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Latest Funding News

European Funding News: Horizon Europe / EU regional funds

Are you an expert in energy and renewable energies? Become an evaluator! (28 February 2024)

Source: Website EC <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/news#30063>

The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) is looking for experts to evaluate proposals under the **2 windows of the CEF Energy Programme** https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/connecting-europe-facility/energy-infrastructure-connecting-europe-facility-0_en.

For calls related to energy infrastructure of Projects of Common Interest and Projects of Mutual Interest (PCIs/PMIs), CINEA needs experts in:

1. Energy generation, electricity grid systems, electricity transmission, electricity distribution, electricity market, electricity storage, energy regulation, offshore grids, hydrogen market/regulation, hydrogen transmission, reception and storage, electrolyzers, smart electricity grids, smart gas grids, carbon dioxide networks, carbon capture and storage, energy and environment, energy security of supply, project financing, financial assessments, environmental assessments, climate proofing assessments.

For calls related to **cross-border renewable energy projects** https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/connecting-europe-facility/energy-infrastructure-connecting-europe-facility-0/cross-border-renewable-energy-projects-cef-energy-new_en, CINEA needs experts in:

1. Renewable energy, wind energy, solar energy, geothermal energy, ambient energy, tidal energy, wave energy, ocean energy, hydropower, biomass, landfill gas, sewage treatment plant gas, biogas, district heating, green hydrogen, cost benefit analysis, electrolyser for H2 production, ammonia cracking facilities

If your profile matches one or several of these fields of expertise, sign up to the **European Commission's expert database** <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert> **AND register your application via EU Survey** https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CEF_Energy_experts_campaign_2024!

Joining European forces and knowledge in a turbulent, multipolar world", Marcel Levi (NWO) (27 February 2024)'

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek-europese-krachten-en-kennis-bundelen-in-een-turbulente-multipolaire-wereld-marcel-levi-nwo>

In a constantly changing world, it is important that Europe presents itself as a worthy geopolitical player. European cooperation is of great importance for exchanging knowledge, tackling domestic challenges, and solving cross-border problems, says Marcel Levi, chairman of the board of the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO).



There will be European elections on June 6. Why is European cooperation important for the knowledge field?

"Europe's strategic autonomy is becoming increasingly important in current geopolitical relations. If we join forces and knowledge in Europe, we will be stronger in a turbulent, multipolar world. Dutch scientists work within Europe together with their international colleagues on cross-border social challenges. We can also learn from each other in policy areas such as open science, knowledge security and recognition & appreciation."

What results in recent years can the EU be most proud of in your opinion?

"The increased awareness that the EU plays a geopolitical role in a multipolar world. The EU's response to the Corona pandemic is also a good example of crisis management in an international context. In the field of science, for example, the ERC and European coordination around research infrastructure are of great added value."

How would Parliament and Commission really make a difference for knowledge institutions over the next five years?

"The European Framework Program for Research and Innovation creates joint European research agendas and is an important source of research funding for Dutch science. The European Parliament and the European Commission can establish an ambitious and future-oriented budget for research and innovation and then not tinker with it for five years."

How can we better link Dutch and European policy, bearing in mind the recent advice from the Education Council and AWTI?

"Sending a strong signal with the Dutch knowledge field what our wishes are for the new European Framework Program (FP10). Horizon Europe seems to be increasingly focusing on innovation and rapid (economic) impact. Make sure there is enough room for fundamental research. Basic research is essential because it forms the pipeline for new ideas and concepts that later find their way into applications. Ensure that the entire breadth of the knowledge chain is financed and that there is an adequate balance in financing independent and thematic research. Make inter- and transdisciplinarity central when tackling transitions, with attention to the role played by the social sciences and humanities."

Read full article here: <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/-europese-krachten-en-kennis-bundelen-in-een-turbulente-multipolaire-wereld-marcel-levi-nwo-> (in Dutch)

Evaluation of research proposals: The why and what of the ERC's recent changes (21 February 2024)

Source: Website ERC News <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/evaluation-research-proposals-why-and-what-ercs-recent-changes>

ERC President Maria Leptin explains the background and rationale to the recent changes in the evaluation process of ERC grant proposals.

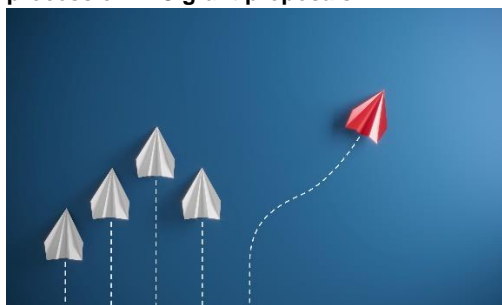


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Research evaluation is at the heart of the ERC's work. In the past year, the Scientific Council of the **ERC introduced changes** <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/erc-scientific-council-decides-changes-evaluation-forms-and-processes-2024-calls> in the evaluation processes and evaluation forms for the 2024 calls for research proposals, as described in **the ERC Work Programme 2024** https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2024/wp_horizon-erc-2024_en.pdf and the associated guidance documents.

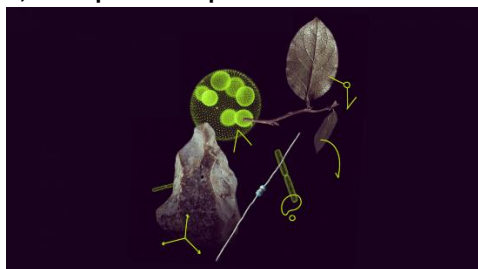
Maria Leptin reports about the changes, the discussions that led to them, and the reasoning behind them.

Read the report here: https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2024-02/Evaluation_of_research_proposals.pdf .

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions award €260 million to postdoctoral researchers in 2023 (13 February 2024)

Source: Website EC <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/marie-sklodowska-curie-actions-award-eu260-million-to-postdoctoral-researchers-in-2023>

1,249 experienced post-doctoral researchers were selected for funding among 8,039 applicants.



The European Commission will award €260 million to 1,249 post-doctoral researchers to work at top universities, research centres, private and public organisations and small and medium-sized enterprises.

The European Research Executive Agency https://rea.ec.europa.eu/funding-and-grants/horizon-europe-marie-sklodowska-curie-actions_en (REA) received 8,039 applications for this call, 15.8% of which were selected for funding. The Commission will award

- **€221.40 million** to 1,110 researchers through **European Postdoctoral Fellowships**, allowing them to carry out their projects in the EU or countries associated to Horizon Europe
- **€ 39.07 million** for **Global Postdoctoral Fellowships**, allowing 139 researchers to carry out research outside the EU or countries associated to Horizon Europe, mostly in the United States, Switzerland, Canada and Japan, before returning back to Europe

Women are 42% of the awardees. Selected applicants represent nearly 80 nationalities and will work in 45 countries in Europe and the rest of the world.

The projects selected span all scientific disciplines

- social sciences and humanities (25.2%)
- life sciences (21.7%)
- information sciences and engineering (13.3%)
- chemistry (14.4%)
- physics (11.35%)
- environment and geosciences (10.2%)
- mathematics (2.15%)
- economic sciences (1.7%)

Among the successful applicants, three postdoctoral fellows have been selected in the field of nuclear research as part of the **cooperation between the MSCA and the Euratom Research and Training Programme 2021-2025**

https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/euratom-research-and-training-programme_en.

An overview of the evaluation results, cut-off scores and statistics has been published on **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2023 call page** <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-msca-2023-pf-01-01> of the Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal.

Read full article here: <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/marie-sklodowska-curie-actions-award-eu260-million-to-postdoctoral-researchers-in-2023>

Other International funding

Call open: 2 million euro available for second round Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (29 February 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-2-million-euro-available-for-second-round-sustainable-blue-economy-partnership>



The second joint transnational co-funded call of Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) is now open for pre-proposals. This partnership is about research contributing to the transition to a regenerative, resilient and sustainable economy at the European seas.

Within Europe almost 4.5 million inhabitants are dependent on the sea for their income. A sustainable use of the sea, and the different functions the seas offer is therefore vital. This partnership aims to stimulate the transformation to a climate neutral, sustainable, productive and competitive blue economy. It also aims to restore the health, resilience, and services of the ocean for humanity by enabling economic activities, which are climate neutral, sustainable and productive.

The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership is a European cooperation of 26 countries. In this partnership, several transnational calls are planned. The second call aims to support transnational research and innovation and is focused on four priority-areas:

1. Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTO) at regional sub-basin scale
2. Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructures
3. Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level
4. Blue bioresources.

Deadline for submitting a pre-proposal (mandatory) is April 10th, 2024 at 15:00 CEST.

Deadline for submitting a full proposal is November 6th, 2024 at 15:00 CET.

The call invites researchers to submit research proposals in transnational collaboration, preferably in collaboration with relevant stakeholders from industry, government, and civil society organisations. Consortia must be formed with partners of at least two participating countries. For the Dutch participation, researchers from TO2 organisations and Universities of Applied Sciences are also allowed to join. European Partners can be found **using the tool** <https://proposals.etag.ee/sustainable-blue/2024/partner-search> on the European programme page. The SBEP secretariat organises several matchmaking events from now until 8 march. More information and registration can be found **on the webpage** <https://www.b2match.com/e/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership>.

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-2-million-euro-available-for-second-round-sustainable-blue-economy-partnership> and <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep>

Commission invests more than €233 million in strategic environmental and climate projects (29 February 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 February 2024

The European Commission is investing more than €233 million in twelve new strategic projects under the LIFE programme. The projects aim to help ten Member States achieve their national environmental and climate targets and increase their contribution to the EU's green transition. This includes projects on reducing fossil fuels in industrial processes and sustainable urban mobility. "We need to significantly accelerate adaptation to climate change. Improving our natural carbon sinks, decarbonizing industries and transport and increasing our climate resilience will be important parts of the solution," said European Commissioner Hoekstra. The Netherlands is not involved in the projects.

Press release European Commission: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_949

Call open: NL-CGIAR SEP II on enhancing knowledge and innovation for global food and nutrition security (22 February 2024)

Source: website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nl-cgiar-sep-ii-on-enhancing-knowledge-and-innovation-for-global-food-and-nutrition-security>



The call for Senior Experts of the NL-CGIAR Senior Expert Programme II is now open. This call supports the participation of Dutch research organisations in CGIAR with the aim of advancing knowledge, knowledge use, and enhancing innovation for global food and nutrition security through cooperation between the Netherlands and CGIAR, the largest global research partnership for a food-secure future.

Aim of the call

The overall goal of the SEP is advancing knowledge and enhancing innovation (knowledge use) for global food and nutrition security (SDG2) through cooperation between the Netherlands and CGIAR. The objectives are:

- Leveraging Dutch knowledge and expertise for performance and impact of CGIAR Research Initiatives;
- Leveraging CGIAR expertise, science and networks for Dutch knowledge institutions;
- Partnering in research and innovation, cooperation in knowledge sharing and capacity strengthening in a number of selected areas of mutual interest of CGIAR and Dutch policy on global food and nutrition security.

Visit the Call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/senior-expert-programme-sep-ii>

Focus of the call is on selected areas of mutual interest of CGIAR and Dutch policy via a range of CGIAR Research Initiatives and some CGIAR Impact Area Platforms and organisational unit(s).

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nl-cgiar-sep-ii-on-enhancing-knowledge-and-innovation-for-global-food-and-nutrition-security>

Three Dutch awards in European programme sustainable use of the European seas (19 February 2024)

Source: Website <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/three-dutch-awards-in-european-programme-sustainable-use-of-the-european-seas>



In the first joint transnational co-funded call of Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) three projects with Dutch participation have been funded. These projects will receive a total of 874,000 euros from NWO.

The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership aims to boost the transition to a sustainable use of the European seas and a productive and competitive Blue Economy. Research is needed that can help aligning the economic and ecologic interests of the sea. Enabling us to use the resources the sea offers without harming nature. Research in this field can also help create and maintain green jobs on and around the sea.

Within the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership several calls for proposals will be published, this was the first transnational call. This call aims to answer questions on more sustainable and smart marine and maritime innovations. Within this transnational call nineteen projects are awarded funding, of which three projects have a Dutch contribution. The awarded projects with a Dutch contribution in this programme are part of three intervention-areas: planning and management of sea uses, sustainable and resources-efficient Blue food and Feed, and Digital Twin of the Ocean: the creation of a detailed digital model of the seas on a sub-basin scale.

Two of the three awarded projects with Dutch contribution do have WUR applicants

Aquafeed Upgraded: Enhancing Immune Function with Seaweed-modified Functional Compounds (AquaUp):

Main Dutch applicant: Dr **Fotini Kokou** (Wageningen University & Research centre)

Digital Twin of the Ocean: Animal Tracking (DTO-Track): Main Dutch applicant: **Dr Ir. Leo Nagelkerke** (Wageningen University & Research centre)

A full description of all awarded projects can be found on the European programme page:

<https://bluepartnership.eu/news/partnership-decides-first-batch-co-funded-projects>

AMR projects start international collaboration towards increasing resistance (12 February 2024)

Source: Website ZonMw <https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/nieuws/amr-projecten-starten-internationale-samenwerking-naar-toenemende-resistentie>



The Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance (JPIAMR) launched the 'AMR Diagnostics and Surveillance 2023' grant call in January 2023. This is the 16th call within the JPIAMR involving 23 financiers from 19 countries. 17 projects were found to be honorable, of which 5 projects have Dutch involvement.

Develop new and improve existing ones

To take action against the growing global threat of increasing resistance in pathogenic microorganisms, and the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), the above-mentioned call for grants has been launched. The aim of the call is to fund research projects that improve or new develop existing strategies, instruments, technologies and methods for diagnostics and/or One Health AMR surveillance. In addition to antibiotics, this call also focuses on antifungal agents and biocides.

WUR is project leader in two of the five project with Dutch involvement:

AEROBIOMICS-AMR: Dr. ir. B.A. Fraaije <https://projecten.zonmw.nl/nl/project/aerobioomgebaseerde-genomische-surveillance-van-fungicideresistentie-om-de-ontwikkeling-en> **(in Dutch)**

GAP-AFR: Dr. E. Snelders <https://projecten.zonmw.nl/nl/project/gap-afr-het-overbruggen-van-de-kloof-tussen-omgeving-en-patient-onderzoek-naar-het-risico> **(in Dutch)**

For more information: <https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/nieuws/amr-projecten-starten-internationale-samenwerking-naar-toenemende-resistentie>

National funding

Vici grants for research on ethical AI, black holes and more (29 February 2024)

Source: Website NWO news <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vici-grants-for-research-on-ethical-ai-black-holes-and-more>



Research on topics ranging from ethical AI to the long-term effects of childhood cancer treatment. Thirty-five scientists from the Science (ENW), Applied and Engineering Sciences (AES), Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) and Health Research and Development (ZonMw) domains will receive Vici grants worth up to 1.5 million euros. This will enable the laureates to develop an innovative line of research and set up their own research group for five years.

Vici is one of the largest scientific grants for individuals in the Netherlands and targets advanced researchers. The funding instrument enables researchers to pursue research of their own choice. This gives innovative research a boost and encourages the promotion of talent at scientific research institutes. Scientists carry out research on a variety of topics. These range from exploring the origins of black holes to measuring the health of our ecosystems.

View the 2023 Vici Laureates: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme/projects-vici/vici-2023>

Facts and figures

Vici grants are awarded annually by NWO. There were 337 preproposals and 110 full proposals. Of the 110 full proposals, 48 (44%) were submitted by women and 62 (56%) by men. Overall, 35 Vici grants were awarded; 20 to women and 15 to men. The award percentages for the Vici Round 2023 are thus 14% for women and 8% for men respectively.

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vici-grants-for-research-on-ethical-ai-black-holes-and-more>

Six research projects to start through Open Technology Programme (27 February 2024)

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



Six research projects can start with funding through the Open Technology Programme from the NWO Domain Applied and Engineering Sciences. NWO is contributing over 5.1 million euros to these application-oriented technical-scientific projects. Industry and other organisations add almost 1.4 million euros to this.

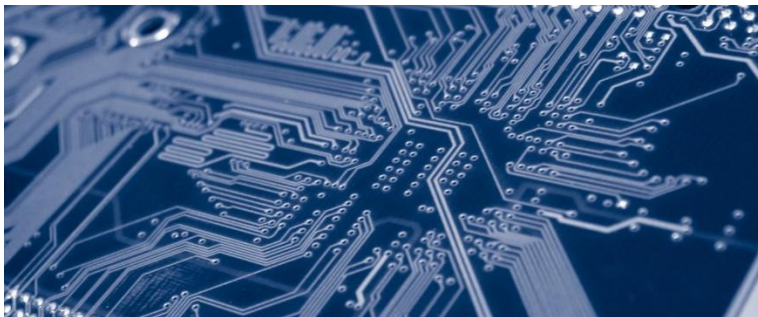
The awarded projects within the Open Technology Programme will conduct research including:

- Improving the sensitivity of image sensors in the short-wavelength infrared region. Image sensors, as now present in every smartphone, could then be used for tasks such as night vision (project: SWIRIS).
- Maximising treatment speed and quality for cancer care patients via hybrid magnetic resonance/radiotherapy systems. These systems enable personalised treatment based on the patient's current anatomy (project: ART-PIVOT).
- Develop and implement algorithms that can identify noise-producing events, and automatically assess their quality. With this information, nurses can understand and improve the footprint of sounds, which is beneficial in a critical care environment with a lot of noise, such as a paediatric ICU (project: Auditory Footprints).

Read full article with more information about funded projects here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/six-research-projects-to-start-through-open-technology-programme>

Positive evaluation of Implementation Plan Digital Research Infrastructure (21 February 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/positive-evaluation-of-implementation-plan-digital-research-infrastructure>



NWO welcomes the positive evaluation of the Implementation Plan Investments in Digital Research Infrastructure. There is no need to revise the Implementation Plan. NWO will work on the different recommendations.

In 2018, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) asked NWO for advice on the increasing digitalisation of science and the needs for digital infrastructure and expertise. In response, the then ICT Subcommittee of the Permanent Committee on Large-Scale Scientific Infrastructure (PC-GWI) provided advice to NWO in the spring of 2019. The planned investments from the PC-GWI advice were then specified in the **Implementation Plan Investments Digital Research Infrastructure**

<https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/documents/Uitvoeringsplan%20investeringsen%20digitale%20onderzoeksinfrastructuur.pdf>. The Implementation Plan stipulated that NWO would evaluate the extent to which the additional investments had achieved the desired effect by the end of 2022. This evaluation has now been carried out by Dialogic, an independent research and consultancy company. The evaluation covers the years 2020-2022.

Conclusions of the evaluation report

Dialogic's evaluation report concludes that the collaboration between NWO, SURF and the eScience Centre went smoothly, despite the turbulent period during which the Implementation Plan was developed (the reorganisation of SURF and the eScience Centre and the COVID-19 crisis), which delayed some parts of the Implementation Plan. The evaluation report also concludes that the Implementation Plan's investments in high-performance computing (HPC), other computing facilities and data storage are adequate and are perceived as positive.

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/positive-evaluation-of-implementation-plan-digital-research-infrastructure>

NWO Future-Proof Hightech Equipment (NGF) (21 February 2024)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-future-proof-hightech-equipment>

The Nationaal Groeifonds <https://www.nationaalgroeifonds.nl/> (NGF - National Growth Fund) is a government funding programme supporting projects that promote sustainable and structural long-term economic growth. The Fund invests, among other things, in sustainable research, development and innovation projects. The Nederlandse Organisatie voor

Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO - Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research) is involved in several projects as organiser for NGF research funding programmes.

- The **deadline for submitting a letter of intent** is 7 May 2024, at 14:00:00 hours CEST
- The deadline for **submitting proposals** is **4 June** 2024, at 14:00:00 hours CEST

The Future-Proof Hightech Equipment call is part of the NXTGEN HIGHTECH programme of NGF. The NXTGEN HIGHTECH programme is dedicated to creating a new generation of technology that will be important for future generations, and aims to develop, deploy and apply new knowledge across six promising high-tech domains:

1. *Laser satcom.*
2. *Energy conversion and storage.*
3. *Biomedical production technology.*
4. *Semicon equipment for heterogeneous integration.*
5. *Flexible micro-factories for composites.*
6. *Hands-free agrifood.*

The aim of the Future-Proof Hightech Equipment call is to increase academic and practice-based research for a number of prioritised key and systems technologies over the course of the NXTGEN HIGHTECH programme, in order to fast-track development of high-tech equipment targeting sustainability, digitisation, healthcare and technological sovereignty. The proposed research must link at least one prioritised key technology with one of the systems technologies. The following key technologies dedicated to strengthening the technology ecosystem in the Netherlands for the next generation of high-tech equipment are prioritised under this call:

- *Cyber-physical systems/Robotics.*
- *Mechatronics/Optomechatronics.*
- *Semiconductors/Lithographic systems.*
- *Thin film/Plasma technology.*
- *Bionanotechnology.*

The following two systems technologies are central to all six application domains within NXTGEN HIGHTECH:

- Smart industry
- Systems engineering.

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-future-proof-hightech-equipment>

Update fourth round National Growth Fund (20 February 2024)

Source: Website National Growthfund <https://www.nationaalgroeifonds.nl/actueel/nieuws/2024/02/20/update-vierde-ronde-nationaal-groeifonds>

In the Earning Capacity committee debate with the House of Representatives on February 15, 2024, Minister Adriaansens proposed postponing the planning of the fourth round of the National Growth Fund by two months to provide room for the questions about the National Growth Fund that will be asked in the Second and First Room life. **This means that the intended date for opening the submission of the subsidy scheme will be postponed from April 1 to June 1, 2024.**

According to this new planning, the mandatory pre-registration would be opened on April 1, 2024. The mandatory pre-registration precedes the submission of the proposal and applies to both the subsidy route and the departmental route.

Ministers Adriaansens has promised not to take any irreversible steps before the opening of the fourth round on June 1. It is important for potential applicants to take this into account. The consultation with the Senate is scheduled for February 27, 2024. We will provide an update on the state of affairs after this debate.

For the most current news and developments from the National Growth Fund, please visit our website and subscribe to our **Newsletter and e-mail service** https://nieuws.rvo.nl/ct/m11/k1/clfgYbhR6_dDZm7ORNvPKxh214aw6liL0ZX2AM-qW9ys-EI_8doyWHXln_w4H5mF/tHyZtnvWDVmKIFB

Call Lowlands Science 2024 opened (16 February 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-lowlands-science-2024-opened>



Collecting research data for three consecutive days at a festival with over 50,000 potential test subjects. A collaboration with festival organizers, artists and scientists makes that possible. Researchers can now submit their research proposal that will allow them to collect data on the Lowlands Science grounds while introducing festival visitors to scientific research in an accessible way.

Lowlands, De Nationale Wetenschapsagenda (NWA), New Scientist and BKB | The Campaign Office invite scientists to submit a research proposal to perform at Lowlands Science. On August 16, 17 and 18, 2024, festival-goers from all over the Netherlands will flock to Biddinghuizen for one of the Netherlands' largest and best-known festivals. **Application for this unique way of doing research can be done until March 31, 2024 at the latest.**

Possibilities are plentiful, as long as the research is socially relevant, and the quality of research is guaranteed in the proposals. The data obtained by scientists at the festival should be used anonymously for scientific research only. The research can make use of the designated Lowlands Science terrain and the (voluntary and anonymous) cooperation of festival visitors who annually come in large numbers to the Lowlands Science Lab.

Proposals can be submitted via a form on the Lowlands website. For more information and the criteria for this call, read the full pre-announcement in the document below or **visit the Lowlands website** <https://lowlands.nl/ll-science/>.

Open Call Lowlands Science 2024: https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ll24_llscience_opencall.pdf

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-lowlands-science-2024-opened>

Report from experts on Cohesion Policy proposes ways to maximise the effectiveness and impact of Cohesion Policy in the future (20 February 2024)

Report of the High-Level Group on the Future of Cohesion Policy



- be more **place-based**, with future-oriented investments tailored to the unique strengths, challenges, and needs of each region;
- promote a **holistic approach** for social policy by **investing more in human capital development and social integration** to prevent and reduce inequalities in all territories;
- **utilise local capabilities and potential** to develop future opportunities for inclusive and sustainable growth through diversification and collaboration;
- **build better national and regional institutions** by putting capacity-building and innovation on par with investment in infrastructure as well as productive capital;
- deliver **more effective and inclusive development strategies** by using the principles of strong partnership and shared management, bringing together stakeholders from different levels of government and civil society;
- **connect regions to harness global opportunities** and to deliver more sustainable and resilient innovation;
- become more **performance-based**, blending this approach with its territorial dimension;
- be **better embedded in the economic governance system**;

- **streamline its administrative procedures** and adopt more efficient, user-friendly approaches to simplify processes; and
- remain focused on its **original mission of driving sustainable development** and **boosting competitiveness**, while maintaining flexibility to address urgent challenges.

Read full press release here: https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/whats-new/newsroom/20-02-2024-report-from-experts-on-cohesion-policy-proposes-ways-to-maximise-the-effectiveness-and-impact-of-cohesion-policy-in-the-future_en

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

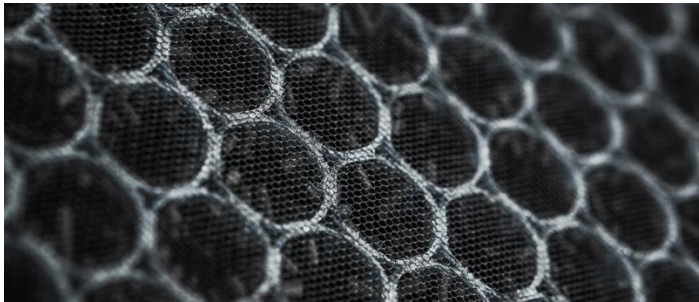
Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

EU unveils plans for €500M partnership on advanced materials (29 February 2024)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/partnerships/eu-unveils-plans-eu500m-partnership-advanced-materials>

The public-private partnership will support research and development of advanced materials, which the Commission says are crucial to the EU's competitiveness



The European Commission wants to launch a €500 million public-private partnership on advanced materials, as part of plans to boost Europe's standing in the sector published on Tuesday.

The EU would commit €250 million to the partnership between 2025 and 2027 to attract matching private investment and allow companies to scale and accelerate the deployment of advanced materials.

"The EU's competitiveness relies on our technological edge and steady supply of advanced materials for our green and digital transitions," said Margrethe Vestager, executive vice president of the European Commission.

The plans relate to engineered materials with novel properties, such as metallic nanoparticles to enhance energy conversion in solar panels, and sodium-ion batteries which provide more sustainable energy storage. Advanced materials underpin innovation in clean energy technologies, semiconductors, and pharmaceuticals, and have potential applications in space and defence.

They could also be alternatives to certain critical raw materials, reducing the EU's dependence on third countries. The Commission is planning to identify research and innovation needs in this area and to publish the first results early next year.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/partnerships/eu-unveils-plans-eu500m-partnership-advanced-materials>

CER: How the next European Commission can boost the digital economy (29 February 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 February 2024

The EU has enormous potential to unlock a thriving digital economy, but there are significant weaknesses that need to be urgently addressed to benefit from these promising signals. This is stated by the think tank Center for European Reform (CER) in a publication with advice for the digital agenda of the next European Commission. CER is

positive about the strong growth in the number of successful European startups, the adoption of new technology and the pace of the rollout of digital infrastructure. At the same time, the think tank warns that startups are still struggling to scale up, that smaller companies are lagging behind in digitalization and that efforts towards a European data economy are yielding few results.

Publication CER: <https://www.cer.eu/publications/archive/policy-brief/2024/helping-europes-digital-economy-take-off>

EU-Canadian digital partnership launched (29 February 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 February 2024

This month, the new digital partnership between the EU and Canada came into effect. Neth-ER writes about this. The partnership focuses on addressing digital transformation challenges that impact research, industry and our economy. The partnership follows the recent announcement of Canada's association with Horizon Europe. Further details about the partnership will be discussed in the spring during the so-called 'Digital dialogue' between the EU and Canada.

Article Neth-ER: <https://neth-er.eu/onderzoek/eu-start-strategisch-digitaal-partnerschap-met-canada>

'Brussels Declaration' on international cooperation on research and innovation (29 February 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 February 2024

During the high-level multilateral dialogue on the principles and values of international cooperation in research and innovation, the so-called 'Brussels Declaration' was signed. The declaration recognizes the importance of research and innovation, and should serve as a compass for the future of international R&I collaborations.

"Scientists and innovators, wherever they live and work in the world, must be able to reach each other and collaborate across borders and cultural traditions, based on a foundation of mutual trust and understanding. This is what we are working towards: establishing a global ethical compass for research and innovation, with people and values at its core," said European Commissioner Ivanova. The dialogue was organized by the Belgian EU Presidency. In addition to the ministers of EU Member States, there were ministers of the EU's most important partner countries and representatives of interest groups such as the OECD, UNESCO and International Science Council.

News item European Commission: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/international-ministerial-meeting-brussels-endorses-statement-principles-and-values-international-2024-02-16_en

Press release Belgian EU presidency: <https://belgian-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/en/news/responsible-international-cooperation-in-research-and-innovation-in-a-rapidly-changing-world/>

Brussels Declaration: <https://belgian-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/media/or2gptwe/ministerial-statement-2024-02-16-brussels-statement.pdf>

Germany and the European Commission organize 'enhanced dialogue' about R&I policy (29 February 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 February 2024

Last week, Director General for R&I Marc Lemaitre and German State Secretary for Education and Research Sabine Döring spoke in an 'enhanced dialogue' about research and innovation. The aim of the meetings was to strengthen cooperation and align EU and national R&I efforts. "The strengthened dialogue on both national and European R&I priorities allows us to reaffirm Germany's commitment to work together with the Commission to make the European Research Area a reality and strengthen areas where Europe provides added value," Döring said. The so-called dialogues with Member States provide a new bottom-up channel for cooperation with the European Commission to work on a country-specific approach to R&I.

News item European Commission: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/enhanced-dialogue-germany-2024-02-22_en

Seven member states are allowed to grant almost 7 billion euros in state aid to hydrogen projects (29 February 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 February 2024

The European Commission has approved seven member states, including the Netherlands, to award a total of 6.9 billion euros in state aid to hydrogen projects under the IPCEI Hy2Infra. France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and Slovakia are involved in the projects. Public investments are expected to generate another 5.4 billion euros in private investments. Hy2Infra focuses, among other things, on the rollout of large-scale

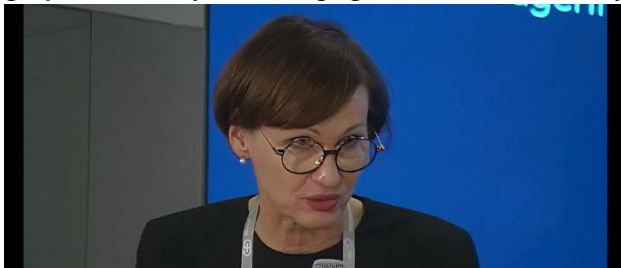
electrolysis installations and the development of large-scale installations for hydrogen storage. "The supply chain for renewable hydrogen in Europe is still in its infancy, but Hy2Infra creates the first building blocks of an integrated and open renewable hydrogen network," said European Commissioner Vestager. "This IPCEI will set up the first regional infrastructure clusters in a number of Member States and pave the way for interconnections across Europe, in line with the European hydrogen strategy. This will enable the market supply of renewable hydrogen in Europe to be scaled up and create a Europe that is the first in 2050 continent is climate neutral, one step closer."

Press release European Commission: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_24_789

German science minister calls for a rethink of "strong wall" between civilian and military research (20 February 2024)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/dual-use/german-science-minister-calls-rethink-strong-wall-between-civilian-and-military>

At the Munich Security Conference, Bettina Stark-Watzinger made the case that research is now at the centre of geopolitical rivalry. But changing the German research system remains difficult



Germany's science minister Bettina Stark-Watzinger speaking at this year's Munich Security Conference on 16 February. Photo: Screenshot / MSC

Germany's science minister has called for a rethink of the country's traditional separation between civilian and military research during an unprecedented debate on research security at the Munich Security Conference.

More normally the haunt of generals than science ministers, Bettina Stark-Watzinger's appearance at the conference is a mark of how dramatically security concerns, particularly around China, are now part of science and innovation policy. "It is a strong signal, that research is a geopolitical factor," said Stark-Watzinger during a panel debate <https://securityconference.org/msc-2023/agenda/event/conversation-on-research-security-knowledge-first-security-second/> on 16 February.

Back in 2016, the then EU research Commissioner Carlos Moedas was trumpeting the EU's Horizon 2020 research programme as "open to the world."

Fast forward to 2024, and following the pandemic, war in Ukraine, and European nervousness over China's designs on Taiwan, the slogan has changed to, "As open as possible, as closed as necessary," as Stark-Watzinger put it. For her, the pandemic was the key turning point that demonstrated the risk of technological dependence, and the need to be less naïve about research cooperation.

In 2020, Europe was initially heavily dependent on China for supplies of personal protective equipment, and Brussels then had to fight for a supply of vaccines from multinational pharmaceutical companies.

"If you have technology, and others depend heavily on that, you have power. So the tech race is in full swing, and we have to be part of that," she said.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/dual-use/german-science-minister-calls-rethink-strong-wall-between-civilian-and-military>

Joint push by Ivanova and EU research ministers for 'stable' budget (16 February 2024)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/joint-push-ivanova-and-eu-research-ministers-stable-budget>

At an informal meeting in Belgium, EU research ministers and research commissioner Iliana Ivanova agreed on the need to safeguard research funding, after €2.1 billion was cut from Horizon Europe



EU research commissioner Iliana Ivanova and Willy Borsus, vice-president of the Walloon government at a press conference in La Hulpe on Thursday. Photo: European Union

European research and innovation ministers and Commissioner Iliana Ivanova have affirmed a joint commitment to safeguard the budget of the next framework programme for research, in the face of growing pressure from national governments to divert EU funds towards other priorities. Research ministers from EU member states, as well as the UK, Norway, Iceland and Switzerland, gathered in La Hulpe, Belgium, on Thursday 15 February for the first informal competitiveness council under the Belgian Presidency of the Council.

“We discussed how important it is to have a stable budget for the framework programme,” said Willy Borsus, Vice-President of the Government of Wallonia, during a press conference following the meeting.

“Research cannot be considered one of the most fundamental levers for action, deployment, and also for the future of the European Union, if the budget for the framework programme is under pressure or mishandled,” he said.

The current framework programme, Horizon Europe, had its budget cut by **€2.1 billion** earlier this week, as member states agreed on a revision to the EU’s long-term budget that allowed the bloc to unlock financial aid for war-torn Ukraine.

Research delegations underlined the importance of “predictability” for stakeholders to plan for future participation in the research programme, as well as the “flexibility to respond to increasingly rapid developments and emerging needs”. Despite the ministers’ statements, the political odds are weighted against them at the moment, analysts say. The budget pressures on the EU are intense, and finance ministers are seldom sympathetic to research lobbies in the best of times. In the end, some MEPs say, the final decision will come down to the prime ministers and chancellors, rather than research or finance ministers, when budget deals get cut in top-level Council meetings in the months ahead. Ministers were meeting to prepare for a formal Council meeting on 23 May, where they could restate their concerns about the research budget, Borsus said.

“Unfortunately, the finance ministers are not part of our meeting, but I think the results of research are the best Ivanova, who was also present for the meeting, said she was pleased to have reached a deal to fund emergencies such as aid to Ukraine, but was “not happy” about the €2.1 billion cuts to Horizon Europe.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/joint-push-ivanova-and-eu-research-ministers-stable-budget>

International Ministerial Meeting in Brussels endorses statement on principles and values for international cooperation in Research & Innovation (16 February 2024)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/international-ministerial-meeting-brussels-endorses-statement-principles-and-values-international-2024-02-16_en&pk_campaign=rtd_news

Today, the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union hosted an international conference which endorsed the Ministerial Statement on principles and values for international cooperation in research & innovation (‘Brussels Statement’).

The Statement, crafted collectively by the participating countries, stakeholder organisations, the Presidency and the European Commission promotes continuous collaboration, recognising that diversity fosters trust among global partners, and emphasises the importance of international collaboration in research and innovation in addressing global challenges and advancing knowledge.

The Brussels Statement calls for a roadmap to establish a common understanding of principles and values for international R&I cooperation, coordination with organisations such as UNESCO, UNCSTD, OECD, International Science Council, G7, G20, Council of Europe, and other international fora.

The Multilateral Dialogue on principles and values for international cooperation in research & innovation (R&I) was launched in July 2022, following the **European Commission's Communication on the Global Approach to R&I** <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2021%3A252%3AFIN> which gained strong support by the EU Member States through **Council Conclusions in 2022** <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/56956/st10125-en22.pdf>.

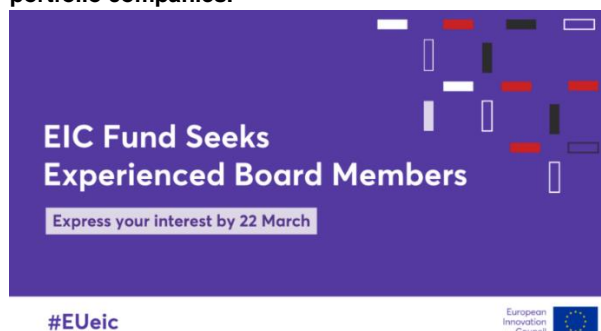
The Dialogue involves EU Member States, the EU's main international partner countries and key international and EU stakeholder organisations. Since its launch, the Multilateral Dialogue has been implemented through a series of eight thematic online workshops on different principles and values, to discuss and compare terminology and experiences regarding practical implementation worldwide and establish commonalities to deepen R&I cooperation. These workshops were collaboratively designed and organised by the countries and organisations participating in the Dialogue, covering the topics in an inclusive and interactive manner.

For more information: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/international-ministerial-meeting-brussels-endorses-statement-principles-and-values-international-2024-02-16_en&pk_campaign=rtd_news

EIC Fund Seeks Experienced Board Members to Shape the Future of Innovation (13 February 2024)

Source: Website https://eic.ec.europa.eu/news/eic-fund-seeks-experienced-board-members-shape-future-innovation-2024-02-13_en

The European Innovation Council Fund is seeking experienced individuals to join the Boards of EIC Fund portfolio companies.



The European Innovation Council Fund https://eic.ec.europa.eu/eic-fund_en (EIC Fund) is seeking experienced individuals to join the Boards of EIC Fund portfolio companies and contribute their expertise to the successful development and scaleup of the companies.

The EIC is a highly selective programme of the European Commission to support early-stage companies with high risk and high impact, with a focus on deep tech. Selected companies receive grant support of up to €2.5 million as well as equity investments of up to €15 million which are managed by the EIC Fund as an Alternative Investment Fund with the European Investment Bank as the sole investment adviser. The EIC Fund is endowed with a capital of over €3.5 billion and manage a portfolio of over 500 companies in the period up to 2027. The Fund plans to appoint voting members/non-exec directors to the Boards of a number of these companies.

Expertise and industry insights of successful candidates will be invaluable to portfolio companies, as they will help the companies achieve their ambitious growth goals in emerging areas of disruptive technologies and breakthrough solutions. Successful candidates will be expected to contribute and gain insights to the overall objectives of the EIC, as part of the European Union's Horizon Europe programme, as well as the broader European innovation agenda. Interested in contributing your expertise to the next generation of innovation champions in Europe?

Express your interest: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/EICFundBoardMembers>

To be considered for Board positions at the EIC Fund portfolio companies, please express your interest by **22 March, 2024**

Global policy

Large-scale international research shows high trust in scientists (29 February 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 February 2024

People around the world have a high level of trust in scientists, and most want researchers to become more involved in policymaking. This is evident from a global study with more than 70,000 participants that was published online as a preprint last month. Nature has written about this. Confidence levels would differ from country to country and would be influenced by political orientation. "The overall message is positive," says researcher James Liu. "Even in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, which could have been very polarizing for people's trust in scientists, trust is quite high across a wide range of demographics."

Article Nature: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-024-00420-1>

National policy

Young Academy Symposium on 'Everyone professor!' (29 February 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 February 2024

At the beginning of February, The Young Academy organized the symposium 'Everyone Professor!'. The Young Academy advocates separating the rights of professors regarding PhD programs from the professor job profile and granting them to all university (senior) lecturers. This should ensure that young university (senior) lecturers can gain more power and independence and become less dependent on a professor. In addition, it would reduce the workload and supervision burden of professors and be in line with the national program 'Recognition and appreciation'. During the symposium, university lecturers, professors, policy officers and PhD students discussed the initiative. The recording and report on the symposium can be found on the website of De Jonge Akademie. ScienceGuide also wrote about the meeting.

Article The Young Academy: <https://www.dejongeakademie.nl/nieuws/2656972.aspx> (in Dutch)

Article ScienceGuide: <https://www.scienceguide.nl/2024/02/er-is-een-radicale-democratisering-van-het-hoogleraarschap-nodig/> (in Dutch)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 1 March 2024

Call identifier	Deadline
Pillar I Excellent Science	
ERC	
ERC-2024-AdV	Foreseen opening 29 May 2024 and foreseen deadline 29 August 2024
Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions	
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01 TMA Doctoral Networks	Foreseen opening 29 May 2024 and foreseen deadline 27 November 2024 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01 TMA Doctoral Networks)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01 TMA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates	Foreseen opening 29 May 2024 and foreseen deadline 27 November 2024 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01 TMA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01 TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates	Foreseen opening 29 May 2024 and foreseen deadline 27 November 2024 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01 TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01 Postdoctoral Fellowships - European	Foreseen opening 10 April 2024 and foreseen deadline 11 September 2024 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01 Postdoctoral Fellowships – European)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01 Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global	Foreseen opening 10 April 2024 and foreseen deadline 11 September 2024 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01 Postdoctoral Fellowships – Global)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-SE01-01 Staff Exchanges	Foreseen opening 10 October 2024 and foreseen deadline 5 March 2025 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-SE01-01 Staff Exchanges)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024- COFUND- 01-01 TMA-Cofund Doctoral	Foreseen opening 8 October 2024 and foreseen deadline 6 February 2025 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024- COFUND-01-01 TMA-Cofund Doctoral)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024- COFUND- 01-01 TMA-Cofund Postdoctoral	Foreseen opening 8 October 2024 and foreseen deadline 6 February 2025 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024- COFUND-01-01 TMA-Cofund Postdoctoral)
Research Infrastructures	
Cluster 1 HEALTH	
Destination 1 – Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-STAYHLTH- 01- two-stage	19 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) (First Stage) and 11 April 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 2. Living and working in a health-promoting environment	
HORIZON-HLTH-2024- ENVHLTH- 02-two-stage	19 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) (First Stage) and 11 April 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time

Destination 3. Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden	
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-08	11 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-09	11 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-03-two-stage	19 September 2023 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED) and 11 April 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u>	
<u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u>	
Destination 1: CLIMATE NEUTRAL, CIRCULAR AND DIGITISED PRODUCTION	
HORIZON-CL4-2024-TWIN-TRANSITION-01	7 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-TWIN-TRANSITION-01-TWO-STAGE	7 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 24 September 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 2: INCREASED AUTONOMY IN KEY STRATEGIC VALUE CHAINS FOR RESILIENT INDUSTRY	
HORIZON-CL4-2024-RESILIENCE-01-TWO-STAGE	7 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 24 September 2024 (Second Stage) at 17.00 Brussels time
DESTINATION 3 - WORLD LEADING DATA AND COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES	
HORIZON-CL4-2024-DATA-01	19 March 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
DESTINATION 4 – DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL	
HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01	19 March 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01-CNECT	19 March 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
DESTINATION 5 – DESTINATION – OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN DEVELOPING, DEPLOYING AND USING GLOBAL SPACE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURES, SERVICES, APPLICATIONS AND DATA	
DESTINATION 6 – A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES	

HORIZON-CL4-2024-HUMAN-01	19 March 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility	
Destination - Climate sciences and responses	
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D2-01	18 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (5 topics, HORIZON-CL5-2024-D2-0, IA and RIA)
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D4-01	18 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (3 topics, HORIZON-CL5-2024-D4-01, IA)
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D2-02	5 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D5-01	18 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (18 topics, HORIZON-CL5-2024-D5-01, CSA, RIA and IA)
Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply	
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02	5 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
Destination: Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use	
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D4-01	18 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D4-02	5 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes	
Destination: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods	
<u>Cluster 6</u>	
Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	
HORIZON-CL6-2024- BIODIV-02 2 stage	22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) CLOSED 17 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 2)

Destination 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption	
HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-02 2 stage	22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) CLOSED 17 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 2)
Destination 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors	
HORIZON-CL6-2024- CIRCBIO-02 2 stage	Foreseen deadline stage 1 22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) CLOSED 17 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 2)
Destination 4 – Clean environment and zero pollution	
HORIZON-CL6-2024-ZEROPOLLUTION-02 2 stage	22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) CLOSED 17 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 2)
Destination 5 – Land, oceans and water for climate action	
Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities	
HORIZON-CL6-2024-COMMUNITIES-02 2 stage	22 February 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 1) CLOSED 17 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (STAGE 2)
Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	
Pillar III Innovative Europe	
Mission calls 2023	
WIDERA 2023	
HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-01-01 ERA Chairs	7 March 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time ERA Chairs (HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-01-01)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-07-01 Excellence Hubs	7 March 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time Excellence Hubs (HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-07-01)

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

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 15 February 2024 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
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European Partnerships / ERANET-COFUND	
New transnational joint research call on Nature-Based Solutions for biodiversity, human well-being and transformative change (referred to as BiodivNBS). https://www.biodiversa.eu/2023/06/05/2023-2024-joint-call/	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 is mandatory to participate in the workshop. https://www.biodiversa.eu/2023/06/05/2023-2024-joint-call/ Closing date for pre-registration 10 November 2023 15:00 hrs. (CLOSED) Closing date full application 9 April 2024 15:00 hrs.
European Partnership Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/	Water4All 2023 Joint Transnational Call Pre-announcement Aquatic Ecosystem Services Call opening: 12 September 2023 Deadline for submitting a pre-proposal (compulsory) is 13 November 2023, 15:00 CET. (CLOSED) Deadline for submitting a full proposal is 29 April 2024, 15:00 CET. For more information: https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/partnership-water4all-aquatic-ecosystem-services , https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Water4All_2023JTC_Call_Announcement.pdf and https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/
European partnership ERA4Health https://era4health.eu/	ERA4Health Partnership: Pre-announcement of the Modulation of brain ageing through nutrition and healthy lifestyle (NutriBrain) call 3 November, 2023 Publication of NutriBrain call 15 January, 2024, 16h00 CET Deadline for pre-proposal submission CLOSED 27 March, 2024 Communication of the results of the pre-proposal assessment (invitation for full proposal) 27 May, 2024, 16h00 CEST Deadline for full proposal submission For more information: https://era4health.eu/pre-announcement-of-the-modulation-of-brain-ageing-through-nutrition-and-healthy-lifestyle-nutribraincall/ and
European Partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://www.bluepartnership.eu/	Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) – Second Joint Transnational Co-Funded Call. Closing date for pre-registration 10 April 2024 15:00 hrs. Closing date full application 6 November 2024 15:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20text%20-%20Sustainable%20Blue%20Economy%20Partnership_Def%20%282-2-24%29.pdf and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep-second-joint-transnational-co-funded-call
Joint Technology Initiatives	
Joint Programming Initiatives	
JPI OCEANS https://jpi-oceans.eu/en/about	new JPI Oceans Joint Call on the ecological aspects of deep-sea mining Deadline for submitting pre-proposals - 01.03.2024 Deadline for submitting full proposals - 30.09.2024 View the call for proposals on the website of JPI Oceans: https://jpi-oceans.eu/en/announcement-new-jpi-oceans-joint-call-ecological-aspects-deep-sea-mining

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European Innovation Partnerships	

Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **1 March 2024**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
From 02-10-2023 until 02-04-2024	Deadline submission proposals Globalstars call for projects with Brazil . You can submit your R&D project application for this call for projects between 2 October 2023 and 2 April 2024 at 12:00 BRT / 17:00 CET. https://www.eurekanetwork.org/open-calls/globalstars-brazil-2024
10-04-2024	Deadline for submission Full proposals for Biodiversa+ call - Nature-Based Solutions for biodiversity, human well-being and transformative change (BiodivNBS) . Closing date full application 9 April 2024 15:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversa-call-nature-based-solutions-for-biodiversity-human-well-being-and-transformative-change-biodivnbs
10-04-2024	NEW: Deadline for submission pre-registration Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) – Second Joint Transnational Co-Funded Call . Closing date for pre-registration 10 April 2024 15:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep-second-joint-transnational-co-funded-call and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20text%20-%20Sustainable%20Blue%20Economy%20Partnership_Def%20%282-2-24%29.pdf and https://www.bluepartnership.eu/
29-04-2024	Deadline for Full proposals Joint Transnational Call for research and innovation projects on “Aquatic Ecosystem Services” (Water4All) . Submission deadline of full proposals: 29 April 2024, 15:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/european-partnerships/water4all-water-security-planet and https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2023-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement
From 20-11-2023 until 21-05-2024	Deadline submission proposals Globalstars call for projects with Taiwan . You can submit your R&D project application for this call for projects between 20 November 2023 and 21 May 2024. https://www.eurekanetwork.org/open-calls/globalstars-taiwan-2024
27-05-2023	Deadline submission Full proposals for Modulation of brain ageing through nutrition and healthy lifestyle (NutriBrain) within the European partnership ERA4Health . The deadline for full proposals is 27 May 2024, 16:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/modulation-of-brain-ageing-through-nutrition-and-healthy-lifestyle-nutribrain and https://era4health.eu/
11-06-2024	Foreseen deadline proposals for NL-CGIAR SEP II on enhancing knowledge and innovation for global food and nutrition security . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-nl-cgiar-sep-ii-on-enhancing-knowledge-and-innovation-for-global-food-and-nutrition-security and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/netherlands-cgiar-research-programme and

	https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/netherlands-nl-cgiar-research-programme/senior-expert-programma-sep-cgiar
06-11-2024	NEW: Deadline for submission full applications Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) – Second Joint Transnational Co-Funded Call . Closing date full application 6 November 2024 15:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep-second-joint-transnational-co-funded-call and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20text%20-%20Sustainable%20Blue%20Economy%20Partnership_Def%20%282-2-24%29.pdf and https://www.bluepartnership.eu/
Open until 23-11-2024	Deadline for collection proposal for Open COST Call 2024 . The next collection date will be 23 October 2024 at 12.00 (noon) CEST. The following collection date is expected in Autumn 2025. https://www.cost.eu/funding/open-call-a-simple-one-step-application-process/ and https://www.cost.eu/funding/documents-guidelines/

National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **1 March 2024**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

05-03-2024	Deadline submission proposals call NWO Open Competition Domain Science - XS 2024 . The deadline of the first package is 5 March, 2024 and the deadline of the second package is 14 May, 2024. There are deadlines in total for four packages in 2024. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-call-nwo-open-competition-domain-science-xs-2024 and https://www.nwo.nl/enw-xs-en
12-03-2024	Deadline submission Full proposals Open Mind The NWO Domain Applied and Engineering Sciences (AES) . The deadline for submission is 12th of March 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-mind
12-03-2024	Deadline for submission pre-proposals VICI round 2024 . Deadline mandatory pre-application Tuesday March 12, 2024, 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vici-round-2024-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme
14-03-2024	Deadline submission Full proposals call 'NWA Science Communication' 2024 . Closing date full application 14 March 2024 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nine-awards-for-science-communication-projects and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-science-communication-2024
19-03-2024	Deadline submission Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2024 - round 1 The deadline for the first round is 19 March 2024 . The deadline for the second round is 27 August 2024 and the deadline for the third round is 15 October 2024. Applications for the first round are now open. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/ssh-open-competition-xs-2024-a-call-for-promising-ideas and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2024-round-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202024%20-%20EN.pdf
19-03-2024	Deadline submission full proposals NWO Demonstrator 2024: Empowering new knowledge by demonstration The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday 19 March 2024 at 14:00:00 hours CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/demonstrator-2024 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Demonstrator_CT_2024_NL_final.pdf
21-03-2024	Deadline for submission full applications for Dutch Research Agenda - Research along Routes by Consortia 2023 (NWA-ORC 2023) . Closing date full application 21 March 2024 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwa-call-for-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2023-now-open and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2023-nwa-orc-2023 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/research-along-routes-by-consortia-nwa-orc/nwa-orc-2023/themes
26-03-2024	Deadline for submission of full proposals for the 2023 Talent Scheme Vidi . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/talent-scheme-newsflash-2023-schedule-confirmed
26-03-2024	Deadline for submission Rubicon 2024-1 Science, AES, SSH, ZonM . The deadlines in 2024 are: March 26 , September 3 and December 3. Once the call is open, a link appears at the bottom of this page. In 2024, the budget for each round is approximately 2.47 million euros??. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon
08-04-2024	Deadline for proposals for NWO Hop-On Call for Proposals for Researchers Based in Ukraine: NWO-NRFU Partnership Initiative 2023 NWO and the National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU) join forces in the new "NWO Hop-On Call for Proposals for Researchers Based in Ukraine: NWO-NRFU Partnership Initiative 2023" Applications can be submitted at

	any time from 11 September 2023. The final deadline is 8 April 2024 at 14:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwo-and-nrfu-open-call-for-collaboration-between-dutch-and-ukrainian-researchers and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-hop-on-call-for-researchers-based-in-ukraine
09-04-2024	Deadline for submission for full applications mission-driven call 'City and country in coherence': As part of the Knowledge and Innovation Covenant (KIC) 2020-2023. Deadline applications: April 9, 2024, 14:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-launched-research-on-integrated-approach-to-connect-city-and-country and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/city-and-country-in-coherence
11-04-2024	Deadline submission proposals for call for proposals 'Research Infrastructure (RI): national consortia'. Deadline proposals 11 April 14:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-research-infrastructure-national-consortia and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia If you are planning to submit a proposal as main applicant or involved as co-applicant, please inform Shared Research Facilities - mascha.rasenberg@wur.nl. SRF is responsible for the internal approval process of this call and can inform you about the steps to be taken. Besides, SRF can support you with advice on the proposal, tips and tricks from earlier experiences and the needed own investment.
16-04-2024	Deadline for submitting full applications for call KIC Cybersecurity for digital resilience (PPP call NWO). The deadline for submitting full applications is April 16, 2024, 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-15-million-euros-for-cybersecurity-for-digital-resilience-kic and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-cybersecurity-for-digital-resilience and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWO_Call_for_proposals_Cybersecurity_for_digital_resilience%20%281%29.pdf
16-04-2024	Deadline for submission full application Tackling Global Challenges through Use-inspired Research SDG Scaling Grants. Closing date full application 16 April 2024 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/joint-sdg-research-initiative-programme-launches-follow-up-call and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/tackling-global-challenges-through-use-inspired-research-sdg-scaling-grants
18-04-2024	Deadline for submission of NGF AiNed XS Europe grants. Deadline proposals 18 April 2024 at 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-ained-xs-europe and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-ained-xs-europe-24-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NGF%20AiNed%20XS%20Europe%20EN%202023-2024v1.pdf
14-05-2024	Deadline submission proposals call NWO Open Competition Domain Science - XS 2024. The deadline of the first package is 5 March, 2024 and the deadline of the second package is 14 May, 2024. There are deadlines in total for four packages in 2024. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-call-nwo-open-competition-domain-science-xs-2024 and https://www.nwo.nl/enw-xs-en
16-05-2024	Deadline for submission of proposal Perspectief round 2023/2024 (NWO). Submission of proposal: Tuesday May 16th, 2023 - 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP%20Perspectief%202023-2024%20-%20EN.pdf and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2023/2024
23-05-2024	Deadline for submission Pre-proposals The call 'Smart Materials: From responsive to adaptive' within the Knowledge and Innovation Covenant (KIC) The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 23 May 2024, at 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-for-new-adaptive-materials-opened and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/smart-materials-van-responsief-naar-adaptief and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/screened-English%20version%20of%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20Smart%20Materials%20FINAL_11-12-2023_DEF.pdf
28-05-2024	Deadline for submission of declaration of intend for NWO call for Large-scale Scientific Infrastructure. Submission declarations of intent: May 28, 2024. https://www.nwo.nl/onderzoeksprogrammas/nationale-roadmap-grootschalige-wetenschappelijke-infrastructuur and file:///C:/Users/jonge026/Downloads/NWO-GWINC%202024%20537%20call%20for%20proposals%202024.pdf Please contact Shared Research Facilities (SRF, mascha.rasenberg@wur.nl) if you are coordinating a proposal or are part of a consortium submitting a proposal. SRF coordinates the internal submission procedure including the needed approval of our Executive Board.
06-06-2024	Deadline for submitting full-proposals Open Competition Domain Science-XL The deadline for submitting full proposals is June 6, 2024, before 14:00:00 hours CEST.

	https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-open-competition-domain-science-xl-opened and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl
18-06-2024	Deadline for submitting an application The NWA call 'Behavioural insights for climate policy' The deadline for submitting an application is 18-06-2024, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-28-million-euros-available-for-new-nwa-call-behavioural-insights-for-climate-policy and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/thematic-programming/behavioural-insights-for-climate-policy
Continuously applications until 31-07-2024	Deadline submission of proposals for NWO Open Competition Domain Science - M Applications for the current round (2023/2024) can therefore be submitted until 31 July 2024 at the latest, as long as the maximum number of 420 applications has not yet been reached. The new round, year 2024/2025, will be opened in August 2024, in which applications can again be submitted continuously. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-m-2023/2024 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2023-24_EN_def.pdf
27-08-2024	Deadline submission Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2024 - round 2 The deadline for the first round is 19 March 2024. The deadline for the second round is 27 August 2024 and the deadline for the third round is 15 October 2024. Applications for the first round are now open. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/ssh-open-competition-xs-2024-a-call-for-promising-ideas and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2024-round-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202024%20-%20EN.pdf
03-09-2024	Deadline submission proposals Rubicon 2024-2 ENW, SGW, TTW, ZonMw . The deadlines in 2024 are: March 26, September 3 and December 3. Once the call is open, a link appears at the bottom of this page. In 2024, the budget for each round is approximately 2.47 million euros??. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon
10-09-2024	Deadline for submission Full-proposals VICI round 2024 . Deadline developed applications September 10, 2024, 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vici-round-2024-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme
18-09-2025	Deadline for submitting an application for PHASE 3 NWA-call for research on vulnerability and resilience in an online society . Phase 3: deadline for submitting an application is on September 18 2025, 14:00 CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/publication-call-research-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/thematic-programming/synergy-theme-vulnerability-and-resilience-online-society
24-09-2024	Deadline for submission of full applications for NWO call for Large-scale Scientific Infrastructure . Submission applications: September 24, 2024 . https://www.nwo.nl/onderzoeksprogrammas/nationale-roadmap-grootschalige-wetenschappelijke-infrastructuur and file:///C:/Users/jonge026/Downloads/NWO-GWINC%202024%20537%20call%20for%20proposals%202024.pdf Please contact Shared Research Facilities (SRF, mascha.rasenberg@wur.nl) if you are coordinating a proposal or are part of a consortium submitting a proposal. SRF coordinates the internal submission procedure including the needed approval of our Executive Board.
01-10-2024	Deadline for submission full proposals Dutch Research Agenda - Research along Routes by Consortia 2024 (NWA-ORC 2024) Closing date full application 1 October 2024 14:00 hrs . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwa-call-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2024-now-open and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2024-nwa-orc-2024 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_orc_2024_eng.pdf
08-10-2024	Deadline for submission of NGF AiNed XS Europe grants . Deadline proposals 8 October 2024 at 14:00:00 CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-ained-xs-europe and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-ained-xs-europe-24-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NGF%20AiNed%20XS%20Europe%20EN%202023-2024v1.pdf
From 15-11-2023 until 15-11-2024	Deadline for submitting applications for Thematic Digital Competence Centers Integrated approach for digitalization in science Applications can be submitted from November 15, 2023 until November 15, 2024 at 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-thematic-digital-competence-centers and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/thematic-digital-competence-centers
15-11-2024	Deadline submission Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2024 - round 3 The deadline for the first round is 19 March 2024. The deadline for the second round is 27 August 2024 and

	the deadline for the third round is 15 October 2024 . Applications for the first round are now open. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/ssh-open-competition-xs-2024-a-call-for-promising-ideas and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2024-round-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202024%20-%20EN.pdf
28-11-1024	Deadline for submission Full-proposals The call 'Smart Materials: From responsive to adaptive' within the Knowledge and Innovation Covenant (KIC) The deadline for submitting proposals is 28 November 2024, at 14:00:00 CET.. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-for-new-adaptive-materials-opened and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/screened-English%20version%20of%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20Smart%20Materials%20FINAL_11-12-2023_DEF.pdf
03-12-2024	Deadline submission proposals Rubicon 2024-3 ENW, SGW, TTW, ZonMw . The deadlines in 2024 are: March 26, September 3 and December 3 . Once the call is open, a link appears at the bottom of this page. In 2024, the budget for each round is approximately 2.47 million euros??. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon
Applications from 15-01-2024 until 13-12-2024	Deadline for submission proposals for NWO call for Open Technology Program 2024 . Applications can be submitted from January 15, 2024 to December 13, 2024 via ISAAC, NWO's digital application and reporting system. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2024 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2024 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-technology-programme/2024-change-of-support-letter

Regional calls

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Deadline	Call
From 01-02-2024 to 31-01-2025	Opening for submission of innovation projects ERDF East! The European subsidy program ERDF East 2021-2027 . You can submit your application from February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025 (as long as a budget is available). https://www.efro-oost.eu/innovatieprojecten
From 01-03-2024 to 31-01-2025	Opening for submission of Testing and demonstration facilities ERDF East! The European subsidy program ERDF East 2021-2027 . You can submit your application from March 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025 (as long as a budget is available). https://www.efro-oost.eu/test-en-demonstratieprojecten-2024
From 19-02 to 12-03-2024	Opening 1 for proposals OP-Zuid from February 19, 9:00 AM to April 12, 2024, 5:00 PM . A budget of 25 million euros OPZuid 2021-2027 is available for both openings, equally divided into a smarter Europe and a greener Europe. A total of 50 million euros will be available in 2024. https://www.stimulus.nl/subsidiepot-voor-klimaat-niet-leeg/ and https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/
From 16-09-2024 to 01-11-2024	Opening 2 for proposals OP-Zuid from September 16, 2024 9:00 AM to November 1, 2024 5:00 PM . A budget of 25 million euros OPZuid 2021-2027 is available for both openings, equally divided into a smarter Europe and a greener Europe. A total of 50 million euros will be available in 2024. https://www.stimulus.nl/subsidiepot-voor-klimaat-niet-leeg/ and https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Eastern Netherlands : For for overview calls go to EFRO Oost https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen
2023-2024	EFRO 2021 – 2027 Western Netherlands : For calls Kansen voor West III https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen/
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Northern Netherlands : For calls Northern Netherlands go to Website SNN https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Southern Netherlands : For calls Southern Netherlands go to website Stimulus https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/

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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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