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Call for entries: Intercultural Innovation Hub 2026 seeks innovative projects that strengthen social cohesion

+++ Wanted: Initiatives that foster intercultural dialogue and understanding +++ US\$ 20,000 in funding +++ Capacity-building and global network access +++ Entry deadline: 15 April 2026 +++

Munich / New York. Founded in 2011, the Intercultural Innovation Hub (IIH) is a joint initiative by the BMW Group and the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations (UNAOC), supported by Accenture. In 2026, the search is on again for projects worldwide that build inclusive societies and drive social change through intercultural innovation.

Global impact through social innovation

The Intercultural Innovation Hub is far more than a funding programme; it is a catalyst for growth and impact. Participating organisations receive hands-on mentoring and take part in an intensive capacity-building programme designed to strengthen and scale their strategies for addressing complex intercultural challenges.

Who is eligible to enter?

Non-profit organisations and social enterprises are eligible to take part. Focus areas include:

- Advancing gender equality
- Combatting xenophobia, hate speech and extremism
- Leveraging sport, art and culture as drivers of change
- Fostering inclusion of people with disabilities
- The responsible use of AI and new technologies to support these goals

Up to ten projects will be selected to receive funding and support.

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What does the funding package include?

USD 20,000 in project funding to strengthen and expand initiatives.

A one-year capacity-building programme featuring international workshops, masterclasses and one-on-one mentoring from experts at Accenture, the UNAOC and the BMW Group.

Access to a global leadership platform and an international community dedicated to fostering inclusion and social cohesion worldwide.

Apply now!

Entry deadline: 15 April 2026, 17:00 hrs EDT (New York)

Entry portal: www.interculturalinnovation.org/application-process

Eligibility requirements: www.interculturalinnovation.org/the-project/who-can-apply

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