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AU-EU Youth Action Lab Launches Grants to Empower African and European Youth for Impactful Solutions to Global Challenges

January 2025, [Country] - The AU-EU Youth Lab Programme through the Youth Action Lab component, has formerly invited youth-led organisations across Africa and Europe to apply for funding to support their projects tackling global challenges.

With calls for proposals open from January to March 2025 (Earliest Deadline for some applications is 19, February 2025). Youth organisations in **Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somaliland, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe**, and **European Union member states** are encouraged to apply. Details and application guidelines can be found at <https://aueuyouth.com>.

GRANTS AVAILABLE:

The Youth Action Lab offers a platform for young innovators, entrepreneurs, and advocates to connect, share ideas, and influence policy decisions at both local and international levels. Grantees will receive financial support, mentorship, and access to networks that can help amplify their impact.

The four types of grants available to support youth-led projects at different stages are:

- **Innovation Grants:** €30,000–€50,000 for designing, testing, or scaling new solutions addressing global issues like climate resilience and youth participation.
- **Entrepreneurship Grants:** €30,000–€50,000 to support skills development and economic opportunities for youth entrepreneurs.
- **Representation Grants:** €10,000–€20,000 to amplify marginalized youth voices in policy discussions.
- **Cooperation Grants:** €50,000 for partnerships between African and European organizations to foster cross-continental collaboration.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Youth-led organisations** (age 18 to 35) where young people are the decision-makers.
- Legally registered in one of the 12 African countries or an EU member state.
- Propose projects with clear governance structures and social impact.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested youth organisations should:

1. **Read the Funding Manual** (available in English, French, and Portuguese).
2. **Meet the eligibility criteria.** (Ensure to carefully read the criteria for each category).
3. **Develop a project proposal** as an individual organisation or in collaboration with others.
4. **Submit the application** by the deadlines:
 - Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Representation Grants: **19 February, 2025.**
 - Cooperation Grants: **16 March, 2025.**



For more on how to submit applications: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXfjia01zMk>

UPCOMING WEBINARS FOR APPLICANTS

To help applicants prepare their proposals, the Youth Action Lab will host webinars in January and February. These sessions will guide applicants on project development and answer any questions about the grants:

- **Cooperation Grants Webinars:** 28th, 29th, 30th January 2025.
- **Innovation and Entrepreneurship Webinars:** Proposed date, 05 February 2025 (To be confirmed).
- **Representation Webinars:** Date to be announced.
- **Final Proposal Tips:** 18th, 19th, 20th February 2025.

By participating in this programme, youth organisations can make their voices heard, build lasting impact in their communities, and influence policy at the highest levels.

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://aueuyouth.com>

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