

Commission launches first-ever call for journalism partnerships worth €7.6 million

The Commission has published a €7.6 million call for journalism partnerships financed for the first time through an EU programme, Creative Europe.



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Grants will support cross-border collaboration among news media professionals in Europe. This first call promotes business transformation and journalistic projects – this can include the development of common technical standards, new types of newsrooms, the testing of new business models, original reporting and innovative production formats.

Vice-President for Values and Transparency, Věra Jourová, said:

It is the first time that the EU supports such journalism partnerships. It is a clear message to journalists and media actors that we stand by their side to help them address the challenges they face. Increasing and diversifying funding support goes hand in hand with our work for democracy, the rule of law and for a fairer online environment.

Commissioner for Internal Market, Thierry Breton, added:

Media freedom and pluralism are key values on which our democracies stand and cannot be taken for granted. Through our Creative Europe programme, we will allocate an unprecedented budget of at least €75 million by 2027 to supporting media freedom and

pluralism.

Interested consortia can propose collaborations in a specific journalistic genre, and will operate with full editorial independence. Their projects should aim to help the wider European news media sectors, including small media.

The deadline for applications for this call is 26 August 2021. Several other calls, representing close to €12 million investment for European media projects, will be launched in the coming weeks, while other calls relevant for the news media sector, such as the Creative Innovation Labs, have recently been published.

An upcoming webinar on this call and other funding opportunities for the news media sector can be found [here](#), further information on current EU-funded projects in the news media sector can be found on this [factsheet](#) and an overview of the support to media freedom and pluralism is also available [here](#).

The Commission decided to strengthen its support to the media sector as part of the European Democracy and the Media and Audiovisual Action Plans.

More information

- [Details of the call](#)
- [Creative Europe programme](#)
- [Factsheet with further information on current EU-funded projects in the news media sector](#)
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