

TOTAL BUDGET	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS
€9.602.956,00	December 1 st 2022 12:00 (Brussels time)

CALL GOALS

The **third call of NGI Zero Entrust** works towards better technologies to restore and maintain European sovereignty and to secure democratic ownership of the digital society. In this context, the aim of NGI Zero actively is to work in **digital commons** and trustworthy **technological building blocks** for the next generation of the internet. The goal is to provide people with concrete new tools and more reliable infrastructure, which grant them privacy and data portability, provide better overall security and allow them more agency and choice.

BENEFICIARIES AND CONDITIONS

There are no categorical exclusions of persons who may not receive support from NGIO Entrust.

Given equal proposals, inhabitants of the EU and countries associated to Horizon Europe are given priority. However, if the project is of exceptional quality and the proposer holds unique technical expertise proposals from outside of those geographic areas can be eligible as well — under the condition that there is a clear European dimension.

Young people that have not yet reached the age of legal consent in their country of origin (typically 18 years old) on the date of the deadline may apply without any constraints; consent from a legal guardian such as a parent does not have to be provided prior to initial submission but will be required to enter any further negotiations.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

The NGIO Entrust Consortium will competitively award **9.6 million euro** worth of grants to independent researchers in the period between August 1st 2022 and July 31st 2025.

Projects are judged on their technical merits, strategic relevance to the Next Generation Internet and overall value for money. The key objective is to deliver potential break-through contributions to the open internet. All scientific outcomes must be published as open access, and any software and hardware must be published under a recognised open source license in its entirety.

The **maximum amount** to be granted per third party over the lifetime of NGI Zero Entrust is 500 kEuro. A third party can be an organisation or an individual.

The exact amount of financial support offered is determined by NGI Zero based on the projected cost and estimated value of the proposed project. Any proposed amount is to be adjusted for costs that are deemed ineligible as well as for the cost of any additional activities recommended by NGIO. The final amount is established in the memorandum of understanding between NLnet and the grantee. If the grantee does not agree with the height of the grant offered, he or she may revoke the proposal prior to signing the MoU at any time.

NLnet as the grant handling organisation is a recognised public benefit organisation, and the goals of NGI are within its statutory mission. Any grants that will be handed out, to individuals, companies, NGO's or other types of legal entities are donations that fall under the most beneficial tax conditions as 'charitable gifts'.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Applications will be submitted online via <https://NLnet.nl/propose>
- Further information: [NLnet](#); [NGI Zero Entrust](#)