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Upcoming WGO-CVC workshop: EIC Pathfinder - how to prepare a successful application 2 April 2024 15:00-17:00 2024 (22 March 2024)

The Knowledge Transfer Office (CVC) and the Grant Office are jointly organizing a **workshop to introduce you to the EIC Pathfinder funding tool**. This event aims to provide valuable insights and guidance for researchers interested in applying for the EIC Pathfinder funding, while also elucidating how WUR and RVO can assist you throughout the application phase. The next call for EIC Pathfinder Challenges closes on October 16, 2024.

Event Details:

Date: **2nd April**

Time: **15:00 - 17:00**

Location: Wageningen Campus - **Plus Ultra II – Training room**

Agenda:

- An overview of EIC Innovation funding tools (Wout Lamers, RVO)
- Focus on EIC Pathfinder (Wout Lamers, RVO)
- Q&A Session
- Success Story: Journey of a Winning Proposal (Stefano Canziani, Algreen)
- Call to Action: Grant Office and CVC support (Peter Jongebloed & Agata Gulisano)

During this workshop, you will gain a comprehensive understanding of the EIC framework, focusing specifically on the Pathfinder program. Our speakers will delve into what makes a proposal successful and share invaluable tips to enhance your application.

Moreover, you will have the opportunity to interact directly with representatives from the Grant Office, the Value Creation department and RVO, who will guide you on how to access support services and resources offered by both entities.

To secure your spot at the workshop, **please register** using this link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQx0S6TiXyTvsErh7eH2dSaaDaVDJYhhlfO0B2il5tIeQfLQ/viewform?usp=sf_link. Should you have any inquiries or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Does your line of research fall between the five **EIC Pathfinder Challenges of this year**? Then this might be a great opportunity for you!

- Solar-to-X device
- Towards cement and concrete as a carbon sink
- Nature inspired alternatives for food packaging and films for agriculture
- Nanoelectronics for energy-efficient smart edge devices
- strengthening the sustainability and resilience of EU space infrastructure

You can get more info on the Challenges of this year at this [link](#). If you believe this topics align more closely with the research interests of one of your colleagues, please feel free to forward this invitation to them.

Opportunities for Canadian researchers to join ERC teams(22 March 2024)

Source: Website ERC News <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/opportunities-canadian-researchers-join-erc-teams>

Researchers from Canada will continue to be able to join the teams of European Research Council (ERC) grantees under a new agreement.



From left: M. Leptin, ERC President; T. Hewitt, President, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada; S. Ratso, Deputy Director General, DG Research and Innovation, EC; C. Russo, Director, International Cooperation, DG Research and Innovation, EC. © EU

A new 'implementing arrangement' was signed by the European Commission and the Canadian Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS) on 21 March in Brussels.

Thanks to the new agreement, researchers supported by the Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, will be able to temporarily join research teams of ERC grantees. The agreement provides opportunities for **Canada Research Chairholders** <https://www.chairs-chaieres.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx> and the **Banting Postdoctoral Fellows** <https://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/en/home-accueil.html> to pursue research collaborations with their ERC-funded partners.

The parties acknowledged the constructive cooperation so far under a **similar implementing arrangement** https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/press_release/files/ERC-Highlight-Canada-agreement.pdf signed by them on 27 October 2016 and they intend to work together to further intensify their cooperation in the context of the new agreement.

Horizon Europe strategic plan 2025-2027 for research and innovation to underpin journey to a green, digital and resilient future (20 March 2024)

Source: Website EC Press Release https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1572

Today, the Commission has adopted the **second strategic plan for Horizon Europe** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en. The plan, announced at the **flagship Research and Innovation Days** https://assets.ctfassets.net/cdx728z92xkc/rA2WmDmMmqWdgANRPQsny/20ac4c75dcb4c519e387f492f4850be5/e_c_rtd_ri-days-2024-agenda.pdf, sets out three key strategic orientations for EU's research and innovation funding for the last three years of the programme (2025-2027):

- **Green transition;**
- **Digital transition;**
- **A more resilient, competitive, inclusive and democratic Europe.**

These orientations aim to address key global challenges such as climate change, loss of biodiversity, the digital transition and an ageing population. Open strategic autonomy and securing Europe's leading role in developing and deploying critical technologies are overarching principles that apply across all three key strategic orientations. The strategic plan raises the ambition of Horizon Europe on biodiversity and commits to a target of **10% of the Horizon Europe's total budget for 2025-2027 dedicated to biodiversity-related topics**. This new commitment complements **existing targets for climate expenditure** (35% over the lifetime of Horizon Europe) and main digital activities (€13 billion over the same period).

The strategic plan identifies **nine new European co-funded and co-programmed partnerships** <https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/european->

[partnerships-horizon-europe_en](#): Brain Health, Forests and Forestry for a Sustainable Future, Innovative Materials for EU, Raw Materials for the Green and Digital Transition, Resilient Cultural Heritage, Social Transformations and Resilience, Solar Photovoltaics, Textiles of the Future, and Virtual Worlds.

The strategic plan also provides an overview of the **achievement of EU Missions** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe_en over their first years. As a novelty, the strategy plan introduces the New European Bauhaus (NEB) Facility. **The New European Bauhaus** https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/index_en is a pioneering movement that brings citizens, municipalities, experts, businesses, universities and institutions together to reimagine and jointly bring about sustainable and inclusive living in Europe and beyond. Given the cross-cutting nature of the NEB and of its R&I content, the NEB will be implemented as a cross-cluster issue in the Horizon Europe work programmes for 2025-2027. This R&I component will be complemented by a roll-out component that will be delivered through synergies with other EU programmes. Together, these two components will be referred to as the 'NEB Facility'.

The plan addresses a number of specific issues, such as **the balance of research and innovation** and **the integration of social sciences and humanities**. On the former, the strategic plan commits to provide a balanced support to activities with a range of maturity and of technology readiness levels, ranging from knowledge-generating and early-stage research to innovation, to demonstration and first deployment activities, such as in model regions, living labs and lighthouses. **It also commits to strengthen collaborative research projects with low technology readiness levels and maturity levels under Pillar II.**

Effectively integrating social sciences and humanities into all clusters, including all missions and partnerships, is a key principle of the programme. This is reflected by flagging specific topics and requesting an assessment of their societal impact. Social sciences and humanities will be integrated into relevant projects, from their drafting to their selection and evaluation.

For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1572

Other International funding

Five projects starting in Dutch-German programme on green chemistry (21 March 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/five-projects-starting-in-dutch-german-programme-on-green-chemistry>



The programme ‘Electrochemical Materials and Processes for Green Hydrogen and Green Chemistry’ shall work across borders for a sustainable industry. Financed by both Germany and the Netherlands, the five consortia will start their project soon.

Both the Netherlands and Germany have large ambitions on sustainability and large industrial clusters. Cooperation on green industry is therefore logical. By combining our expertise we can cooperate more efficiently. This shared research programme on green hydrogen and green chemistry is an important step.

‘The shared programme offers a lot of advantages’, says Prof. Harry Bitter of Wageningen University & Research (WUR). ‘We focus our research on the conversion of large molecules (starch), while the German group focuses on smaller molecules. Besides that, we had connections with a company(Avebe) that can apply our results in practice, while they have connections to a different company that can make the needed catalysts. This is nice complementary approach.’

One of the five funded projects is led by WUR:

Hydrogen formation assisted by alternative anodic reactions for future electrolyzer concepts: **prof. dr. J.H. Bitter (Wageningen University)**

Read full article with more information about the funded projects here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/five-projects-starting-in-dutch-german-programme-on-green-chemistry>

Projects funded to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (19 March 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/projects-funded-to-accelerate-the-achievement-of-the-sustainable-development-goals>



The SDGs pilot call, endorsed by the Global Research Council (GRC), was launched in 2022 and aims to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the implementation of results from ongoing or recently finalised research and innovation projects to advance knowledge-based achievement of the SDGs. The call has resulted in twelve international projects, with partners from 11 countries. Two of the projects receive funding from NWO.

With this call, the GRC is committed to taking concrete steps towards the achievement of the SDGs through innovative research and actions. Projects are funded through international consortia where researchers together with implementation partners and stakeholders collectively and collaboratively aim to improve research outcomes for societal impact.

The 11 funding councils of the Global Research Council (GRC) participating in this call are Chile (ANID), China (NSFC), Côte d'Ivoire (FONSTI), Kenya (NRF Kenya), Norway (RCN), South Africa (NRF South Africa, Call Secretariat), Switzerland (SNSF), Sweden (FORMAS), Tanzania (COSTECH), The Netherlands (NWO) and Turkey (TÜBİTAK).

One of the two projects funded by NWO is led by WUR:

Metro2SDGs: Advancing and implementing the multifunctional nature-based solutions (NbS) planning tool for metropolis to maximize their contributions to SDGs

Consortium lead: Wei-Shan Chen, Wageningen University & Research (Netherlands)

Read full article with more information about funded here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/projects-funded-to-accelerate-the-achievement-of-the-sustainable-development-goals>

National funding

More than 160 million euros for world-class research (25 March 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/more-than-160-million-euros-for-world-class-research>



Seven consortia with top scientists from various Dutch universities will receive a total of 160.5 million euros. As part of the Gravitation programme, they can carry out pioneering research over the next ten years. Minister Dijkgraaf (OCW) is making this funding available for researchers from one or more disciplines who work together in consortia. This promotes innovation, excellence and international positioning of Dutch research. NWO carried out the selection process for Gravitation.

Psychosis and electricity

Established to stimulate top research in the Netherlands, the Gravitation programme is aimed at scientific consortia that rank among the world's top in their field or have the potential to reach that place. This year, the programme is once again investing heavily in the excellent scientific base from which great innovations can emerge. For example, one consortium will conduct research into the mechanical properties of plants, ultimately to improve crop defences. Another team wants to discover which molecular changes in the brain underlie psychiatric symptoms, such as depression, anxiety and psychosis. Yet another project will work to radically improve the outlook for patients at risk of blindness. A fourth research project focuses on better understanding the (errors in) protein systems in our bodies that can lead to diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cystic fibrosis and haemophilia. Scientists will also work to gain more evidence-based insights into how best to combat crises. The cabinet is also investing in cyber security research and in a research project looking for more efficient ways to deal with electricity.

With Gravitation, the government promotes excellent research in the Netherlands. It is intended for scientific consortia that are among the world's top in their field or have the potential to reach that place. It involves funding from the first flow of funds (directly through the central government). NWO was asked to carry out the selection procedure for Gravitation, which set up an independent committee of top international scientists to do the assessment.

Of the seven consortia is led by WUR:

GreenTE: Green Tissue Engineering: Prof.dr. Dolf (D.) Weijers, Wageningen University & Research

All living organisms are subject to the laws of physics, and are exposed to mechanical forces. These included stresses caused by neighboring cells, but also by pathogens that are trying to invade. The researchers will study how plant cells – with an internal pressure exceeding that in a champagne bottle – perceive mechanical forces, and how such forces control growth, development, and immunity. Armed with this knowledge, the consortium will develop new strategies for improving propagation and immunity in crops.

List with awarded projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/gravitation/projects#expander-2023>

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/more-than-160-million-euros-for-world-class-research>

Now open: call third grant round Mosaic 2.0 (22 March 2024)

Source: website NWO news <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/now-open-call-third-grant-round-mosaic-20>



Since this week, NWO has opened the call for the PhD scholarship programme Mosaic 2.0. The programme is aimed at Dutch migrant graduates and/or children of migrants with a master's degree. The aim is to stimulate the influx of this group into science by funding PhD positions.

The subject of the PhD research is completely free; any research topic can qualify. The candidate is himself an applicant and submits his own preapplication or full application. The application must be accompanied by a supervisor statement and be in agreement with the intended supervisor and daily supervisor. The total budget of this call is 4.3 million euros, of which NWO will fund a maximum of 348 thousand euros per application. NWO expects to award 12 applications in this round.

View the call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/mosaic-20-2024>

Application procedure

Submitting an application is done in two stages; a pre-application and a full application.

The deadline for submitting **pre-applications: 21 May 2024**, at 14:00:00 CEST.

The deadline for **submitting applications: 5 November**, at 14:00:00 CET.

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/now-open-call-third-grant-round-mosaic-20>

New call for Embassy Science Fellows (21 March 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-call-for-embassy-science-fellows>



The Embassy Science Fellows programme (ESF-NL) has launched two successful rounds in 2022 and 2023. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NWO are now looking for 9 new Embassy Science Fellows. This programme is a unique opportunity for researchers to go abroad and contribute to a scientific and/or societal issue from a Dutch embassy or consulate.

ESF-NL offers embassies and consulates access to scientific and technological expertise. Researchers from universities and other Dutch knowledge institutions can contribute to activities that strengthen scientific and diplomatic relations between the Netherlands and the host embassy or consulate. For example, Embassy Science Fellows can be sent to meet foreign researchers, give advice, carry out studies or produce technical reports.

Researchers can apply for a maximum of 1 of the 9 positions for 2024. The selected embassies/consulates are Bangladesh, China, Colombia, France, Ghana, India, Morocco, Vietnam and Singapore. For each fellowship, a maximum of € 25,000 is available and fellows will be posted for 1 to 3 months.

Visit the call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/embassy-science-fellows-2024>

For full article with more information about themes per country: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-call-for-embassy-science-fellows>

Nineteen innovative research projects awarded through Open Competition Domain Science-M programme (21 March 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nineteen-innovative-research-projects-awarded-through-open-competition-domain-science-m-programme>



The NWO Domain Board Science has approved nineteen grant applications in the Open Competition Domain Science-M programme. The topics vary from the consequences of hybridization within sea turtles, mapping wind, clouds and wind stress over the sea, understanding the complexities of the human brain through a cinematic approach, to molecular band aids to stop the bleeding, identifying unknown proteins in cryo-electron microscopy densities using AI, and developing a new technology for a digital calorimeter. M-grants are intended for innovative, high-quality, fundamental research and/or studies involving matters of scientific urgency.

Two projects are awarded to researchers from WUR:

Where and when is water moving in soil? Incorporating spatiotemporal variability of subsurface flows to improve hydrological modelling *Dr Ir Jos van Dam (WUR)*

Are sea turtles saving themselves? *Dr Lysanne Snijders (WUR)*

For full article with an overview of all the granted projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nineteen-innovative-research-projects-awarded-through-open-competition-domain-science-m-programme>

Interview recipients KNAW Ecology fund: from brown mouse birds to 'crop raiders' (20 March 2024)

Source: website KNAW <https://www.knaw.nl/en/news/interview-recipients-knaw-ecology-fund-brown-mouse-birds-crop-raiders>

The Academy's Ecology Fund supports ecological fieldwork within the Netherlands and beyond, and ecological research abroad carried out by young researchers. **Kat Bebbington (Lecturer in Behavioural Ecology, Wageningen University and Research)** and Ronja Knippers (PhD Candidate Human-Wildlife Coexistence, Utrecht University) are two of the researchers who received a grant this year. They talked to us about how the Fund contributes to their research project.

What do you hope to discover in your research/fieldwork?

Kat: 'I hope to find out how group-living birds can maximise the benefit of communal huddling while minimising the risks associated with this behaviour. In lots of different animals, individuals huddle together to keep warm – penguins are a famous example of this behaviour, but it occurs in lots of birds, mammals and even reptiles. While keeping warm is crucial to conserve energy, animals in close contact are at extremely high risk of contracting infectious diseases from others in the group. In this project, I will study communal roosting in speckled mousebirds, a small southern-African bird. I will first explore the link between group size and various health and disease measures, then test whether mousebirds can adapt their behaviour to maximise the energetic benefits and minimise the risk of infection in communal roosts.'

Read full article here: <https://www.knaw.nl/en/news/interview-recipients-knaw-ecology-fund-brown-mouse-birds-crop-raiders>

Eight applications for Scientific Meetings and Consultations awarded by NWO (20 March 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/eight-applications-for-scientific-meetings-and-consultations-awarded-by-nwo>



The aim of this programme is to facilitate academic networks and collaboration in the (inter)national context within the natural and physical sciences, including collaborations with other scientific domains, by means of scientific meetings and consultations. The programme supports the exchange of research and ideas as well as the formation of research communities.

Via this low-threshold instrument, researchers can request support for the organisation of scientific meetings as well as consultations for the formation of new (cross-domain) teams and consortia.

The NWO Domain Science Board decides multiple times per year on the submitted applications. Applications can be submitted continuously, though should be submitted at least three months before the scientific meeting or 1 month before scientific consultation takes place.

Visit the programme page <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/scientific-meetings-and-consultations> for more information.

One of the awarded researchers is Prof. dr. G.C. Angenot (WUR): 'Annual Meeting Experimental Plant Sciences 2024' Start: 8-4-2024

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/eight-applications-for-scientific-meetings-and-consultations-awarded-by-nwo>

Cisca Wijmenga new chair of the Permanent Committee for Large-Scale Research Infrastructure (20 March 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/cisca-wijmenga-new-chair-of-the-permanent-committee-for-large-scale-research-infrastructure>

Prof. Dr. Cisca Wijmenga has been appointed as the new chair of the Permanent Committee on Large-Scale Research Infrastructure (PC-GWI) as of May 1. This was decided by the NWO Executive Board. She takes over from Prof. Dr. Hans van Duijn, who chaired the committee for nine years.

The new chair of the PC-GWI, Cisca Wijmenga, is professor of Human Genetics at the University of Groningen and the University Medical Center Groningen. She was rector magnificus of the university between 2019 and 2023. From 2018 until her appointment as rector, she was a member of the board of ZonMw. From 2007 to 2011, Wijmenga was a member of the NWO Investment Grant Large (its current name is Research Infrastructure: national consortia). In 2015, she was one of the four laureates of the Spinoza Prize. From 2014 to 2018, she was director of BBMRI-NL, the national network of biobanks.

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/cisca-wijmenga-new-chair-of-the-permanent-committee-for-large-scale-research-infrastructure>

Call open: 6.8 million euros available for AiNed ELSA Labs research on human-centred AI (20 March 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-68-million-euros-available-for-ained-elsa-labs-research-on-human-centred-ai>



The NGF AiNed ELSA Labs call for proposals is open. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has brought about rapid changes worldwide in recent years, and its use is linked to a variety of ethical (E), legal (L), social and economic (S) aspects (A). These issues will be explored in the AiNed ELSA Labs, as social embedding and realising economic opportunities must go hand in hand in the development of AI technology.

The AiNed programme focuses on the responsible development and deployment of AI in line with the European approach. New AI technologies and business models anticipate European legislation, are reliable and human-centred, and avoid monopolies.

Aim and background of the programme

The aim of the AiNed ELSA Labs call is to generate knowledge and insights that contribute to methods, techniques and tools for the application of human-centred AI. What is meant by human-centred AI in this context is AI in the service of people and the public good.

The AiNed ELSA Labs focus on research based on specific public and/or private cases in four application areas, the results of which contribute to the above-mentioned purpose. The project proposal for an ELSA Lab shows that ELSA aspects and technology will be studied in conjunction, that AI will be based on public values and human rights, and that frameworks and guidelines for the development of human-centred AI will be tested and (re)developed.

Visit the Call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/national-growth-fund/ained/ngf-ained-elsa-labs>

Areas of application and the economic impact of the research question

Project proposals should fall within one of the selected application areas: (1) health and care, (2) mobility, transport and logistics, (3) technical industry, or (4) energy and sustainability. In this way, ELSA Labs, together with the other AiNed programme components such as Innovation Labs and Learning Communities, will strengthen AI knowledge, innovation and transition in social and economic sectors that are important for the Netherlands

For more information read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-68-million-euros-available-for-ained-elsa-labs-research-on-human-centred-ai>

Insight into Educational Innovation 2024 (19 March 2024)

Source: Website Nationaal Regieorgaan Onderwijsonderzoek (NRO) <https://www.nro.nl/en/calls/insight-into-educational-innovation-2024>

This grant round will fund research projects that foster knowledge and expertise on the working principles of educational innovation in higher education. Lecturers and researchers carry out the research jointly to increase the relevance of the research for educational practice and to the further professionalisation of those involved.

This funding round will fund research projects that foster knowledge and expertise on the working principles of educational innovation in higher education. The studies may focus on existing educational innovations such as completed Comenius projects or innovations that have been locally developed. This funding round does not aim to develop new educational innovations.

In higher education, there is increasing focus and space for innovations in education. Innovation projects are designed in an evidence-informed way where possible and evaluated after completion to determine whether the innovation has

improved education. Such projects are often developed at a single institution. To gain a better understanding of the effective principles of educational innovations, it is important to examine the same innovation in at least two different educational contexts.

In the Call for proposals (2.1) <https://www.nro.nl/sites/nro/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Insight%20into%20educational%20innovation%202024.pdf> you can read about the objectives of the programme.

Who can apply:

Professors, (university), (associate) lecturers at a university, (lecturer) researchers, university lecturers and (associate) lecturers may submit a proposal if they have a paid position for the duration of the project or a tenure track agreement at one of the following organisations:

- Universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- University medical centres;
- Universities of applied sciences, as referred to in Article 1.8(1) of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act.

You are submitting your proposal on behalf of a consortium.

Closing date for statement of intent: 13 June 2024 14:00 hrs.

Closing date full application: 10 September 2024 14:00 hrs.

For call information: <https://www.nro.nl/sites/nro/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Insight%20into%20educational%20innovation%202024.pdf>

Read full article here: <https://www.nro.nl/en/calls/insight-into-educational-innovation-2024>

Call for programme committee members Dutch Caribbean Research Week 2024 (19 March 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-for-programme-committee-members-dutch-caribbean-research-week-2024>



In November 2024, NWO will organise the fourth Dutch Caribbean Research Week (DCRW 2024) on behalf of the Dutch Caribbean research community. This multiday conference will be packed with lectures, (poster) presentations on ongoing research, panel discussions, cultural intermezzi, and networking opportunities.

The Dutch Caribbean Research Week 2024 will be a hybrid conference, to provide access for as many interested participants as possible within and outside the Kingdom of the Netherlands. To account for the time difference, the event will take place in the morning for the Caribbean region and in the afternoon for the Netherlands. Similar to the previous edition, complementary physical networking events will be organised in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom and in the Netherlands.

The Dutch Caribbean Research Week 2024 is scheduled to take place in the first week of November 2024, broadcasted live from the Caribbean. Please click on the button below to get an impression of a previous edition of the Dutch Caribbean Research Week.

Dutch Caribbean Research Week: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/dutch-caribbean-research-week-caribbean-research-spotlight>

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-for-programme-committee-members-dutch-caribbean-research-week-2024>

Call for Sessions for the 5th WINNER Conference 2024 now open! (19 March 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-for-sessions-for-the-5th-winner-conference-2024-now-open>



The Week of Indonesia – Netherlands Education and Research (WINNER) announces its fifth edition, taking place from 24-26 September 2024. This year's conference, themed 'Nurturing Mutually Beneficial Cooperation in Higher Education and Research', marks a significant milestone as it introduces a hybrid format with physical components organised in the Netherlands for the first time.

WINNER 2024 invites educators, researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and the private sector to submit session proposals, especially for the comprehensive programme scheduled on the second day of the conference, 25 September. This call for sessions targets a broad spectrum of topics within fundamental and applied sciences, including natural, social, engineering, health sciences, and humanities. WINNER aims to highlight the importance of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary collaboration, and share insights to address global challenges and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The WINNER organisers encourage submissions for sessions that explore the diverse collaborations between Indonesia and the Netherlands, highlighting their mutual benefits and impacts on society. This is an excellent opportunity to share knowledge, experiences, and visions on bilateral collaboration in the Indonesian-Dutch education and knowledge fields. Sessions can be organised in a hybrid manner, hosting live audiences in the Netherlands and having opportunities for online participation, or entirely online. They will be facilitated on the Ring Central platform (formerly HopIn). The deadline for submission is 2 May 2024. Don't miss your chance to contribute to this vibrant platform for Dutch-Indonesian collaboration in education and research. Submit your session proposal now!

Download call for sessions WINNER 2024 https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/winner_2024_call_for_sessions.docx

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-for-sessions-for-the-5th-winner-conference-2024-now-open>

Become a member of one of the NWO chemistry research community (19 March 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/become-a-member-of-one-of-the-nwo-chemistry-research-community-1>



Have you already become a member of one of the NWO chemistry research community?

NWO has set up four research communities: Chemical Conversion; Chemistry of Life; Chemistry of Materials; Fundamentals & Methods of Chemistry. Register now to stay up to date and to provide input.

Register now

For more information on who is eligible to become a research community member, **check our website** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/research-communities-chemistry>. You can become a member of a research community by **signing up here** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/register-for-research-community-chemistry> for one or at most two chemistry research community.

By submitting your membership you agree that NWO can use your information to inform you and consult you on matters related to NWO, Chemistry and your selected research communities. Your name and affiliation can also be shared with the Round Table Chemistry and the research committees.

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/become-a-member-of-one-of-the-nwo-chemistry-research-community-1>

Become a member of one of the NWO physics research communities (19 March 2024)

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Have you already become a member of one of the NWO physics research communities?

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First call for BioBased Circular projects opened (19 March 2024)

Source: Website Topsector AgriFood <https://topsectoragrifood.nl/nieuws/eerste-oproep-voor-projecten-biobased-circular-geopend/>

The first call for projects within the National Growth Fund Biobased Circular program

<https://www.biobasedcircular.com/> was opened on March 19. BioBased Circular paves the way for the Netherlands to switch to the use of climate-neutral materials. The program is developing a new industry that produces, among other things, plastics, plastics and building materials that can compete with the current ones in terms of properties, attractiveness and price. With one big difference: they exchange fossil carbon compounds for plant-based ones.

A total budget of 10 million euros is available. Projects can be registered within the **format of the MOOI scheme of RVO.nl**.

The call is open to projects in the areas of:

- **Sustainable bio-raw materials:** development of one or more new bio-raw materials for the conversion of chemical building blocks into polymers.

- **New generation building blocks and biopolymers:** development of a new generation of bio-based building blocks (such as polyols, dicarboxylic acids or hydroxycarboxylic acids) and polyesters from them.
- **Circular product design:** (re)design of new products based on bio-based materials for sectors such as construction and interior design, textiles and packaging.

Please note: **pre-registration** of a project is mandatory and is possible until April 18. The final application must be submitted no later than September 5.

Click here for all information about the scheme: <https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/missiegedreven-onderzoek-ontwikkeling-en-innovatie/biobased-circular> (in Dutch)

For call information: <https://www.biobasedcircular.com/>

MIT scheme opening dates (18 March 2024)

Source: Website RVO <https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/mit>

With the SME innovation incentive Region and Top Sectors (MIT), the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate and the provinces stimulate innovations among small and medium-sized businesses across regional borders that contribute to the six knowledge and innovation agendas of the mission-driven top sectors and innovation policy . Your project may also be eligible for MIT funding in 2024.

You can also apply for a subsidy for a small or large collaborative project for the Artificial Intelligence theme. To be eligible for this subsidy, the project must fit within the Artificial Intelligence subtheme of digital Key Technology.

The application periods for the various instruments in 2024 are:

Instrument	Opens	Closes	Submission Desk
Artificial Intelligence	March 19, 2024	May 7, 2024	national
Feasibility projects	April 9, 2024	September 17, 2024	only regionally - not nationally
Knowledge vouchers	April 9, 2024	October 29, 2024	only nationally - not regionally
R&D Collaboration	June 11, 2024	September 17, 2024	regional (nationally only supra-regional projects)

More information

MIT scheme in general: <https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/mit>

Artificial Intelligence scheme: <https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/mit/rd-samenwerkingsprojecten-ai>

Regional funding

Time-traveling Milkman raises Seed investment for future-proof dairy (21 March 2024)

Source: Website OostNL https://oostnl.nl/nl/nieuws/time-travelling-milkman-haalt-seed-investering-op-voor-toekomstbestendige-zuivel?mc_cid=1c30c42887&mc_eid=07b5007d20

March 21, 2024

Foodtech company Time-traveling Milkman has raised 850,000 euros in financing. With the financing, the Wageningen company strengthens the team, scales up production and accelerates the market introduction of their main product Oleocream. The investment comes from new investor Alianza Team and existing shareholders Oost NL, SHIFT Invest and Oterap. The capital injection follows an earlier investment in the company in 2021.

Time-traveling Milkman (TTM), a spin-off from Wageningen University & Research (WUR), has the ambition to change the dairy and vegetable oil industry. The company is introducing Oleocream, which consumer brands can use to make their products tastier.

For more information: https://oostnl.nl/nl/nieuws/time-travelling-milkman-haalt-seed-investering-op-voor-toekomstbestendige-zuivel?mc_cid=1c30c42887&mc_eid=07b5007d20 (in Dutch)

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

Republic of Korea to join Horizon Europe programme (25 March 2024)

Source: Website EC https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1701

Korea will join the growing group of countries associated to Horizon Europe, the EU research and innovation programme.

Today, Iliana **Ivanova**, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, and Lee Jong Ho, Korean Minister for Science and Information and Communication Technology concluded negotiations on Korea's association, marking a significant milestone in our commitment to foster mutual collaboration in research and innovation. The signing of the Association Agreement is expected to take place in the second half of 2024, pending the completion of all necessary ratification procedures on both sides. This will enable Korea's participation in Horizon Europe as of 2025.

Once signed, researchers and organisations in Korea will be able to receive funding under Pillar II of the Horizon from 2025 onwards. Pillar II is the largest collaborative part of the programme, which is primarily focused on shared global challenges: climate, energy, digital economy, and health, with a budget of €53.5 billion.

The association to Horizon Europe is a key instrument **of Europe's global approach to cooperation in research and innovation** https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_2465 in an increasingly changing and volatile world. It reconfirms the EU commitment to driving excellence, pooling resources for faster scientific progress, developing vibrant innovation ecosystems and promoting global openness that is also strategic and reciprocal.

Association to the EU's Horizon Europe is the closest form of international cooperation in science and technology between the EU and a non-EU country. Traditionally, this form of cooperation was offered by the Union to countries in its geographic proximity. However, the Horizon Europe programme introduced a major change of the approach towards international research and innovation cooperation, introducing for the first time the possibility of association of like-minded countries with a strong science, innovation, and technology profile, not necessarily located in the geographic proximity of the EU.

Cooperation between the EU and the Republic of Korea in research and innovation is governed by the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation, which entered into force in 2007, and is monitored and guided by the Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

Korea formally expressed its interest to associate to Horizon Europe by submitting a Letter of Intent during the 7th meeting of the Joint Science & Technology Cooperation Committee that took place in Seoul on 14 February 2022.

Read full article here: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1701

Industry, researchers and citizens must work together for impactful knowledge valorization (21 March 2024)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/industrie-onderzoekers-en-burgers-moeten-samenwerken-voor-impactvolle-kennisvalorisatie>

Co-creation between industry, academia and citizens is fundamental for impactful knowledge valorization. The Commission states this in its two recommendations regarding knowledge valorization. In the Codes of Practice,

the Commission encourages member states to promote interdisciplinary collaboration in and with the knowledge field and to involve citizens in valorization initiatives.



Collaboration between industry and academia is crucial

The Commission has published two new Codes of Practice, aimed at improving the valorization of knowledge through collaboration between industry and academia <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-7263-2024-INIT/en/pdf> and the involvement of citizens <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-7260-2024-INIT/en/pdf>. One of the recommendations focuses on industry and academia. In particular, co-creation between industry and academia is considered crucial to apply innovative solutions and jointly develop new technologies, products and services to address societal challenges. It also encourages member states to promote interdisciplinary collaboration in and with organizations from the knowledge field. The European Strategy for Universities, the New European Innovation Agenda and the Centers of Vocational Excellence are mentioned as workable initiatives that enable collaboration between industry and knowledge and educational institutions. The Commission advocates, among other things, the use and promotion of supporting infrastructures for successful collaborations. The activities surrounding knowledge valorization should therefore take place within the framework of Open Science, so that results and knowledge can be easily shared between stakeholders.

Knowledge valorization must meet the needs of citizens

The second Code of Practice focuses on citizen involvement and advocates strengthening ties between research institutes and social actors. Citizen involvement is part of co-creation, as a way to better respond to the needs of society. According to the recommendation, valuable citizen participation can be stimulated by creating accessible structures and incentives within knowledge ecosystems that citizens have access to, such as citizen participation programs and prizes at local level. The Commission emphasizes the transparency of these structures, so that citizens actually gain confidence in the political system.

Read full article here: <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/industrie-onderzoekers-en-burgers-moeten-samenwerken-voor-impactvolle-kennisvalorisatie> (in Dutch)

The EU and Switzerland can start negotiating the Horizon Europe association (21 March 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 21 March 2024

The European Council has approved the European Commission's negotiating mandate for the negotiations with Switzerland. The negotiations concern a broad package of measures to strengthen bilateral relations between the EU and Switzerland, including Switzerland's possible association with Horizon Europe. Furthermore, it mainly concerns measures relating to the internal market. Negotiations are expected to start shortly.

Press release European Council: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/03/12/eu-switzerland-council-adopts-mandate-for-negotiations-on-future-relationship/>

European Commission publishes two papers on the importance of R&I (21 March 2024)

Source: Website EC

Last week the European Commission published a paper on the importance of investing in research and innovation for the EU. The paper explores the potential of R&I for a more competitive, greener and fairer Europe. In addition, the Commission published a paper on the effects of long-term investments in R&I.

First paper why to invest in R&I: <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/e830b15b-e4db-11ee-8b2b-01aa75ed71a1/language-en#>

This paper provides a rationale on why investing in research and innovation (R&I) matters for Europe. It describes the potential of R&I to strengthen EU's competitiveness, support a green and sustainable future, and build a fair European society. EU's R&I performance is presented, of which the R&I investments compared to global peers, EU's main strengths and weaknesses and EU's added value. The paper also highlights the importance of well-designed R&I policies, integral of the overall policy design and provides pathways to strengthen current public and private efforts to reap the full potential of R&I.

Second paper he added value of European investments in research and innovation:

<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/66e846db-e4eb-11ee-8b2b-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-310304880>

Since 1984, the European Union (EU) invests in research and innovation (R&I) through the EU Framework Programmes (FP). This study sheds light on the added value of these long-term investments. To do so, the paper reviews the historical evolution of the FPs, presents the economic rationales for public financing of R&I, and explains the advantages of performing such efforts at the EU level beyond the actions of individual Member States. The study supports its claims with empirical evidence showing how EU R&I funding has boosted economic growth, created jobs, and advanced research and innovation in the EU. Furthermore, a set of case studies on FP success stories are showcased.

Futures of green skills and jobs in Europe in 2050: Scenarios and policy implications (20 march 2024)

Source: Website EC <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/2f2543c2-c4b5-11ee-95d9-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-309108964>

The European Green Deal aims to make Europe climate-neutral by 2050, boost the economy through green technology, create sustainable industry and transport, and cut pollution. The green transition is seen as a game changer in the EU labour market alongside digitalisation and automation. Skill needs will change with impacts far beyond the key occupations driving them, affecting all economic sectors. To get a better grasp on potential future outcomes, and better anticipate their potential policy implications, a set of future scenarios has been developed around the prospects for green technological leadership and socio-technical transition in Europe. R&I policy implications have been drawn from those scenarios.

Download report here: <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/2f2543c2-c4b5-11ee-95d9-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-309108964>

Commission takes action to boost biotechnology and biomanufacturing in the EU (20 March 2024)

Source: Website EC https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1570

Today, the Commission has proposed a series of **targeted actions to boost biotechnology and biomanufacturing in the EU. The Communication on Building the future with nature** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/document/download/47554adc-dffc-411b-8cd6-b52417514cb3_en identifies the challenges and barriers and proposes to tackle them, in line with the **Communication on the long-term competitiveness of the EU** https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1668.

The advances in life sciences, supported by digitalisation and artificial intelligence (AI), and the potential of solutions based on biology to solve societal issues, make biotechnology and biomanufacturing one of the **most promising technological areas of this century**. They can help the EU to **modernise its agriculture, forestry, energy, food and feed sectors and industry**. In addition, these technologies can contribute to a more competitive and resilient EU, that provides better healthcare to its citizens, and succeeds in its green and digital transitions.

Reaping the benefits of the biotechnology and biomanufacturing sector

The EU biotechnology and biomanufacturing sector is facing several challenges: research and technology transfer to the market, regulatory complexity, access to finance, skills, value chain obstacles, intellectual property, public acceptance and economic security.

Read full press release here: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1570

European Innovation Agenda on the move: Commission presents progress on actions supporting home-grown innovation (20 March 2024)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/european-innovation-agenda-move-commission-presents-progress-actions-supporting-home-grown-2024-03-20_en&pk_campaign=rt_d_news

Less than two years after its launch, the **New European Innovation Agenda** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/support-policy-making/shaping-eu-research-and-innovation-policy/new-european-innovation-agenda_en (NEIA) is in full swing. **According to a report** <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/a879719c-e4ec-11ee-8b2b-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-310304319> published today by the Commission, 13 out of 25 actions have been completed while another 12 are ongoing. This ambitious agenda aims at boosting deep tech innovation and untapping innovation potential in Europe through a variety of actions in five flagship areas and with a central role of the European Innovation Council (EIC), as well as the European Institute for Innovation and technology (EIT).

Key deliverables include:

- **new Directives proposed in access to finance for scale-ups and SMEs** (Listing Act and Debt Equity Bias Reduction Allowance). These will allow innovative companies to be listed more easily in stock markets and encourage them to use equity financing, instead of debt financing
- **actions to attract institutional investors** (such as pension funds and insurance companies) in scale-up venture capital funds. This will increase the amount of capital that venture capital funds can invest in innovative companies
- **initiatives to promote innovation procurement and experimentation spaces** (such as regulatory sandboxes). These will provide additional support to innovative companies and help them in the regulatory process
- **the reinforcement of innovation ecosystems and addressing the innovation divide** through the development of innovation-oriented networks of regions (Regional Innovation Valleys, see below), and of Universities (Erasmus Plus Alliances for Innovation). Furthermore, the EIC will support a new network of promising scale-ups to accelerate their growth (EIC Scale-up 100 Club)
- **skills development** through the Deep Tech Talent Initiative of the EIT (European Institute of Innovation and Technology), where 1 million people will receive training opportunities in Europe; or the **Innovation Talent Pool platform** <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/euraxess/innovation-talent-platform>, that will facilitate mobility of skilled individuals towards and within Europe through international recruitment

For more information: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/european-innovation-agenda-move-commission-presents-progress-actions-supporting-home-grown-2024-03-20_en&pk_campaign=rt_d_news

Guidelines on the responsible use of generative AI in research developed by the European Research Area Forum (20 March 2024)

Source: Website EC News https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/guidelines-responsible-use-generative-ai-research-developed-european-research-area-forum-2024-03-20_en&pk_campaign=whatsnew_newsletter

The Commission, together with the European Research Area countries and stakeholders, has put forward a set of **guidelines** to support the European research community in their responsible use of generative artificial intelligence (AI).

With the rapid spread of the use of this technology in all domains including in science, these recommendations address key opportunities and challenges. Building on the principles of research integrity, they offer guidance to researchers, research organisations, and research funders to ensure a coherent approach across Europe. The principles framing the new guidelines are based on existing frameworks such as the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity <https://allea.org/code-of-conduct/> and the **guidelines on trustworthy AI** <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/ethics-guidelines-trustworthy-ai>.

AI is transforming research, making scientific work more efficient and accelerating discovery. While generative AI tools offer speed and convenience in producing text, images and code, researchers must also be mindful of the technology's limitations, including plagiarism, revealing sensitive information, or inherent biases in the models.

Key takeaways from the guidelines include:

- **Researchers** refrain from using generative AI tools in sensitive activities such as peer reviews or evaluations and use generative AI respecting privacy, confidentiality, and intellectual property rights.
- **Research organisations** should facilitate the responsible use of generative AI and actively monitor how these tools are developed and used within their organisations.
- **Funding organisations** should support applicants in using generative AI transparently

Read full article here: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/guidelines-responsible-use-generative-ai-research-developed-european-research-area-forum-2024-03-20_en&pk_campaign=whatsnew_newsletter

Global policy

US: White House wants additional funding for science and innovation in 2025 budget proposal (21 March 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 21 March 2024

US President Biden has proposed an increase in federal spending on science and innovation for the 2025 budget year. The proposal calls for an additional \$10.2 billion for the National Science Foundation, including for the priorities of the CHIPS and Science Act (2 billion), climate research (1.4 billion) and infrastructure for large-scale research projects (300 million). However, Nature is skeptical about the proposal and fears that many proposals will die in negotiations with the Republicans. NextGov has written about the tech proposals in the budget.

Press release US Department of Commerce: <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2024/03/president-bidens-fiscal-year-2025-budget-would-strengthen-commerce>

Article NextGov: <https://www.nextgov.com/policy/2024/03/bidens-167-trillion-budget-boosts-tech-ai/394841/>

Article Nature: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-024-00340-0>

ITIF: China threatens to overtake US in investments in robotics (21 March 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 21 March 2024

It is only a matter of time before Chinese companies become leading innovators in robotic innovation. This is stated by the think tank Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF) in an analysis. According to the think tank, it is likely only a matter of time before Chinese robotics companies catch up. “The United States invented robotics but, like so many other industries, has lost its leadership to foreign competitors,” said Robert D. Atkinson, president of ITIF and author of the report. “Companies in many other countries were willing to invest for the long term. Now America will not recover its robotics industry if most of the demand for robotics is outside the US, especially as China catches up.”

Publication ITIF: <https://itif.org/publications/2024/03/11/china-is-close-to-leading-in-robotics-innovation-new-itif-analysis-finds/>

ISC: International framework must make science more resilient to crises (21 March 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 21 March 2024

At the UNESCO Symposium 'Rebuilding Scientific Ecosystem in Ukraine', Vivi Stavrou of the International Science Council (ISC) called for work on a global framework to protect science in times of crisis. There she launched the report 'Protecting Science in Times of Crisis'. According to the ISC, crises of all kinds (wars, natural disasters and epidemics) can completely disrupt communities and economies, resulting in a long period of recovery. “Amid these challenges, science and international scientific cooperation have proven invaluable,” the ISC said. “There is currently no global framework to understand the needs of science systems in terms of resilience in the face of a crisis and rebuilding the system after the crisis.” The publication brings together other lessons from the past. ISC speaks of a first step towards a 'more effective, joint and predictable approach for the protection and reconstruction of scientific systems'.

Publication ISC: <https://council.science/current/blog/putting-science-on-the-agenda-for-post-crisis-recovery/>

Expert: AI unleashes new golden age of scientific discoveries (21 March 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 21 March 2024

We are on the cusp of a new golden age of scientific discovery, powered by AI. This was said by researcher and co-founder of Google Deepmind Demis Hassabis during a conference in Brussels attended by many experts and European Commissioner Vera Jourová. In the article on University World News, Hassabis explains the application of AI in his field and expands the possibilities. “AI makes it possible to find solutions that would normally take millions of years of experimentation,” he said. “We see a revolution in biology, but AI will also cause revolutions in chemistry, physics, mathematics.” Nobel Prize winner Ben Feringa was also present and agreed with the enormous potential of AI. However, he told the audience that critical thinking in science is a prerequisite for the good use of AI.

Article University World News: <https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20240308135103305>

National policy

Dijkgraaf warns of the consequences of scaling back science investments (21 March 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 21 March 2024

Minister Dijkgraaf warns that rolling back investments in research and science could have major consequences. This can be read in a written consultation about the distribution of research and educational resources. In this letter, GL-PvdA and D66 asked for insight into the effects of the cuts on, among other things, research, education, the cancellation of the National Growth Fund (NGF) and the Scientific Research Fund (FWO), as included in the election programs from different parties. For example, Dijkgraaf warns that abolishing the Growth Fund will further complicate achieving the Lisbon target (to invest 3% of GDP in R&D). He also refers to research by Rabobank, which warns of a major negative impact on economic growth. "In the future, such projects will take place to a lesser extent in the Netherlands, resulting in a lack of new companies, innovations and jobs," said the minister. Abolishing the Growth Fund could have major consequences for large-scale research infrastructure projects such as the Einstein Telescope and the Biotech Booster. ScienceGuide has written an article about the consultation.

Written consultation: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/kamerstukken/2024/03/11/reactie-op-schriftelijke-overleg-naar-aanleiding-van-de-reactie-op-de-motie-van-der-woude-van-der-graaf-over-in-de-technologiestrategie-een-analyse-maken-van-de-verdeling-van-onderzoeks-en-onderwijsmiddelen> (in Dutch)

Article ScienceGuide: <https://www.scienceguide.nl/2024/03/vvd-plannen-voor-wetenschap-zorgen-voor-verarming-waarschuwt-dijkgraaf/> (in Dutch)

Elsevier: 'The Netherlands is a champion in international research collaboration' (21 March 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 21 March 2024

The Netherlands is a champion of international collaboration, and it is these cross-border partnerships that are crucial for the exceptional impact of Dutch science worldwide. This is the conclusion of Elsevier in a report on international research collaboration, with the Netherlands as an example. Dutch publications in particular in which researchers collaborate internationally score far above the world average in terms of impact. Interim UNL chairman Jouke de Vries calls on politicians to be careful with internationalization in response to the report. "This research by Elsevier makes it clear that Dutch universities are among the top in the world," says De Vries. "Radically limiting the influx of international students and making science less international would have major negative consequences. Then the Dutch universities will no longer play in the Premier League!"

Publication Elsevier: <https://www.elsevier.com/connect/the-impact-of-internationalization-on-research-performance>

Article HOP/U-Today: <https://www.utoday.nl/news/73960/nederlandse-wetenschap-dankt-toppositie-aan-internationale-samenwerking> (in Dutch)

Growth fund on pause for the time being (21 March 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 21 March 2024

The Growth Fund is going on hiatus. The fourth round for financing applications was supposed to start on June 1, but will not take place for the time being. Minister Adriaansens took this decision after the House of Representatives rejected two motions on the National Growth Fund last Tuesday. "This is a disappointment for all companies that have invested a lot of time and effort in developing a proposal," said Adriaansens. Employer organizations VNO-NCW and MKB Nederland are disappointed and call the billions from the fund 'crucial'. Applicants from the first three rounds will definitely receive the conditional allocations. The cabinet will donate 777.4 million euros to ten National Growth Fund projects. These are projects that have previously received financing, but had to further substantiate their proposal in order to qualify for the next part of financing. The award follows a positive assessment from the Growth Fund's advisory committee. In addition, a number of these projects will be awarded a conditional contribution from the Growth Fund.

Press release from the Dutch government: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2024/03/15/groen-licht-voor-de-volgende-fase-van-tien-nationaal-groeifondsprojecten> (in Dutch)

Letter to Parliament from Minister Adriaansens: <https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/e4e57d30-3fff-488f-8cb4-612b79d74a29/file> (in Dutch)

Article NOS: <https://nos.nl/artikel/2513441-voortbestaan-nationaal-groEIFonds-nog-onzeker-werkgevers-teleurgesteld> (in Dutch)

News item National Growth Fund: <https://www.nationaalgroEIFonds.nl/actueel/nieuws/2024/03/20/vierde-ronde-uitgesteld-naar-aanleiding-van-stemronde-in-tweede-kamer> (in Dutch)

Safety of scientists worldwide under pressure (19 March 2024)

Source: Website Rijksoverheid <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2024/03/19/veiligheid-van-wetenschappers-wereldwijd-onder-druk>

The safety of scientists worldwide is under great pressure. From intimidation in the workplace, threats to even prosecution and attacks: scientists can face it. More action is therefore needed worldwide to allow scientists to do their work in freedom and safety. Moreover, more needs to be done to better map the problem. This is evident from a new research report by Professor Janneke Gerards, which is presented today by the UN organization UNESCO in Paris. Minister Dijkgraaf of Education, Culture and Science commissioned the study, which together with UNESCO has set up a program to increase the safety of scientists.

The research by Gerards (Utrecht University) that is announced today is part of that global program. She examined all internationally known data on this subject. The conclusions of the study are not rosy. Physical violence, social insecurity, sexual harassment, persecution by governments, the withdrawal of research funds, threats on social media: there is great insecurity for scientists worldwide.

Up to forty percent of scientists who conduct climate research have been threatened at some point. The same applies to scientists who conducted research into COVID-19," says Gerards. "Those kinds of threats mean that scientists do not dare to publish their research, practice self-censorship, or even give up. Female scientists and scientists from certain minority groups are at particular risk." The research was carried out on behalf of Minister Dijkgraaf, who, together with UNESCO, has set up a program to increase the safety of scientists.

Read full article here: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2024/03/19/veiligheid-van-wetenschappers-wereldwijd-onder-druk> (in Dutch)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 26 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-MSCA2024-DN-01-01 TMA Doctoral Networks	Foreseen opening 29 May 2024 and foreseen deadline 27 November 2024 (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01 TMA Doctoral Networks</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01 TMA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates	Foreseen opening 29 May 2024 and foreseen deadline 27 November 2024 (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01 TMA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01 TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates	Foreseen opening 29 May 2024 and foreseen deadline 27 November 2024 (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01 TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01 Postdoctoral Fellowships - European	Foreseen opening 10 April 2024 and foreseen deadline 11 September 2024 (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01 Postdoctoral Fellowships – European</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01 Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global	Foreseen opening 10 April 2024 and foreseen deadline 11 September 2024 (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01 Postdoctoral Fellowships – Global</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-SE01-01 Staff Exchanges	Foreseen opening 10 October 2024 and foreseen deadline 5 March 2025 (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2024-SE01-01 Staff Exchanges</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024- COFUND-01-01 TMA-Cofund Doctoral	Foreseen opening 8 October 2024 and foreseen deadline 6 February 2025 (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2024- COFUND-01-01 TMA-Cofund Doctoral</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024- COFUND-01-01 TMA-Cofund Postdoctoral	Foreseen opening 8 October 2024 and foreseen deadline 6 February 2025 (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2024- COFUND-01-01 TMA-Cofund Postdoctoral</i>)
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-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	
DESTINATION 4 – DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL	
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	

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	

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 26 March 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

European Partnerships / ERANET-COFUND	
European Partnership Agroecology	<p>1ST CO-FUNDED CALL OF THE AGROECOLOGY PARTNERSHIP "FOSTERING AGROECOLOGY AT FARM AND LANDSCAPE LEVELS" THE CALL IS OPEN</p> <p>THE RECORDINGS AND SLIDES OF THE WEBINAR CAN BE FOUND HERE: HTTPS://FZ-JUELICH.SCIEBO.DE/S/ITWWA2NDTC1KHGS</p> <p>For all call information: https://agroecology.ptj.de/call1 The deadline for pre-proposals is 26 April 2024 6, 14:00h CEST. The deadline for full proposal submission is 19 September 2024, 14:00h CEST.</p>
European Partnership Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/	<p>Water4All 2023 Joint Transnational Call Pre-announcement Aquatic Ecosystem Services</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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/</p>
European partnership ERA4Health https://era4health.eu/	<p>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</p> <p>For more information: https://era4health.eu/pre-announcement-of-the-modulation-of-brain-ageing-through-nutrition-and-healthy-lifestyle-nutribraincall/ and</p>
European Partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://www.bluepartnership.eu/	<p>Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) – Second Joint Transnational Co-Funded Call.</p> <p>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</p>
Joint Technology Initiatives	
Joint Programming Initiatives	
JPI OCEANS https://jpi-oceans.eu/en/about	<p>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</p>

	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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A healthy diet for a healthy life (HDHL): http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/ • Agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE): http://www.facejpi.com/ • Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR): http://www.jpiamr.eu/ • Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU): http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home • Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans): http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/ • More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL): http://www.jp-demographic.eu/ • Neurodegenerative Disease/Alzheimer's (JPND): http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/ • Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions (Urban Europe): http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/ • Water challenges for a changing world (Water-JPI): http://www.waterjpi.eu/ • Cultural Heritage a Challenge for Europe (Cultural Heritage): http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/

Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **26 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	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/
26-04-2024	Deadline submission pre-proposals 1ST CO-FUNDED CALL OF THE AGROECOLOGY PARTNERSHIP "FOSTERING AGROECOLOGY AT FARM AND LANDSCAPE LEVELS" . The deadline for pre-proposals is 2024 April 26, 14:00h CEST. https://agroecology.ptj.de/call1 and HTTPS://FZ-JUELICH.SCIEBO.DE/S/ITWWA2NDTC1KHGS
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
19-09-2024	Deadline submission Full proposals 1ST CO-FUNDED CALL OF THE AGROECOLOGY PARTNERSHIP "FOSTERING AGROECOLOGY AT FARM AND LANDSCAPE LEVELS" The deadline for full proposal submission is 2024 September 19, 14:00h CEST. https://agroecology.ptj.de/call1 and HTTPS://FZ-JUELICH.SCIEBO.DE/S/ITWWA2NDTC1KHGS
06-11-2024	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 **26 March 2024**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

08-04-2024	Deadline for proposals for NWO Hop-On Call for Proposals for Researchers Based in Ukraine: NWO-NRFU Partnership Initiative 2023 <i>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"</i> 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 <i>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.</i>
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

	<p>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</p>
18-04-2024	<p>NEW: Deadline pre-registration BioBased Circular projects. Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM Start pre-registration Thursday, April 18, 2024 5:00 PM Pre-registration end date. https://www.biobasedcircular.com/nieuws/eerste-oproep-voor-projecten-opent-op-19-maart/ and https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/missiegedreven-onderzoek-ontwikkeling-en-innovatie/biobased-circular and https://topsectoragrifood.nl/nieuws/eerste-oproep-voor-projecten-biobased-circular-geopend/</p>
25-04-2024	<p>Deadline submission pre-proposals KIC call 'Antimicrobials for the preclinical pipeline' The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 25 April 2024, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-for-research-on-antimicrobials and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-antimicrobials-for-the-preclinical-pipeline and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWO-VWS%20partnerschap%20calltekst_EN_final.pdf</p>
14-05-2024	<p>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</p>
14-05-2024	<p>NEW: Deadline for applications for Embassy Science Fellows 2024. The application deadline is May 14 2024, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-call-for-embassy-science-fellows and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/embassy-science-fellows-2024 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/embassy_science_fellows_2024_-_call_for_proposals_in_het_engels.pdf</p>
16-05-2024	<p>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</p>
21-05-2024	<p>NEW: Deadline for submission pre-applications third call PhD scholarship programme Mosaic 2.0. The deadline for submitting pre-applications: 21 May 2024, at 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/now-open-call-third-grant-round-mosaic-20 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/mosaic-20-2024 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals_Moza%C3%AFek%202.0%202024%20DEF_0.pdf</p>
23-05-2024	<p>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</p>
28-05-2024	<p>Deadline for submission of declaration of intent 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.</p>
06-06-2024	<p>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</p>
18-06-2024	<p>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</p>
Continuously applications	<p>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</p>

until 31-07-2024	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
05-09-2024	NEW: Deadline Final Applications BioBased Circular projects . The final application must be submitted no later than Thursday September 5, 2024. 5:00 PM. https://www.biobasedcircular.com/nieuws/eerste-oproep-voor-projecten-opent-op-19-maart/ and https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/missiegedreven-onderzoek-ontwikkeling-en-innovatie/biobased-circular and https://topsectoragrifood.nl/nieuws/eerste-oproep-voor-projecten-biobased-circular-geopend/
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
01-10-2024	Deadline submission full proposals KIC call 'Antimicrobials for the preclinical pipeline' . The deadline for submitting applications is 1 Oktober 2024, before 14:00:00 CEST https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-for-research-on-antimicrobials and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-antimicrobials-for-the-preclinical-pipeline and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWO-VWS%20partnerschap%20calltekst_EN_final.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
05-11-2024	NEW: Deadline for submission full-applications third call PhD scholarship programme Mosaic 2.0 . The deadline for submitting applications: 5 November, at 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/now-open-call-third-grant-round-mosaic-20 and

	https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/mosaic-20-2024 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals_Moza%C3%AFek%202.0%202024%20DEF_0.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
28-11-2024	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/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
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

This list is a selection of regional calls. The list was compiled on **26 March 2024**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

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-leege/ 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-leege/ 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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