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Latest Funding News

European Funding News: Horizon Europe / EU regional funds

Money set aside for UK participation in Horizon Europe returned to the Treasury (21 February 2023)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Horizon-Europe/money-set-aside-uk-participation-horizon-europe-returned-treasury>

£1.6B for the UK to join the EU research programme or set up a Plan B, has been withdrawn, according to a leading lobby group



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. Photo: Selcuk Sofular / Flickr

The UK government has released its central government supply estimates 2022-23, in which it is detailed that the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has returned £1.6 billion of funds to the Treasury, which had previously been allocated for Horizon Europe association or domestic alternatives.

The news was released by the lobby group, the Campaign for Science and Engineering whose executive director Sarah Main said, **“The government has repeatedly stated that R&D budgets would be protected and that the money allocated for association to Horizon Europe would be spent on R&D.”**

The government’s reversal of this position with today’s withdrawal of £1.6 billion for R&D undermines the Prime Minister’s assertions about the importance of science and innovation to the UK’s future - and the creation, only this month, of a new department to pursue this agenda, said Main.

She called on the government to, *“follow through its ambition for science and innovation with coordinated action”* and investment across government, *“not reversals and false starts”*.

Commenting on CASE’s statement, Adrian Smith, President of the Royal Society, said, “The failure of all sides to secure the UK’s association to the EU’s research programmes has now cost UK science £1.6 billion. That comes on top of the talented researchers who have left the UK in order to carry on their collaborative work. How does this sit with the government’s stated mission to have the UK as a science superpower?”

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Horizon-Europe/money-set-aside-uk-participation-horizon-europe-returned-treasury>

Sixteen million for research into better sharing of the results of public research on healthy oceans (16 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 16 February 2023

The European Commission is allocating 16 million euros for two major research projects on healthy oceans and waters. These are the Blue-Cloud 2026 and AquaINFRA projects, which are all about the objectives of the EU mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters". The projects aim to accelerate the sharing and reuse of the results of government-funded research results. So that they can be better utilized by the many contributors to the mission from science, government, the business community and wider society.

News item European Commission: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/commission-invests-eu16-million-two-major-research-actions-healthy-oceans-and-waters-2030-2023-02-10_en

Marc Lemaître takes up the reins at research and innovation directorate (16 February 2023)

The Commission's former regional development chief moves over to head the research directorate, amid hopes his experience in Cohesion policy will be applied to bridge east-west disparities in research and innovation



Marc Lemaître, the new chief of the EU's research directorate. Photo: European Union

Marc Lemaître, the new chief of the EU's research directorate takes office today, amid high hopes he will apply his experience in Cohesion policy to promote greater coordination between research funding and regional development funding, increasing the impact of both.

Lemaître's appointment last month is widely viewed as an attempt to get the EU's two big spending programmes, Horizon Europe and Cohesion funds, working better together. His move across from DG Regio to DG Research was especially welcomed in central and eastern Europe, where there is optimism that his knowledge of regional disparities will be brought to bear on the east-west innovation gap.

The Luxembourger takes the reigns at a pivotal moment for EU research policy, with the €95.5 billion Horizon Europe programme, for which he is now responsible, approaching key milestones. Lemaître will guide the upcoming mid-term evaluation of Horizon Europe and also lay the foundations for the next EU research framework, due to start in 2028. He is said to be someone who plays by the book: he may not speak out to defend research at every opportunity, but will confidently use his expertise of EU budgets and regional rules in shaping future research policy, according to insiders. Such a down to earth attitude may be appreciated at a time when EU research policy is increasingly politicised.

Robert-Jan Smits, president of the Eindhoven University of Technology and former director general of DG Research, described Lemaître as, "Someone who does not beat around the bush and gets straight to the point. What you see is what you get."

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Horizon-Europe/marc-lemaitre-takes-reins-research-and-innovation-directorate>

EARTO criticizes the instability of the Horizon Europe budget (16 February 2023)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/earto-uit-kritiek-op-instabiliteit-budget-horizon-europe>

The instability of the Horizon budget is detrimental to investments in research and innovation. So says the European Association of Research & Technology Organizations (EARTO) <https://www.earto.eu/wp-content/uploads/EARTO-Answer-to-EC-Consultations-on-Future-of-RI-FPs-Final.pdf>. This instability must be addressed on three fronts. Firstly, in the annual budget negotiations between the Council and Parliament, which each year fight for a reduction and increase in the Horizon budget respectively. Secondly, many changes are always made within the budget. Thirdly, new EU initiatives cause budget instability without extra money being made available. This volatility in the budget is due to the fact that the funds in Horizon are not allocated directly to member states, in contrast to agricultural subsidies, for example.



Worry about complexity

According to EARTO, partly due to an increase in the number of participating partners, the coordination of projects has become more complex, resulting in increasing administrative burdens. Projects have also become more complex due to the increased number of conditions that projects must meet, such as the *Do No Significant Harm principle*. EARTO advocates an evaluation of such horizontal conditions on project implementation. Furthermore, EARTO observes a **decoupling between the policy makers who shape the program and the executive agencies who manage the program, which further complicates the implementation of projects**. Future work programs should therefore take greater account of already ongoing projects.

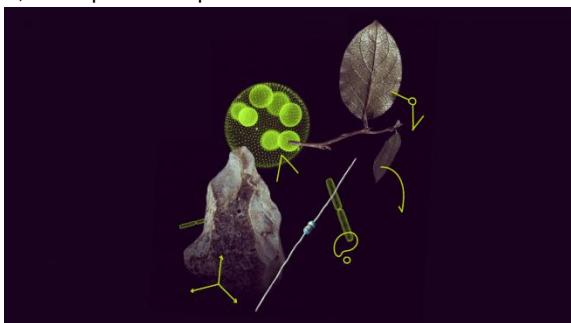
Criticism of TRLs, missions, EIC, lump sum

According to EARTO, the balance between different so-called Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) in Pillar 2 must be restored by providing more research opportunities aimed at lower TRLs. In addition, it is important to achieve a better balance in pillar 2 between larger and smaller projects, with a broader or narrower focus. With regard to the missions, EARTO states that the first calls could also be financed by the Structural Funds due to a lack of a research and/or innovation component. Existing instruments, such as partnerships, could coordinate mission activities to avoid duplication. EARTO also points out that the European Innovation Council is not functioning adequately due to various problems, for example in the field of intellectual property. EARTO further points out that not all relevant data for the interim evaluation of the lump sum approach has yet been collected, and therefore calls for caution in its further roll-out. **EARTO will provide extensive feedback on lump sum in a separate publication** <https://www.earto.eu/wp-content/uploads/EARTO-Position-Paper-on-Lump-Sums-10-February-2023-Final.pdf> .

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions award €257 million to postdoctoral fellows in 2022 (15 February 2023)

Source: Website EC <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/marie-sklodowska-curie-actions-award-eu257-million-to-postdoctoral-fellows-in-2022>

1,235 experienced post-doctoral researchers were selected for funding among 7,044 applicants.



The European Commission will award €257 million to 1,235 post-doctoral researchers to work at top universities, research centres, private and public organisation and small and medium-sized enterprises.

The European Research Executive Agency (REA) received 7,044 applications for this call, 17.5% of which were selected for funding.

The Commission will award

- **€218.5 million** to 1,093 researchers through **European Postdoctoral Fellowships**, allowing them to carry out their projects in the EU or countries associated to Horizon Europe
- **€38.5 million** for **Global Postdoctoral Fellowships**, allowing 142 researchers to carry out research outside the EU or countries associated to Horizon Europe, mostly in the United States, Switzerland, Canada and Australia, before returning back to Europe

Female applicants represent 43% of the awardees. Selected applicants represent nearly 80 nationalities and will work across 48 countries in Europe and the rest of the world.

Read full article here: <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/marie-sklodowska-curie-actions-award-eu257-million-to-postdoctoral-fellows-in-2022>

EU's Widening actors hope for improved synergies as new research DG begins work (15 February 2023)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/widening/news/Horizon-Europe/eus-widening-actors-hope-improved-synergies-new-research-dg-begins-work>

Marc Lemaître's switch from head of the regional development directorate general to DG Research has raised hopes that synergies between funding programmes will finally be improved



Marc Lemaître takes over as the European Commission's new director general for research and innovation.

Photo: Georges Boulougouris / European Union

The appointment of Marc Lemaître as the European Commission's new director general for research and innovation has been welcomed by many in central and eastern Europe, who hope his experience of regional disparities will help address the east-west innovation gap.

Lemaître, a Luxembourger who headed up the directorate general of regional development from 2016, moves over to his new position tomorrow.

He will have plenty on his plate, with the Commission currently collecting public feedback on the €95.5 billion research and innovation programme Horizon Europe, as part of with an official evaluation of its first three years. There is also planning to be done for the next framework programme, which will start in 2028.

But top of the agenda for many in central and eastern European circles is improving synergies between the funding programmes of Lemaître's old DG and his new one. Typically, the Widening countries – 15 member states whose research and innovation performance is considered low-performing – perform poorly in obtaining funding from the big Europe-wide R&D programmes.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/widening/news/Horizon-Europe/eus-widening-actors-hope-improved-synergies-new-research-dg-begins-work>

Other International funding

Announcement: new international call 'Urban transformation capacity building through arts and design' by JPI Urban Europe (14 February 2023)

Source: website NWO news <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/announcement-new-international-call-urban-transformation-capacity-building-through-arts-and-design-jpi-urban-europe>



The new transnational call 'Building transformation capacities through arts and design' (JPI Urban Europe Urban Transformation Capacities (ENUTC)) will be opened in February 2023. In this an additional Urban Transformation Capacities (ENUTC) call – art and design form the focal point as a means for urban change. Dutch universities of applied sciences can apply for funding as lead applicants; Dutch university researchers can join as co-applicants in a consortium in cooperation with universities of applied sciences. Deadline will be in April; a lunch talk and information meeting will take place on 27 February.

Our current crisis is not only about the environment and the climate, but is also a crisis of the imagination.

There is a need to emphasize the importance of imagination, and the cultural and creative sectors, to support and enable the transformation of societies towards a sustainable, climate neutral, and just future. Scientists and practitioners from the cultural and creative sectors, and from other disciplines, need each other to resolve complex urban transitions. Projects will revolve around the call topics 'Experimentation and co-creation for a beautiful and sustainable urban future', 'Transformation to sustainable cities', and 'Designing inclusive, liveable and green neighbourhoods'.

A lunch talk and information meeting will take place on 27 February: Go to lunch talk and webinar:

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/lunch-talk-meeting-call-urban-transformation-capacity-building-through-arts-and-design>

National funding

Second round of Open Science Fund encourages and rewards pioneers in open science (22 February 2023)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/second-round-open-science-fund-encourages-and-rewards-pioneers-open-science>



The second round of the Open Science Fund is now open to proposals. The Fund's aim is to support projects designed to advance the application and advancement of open science practices.

With this call, the Dutch Research Council (NWO) wants to boost the recognition and appreciation of open science by encouraging and rewarding researchers who have taken or wish to take the lead in this movement. The primary focus of this second round is on project proposals geared towards the further development of open science in fields or disciplines where it is not yet the norm, or projects that promote open science among a large group or community. In addition, this call is intended for project proposals which promote collaboration between various organizations and disciplines, and between academic and support staff. The Open Science Fund welcomes researchers from across the academic spectrum.

In this round, a total of €3 million is available, with a maximum of €50,000 per project. This amount will be divided equally between two packages of proposals. (**Deadline for Package 1: 14.00.00 CEST on 9 May 2023; deadline for Package 2: 14.00.00 CEST on 26 September 2023.**)

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/second-round-open-science-fund-encourages-and-rewards-pioneers-open-science>

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-science/open-science-fund>

Pre-announcement: new round of preclinical research into novel antibiotics (22 February 2023)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-round-preclinical-research-novel-antibiotics>



With antibiotic resistance on the rise, there is a burning need for new types of antibiotics. A new call within the Novel Antibacterial Compounds and Therapies Antagonizing Resistance (NACTAR) research programme will focus on the preclinical testing of novel, promising antibacterial substances and alternatives. The call is expected to open in April 2023.

Antibiotic resistance is a key threat to public health this century. According to a study in the Lancet <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-round-preclinical-research-novel-antibiotics>, bacterial infections have become a major cause of death. They also contribute heavily to the rise in health care costs. For these reasons, there is a large need for new means and methods that help fight these infections. In the NACTAR research programme, researchers and industry collaboratively develop novel antimicrobial substances and alternatives that are both affordable and accessible.

Aim

The aim of the new *Pre-clinical studies 2023* NACTAR call is the preclinical testing of novel antibiotics, products and/or alternative treatments targeting human infectious diseases. The research projects will focus on transferring promising substances, from the research themes as defined in the NACTAR programme, into the clinic.

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-round-preclinical-research-novel-antibiotics>

Call launched: Research on the growing importance of human-machine teaming in (semi)autonomous systems (21 February 2023)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-launched-research-growing-importance-human-machine-teaming-semiautonomous-systems>



Human-machine teaming will play an increasingly important role in the defence and security domain. Think of robots that dismantle drug labs or systems that collect better intelligence. The ‘Collaboration between humans and (semi-)autonomous systems (KIC)’ call focuses on the further development of (semi-)autonomous systems, their deployment in society, and their collaboration with humans.

Aim of the call

The aim of this call is to encourage interdisciplinary research that helps to further develop collaboration between humans and (semi-)autonomous systems. In this field, technological and social innovation go hand in hand. This call addresses societal and organisational aspects, the development of technology and the improvement of human-machine teaming. There is a need to further develop AI and (semi-)autonomous systems with an additional focus on the robustness and optimisation of such systems and their deployment. Particular attention will be paid to the successful transition to the use of (semi-)autonomous systems by government organisations in the defence and security domain, for example in the performance of primary tasks.

Read full issue here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-launched-research-growing-importance-human-machine-teaming-semiautonomous-systems>

Go to call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/collaboration-between-humans-and-semi-autonomous-systems>

Pre-announcement: new call Long-term programmes (KIC) - strategy-driven consortia with impact (22 February 2023)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-call-long-term-programmes-kic-strategy-driven-consortia-impact>



NWO expects to open the second call for Long-Term Programmes (KIC) in the first quarter of 2023. A Long-Term Programme (LTP) provides a powerful stimulus to the development of a scientific field, focused on a societal theme or key enabling technology. Through this call, NWO offers ten years of funding for strategic research by public-private consortia.

Through a Long-Term Programme (LTP), strong public-private consortia can apply for funding with a total budget of at least 30 million euro over the ten-year term. NWO funds 9 million to a maximum of 25 million euro.

Additional criterion

An LTP focuses on a strategic topic that contributes to the mission-driven top sectors and innovation policy. The initiatives to be submitted fit within one of the Knowledge and Innovation Agendas of this policy. The new call for proposals differs from the previous one: the 2023 call uses 'additionality' as an additional criterion. This means that NWO tests an LTP application for contributing substantially to the knowledge base of the mission-driven top sectors and innovation policy and that the application does not receive substantial funding from elsewhere. The new call also differs from the previous one in terms of processing time: it has been halved from opening to granting. The other funding requirements remain the same as those of the 2020 LTP call. The 2023 LTP call will thus be designed to avoid unintended duplication in funding - on topics that already enjoy funding from another source (notably the National Growth Fund).

More information on conditions, budget and deadlines will follow when the call opens. **The expected opening will take place in the first quarter of 2023.**

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-call-long-term-programmes-kic-strategy-driven-consortia-impact>

Pre-announcement: Summit Grant ten years of research funding for world-class research (1 February 2023)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ten-years-research-funding-world-class-research>



NWO is offering scientific collaborations multi-year research funding through the Summit Grant. The new funding instrument is intended for research consortia that have proven in existing collaborations that they belong to the absolute world top or are very close to it and can make the leap to the absolute world top with this instrument. The Summit Grant is an initiative of Minister Dijkgraaf and gives research consortia from diverse scientific fields peace of mind and space for the next ten years.

Minister Dijkgraaf of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) has made 200 million euros available for ten years for this instrument to ensure that these scientific collaborations continue to play a prominent role internationally in the coming years, thus strengthening the position of Dutch science for the long term. In this way, the proven partnership can continue to work on research in peace and quiet during the funding period. In the elaboration, NWO consulted the main stakeholders for this instrument: KNAW, NFWO and UNL. The feedback collected during the consultations has been incorporated into the call for proposals, which can be viewed from now on. Submissions can be made after publication in the Staatscourant (Government Gazette), expected in two weeks.

View the funding page :<https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/summit-grant>

Six to seven 10-year projects are expected to be awarded, with nominations possible at the institution level. NWO is expected to award these grants in 2024. These grants are intended for the full breadth of science; allocations will be made in a variety of science fields. An important criterion for applications is that it involves a longer-standing research consortium that has proven its worth in recent years by contributing to essential insights in its own field of science.

National Roadmap: Nine projects receive 140 million euros for large-scale research infrastructure (20 February 2023)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/national-roadmap-nine-projects-receive-140-million-euros-large-scale-research-infrastructure>



Nine projects will receive 140 million euros to set up or improve large-scale research infrastructure. The Dutch research field jointly set its priorities for investment in large-scale research infrastructure for the next ten years in the National Roadmap for Large-Scale Research Infrastructure. Only consortia associated with the nine Roadmap groups were allowed to submit a proposal. Of these proposals, nine projects were awarded in the first of two funding rounds after evaluation by an international independent assessment committee.

"It is good to see that the major investments this government is making in science are now actually translating into large-scale research infrastructure. State-of-the-art scientific research facilities have an enormous attraction for (young) talent and are a boost for the strong position in Europe and in the rest of the world," said Minister of Education, Culture and Science Robbert Dijkgraaf.

Large-scale research infrastructure is essential for Dutch science. It may involve highly specialised equipment, such as large telescopes, high-field magnets or advanced sensors, and measurement networks necessary for biological and earth science research. But also 'virtual' facilities, such as large databases, scientific computer networks, or data and sample collections. Research facilities are thus important for all fields and sectors of science, from social sciences to astronomy.

Read full article including more information about funded projects here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/national-roadmap-nine-projects-receive-140-million-euros-large-scale-research-infrastructure>

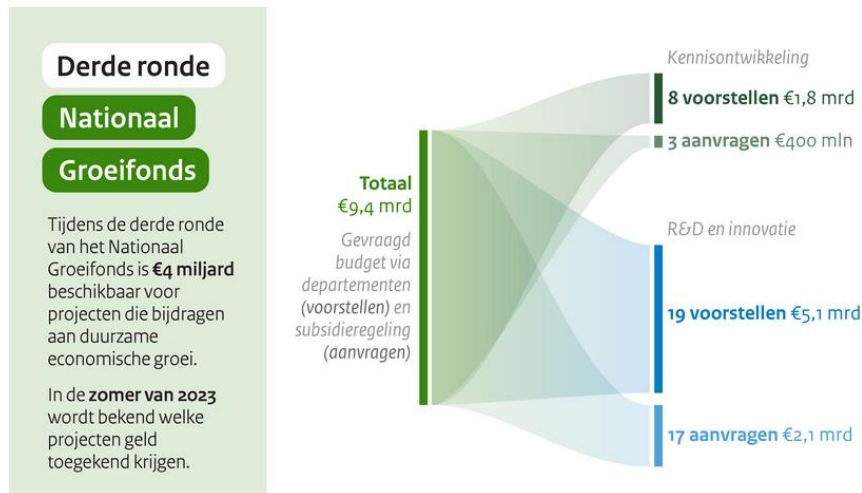
47 proposals submitted in third round of National Growth Fund (15 February 2023)

Source: Website Ministry of Economic Research <https://www.nationaalgroeifonds.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/02/15/47-voorstellen-ingediend-in-derde-ronde-nationaal-groeifonds>

The Ministers of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, Micky Adriaansens, and Finance, Sigrid Kaag, informed the House of Representatives today about the 3rd investment round of the National Growth Fund. Between 2 January and 3

February 2023, applicants could submit a proposal. New in this round was that partnerships of companies, knowledge institutes and other organizations could directly apply for a subsidy

The subsidy applications were received by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO). In line with other grant applications, the information about these proposals has not yet been decided. The proposals will be announced as soon as the advisory committee has given its advice.



27 proposals followed from the departments: 8 proposals for the field of knowledge development and 19 proposals for research, development and innovation. For Knowledge Development, the total requested contribution was approximately € 1.8 billion. € 5.1 billion was requested for Research, Development and Innovation.

Read the brief descriptions of these proposals here: <https://www.nationaalgroeifonds.nl/indienen-ronde-3/departementale-voorstellen-ronde-3> (in Dutch).

Read full article here: <https://www.nationaalgroeifonds.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/02/15/47-voorstellen-ingediend-in-derde-ronde-nationaal-groeifonds> (in Dutch)

Funding search engine: ResearchConnect of IDOX implemented at WUR (13 February 2023)

Source: WUR Intranet

Introduction and Training Courses

The funding search engine ResearchConnect of IDOX is now available for all WUR colleagues via this link <https://search.myresearchconnect.com/Default/Index?ReturnUrl=%2fHome> by logging in as Wageningen University & Research via Single Sign On.

This engine can be used to identify national, European and global funding opportunities based on a specified search profile (keywords, research areas, CVs, etc.) provided by the user.

ResearchConnect is a comprehensive database for researching national and international third-party funding sources for your research. The tool offers you many useful features, like using extensive filter options, saving search parameters, sharing search results with colleagues, subscribe to individual news alerts and monthly bulletins by email.

To start your search open the ResearchConnect website, click on "Log in via my institution", type "Wageningen" and select "Wageningen University & Research (WUR)" on the list of institutions displayed. You will then be redirected to WUR's log-in page you are familiar with.

After you log in to ResearchConnect for the first time, we recommend that you access the "Help" page by clicking on the "?" icon that you find on the on main menu and watch the short "How to" videos that are available.

Training sessions:

Attend one of the scheduled training sessions to get updated and learn how to make the best of its search functionalities, alerts and sharing tools. The training sessions include a demo of the system and a Q&A. The sessions (in English) will

be given by Aldo Cavalcanti of ResearchConnect.

The training sessions are scheduled on:

Friday 17 March 2023: 13:00-14:00 (ONLINE)

Friday 12 May 2023: 13:00-14:00 (ONLINE)

Friday 30 June 2023: 13:00-14:00 (ONLINE)

Friday 20 October 2023: 13:00-14:00 (ONLINE)

You can register by sending an e-mail to Rene van Ree (rene.vanree@wur.nl).

After registration, a TEAMS-link will be provided to attend the meeting.

Contacts: René van Ree / Peter Jongebloed, Wageningen Grant Office

Regional funding

The government is once again investing in the region: €284 million for 14 new Region Deals (17 February 2023)

Source: Website Dutch Government <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/02/17/rijk-investeert-opnieuw-in-regio-284-miljoen-euro-voor-14-nieuwe-regio-deals>

The government has selected 14 new Region Deals for which € 284.2 million is available. In the Region Deals, the national government and the regions work together to improve the quality of life, housing and work of residents and entrepreneurs, precisely in places that could use an extra boost.

The 14 selected proposals come from all over the country and will be developed into full Region Deals in the coming period. This is done in consultation with all parties involved: governments, entrepreneurs, social organizations and knowledge institutions.

The selected proposals for Region Deals with the available government grant:

Northwest Friesland: € 20 million
The Wadden Islands: €15.5 million
South and East Drenthe: € 30 million
Arnhem-Nijmegen: €15 million
Twente: €25 million
Parkstad Limburg: € 25 million
Central Brabant: € 12.5 million
South Limburg: € 20 million
ZaanIJ: €20 million
Metropolitan Region East / Flevoland West: € 18.2 million
Mainstage (Amsterdam): €5 million
North Sea Port District: €30 million
South Rotterdam: €30 million
The Hague Southwest: € 18 million

Read full article here: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/02/17/rijk-investeert-opnieuw-in-regio-284-miljoen-euro-voor-14-nieuwe-regio-deals> (in Dutch)

For more information: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/kamerstukken/2023/02/17/kamerbrief-over-selectie-vierde-tranche-regio-deals> (in Dutch)

Think tank: how universities can boost a regional economy (16 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 16 February 2023

Think tank Brookings published an analysis last week of how research universities are increasingly playing their part in strengthening the regional economy. This included looking at the US \$1 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC). This initiative asked petitioners to come up with innovative plans that would benefit historically disadvantaged communities. According to Brookings, universities played a crucial role in this, and this challenge shows that when several conditions are met, "universities, industry and communities can pursue a more symmetrical approach to regional economic development".

Article Brookings: <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/the-avenue/2023/02/09/how-research-universities-are-evolving-to-strengthen-regional-economies/>

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

EWU: CALL FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS (16 February 2023)

Source: Website EWU <https://ewuu.nl/en/2023/02/call-for-educational-research-projects/>

With this call the alliance funds one- or two-year educational research projects, with a focus on research regarding educational innovations that stimulate adaptivity (development) of (future) professionals. Within these projects, educational innovations are researched on an evidence-informed basis within the context of education or professional work environments. The innovations align with the joint educational research programme of the alliance “Educational innovations to stimulate adaptive expertise development”. Findings are shared according to the principles of Open Science.

Proposed projects contribute to the development of an interdisciplinary and interinstitutional learning community in the alliance TU/e, WUR, UU, UMC Utrecht, based on educational research and educational innovation. Another overarching aim of the alliance is to build a knowledge base for education and training, based on educational innovations that are developed, implemented, and/or evaluated in an alliance context. This knowledge base aims to contribute to the evidence-informed development of innovations in education and educational programmes within the alliance. Additional goals of the alliance are: “Circulation of knowledge” and strengthening networks on educational research.

Deadline is 1 April 2023

Read full article here: <https://ewuu.nl/en/2023/02/call-for-educational-research-projects/>

Terms and conditions: <https://ewuu.nl/wp-content/uploads/sites/370/2023/02/Call-for-Proposals-Educational-Research-in-Educational-Innovations.docx>

Application Form: <https://ewuu.nl/wp-content/uploads/sites/370/2023/02/Template-call-for-proposals-educational-research.docx>

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

EP wants to work on defining technological infrastructures (16 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 16 February 2023

The European Parliament wants to arrive at a usable definition of 'technological infrastructure'. MEP Christian Ehler made this known during a ScienceBusiness conference. "I will be proposing a pilot project for the fall to define technology infrastructures more precisely, in line with the question of how to fund them," said Ehler. According to him, there is currently no clear definition, while technological infrastructures play an important role in the development of innovations.

Article Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Technology-transfer/whats-name-mep-demand-definition-technology-infrastructures>

EARTO: Bring more stability to the budget for research and innovation (16 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 16 February 2023

The European umbrella organization of research and technology organizations (EARTO) is urging the European Commission to introduce more stability into the multi-annual budget for research and innovation. This can be read in the input for the consultation on the European framework programs for research and innovation. The EARTO points, among other things, to the political pressure to allocate resources differently than previously envisaged. Such budgetary instability is detrimental to R&D investment by beneficiaries that largely co-finance EU R&D programmes, such as RTOs, and which are based on medium to long-term investment strategies. EARTO also insists on more synergy between the various funds.

Article EARTO: <https://www.earto.eu/earto-answer-to-the-ec-consultation-on-the-past-present-and-future-of-the-european-research-innovation-framework-programmes-2014-2027/>

Resistance to new European Sovereignty Fund (16 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 16 February 2023

The proposal to set up a European Sovereignty Fund (to invest in European R&D and industrial projects) is met with strong opposition in various places. In Science Business you can read that the European People's Party (EPP) is against the proposal, according to MEP Maria da Graça Carvalho. Carvalho believes a new fund is unnecessary because there are currently too many resources that are not being used, such as the €672.5 billion to help the EU recover from the pandemic. Carvalho advocates investing the proposed money directly in research, innovation, skills and research infrastructures. The Dutch cabinet is opposed for the same reason, said Minister Adriaansens in an appreciation letter. "It is particularly important to look at improving the use of existing resources and instruments and access to finance for the business community, without prejudice to the existing funds that already make an important contribution to Dutch and European competitiveness", says Adriaansens, who is enthusiastic about the acceleration of procedures, the creation of a backbone for hydrogen, European standards for the green and digital transition and improving access to private financing. Adriaansens encloses the 'Position paper Netherlands' as an appendix to the letter.

News item Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Sovereignty/proposed-european-sovereignty-fund-faces-opposition-meps>

Letter to the House of Representatives from Minister Adriaansens:

https://www.tweedekamer.nl/kamerstukken/brieven_regering/detail?id=2023Z02058&did=2023D04850 (in Dutch)

Position paper Netherlands:

<https://www.tweedekamer.nl/kamerstukken/detail?id=2023D04852&did=2023D04852>

Position Paper The Guild on priorities in European health research (16 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 16 February 2023

The Guild (a collaboration between 21 European universities) has published a position paper with recommendations on priorities for health research. The paper was published in response to the European Commission's consultation on Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe. The Guild emphasizes, among other things, the importance of (correctly) exchanging data, multinational clinical trials and access to digital solutions to improve the effectiveness and affordability of healthcare in Europe. "The huge health challenges faced by Europeans demonstrate the urgency to invest in health research, now and in the future. But not only do we need more investment, we also need regulatory alignment on cross-border clinical trials, and appropriate data sharing," said Jan Palmowski, Secretary General of The Guild.

News item The Guild: <https://www.the-guild.eu/news/2023/priorities-for-health-research-in-horizon-europe.html>

Publication The Guild: <https://www.the-guild.eu/publications/position-papers/health-priorities-for-challenge-driven-research-in-HE.html>

Criticism of Green Deal Industrial Plan EC (9 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 9 February 2023

In that year, studies in the United Kingdom became more expensive for European students. They can no longer study for the same tuition fees as the British themselves and the rates can now rise to 38 thousand pounds per year, the equivalent of almost 43 thousand euros.

Significantly fewer first-year students are now also coming to the United Kingdom from large countries such as France and Germany. Only students from Ireland still go to their neighboring country as often as before, because exceptions have been made for them.

Read full article here: <https://www.utoday.nl/news/72479/brexit-half-zoveel-eu-studenten-naar-verenigd-koninkrijk> (in Dutch)

EU still in doubt about support for green technology (2 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 2 February 2023

There is still no clarity about the European response to the US Inflation Reduction Act. Member States are divided on options for responding to the massive US investment package in green technology. It is feared that these investments will encourage 'green tech' companies to leave Europe for the US. It is stated on Politico that French President Macron and Prime Minister Rutte seem to agree that existing resources in particular should be used for green investments and that this should be speeded up. The European Commission has already announced a Green Deal Industrial Plan to give European companies tax benefits. The heads of government will discuss this further soon.

Article Politico: <https://www.politico.eu/article/macron-rutte-agree-to-disagree-on-european-response-to-us-subsidies/>

Article NOS: <https://nos.nl/artikel/2461900-brussel-komt-met-green-deal-industrial-plan-voor-verduurzaming> (in Dutch)

Global policy

UK presents new Department of Science, Innovation and Technology (16 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 16 February 2023

The United Kingdom has announced a new Department of Science, Innovation and Technology. Prime Minister Sunak said in a press release that the new department "will lead to better public services, create new and better-paid jobs and grow the economy". Former Secretary of Universities Michelle Donelan will lead the new department. An article in Nature states that the British research community has responded largely positively to the announcement.

Article Nature: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-00370-0>

Press release GOV.UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/making-government-deliver-for-the-british-people>

Nature: what do ChatGPT and generative AI mean for science? 16 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 16 February 2023

Science is both excited and apprehensive about the latest advances in artificial intelligence. Nature has written an extensive article about the potential impact of ChatGPT and generative AI in general on science. The article discusses, among other things, the risks and opportunities of the technology, including relevant publications and comments from various scientists.

Article Nature: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-00340-6>

Timmermans: Africa in the picture as the most important sustainable energy partner (9 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 9 February 2023

Due to the enormous availability of solar energy, European Commissioner Frans Timmermans sees Africa as possibly Europe's most important partner. He said this in an interview with Euractiv. Europe needs large amounts of renewable energy and also wants to import it from Africa. Work is currently underway on sea cables from Egypt to Greece to import sustainable electricity. Morocco is also a logical candidate for such a connection. For countries further afield, Timmermans sees great opportunities for transporting green hydrogen that originates from solar energy.

Article Euroactiv: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy-environment/news/timmermans-africa-likely-to-be-eus-most-important-renewable-energy-partner/>

Merics: China can remain an attractive innovation partner if Europe moves along (9 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 9 February 2023

China remains an attractive innovation partner, but cooperation requires European companies, researchers and innovators to keep up with China's shifting priorities in terms of funding, laboratories and development zones. Merics writes this in an analysis of China's strategy to become a superpower in the field of science and technology. European actors involved in China's innovation ecosystem should be aware that their Chinese partners are under increasing pressure to contribute to China's drive for technological self-sufficiency and other key strategic goals. Merics notes that the innovation system is increasingly driven by the Communist Party, with a focus on national objectives. "This creates tension with the principles of openness and international cooperation that underlie much of the (fundamental) research in Europe."

Analysis Merics: https://merics.org/en/report/controlling-innovation-chain#msdyntrrid=9u4ej33t0t2kCHZPEJA_dgfmDObOQj45yc45tZhOrts

National policy

UNL presents uniform agreements on spin-outs (16 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 16 February 2023

University umbrella organization UNL has formulated new agreements that provide clarity to researchers who want to start a spin-off arising from university research. This was announced on Thursday during the 'State of Dutch Tech 2023' event, which was attended by, among others, Prince Constantijn (Techleap). These so-called 'deal terms' are intended to speed up the negotiation process between spin-off and knowledge institution and thus strengthen the knowledge ecosystem. In its advisory report 'Beter van start' (2020), the AWTI recommended tightening up the existing guideline in order to develop a widely supported model according to the 'comply or explain' principle. The new deal terms have been developed on the basis of extensive consultation with entrepreneurs and investors and are endorsed by twelve knowledge institutions, including universities, several university medical centers and TNO. In the follow-up process, in which other situations of knowledge transfer are also described, the other knowledge institutions will also join in. In addition, a monitoring and evaluation process will be started and future agreements between knowledge institutions and spin-offs will be made public.

To the deal terms: <https://universiteitenvannederland.nl/standaard-deal-termprincipes-beschikbaar-voor-universitaire-spin-offs.html> (in Dutch)

AWTI advice 'Beter van Start' The key to the growth of knowledge-intensive start-ups:

<https://www.awti.nl/documenten/adviezen/2020/10/07/advies-beter-van-start---de-sleutel-tot-doorgroei-van-kennisintensieve-start-ups> (in Dutch)

Plea for public debate on CRISPR-cas (9 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 9 February 2023

Bernice Bovenkerk (senior lecturer in philosophy at WUR) argues for more public debate about applications such as CRISPR-cas. She said this last week during a roundtable discussion in the House of Representatives. After all, according to her, it is about fundamental human values. Michelle Habets (Rathenau) supported Bovenkerk's call and emphasized that both the public interest and the wishes of citizens should be taken into account when shaping modern biotechnology policy. Science journalist Hidde Boersma encouraged the House to embrace the 'revolutionary' possibilities of CRISPR. In addition, discussions were held with experts in the field of policy, legislation and regulations and stakeholders from the agricultural sector and social organisations.

Video registration round table discussion: [https://debatdirect.tweedekamer.nl/2023-01-31/landbouw-natuur-voedselkwaliteit/Troelstra/2023-01-31-landbouw-natuur-voedselkwaliteit/crispr-cas-17-00/onderwerp](https://debatdirect.tweedekamer.nl/2023-01-31/landbouw-natuur-voedselkwaliteit/Troelstra/2023-01-31-landbouw-natuur-voedselkwaliteit/Troelstra/2023-01-31-landbouw-natuur-voedselkwaliteit/crispr-cas-17-00/onderwerp) (in Dutch)

Convocation round table discussion (including position papers):

https://www.tweedekamer.nl/debat_en_vergadering/commissievergaderingen/details?id=2022A08059 (in Dutch)

Article Rathenau: <https://www.rathenau.nl/nl/gezondheid/rathenau-instituut-spreekt-met-kamercommissie-Inv-over-crispr-cas>

Technical universities present sector plan Technology (9 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 9 February 2023

The four Technical Universities, together with the University of Groningen, have submitted a Technology Sector Plan to the Ministry. If the plan is approved by the ministry, it will release 40 million euros for strengthening the technical sciences. The ambition of the sector plan is to strengthen both the engineering sciences (including mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and civil engineering) and the design engineering sciences (including industrial design, architecture and technical management), with a particular focus on a multidisciplinary approach. and so-called cross-over courses such as those in the fields of medical technology, sustainable food supply and robotics," the press release reads.

Article 4TU: <https://www.4tu.nl/nieuws/24-faculiteiten-van-4tu-en-rug-bundelen-krachten-in-integraal-pla/>

NWO debate on collaboration in science (9 February 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 9 February 2023

During the NWO debate it recently became clear again how complex cooperation in science is and that an independent position is not sacred either. The HOP reported on this. For example, it was pointed out that as a fundamental scientist you can also be part of a company like ASML. To work on insights that the company will only be able to use in many years' time. An expert in antenna technology also explained how careful he should be when talking to Chinese colleagues about 6G techniques that Huawei could be interested in. The conversation also shows that things can sometimes go wrong. For example, Marcel Geurts of chips company NXP said that his chips unintentionally ended up in Russian weapons.

Article HOP/Utoday; <https://www.utoday.nl/news/72473/nwo-debat-samenwerken-is-meer-dan-samen-op-een-pot-geld-afgaan> (in Dutch)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 22 February 2023

Call identifier	Deadline
Pillar I Excellent Science	
ERC	
ERC-2023-AdG	23 May 2023 at 17.00 Brussels (<i>HORIZON-ERC-AdG-Horizon Advanced Grant</i>)
ERC-2023-PoC Call for proposals for ERC Proof of Concept Grant (ERC-2023-POC)	24 January 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time (CLOSED), 20 April 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time, 21 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>Horizon-ERC-2023-PoC</i>)
Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions	
MSCA-2022-Staff Exchanges	8 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (<i>MSCA-2022-Staff Exchanges</i>)
Research Infrastructures	
Cluster 1 HEALTH	
Destination 1 – Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2023-STAYHLTH-01	13 April 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-STAYHLTH-01- two-stage	Foreseen opening 30 March 2023 Foreseen deadline 19 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 11 April 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 2. Living and working in a health-promoting environment	
HORIZON-HLTH-2023- ENVHLTH-02	13 April 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2024- ENVHLTH-02-two-stage	Foreseen opening 30 March 2023 Foreseen deadline 19 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 11 April 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 3. Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden	
HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-03	13 April 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-07	19 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-08	Foreseen opening 26 October 2023 Foreseen deadline 11 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time

HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-09	Foreseen opening 26 October 2023 Foreseen deadline 11 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-03-two-stage	Foreseen opening 30 March 2023 Foreseen deadline 19 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 11 April 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u>	
<u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u>	
Destination 1: CLIMATE NEUTRAL, CIRCULAR AND DIGITISED PRODUCTION	
HORIZON-CL4-2023-TWIN-TRANSITION-01	20 April 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2023-TWIN-TRANSITION-01-TWO-STAGE	7 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 05 October 2023 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-TWIN-TRANSITION-01	7 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-TWIN-TRANSITION-01-TWO-STAGE	7 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 24 September 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 2: INCREASED AUTONOMY IN KEY STRATEGIC VALUE CHAINS FOR RESILIENT INDUSTRY	
HORIZON-CL4-2023-RESILIENCE-01	20 April 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2023-RESILIENCE-01-TWO-STAGE	7 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 05 October 2023 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-RESILIENCE-01-TWO-STAGE	7 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 24 September 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time
DESTINATION 3 - WORLD LEADING DATA AND COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES	
HORIZON-CL4-2023-DATA-01	29 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-DATA-01	19 March 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
DESTINATION 4 – DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL	
HORIZON-CL4-2023-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01	29 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2023-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01-CNECT	29 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01	Foreseen deadline 19 March 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time

HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01-CNECT	Foreseen deadline 19 March 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
DESTINATION 5 – DESTINATION – OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN DEVELOPING, DEPLOYING AND USING GLOBAL SPACE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURES, SERVICES, APPLICATIONS AND DATA	
HORIZON-CL4-2023-SPACE-01	28 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-SPACE-01	Foreseen deadline 20 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
DESTINATION 6 – A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES	
HORIZON-CL4-2023-HUMAN-01	29 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2023-HUMAN-01-CNECT	29 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-HUMAN-01	Foreseen deadline 19 March 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility	
Destination - Climate sciences and responses	
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D1-01	18 April 2023 at 17.00 Brussels (<i>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D1-01</i>)
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D1-02	18 April 2023 at 17.00 Brussels (<i>HORIZON-ERC-AdG-Horizon Advanced Grant</i>)
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D1-01	Foreseen opening 12 September 2023 Foreseen deadline 6 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
Destination - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition	
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01	20 April 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-02	Foreseen opening 4 May 2023 Foreseen deadline 5 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D2-01	Foreseen opening 7 December 2023 Foreseen deadline 18 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D2-02	Foreseen opening 7 May 2023 Foreseen deadline 5 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time

Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply	
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D3-01	30 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D3-02	Foreseen opening 4 May 2023 Foreseen deadline 5 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D3-03	Foreseen opening 4 May 2023 Foreseen deadline 10 October 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-01	Foreseen opening 12 September 2023 Foreseen deadline 30 January 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02	Foreseen opening 7 May 2023 Foreseen deadline 5 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2022-D3-03-	10 January 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-CL5-2022-D3-03-</i>)
Destination: Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use	
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D4-01	20 April 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D4-02	5 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D4-01	Foreseen deadline 18 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D4-02	Foreseen opening 7 May 2023 Foreseen deadline 5 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes	
Destination: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods	
<u>Cluster 6</u>	
Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	
HORIZON-CL6-2023-BIODIV-01	28 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time

HORIZON-CL6-2024-BIODIV-01 1 stage	22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024- BIODIV-02 2 stage	22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) 17 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 2)
Destination 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption	
HORIZON-CL6-2023- ARM2FORK-01	12 April 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-01 1 stage	22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-02 2 stage	22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) 17 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 2)
Destination 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors	
HORIZON-CL6-2023- CIRCBIO-01 1 stage	28 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2023- CIRCBIO-02 2 stage	28 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) 26 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 2)
HORIZON-CL6-2024- CIRCBIO-01 1 stage	22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024- CIRCBIO-02 2 stage	Foreseen deadline stage 1 22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) 17 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 2)
Destination 4 – Clean environment and zero pollution	
HORIZON-CL6-2023-ZEROPOLLUTION-01 1 stage	28 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2023-ZEROPOLLUTION-02 2 stage	28 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) 26 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 2)
HORIZON-CL6-2024-ZEROPOLLUTION-01 1 stage	Foreseen deadline 22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024-ZEROPOLLUTION-02 2 stage	22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) 17 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 2)
Destination 5 – Land, oceans and water for climate action	
HORIZON-CL6-2023-CLIMATE-01	12 April 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024-CLIMATE-01	Foreseen deadline 22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities	
HORIZON-CL6-2023-COMMUNITIES-01	12 April 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024-COMMUNITIES-01 1 stage	Foreseen deadline 22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time

HORIZON-CL6-2024-COMMUNITIES-02 2 stage	Foreseen deadline stage 1 22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) 17 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 2)
Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	
HORIZON-CL6-2023-GOVERNANCE-01	23 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024-GOVERNANCE-01	Foreseen deadline 28 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
Pillar III Innovative Europe	
Mission calls 2023	

Other related EC calls (European Partnerships, ERA-Net COFUNDS etc.)

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 22 February 2023 for more details; go to EC Funding and Tenders opportunity Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Call identifier	Deadline
European Partnerships / ERANET-COFUND	
European Partnership Water4all http://water4all-partnership.eu/	Water4All Joint Call 2022 STEP 1 The Consortium Coordinator must submit a pre-proposal on behalf of the consortium, providing key data on the proposed project. The deadline for the submission of the pre-proposal is 31/10/2022, 15.00 CET (Rome time). CLOSED STEP 2 The Consortium Coordinator must submit a full proposal on behalf of the consortium. The deadline for full proposal submission is 20/03/2023, 15.00 CET (Rome time). https://water4all-partnership.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/JTC2022_CallAnnouncement-04102022.pdf and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/1.%20JTC2022_CallAnnouncement%2001092022_0.pdf Dutch Research Funder: NWO so NWO conditions and tariffs are in place for Dutch participants
European partnership BioDiversa+ https://www.biodiversa.org/	* Launch of the call: Thursday 08 September 2022 * Deadline for <u>pre-proposals submission</u> (mandatory): Wednesday 09 November 2022, 15:00 CET (local time in Brussels) CLOSED * Deadline for <u>full-proposals</u> submission: Wednesday 05 April 2023, 15:00 CEST (local time in Brussels) More information: https://www.biodiversa.org/2017 Dutch Research Funder NWO so NWO conditions and tariffs are in place for Dutch participants
European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/	The deadline for pre-proposals is 21 November 2022, 13:00 CET (CLOSED).

	<p>The deadline for full proposals is 3 May 2023, 13:00 CEST. The application process is run through the online application system of partner organisation UEFISCDI (Romania): https://uefiscdi-direct.ro</p> <p>More information: https://dutpartnership.eu/ and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/DUT%20Call%202022%201.04_0.pdf</p> <p>Dutch Research Fundesr NWO so NWO conditions and tariffs are in place for Dutch participants and MINBZK were All requirements for the DEI+ subsidy scheme also apply to participants wishing to join the DUT programme</p>
European 'Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP)'	The first transnational call of the European 'Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP)' is expected to be published 13 February 2023.
Joint Technology Initiatives	
Joint Programming Initiatives	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A healthy diet for a healthy life (HDHL): http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/ • Agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE): http://www.faccejpi.com/ • Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR): http://www.jpiamr.eu/ • Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU): http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home • Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans): http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/ • More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL): http://www.jp-demographic.eu/ • Neurodegenerative Disease/Alzheimer's (JPND): http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/ • Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions (Urban Europe): http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/ • Water challenges for a changing world (Water-JPI): http://www.waterjpi.eu/ • Cultural Heritage a Challenge for Europe (Cultural Heritage): http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/
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European Innovation Partnerships	

Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **22 February 2023**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
02-03-2023	Foreseen deadline for submission proposal for joint call sustainable water processes of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and NWO within the Merian Fund . Deadline submission of proposals to NWO 2 March 2023, 14:00:00 CEST; Deadline submission of proposals to CAS 3 March 2023 16:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-call-china-sustainable-water-processes and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/merian-fund/china-merian-fund/cooperation-china-cas-merian-fund

13-04-2023	Deadline EIT Food open Innovation call 2023 . Second Submission Deadline: 13 April 2023, 12:00 CET https://www.eitfood.eu/projects/call-for-proposals-2023 and https://www.eitfood.eu/files/Open_Innovation_Call_2023_Guidelines_Complete.pdf
14-04-2023	Deadline submitting documents co-applicants in the Netherlands (if needed) new call 'Resilient healthcare systems for pathogen outbreak preparedness' joint call of The Indonesian Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology (KemendikbudRistek) and NWO (Merian Fund). They will launch their in February 2023
09-05- 2023	Foreseen Deadline for Full proposals new call 'Resilient healthcare systems for pathogen outbreak preparedness' joint call of The Indonesian Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology (KemendikbudRistek) and NWO (Merian Fund). They will launch their in February 2023

National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **22 February 2023**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

07-03-2023	Deadline submission Full proposals Take-off phase 1 - Feasibility studies WO (NWO) A full proposal must be submitted via our ISAAC system before 7 March 2023 14:00:00 CET . Please use the correct form (spring 2023, see tab 2 "Prepare"). In the ISAAC system, a pre-proposal can be converted into a full proposal. . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/take-phase-1-feasibility-studies-wo-2022 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_take-off_fase_1_-_haalbaarheidsstudies_wo_voorjaarsronde_2023_2.pdf
07-03-2023	Deadline submission Full proposals Take-off phase 1 - Feasibility studies WO Commit2Data . A pre-proposal for a feasibility study must be submitted via our ISAAC system before 7 February 2023 14:00:00 CET . Please use the correct form (spring 2023, see tab 2 "Prepare"). Without a pre-proposal, a full proposal cannot be submitted. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/take-phase-1-feasibility-studies-wo-commit2data-0 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_take-off_fase_1_-_haalbaarheidsstudies_wo_voorjaarsronde_2023_0.pdf
07-03-2023	Deadline submission Full proposals Take-off phase 1 – Feasibility studies TO2 . A full proposal must be submitted via our ISAAC system before 7 March 2023 14:00:00 CET . Please use the correct form (spring 2023, see tab 2 "Prepare"). In the ISAAC system, a pre-proposal can be converted into a full proposal. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/take-to2-phase-1-feasibility-studies-2022 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_take-off_fase_1_-_haalbaarheidsstudies_to2_voorjaarsronde_2023_0.pdf
07-03-2023	Deadline submission Full-proposals Take-off phase 2 - Vroegefasetrajecten WO/HBO/TO2 . A full proposal must be submitted via our ISAAC system before 7 March 2023 14:00:00 CET . Please use the correct form (spring 2023, see tab 2 "Prepare"). In the ISAAC system, a pre-proposal can be converted into a full proposal. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/take-phase-2-vroegefasetrajecten-wo/hbo/to2-0 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_take-off_fase_2_-_vroegefasetrajecten_wo_hbo_to2_voorjaarsronde_2023_0.pdf
14-03-2023	Deadline for submission Pre-proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Vici . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/talent-scheme-newsflash-2023-schedule-confirmed
14-03-2023	Deadline for submission proposals Open Mind 2023 . The deadline for applications is 14 March 2023 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/seven-open-mind-grants-available-surprising-research-ideas and https://www.nwo.nl/calls/open-mind-2023 (in Dutch)
06-04-2023	Deadline pre-proposals NWA-call for research on vulnerability and resilience in an online society . The deadline for pre-proposals is 6 April 2023, 14:00 CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/publication-call-research-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/thematic-programming/synergy-theme-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society
11-04-2023	Deadline for submission of pre-proposals KIC Demand-Driven Partnerships for Consortia Round 2023 . Closing date for pre-registration 11 April 2023 14:00 hrs . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-partnerships-consortia-round-2023 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/consortia-can-conduct-research-self-selected-knowledge-question
20-04-2023	Deadline for submission proposal round 4 SSH Open Competition XS pilot . Closing date round 4: 20 April 2023, at 14:00:00 CEST, decision anticipated by 3 July 2023 . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-pilot and

	https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20Open%20Competition%20XS%20pilot%20%281%29.pdf
20-04-2023	Deadline submissions full proposals NWA Climate and Nature call . The deadline for submitting full proposals is April 20, 2023, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwo-launches-nwa-climate-and-nature-call and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-theme-climate-and-nature and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/thematic-programming-nwa/climate-and-nature-nwa
09-05-2023	Deadline for submission Second package new call NWO Open Competition Domain Science - XS 2023 . Deadline for Package 1: 14.00.00 CEST on 9 May 2023. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-call-nwo-open-competition-domain-science-xs-2023
09-05-2023	NEW: Deadline for submission proposals Use of space infrastructure for Earth observation and planetary research (Through the programme Use of space infrastructure for Earth observation and planetary research (GO), NWO and the Netherlands Space Office (NSO)) The deadline for submitting applications is 9 May 2023 at 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/use-space-infrastructure-earth-observation-and-planetary-research-0 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/GO_Call_for_Proposals_2022-2_ENG_v2_DEF.pdf
09-05-2023	NEW: Deadline for submission Package 1 Second round of Open Science Fund . Deadline for Package 1: 14.00.00 CEST on 9 May 2023. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/second-round-open-science-fund-encourages-and-rewards-pioneers-open-science and https://www.nwo.nl/onderzoeksprogrammas/open-science/open-science-fund
16-05-2023	Deadline for submission full proposals KIC call 'Emerging Key Technologies' . The deadline for submitting full proposals is May 16th 2023, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/emerging-key-technologies-kic-room-pioneering-research and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/emerging-key-enabling-technologies
25-05-2023	NEW: Deadline for submission Pre-proposals NOW-call Collaboration between Humans and (semi-) Autonomous systems . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is May 25, 2023, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-launched-research-growing-importance-human-machine-teaming-semiautonomous-systems and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/collaboration-between-humans-and-semi-autonomous-systems
15-06-2023	Deadline for submission full proposals KIC Safe and healthy food and food systems . The deadline for submitting full applications is 15 June 2023. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/kic-call-launched-safe-and-healthy-food-and-food-systems and https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/matchmaking-kic-call-safe-and-healthy-food-and-food-systems
20-06-2023	NEW: Deadline for submission Pre-proposals NWO Summit Grant . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is June 20, 2023, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/summit-grant and https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ten-years-research-funding-world-class-research Note PJ: only applications selected by WUR Management Board
06-07-2023	Deadline for submission full proposals KIC call for research into biodiversity and biotic stress in food production and ornamental horticulture . The deadline for submission of completed applications is 6 July 2023. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-kic-call-research-biodiversity-and-biotic-stress-food-production-and-ornamental-horticulture and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant/mission-driven-calls-kic-2020-2023/biodiversity-and-biotic-stress-primary-production-systems-0
11-07-2023	Deadline submission full proposals for Call for proposals second round Mosaic 2.0 . The deadline for submitting full proposals is 11 July 2023, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-proposals-second-round-mosaic-20 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/mosaic-20-2022
05-09-2023	Deadline for submission of pre-proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Veni . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/talent-scheme-newsflash-2023-schedule-confirmed
12-09-2023	Deadline for submission Full proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Vici . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/talent-scheme-newsflash-2023-schedule-confirmed
19-09-2023	Deadline for submitting an application for PHASE 2 NWA-call for research on vulnerability and resilience in an online society . Phase 2: deadline for submitting an application is on 19 September 2023, 14:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/publication-call-research-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society and

	https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/thematic-programming/synergy-theme-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society
26-09-2023	NEW: Deadline for submission Package 2 Second round of Open Science Fund. Deadline for Package 2: 14.00.00 CEST on 26 September 2023. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/second-round-open-science-fund-encourages-and-rewards-pioneers-open-science and https://www.nwo.nl/onderzoeksprogrammas/open-science/open-science-fund
03-10-2023	Deadline for submission of full proposals KIC Demand-Driven Partnerships for Consortia Round 2023. Closing date full application 3 October 2023 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-partnerships-consortia-round-2023 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/consortia-can-conduct-research-self-selected-knowledge-question
02-11-2023	Deadline for submission of pre-proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Vidi. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/talent-scheme-newsflash-2023-schedule-confirmed
23-01-2023	NEW: Deadline for submission Full Proposals NWO Summit Grant. The deadline for submitting full proposals is January 23, 2024, before 14:00:00 hours CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/summit-grant and https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ten-years-research-funding-world-class-research Note PJ: only applications selected by WUR Management Board.
Jan/febr 2024	Foreseen deadline for submission of full proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Veni. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/talent-scheme-newsflash-2023-schedule-confirmed
March 2024	Deadline for submission of full proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Vidi. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/talent-scheme-newsflash-2023-schedule-confirmed
18-09-2025	Deadline for submitting an application for PHASE 3 NWA-call for research on vulnerability and resilience in an online society. Phase 3: deadline for submitting an application is on September 18 2025, 14:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/publication-call-research-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/thematic-programming/synergy-theme-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society

Regional calls

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Deadline	Call

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Rooted in the former EuropaDesk that focused mainly on EU funding mechanisms, the services were broadened to include other international funding schemes as well as national and regional subsidies. Our approach is demand-driven. We look for tailor-made solutions, liaise with regional and institutional account managers, National Contact Points and EU officers and can support project coordinators for example with contract negotiations and audits.

The EU office is committed to provide advice in the whole process from proposal development to project execution and beyond. Whether you are looking for consultancy with regard to fund raising and proposal writing, are seeking dedicated support in developing (inter)national strategic initiatives, or are looking for advice on legal, financial or other project management related subjects.

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