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Latest Funding News

European Funding News: Horizon Europe / EU regional funds

Horizon Europe was €34B short in first two years according to Commission's new analysis (30 May 2023)

Source: *websiteScience|Business* <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Horizon-Europe/horizon-europe-was-eu34b-short-first-two-years-according-commissions-new-analysis>

A lack of funding for high quality research is highlighted in a report looking at the importance of science and innovation in addressing future challenges and bolstering the EU's place in a 'new global order'



A new **European Commission report** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-05/ec_rtd_he-strategic-plan-2025-27-analysis.pdf says the EU's €95.5 billion funding programme for research and innovation, Horizon Europe, needed an extra €34 billion to fund all high-quality proposals received in 2021 to 2022.

In total, 71% of high-quality proposals did not get funding, just a slight improvement on the previous framework programme, Horizon 2020, under which 74% of high-quality proposals did not get backed.

At the same time, there is a growing laundry list of challenges, from innovation to speed up the green and digital transitions, to helping the bloc secure strategic autonomy in the global technology race.

Technology leadership spearheaded by Horizon Europe, will be key to maintaining the bloc's geopolitical leverage. "A strategically autonomous EU accounting for 30% of global R&D is a very different prospect than a strategically autonomous EU responsible for 20% of global R&D," the report says.

There is still time to reorientate Horizon Europe. In the first two-and-a-half years, the EU spent just over €16.3 billion from the seven-year programme, signing over 5,500 signed grants. A further 7,108 proposals have been selected for funding, but according to the latest figures from the end of 2022, the majority of the budget is still to be dished out.

The report lays the groundwork for change in its analysis of the first three years of Horizon Europe and an accompanying assessment of the role research can play in addressing future challenge.

This forms the basis for a plan outlining the direction of Horizon Europe's final years between 2025 to 2027 that is due to be published in the first quarter of next year. This will be accompanied by initiatives, such as a fresh batch of industrial partnerships. Here, we publish the Commission's new research **chief Mark Lemaître's explanation of the report.**

<https://sciencebusiness.net/viewpoint/Horizon-Europe/how-strengthen-impact-research-and-innovation-during-next-phase-horizon-europe>

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Horizon-Europe/horizon-europe-was-eu34b-short-first-two-years-according-commissions-new-analysis>

Applications for ERC Advanced Grants 2023: Facts and figures (30 May 2023)

Source: Website ERC News <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/applications-erc-advanced-grants-2023-facts-and-figures>



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The ERC Advanced Grants 2023 call closed for applications on 23 May 2023. These are the preliminary data on the submitted proposals:

- The ERC received **1,829 proposals**. This marks an increase of 11% compared to the 2022 call, when 1,647 applications were submitted.
- The **highest number of applications** was submitted in the domain of **Physical Sciences and Engineering** (792), followed by Social Science and Humanities (528), and Life Sciences (509).
- **Women** submitted **24.6%** of the proposals. This is a slightly higher percentage than for the 2022 call, when 23% of the proposals were submitted by women.

In the Work Programme 2023 https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023/wp_horizon-erc-2023_en.pdf, the ERC Scientific Council has earmarked €597 million for an estimated 246 Advanced Grants in 2023. These amounts are still subject to change. The ERC is now starting the evaluation of the proposals. The selected projects are planned to be announced at the beginning of spring 2024.

ERC Advanced Grants are designed to support excellent scientists and scholars in any field at the career stage when they are already established research leaders, with a recognised track record of research achievements.

The Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027 analysis is now public (25 May 2023)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/horizon-europe-strategic-plan-2025-2027-analysis-now-public-2023-05-25_en&pk_campaign=rt_d_news

The **Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027 Analysis** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-05/ec_rtd_he-strategic-plan-2025-27-analysis.pdf published today provides a solid evidence base to underpin the development of the **next Horizon Europe Strategic Plan** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/strategic-plan_en, as set out in the legal basis.

The analysis is the result of a co-creation process between the internal services of the European Commission and the EU Member States. It will serve as common analytical foundation for development of the next Horizon Europe Strategic Plan and as support for the Commission to prepare for the last two years of the Research and Innovation (R&I) Framework Programme (2025-2027).

The analysis explores whether the orientation and activities included in the new Strategic Plan should reflect the most important recent developments in EU and global policy, especially those impacting the future challenges and opportunities for R&I. This document also analyses the current status of R&I in the EU and evaluates what changes would be required in light of the first Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2021-2024.

For more information: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/horizon-europe-strategic-plan-2025-2027-analysis-now-public-2023-05-25_en&pk_campaign=rt_d_news

Switzerland announces €625M in backup funding for Horizon Europe applicants (25 May 2023)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Horizon-Europe/switzerland-announces-eu625m-backup-funding-horizon-europe-applicants>

With the country's association to Horizon Europe stuck in political limbo, the new measures will support Swiss scientists to take part in EU research projects



The Swiss Federal Council has announced €625 million in grants for researchers to participate this year in Horizon Europe and other EU programmes, such as Euratom, ITER and Digital Europe.

Switzerland is not an associated country in Horizon Europe and is currently locked out of other EU programmes as well, which means Swiss researchers have no access to funding from the European Commission. However, they can participate in about two thirds of Horizon Europe calls, provided they have their own money.

The funding will act as a stop gap while Brussels and Bern continue talks about the future of bilateral relations, which could pave the way for Switzerland's association to Horizon Europe.

The transitional measures adopted for this year make a distinction between accessible and non-accessible parts of Horizon Europe. **Accessible parts are primarily collaborative projects with Swiss project partners, which are funded directly by Switzerland's State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI).**

Parts of Horizon Europe from which Swiss researchers are barred include calls for individual funding, such as the European Research Council (ERC), the European Innovation Council (EIC) and individual projects that are part of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Horizon-Europe/switzerland-announces-eu625m-backup-funding-horizon-europe-applicants>

MSCA: new instruction Videos and RVO Webinars (23 May 2023)

Source: mailing RVO and Website RVO

New instruction videos on MSCA PF 2023

If you are considering applying to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships call, it can be hard to find your way through all the available information. Therefore, we have updated the instruction videos on MSCA PF for the 2023 call. In the attached document you'll find the link to six different videos with information on rules and eligibility, writing the excellence, impact and implementation sections, financial aspects and how to submit your proposal in the Funding and Tenders portal. Additionally, the document lists the most important websites and documents that might help you in the process.

Webinars MSCA PF 2023

The MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) provide funding for individual researchers. With this funding, researchers can diversify and broaden their scientific knowledge and skills. These fellowships are international, requiring you to either move or have already moved to a different country to participate. The PF 2023 call deadline is on 13 September 2023.

The Dutch National Contact Points organize two webinars on the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship 2023 call. The webinars are intended for both fellows and PI's that are planning to apply for the 2023 call.

- Thursday June 1st 2023, 14.00-15.00. This first webinar will focus on the general rules, procedures and eligibility criteria of MSCA PF 2023
- Monday July 10th 2023, 14.00-16.30. This second webinar will focus on how to write a MSCA PF proposal.

Register here <https://english.rvo.nl/news/events/webinar-series-marie-skłodowska-curie-actions-postdoctoral-fellowships-3-june> for one or both webinars. The webinars will be in English

Webinar MSCA DN 2023

The MSCA Doctoral Networks drive scientific excellence and innovation by bringing together universities, research institutes and participants from the non-academic sector to recruit and train researchers to doctorate level. The deadline for the 2023 Doctoral Networks call is 28 November 2023.

On Thursday June 22nd the Dutch National Contact Points will present a webinar on the MSCA Doctoral Networks call 2023. **Register here** <https://english.rvo.nl/news/events/webinar-marie-sk%C5%82odowska-curie-actions-doctoral-networks-22-june>. The webinar will be in English

Horizon Europe: The EU and the Republic of Korea launch formal negotiations on association to the programme (22 May 2023)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/horizon-europe-eu-and-republic-korea-launch-formal-negotiations-association-programme-2023-05-22_en

Today, the European Commission and the Republic of Korea (Korea) showed their commitment to deepen collaboration in research and innovation on solutions to global challenges by launching formal negotiations on Korea's association to Horizon Europe, the EU's Framework Programme for research and innovation.

An association would mark another milestone for the EU-Korea Strategic Partnership and support the implementation of the EU-Korea Digital and Green Partnerships.

An association to Horizon Europe would imply that Korean research and innovation entities would be able to participate in the programme's collaborative calls addressing global challenges on equal terms with entities from the EU Member States. In addition, they would have access to Horizon Europe funding and would be able to coordinate actions. Moreover, representatives from Korean authorities would have the right to act as observers in the Programme Committees that shape the content of the Work Programme of Horizon Europe. An association would also contribute to wider and stronger people-to-people networks.

Under the Horizon Europe programme, association is for the first time offered to EU strategic partners, sharing common values, and with a strong science, innovation and technology profile located beyond the EU's geographic proximity.

Read full article here: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/horizon-europe-eu-and-republic-korea-launch-formal-negotiations-association-programme-2023-05-22_en

Hungary's participation in Horizon and Erasmus+ (22 May 2023)

Source: WUR Corporate legal department

In recent weeks, coordinators of Horizon projects have received a letter from the EC regarding the measure that EC has recently introduced towards Hungary (Council Implementing Decision 2022/2506). The measure stipulates that as of 16 December 2022, no new legal obligations may be entered into with Hungarian organisations that are on the EC's sanctions list, **see link** <https://njt.hu/jogszabaly/2021-9-00-00>. In concrete terms, this means that until the measure is lifted, organisations from the list can no longer participate as beneficiaries in new Horizon or Erasmus+ projects, but only as an associated partner with their own funding.

Furthermore, organisations from the list may no longer be involved as third parties in new and ongoing Horizon projects (e.g. in terms of purchase of goods, works or services; subcontracting; financial support third parties; equipment renting or leasing; personnel seconded against payment).

The measure does not affect ongoing projects with Hungarian beneficiaries on the sanctions list, provided that the Grant Agreement was signed by the coordinator and the Granting Authority before 16 December 2022.

Both the Hungarian beneficiaries on the sanctions list and the other beneficiaries in ongoing projects are not allowed to enter into new obligations towards third parties that are on the list.

See also the Frequently Asked Questions list that EC has drawn up (Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/faq?type=0,1;categories=;tenders=;programme=null;keyword=;freeTextSearch>

hKeyword=Hungarian%20university;matchWholeText=true;period=null;status=0;sortQuery=relevance;faqListKey=faqSe
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and the following articles from Science Business:

<https://sciencebusiness.net/widening/eu-council-action-over-hungarys-rule-law-breaches-sees-21-universities-cut-erasmus-and> (10 January 2023)

<https://sciencebusiness.net/widening/news/Universities/hungarian-researchers-say-removal-government-ministers-university-boards-not-enough> (28 February 2023)

<https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Universities/orban-sets-aside-eu125m-hungarian-universities-hit-eus-horizon-europe-funding-freeze> (23 March 2023)

<https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Universities/hungarian-university-criticises-eus-lack-communication-amidst-horizon-funding-freeze> (20 April 2023)

Other International funding

Celebrating ten years collaboration between FAPESP and NWO (30 May 2023)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/celebrating-ten-years-collaboration-between-fapesp-and-nwo>



Today Marcel Levi and Marco Antonio Zago, the president of FAPESP who is currently in The Hague for the annual meeting of the Global Research Council, presented a booklet to celebrate the successful collaboration between NWO and the São Paulo Research Foundation. The booklet features highlights of a collaboration that began in 2012 with the signing of the first MoU in São Paulo in the presence of then Prince of Orange Willem-Alexander and Princess Máxima, and former Governor of São Paulo Geraldo Alckmin.

Ever since, FAPESP and NWO have invested 33.5 million Euros in 35 joint research projects with an additional five to seven projects in the area of health to be awarded by the end of this year.

The successful collaboration, in recent years via the Merian Fund, is reflected by the variety in research themes such as health, sustainable urban development, biobased economy and astronomy that NWO and FAPESP fund. The type of research also requires researchers to collaborate with different partners, such as companies or societal organisations, so research better corresponds to societal challenges and is more likely to be applied in practice. The booklet highlights some of these researches. It also presents several people who have shaped and are shaping this collaboration.

Please find the digital version of the booklet here: https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ten_years_of_fapesp-nwo_collaboration.pdf

National funding

A new guide on open science especially for beginning researchers (17 May 2023)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-guide-open-science-especially-beginning-researchers>



What should I pay attention to when it comes to open science? How do I set up my research openly and transparently? Where can I publish? NWO, in collaboration with UNL, DANS-KNAW and UKB (the partnership of university libraries and the KB) has published a guide on open science. The guide answers some frequently asked questions that (young) researchers have when getting started with open science.

Early-stage researchers are an important link in the transition to open science. Therefore, this guide is particularly intended for Research Master students, PhD students, and beginning researchers from all disciplines at Dutch universities and research institutes. It is written so that researchers are given tools to work with at each stage of their research (preparation; data collection and analysis; writing and publishing; and impact and assessment). Each chapter provides tools and practices to implement immediately.

Of course, the handbook is available to everyone: <https://zenodo.org/record/7716153#.ZGTGiHbP2Uk>

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-guide-open-science-especially-beginning-researchers>

Pre-announcement: AI in agriculture, horticulture, water and food (KIC) (16 May 2023)

Source: Website NOW news <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ai-agriculture-horticulture-water-and-food-kic>



NWO expects to publish the KIC-call 'Artificial intelligence in agriculture, horticulture, water and food' in August of 2023. Consortia made up of researchers, companies and societal organisations can research the application of existing and new artificial intelligence (AI) techniques in the previously mentioned sectors.

More and more automatically collected data is available within the agri-, horticulture, water and food sectors. Despite digitalisation having played an important role within these sectors, AI is still a technique that is rarely used. The use of AI has a large potential due to its possible application to recognise patterns in large and complex data sets. Applying AI in this way can lead to further optimisation in these sectors.

Goal

The goal of this call is to research knowledge questions related to the development and application of AI systems within the agri-, horticulture, water and food sectors. This should enable the utilisation and further development of the technology within these sectors. Next to the further optimisation of the production processes within these fields, the technologies will aim at finding solutions to urgent problems in the areas of climate change, human and animal wellbeing, and water and food safety. This can include functions such as predictive modelling of the soil or other biological systems, water barriers, nutrient balances or other processes.

Subjects

Consortia will have to work on at least two of the following subjects in their project:

- Improving or broadening the application of AI in previously mentioned sectors
- Human-AI interactions
- Ethical and legal questions about the use of AI

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ai-agriculture-horticulture-water-and-food-kic>, <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant> and <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant/mission-driven-calls-kic-2020-2023>

60 new projects start in the Open Competition SSH – M (15 May 2023)

Source: Website NOW News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/60-new-projects-start-open-competition-ssh-m>



The NWO Social Sciences and Humanities Domain Board has awarded over 23 million euros to these researchers from the 2022 Open Competition SSH - M funding round. This funding without any thematic conditions gives them the opportunity to carry out research into the subject of their own choice.

Firms increasingly implement diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) policies to improve diversity in leadership positions. But how effective are these policies actually? And how can symptoms of parental fatigue and symptoms of burnout be reduced? Or, what factors actually affect the cost of election campaigns? What are the long-term and short-term consequences of homicide for various family members of the victim and perpetrator? These are some examples of the research projects being conducted.

With each proposal, a maximum budget of 400,000 euros could be applied for. NWO considered 180 applications.

The following projects of WUR are granted:

Community-based forestry in Ethiopia: Prof. dr. ir. E.H. Bulte (WUR)

On the malleability of confidence in preferences: Prof. dr. H.P. Veling (WUR),

For overview of all granted projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/60-new-projects-start-open-competition-ssh-m>

Regional funding

Commission launched €122 million calls for proposals to close innovation gaps in the EU and strengthen innovation ecosystems (17 May 2023)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/commission-launched-eu122-million-calls-proposals-close-innovation-gaps-eu-and-strengthen-innovation-2023-05-17_en

Today, the Commission is making €122 million available under the **European Innovation Ecosystems** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/european-innovation-ecosystems_en initiative of Horizon Europe and the **Interregional Innovation Investment Instrument** https://eisma.ec.europa.eu/programmes/interregional-innovation-investments-i3-instrument_en (I3) of the **European Regional Development Fund** https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/funding/erdf_en. These calls for proposals aim to strengthen and advance European innovation ecosystems, connecting all EU territories to respond to societal challenges and foster stronger cohesion. They also contribute to a key initiative of the New European Innovation Agenda, which aims to promote interconnected 'regional innovation valleys' across the EU.

The **New European Innovation Agenda** <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52022DC0332> aims to position Europe at the forefront of the new wave of high-tech innovation and start-ups. It will help Europe develop new technologies to address the most pressing societal challenges and bring them to the market.

The **Regional Innovation Valleys** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/support-policy-making/shaping-eu-research-and-innovation-policy/new-european-innovation-agenda/new-european-innovation-agenda-roadmap/flagship-3-accelerating-and-strengthening-innovation-european-innovation-ecosystems-across-eu-and_en aim to harness the full innovation potential, including cutting-edge technology, in the different EU territories to address societal challenges and the innovation divide in the EU. Its objective is to identify up to 100 regions committed to strengthening the coordination of their research and innovation investments and policies. The Commission has recently launched a call for expression of interest inviting European regions to become regional innovation valleys.

More information

Apply now [Interconnected Innovation Ecosystems \(2023.3\) \(HORIZON-EIE-2023-CONNECT-03\)](#) (until 17 October 2023)

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

CALL for INREF SEED MONEY PROJECTS 2023 (15 May 2023)

Source: website WUR INREF <https://www.wur.nl/en/research-results/research-programmes/cross-wur-programmes/inref.htm>

INREF programme focus on collaboration: between disciplines, between geographical locations, between institutes including those from the countries involved (local partners) and between funding agencies by integrating various funding initiatives into concise research projects. The Executive Board of WUR stresses the importance of collaboration to tackle the challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to further develop and strengthen national, regional and world-wide Research for Development and Education.

More information on the objectives of INREF and expected outputs of the programme can be found at the webpages <https://www.wur.nl/en/research-results/research-programmes/cross-wur-programmes/inref.htm>

SEED MONEY PROJECTS

Preparing full research proposals is a major effort, requiring extensive time investment to work on the proposal and on the network involved. As INREF is focussed on interdisciplinary collaboration, the INREF board is providing the opportunity for researchers to get a small compensation for the investment in network and research ideas through seed money projects. **Up to a maximum of € 25,000 grants can be provided for activities that are oriented towards development of research ideas, research networks or research proposals.** The activities could contribute to a new full project proposal (a new call is expected this summer) but also to proposals for other funding programmes like Horizon Europe, NWO etc. In general, INREF seed money projects are allocated for new activities that will contribute to the INREF objectives.

For this call INREF explicitly welcomes proposals including contributions from **joint Wageningen University and Wageningen Research teams**. The Knowledge Base projects on 'Nature inclusive transitions (KB36)' and 'Food security and the value of water (KB35)' have allocated budget for a **KB Multiplier**. Selected INREF projects that include contributions from WR that align with the KB criteria can receive **additional funding** of €25,000, creating a total maximum budget for a seed money proposal of €50,000.

Seed money proposals

Up to 25 k€ INREF seed funding for Wageningen University (at least 2 graduate schools)

Seed money proposals with KB multiplier

Up to 25 k€ INREF seed funding for Wageningen University (at least 2 graduate schools)

Up to 25 k€ KB funding for Wageningen Research (at least 2 institutes)

Application and appraisal procedure

To apply use the attached application form

The electronic version of the INREF seed money project proposal, has to be submitted no later than, **September 1, 2022, 17.00 hrs (CET)** to: Jelle Maas (E-mail: Jelle.maas@wur.nl), with a copy to the involved graduate schools. and KB (Jonna.Termoshuizen@wur.nl)

For more information about Criteria for funding Seed-Money proposals, Additional criteria for KB multiplier and Costs categories eligible for funding you can go to INREF page at WGO Portal:
https://intranet.wur.nl/Project/GrantOffice/Pages/1RFK5rPU-U6nBWf_4nK1Rg

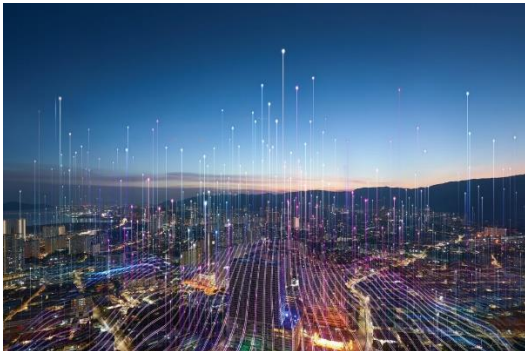
Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

Research ministers want to make open access the norm and are discussing knowledge security (25 May 2023)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/onderzoeksm Ministers-willen-open-access-de-norm-maken-en-bespreken-kennisveiligheid>

The Council calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop policies that promote a non-profit scientific publication model based on open access. This is evident from Council conclusions adopted by the research ministers during the last Competitiveness Council https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/compet/2023/05/22-23/?utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=20230523-compet-may-main-results&utm_content=photo-carousel In concrete terms, the ministers call for immediate and unrestricted open access to the publication of publicly funded research. Furthermore, the Council calls on the Commission to take measures at EU level to increase the accessibility and use of research results.



Knowledge security

The Council also held a debate on knowledge security and responsible internationalisation <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-8824-2023-REV-1/en/pdf>. This included the question of how the open research system can be protected against malicious activity of any kind. It was also discussed how to promote global cooperation in the field of knowledge security. The Council wants to do this in a way that promotes knowledge sharing and exchange of expertise and protects EU values.

Read full article here: <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/onderzoeksm Ministers-willen-open-access-de-norm-maken-en-bespreken-kennisveiligheid> (in Dutch)

European knowledge umbrella organizations warn of additional legislation on animal testing (25 May 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 25 May 2023

University umbrella organizations EU-LIFE and the League of European Research Universities (LERU) warn of a possible new ban on animal testing. The European Parliament will debate stricter rules on May 25, following a European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) with more than one million signatures. The umbrella organizations indicate that the current legal guideline from 2010 provides for the complete replacement of the use of animals in areas where this is scientifically possible. They believe it is unwise to stick to a timetable for the complete phasing out of animal testing. "LERU and EU-

LIFE are extremely concerned that this ECI will be the death knell for the biomedical science industry in Europe. While NAMs (New Approach Methodologies) have significant potential, they are currently unable to replace all forms of animal use," said the umbrella organisations. The Guild has announced that it supports the statement.

Publication LERU: <https://www.leru.org/news/joint-statement-on-the-request-to-phase-out-the-use-of-animal-experimentation-in-europe%C2%A0>

Article Neth-ER: <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/leru-en-eu-life-waarschuwen-voor-extra-verbod-op-dierproeven> (in Dutch)

News item The Guild: <https://www.the-guild.eu/news/2023/the-guild-s-endorsement-of-the-joint-leru-eu-life-statement-2023.html>

EU and India strengthen research and innovation cooperation (25 May 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 25 May 2023

The first ministerial meeting of the EU-India Trade and Technology Council was kicked off on 16 May. Among other things, it has pledged that the EU and India will work together on research and development projects in the field of quantum and high-performance computing. Joint agreements have also been made about, among other things, the semiconductor sector, digital skills, green technologies and reliable AI. "Today we have taken an important step in deepening our strategic partnership with India on digital, green and trade issues. Together we will tackle challenges in the field of reliable technology and security," said European Commissioner Vestager.

Press release European Commission: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_2728

Commission calls on member states: "make better use of the Seal of Excellence" (17 May 2023)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/commissie-roept-lidstaten-op-039-039-benut-de-seal-of-excellence-beter->

The Commission wants member states to do more with research projects that have been awarded the Seal of Excellence. This is stated in a note <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-9275-2023-INIT/en/pdf> from the Commission to the Council. The note mainly concerns the European Innovation Council (EIC) and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA). Only eighteen of the 27 Member States have specific funding schemes for research proposals with an EIC Seal of Excellence. Of MSCA Sealed research proposals, only 14 EU countries have specific funding arrangements.



Additional financing

Some Member States have created synergies between Horizon Europe and the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) to unlock additional funding. Only nine of the 27 Member States indicate that they fund research projects through the RRF. To support countries with the Seal of Excellence, the Commission has set up the Seal of Excellence Community of Practice https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence/information-funding-bodies_en#:~:text=Funding%20bodies%20interested%20in%20supporting%20Seal%20of%20Excellence,members%20both%20at%20the%20regional%20and%20national%20level. . Authorities can share experiences and knowledge with each other here. They also receive information here from the Commission for the implementation of the SEAL.

Mixed reception for Vestager as temporary stand in at research (16 May 2023)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Horizon-Europe/mixed-reception-vestager-temporary-stand-research>

The portfolio of Mariya Gabriel is split in two, with Margrethe Vestager caretaker of R&I until a replacement is appointed. Some question Vestager's interest in research, while others think her experience in competition policy will be a positive for innovation



Former Research Commissioner Mariya Gabriel (Left) beside her acting replacement, Commission vice president Margrethe Vestager. Photo: Valentine Zeler / European Union

The news that Commission vice president Margrethe Vestager will temporarily take over the innovation and research portfolio following the departure of commissioner Mariya Gabriel has been met with mixed feelings, with one of the leading voices for research Christian Ehler MEP, saying that having Vestager in charge is not “*very reassuring*”

For Ehler, it was clear during her appearances at the European Parliament's ITRE committee on industry, research and energy that Vestager's focus was on competition policy and not research. “*Parliament may yet again have to step in as the most reliable political partner for the R&D community, as it has been for many years,*” Ehler told Science|Business. In particular, Gabriel's departure will make it harder to find the political leadership needed to shape the interim evaluation of the EU's €95.5 billion Horizon Europe programme due next year, Ehler said.

After taking unpaid leave a week ago, **Gabriel officially resigned yesterday (see next article)** to return to Bulgaria where - after five inconclusive elections in two years - she will try to form a coalition government. Her responsibilities are to be divided in two, with vice president Margaritis Schinas taking on education, culture and youth.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Horizon-Europe/mixed-reception-vestager-temporary-stand-research>

Gabriel resigns as EU research commissioner to try forming Bulgarian government (15 May 2023)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Horizon-Europe/gabriel-resigns-eu-research-commissioner-try-forming-bulgarian-government>

The EU's Bulgarian commissioner officially leaves Brussels, with a mandate for a difficult task: trying to form a coalition government back home in Sofia after close elections



Former Research Commissioner Mariya Gabriel, who officially resigned from her post on Monday. Photo: Bogdan Hoyaux / European Union

EU Research Commissioner Mariya Gabriel has resigned her Brussels post to focus on trying to form Bulgaria's next coalition government, the European Commission has confirmed. Gabriel was called up to Sofia last week to help her centre-right party GERB form a governing coalition after it won 26.5% of the vote in a snap election last month. Today, she informed the Commission that she is getting a formal mandate from the Bulgarian President to lead the political negotiations in Sofia.

Commission President Ursula von der Leyen immediately accepted her resignation and thanked her for her service overseeing the EU's €95.5 billion Horizon Europe programme and supporting innovation through the European

Innovation Council. *“In her three and a half years in this role she has made a great contribution to advancing the Commission priorities in this area,”* said von der Leyen in a **statement** https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_23_2769 .

No direct replacement for Gabriel has so far been named, so Vice **President Margrethe Vestager** will temporarily take over the innovation and research portfolio, while Vice President **Margaritis Schinas** will look after education, culture and youth.

Various leaders of the European research community also voiced praise for Gabriel – though there is widespread concern that the move happens at a critical juncture in planning the next EU R&I programme. Though Framework Programme 10 won't start until 2028, the Commission has already been surveying researchers and drafting policies for it. A primary aim of the programme will be ensuring innovation helps Europe meet its climate-neutrality targets.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Horizon-Europe/gabriel-resigns-eu-research-commissioner-try-forming-bulgarian-government>

Global policy

Global Government Innovation Trends 2023 (25 May 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 25 May 2023

The OECD Observatory of Public Innovation (OPSI) has published the "Global Trends in Public Innovation 2023". The report identifies four primary innovation trends through ten in-depth case studies. It concerns 1) new forms of accountability; 2) new approaches to care; 3) new methods of protecting identities and strengthening populations' capabilities; and 4) new ways to engage citizens. The researchers analyzed 1084 innovative ideas from 94 countries.

News item OPSI: <https://oecd-opsi.org/blog/2023-trends/>

Publication OECD: https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/global-trends-in-government-innovation-2023_0655b570-en

G7 advocates rules to improve the safety of research (25 May 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 25 May 2023

G7 science ministers are calling for appropriate rules to protect against "outside interference" in international education and research to improve the safety and integrity of research, writes University World News. According to University World News, "outside interference" mainly refers to activities that may affect academic freedom of scientists and the leakage of sensitive advanced technologies to China. "We share a growing concern that some actors are seeking to unfairly exploit or disrupt the open research environment and misappropriate research results for economic, strategic, geopolitical or military purposes," the statement said. According to the ministers, 'openness, freedom and inclusiveness must be improved worldwide for the healthy development of scientific research'.

Article University World News: <https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20230517121425467>

Statement G7 science ministers: https://www8.cao.go.jp/cstp/kokusaiteki/g7_2023/230513_g7_communique.pdf

US: 500 million for tech hubs

The US is making \$500 million available to set up tech hubs. PBS wrote about this last week. The available amount is part of the CHIPS and Science Act to stimulate investments in new technologies such as AI, quantum and biotech. With the hubs, economic innovation in this field should be spread more widely in the country. Currently, the development of tech mainly focuses on cities such as San Francisco, New York and Seattle. The hubs can be used to develop areas that are already committed to research, but where funding for growth and entrepreneurship is still lacking.

Article PBS: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/commerce-department-launches-process-to-fund-tech-hubs-across-the-u-s-with-500-million-in-grants>

Nature: Can policymakers keep up with developments in embryo research? (25 May 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 25 May 2023

Scientists report rapid advances in human gene editing in embryo science, but policymakers are struggling to keep up with the pace of scientific advances. In an article, Nature examines the tension between the major developments in science, the role of policymakers and the consultation with stakeholders and the general public. According to the authors, timely and effective regulation of rapidly evolving science is ultimately about "maintaining a robust social contract between science and society."

Article Nature: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-01550-8>

National policy

Cabinet is making sharper choices in innovation policy objectives (26 May 2023)

Source: Website Rijksoverheid Actual News <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/05/26/kabinet-maakt-scherpere-keuzes-in-doelstellingen-innovatiebeleid>

The government will continue the cooperation between companies, knowledge institutions and governments through the so-called mission-driven innovation policy. At the proposal of Minister Adriaansens of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy (EZK), the Council of Ministers has decided to tighten up the innovation objectives. From 2023, these will focus on 5 missions (goals) in the field of energy transition, circular economy, health & care, agriculture/water & food and safety that will ensure social impact and economic growth.

In the coming years, the government itself will invest more than € 20 billion, via the National Growth Fund, for example, directly in innovation and the associated (digital) key technologies such as photonics, artificial intelligence, robotics and nanotechnology. For more direction in the use of key technologies, the government will be publishing a National Technology Strategy this autumn.

Reassessment of mission-driven innovation policy objectives

1. **Energy transition:** the Netherlands climate neutral in 2050;
2. **Circular economy:** the Netherlands fully circular in 2050;
3. **Health & care:** The Dutch will live 5 years longer in good health and there will be 30% fewer health differences between socio-economic groups in 2040;
4. **Agriculture, water and food:** A vital rural area with a sustainable and healthy agricultural and food system, with an attractive landscape and resilient nature, in which the carrying capacity of the water and soil system are leading;
5. **Security:** The Netherlands is safe and resilient against external threats and subversive crime, both in the physical environment and in the digital domain.

Read full article here: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/05/26/kabinet-maakt-scherpere-keuzes-in-doelstellingen-innovatiebeleid> (in Dutch)

Chamber and cabinet collide during animal testing committee debate (25 May 2023)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 25 May 2023

The House wants a faster reduction in the number of animal experiments, also in education and research, but Ministers Adema and Dijkgraaf do not see this happening in the short term. This is evident from the Commission's debate on animal testing. All MPs, including coalition parties VVD and D66, expressed their frustration about the still high number of animal experiments in the Netherlands. However, Minister Adema argued that the benefit of laboratory animals is still necessary for diseases, medicines and safety for humans and the environment. The most important discussions from the debate can be read in an article on ScienceGuide, including the role of research and education.

Article ScienceGuide: <https://www.scienceguide.nl/2023/05/kamer-wil-sneller-eind-aan-dierproeven-in-wetenschap-ministers-dralen/> (in Dutch)

The KNAW believes that the minister is too hasty with knowledge security measures (16 May 2023)

Source: Website ScienceGuide <https://www.scienceguide.nl/2023/05/minister-te-gehaast-met-maatregelen-voor-kennisveiligheid-vindt-de-knaw/>

For fear of discrimination, Dutch science is too lax about knowledge security, says VVD member Hatte van der Woude. This autumn, Minister Dijkgraaf wants to present an assessment framework with which individual scientists can be better monitored. However, much is still unclear about this, and the KNAW is critical. *"It just hasn't been worked out properly yet,"* says KNAW president Marileen Dogterom.



"It has been known for years that information is actively sought by state actors, and that universities are a wonderful way to do that – through people walking around there, through cyber, through everything. Yet it is spoken of as if it were a new phenomenon that we need to become aware of now. I wonder why that awareness wasn't there yet." That is what VVD MP Hatte van der Woude, who used to work for the AIVD, says to science journalist Saar Slegers in the podcast 'Friend or Enemy' about knowledge security. "In any case, we know for sure that an awful lot of knowledge has already leaked away."

In her podcast series, Slegers examines the thin line between guaranteeing knowledge security and discriminating against scientists from countries such as Iran and China. She discusses related dilemmas with, among others, VVD Member of Parliament Hatte van der Woude, Minister Dijkgraaf and KNAW President Marileen Dogterom.

Read full article here: <https://www.scienceguide.nl/2023/05/minister-te-gehaast-met-maatregelen-voor-kennisveiligheid-vindt-de-knaw/> (in Dutch)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 30 May 2023

Call identifier	Deadline
Pillar I Excellent Science	
ERC	
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 (CLOSED), 21 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time (Horizon-ERC-2023-PoC)
Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions	
HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships	13 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships (HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF HORIZON TMA MSCA)
HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships	13 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships (HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF HORIZON TMA MSCA)
Research Infrastructures	
Cluster 1 HEALTH	
Destination 1 – Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-STAYHLTH-01- two-stage	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-2024- ENVHLTH-02-two-stage	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-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	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-TWO-STAGE	7 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED) 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-TWO-STAGE	7 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED) 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-CL4-2024-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-CL4-2024-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-CL4-2024-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-CL4-2024-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-CL5-2024-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-D2-02	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	5 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply	
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D3-02	5 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D3-03	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	5 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
Destination: Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use	
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	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	
Cluster 6	
Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	
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-CL6-2024-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-02 2 stage	28 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) (CLOSED) 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-02 2 stage	28 March 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) (CLOSED) 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-CL6-2024-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-CL6-2024-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-CL6-2024-GOVERNANCE-01	Foreseen deadline 28 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
Pillar III Innovative Europe	
Horizon-EIC-PATHFINDER Challenges-2023	2023 EIC Pathfinder Challenges call, with new challenges, will open for applications on 20 June with a deadline of 18 October 2023, 17.00 CET.
Mission calls 2023	
WIDERA 2023	
HORIZON-WIDERA 2023-ACCESS 02-01 Twinning Bottom-Up	28 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time Topic A: The Twinning Bottom-Up (HORIZON-WIDERA 2023-ACCESS 02-01)
HORIZON-WIDERA 2023-ACCESS 02-02 Twinning Green Deal	28 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time Topic B: The Twinning Green Deal (HORIZON-WIDERA 2023-ACCESS 02-02).
HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-04-01 Pathways to Synergies	28 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time Pathways to Synergies (HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-04-01)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-02-01 ERA Fellowships	13 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships (HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-02-01)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-01-01 ERA Chairs	Foreseen deadline 7 March 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time ERA Chairs (HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-01-01)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-07-01 Excellence Hubs	Foreseen deadline 7 March 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time Excellence Hubs (HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-07-01)

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 12 May 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	

<p>European 'Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP)' https://bluepartnership.eu/#call</p>	<p>The first transnational call of the European 'Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP)' is published https://bluepartnership.eu/sites/bluepartnership.eu/files/Final%20version%20SBEP%20CALL%20TEXT%20for%20launch_vf-LGP.pdf Pre-proposal submission deadline: 14/04/2023, 15:00 CET (CLOSED) (Brussels Time) Full proposal submission deadline: 13/09/2023, 15:00 CET (Brussels Time) https://bluepartnership.eu/#call Dutch Research Funder NOW: so NWO conditions and tariffs are in place for Dutch participants. <u>Eligible organizations:</u> Universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands; University medical centres; Institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO; The Netherlands Cancer Institute; The Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen; Naturalis Biodiversity Center; Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL); • Princess Máxima Center: Universities of applied sciences. <u>So WR not eligible</u></p>
<p>Joint Technology Initiatives</p>	
<p>Climate and cultural heritage https://belmontforum.org/cras#cch2023</p>	<p>The Belmont Forum and the Joint Programming Initiatives Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (JPI Climate) and Cultural Heritage and Global Change (JPI CH) are pleased to announce the launch of a Collaborative Research Action (CRA) on the theme Climate and Cultural Heritage – Collaborative research to address urgent challenges. https://belmontforum.org/cras#cch2023 The deadline for applications is 8 September 2023.</p>
<p>Joint Programming Initiatives</p>	
	<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.facejpi.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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<p>European Innovation Partnerships</p>	

Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **30 May 2023**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
13-06-2023	Deadline WOTRO for full proposals Merian Fund Cooperation India-The Netherlands (DST) Water Disaster Management 2023 . The deadline for applications is June 13 2023, before 14:00:00 hours CEST at NWO, and before 12:00:00 AM IST at DST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/water-disaster-management-cooperation-india-dst-netherlands
06-07-2023	Deadline for submission full proposals The German-Dutch research programme 'Understanding complex pressures on the Wadden Sea and options for action' The deadline for full proposals is 6 July 2023. NWO will hold a webinar on 25 April from 13:00 to 16:00. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/german-dutch-research-programme-understanding-complex-pressures-wadden-sea-and-options-action-has-opened and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/understanding-complex-pressures-wadden-sea-and-options-action
From 14-07-2023 until 14-09-2023	Deadline for submission Eurostars R&D and innovation project application call 5 . You can submit your R&D and innovation project application between 14 July 2023 to 14 September 2023 at 14:00 (Brussels time) using our project platform https://myeurekaproject.org/oauth2/sign_in?rd=%2F . https://www.eurekanetwork.org/open-calls/eurostars-funding-programme-2023-call-5
13-09-2023	Deadline for proposals for Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) – first joint transnational co-funded call . Deadline for submitting a full proposal is September 13th, 2023 at 15:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep-first-joint-transnational-co-funded-call and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Final%20version%20SBEP%20CALL%20TEXT%20for%20launch_vf%20%281%29.pdf

National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **30 may 2023**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

31-05-2023	Deadline for submission Venture Challenge Fall 2023 . Registration for the spring edition will open 11 April 2023 and close on 30 May 2023 17:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/venture-challenge-fall-2023 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Brochure%20Venture%20Challenge%20Fall%202023%20EN.pdf
08-06-2023	Deadline for Pre-proposals Call launched: Realisation, acceleration and upscaling of mission-driven innovation (KIC) Deadline pre-proposals: 8th of June, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-launched-realisation-acceleration-and-upscaling-mission-driven-innovation-kic and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/realisation-acceleration-and-scaling-mission-driven-innovation
13-06-2023	Deadline for submission Embassy Science Fellowship (ESF-NL) programme . The Embassy Science Fellowships will start in the course of 2023. The deadline is 13 June 2023. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-embassy-science-fellowship-esf-nl-programme and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/science-diplomacy-fund-sdf/embassy-science-fellowship-esf-nl
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
15-06-2023	Deadline for submission NWO prizes: The Athena Award https://www.nwo.nl/en/athena-award is for outstanding female researchers who are thereby a role model for others. The Communication Initiative Award https://www.nwo.nl/en/communication-award rewards researchers for effective science communication to a wider audience. The Diversity & Inclusion Initiative Award https://www.nwo.nl/en/diversity-inclusion-initiative-award is for (small-scale) initiatives that increase workplace diversity within the field. The Stairway to impact Award https://www.nwo.nl/en/stairway-impact-award rewards researchers for taking steps towards impact on society. The Team Science Award https://www.nwo.nl/en/team-science-award rewards the most inspiring and successful team of researchers from different disciplines who have taken up a scientific challenge together, where their individual strengths and expertise demonstrably reinforce each other.
15-06-2023	Deadline for submission letter of intent KIC Long-Term Programmes Strategy-driven consortia with impact . The deadline for submitting letters of intent is June 15, 2023, for 14:00:00 CEST https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-long-term-programmes-strategy-driven-consortia-impact and https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/open-proposals-long-term-programmes-kic-strategy-driven-consortia-impact-round-2023

20-06-2023	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
20-06-2023	Deadline for submission full proposal ZonMw call Lifestyle in healthcare; effectiveness and mechanisms of action . Grant applications can only be submitted by the main applicant via the online submission system of ZonMw (My ZonMw). Closing date for submission of the full report grant application is June 20, 2023, at 2 p.m. https://www.zonmw.nl/fileadmin/zonmw/documenten/Corporate/Subsidies/PDF_s/230314_subsidieoproep_leefstijlgeneskunde_ZonMw_DEFINITIEF_2.pdf and https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/actueel/nieuws/detail/item/subsidieoproep-voor-onderzoek-naar-leefstijl-in-de-zorg/
20-06-2023	NEW : Deadline submission Full proposals for Local Digital Competence Centers II . The deadline for submitting proposals is 20 June, 2023, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/local-digital-competence-centers-ii and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/dccs_-_call_for_proposals_final.pdf (in Dutch)
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
29-08-2023	Deadline submission proposals Rubicon 2023-2 ENW, SGW, TTW, ZonMw . The deadlines in 2023 are: March 28, August 29 and November 28. Once the call is open, a link appears at the bottom of this page. In 2023, the budget for each round is approximately 2.47 million euros. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon
01-09-2023	Deadline Submission full PPS proposals Top Sectors Agri & Food and Horticulture & Propagation . The submission process consists of one phase: full project proposals can be submitted until 1 September at the latest. https://kia-landbouwwatervoedse.nl/wp-content/uploads/PPSoproepLWV2023_DEF-2.pdf and https://kia-landbouwwatervoedse.nl/regelingen/
06-09-2023	Deadline for submission of pre-proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Veni . The deadline for pre-proposals is September 6, 2022, 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vici-zonmw-2023 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vici%202023%20EN%20%281%29.pdf
12-09-2023	Deadline for submission Full proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Vici (Vici Science Domain 2023, Vici ZonMw 2023, Vivi SSH and Vici AES Domain 2023) . The deadline for full proposals is September 12, 2023, 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vici-science-domain-2023 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vici%202023%20EN%20%281%29.pdf
12-09-2023	Deadline for submission proposals Open Competition Domain Science – XS package 23-2 . 12 September 2023, at 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-23-2 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Open%20Competition%20ENW-XS%20Call%20Round%202023_EN_0.pdf
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
19-09-2023	Deadline for submitting pre-proposals Open Competition Domain Science-XL . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is September 19, 2023, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-open-competition-domain-science-xl-opened and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl
26-09-2023	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
24-10-2023	Deadline for submission proposals Open Competition Domain Science – XS package 23-2 . 24 October 2023, at 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-23-2 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Open%20Competition%20ENW-XS%20Call%20Round%202023_EN_0.pdf
02-11-2023	Deadline for submission of pre-proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Vidi (Vidi ZonMw2023, Vici Science Domain, AES Dman 2023 and SSH domain 2023) . https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vici%202023%20EN%20%281%29.pdf
28-11-1023	Deadline submission proposals Rubicon 2023-2 ENW, SGW, TTW, ZonMw . The deadlines in 2023 are: March 28, August 29 and November 28 . Once the call is open, a link appears at the bottom of this page. In 2023, the budget for each round is approximately 2.47 million euros. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon
12-12-2013	Deadline for Full proposals Call launched: Realisation, acceleration and upscaling of mission-driven innovation (KIC) Deadline pre-proposals: 8th of June, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-launched-realisation-acceleration-and-upscaling-mission-driven-innovation-kic and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/realisation-acceleration-and-scaling-mission-driven-innovation
Continuously applications 31-12-12023	Deadline for application for new round for Scientific Meetings and Consultations . Applications can be submitted continuously, and must be submitted at least three months before the scientific meeting takes place. Applications for scientific consultation must be submitted at least one month before. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/scientific-meetings-and-consultations and https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-scientific-meetings-and-consultations-opened
18-01-2024	Deadline for submission of Full proposals KIC Long-Term Programmes Strategy-driven consortia with impact . The deadline for submitting applications is 18 January 2024, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-long-term-programmes-strategy-driven-consortia-impact and https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/open-proposals-long-term-programmes-kic-strategy-driven-consortia-impact-round-2023
23-01-2024	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 Board of Directors
24-01-2024	Foreseen deadline for submission of full proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Veni . The deadline for full proposals is January 24, 2023, 14:00:00 hours CET. 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
06-06-2024	Deadline for submitting full-proposals Open Competition Domain Science-XL The deadline for submitting full proposals is June 6, 2024, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-open-competition-domain-science-xl-opened and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl
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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25-05 2023	NEW: Deadline spring call 2023 OP-ZUID Themes: Energy Climate Raw Materials Agriculture & Food Health Opening from 24 April 2023 9:00 am to 26 May 2023 5:00 pm; ▪ Submit digitally via the Stimulus Program Management web portal https://www.webportal-stimulus.nl/mijn/ https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2022/04/Factsheet-OPZuid-2021-2027-Q2-2023-1.pdf

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