

THE WHEEL

We are **Ireland's national association of community, charity, and social enterprise organisations**



NATIONAL CONTACT POINT ROLES

NATIONAL CONTACT POINT FOR THE EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION (EASI) PROGRAMME



Access Europe

An EU funding support service for Irish civil society

Access Europe is a support and capacity-building programme for Irish civil society organisations to better access EU funds and engage in EU policy. It is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and delivered by The Wheel. [Learn more about us](#)

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WHY ACCESS EUROPE?

EU funding can be complex and requires an investment in capacity building within organisations to engage. Many civil society organisations do not typically have the time and money to grow this capacity.

As a result, they are missing out on opportunities.

Access Europe is about removing barriers and helping groups avail of these opportunities.



WHAT ARE THESE OPPORTUNITIES?

- Learning and exchange with other countries
- Access to skills and expertise through partnership
- Collaboration across sectors, countries and regions to solve shared problems
- Production of innovative outputs
- Funding for volunteers
- Education opportunities for staff, volunteers, and service users
- Campaigning, events, awareness raising
- Diversify income and develop organizational profile



WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS?

- Knowing which programme and where to get help
- Keeping up to date on news, deadlines, events
- Finding EU partners
- Training on different aspects for applying for and managing projects
- Disseminating and mainstreaming project results



INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

EU Funding Guide

Get started on your EU funding journey with the following selection of handy guides.

Use all EU funding programmes most relevant to civil society, check out our EU policy explainers to understand the aims behind these programmes and read our EU funding Tips with step-by-step guides for getting started on your own EU funding journey.



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Sign up to the Access Europe newsletter and get updates on all EU funding opportunities available to Irish civil society organisations and more.

- ✓ Free trainings and events
- ✓ Partner matchmaking and networking
- ✓ One-to-one support and advice to get started with EU funding
- ✓ Monthly newsletter with all EU funding open calls

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Do you need support?

If you have any questions, please reach out to christina@wheel.ie

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