

If you have a FOSS project that needs funding, check this out!

<free software/hardware/
data activists/>

Who can apply to these funds?

Individual researchers, developers, small teams, free software/hardware/data activists, formal or informal organisations of any type (or even a partnership between the two) who have important new ideas on technologies can apply, with the possibility to scale grants if there is proven potential.

NGI Zero welcomes any idea that contributes to the [vision of the next generation internet](#) and addresses the themes of privacy, reliability, user control and data sovereignty in (internet-related) technologies. See also the [frequently asked \(and/or anticipated\) questions](#).

As the funds are granted by the European Commission, it is a knock-out criterion for each project to have a "European dimension", but anyone can apply. Having people inside the proposed project from Europe or the associated countries is a way to fulfil that requirement. If you are based outside the European Union and still have doubts, please write to hvale@apc.org.

You don't need to reveal your real name prior to the project being granted. Also, young people that have not yet reached the age of legal consent in their country of origin on the date of the deadline can also apply without any constraints.

What is this?

NGI Zero is a joint non-profit effort by a coalition of organisations that wish to support the development of technology commons and are committed to inclusivity and diversity.

With funding from the European Commission, NGI Zero supports projects both financially and practically in a myriad of ways: through mentoring, testings, security tests, accessibility, dissemination and others.

How much is available?

Project funding available varies from **5,000 to 50,000 euros**.

What are the themes this initiative covers?



Open source



Open data



Open hardware



Open standards

NGI Zero Entrust:

Trustworthiness and data sovereignty

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NGI Zero Core:

Moving the internet forward

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Which calls are open right now?

THE FOURTH CALL

of NGI Zero Core closes on
1 December 2023 at
12:00 CET (noon).

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THE SEVENTH CALL

of NGI Zero Entrust closes on
1 December 2023 at
12:00 CEST (noon).

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More about NGI Zero initiative

This effort to fund technology commons is being conducted by [12 non-profit organisations](#), including the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), each with a specific area of expertise to make the digital commons more robust. Take a look at [some current projects](#) to see what might inspire you and shed some light on what we're talking about.



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