Never have I ever:

Learned how to say "my name is…" in another language!

Aprenderam a dizer "o meu nome é…" noutra língua!

Appris à dire « mon nom est… » dans une autre langue!

Never have I ever:

Worked with a consortium with people from two or more countries

Trabalhou num consórcio com pessoas de dois ou mais países

Travaillé au sein d'un consortium composé de personnes originaires de deux pays ou plus

Never have I ever:

Written the best grant application of all time!

Escreveu o melhor pedido de subsídio de todos os tempos!

Rédiger la meilleure demande de subvention de tous les temps !

Our Agenda Today

- **Welcome**
- **What is the AU-EU Youth Lab?**
- **What are the Entrepreneurship grants?**
- **How to apply?**
- **How To Build A Successful Application?**
- **How To Create a Strong & Clear Budget?**
- **Next steps**
- **Q&A**

Background Introduction:
What is the AU EU Youth Lab?

What's the AU-EU Youth Lab programme?

The AU – EU Youth Lab's global objective is to contribute to the empowerment of youth in Africa strengthen their involvement in active, meaningful and innovative ways.

PARTICIPATION & REPRESENTATION

Advancing youth participation and representation in policy and decision-making processes.

EMPOWERMENT & CAPACITY BUILDING

Providing training and capacity building to young people and youth organisations.

YOUTH INITIATIVES

Providing financial support to youth-led initiatives.

THE AU – EU YOUTH LABS

❖ **AU-EU Youth Voices Lab App**
❖ **Training**
❖ **Grants from 1,000 to 10,000 EUR**

❖ **Grants from 5,000 to 50,000 EUR**
❖ **Digital Collaboration Platform**
❖ **Capacity Strengthening**

🎯 Types of Grants in the Youth Action Lab

✨ **Cooperation Grants** 🤝

Bringing youth-led initiatives together across Africa & Europe 🌍

💰 Grants: 50,000 EUR.

💡 **Innovation Grants** 🔬

Driving bold, youth-led solutions to tackle intersectional challenges at scale ⚡

💰 Grants: 30,000 - 50,000 EUR.

🎤 **Representation Grants** 🏛️

Amplifying the voices of underrepresented young changemakers 🗣️

💰 Grants: 10,000 - 20,000 EUR.

🚀 **Entrepreneurship Grants** 💼

Enabling youth-led enterprises and organisations to grow and drive meaningful change 💡

💰 Grants: 30,000 - 50,000 EUR.

What do you think of the AU-EU Youth Action Lab so far?

What are Enterpreneurship Grants?

Enterpreneurship Grants

❑ **The Entrepreneurship Grants provide youth actors with support to strengthen their own work on economic opportunities for young people.**

❑ Entrepreneurship Grants focus on youth-led actions that address a **three-fold selection** of key challenges young people face:-

1. *Skills Development*
2. Growth of Youth Led enterprises
3. Enabling Environment

Why Skills Development?

A key barrier for many young people around the world to engage in economic opportunities is the **access to skills development** that makes sense to them. There is a clear **need for more skills development opportunities** that address the **mismatch between skills taught and what young people actually need** in their own context to obtain a job or start a business.

Types of activities

As general guidance, we can identify three broad types of activities:

1. **Develop, test and implement new skills development curriculum for young people**
2. **Scale-up and existing skills development delivery to reach a wider diversity of young people.**
3. **Nurturing the exchange and coordination between (youth-led) skills development providers, local businesses and/or government actors.**
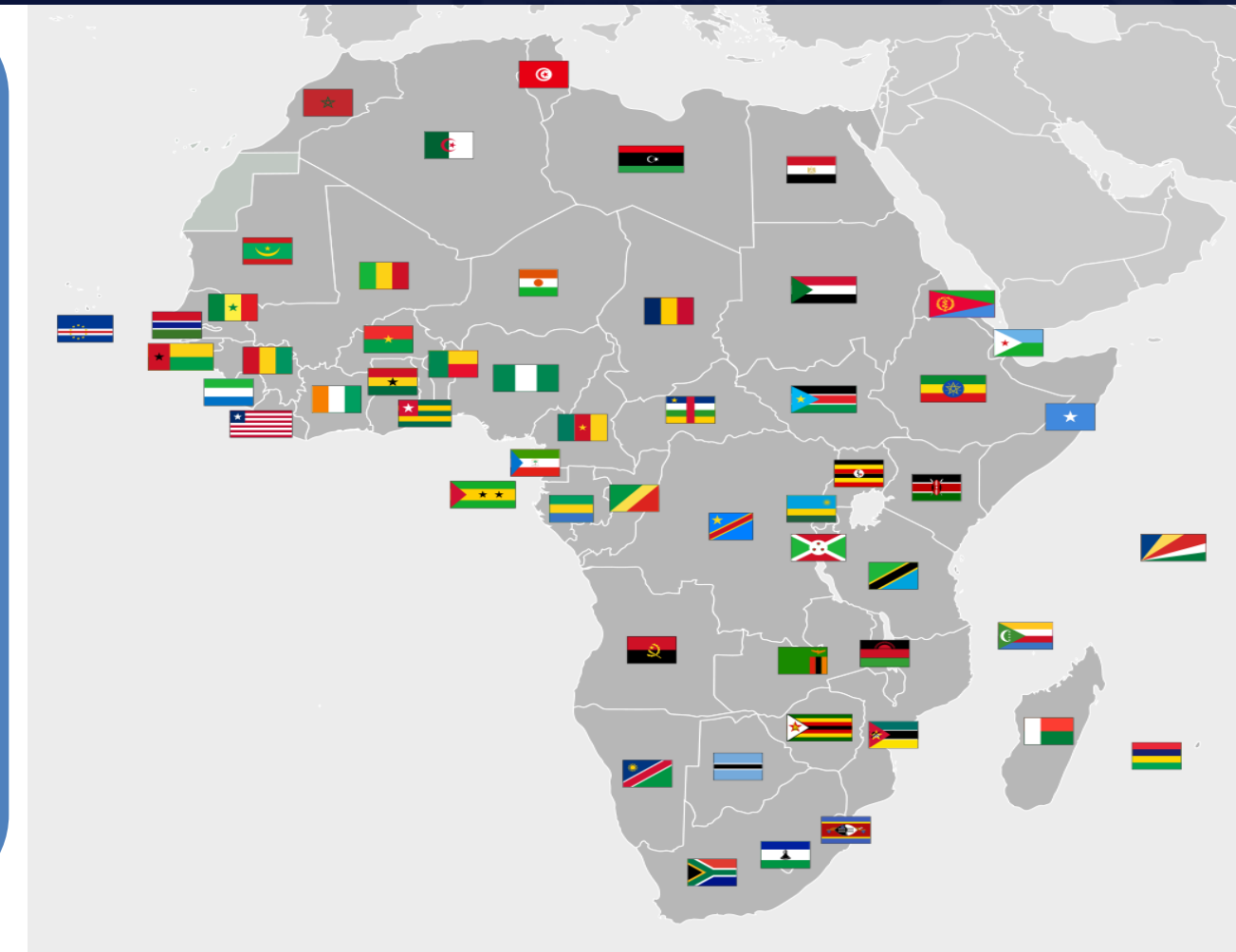
> **During the first Call for Proposal the focus will be on the first topic: SKILLS DEVELOPMENT!**

Enterpreneurship Grants

Eligibility Criteria

- Your organisation or (social) enterprise is youth-led (age 18 to 35) where young people are the decision makers.
- In case of an enterprise, you are either registered as 'social enterprise' or 'enterprise
- You are a youth organisation or (social) enterprise that is formal: you are legally registered in your country, have an organisation/enterprise bank account and a governance structure.
- Your proposed activity takes place in one or more of the focus 12 countries.
- Your annual budget or size of grants managed in the past should be a minimum of 10 000EURO.

You are located and registered in one of the 12 African Youth Action Lab focus countries: **Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia (Somaliland region), Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.**

Our Offer

- ❏ Budget available is for a **minimum amount of 30.000 EURO and a maximum amount of 50.000 EURO per grant**.
- ❏ **6 grants** will be given in this current year.
- ❏ Grants will be for a period of **12 months** from **May 2025 to April 2026**
- ❏ **Inception Meetings** to be held during month of May 2025
- ❏ **Link and Learn Event** to be held in **November/December 2025** bringing together all the grantees from the 4 grant types

How to Apply?
ON Grip Platform

🚀 **Get the registration link** from the [AU-EU Youth Action Lab Entrepreneurship webpage.](#)

👥 **One application per organization**—make it count! ⚠️

📝 **Check all the steps** on [the website](#) before you start.

🌍 **Submit your application online** through the portal—it keeps things fair and transparent!

🔍 **Now, let's take a quick tour of the Entrepreneurship Grant application together!**

Some tips!

Pay Attention to Compulsory Fields & Word Limits

Upload All Required Documents

Include Any Relevant Policies & Supporting Information

Double-check that everything is properly uploaded before clicking submit.

Modification cannot be made once the application is submitted!

Avoid last-minute submissions ☺

How do you feel about using ON Grip?

How to Apply?
ON Grip Platform

How To Build A Successful Application?

What Makes A Successful Application?

✓ Meeting both the hard and soft **eligibility criteria**.

Clearly **capturing the innovativeness of your project** i.e. the design, testing, scale up and improvement proposed linked to a global challenge.

Showing how your project benefits **marginalized groups**.

Providing a clear approach to **ensuring the sustainability of your project's results** and continuation of activities after the grant period.

Showing how the organisation will **work and coordinate with others** in inter and intra cooperation.

Showing the **relevance of the proposed project** to the ambitions of the fund

➤ Focus on **relevance** to the AU-EU priorities.

➤ Check **eligibility criteria**—small errors can lead to disqualification.

➤ **Avoid incomplete sections** or not properly answering a question.

➤ Not paying attention to the **specifity of the content** of the call

How To Create a Strong & Clear Budget?

💰 Budget Guidelines

📖 **Check the Funding Manual (Pages 9 & 10) for all budget details + FAQs!**

📁 **Use the Official Budget Template**

✅ **Download & fill in the provided template – applications without it won't be considered!**

💴 **Budget must be in Euros (€)**

🌍 **Include the local currency used** and the **exchange rate applied** to convert costs into Euros.

💡 **No strict cap on salaries & overheads** – but be **reasonable** and justify your costs!

🔗 **All expenses must be directly linked to project activities** – make sure your budget clearly connects with your work plan and application responses.

📝 **Be clear & precise** – reviewers should easily understand how each cost supports your project. Use consistent language across your **budget, work plan, and application questions** to avoid confusion.

🚨 Common Budget Mistakes to Avoid

❌ **Don't submit costs without justification** – Every expense should be explained.

❌ **Don't use vague budget lines** – Be specific (e.g., instead of "Training Costs," write "Trainer fees for 3-day workshop on digital skills").

❌ **Don't include ineligible expenses** – Review the guidelines to see what **can and cannot** be funded.

❌ **Don't submit a budget that exceeds the funding limit** – Ensure your total request stays within the grant amount.

❌ **Don't wait until the last minute** – Give yourself time to check calculations and ensure alignment with the application.

Almost done –
How do you feel?

Next Steps

Closure…

Next Steps

❑ **Go through the website, FAQ and Funding manual carefully.**

❑ **Register to the Power to Voices platform and follow the AU-EU Youth Lab Community**

❑ **Follow up on any Q&A not answered during the session**

❑ **Due Date: 19 February 2025 @midnight CET**

❑ **The status of your proposal will be updated on the ON Grip portal**

GOOD LUCK!

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Questions?

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Thank you!

We look forward to hearing from you

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