

## The First Round of Open Calls starts today, granting up to 18 Technical Solutions for Cities and Communities

CommuniCity is a 3-year project funded by the European Commission's Horizon Europe Framework Programme. It will launch 100 tech pilots through a calendar of three Open Calls to address the needs of European cities and communities through co-creation and co-learning processes.

During the first round of Open Calls, launched today on February 28th, citizens, universities, organisations, companies, associations, and tech providers are welcome to participate co-creating and proposing innovative, digitally inclusive, and sustainable solutions for social, technological, economical, and urban challenges to meet the needs of marginalised communities in the cities of Amsterdam, Helsinki, and Porto. This first Open Call will award up to 18 pilot projects, and each pilot will be granted 12.500 Euros.

In the first round, each city chose specific topics: Porto will focus on Elderly Loneliness and Decreased autonomy of the elderly; Amsterdam will be looking for Solutions for non-Dutch speakers, Accessible healthcare information, Opportunities for young citizens with criminal records, and Community solutions; Helsinki aims to find Solutions for adults and young adults with disabilities, Elderly citizens and homecare, Digital skills for Immigrants, and Rehabilitative work activities.

A Matchmaking Platform is also available to help find partners for pilots. The Open Call proposal, submission, evaluation, selection, and approval procedure ensures a simple, transparent, and competitive proposal evaluation and selection process. The process is open to all legal entities that can guarantee performance and fulfil the criteria stated in the [Open Call Guidelines](#).

The submission of proposals is open from today, February 28<sup>th</sup>, to March 31<sup>st</sup> through the CommuniCity website. The awarded teams will be announced in May and the pilots will start thereafter. All pilots must be finalised by the end of September and a new calendar for the second round of Open Calls will be available.

All the details about the first CommuniCity Open Call are available on the project's website ([communicity-project.eu](http://communicity-project.eu)) and social media channels:

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