

# Open Cascading Funding Opportunities in the Digital Sector

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## What is a cascading call?

A cascading call is a funding mechanism where a larger project, already funded by Horizon Europe or other funding programme, distributes part of its funds to smaller projects through its own call for proposals. As an applicant to a cascading call, you would be applying to receive a portion of the funding managed by this larger project.

## Why is it noteworthy?

A key benefit of this process involves finding a cascading call that aligns with your project's goals and submitting a proposal to the organization responsible for the larger project. If your proposal is successful, you'll receive funding to support your research or innovation activities. This approach allows Horizon Europe to efficiently distribute funds to a wider array of smaller projects, encouraging diverse and innovative contributions to the overarching goals of the program. Fundamentally, you're benefiting from a secondary layer of funding opportunities, making it easier for smaller or more niche projects to access financial support.

- [CORTEX2](#) - Will finance a minimum of one single entity (tech startup/SME/research organization) and a maximum of two entities representing technology developers, with emphasis on XR, AR, and AI. The inclusion of the second entity must be justified. **Deadline: 15th August 2024.**
- [StandICT.eu](#) - supports contributions to ICT standardization activities. **Deadline: 23rd August 2024**
- [INDUSAC](#) - Supports short-term research collaborations between academia (students, researchers) and industry in solving company challenges. **Funding up to: €1,000 per student / €3,000 per team Deadline : See cut-off dates in call**
- [NEMO](#) - Supports IoT developers to extend the NEMO use cases and implement innovative IoT apps and services that use heterogeneous IoT and NEMO components to offer new services. **Funding up to: €90,000. Deadline 31st August 2024**
- [DS4SSCC-DE](#) - The European Data Space for Smart Communities opened early June and is for pilots for local public administrations and other entities working with them (companies, academia, NGOs) addressing **Green Deal sectors** and **New European Bauhaus domains**. This is the first round of calls for pilots, 2 more rounds are foreseen to open in September and December. - **Funding up to: €1.5M Deadline: 31st August 2024**
- [XR2Industry](#) - supports hardware enablers and will select up to 7 developers of XR components (MidCaps or SMEs) aimed at integrating emerging technologies (such as 5G/6G, IoT, data, artificial intelligence, edge and cloud computing, and microelectronics) to enable possibilities of XR experiences. **Funding up to: €500,000 Deadline: 17th September 2024**

- [NGI Zero Core](#) - Supports upgrading the open internet architecture with building blocks that prioritize reliability, confidentiality, integrity, security, and resource efficiency. **Funding up to: €50,000. Deadline 1st October 2024**
  
- [NGI Zero Commons](#) - Funds R&D on technology commons that improve openness, trustworthiness, resilience, and user autonomy, making these available as free/libre/open-source software and hardware. **Funding range: €5,000 - €50,000 Deadline: 1st October 2024**
  
- [NGI Taler](#) - Supports the development of technology commons that empower users and establish a new generation of privacy-friendly digital payment systems. **Funding range: €5,000 - €50,000 Deadline: 1st October 2024**
  
- [NGI Mobifree](#) - Supports solutions for an open mobile ecosystem. **Funding range: €5,000 - €50,000. Deadline: 1st October 2024**
  
- [NGI Fediversity](#) -Aims to bring easy-to-use, hosted cloud services with service portability and personal freedom at their core to everyone. **Funding range: €5,000 - €50,000. Deadline 1st October 2024**