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## Latest Funding News

### European Funding News: Horizon Europe / EU regional funds

#### ***UK forced to extend Horizon Europe safety net by another three months (8 June 2023)***

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Horizon-Europe/uk-forced-extend-horizon-europe-safety-net-another-three-months>

**Talks are dragging on, and the government evidently is not optimistic about agreeing association this side of the summer recess**



UK science minister George Freeman. Photo: UK Parliament

The **UK government has extended** <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/horizon-europe-guarantee-scheme-newly-extended-to-support-uk-rd> its scheme supporting Horizon Europe applicants by three more months until the end of September, suggesting that an agreement between Brussels and London over association to the €95.5 billion research programme programme is not imminent.

The UK and the EU continue to be locked in negotiations over how much the UK pays into Horizon Europe's during its final three-and-a-half years. The scheme was launched in November 2021 to fund UK-based scientists who are successful in Horizon Europe calls and to date the £1.05 billion has been awarded in 2,000 grants.

There was hope of progress in February when the EU and UK agreed a deal to resolve the dispute over the Northern Ireland protocol, which at that point was the main reason Brussels was blocking the UK's association to Horizon Europe. But talks between the two sides have since been bogged down in the nitty gritty of exactly how much the UK should pay towards Horizon Europe's budget, with the UK government saying it should "reflect the lasting impact of two years of EU delays to the UK's association."

Today's announcement of the extension is not necessarily negative according to Martin Smith, head of the policy lab at the UK medical research charity Wellcome Trust. "If anything I'd say it was good that the previous end point for the guarantee isn't being used to create an arbitrary deadline," he told Science|Business.

#### ***Mediterranean research partnership needs to be streamlined, Commission says (8 June 2023)***

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/International-news/mediterranean-research-partnership-needs-be-streamlined-commission-says>

## Interim evaluation of the PRIMA research and innovation partnership in the Mediterranean area finds it is too complex



The PRIMA partnership for research and innovation in the Mediterranean needs to streamline its operations and reduce the complexity caused by different national funding schemes, according to a midterm review published by the European Commission.

The partnership brings together 19 countries around the Mediterranean Sea and Germany, to boost research cooperation water management, agriculture, energy and food production.

**According to the report** [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13558-Partnership-on-Research-and-Innovation-in-the-Mediterranean-Area-PRIMA-first-interim-evaluation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13558-Partnership-on-Research-and-Innovation-in-the-Mediterranean-Area-PRIMA-first-interim-evaluation_en), PRIMA is a good diplomacy tool and it allows the EU to engage with countries in the Mediterranean Basin. Commission president Ursula von der Leyen has repeatedly emphasised the EU is interested in working closely with countries in the southern Mediterranean on climate technologies and services, and PRIMA is poised to contribute to broader EU political goals in energy and climate.

The partnership has been running since 2017, but the first blueprints were first discussed in 2012. The total budget is €494 million, of which €220 million comes from the EU's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. The remainder of the funding is provided by the participating countries.

Up to the end of 2021, the partnership has spent €353 million, with the top beneficiaries being Italy, Spain, Tunisia and France. None of the projects in the partnership have finished yet, which is why the report is focused more on structural issues related to implementation, and less so on the content and the impact of the projects.

## ***LERU calls for rapid association of the UK with Horizon Europe (8 June 2023)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 8 June 2023*

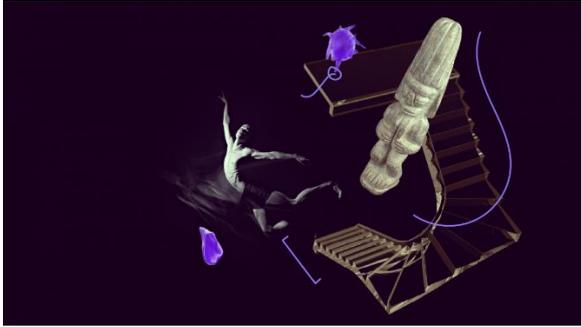
The League of European Research Universities (LERU) argues that the EU and the UK should speed up negotiations on association with Horizon Europe. The university umbrella advocates that global challenges require our best researchers to work together. The umbrella also warns that China and the US will continue to increase their investments in R&D. "Together, our collective research and translation ecosystems can reinforce Horizon Europe's status as the world's largest and most influential scientific program and provide direction in areas of strategic importance, such as AI, engineering biology and quantum technologies," said LERU.

**Press release LERU:** <https://www.leru.org/news/leru-statement-on-horizon>

## ***MSCA awards €77.5 million for international research cooperation projects (2 June 2023)***

*Source: website EC MSCA Actions* <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/results-msca-staff-exchanges-2022-call>

The European Commission will support 73 Staff Exchanges projects to boost knowledge transfer and innovation.



The European Commission has announced the results of the 2022 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) call for Staff Exchanges.

The Commission will fund with **€77.5 million** a total of **73 projects** promoting cooperation between academic and non-academic organisations in the EU and around the globe to boost innovation and knowledge transfer.

Through Staff Exchanges, organisations can form international partnerships with other leading organisations, strengthen long-term collaborations and increase their capacities.

#### **Next funding round coming soon**

The next call for **MSCA Staff Exchanges** <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/calls/msca-staff-exchanges-2023> will open on **5 October 2023**.

Read full article here: <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/calls/msca-staff-exchanges-2023>

## **Commission: 'Horizon Europe was 34 billion short of the first two years' (1 June 2023)**

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/commissie-horizon-europe-kwam-eerste-twee-jaar-34-miljard-tekort->

Europe must invest heavily in greening and digitization in order to remain strategically autonomous. The Commission concludes this after an analysis for Horizon Europe's second strategic plan. In 2021-2022, Horizon Europe was €34 billion short, while research and innovation play a crucial role in global challenges. The EU's innovation performance has improved over the past seven years, but the EU lags behind in research excellence.



#### **Invest heavily in research and innovation**

The EU's overall innovation performance has improved over the past seven years, but additional investment is needed. The EU spends relatively less on research and innovation than the United States, Japan and China, while the demand for new knowledge is growing. In 2021 and 2022, Horizon Europe would have needed around €34 billion in additional budget to fund all eligible, high-quality proposals. Unfortunately, these excellent projects did not take place. This is the conclusion [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](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) of the Commission after an analysis for the second strategic plan of Horizon Europe 2025-2027 [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-05/ec\\_rtd\\_he-strategic-plan-2025-27-analysis.pdf](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-05/ec_rtd_he-strategic-plan-2025-27-analysis.pdf). The Commission further states that the EU knowledge ecosystem is suffering from a brain drain to the rest of the world. More competitive wages, advanced infrastructure and fair promotion processes in academia are needed to tackle this problem, the Commission said.

#### **Green Deal a spearhead**

The EU is among the world leaders in the green transition, but lags behind China and the United States in the digital transition. Delivering the European Green Deal requires research and innovation to drive systemic change across the EU. For example, stronger research and innovation power is needed for the development and application of Net Zero

technologies. In addition, the EU is struggling to keep up with other major economies in terms of exports and employment.

### **Focus on preconditions**

To strengthen competitiveness, Horizon Europe must go beyond knowledge development and focus on knowledge transfer and value creation from a multi-actor approach, says the Commission. The report paints a picture of insufficient conversion of scientific discoveries into market solutions. Fostering a culture of knowledge valorisation in the EU research and innovation landscape remains key to success. This underlines the importance of the third pillar of Horizon Europe. With this, the Commission advocates European research policy that, in addition to financing, also looks at the necessary preconditions.

**Read full article here:** <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/commissie-horizon-europe-kwam-eerste-twee-jaar-34-miljard-tekort-> (in Dutch)

### **Poor score for the Netherlands in higher education initiative EIT (1 June 2023)**

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/magere-score-voor-nederland-in-hogeronderwijsinitiatief-eit>  
**Sixteen consortia** comprising a total of 180 higher education, business and civil society organizations will be part of the higher education initiative <https://eit.europa.eu/news-events/news/eit-boosts-deep-tech-training-higher-education> of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). In total, the EIT will distribute 12 million euros, of which each consortium will receive a maximum of 750,000 euros. With the funding, the consortia will increase their innovation capacity, with a specific focus on training skills around deep tech. Only one Dutch higher education institution is involved in a consortium: Wageningen University & Research in **the DIP4Agri project** <https://eit-hei.eu/projects/dip4agri/>. The Dutch business organization FME-CWM is involved in the same project. The full list of chosen consortia can be found here. A total of 48 consortia from a total of 510 organizations applied.



#### **Context**

The EIT's higher education initiative has now issued funding to consortia for the third time to improve their innovation capacity. This third round supports the EIT's Deep Tech Talent Initiative through its substantive focus on deep tech.

### **MSCA opens €434.8 million call for Doctoral Networks (30 May 2023)**

Source: Website EC <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/opening-of-doctoral-networks-2023-call>  
Doctoral Networks implement doctoral programmes to train highly skilled doctoral candidates and boost their employability. **The deadline to apply is 28 November 2023.**



The 2023 call for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Doctoral Networks is open as of today.

This call will dedicate **€ 434.8 million** to fund over **130 projects** in all scientific fields and the training and skills development of **1600 doctoral candidates**.

The deadline to apply is **28 November 2023**.

MSCA Doctoral Networks <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/actions/doctoral-networks> implement doctoral programmes through consortia of organisations from different sectors across Europe and beyond, including

- *higher education institutions*
- *research institutions and infrastructures*
- *private sector organisations, including industry, businesses and small and medium-sized enterprises*
- *public sector organisations, including national, regional, and local governments, agencies and museums*
- *other socio-economic actors*

**Besides standard Doctoral Networks, incentives have been introduced to promote two specific types of doctorates as well.**

1. **Industrial Doctorates.** They train PhD candidates who wish develop their skills and step outside academia, in particular in industry and business. Individual participants must be enrolled in a doctoral programme and jointly supervised by the academic and non-academic partners.
2. **Joint Doctorates.** They provide a highly integrated type of international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration in doctoral training leading to a joint doctoral degree or multiple doctoral degrees awarded by the participating institutions. PhD candidates must be enrolled in a joint programme and be jointly supervised.

**Read full article here:** <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/actions/doctoral-networks>

## **Horizon Europe - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks 2023 - Call Information event (30 May 2023)**

Source: Website EC <https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/7ipbqmZ4PgO9sJ4gRVdpoR/overview>  
This is an information event for the MSCA-DN-2023 call which will open on 30 May 2023.

- **14 June 2023:** 09:30 (GMT+02:00)

### **About the event**

The Doctoral Networks are a key part of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions under the Framework Programme Horizon Europe. There are three different implementation modes: Standard Doctoral Networks (DNs), Joint Doctorates (JDs) and Industrial Doctorates (IDs).



The MSCA 2023 Call Info event aims at informing all potential applicants and stakeholders about the important novelties for 2023 and promoting the ID and JD modes. The participants will have the opportunity to raise their questions through Slido, in advance of the event (as of 1 June 2023) and during the Q&A session at the end of the event.

**It will be an online event**, which will be opened with a welcome address and some introductory remarks, followed by the main presentation of the DN-2023 call novelties. After a short coffee-break, a live Q&A session will take place through Slido.

**Download the programme here:**

[https://assets.ctfassets.net/cdx728z92xkc/3gb7HfIS5YcQLZevM2rZVA/0a12c60fdf7a0c01dd8d68c15fe03e34/ec\\_rtd\\_ms-ca-dn-2023-agenda.pdf](https://assets.ctfassets.net/cdx728z92xkc/3gb7HfIS5YcQLZevM2rZVA/0a12c60fdf7a0c01dd8d68c15fe03e34/ec_rtd_ms-ca-dn-2023-agenda.pdf)

## Other International funding

### ***Pre-Announcement of New Upcoming Biodiversa+ Transnational Joint Research Call (8 June 2023)***

Source: Website European partnership Biodiversa+ <https://www.biodiversa.eu/2023/06/05/upcoming-call-for-research-announced/>

Biodiversa+ expects to launch the call on 11 September 2023 and has published call information to enable potential applicants to get ready.

Biodiversa+, the European Biodiversity Partnership under Horizon Europe, has published a pre-announcement for the launch of a new transnational joint research call on **Nature-Based Solutions for biodiversity, human well-being and transformative change** (referred to as BiodivNBS).

The call aims to support research on biodiversity to gain a better understanding of the tipping points and trade-offs and underlying mechanisms affecting Nature-based Solutions, and their successful implementation with respect to the benefits for nature, human wellbeing and societal transformation.

To do so, it will cover the following three non-exclusive research themes:

- *Synergies and trade-offs of Nature-based Solutions in the context of human wellbeing.*
- *Nature-based Solutions mitigating anthropogenic drivers of biodiversity loss.*
- *The contribution of Nature-Based solutions for just transformative change.*

The call will cover transnational, interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary and cross-sectoral research on Nature-based Solutions in all parts of the world. All realms (ie terrestrial, marine, coastal, and freshwater) apply.

To be eligible, research consortia must include teams from a minimum of three countries financially participating in the call, including at least two from EU Member States or EU Associated Countries.

At this stage, a global budget of over €40 million has been provisionally reserved by 34 countries together with the European Commission. The list of potential participating countries will be regularly updated on the **Biodiversa+ website** <https://www.biodiversa.eu/2023/06/05/2023-2024-joint-call/> until the call's official launch.

**The call is planned to be officially launched on 11 September 2023. A two-step application procedure will be used with a closing date for the submission of pre-proposals in early November 2023.**

An information webinar for potential applicants is expected to take place on **26 September 2023**. **Registration** [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mNu2\\_1p8Q6aMTUARzD4rpA#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mNu2_1p8Q6aMTUARzD4rpA#/registration) is mandatory to participate in the workshop.

## National funding

### *Highest awards in Dutch scientific community granted to four researchers (7 June 2023)*

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/highest-awards-in-dutch-scientific-community-granted-to-four-researchers>



**This year four researchers receive the highest scientific awards in the Netherlands: the Spinoza Prize and the Stevin Prize. Joyeeta Gupta and Toby Kiers are this year's recipients of the Spinoza Prize. The Stevin Prizes are awarded to Bram Nauta and Corien Prins. The laureates will each receive 1.5 million euros for further academic research and activities related to knowledge utilisation.**

#### ***Internationally renowned top scientists***

The researchers are receiving the awards for their outstanding, groundbreaking and inspiring work. The principal criteria for both prizes are the quality and impact of their work. The focus of the Spinoza Prize is on scientific work that addresses fundamental issues, while the Stevin Prize is primarily a recognition of the social impact of the research.

#### ***Spinoza Prize***

##### **Professor Joyeeta Gupta**

Joyeeta Gupta (1964), Professor of Environment and Development in the Global South at the University of Amsterdam, investigates how issues connected with the inequitable distribution of the effects of climate change can be resolved through good governance. The focus of her research is always on seeking to understand the relationships between the climate crisis, potential solutions and justice. For her research she brings together various scientific disciplines, from international law and economics to political science and environmental studies.

##### **Professor Toby Kiers**

Toby Kiers (1976), Professor of Mutualistic Interactions at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, conducts groundbreaking research into the trade in nutrients between plants and subterranean fungi. Her international and interdisciplinary collaborations yield new insights. Kiers disseminates her findings within the scientific community and beyond, and is a vocal campaigner for the conservation of subterranean biodiversity. Her research opens up possibilities for nature conservation and regenerative agriculture.

#### ***NWO Stevin Prize***

##### **Professor Bram Nauta**

Bram Nauta (1964), Professor of Integrated Circuit Design at the University of Twente, enjoys worldwide renown as an expert in the design of circuits on chips. His innovations have had a direct impact on many everyday electronic devices. The 'Nauta switch' named after him, for example, made it possible to produce more compact smartphones and more energy-efficient microelectronic devices. His pioneering work laid the basis for wireless communication technologies such as 5G, WiFi and Bluetooth.

##### **Professor Corien Prins**

Corien Prins (1961), Professor of Law and Information Technology at Tilburg University and Chair of the Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR), conducts research into the rights of citizens in an age of increasing digitalisation. Prins is highly regarded for the development of the initially embryonic discipline of law and information

technology, at both national and international level. The growth of this discipline has generated knowledge and insights that reach policymakers. This is itself her second major accomplishment: helping both the legal community and policymakers to bridge the gap between science and policy.

## **Twenty-eight promising research projects awarded within Open Competition ENW-XS (1 June 2023)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/twenty-eight-promising-research-projects-awarded-within-open-competition-enw-xs>



**The NWO Domain Board Science has awarded 28 applications in the Open Competition Domain Science - XS. The themes vary from methane ebullition, antimicrobial resistance to imaging black hole activity.**

Please visit this page <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-23-2> for more information about the Open Competition Domain Science – XS in 2023. The next ENW-XS deadline is 12 September 2023.

### **Two WUR applications are funded:**

1. **HaloGenie: Unleashing the potential of halophile genomics for enhanced Industrial Biotechnology.**  
*Dr. E. (Enrique) Asin Garcia (Wageningen University & Research)*
2. **GRININ: GReening aromatic hydrocarbon synthesis through new-to-Nature enzyme Innovation.**  
*Dr. C. (Christos) Batiannis (Wageningen University & Research)*

**For more information and the funded projects:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/twenty-eight-promising-research-projects-awarded-within-open-competition-enw-xs>

## **Seven projects to start through Open Technology Programme (1 June 2023)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/seven-projects-to-start-through-open-technology-programme>



**The board of NWO Domain Applied and Engineering Sciences awards funding to seven research projects through the Open Technology Programme. In total, NWO is funding these projects with 5.4 million euros, companies involved and other organisations are investing 1.4 million euros in these projects.**

Within these projects, work will include the following topics:

- Developing superior coatings to purify, compress available hydrogen and produce 'green' hydrogen at relevant scale
- Enabling future-proof planning and management of landscape and national heritage thanks to software that can model past vegetation
- Analysing immune-related milk components in breastfeeding to prevent respiratory infections in babies

**The Open Technology Programme** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-technology-programme> provides funding for excellent research, with a view to potential application of the results. The programme gives companies and other organisations a low-threshold way to join scientific research that should lead to applicable knowledge.

One project led by WUR is funded:

**PRIMA – Proteins & Peptides: how breast milk proteins & peptides prevent airway infections** - dr. ir. K.A. Hettinga, Wageningen University & Research (20424)

**For more information about the funded projects:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/seven-projects-to-start-through-open-technology-programme>

## ***Science funders present common framework for climate change research funding (1 June 2023)***

Source: Website NWO news <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/science-funders-present-common-framework-for-climate-change-research-funding>



**Research funders from around the world have agreed on a common framework around climate change research funding. In the so-called "Statement of Principles and Practices on Climate Change Research Funding," 160 science funders endorse 12 general principles on climate change research and an additional 6 specifically on funding it. 'Science should help identify context-specific challenges and encourage everyone to take action on an issue that affects us all equally: climate,' the agreement states.**

One of the intentions is for research funders to act more collectively in funding certain projects. They want to promote bi- and multilateral cooperation agreements and thus stimulate international research, paying attention to the financially weaker countries. Furthermore, the funders argue that their existing networks should be utilized to the fullest extent possible to connect researchers worldwide to join forces.

Science itself must also transform, according to the Statement. The carbon footprint of scientific activities must be assessed so that it can be reduced as much as possible.

### ***Peace Palace***

The Statement of Principles and Practices was signed in The Hague during the annual meeting of the Global Research Council (GRC), the collaboration organization of national research councils and research funders around the world. Minister Dijkgraaf of OCW opened the event, which takes place at the Peace Palace. This is the first time that the annual gathering is taking place in the Netherlands. NWO is sharing hosting with Brazilian sister organization São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) from May 29 to June 2. More than 160 participants are attending this year, including some 65 "heads of research councils.

Founded in 2012, the GRC consists of the (presidents of) national research councils and research funders around the world. Through this collaboration, members share knowledge and best practices within international science policy and jointly set strategic agendas. Each year, research funders from around the world come together during the GRC Annual Meeting.

### ***Statement of principles and practices on climate change research funding***

[https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/statement\\_of\\_principles\\_and\\_practices\\_on\\_climate\\_change\\_research\\_funding\\_alleen\\_in\\_het\\_engels.pdf](https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/statement_of_principles_and_practices_on_climate_change_research_funding_alleen_in_het_engels.pdf)

## Fourth WINNER conference 'Enhancing knowledge connectivity for regional impact' (31 May 2023)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/fourth-winner-conference-enhancing-knowledge-connectivity-for-regional-impact>



The theme for WINNER 2023, the fourth edition, is 'Enhancing knowledge connectivity for regional impact'. Attendees will gather to discuss the central question of the conference: 'How can we enhance knowledge connectivity between Indonesia and The Netherlands in research and education to achieve regional impact?' WINNER 2023 will take place from 10-12 October 2023.

### About WINNER

The WINNER programme (Week of Indonesia-Netherlands Education and Research), intends to focus on research and education in a wide range of topics that are of mutual interest to Indonesia and The Netherlands, centered around the Sustainable Development Goals. Researchers, educational professionals, policymakers, businesses, NGOs and societal stakeholders can learn about each other's work, share best practices, and identify opportunities for collaboration between Indonesia and the Netherlands.

**More about WINNER:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/science-diplomacy-fund-sdf/winner-week-indonesia-netherlands-education-and>

### Call for sessions

Attendees are able to participate in online sessions and be inspired by existing and future collaborations. We invite you to take part of WINNER 2023 by organising an inspiring session.

**Submit a session proposal:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/science-diplomacy-fund-sdf/winner-week-indonesia-netherlands-education-and-research/call-sessions-winner-2023>

## Regional funding

### *“Don’t undermine cohesion” – detriment to the knowledge field? (7 June 2023)*

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/-doe-geen-afbreuk-aan-de-cohesie-afbreuk-voor-het-kennisveld->

The Do No Harm to Cohesion (DNHC) principle, in other words, the do no harm to cohesion principle, is receiving a lot of attention among the European institutions. The principle is intended to protect and promote cohesion between regions in the EU. Under the EU treaties, ensuring social, economic and territorial cohesion within the Union is a legal obligation. Cohesion Policy, financed by the Structural Funds, must ensure this. But recent crises in the EU have stagnated convergence between regions, which could be a breeding ground for populism and extremism, says the Committee of the Regions (CoR) <https://cor.europa.eu/en/our-work/Pages/OpinionTimeline.aspx?opId=CDR-137-2023>. The Committee of the Regions is the European institution that brings together and represents regional and urban politicians, including aldermen and deputies. Following a request from the EP, the CoR is now examining how the DNHC principle can protect and promote cohesion between regions in the EU.



#### ***Where is it from?***

The principle appears for the first time in the **Eighth Cohesion Report** <https://neth-er.eu/overige/cohesiebeleid-economisch-succes-maar-volgende-kennisintensieve-stap-nodig>, which evaluates the functioning of Cohesion Policy. Here it is defined as: “do not take measures that hinder the convergence process or increase regional disparities”. However, what exactly this entailed remained unclear. One of the possible implications is that new EU policies in the future will have to be tested against this principle. In any case, the European Parliament immediately took off and stated in a report that the DNHC principle should be included in European legislation. However, before including it, the Parliament wanted to know from the CoR how the principle could be conceptualised. **The Committee has issued an opinion** <https://cor.europa.eu/en/our-work/Pages/OpinionTimeline.aspx?opId=CDR-137-2023> which is a first attempt to further develop the concept and to reflect on its implementation. The Dutch deputy Michiel Rijsberman played a key role as rapporteur.

#### ***Knowledge & cohesion at odds***

Funding the most excellent research is at odds with the pursuit of cohesion between regions. The investments that the EU makes in R&I, for example through Horizon Europe, promote the competitiveness and innovation of the region where the investment is deposited, which is an indirect investment in the economy. So a successful R&I project can ensure that a region develops a lot while a neighboring region lags behind. The dilemma becomes even greater, because knowledge is also a legal obligation: according to the treaty, the Union must also commit itself to strengthening competitiveness and to scientific and technical progress.

**Read full article here:** <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/-doe-geen-afbreuk-aan-de-cohesie-afbreuk-voor-het-kennisveld-> (in Dutch)

## ***SME East Netherlands invests heavily in innovation and sustainable economy (1 June 2023)***

Source: Website Op-Oost <https://www.op-oost.nl/nieuwsberichten/mkb-oost-nederland-investeert-volop-in-innovatie-en-duurzame-economie>

With the OP East 2014-2020, 1027 SMEs work together with knowledge institutions and other social organizations on 516 smart and sustainable projects. Together they are now investing € 302.7 million in the Eastern Netherlands.

### **Annual Report ERDF OP East 2022:**

[https://media.gelderland.nl/OP\\_Oost\\_jaarverslag\\_2022\\_A4\\_DIGI\\_WCAG\\_2\\_RGB\\_D32\\_ea1ec52c1f.pdf](https://media.gelderland.nl/OP_Oost_jaarverslag_2022_A4_DIGI_WCAG_2_RGB_D32_ea1ec52c1f.pdf)

The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) subsidizes innovations that contribute to solving societal challenges and strengthening the regional economy and employment. The focus of the ERDF program for East Netherlands (OP East 2014-2020) is on economic innovation and a low-carbon economy. The aim is that more SMEs in the Eastern Netherlands generate more turnover from new products

### ***Doubling the subsidy***

The ERDF programs in the Netherlands are established in collaboration with the national government and the provinces. The OP East annual report 2022 shows that Europe, the provinces of Gelderland and Overijssel and the government together contribute € 262.7 million in ERDF subsidy. With the contribution of the entrepreneurs, this amount is more than doubled. The expected total investment in the regional economy is now € 565 million.

**Read full article here:** <https://www.op-oost.nl/nieuwsberichten/mkb-oost-nederland-investeert-volop-in-innovatie-en-duurzame-economie> (in Dutch)

## **Internal Wageningen University and Research calls**

## Latest developments within R&I Policies

### European Policy

#### ***Threatening exhaustion of MFF puts excellent concept budget 2024 Erasmus+ and Horizon in a different perspective (8 June 2023)***

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderwijs/dreigende-uitputting-mfk-zet-prima-conceptbudget-2024-erasmus-en-horizon-in-ander-perspectief>

If it is up to the Commission at the moment, EUR 3.7 billion will go to Erasmus+ in 2024 and EUR 12.8 billion to Horizon Europe. This is stated in the **press release** [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_23\\_3062](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_3062). These amounts are in line with the planned schedule within the current Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). That is good news. This is how it works: in 2024, the repayment of the borrowing costs of the NextGeneration EU recovery package must start. These costs are currently higher than budgeted before the start of the MFF, due to rising inflation. Instead of shortening the regular (knowledge) programs as compensation, as was feared by Parliament, the Commission is now opting not to do so. Instead, it is tapping into existing flexibility options within the MFF to cover rising repayment costs, including the Flexibility Instrument.

#### ***Interim evaluation MFF***

Knowledge lovers cannot sleep completely quietly. Later in June this year, the Commission will present a mid-term review of the MFF to find more budgetary space for current political priorities, such as continuing support to Ukraine. The budgetary space that existed at the start of the MFF has already almost been exhausted. The budgetary response to the corona pandemic, the invasion of Ukraine and ad hoc ambitions towards strategic autonomy, to name but a few examples, are to blame for this. Without providing any substantive insight into the shifts that may result from the evaluation, the Commission notes that any implications for the annual budget for 2024 will be negotiated afterwards [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/qanda\\_23\\_3063](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/qanda_23_3063). This means that the draft budget figures for Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe now presented could still change as a result of the interim evaluation of the MFF.

#### ***Other programs***

The amounts the Commission intends to allocate to other relevant programs in 2024 are as follows: €47.9 billion for the Structural Funds, €1.3 billion for Digital Europe, €754 million for EU4Health, €638 million for the European Defense Fund, €348 million for InvestEU and 1.5 billion for the Just Transition Fund.

**Read full article here:** <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderwijs/dreigende-uitputting-mfk-zet-prima-conceptbudget-2024-erasmus-en-horizon-in-ander-perspectief> (in Dutch)

#### ***CESAER calls for stronger academic involvement in deep tech entrepreneurship (8 June 2023)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 8 June 2023

EU institutions must recognize the central role of universities in driving deep tech innovation and entrepreneurship, argues university umbrella organization CESAER in a position paper. "In general, the EU institutions are not really promoting the important role science and technology universities play in deep tech innovation," Louise Drogoul, innovation and sustainability advisor at CESAER told Science Business. "There is a lot of talk about involving universities, but in terms of advocacy, we are not always seen as equal to the market." The paper makes 15 recommendations to promote cohesion between universities and deep tech entrepreneurship at regional, national and European level: "Deep tech entrepreneurship cannot succeed on its own, therefore it is crucial to encourage

collaboration both within and outside the university, with industry and wider society, and also to provide the right funding to support and drive such collaborations,” said Toril Hernes, co-chair of the CESAER Task Force Innovation.

**News item CESAER:** <https://www.cesaer.org/news/deep-tech-unlocked-by-universities-of-science-and-technology-1492/>

**News item Science Business:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/Universities/call-encourage-academic-engagement-deep-tech-entrepreneurship>

## ***European University Alliances are making progress despite sometimes insurmountable challenges (8 June 2023)***

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderwijs/europese-universiteiten-allianties-boeken-progressie-ondanks-soms-onoverkomelijke-uitdagingen>

A renewed commitment is needed from European university alliances and national and regional authorities to overcome barriers to transnational cooperation. This is evident from an evaluation of the progress of the first generation of alliances. The evaluators ask the Commission to continue to support the alliances and move from a project-based approach to a collaborative programmatic approach to ensure long-term commitment and ownership.



### ***Variety of settings plays tricks on EUI***

European University Alliances and national authorities must step up their efforts to resolve difficulties in transnational cooperation. An evaluation of the first generation of alliances <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/ef36cf58-e57e-11ed-a05c-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-285015820> shows that the variety of organizational models, strategies and environments in which institutions operate sometimes pose insurmountable challenges. Despite the challenges, the authors are satisfied with the progress made within the projects, for example in the field of implementation of transformative modules.

### ***Programmatic approach***

The authors advise the Commission to move from the current project-based approach towards a joint programmatic approach. A programmatic approach, including a joint funding roadmap under Horizon Europe in synergy with Erasmus+, will generate more commitment and ownership in the long term. Given the current financial uncertainty post-2027, it is more difficult to mobilize staff and researchers for the alliance activities.

**Read full article here:** <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderwijs/europese-universiteiten-allianties-boeken-progressie-ondanks-soms-onoverkomelijke-uitdagingen> (in Dutch)

## ***The EU's global position in complex technologies (8 June 2023)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 8 June 2023

The EU's overall position in terms of technological capabilities has gradually deteriorated over the last three decades compared to the US, China, Japan and South Korea. This is the conclusion of researchers from the European Commission. Furthermore, the EU's technological base appears to be more diversified than that of other major economies, but disproportionately more specialized in less complex technologies than its opponents. For the most complex technologies, the EU is highly dependent on only a few countries.

**Publication European Commission:** [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/knowledge-publications-tools-and-data/publications/all-publications/global-position-eu-complex-technologies\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/knowledge-publications-tools-and-data/publications/all-publications/global-position-eu-complex-technologies_en)

## ***The economic implications of climate action (8 June 2023)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 8 June 2023

Climate neutrality is achievable, but requires a global transformation on the scale of the industrial revolution. This transformation will be primarily driven by government policies, not technological innovations and markets. That is what researchers from France Stratégie, the umbrella strategic advisory council of the French government, argue. The report was prepared at the request of the French Prime Minister and aims to provide insight into the macroeconomic effects of mitigation policies towards climate neutrality, in order to improve them and to lay the foundations for better informed and more thoughtful decisions.

**Publication France Strategy:** <https://www.strategie.gouv.fr/english-articles/economic-implications-climate-action>

## ***New report analysing the contribution of over 800 EU-funded projects to the Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters” published (1 June 2023)***

Source: Website EC [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/new-report-analysing-contribution-over-800-eu-funded-projects-mission-restore-our-ocean-and-waters-2023-06-01\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/new-report-analysing-contribution-over-800-eu-funded-projects-mission-restore-our-ocean-and-waters-2023-06-01_en)

Today, the European Commission has published a new Portfolio Analysis Report <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/dfc5df4f-0073-11ee-87ec-01aa75ed71a1/language-en> identifying over 800 EU-funded projects, from 16 EU funding programmes contributing to the EU Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters”.

The analysis has been performed with the assistance of 12 independent experts and the projects analysed belong to 16 EU funding programmes, most from Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 but also from Interreg <https://interreg.eu/>, LIFE2027 <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/life2027>, EMFAF [https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/funding/emfaf\\_en](https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/funding/emfaf_en), Erasmus+2027 and other European programmes. The Report highlights innovative solutions as well as gaps and synergies that could require further support at the EU level.

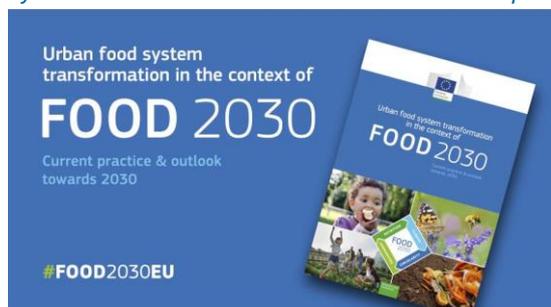
Together with the Report, a Dashboard is made available online. The Dashboard allows user to “interact” with data visualisation and filter from general to more detailed information, according to specific interests.

The Dashboard presents the distribution of EU-funded projects according to relevant **Green Deal** [https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en) targets, the objectives of the Mission Ocean, the geographical coverage of sea and river basins, the thematic areas of intervention, and more, among other features.

**For more information:** [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/new-report-analysing-contribution-over-800-eu-funded-projects-mission-restore-our-ocean-and-waters-2023-06-01\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/new-report-analysing-contribution-over-800-eu-funded-projects-mission-restore-our-ocean-and-waters-2023-06-01_en)

## ***Urban food system transformation in the context of Food 2030 – current practice and outlook towards 2030 (31 May 2023)***

Source: Website EC [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/urban-food-system-transformation-context-food-2030-current-practice-and-outlook-towards-2030-2023-05-31\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/urban-food-system-transformation-context-food-2030-current-practice-and-outlook-towards-2030-2023-05-31_en)



This report on urban food system transformation reflects on the future of sustainable food systems in line with the priorities of the Food 2030 [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/research-area/environment/oceans-and-seas/food-2030\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/research-area/environment/oceans-and-seas/food-2030_en) initiative. It seeks to share good practices and to serve as inspiration for other urban areas wishing to transform their food systems.

The report is based on a survey of 22 European urban food system transformation projects, in-depth interviews, and a participatory workshop with representatives from around 25 European projects and networks.

The report starts by presenting relevant concepts and policies, and then outlines urban food systems in the context of resilience and gives an overview of EU-funded projects and their geographical distribution. It concludes with lessons learned from projects and an outlook to next steps, including outreach beyond the projects' lifetimes.

***More information***

**Report: Urban food system transformation in the context of Food 2030** <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/7a3817c1-fdce-11ed-a05c-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>

## Global policy

### ***OECD: Using AI to tackle climate change(8 June 2023)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 8 June 2023*

AI plays an important role in tackling climate change and governments should therefore not only regulate AI, but also invest heavily in research. That is what the OECD writes. For example, the government can create the preconditions by making data available and a secure cloud environment. In addition, investments are needed in strengthening knowledge and building confidence in AI. The article refers to various international initiatives to invest in research and knowledge enhancement. Climate change is often the most important spearhead for AI applications. AI is already increasingly being used to calculate the future of climate change, but also to perform complex tasks such as optimizing energy consumption, warning systems for natural disasters and predicting the consequences of extreme weather for agriculture. The article makes suggestions for taking climate challenges into account in the regulation of AI.

**Article OECD:** <https://oecd.ai/en/wonk/fight-climate-change>

### ***Stricter Chinese data privacy laws deter researchers (1 June 2023)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 1 June 2023*

Researchers around the world are concerned about recently introduced restrictions on the flow of academic and health data from China, writes Nature. Since 2021, Chinese personal data protection law, similar to the European GDPR, has gradually introduced more and more rules that make access to data more difficult. The new rules, along with the uncertainty surrounding them, would discourage collaboration with scientists in China. Researchers are also less likely to choose to work on projects about China or people are afraid that access to information could be hindered.

**Article Nature:** <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-01638-1>

### ***What are the consequences of the US debt ceiling crisis for science? (1 June 2023)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 1 June 2023*

The US government could run out of money in the short term if a political agreement is not reached on an increase in the federal debt limit. The (possible) consequences for science are mapped out in an article on Nature. Republicans, whose support is needed for a majority in the House of Representatives, are using the approaching deadline as leverage to push through spending cuts. Their counter-proposal announces substantial cuts in research and innovation. Although the outcome of the negotiations is not yet known, the American research field expects fewer investments.

**Article Nature:** <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-01717-3>

### ***Think tank: US budget proposal falls short on clean energy innovation (1 June 2023)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 1 June 2023*

The White House budget proposal for fiscal year 2024 is holding back US developments in clean energy innovation and competitiveness. This is what the think tank Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF) argues in a publication. Investments would be too focused on general research and development rather than applied research, development and demonstration to commercialize new innovations. The think tank also believes that the current budget proposal does not meet the funding levels needed to stimulate the transition to a clean energy economy, while US competitiveness can be strengthened by developing and producing energy technology.

**Press release ITIF:** <https://itif.org/publications/2023/05/22/biden-budget-falls-short-on-clean-energy-innovation-and-competitiveness/>

**Publication ITIF:**

## National policy

### ***ScienceGuide: 'Debate about internationalization conducted more from emotion than fact' (8 June 2023)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 8 June 2023

In the debate on internationalization and anglicisation of higher education, people seem to rely mainly on subjective views and emotion. There is no research that substantiates the frequently voiced concern about declining accessibility and quality of education. ScienceGuide writes this in response to a study by Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences into the creation of the Language and Accessibility Act. According to researcher Jessica Schiltmans, it has not been shown that the accessibility or quality of higher education is negatively affected by Anglicisation or the growing numbers of foreign students.

**Article ScienceGuide:** <https://www.scienceguide.nl/2023/05/debat-over-internationalisering-meer-vanuit- emotie-dan-feiten-gevoerd/> (in Dutch)

### ***Number of patent applications in the Netherlands increased again in 2022 (8 June 2023)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 8 June 2023

The number of patent applications in the Netherlands increased again in 2022, according to the Annual Report for the Netherlands Patent Office 2022. A total of 3,772 new applications were submitted, representing an increase of 4% compared to 2021. Although growth is leveling off, the trend remains positive. In the period from 2018 to 2022, relatively most patents were granted in the Delft and Westland regions. These patents mainly come from TU Delft and technologically innovative SMEs. Southeast North Brabant (Eindhoven and surroundings) is in second place.

**News item RVO:** <https://www.rvo.nl/nieuws/meer-octrooiaanvragen-2022> (in Dutch)

**Annual Report Netherlands Patent Office 2022:** <https://infographics.rvo.nl/OCNL/jaarbericht2022/> (in Dutch)

### ***Council for the Future's first advice: invest in the well-being of people and the planet (8 June 2023)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 8 June 2023

Pay more attention to the social and ecological effects of investments, and properly safeguard this in the assessment framework of the National Growth Fund. This is what the Council for the Future states in its first advisory report entitled 'Dare to think sustainably' to the cabinet and the National Growth Fund. The Council for the Future was established in 2022 by Ministers Kaag and Adriaansens and includes representatives of the SER Youth Platform, Stichting Toekomstbeeld der Techniek (Young STT) and The Netherlands Academy of Technology and Innovation (AcTI). According to the Council, not only economic growth should be central to investment decisions, but the well-being of people and the planet in the long term.

**Publication SER:** <https://www.ser.nl/nl/Publicaties/duurzaam-durven-denken> (in Dutch)

### ***Invitation Neth-ER & UNL event 'European knowledge strategy for a changing world' (1 June 2023)***

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderwijs/uitnodiging-neth-er-unl-evenement-039-europese-kennisstrategie-voor- een-veranderende-wereld-039->

Neth-ER & Universities of the Netherlands invite you to the upcoming event 'European knowledge strategy for a changing world' on the Hague Campus of Leiden University in the Wijnhaven building. This event is organized in response to the recent recommendations of the Education Council and the Advisory Council for Science, Technology

and Innovation on strategic knowledge policy in Europe and the assignment of a legal task to the organization Neth-ER (Netherlands House for Education & Research). The central question is: with what ambition and goals do we from the Netherlands jointly position the Dutch knowledge field in the EU?

**Event details:**

Date: Tuesday 27 June, 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm (drinks until 7:00 pm)

Location: Campus The Hague, Leiden University, Wijnhaven building (Turfmarkt 99, The Hague)

Language of instruction: Dutch

**Program**

16:30 – 16:45 Walk-in with coffee

16:45 – 16:50 Introduction by Henne Schuwer, chairman Neth-ER

16:50 – 17:15 Connecting Dutch and European knowledge policy in a changing world, in conversation with:

Edith Hooge, chairman of the Education Council

Eppo Bruins, chairman AWTI

17:15 - 17:45 Panel, moderated by Jurgen Rienks, director Neth-ER, including Dorina Veldhuis (Education Attaché at the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU) and representatives of the universities and the business community.

17:45 - 17:50 Closing and take-aways by Jurgen Rienks

17:50 - 19:00 Drinks

**Registration**

You can register for the event via this link

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1c\\_2y2tt5lbrjAw7Lm1fgiWQFDvZeRjiA9MjpnY9XAX0/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1c_2y2tt5lbrjAw7Lm1fgiWQFDvZeRjiA9MjpnY9XAX0/viewform?edit_requested=true).

The deadline to register is June 23

## ***The Netherlands must make serious efforts in Europe on research, innovation and education debate (1 June 2023)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 1 June 2023

This is the conclusion of the Education Council and the AWTI in recent advice on Europe to the government. Chairs Edith Hooge and Eppo Bruins once again underline the importance of this urgent and unambiguous message in a blog. So far, the government has been insufficiently successful in aligning this European policy with the Dutch ambitions for research, innovation and education. Moreover, the Netherlands can make a much more active contribution to that policy in consultation and cooperation with other EU Member States at the Brussels consultation tables.

**Opinion article AWTI and Education Council:** <https://www.awti.nl/actueel/columns/colum/2023/eu-opinie-awti-en-onderwijsraad>

## ***ScienceGuide: Dutch academics moderately positive about Recognition and Appreciation (1 June 2023)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 1 June 2023

Dutch academics are moderately positive in their expectations of the Recognition and Appreciation programme. The greatest dissatisfaction is among science scientists, other groups are on average positive. This is the conclusion of a study by ScienceGuide, in which the expectations of more than three hundred researchers were gauged. It is also striking that PhD students are generally positive about the programme, while postdocs and professors have more negative expectations.

**Research ScienceGuide:** <https://www.scienceguide.nl/2023/05/alleen-betas-tegen-erkennen-en-waarderen/> (in Dutch)

## ***The Netherlands not on track to achieve SDGs, but scientific contribution has grown 1 June 2023)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert, 1 June 2023

The Netherlands and the rest of the world are not on track to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. This is the conclusion of the Seventh National SDG Report, which was presented on Accountability Day (May 17).

The report does find that Dutch knowledge institutions are paying more and more attention to social and sustainability issues and that the scientific contribution to the SDGs has increased further in recent years.

**News item NWO:** <https://www.nwo.nl/nieuws/wetenschappelijke-bijdrage-aan-de-sdgs-verder-toegenomen> **(in Dutch)**

**Publication SDG Netherlands:** <https://www.sdgnederland.nl/nieuws/de-nationale-sdg-rapportage-zo-staan-we-er-voor/> **(in Dutch)**

## Call deadlines

### *HORIZON Europe calls*

#### Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 12 June 2023

Call identifier	Deadline
<b>Pillar I Excellent Science</b>	
<b>ERC</b>	
ERC-2023-PoC <a href="#">Call for proposals for ERC Proof of Concept Grant (ERC-2023-POC)</a>	<b>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)</b>
<b>Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions</b>	
HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships	<b>13 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships (HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF HORIZON TMA MSCA)</b>
HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships	<b>13 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships (HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF HORIZON TMA MSCA)</b>
<b>Research Infrastructures</b>	
<b>Cluster 1 HEALTH</b>	
<b>Destination 1 – Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-STAYHLTH-01- two-stage	<b>19 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 11 April 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time</b>
<b>Destination 2. Living and working in a health-promoting environment</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2024- ENVHLTH-02-two-stage	<b>19 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 11 April 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time</b>
<b>Destination 3. Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-07	<b>19 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time</b>
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-08	<b>Foreseen opening 26 October 2023 Foreseen deadline 11 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time</b>
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-09	<b>Foreseen opening 26 October 2023 Foreseen deadline 11 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time</b>
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-03-two-stage	<b>19 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 11 April 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time</b>

<b><u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u></b>	
<b><u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u></b>	
<b>Destination 1: CLIMATE NEUTRAL, CIRCULAR AND DIGITISED PRODUCTION</b>	
HORIZON-CL4-2023-TWIN-TRANSITION-01-TWO-STAGE	<b>7 March 2023</b> at 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage) (CLOSED)</b> and <b>05 October 2023 (Second Stage)</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-TWIN-TRANSITION-01	<b>7 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-TWIN-TRANSITION-01-TWO-STAGE	<b>7 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage)</b> and <b>24 September 2024 (Second Stage)</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination 2: INCREASED AUTONOMY IN KEY STRATEGIC VALUE CHAINS FOR RESILIENT INDUSTRY</b>	
HORIZON-CL4-2023-RESILIENCE-01-TWO-STAGE	<b>7 March 2023</b> at 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage) (CLOSED)</b> and <b>05 October 2023 (Second Stage)</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-RESILIENCE-01-TWO-STAGE	<b>7 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage)</b> and <b>24 September 2024 (Second Stage)</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
<b>DESTINATION 3 - WORLD LEADING DATA AND COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES</b>	
HORIZON-CL4-2024-DATA-01	<b>19 March 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
<b>DESTINATION 4 – DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL</b>	
HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01	<b>Foreseen deadline 19 March 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01-CNECT	<b>Foreseen deadline 19 March 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
<b>DESTINATION 5 – DESTINATION – OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN DEVELOPING, DEPLOYING AND USING GLOBAL SPACE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURES, SERVICES, APPLICATIONS AND DATA</b>	
HORIZON-CL4-2024-SPACE-01	<b>Foreseen deadline 20 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
<b>DESTINATION 6 – A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES</b>	
HORIZON-CL4-2024-HUMAN-01	<b>Foreseen deadline 19 March 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time

<b>CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility</b>	
<b>Destination - Climate sciences and responses</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D1-01	<b>Foreseen opening 12 September 2023 Foreseen deadline 6 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-02	<b>5 September 2023</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D2-01	<b>Foreseen opening 7 December 2023 Foreseen deadline 18 April 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D2-02	<b>5 September 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D3-02	<b>5 September 2023</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D3-03	<b>10 October 2023</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-01	<b>Foreseen opening 12 September 2023 Foreseen deadline 30 January 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02	<b>5 September 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination: Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2023-D4-02	<b>5 September 2023</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D4-01	<b>Foreseen deadline 18 April 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D4-02	<b>5 September 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes</b>	

<b>Destination: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods</b>	
<b><u>Cluster 6</u></b>	
<b>Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2024-BIODIV-01 1 stage	<b>22 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024- BIODIV-02 2 stage	<b>22 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 1</b> ) <b>17 September 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 2</b> )
<b>Destination 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-01 1 stage	<b>22 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-02 2 stage	<b>22 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 1</b> ) <b>17 September 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 2</b> )
<b>Destination 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2023- CIRCBIO-02 2 stage	<b>28 March 2023</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 1</b> ) ( <b>CLOSED</b> ) <b>26 September 2023</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 2</b> )
HORIZON-CL6-2024- CIRCBIO-01 1 stage	<b>22 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024- CIRCBIO-02 2 stage	<b>Foreseen deadline stage 1 22 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 1</b> ) <b>17 September 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 2</b> )
<b>Destination 4 – Clean environment and zero pollution</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2023- ZEROPOLLUTION-02 2 stage	<b>28 March 2023</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 1</b> ) ( <b>CLOSED</b> ) <b>26 September 2023</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 2</b> )
HORIZON-CL6-2024- ZEROPOLLUTION-01 1 stage	<b>Foreseen deadline 22 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024- ZEROPOLLUTION-02 2 stage	<b>22 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 1</b> ) <b>17 September 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 2</b> )
<b>Destination 5 – Land, oceans and water for climate action</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2024-CLIMATE-01	<b>Foreseen deadline 22 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities</b>	

HORIZON-CL6-2024-COMMUNITIES-01 1 stage	Foreseen deadline <b>22 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2024-COMMUNITIES-02 2 stage	Foreseen deadline stage 1 <b>22 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 1</b> ) <b>17 September 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>STAGE 2</b> )
<b>Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2024-GOVERNANCE-01	Foreseen deadline <b>28 February 2024</b> at 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Pillar III Innovative Europe</b>	
Horizon-EIC-PATHFINDER Challenges-2023	<b>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.</b>
<b>Mission calls 2023</b>	
<b>WIDERA 2023</b>	
HORIZON-WIDERA 2023-ACCESS 02-01 <b>Twinning Bottom-Up</b>	<b>28 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time Topic A: The Twinning Bottom-Up (HORIZON-WIDERA 2023-ACCESS 02-01)</b>
HORIZON-WIDERA 2023-ACCESS 02-02 <b>Twinning Green Deal</b>	<b>28 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time Topic B: The Twinning Green Deal (HORIZON-WIDERA 2023-ACCESS 02-02).</b>
HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-04-01 <b>Pathways to Synergies</b>	<b>28 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time Pathways to Synergies (HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-04-01)</b>
HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-02-01 <b>ERA Fellowships</b>	<b>13 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships (HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-02-01)</b>
HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-01-01 <b>ERA Chairs</b>	<b>Foreseen deadline 7 March 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time ERA Chairs (HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-01-01)</b>
HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-07-01 <b>Excellence Hubs</b>	<b>Foreseen deadline 7 March 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time Excellence Hubs (HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-07-01)</b>

### **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
<b>European Partnerships / ERANET-COFUND</b>	

<p>New transnational joint research call on Nature-Based Solutions for biodiversity, human well-being and transformative change (referred to as BiodivNBS).  <a href="https://www.biodiversa.eu/2023/06/05/2023-2024-joint-call/">https://www.biodiversa.eu/2023/06/05/2023-2024-joint-call/</a></p>	<p><b>NEW:</b> The call is planned to be officially launched on 11 September 2023. A two-step application procedure will be used with a closing date for the submission of pre-proposals in early November 2023.</p> <p>An information webinar for potential applicants is expected to take place on 26 September 2023. Registration <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mNu2_1p8Q6aMTUARzD4rpA#/registration">https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mNu2_1p8Q6aMTUARzD4rpA#/registration</a> is mandatory to participate in the workshop.  <a href="https://www.biodiversa.eu/2023/06/05/2023-2024-joint-call/">https://www.biodiversa.eu/2023/06/05/2023-2024-joint-call/</a></p>
<p>European 'Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP)'  <a href="https://bluepartnership.eu/#call">https://bluepartnership.eu/#call</a></p>	<p>The first transnational call of the European 'Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP)' is published  <a href="https://bluepartnership.eu/sites/bluepartnership.eu/files/Final%20version%20SBEP%20CALL%20TEXT%20for%20launch_vf-LGP.pdf">https://bluepartnership.eu/sites/bluepartnership.eu/files/Final%20version%20SBEP%20CALL%20TEXT%20for%20launch_vf-LGP.pdf</a>  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)  <a href="https://bluepartnership.eu/#call">https://bluepartnership.eu/#call</a>  <b>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></b></p>
<p><b>Joint Technology Initiatives</b></p>	
<p>Climate and cultural heritage  <a href="https://belmontforum.org/cras#cch2023">https://belmontforum.org/cras#cch2023</a></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.  <a href="https://belmontforum.org/cras#cch2023">https://belmontforum.org/cras#cch2023</a>  The deadline for applications is 8 September 2023.</p>
<p><b>Joint Programming Initiatives</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A healthy diet for a healthy life (HDHL):</b>  <a href="http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/">http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/</a></li> <li>• <b>Agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE):</b>  <a href="http://www.faccejpi.com/">http://www.faccejpi.com/</a></li> <li>• <b>Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR):</b> <a href="http://www.jpiamr.eu/">http://www.jpiamr.eu/</a></li> <li>• <b>Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU):</b> <a href="http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home">http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home</a></li> <li>• <b>Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans):</b> <a href="http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/">http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/</a></li> <li>• <b>More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL):</b> <a href="http://www.jp-demographic.eu/">http://www.jp-demographic.eu/</a></li> <li>• <b>Neurodegenerative Disease/Alzheimer's (JPND):</b>  <a href="http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/">http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/</a></li> <li>• <b>Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions (Urban Europe):</b> <a href="http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/">http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/</a></li> <li>• <b>Water challenges for a changing world (Water-JPI):</b>  <a href="http://www.waterjpi.eu/">http://www.waterjpi.eu/</a></li> <li>• <b>Cultural Heritage a Challenge for Europe (Cultural Heritage):</b>  <a href="http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/">http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/</a></li> </ul>
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## Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **12 June 2023**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

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

## National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **12 June 2023**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

13-06-2023	Deadline for submission <b>Embassy Science Fellowship (ESF-NL) programme</b> . The Embassy Science Fellowships will start in the course of 2023. The deadline is 13 June 2023. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-embassy-science-fellowship-esf-nl-programme">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-embassy-science-fellowship-esf-nl-programme</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/science-diplomacy-fund-sdf/embassy-science-fellowship-esf-nl">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/science-diplomacy-fund-sdf/embassy-science-fellowship-esf-nl</a>
15-06-2023	Deadline for submission <b>full proposals KIC Safe and healthy food and food systems</b> . The deadline for submitting full applications is 15 June 2023. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/kic-call-launched-safe-and-healthy-food-and-food-systems">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/kic-call-launched-safe-and-healthy-food-and-food-systems</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/matchmaking-kic-call-safe-and-healthy-food-and-food-systems">https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/matchmaking-kic-call-safe-and-healthy-food-and-food-systems</a>
15-06-2023	<b>Deadline for submission NWO prizes:</b> The <b>Athena Award</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/athena-award">https://www.nwo.nl/en/athena-award</a> is for outstanding female researchers who are thereby a role model for others. The <b>Communication Initiative Award</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/communication-award">https://www.nwo.nl/en/communication-award</a> rewards researchers for effective science communication to a wider audience. The <b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion Initiative Award</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/diversity-inclusion-initiative-award">https://www.nwo.nl/en/diversity-inclusion-initiative-award</a> is for (small-scale) initiatives that increase workplace diversity within the field. The <b>Stairway to impact Award</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/stairway-impact-award">https://www.nwo.nl/en/stairway-impact-award</a> rewards researchers for taking steps towards impact on society. The <b>Team Science Award</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/team-science-award">https://www.nwo.nl/en/team-science-award</a> 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 <b>letter of intent KIC Long-Term Programmes Strategy-driven consortia with impact</b> . The deadline for submitting letters of intent is June 15, 2023, for 14:00:00 CEST <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-long-term-programmes-strategy-driven-consortia-impact">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-long-term-programmes-strategy-driven-consortia-impact</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/open-proposals-long-term-programmes-kic-strategy-driven-consortia-impact-round-2023">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/open-proposals-long-term-programmes-kic-strategy-driven-consortia-impact-round-2023</a>

20-06-2023	Deadline for submission <b>Pre-proposals NWO Summit Grant</b> . The deadline for submitting <b>pre-proposals</b> is <b>June 20, 2023</b> , before 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/summit-grant">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/summit-grant</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ten-years-research-funding-world-class-research">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ten-years-research-funding-world-class-research</a> <b>Note PJ</b> : only applications selected by WUR Management Board
20-06-2023	Deadline for submission <b>full proposal ZonMw call Lifestyle in healthcare; effectiveness and mechanisms of action</b> . 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. <a href="https://www.zonmw.nl/fileadmin/zonmw/documenten/Corporate/Subsidies/PDF_s/230314_subsidieoproep_leefstijlgeneskunde_ZonMw_DEFINITIEF_2.pdf">https://www.zonmw.nl/fileadmin/zonmw/documenten/Corporate/Subsidies/PDF_s/230314_subsidieoproep_leefstijlgeneskunde_ZonMw_DEFINITIEF_2.pdf</a> and <a href="https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/actueel/nieuws/detail/item/subsidieoproep-voor-onderzoek-naar-leefstijl-in-de-zorg/">https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/actueel/nieuws/detail/item/subsidieoproep-voor-onderzoek-naar-leefstijl-in-de-zorg/</a>
20-06-2023	Deadline submission <b>Full proposals for Local Digital Competence Centers II</b> . The deadline for submitting proposals is 20 June, 2023, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/local-digital-competence-centers-ii">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/local-digital-competence-centers-ii</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ldccs_-_call_for_proposals_final.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ldccs_-_call_for_proposals_final.pdf</a> (in Dutch)
06-07-2023	Deadline for submission <b>full proposals KIC call for research into biodiversity and biotic stress in food production and ornamental horticulture</b> . The deadline for submission of completed applications is 6 July 2023. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-kic-call-research-biodiversity-and-biotic-stress-food-production-and-ornamental-horticulture">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-kic-call-research-biodiversity-and-biotic-stress-food-production-and-ornamental-horticulture</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant/mission-driven-calls-kic-2020-2023/biodiversity-and-biotic-stress-primary-production-systems-0">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant/mission-driven-calls-kic-2020-2023/biodiversity-and-biotic-stress-primary-production-systems-0</a>
11-07-2023	Deadline submission <b>full proposals for Call for proposals second round Mosaic 2.0</b> . The deadline for submitting full proposals is 11 July 2023, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-proposals-second-round-mosaic-20">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-proposals-second-round-mosaic-20</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/mosaic-20-2022">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/mosaic-20-2022</a>
29-08-2023	Deadline submission <b>proposals Rubicon 2023-2 ENW, SGW, TTW, ZonMw</b> . The deadlines in 2023 are: March 28, <b>August 29</b> 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. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon</a>
01-09-2023	Deadline Submission <b>full PPS proposals Top Sectors Agri &amp; Food and Horticulture &amp; Propagation</b> . The submission process consists of one phase: full project proposals can be submitted until 1 September at the latest. <a href="https://kia-landbouwwatervoedsel.nl/wp-content/uploads/PPSoproepLWV2023_DEF-2.pdf">https://kia-landbouwwatervoedsel.nl/wp-content/uploads/PPSoproepLWV2023_DEF-2.pdf</a> and <a href="https://kia-landbouwwatervoedsel.nl/regelingen/">https://kia-landbouwwatervoedsel.nl/regelingen/</a>
06-09-2023	Deadline for submission of <b>pre-proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Veni</b> . The deadline for pre-proposals is September 6, 2022, 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vici-zonmw-2023">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vici-zonmw-2023</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vici%202023%20EN%20%281%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vici%202023%20EN%20%281%29.pdf</a>
12-09-2023	Deadline for submission <b>Full proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Vici (Vici Science Domain 2023, Vici ZonMw 2023, Vivi SSH and Vici AES Domain 2023)</b> . The deadline for full proposals is September 12, 2023, 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vici-science-domain-2023">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vici-science-domain-2023</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vici%202023%20EN%20%281%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vici%202023%20EN%20%281%29.pdf</a>
12-09-2023	Deadline for submission <b>proposals Open Competition Domain Science – XS package 23-2</b> . 12 September 2023, at 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-23-2">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-23-2</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Open%20Competition%20ENW-XS%20Call%20Round%202023_EN_0.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Open%20Competition%20ENW-XS%20Call%20Round%202023_EN_0.pdf</a>
19-09-2023	Deadline for submitting an <b>application for PHASE 2 NWA-call for research on vulnerability and resilience in an online society</b> . Phase 2: deadline for submitting an application is on 19 September 2023, 14:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/publication-call-research-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/publication-call-research-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/thematic-programming/synergy-theme-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/thematic-programming/synergy-theme-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society</a>
19-09-2023	Deadline for submitting <b>pre-proposals Open Competition Domain Science-XL</b> . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is September 19, 2023, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-open-competition-domain-science-xl-opened">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-open-competition-domain-science-xl-opened</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl</a>
26-09-2023	Deadline for submission <b>Package 2 Second round of Open Science Fund</b> . Deadline for Package 2: 14.00.00 CEST on 26 September 2023. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/second-round-">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/second-round-</a>

	open-science-fund-encourages-and-rewards-pioneers-open-science and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/onderzoeksprogrammas/open-science/open-science-fund">https://www.nwo.nl/onderzoeksprogrammas/open-science/open-science-fund</a>
03-10-2023	Deadline for submission of <b>full proposals KIC Demand-Driven Partnerships for Consortia Round 2023</b> . Closing date full application 3 October 2023 14:00 hrs. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-partnerships-consortia-round-2023">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-partnerships-consortia-round-2023</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/consortia-can-conduct-research-self-selected-knowledge-question">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/consortia-can-conduct-research-self-selected-knowledge-question</a>
24-10-2023	Deadline for submission <b>proposals Open Competition Domain Science – XS package 23-2</b> . 24 October 2023, at 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-23-2">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-23-2</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Open%20Competition%20ENW-XS%20Call%20Round%202023_EN_0.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Open%20Competition%20ENW-XS%20Call%20Round%202023_EN_0.pdf</a>
02-11-2023	Deadline for submission of <b>pre-proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Vidi (Vidi ZonMw2023, Vici Science Domain, AES Dman 2023 and SSH domain 2023)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vici%202023%20EN%20%281%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vici%202023%20EN%20%281%29.pdf</a>
28-11-1023	Deadline submission <b>proposals Rubicon 2023-2 ENW, SGW, TTW, ZonMw</b> . The deadlines in 2023 are: March 28, August 29 and <b>November 28</b> . 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. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon</a>
12-12-2013	Deadline for <b>Full proposals Call launched: Realisation, acceleration and upscaling of mission-driven innovation (KIC)</b> Deadline pre-proposals: 8th of June, before 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-launched-realisation-acceleration-and-upscaling-mission-driven-innovation-kic">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-launched-realisation-acceleration-and-upscaling-mission-driven-innovation-kic</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/realisation-acceleration-and-scaling-mission-driven-innovation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/realisation-acceleration-and-scaling-mission-driven-innovation</a>
Continuously applications 31-12-12023	Deadline for <b>application for new round for Scientific Meetings and Consultations</b> . 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. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/scientific-meetings-and-consultations">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/scientific-meetings-and-consultations</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-scientific-meetings-and-consultations-opened">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-scientific-meetings-and-consultations-opened</a>
18-01-2024	Deadline for submission of <b>Full proposals KIC Long-Term Programmes Strategy-driven consortia with impact</b> . The deadline for submitting applications is 18 January 2024, before 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-long-term-programmes-strategy-driven-consortia-impact">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-long-term-programmes-strategy-driven-consortia-impact</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/open-proposals-long-term-programmes-kic-strategy-driven-consortia-impact-round-2023">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/open-proposals-long-term-programmes-kic-strategy-driven-consortia-impact-round-2023</a>
23-01-2024	Deadline for submission <b>Full Proposals NWO Summit Grant</b> . The deadline for submitting full proposals is January 23, 2024, before 14:00:00 hours CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/summit-grant">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/summit-grant</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ten-years-research-funding-world-class-research">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ten-years-research-funding-world-class-research</a> <b>Note PJ:</b> only applications selected by WUR Management Board Board of Directors
24-01-2024	Foreseen deadline for submission of <b>full proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Veni</b> . The deadline for full proposals is January 24, 2023, 14:00:00 hours CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/talent-scheme-newsflash-2023-schedule-confirmed">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/talent-scheme-newsflash-2023-schedule-confirmed</a>
March 2024	Deadline for submission of <b>full proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Vidi</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/talent-scheme-newsflash-2023-schedule-confirmed">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/talent-scheme-newsflash-2023-schedule-confirmed</a>
06-06-2024	Deadline for submitting <b>full-proposals Open Competition Domain Science-XL</b> The deadline for submitting full proposals is June 6, 2024, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-open-competition-domain-science-xl-opened">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-open-competition-domain-science-xl-opened</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl</a>
18-09-2025	Deadline for submitting an <b>application for PHASE 3 NWA-call for research on vulnerability and resilience in an online society</b> . Phase 3: deadline for submitting an application is on September 18 2025, 14:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/publication-call-research-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/publication-call-research-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/thematic-programming/synergy-theme-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/thematic-programming/synergy-theme-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society</a>

## Regional calls

This list is a selection of regional calls. The list was compiled on 12 June 2023. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
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25-05 2023	Deadline <b>spring call 2023 OP-ZUID Themes: Energy   Climate   Raw Materials   Agriculture &amp; Food   Health</b> Opening from 24 April 2023 9:00 am to 26 May 2023 5:00 pm; ▪ Submit digitally via the Stimulus Program Management web portal <a href="https://www.webportal-stimulus.nl/mijn/">https://www.webportal-stimulus.nl/mijn/</a> <a href="https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2022/04/Factsheet-OPZuid-2021-2027-Q2-2023-1.pdf">https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2022/04/Factsheet-OPZuid-2021-2027-Q2-2023-1.pdf</a>

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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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