

**PEN-CP ANNOUNCEMENT**  
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**PEN-CP Customs Innovation Grants - Calling for 4 PING-Submissions**

*The Customs Innovation Boosting Network, PEN-CP, has published four new Innovation Grant submission -call texts, targeted for companies and research organizations willing to innovate, per Customs specific needs, in: Dark web monitoring; Cannabinoid level measurement; Plastics biodegradability verification; and Passenger flows screening. Submission deadline is 1 June 2024.*

**EPALINGES, Switzerland** - PEN-CP is a dynamic innovation-boosting network of expert Customs practitioners. Among its regular activities, PEN-CP publishes periodic calls on various knowledge and innovation instruments and events, all of which aim to identify solutions for important customs challenges.

During 1 March – 1 June 2024 we invite companies and research organizations to make submissions across our four PEN-CP Innovation Grant (PING) calls:

**Call ID: PING-2024-1–Dark-Web**

- Title: Dark web monitoring to counter illicit trade in New Psychoactive Substances (NPSs), firearms, and other contraband

**Call ID: PING-2024-2–Cannabinoids**

- Title: Enhanced handheld instruments for accurate measurement of cannabinoid levels in hemp and cannabis products

**Call ID: PING-2024-3–Biodegradable-Plastics**

- Title: A Software tool and database to help customs officers verify the declared biodegradability of plastics

**Call ID: PING-2024-4–Passenger-Drugs**

- Title: Fast non-intrusive screening of passenger flows to detect and deter body-worn drugs

While each of the four PING projects has a different scope and purpose, all share a common vision: to create the opportunity for selected suppliers to make concrete innovations, which will receive real-world testing and assessment by expert Customs end-users. Visit [ [www.pen-cp.net/calls](http://www.pen-cp.net/calls) ] for the full information!

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