

Themed call: from Liking to Listening

Linea di finanziamento:

Scadenza:

10/09/2025

Aree tematiche:

Empowerment, Diritti umani e diritti civili, Comunicazione, Advocacy

Ente finanziatore:

SIDN fonds, Limelight Foundation, Stichting Gieskes-Strijbis Fonds

Soggetti ammissibili → profit, non-profit, ente pubblico

Eligible applicants

- You are a legal entity (or a legal entity currently in formation, which will be in existence by the time of the grant award, if made). A legal entity is, for example, a foundation, an association, a cooperative, a mutual guarantee company, a public limited company, or a private limited company.
- You demonstrably possess the capacity and expertise to successfully undertake the project. Wherever possible, the team itself should possess the required expertise, and not be reliant upon third-party providers. Diversity within the team is desirable. It's also desirable to have outside parties collaborating on the project.
- You've got a strong contact network.
- You've got a clear picture of the current situation in the relevant field.
- You aren't already running another project supported by SIDN Fund (or your current project will be complete by October 2025).

Obiettivi →

The call is a conscious step towards the creation of a digital ecosystem that facilitates healthy debate, promotes social unity and counters polarisation. We're inviting proposals for innovative projects of either a technical or social nature. The decision to follow 2 parallel pathways – reinforcing alternatives and addressing existing systems – reflects our belief that both approaches are needed to realise a digital ecosystem that unites instead of dividing.

1) Reinforcing internet-based alternatives that promote healthy public debate

They are inviting proposals for projects that can promote the growth and consolidation of alternative social media platforms that prioritise transparency, privacy and social cohesion. Proposed projects are expected to support the sustainable adoption of alternative social media that fulfil those criteria.

They are interested in projects aimed at:

- Increasing the convenience and accessibility of platforms based on public values
- Developing strategies for the sustainable adoption of alternatives
- Anchoring public values (privacy, autonomy, interoperability) in platform design and policy

2) *Exposure and bridge-building: algorithms for healthier debate*

They are also looking to support initiatives that expose or mitigate the mechanisms underpinning online polarisation. Example include projects involving the use of tools that reveal algorithmic bias, AI applications that promote social cohesion and reinforce democracy, and methods of combatting misinformation.

They are looking for proposals for innovative projects that:

- Investigate and unpick polarising mechanisms on electronic social media platforms
- Involve collaboration with journalists and civil society organisations with a view to disseminating the insights gained and translating them into meaningful societal impact (our aim being to support projects that go beyond analysis, and contribute to public awareness and solutions)
- Involve the development and upscaling of AI applications that promote bridge-building, enable constructive dialogue and/or strengthen democracy

Budget complessivo →

There is no information

Contributo →

Grant size: max 125.00 euro

Co-funding: it is preferably

Territorio:

Italia, Internazionale

Link:

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La nota di Excursus+:

The deadline for submitting proposals is 10 September, 13:00 (CEST). After the closing date, a number of projects will be selected, and their proposers invited to pitch their ideas in person to representatives of our Advisory Panel. The pitches will take place on 13 and 17 October.

Questa scheda è stata elaborata da Erica Profeta