Ukraine is fully eligible to apply in the Culture Sub-Programme, but partially in the Media Sub-programme. This partial participation is defined as participation in four schemes, i.e. participation in Training, Festivals, Film Education and Market Access activities. Ukraine participate in the Cross-sectoral Strand of the Programme with the exception of the Cultural and Creative Sectors Guarantee Facility.</p>	<p>Calls for proposals are available here.</p>

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5. Erasmus +	<p>With a total budget of €14.7 billion ERASMUS+ is the European Union Programme for 2014-2020 to support projects, partnerships, events and mobility in the areas of education, training, youth and sport.</p> <p>There are three main types of Key Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -KA1 - Learning mobility of individuals: Erasmus+ “Learning Mobility” for International Credit Mobility projects envisages cooperation between higher education institutions of the Programme and Partner countries, such as Ukraine, for student and staff mobility based on inter-institutional agreements. -KA2 – Cooperation for innovation and exchange of good practices -KA3 – Support for Policy Reform. 	<p>Mobility opportunities for Ukrainian students (university exchanges), researchers and young workers. More specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Staff will also receive grants for training and teaching opportunities abroad -Ukrainian students and universities will be eligible for scholarships to follow full joint Master's degrees offered by consortia of European universities under Erasmus+ -Ukrainians will also receive EU support to participate in youth exchanges, in the European Voluntary Service, or through funding for the mobility of youth workers. -EU support for capacity building measures will be offered to Ukrainian universities to modernise curricula, teaching practices, upgrade facilities, and improve governance. -Ukraine will continue to take part in the eTwinning initiative for schools -Researchers will be able to apply for doctoral or post-doctoral fellowships of other research grants available under the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions. 	<p>Since 2014, Erasmus+ programme offers Ukrainians more opportunities to benefit from grants for student mobility, academic cooperation, and youth exchanges. In addition to decent funding, Erasmus+ offers Ukrainian students and university staff studying and training opportunities in a wider range of countries. More specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ukrainian prominent students get an opportunity to study at European universities. -Ukrainian students with degrees of European universities are more competitive in the global and European labour market. -Ukraine becomes more integrated into the global educational system. -Bologna process is strengthened in Ukraine. -Alumni alliances are formed. -Universities’ professional staff becomes more qualified via participating in international programmes. -European values and "ways of doing things" are promoted effectively. 	<p>The website of the National Erasmus+ Office in Ukraine is comprehensive with the list of on-going projects.</p> <p>The calls for proposals can be found here.</p>

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<p>6. EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)</p>	<p>The Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme is a financing instrument at EU level to promote a high level of quality and sustainable employment, guaranteeing adequate and decent social protection, combating social exclusion and poverty and improving working conditions. The total budget for 2014-2020 is EUR 919,469,000 in 2013 prices. However, <u>participation is not currently open to Ukraine.</u></p> <p>EaSI is made of three axis supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the modernisation of employment and social policies with the PROGRESS axis (61% of the total budget); – job mobility with the EURES axis (18% of the total budget); – access to micro-finance and social entrepreneurship with the Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship axis (21% of the total budget). 	<p>Target Audiences: employment services, national authorities (ministries, departments and similar) and social partners.</p>	<p>Even if participation is not currently open to Ukraine, the Eastern Partnership High Level Meeting with Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine should lead to conferences and events through a procedure of procurement (planned launch date: 2016 Q4).</p>	<p>Participation is not open to Ukraine.</p>

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<p>7. Life Programme</p>	<p>LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects throughout the EU. The general objective of LIFE is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental and climate policy and legislation by co-financing projects with European added value.</p> <p>For the 2014-2020 funding period, LIFE will contribute approximately €3.4 billion to the protection of the environment and climate. Union funding may take the forms of grants, public procurement contracts, contributions to financial instruments.</p> <p>The sub-programme for Environment shall have three priority areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environment and Resource Efficiency; 2. Nature and Biodiversity; 3. Environmental Governance and Information. <p>The sub-programme for Climate Action shall have three priority areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate Change Mitigation; 2. Climate Change Adaptation; 3. Climate Governance and Information. 	<p>Proposals may be submitted by legal persons (entities). Applicants may fall into three types of beneficiaries: (1) public bodies, (2) private commercial organisations and (3) private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs).</p> <p>Action grants may finance the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – pilot projects; – demonstration projects; – best practice projects; – integrated projects; – technical assistance projects; – capacity-building projects; – preparatory projects; – information, awareness, and dissemination projects. 	<p>The programme is open to the participation of third countries such as Ukraine and provides for activities outside the EU. It also provides a framework for cooperation with international organisations.</p>	<p>Calls for proposals can be found here.</p>

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<p>8. European Territorial Cooperation (within the European Regional Development Fund)</p>	<p>The European Territorial Cooperation (ETC), also referred to as Interreg, is financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and meets the goals of the cohesion policy. Its total envelope of EUR 10.1 billion represents 2.75% of cohesion policy spread across 107 programmes.</p> <p>The EU thinks that it is necessary to continue supporting or, as appropriate, to establish cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation with the Union's neighbouring third countries as Ukraine, as such cooperation is an important regional development policy tool and should benefit the regions of the Member States which border third countries as Ukraine. To that effect, the ERDF should contribute to the crossborder and sea-basin programmes established under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI). The idea is that allocations from the ENI are to be transferred in order to pool such allocations with allocations from the ERDF under joint cooperation programmes.</p>	<p>Organisations that can benefit from regional funding include public bodies, some private sector organisations (especially small businesses), universities, associations, NGOs and voluntary organisations.</p> <p>Foreign firms with a base in the region covered by the relevant operational programme can also apply, provided they meet European public procurement rules.</p> <p>In most cases, funding is granted to projects, so you need to develop a project to be eligible for funding, which you will then receive at different stages of the process.</p>	<p>The rules on flexibility concerning the location of operations outside the programme area should be simplified. In addition, it is necessary to support and facilitate, through specific arrangements, effective cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation with the Union's neighbouring third countries such as Ukraine where this is necessary to ensure that regions of the Member States are effectively assisted in their development. Accordingly, it is appropriate to authorise on an exceptional basis and under certain conditions support from the ERDF for operations located on the territory of neighbouring third countries as Ukraine where those operations are for the benefit of the regions of the Union.</p> <p>Ukraine is part of the Danube Region that covers parts of 9 EU countries (Germany, Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia) and 5 non-EU countries (Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Ukraine and Moldova).</p>	<p>Calls for proposals and for tenders can be found here.</p>

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9. Union Civil Protection Mechanism	<p>In 2001, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism was established, fostering cooperation among national civil protection authorities across Europe to victims of natural and man-made disasters in Europe and elsewhere.</p>	<p>Beneficiaries: countries</p> <p>Prevention projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Type of activity: projects, studies - Projects involve a minimum of three entities including one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism or European Neighbourhood Policy country as a primary beneficiary and an entity from at least one participating state or an international organisation as a lead consortium partner. Each partnership must include at least one entity from a participating state. <p>Civil Protection Mechanism Exercises: Exercises should involve entities from at least one European Neighbourhood Policy country or one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism and an entity from at least one additional country (European Neighbourhood Policy country, IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism or a participating state) together with the participating state which is the lead organiser. The focus of these exercises will be to maximize the exchange of knowledge and experience on the EU Mechanism with the third countries.</p>	<p>Prevention projects: EUR 1 400 000 for projects covering among others Ukraine to give support in the field of disaster prevention and improve their cooperation with the Mechanism and its participating states.</p> <p>Civil Protection Mechanism Exercises: To improve civil protection preparedness and response to all kinds of disasters, including marine pollution and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN) disasters, as well as combined disasters and disasters simultaneously affecting a number of countries (inside or outside the participating states of the Mechanism) by providing a testing environment of established and/or new operational concepts and procedures of the Mechanism and a learning opportunity for all actors involved in civil protection assistance interventions under the Mechanism.</p> <p>EUR 1 200 000 for proposals covering among others Ukraine.</p> <p>In addition to financial aid, in-kind assistance to Ukraine has been provided through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.</p>	<p>Calls for proposals can be found here.</p>

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10. Pericles 2020	<p>With a budget of € 7,3 million for 2014-2020, the 'Pericles 2020' programme funds staff exchanges, seminars, trainings and studies for law enforcement and judicial authorities, banks and others involved in preventing and combating counterfeiting and related fraud, thus enhancing the competitiveness of the Union's economy and securing the sustainability of public finances.</p> <p>Eligible actions are grants or public procurement.</p>	<p>Bodies eligible for funding under the programme shall be the competent national authorities.</p> <p>The programme shall target participation of the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – staff of agencies engaged in detecting and combating counterfeiting (in particular police forces and financial administrations, depending on their specific functions at national level); – intelligence personnel; – representatives of the national central banks, the mints, – commercial banks, – other financial intermediaries (particularly as regards the obligations of financial institutions); – judicial officers, – specialist lawyers – members of the judiciary in this field; – any other group of specialists concerned (such as chambers of commerce and industry or comparable structures capable of providing access to small and medium-sized enterprises, retailers and cash-in-transit companies). 	<p>Participants from ENP countries such as Ukraine often participate in actions such as conferences, training, seminars and staff exchange, organized in the EU or in third countries.</p> <p>Since 2014 they have been able to benefit of equipment to be used by specialised anti-counterfeiting authorities through applications presented by Competent Authorities in the Member States.</p>	<p>Calls for proposals can be fund here.</p>

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11. Justice Programme	<p>With a budget of EUR 378 million over the period 2014-2020, the general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to the further development of a European area of justice based on mutual recognition and mutual trust, in particular by promoting judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters.</p> <p>It focuses on the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Judicial cooperation in civil matters, including civil and commercial matters, insolvencies, family matters and successions, etc. -judicial cooperation in criminal matters -judicial training, including language training on legal terminology, with a view to fostering a common legal and judicial culture -effective access to justice in Europe, including rights of victims of crime and procedural rights in criminal proceedings -initiatives in the field of drugs policy (judicial cooperation and crime prevention aspects). 	<p>Bodies and entities legally established in third countries such as Ukraine may be associated to the actions of the Programme at their own cost, if this serves the purpose of the programme.</p> <p>In particular, funding goes to NGOs, public authorities and other organisations.</p>	<p>Types of actions funded that Ukraine could benefit from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Training activities (staff exchanges, workshops, development of training modules,...) -Mutual learning, cooperation activities, exchange of good practices, peer reviews, development of ICT tools... -Awareness-raising activities, dissemination, conferences,... -Support for main actors (key European NGOs and networks, Member States' authorities implementing Union law,...) -Analytical activities (studies, data collection, development of common methodologies, indicators, surveys, preparation of guides...). 	<p>Calls for proposals are available here.</p>

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<p>12. Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme</p>	<p>With a budget of EUR 439.5 million over the period 2014-2020, the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme defends the rights and freedoms that people are entitled to under EU law. The goals of the programme are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Promote non-discrimination, -Combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance, -Promote rights of persons with disabilities -Promote equality between women and men and gender mainstreaming, -Prevent violence against children, young people, women and other groups at risk (Daphne), -Promote the rights of the child, -Ensure the highest level of data protection -Promote the rights deriving from Union citizenship, -Enforce consumer rights. 	<p>Public or private bodies and entities legally established in third countries, in particular countries where the European Neighbourhood Policy applies, may be associated to the actions of the Programme at their own cost, if this serves the purpose of those actions.</p> <p>In particular, funding goes to NGOs, public authorities and other organisations.</p>	<p>Types of actions funded that Ukraine could benefit from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training activities (staff exchanges, workshops, development of training modules,...) - Mutual learning, cooperation activities, exchange of good practices, peer reviews, development of ICT tools... - Awareness-raising activities, dissemination, conferences,... - Support for main actors (key European NGOs and networks, Member States' authorities implementing Union law,...) - Analytical activities (studies, data collection, development of common methodologies, indicators, surveys, preparation of guides...) 	<p>Calls for proposals are available here.</p>

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13. Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund	<p>The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) contributes to the efficient management of migration flows and development and implementation of the common asylum and immigration policy. For the period 2014-20, EUR 3.1 billion was originally made available for AMIF funding actions, of which EUR 385 million through grants and other direct actions (Union actions, Emergency assistance and the European Migration Network). In response to the migration crisis, the overall AMIF allocation has been increased.</p> <p>It focuses on four objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – strengthen and develop all aspects of the Common European Asylum System; – support legal migration to the Member States in accordance with their economic and social needs and to promote the effective integration of non-EU nationals; – enhance fair and effective return strategies in the Member States which contribute to combatting illegal immigration, with an emphasis on sustainability of return and effective readmission in the countries of origin and transit; – enhance solidarity and responsibility-sharing between the Member States, in particular towards those most affected by migration and asylum flows. 	<p>Examples of beneficiaries of the programmes implemented under this Fund can be state and federal authorities, local public bodies, non-governmental organisations, humanitarian organisations, private and public law companies and education and research organisations promoting the exchange of experiences and best practices, cooperation and networking, and intercultural capacities, as well as improving the quality of services provided.</p>	<p>Ukraine is on the list of common Union resettlement priorities (Regional Protection Programme in Eastern Europe – Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine).</p> <p>As regards actions in third-countries, Union Actions should focus on capacity building and strengthening of asylum systems of third countries' authorities such as Ukraine, notably by supporting the establishment and implementation of Mobility Partnerships.</p>	<p>Calls for proposals are available here.</p>

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14. Connecting Europe Facility	<p>The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) supports trans-European networks and infrastructures in the sectors of transport, telecommunications and energy.</p> <p>In addition to grants, the CEF offers financial support to projects through innovative financial instruments such as guarantees and project bonds. These instruments create significant leverage in their use of EU budget and act as a catalyst to attract further funding from the private sector and other public sector actors.</p> <p>Since January 2014, INEA is your gateway to funding under the CEF. INEA implements most of the CEF programme budget, in total €27.4 billion out of €30.4 billion (€22.4 billion for Transport, €4.7 billion for Energy, and €0.3 billion for Telecom).</p>	Potential beneficiaries are: Public Sector, Non-Profit Organizations, Academic institutions and research centres.	<p>Some of the infrastructure projects of common interest might need to link with and pass through neighbourhood countries such as Ukraine. The CEF should offer simplified means of linking and financing those infrastructures, in order to ensure coherence between internal and external instruments of the Union budget.</p> <p>Ukraine is part of several corridors (Mediterranean Freight Corridor in 2013, Rhine-Danube Freight Corridor by 2020).</p>	Calls for proposals are available here .

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15. European Maritime and Fisheries Fund	<p>One of the five European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) is the fund for the EU's maritime and fisheries policies for 2014-2020 with a EUR 6.4 billion budget.</p> <p>The fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – helps fishermen in the transition to sustainable fishing, – supports coastal communities in diversifying their economies, – finances projects that create new jobs and improve quality of life along European coasts, – makes it easier for applicants to access financing. 	<p>The following non-exhaustive list provides examples of potential applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – operators, fishermen or organisations of fishermen – cluster organisations or business network organisations – public authorities (national, regional) – research centres and centres of excellence – innovation agencies – public or private, small, medium or large enterprises – non-profit organisations (private or public). 	<p>Ukraine is included as a location of residency for certain funds such as the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund: Blue Technology - Transfer of Innovative Solutions to Sea Basin Economies</p> <p><i>Amount: Up to €2,520,000</i></p> <p><i>Deadline: September 30, 2017 7:00am PDT</i></p> <p><i>Funding uses: Research</i></p> <p><i>Location of residency: Turkey, Russian Federation, Palestine, State of, Moldova, Republic of, Algeria, United States, Ukraine, Tunisia, Serbia, Norway, Mauritania, Montenegro, Monaco, Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Georgia, Egypt, Canada, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Albania, Europe</i></p> <p>Member States and the Commission shall, in accordance with their respective responsibilities, seek to increase coordination between external instruments and the ESI Funds to improve effectiveness in achieving multiple Union policy objectives. Coordination and complementarities with the European Neighbourhood Instrument is particularly important.</p>	<p>Calls for proposals are available here.</p>

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16. Consumer Programme	<p>The Consumer Programme 2014-2020 with a budget of EUR 188.8 million supports EU consumer policy through grants and an instrument of exchange of officials. It aims at helping the citizens fully enjoy their consumer rights and actively participate in the Single Market.</p> <p>Participation to the programme is open to European Neighbourhood countries such as Ukraine.</p> <p>It will focus on four key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a single market of safe products for the benefit of citizens and as a component of competitive businesses and traders; – a single market where citizens are well represented by professional consumer organisations who have the capacity to meet today's economic challenges; – a market where citizens are aware and exercise their rights as consumers. – an effective collaboration between national bodies to support the enforcement of consumer rights and advise the consumers. 	<p>The end beneficiaries of the Programme are European consumers, through the support offered by the Programme to consumer organisations at EU and national level, as well as Member States' national authorities in charge of product safety and enforcement with the overarching objective of improving the situation of consumers throughout the EU.</p>	<p>Benefits for Ukraine are among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – •Assisting consumers on cross-border issues, including through the provision of adequate redress; – •Gathering consumer evidence informing the policies; – •Supporting consumer organisations; – •Fulfilling the legal obligations deriving from the legislation in the field of consumer protection; – •Complementing and enhancing the efficiency of measures undertaken at national level, such as joint actions in the fields of product safety and of consumer rights enforcement; – •Contributing to the capacity building of national consumer organisations and sharing good practices in the field of consumer education. 	<p>Calls for proposals are available here.</p>

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17. Customs 2020	<p>Customs 2020 is an EU cooperation programme providing national customs administrations with the possibility to create and exchange information and expertise. It allows developing and operating major trans-European IT systems in partnership and establishing various human networks by bringing together national officials from across Europe. The programme has a budget of € 547.3 million.</p> <p>Partner countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy such as Ukraine are eligible provided that those countries have reached a sufficient level of approximation of the relevant legislation and administrative methods to those of the Union.</p>	Beneficiaries are: Public sector, Central Government, Local and Regional Authorities, Officials working in customs authorities in a participating country.	<p>Actions funded that can benefit Ukraine include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Joint Actions pursuing the exchange of knowledge and good practice between customs officials of the participating countries (seminars, workshops, studies, project groups, public administration capacity building, other supported actions); – European Information Systems facilitating the exchange of information and access to common data; – Training activities leading to human competency building for customs officials across Europe. <p>Working Groups have been set up with the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine under the EU Customs 2020 Programme in order to see to the implementation of the specific objectives and activities of the Strategic Frameworks.</p>	<p>Officials interested in organising or participating in programme activities should get in touch with their national programme coordinator.</p> <p>Also possible to contact the European Commission: TAXUD-Customs2020@ec.europa.eu</p>

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18. Fiscalis 2020	<p>Fiscalis 2020 is an EU cooperation programme enabling national tax administrations to create and exchange information and expertise. It allows developing and operating major trans-European IT systems in partnership, as well as establishing various person to person networks by bringing together national officials from across Europe. The programme has a budget of € 234.3 million</p> <p>Partner countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy such as Ukraine are eligible provided that those countries have reached a sufficient level of approximation of the relevant legislation and administrative methods to those of the Union</p>	Beneficiaries are: Public Sector, Central Government, Local and Regional Authorities	<p>Supported actions that can benefit Ukraine are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Joint Actions pursuing the exchange of knowledge and good practice between tax officials of the participating countries (seminars, workshops, studies, project groups, public administration capacity building, expert teams, other supported actions); – IT capacity building: development, maintenance, operation and quality control, of Union components of European Information Systems; – Human competency building: common training actions to support the necessary professional skills and knowledge relating to taxation. 	<p>Officials interested in organising or participating in programme activities should get in touch with their national programme coordinator. Also possible to contact the European Commission: <u>TAXUD-</u> <u>Fiscalis@ec.europa.eu.</u></p>

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19. EU Aid Volunteers	<p>EU Aid Volunteers has a budget of € 147.39 million for 2015-2020 and brings together volunteers and organisations from different countries, providing practical support to humanitarian aid projects and contributing to strengthening the local capacity and resilience of disaster-affected communities outside the EU.</p> <p>The EU Aid Volunteers programme offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Professional support by trained and well-prepared volunteers to communities affected by disaster, – Capacity building for local staff and volunteers of organisations in countries hit by disasters, – Technical assistance for organisations based in Europe to strengthen their capacity to participate in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative. <p>The EU Aid Volunteers networking platform, soon to be launched, supports partnerships and collaboration between projects, it houses the online volunteering activities and it allows EU Aid Volunteers to share their stories from the field.</p>	Beneficiaries are NGOs based both in the EU and elsewhere, as well as international organisations that are active in the field of humanitarian aid, disaster risk reduction or linking relief, rehabilitation and development.	<p>For Technical Assistance and Capacity Building:</p> <p>1. Build a consortium of European organisations (Technical Assistance) or of European organisations and third country organisations (Capacity Building). 2. Then, submit a project proposal for technical assistance or capacity building activities</p> <p>Consortia can apply for funding to, for example, conduct seminars and workshops, provide training to multipliers, to organise exchange of good practice or to foster partnership building in support of disaster risk reduction/preparedness/emergency response activities and activities related to linking relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD).</p> <p>For the deployment of EU Aid Volunteers:</p> <p>1. Become a certified sending or hosting organisation</p> <p>If you need help to become certified, grants are available to strengthen the capacities of sending and hosting organisations intending to participate in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative (see above, capacity building and technical assistance).</p> <p>2. Build a consortium of European (sending) and third country (hosting) organisations and non-EUbased</p> <p>3. Submit a project proposal to apply for funding to deploy volunteers from EU countries to non-EU countries.</p>	Calls for proposals are available here

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20. Hercule III	<p>Hercule III (2014-2020) is the latest EU anti-fraud programme and has a budget of €104.9m to help EU countries fight fraud, corruption and other illegal activities. It helps finance practical projects, such as the purchase by national authorities of x-ray scanners and other technical equipment to stamp out smuggling and other criminal activities against the EU's financial interests.</p> <p>The Programme should be open to participation by partner countries under the European Neighbourhood Policy such as Ukraine, provided that these countries have reached a sufficient level of alignment of the relevant legislation and administrative methods to those of the Union.</p>	Beneficiaries are national and regional administrations, central government, research institutes, universities and Not for Profit Organisations and NGOs.	<p>The <u>Commission (OLAF)</u> launched 3 calls for proposals in April 2016, covering the following types of eligible initiative: Technical assistance, Training, seminars & conferences and Legal training.</p> <p>Hercule III's main activities that Ukraine could benefit from are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Combating tobacco smuggling remains a major concern. Helping to fund x-ray scanners and other technical equipment in harbours and airports, for example, will boost national authorities' capacity to fight smuggling. Over €70m are earmarked for this. – Hercule III also finances training activities. It helps national authorities share best practices through seminars and conferences on issues such as preventing corruption in procurement procedures. Another facet is training to boost and update the digital forensic skills of law enforcement staff. 	Calls for proposals for 2017 not yet published.

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<p>21. Interoperability solution for European Public Administrations (ISA)</p>	<p>The ISA² (2016-2020) programme has a budget of EUR 131 million and supports the development of digital solutions that enable public administrations, businesses and citizens in Europe to benefit from interoperable cross-border and cross-sector public services.</p> <p>Funds are not allocated to entities outside the European Commission (i.e. in the form of grants).</p>	<p>Beneficiaries are: Public Administrations, Corporations, SMEs.</p>	<p>Cooperation with other third countries (in particular within the framework of the Eastern Partnerships, i.e. countries such as Ukraine) and with international organisations or bodies shall be encouraged.</p> <p>Several <u>actions</u> and <u>solutions</u> are available under the packages: Key and generic interoperability enablers , Semantic interoperability, Access to data / data sharing / open data , Geospatial solutions, e-Procurement / e-Invoicing, Decision making and legislation, EU policies – Supporting instruments, Supporting instruments for public administrations, Accompanying measures.</p>	<p>The website provides with the available <u>actions</u> and <u>solutions</u> under ISA² programme.</p>

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<p>22. Third Health Programme (Health for Growth Programme)</p>	<p>The third EU health programme(2014-2020) is the main instrument the European Commission uses to implement the EU health strategy with a budget of € 449.4 million.</p> <p>Funding will be provided through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Grants for action co-financed by the competent authorities responsible for public health in the Member States (called “Joint Actions”), – Grants for actions (projects) co-financed by other public, non-governmental or private bodies, including international health organisations, – Grants for the functioning of non-governmental bodies, – Procurement contracts. <p>The Programme is open countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy such as Ukraine, as long as membership of the programme remains in accordance with the conditions of their bilateral or multilateral agreements.</p>	<p>Potential candidates for funding are national health authorities, as well as public and private bodies, international organisations, academic institutions, research centres and non-governmental organisations with a general interest in health at EU level and which support the programme's specific objectives.</p>	<p>Ukraine can benefit from the objectives of the programme that seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Promote health, prevent diseases and foster supportive environments for healthy lifestyles taking into account the 'health in all policies' principle, – Protect citizens from serious cross-border health threats, – Contribute to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems, – Facilitate access to better and safer healthcare for citizens. 	<p>Calls for proposals are available here.</p>