

Please retrieve the 8<sup>th</sup> update from the EFA Platform, providing details on the calls that CEMR members and/or local governments are eligible to apply.

## Call for Proposals Update

### 1. Call for proposals for Town Twinning (CERV-2024-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT)

European Commission had launched the [Call for proposals for Town Twinning](#). The objective of this call is to promote exchanges between citizens of different countries, in particular through town twinning, to give them practical experience of the wealth and diversity of the common heritage of the Union and to make them aware that these constitute the foundation for a common future.

**Opening date:** 09 April 2024

**Deadline date:** 19 September 2024 17:00 Brussels time

**Budget (EUR):** 4 000 000

### 2. LIFE Calls for Proposals 2024

The LIFE Calls for Proposals 2024 have been published on the [Funding & tender opportunities portal](#).

CINEA has held virtual information sessions from 23 to 26 April 2024 to guide potential applicants through the LIFE Calls for Proposals 2024. All relevant information concerning the event, including the programme, the details for registration and virtual networking, can be found here. See the [LIFE YouTube channel](#) for previous [recordings](#).

#### Type of grants:

- Standard Action Projects (SAP)
- Strategic Nature Projects (SNAP)
- Strategic Integrated Projects (SIP)
- Technical Assistance Projects (TA)
- Other Action Grants (OAG)
- Operating Grants (OG)

### 3. Remedies 2nd Open Call for Associate Regions: Prevention & Zero-waste solutions

The REMEDIES 2nd Open Call for Associate Regions: Prevention & Zero-waste solutions ([REMEDIES OC2](#)) offers grants of up to **€100K** to local and regional associated regions for initiatives aimed at aquatic ecosystem restoration. Technical assistance and advisory services will be provided to implement proposed actions, with regular monthly meetings and milestone tracking facilitated by REMEDIES mentors. The funding period spans from **September 11, 2024, to May 10, 2025**, with an OC2 Kick-off Meeting and closing event planned.

For further inquiries, contact [opencall@remedies-for-ocean.eu](mailto:opencall@remedies-for-ocean.eu).

## Updates & Workshop Invitation

### 1. URBACT online survey on cities' cooperation for sustainable urban development

The European Commission has invited all European Territorial Cooperation Programmes to join the **INTERREG consultation 2024** on the future Cohesion policy (post 2027). [URBACT](#) will start this consultation process with an EU survey. Whether you are a European city representative, an urban practitioner, or an active citizen, share your input to shape the future of URBACT and of European territorial cooperation for the years after 2027. The survey will run **from 26 March to 31 July 2024** and is available [here](#).

Fill in the survey and make your city's voice heard!

To enhance the online survey, workshops, and discussion sessions regarding the future of INTERREG involving cities and citizens are being planned for the summer months. The optimal timing for these activities would be between June and September 2024.

### 2. Discover the latest EU Green Deal Funding Alert

The [Green Deal Funding Alerts](#) are now available in all 24 official EU languages! This edition offers professional support and guidelines for finding the right financing approach for your climate adaptation projects and provides opportunities for peer learning from other climate-ambitious cities.

Check out the latest edition, featuring:

- EIB Adaptation Days 2024 – LRAs invited to discuss adaptation funding opportunities and get expert advice on project ideas and investment plans.
- MIP4Adapt new [Funding and Financing Guide](#)  
The Funding and Financing Guide reveals paths to financial resources and imparts insights on enhancing preparedness before seeking funding or financing.
- EU Cities Mission – Call for Twin Cities  
The 20-month Twinning Learning Programme supports twin cities in learning from and adopting innovative climate solutions and approaches from pilot cities.

For more details and the eligibility criteria, click [here](#). Further documents and guidance on how to apply will be made available **on 8 April on this site**.

Call opens: **Monday, 8 April 2024**

### 3. 2024 Territorial Peer review on demographic change

We are delighted to announce the open call for applications for the 2024 territorial peer review on integrated development strategies in non-urban areas. The main topic of this edition is demographic change, however, all non-urban 2021-2027 strategies are eligible to apply.

#### **What is this open call about?**

The peer reviews are an in-person two-day workshop based on an innovative methodology that will allow local authorities to receive insights and tailor-made advice from European colleagues (peers) and experts on how to improve the development and implementation of their strategy. The peer review workshop **will take place in mid-June 2024** (place and exact dates will be confirmed following expression of interest from the co-hosting territory).

For further info and details, check the event's link [here](#) and the **peer review factsheet** sent in the attachment.

**Apply here until May 2, 2024, at 13:00 CET** and spread the word!

#### **4. Invitation to four Interreg Europe thematic workshops**

The Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform is organising four workshops on various topics:

1. **22 May 2024**, Vienna (AU) - [Promoting Sustainable Materials and Circularity in Construction](#)
2. **23 May 2024**, Vienna (AU) - [Enabling the Renovation Wave](#)
3. **29 May 2024**, Burgos (ES) - [Entrepreneurship in Declining Rural Areas](#)
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It is a great opportunity to meet organisations from other European countries involved in Interreg Europe projects. Each workshop offers a unique opportunity to:

- Learn about policies and instruments from across Europe
- Receive guidance from thematic experts and stakeholders
- Network with like-minded peers
- Experience policy implementation through study visits

Thank you for your attention!

We look forward to seeing you in our next upcoming update in May.

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