



**Journalism
Science
Alliance**

Ask Me Anything Session 2

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WHAT ARE WE

The Journalism Science Alliance is **a grant funding program** running from 2025–2027.



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WHO ARE WE

The Journalism Science Alliance is a **joint initiative**.



A leading institution in journalism and science communication education and research.



An independent non-profit organisation dedicated to strengthening journalism and media across Europe.

THE OPPORTUNITY

High quality investigative journalism is valuable.

There is room for collaboration between journalism and science.

BUT funding opportunities for collaborative investigative journalism are limited*.

* especially those between journalists and researchers



THE VISION

Strengthening media **freedom** and **pluralism** by integrating scientific practices into journalism and fostering the **cooperation** between media and research institutions across Europe.



THE GOALS

The Journalism Science Alliance aims to:

- foster **collaboration** between journalists and scientists to uncover new topics of public interest;
- fuel the production of local, regional, and transnational investigative **journalism backed by science** that engage audiences and serve the public interest across Europe;
- strengthen the credibility, depth, and impact of **investigative journalism**.



GRANTS

To support investigative journalism projects

Stories with **public interest**

Investigation **backed by science**

Teams with one **journalist** and one **scientist**

Partnerships of **media** and **research institutions**

Different* scales and complexity possible

* Three tiers: €10,000 | €20,000 | €50,000



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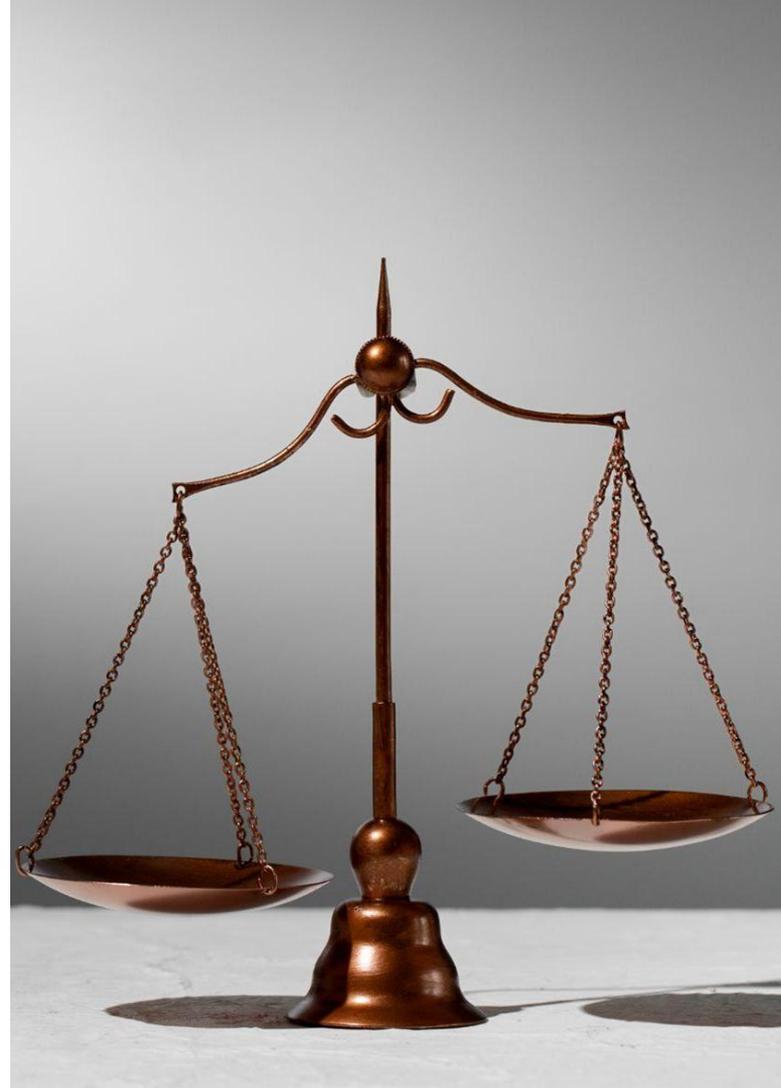
Two calls for applications

Call 2025 (closed) | **Call 2026** (open)

Selection through a transparent and **independent jury process**, free from donor influence, and based on the merit of each proposal.



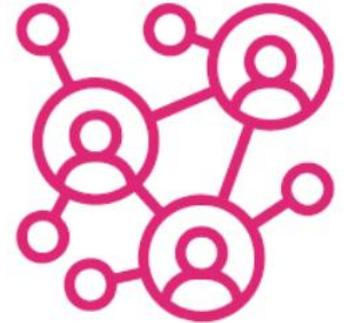
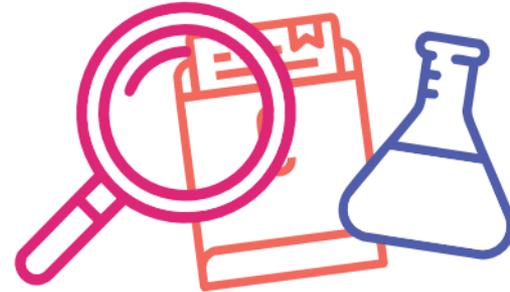
Grants last for **8 months**.



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Selected teams are expected to design, execute, and publish a **rigorous investigative project** that addresses a topic of public interest.

Participants will have access to **mentoring**, training and networking opportunities with other grantees.



CALL 2025 – APPLICATIONS



162
teams



54
countries

CALL 2025 – SELECTED

An independent jury selected

24 projects

in **15 countries**

Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia,
Czech Republic, Finland, Germany,
Italy, Netherlands, North Macedonia,
Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia,
Slovenia, Spain.



CALL 2026 IS OPEN



Open Call 2026

CALL 2026



Deadline is **23 March** 17:00 CET.



Total call budget is **1 million €**.



Applications submitted in English
via the **EJC Platform**.



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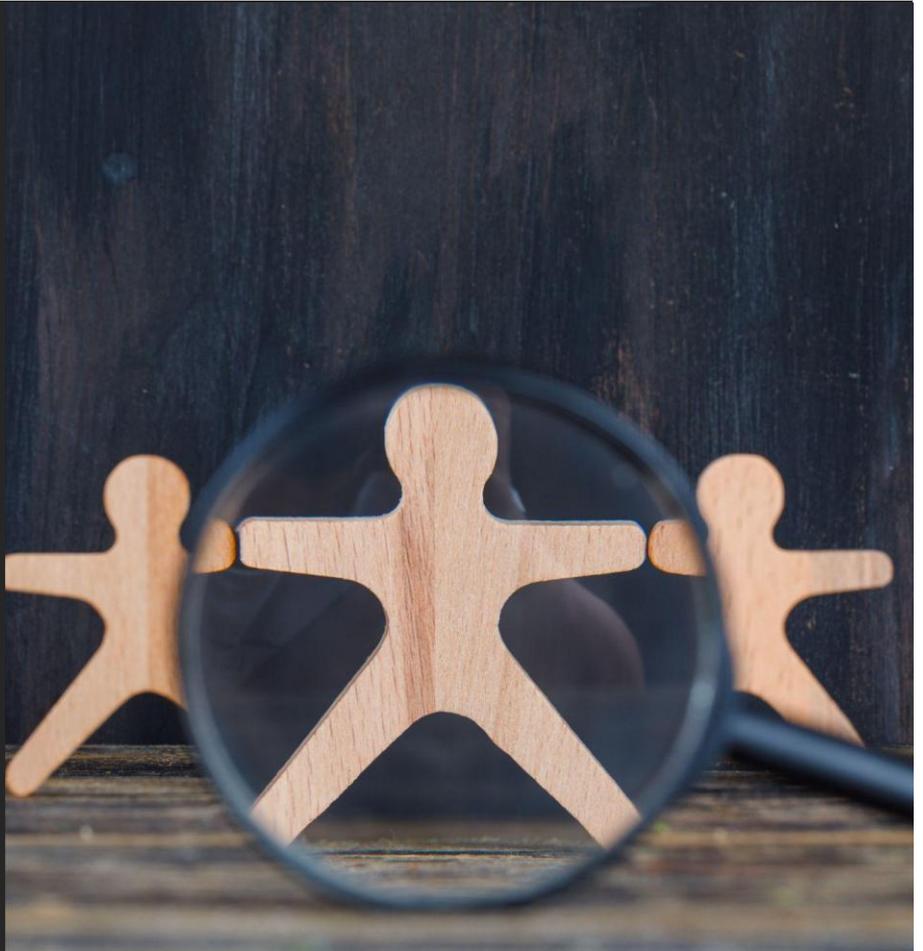
PROPOSAL

Investigative reporting in any topic of public interest where **scientific evidence** is relevant, needed, or adds depth and credibility.



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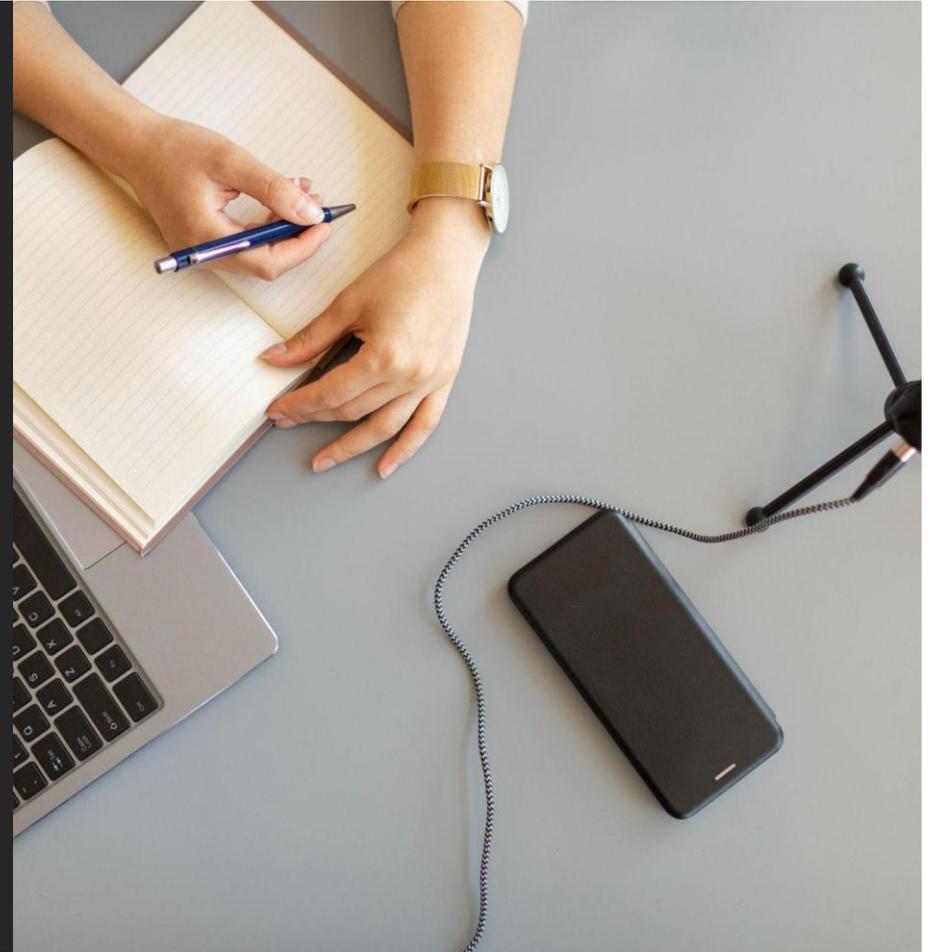
Topics of **public interest** range from climate change, healthcare, and social inequalities, to emerging technologies or local governance, among many others.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Journalists from **all media formats** are welcome to apply.

Scientists from **any relevant discipline** may participate as co-investigators.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Each team must include **at least one media outlet** (lead applicant) and **one research or academic institution** (co-lead).

Freelancers and additional partners may join the team, but cannot apply independently.

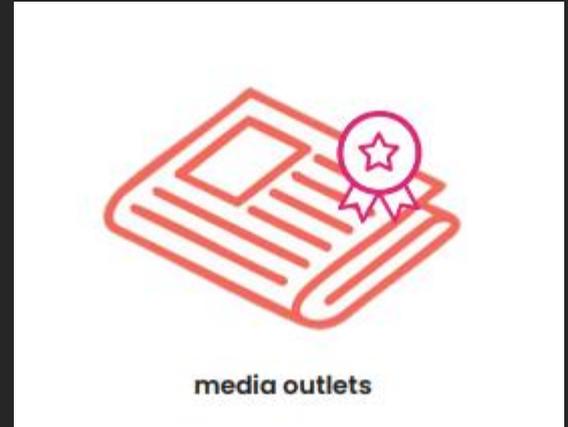


ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Media outlet:

A legally registered platform or organisation that distributes news, information, entertainment, or other forms of content to the public. Media outlets are responsible for producing, curating, and disseminating content to their audience.

These outlets can include traditional forms of media such as newspapers, television stations, and radio stations, as well as digital platforms like websites and online news services.

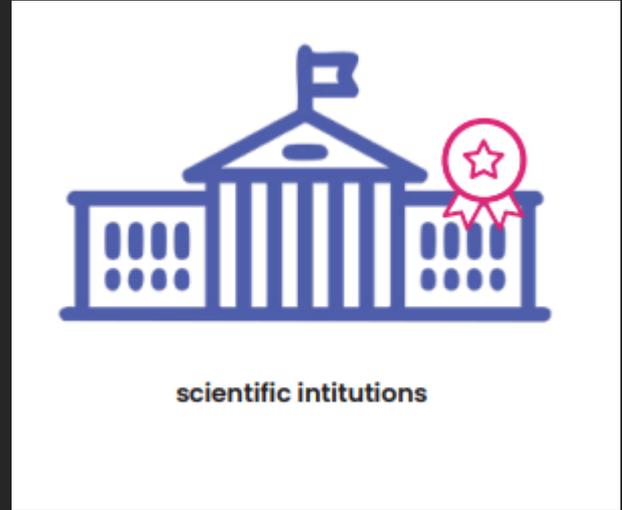


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Research institution:

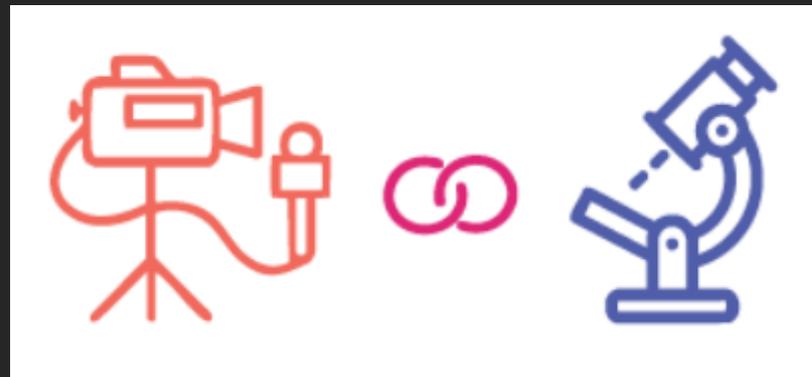
A legally registered public or private organisation dedicated to conducting systematic investigations and studies in order to generate new knowledge, develop technologies, or solve specific problems across various fields of science.

These institutions can include universities, government laboratories, independent research centres, or nonprofit organisations.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The media outlet (lead applicant) and the research or academic institution (co-lead) must be based in a country participating in the Creative Europe Programme.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible countries include all 27 European Union member states and the following non-EU countries:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Ukraine.



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