

Tracking information on Funding sources

To scan for & follow-up on information providers at different levels

Helpful tips

- Clarify what type of information you are looking for (i.e. funding for thematic topics, policy priorities; funding for target groups; type of funding; forthcoming calls for funding applications; funding briefings or trainings; access to good practice examples; information about contacts in Managing Authorities of EU or Government etc.)
- Consult with relevant colleagues and stakeholders to gather information whether they know about other information service providers regarding funding opportunities. Take note of their recommendations and website links.
- Allocate some time for online research to identify the most suitable information providers on funding programmes and opportunities at EU, national and local level. Note their websites, their range of services on offer and their conditions (i.e. membership, registration, etc.) and degree of relevance to your needs.
- Attend information events of funders (online and physical).

In terms of funding there are many platforms and websites that offer extensive information on funding programmes, support material and guides for participants on both EU and domestic level. In addition many membership organisations, networks, NGO's and thematic groupings have information portals.

This task is a basic reminder that there are numerous service providers out there that offer up-to-date information and at times also send you alerts on funding opportunities.

It consists of 2 elements:

- 1) An example of a Table with a range of hyperlinks to information portals and service providers at EU level and a few examples of national service providers.
- 2) A Table with hyperlinks to a number of glossaries of funding terms especially useful for beginners to familiarise with key financial terms.

What for?

- To gain awareness of existing information providers at EU, national and local level
- To gain a better understanding of where relevant information on funding programmes can be accessed.

What to do?

Step 1 Browse through the listed examples of information portals and service providers in **Table 1**. Familiarise yourself how these providers operate and what range of services they are offering. Ensure that you know the terminology (see the links to relevant glossaries in **Table 2**).

Step 2 Use this awareness and start searching for information providers of funding opportunities that are relevant and topical for your Action Plan (consult with your colleagues and stakeholders for their known funding programmes and sources of information) and put some time in to do your online research.

Step 3 Identify those providers that offer the most suitable range of services for your purposes and subscribe to them if necessary and note them into your Funders Map.

Step 4 Establish a regular procedure to read the information sent to you and communicate any relevant developments and opportunities to the Action Plan Coordinator, the stakeholders, or the Funding Strategy Coordination Team.

Step 5 Review the quality and usefulness of the services provided regularly (at the beginning on a monthly basis in a later stage at least once per year).



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Table 1

Examples of information service providers
https://www.grantfinder.co.uk/ https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/subscribe/ https://www.wheel.ie/funding https://www.circularcityfundingguide.eu/funding-types-and-their-applicability/grants-and-subsidies/ https://www.eumayors.eu/support/funding.html
Examples of search engines for information on EU funding opportunities:
https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/atlas/ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/find-funding/funding-management-mode_en#shared-management https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/recovery-coronavirus/recovery-and-resilience-facility_en https://www.fi-compass.eu/esif/european-structural-and-investment-

Table 2

FUNDING & COMMON INVESTMENT TERMS, GLOSSARIE & BEGINNERS' GUIDE	
Website Links	Comments & Description
https://www.fi-compass.eu/info/glossary/f	A list of financial terms and their definition
https://www.goodfinance.org.uk/glossary	A list of financial terms and their definition
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/how-apply/you-apply-eu-funding-beginners_en	A brief guide with links to further information, relevant for "beginners"