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European Funding News: Horizon Europe and FP10

European Commissioner Ivanova: EU needs private resources to adequately finance R&I (18 April 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 April 2024

The EU must look to private resources to close the gap in research and innovation funding, currently estimated at €100 billion per year. This is what European Commissioner Ivanova said in an interview with Euractiv. “It is clear that Horizon Europe, with €100 billion for seven years, has no way to fill a deficit of €100 billion per year,” Ivanova said. The European Commissioner refers to the United States, where the risk financing market is six to seven times larger than in the EU. Ivanova also says she is 'disappointed' with the decision of the member states to cut 2.1 billion euros from Horizon Europe. “I have often said that I am not particularly happy about this, but I understand that the big picture required decisions where we had to fund pressing issues.”

Interview Euractiv: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/economy-jobs/interview/bulgarian-commissioner-to-adequately-finance-rd-the-eu-needs-private-capital/>

Commission adds extra €1.4B to EU research spending this year (18 April 2024)

Source: website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/commission-adds-extra-eu14b-eu-research-spending-year>

Changes to Horizon Europe’s 2023/24 work programme will see new calls to Pillar 2 and a top-up for Missions, while fresh life is breathed into the New European Bauhaus



Berlaymont building, headquarter of the European Commission, Brussels, Belgium. Photo credits: Bogdan Hoyaux / European Union

The European Commission is adding €1.4 billion to the Horizon Europe research programme this year, in latest amendment to 2023 and 2024 spending plans.

The money will be handed out to researchers through the controversial Horizon Europe Missions, and in four new bottom-up calls in Pillar 2 and a new partnership for pandemic preparedness, among others. This amendment brings the EU’s total Horizon Europe spending in 2024 to €7.3 billion.

But this isn’t more money for Horizon Europe as a whole. The amended work programmes mainly roll out the previously planned investment in EU Missions, which was held back because of negotiations between the Commission and member states on their implementation, following an initial assessment in July 2023 of how the Missions were progressing.

As part of the negotiations, EU member states also secured a separate funding mechanism within Horizon Europe for the **New European Bauhaus**. Here's <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/missions/no-more-new-european-bauhaus-mission> how that transpired in November. The original 2023/24 work programmes were adopted on 3 December 2022 and first amended in March 2023. They outline Horizon Europe's calls for proposals, their budget and scope.

Horizon Europe's total budget for seven years currently amounts to €93.5 billion. It was originally €95.5 billion, but back in January EU **member states diverted** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/horizon-europe-budget-be-cut-eu21b-defence-research-gets-eu15b-boost> €2.1 billion to more pressing issues, such as aid to Ukraine. Since then, €100 million has been clawed back from unspent Horizon Europe funds, the so-called decommitments.

This latest amendment is, most likely, the last one to the current set of work programmes before a new set of documents that cover spending from next year is adopted by the new European Commission in early 2025.

For more information: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/commission-adds-extra-eu14b-eu-research-spending-year>

Commission allocates additional €10 million to support researchers from Ukraine under Horizon Europe (18 April 2024)

Source: Website EC https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_24_2147

The Commission has topped up the budget of the MSCA4Ukraine initiative, set up to support researchers forced to flee Ukraine, with an additional €10 million. The scheme, set up under **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions** <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/> (MSCA) has supported displaced researchers since the start of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine.

The extra funding will enable at least 50 additional researchers, including doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers, who were forced to flee Ukraine to continue their work safely on research projects at universities, companies, research centres and other institutions based in the EU and countries associated to Horizon Europe. It will also allow the researchers to access training, skills and career development opportunities. Specific support will be available for organisations hosting the researchers and those fellows relocating with their families. Since its launch, the MSCA4Ukraine fellowship scheme has supported 125 displaced researchers from Ukraine, being trained and working in 21 countries.

Selected researchers will be able to start a new project or continue their previous work to pursue their research in any subject of their choosing, including on issues directly linked to helping Ukraine and its recovery. Current MSCA4Ukraine fellows are contributing to topics such as investigating war crimes in Ukraine or addressing the mental healthcare needs of displaced Ukrainian women.

The scheme is part of the wider EU support to Ukraine. Specifically in the domain of research and innovation, Ukraine participates in Horizon Europe and the Euratom programme without having to contribute financially. The EU has recently opened a Horizon Europe Office in Kyiv and set up a scheme to help Ukrainian deep-tech companies under the European Innovation Council (EIC).

Read full Press Release here: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_24_2147

High-profile report urges EU to create a 'fifth freedom' of research and innovation(17 April 2024)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/high-profile-report-urges-eu-create-fifth-freedom-research-and-innovation>

Former Italian prime minister calls for R&I to be at the core of the EU single market, but leading MEP worries it could lead to a top-down approach to technology and science



Former Italian prime minister Enrico Letta (left) and the European Council president Charles Michel attending the press conference on the Report on the future of the Single Market on April 17, 2024. Photo credits: European Union

The European Union needs a revamped single market that includes a “fifth freedom” dedicated to the free movement of research, innovation, knowledge and education, according to a high-profile policy report by former Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta.

Letta’s report https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/news/enrico-lettas-report-future-single-market-2024-04-10_en has been presented to the European Council, which will discuss it during a two-day summit in Brussels this week in the context of the bloc’s economy and competitiveness. It could have far-reaching consequences on the future structuring of not just the EU’s single market, but also its R&I landscape and funding programmes.

The report argues that the single market, which is based on the free movement of goods, services, people, and capital, is “outdated” and not fit for the 21st century. Those four freedoms “fall short in addressing the shift from an economy based on ownership to a new one, based on access and sharing,” Letta writes.

The report is the result of over 400 meetings that Letta held with various experts across Europe between September last year and April this year. It is part of a broader exercise by the Council to rethink what’s working and what’s not working in current single-market policy; and the appointment of Letta to organise it was intended to give it impact. But the prominence the report gives to R&I policy came as a surprise to university and science lobbyists now battling for bigger budgets in Brussels – but was also criticised by some leading R&D policy makers.

In many ways, the document reflects what the EU’s R&D community has been saying for years. That is, research funding streams need to be better aligned, public-private partnerships boosted, data sharing made easier and more accessible, open science be pursued while maintaining research security measures, EU R&I laws be harmonised, the use of regulatory sandboxes expanded, and more.

However, while the R&I community in general welcomed the report, Christian Ehler MEP warned that the vision it presents could be a “misunderstanding of the value and functioning of R&I”.

“R&I needs freedom and flexibility to develop new ideas, technologies and knowledge on which we can build our future competitiveness. It should not be a predetermination of what our economy will look like, which technologies we will use,” Ehler told Science|Business.

He is concerned that this top-down framing of science and technology could spill over into plans for the EU’s next multiannual R&I funding programme, FP10, due to begin in 2028. “FP10 cannot simply become an implementation instrument of a European planned market economy,” he said.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/high-profile-report-urges-eu-create-fifth-freedom-research-and-innovation>

Feedback opportunity for Horizon Europe work programme 2025 (16 April 2025)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/horizon-europe-work-programmes/feedback-opportunity-horizon-europe-work-programme-2025_en

Contribute to the development of the Horizon Europe work programme 2025 by filling in one or more surveys.

How to participate

This is an opportunity to provide input for the development of the Horizon Europe ‘main’ work programme 2025. Responses submitted through the survey will contribute to the co-design of the work programme 2025, covering all 6

clusters, research infrastructures, European innovation ecosystems, the 5 EU Missions and the New European Bauhaus facility.

The feedback opportunity is open for 3 weeks from 15 April and closes on 6 May 2024 midday, CET.

The feedback is being collected at the level of the 'Destinations' or Missions. To structure the input, the Commission services have provided an orientation document for each Destination and Mission, outlining the impacts and outcomes expected from the actions to be funded in 2025.

- Expected impacts are the wider long-term effects of groups of projects on society, the economy and science. The expected impacts are defined in the **Horizon Europe strategic plan 2025-2027** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/strategic-plan_en
- Expected outcomes explain what a group of successful projects should achieve overall in the medium term, and on the way to the longer-term

If you are interested in providing feedback for multiple Destinations and/or Missions, please fill in a separate questionnaire for each one. You can find the links here: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/horizon-europe-work-programmes/feedback-opportunity-horizon-europe-work-programme-2025_en

The CBE JU 2024 call for project proposals will open for submission on 24 April 2024 (16 April 2024)

Source: Website CBE <https://www.cbe.europa.eu/open-calls-proposals>

The CBE JU 2024 call for project proposals will open for submission on 24 April 2024. Meanwhile, you can already prepare your proposal based on the call topic text published in the CBE JU Annual Work Programme 2024 https://www.cbe.europa.eu/system/files/2024-02/CBEJU-AWP-2024_amended.pdf.

Call for proposals 2024

- Call deadline: **18 September 2024 17:00 CET**
- Call budget: **€213 million**

CBE JU calls follow the rules and procedures of [Horizon Europe](#), the EU's research and innovation programme.

Call topics

Innovation actions – flagship (IA-flagship)

- Bio-based value chains for valorisation of sustainable oil crops - €20 million
- Bio-based dedicated platform chemicals via cost-effective, sustainable and resource-efficient conversion of biomass - €20 million
- Bio-based value chains for valorisation of sustainable natural fibre feedstock - €20 million

Innovation actions (IA)

- Bio-based materials and products for biodegradable in soil applications - €15 million
- Sustainable microalgae as feedstock for innovative, added-value applications - €15 million
- Enlarging the portfolio of commercially produced "Safe and Sustainable by design" (SSbD) solvents - €15 million
- Circular and SSbD bio-based construction & building materials with functional properties - €15 million
- Selective and sustainable (co)-production of lignin-derived aromatics - €15 million
- Innovative bio-based adhesives and binders for circular products meeting market requirements - €15 million
- Innovative conversion of biogenic gaseous carbon into bio-based chemicals, ingredients, materials - €15 million

Research and innovation actions (RIA)

- Valorisation of polluted/contaminated wood from industrial and post-consumer waste streams - €7 million
- Biotech routes to obtain bio-based chemicals/materials replacing animal-derived ones - €7 million
- Sustainable, bio-based alternatives for crop protection - €10 million
- SSbD bio-based coating materials for applications under demanding and/or extreme conditions - €7 million
- Innovative bio-based food/feed ingredients - €7 million

Coordination and support actions (CSA)

- New forms of cooperation in agriculture and the forest-based sector - €4 million
- Mobilise inclusive participation in bio-based systems and supporting the CBE JU widening strategy and its action plan - €3 million
- Supporting the CBE JU Deployment Group on Primary Producers - €3 million

For more information: <https://www.cbe.europa.eu/open-calls-proposals>

Invitation for the RVO Info Session Circular Bio-based Europe (CBE) (16 April 2024)

Source: Mailing RVO



When: Wednesday 12 June 2024 Jaarbeurs Meetup Utrecht

We invite you to **the annual edition of the national Info Session** <https://english.rvo.nl/events/info-session-circular-bio-based-europe-cbe> on Circular Bio-based Europe (CBE) partnership on 12 June in Utrecht.

CBE JU <https://www.cbe.europa.eu/> is now in its third year. It is a € 2 billion partnership between the European Union and the Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC) that funds projects advancing competitive circular bio-based industries under Horizon Europe. The role of CBE is to bring together actors from circular and bio-based industries, ranging from farmers to scientists, to solve the technological, regulatory and market challenges of the sector. Its public-private funding scheme boosts innovation and market deployment and paves the way for future investments.

The calls for 2024 will open on 24 April and close on 20 September. This year's calls budget a total of € 215.5 million, spanning 18 call topics, for example - to develop innovative bio-based food/feed ingredients, to set up bio-based value chains by valorizing oil crops, natural fiber feedstocks as well as funding for new form of cooperation in agriculture and the forest-based sector.

During the info session, results of past CBE calls and experiences of Dutch project participants will be shared. Furthermore, new opportunities for 2024 will be introduced, as well as insights into proposal submission and its evaluation process. Participants looking for a partner or a consortium will be given a chance to pitch their proposal idea to the audience, and we will conclude with a networking drinks. We expect participants from industry, academia, knowledge institutes, and the government at this info session.

Preliminary programme 12th June

- 13:30 Walk-in and registration (Coffee & Tea)
- 14:00 Opening & Circular Biobased Europe: History & Structure
- 14:30 Dutch participants share CBE Projects experiences
- 15:00 Break
- 15:15 Invited Speaker - Oliver Zobell, CBE JU Call Coordinator will present 2024 call Opportunities & Key to Success.
- 16:00 Idea Pitches by Participants
- 16:30 Drinks & Networking
- 18:00 End of Program

Registration

Participation is free, and the official language is English. **You can register via the online registration form** <https://english.rvo.nl/events/info-session-circular-bio-based-europe-cbe> before Friday, 7 June 2024.

ERC Advanced Grants: €652 million for leading researchers in Europe (11 April 2024)

Source: Website ERC <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/erc-2023-advanced-grants-results>

The European Research Council (ERC) has announced the names of 255 outstanding research leaders in Europe set to be awarded ERC Advanced Grants. The funding is amongst the EU's most prestigious and competitive, providing leading senior researchers with the opportunity to pursue ambitious, curiosity-driven projects that could lead to major scientific breakthroughs. The new grants, worth in total nearly €652 million, are part of the EU's Horizon Europe programme.



Projects selected for funding

The new grants will support cutting-edge research in a wide range of fields, from life sciences and physical sciences to social sciences and humanities. How to get rid of harmful chemicals in our bodies? Can the protective layer around our heart help fix heart problems? Why do infants learn languages so fast? These are only some of the questions that will be addressed by the new grantees.

See more research examples: <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/advanced-grants-2023-examples-projects>

Facts & figures

The successful candidates proposed to host their projects at universities and research centres in 19 EU Member States and associated countries, notably in Germany (50 grants), France (37) and the Netherlands (23). Among the winners there are Germans (50 researchers), French (31), Britons (28), Italians (22) and citizens of 28 other nations. This competition attracted 1 829 proposals, which were reviewed by panels of internationally renowned researchers. Nearly fourteen percent of proposals were selected for funding. Estimates show that the grants will create 2 480 jobs in teams of new grantees.

The ERC Advanced Grants target established, leading researchers with a proven track-record of significant achievements. In recent years, there has been a steady rise in mid-career researchers (12-17 years post-PhD), who have been successful in the Advanced Grants competitions, with 18% securing grants in this latest round.



See more statistics <https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2024-04/erc-2023-adg-statistics.pdf> and the full list of winners: <https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2024-04/erc-2023-adg-results-all-domains.pdf>

Read full article here: <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/erc-2023-advanced-grants-results>

Latest UK grant winners must emigrate to take up European Research Council awards, despite Horizon Europe deal (11 April 2024)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/european-research-council/latest-uk-grant-winners-must-emigrate-take-european-research-council>

The UK joined the EU research programme on January 1st, but winners of prestigious ERC grants announced today must decide whether to decamp to the continent or settle for a UK backup



The impact of the UK's long absence from Horizon Europe is still playing out despite the association deal struck last September, with UK-based European Research Council (ERC) grant winners unable to take them up unless they leave the country.

Today the ERC [announced 255 winners of advanced grants](#), its award for senior researchers normally worth up to € 2.5 million over five years. [UK-based academics won 42 awards](#), slightly fewer than those based in Germany and slightly more than France, in a similar pattern to the [previous year](#).

But because this round of grants is part of ERC's 2023 work programme, they are not covered by the Horizon Europe association deal struck by London and Brussels last September.

"Association applies only for calls for proposals implementing the 2024 budget and onwards," the ERC said in a statement.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/european-research-council/latest-uk-grant-winners-must-emigrate-take-european-research-council>

YERUN: University network releases prospectus for FP10 (10 April 2024)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/live-blog/horizon-blog-european-rd-policy-newsbytes>

The Young European Research Universities Network (Yerun) published a position paper aiming to contribute on the vision and design of the next EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (FP10).

According to the group, FP10 should focus on three key priorities, including developing an attractive programme that prioritizes research and promoting equal opportunities for participation in the calls by simplifying processes and streamlining the flow of information in an understandable and user-friendly way.

Finally, Yerun calls for a bigger budget.

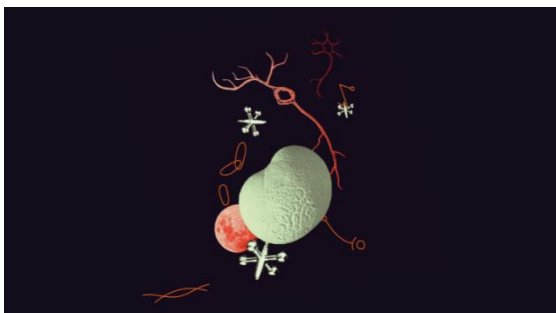
"*Strengthening our R&I systems is the only way to deliver the technological and social innovation that we need,*" reads the document. "For this reason, the budget of FP10 should be more ambitious than the current programme and be above €200 billion."

Read the position paper here: <https://yerun.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/YERUN-Paper-on-FP10.pdf>

MSCA awards € 443 million for doctoral programmes (9 April 2024)

Source: Website MSCA EC <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/doctoral-networks-2023-call-results>

The European Commission will support 128 doctoral programmes to train and develop the skills of 1,900 doctoral candidates.



The European Commission has announced the results of the 2023 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) call for Doctoral Networks <https://marie-skłodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/actions/doctoral-networks> . The Commission will fund a total of **128 excellent doctoral programmes** with **€ 443 million** to train over **1,900 doctoral candidates** in and outside academia.

€ 389.8 million will be awarded to **113 standard Doctoral programmes**, to train PhD candidates and develop their skills.

Funding includes also **€ 27.1 million for 8 Industrial Doctoral programmes** to train PhD candidates and develop their skills outside academia, including in industry and business. Doctoral candidates will also benefit from joint industry-academia supervision.

An additional **€ 26.1 million will be allocated to 7 Joint Doctoral programmes**, which promote joint selection, training and supervision leading to joint or multiple doctoral degrees.

The European Research Executive Agency (REA) received 1,066 applications for this call, the second under the Horizon Europe programme for research and innovation. This means a success rate of 12%.

These doctoral programmes are implemented by international partnerships, involving 1,413 organisations in 51 countries in the EU, Horizon Europe associated countries and beyond, including 551 private for-profit entities.

Selected projects are coordinated by organisations in 20 countries

- Germany and Spain: 19 projects each
- France: 17
- Netherlands: 12
- Belgium: 11
- Italy: 10
- Denmark: 7
- Portugal and the United Kingdom: 5 each
- Greece and Ireland: 4 each
- Finland and Norway: 3 each
- Austria and Cyprus: 2 each
- Czechia, Estonia, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden: 1 each

Note PJ: WUR was involved in 25 Doctoral Networks of which 4 are granted

Read full article here: <https://marie-skłodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/doctoral-networks-2023-call-results>

Paving the way for impactful European R&I: EUA's vision for FP10 (8 April 2024)

Source: Website EUA <https://eua.eu/resources/publications/1114:paving-the-way-for-impactful-european-r-i.html>

As Europe enters a future marked by both unprecedented challenges and opportunities that extend beyond national boundaries, the next EU R&I Framework Programme (FP10) stands to become the continent's key commitment to placing research and innovation at the forefront of societal and scientific progress.

In this document, EUA outlines its strategic vision for FP10, offering its contribution to shaping the programme. After describing current and emerging trends, this vision examines the current state of play and challenges of the ongoing Framework Programme (Horizon Europe) and the European R&I landscape within a broader context. It subsequently formulates recommendations, pinpointing what should be added, modified, or removed for the programme to reach its ambitious goals. This includes a particular focus on the programme's budget, structure, core principles and horizontal topics.

Related news articles:

Key research actors call for strategic move towards greater R&I investment for Europe's future prosperity:

<https://eua.eu/news/1171:key-research-actors-call-for-strategic-move-towards-greater-r-i-investment-for-europe-s-future-prosperity.html>

EUA and CESAER call for more balanced funding within Horizon Europe clusters: <https://eua.eu/news/1014:eua-and-cesaer-call-for-more-balanced-funding-within-horizon-europe-clusters.html>

Download full paper here: <https://eua.eu/downloads/publications/fp10%20vision%20final.pdf>

Other International funding

How COST puts money into connecting researchers across Europe (11 April 2024)

Source: Website Scienc|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/how-cost-puts-money-connecting-researchers-across-europe>

COST Actions invite researchers to set up networking projects – and get a foot in the door at Horizon Europe. Current call is open until 23 October



In February and March 2024, to better support this new generation of science communicators, COST organised two dedicated workshops on ‘How to make the most of communication for your COST Action’. Photo credits: European Cooperation in Science & Technology (COST)

Networking is good for science. It helps researchers connect and boost the impact of their research. That’s why COST is accepting proposals for its next set of Actions networking projects, until 23 October.

With the help COST’s funding – of an average €150,000 a year – researchers can connect with counterparts across Europe and increase the impact of their research.

COST, or European Cooperation in Science and Technology, funds researcher networking through the EU’s €95.5 billion Horizon Europe research programme. But it’s a separate entity from the rest of the programme, in governance and philosophy. COST pre-dates EU’s research frameworks by a decade, having formally launched in 1971.

“The logic of COST is very different and requires a very different implementation process. The idea is that the COST Actions are open and bottom-up spaces and networks where researchers can come together,” says Elwin Reimink, data and impact analysis adviser at COST Association.

It’s designed to have a low entry barrier with a simple application form ensuring inclusiveness. This helps to open COST to different types of researchers, not just those who know how Horizon Europe works.

Separate but closely intertwined, COST acts as a pre-portal to Horizon Europe by connecting and training researchers in skills such as leadership and communication, all prerequisites for participating in the EU research framework.

Researchers who get COST backing have a 37% success rate in applying for Horizon Europe grants, significantly higher than the overall success rate of 15.9%.

The impact on success rates was even more stark in the previous EU framework programme. In Horizon 2020, proposals submitted from COST Actions had a 39% success rate compared to the average rate of 12.2%. The funding given to these spin-off projects amounted to €2.6 billion.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/how-cost-puts-money-connecting-researchers-across-europe>

National funding

From climate-resilient food facilities to historically charged places: 199 project ideas submitted for the NWA ORC 2024 (17 April 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/from-climate-resilient-food-facilities-to-historically-charged-places-199-project-ideas-submitted-for-the-nwa-orc-2024>



Would you like to collaborate on research on climate-resilient food supplies, historically charged places or one of the other themes of the Research along Routes by Consortia (ORC) programme line? Regard the submitted project ideas and participate in the corresponding collaborative workshops. The project ideas have now been published.

The project ideas come from researchers and societal stakeholders and are part of initiatives. An initiative can also be a potential contribution to one of the 14 themes, these will be shared with all participants prior to the workshops. The initiatives form the starting point for the collaborative workshops.

View the project ideas: <https://initiatieven.wetenschapsagenda.nl/en>

Between 6 May and 27 June, NWO is organising the collaborative workshops. Anyone who has submitted an initiative will automatically be registered for the workshops. Additionally, the workshops are open to anyone who wants to contribute to the theme. In two consecutive workshops, interested parties are introduced to each other and supported in combining research ideas and exploring opportunities for collaboration. The meetings contribute to the creation of new and diverse partnerships.

Have you not submitted an initiative? Register for the collaborative workshops via the button below.

Sign up for the collaborative workshops: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/collaborative-workshops-nwa-orc-2024>

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/from-climate-resilient-food-facilities-to-historically-charged-places-199-project-ideas-submitted-for-the-nwa-orc-2024>

Next ten promising research projects on artificial intelligence starting within NGF AiNed XS Europa (17 April 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/next-ten-promising-research-projects-on-artificial-intelligence-starting-within-ngf-ained-xs-europa>



With these subsidies from the National Growth Fund programme AiNed promising ideas and innovative and speculative initiatives in the artificial intelligence domain can be explored. The projects are designed in collaboration with at least one European collaborative partner organization.

The themes of the projects vary from research on fungi, large-language-models, and several medical applications. Such as: medical imaging, research on antibiotic resistance and breast cancer diagnosis. In all these different fields of research, AI has a possible positive contribution to make. A strong AI knowledge and innovation foundation is important to the Netherlands. An important aspect of which is the connectivity of Dutch researchers with the wider world, and especially Europe.

About this call

This call is geared towards ideas and initiatives which tackle one or more of the challenges outlined in chapters 3 and 4 of the national AI research agenda AIREA-NL and collaborate with one or more European collaborative partner organization based outside of the Netherlands. The proposed research is ground-breaking and involves a real risk of failure. What counts is that all results, be they positive or negative, must contribute to the advancement of science. This is “blue-sky thinking”. All proposals are anonymous, to ensure that the assessments are based purely on the research ideas they contain.

NGF - AiNed XS Europa will continue in 2024 and the second deadline in 2024 will be 8 October 2024. Further **information is available on the grant page** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-ained-xs-europe-24-2>

For more information about the funded projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/next-ten-promising-research-projects-on-artificial-intelligence-starting-within-ngf-ained-xs-europa>

NWO and ZonMw sign declaration to promote open research information (16 April 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwo-and-zonmw-sign-declaration-to-promote-open-research-information>



The Dutch Research Council (NWO) and ZonMw (the Netherlands Organisation for Health Research) are both signatories to the Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information published April 16. This new initiative aims to promote the openness of research information and specifically, the openness of bibliographic metadata. This makes it part of the wider open science movement.

Research information - that is, data about research - plays a crucial role in research policy and analysis globally. These data include, for example, information about researchers, scientific outputs, their use and impact (but not research data).

The problem is that much of this data is behind a paywall from commercial providers. Moreover, it is widely known that these databases are highly biased against non-English material, and publications from non-Western countries.



"There is no open science without open metadata. If we want to assess research in a transparent and responsible way, in line with open science principles, it is imperative that also this kind of bibliographic metadata should be openly available. We all believe publications should be open access; why not the metadata about these publications?"
Hans de Jonge, Director of Open Science NL, part of NWO

Barcelona Declaration

The Barcelona Declaration calls on institutions to collaborate in making research information openly available through open infrastructure. By signing it, NWO and ZonMw and the other signatories commit to use open (meta)data in cases where they use these data for policy evaluation and assessment. Additionally where NWO and ZonMw are themselves producers of such data, they will share it as openly as possible.

Read more here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwo-and-zonmw-sign-declaration-to-promote-open-research-information>

New Off Road call opened (15 April 2024)

Source: Website ZonMw <https://www.zonmw.nl/en/news/road-call-opened>



The new call for Off Road is open!

The Off Road program focuses on curiosity-driven, fundamental research at the beginning of the knowledge chain. It aims to explore a promising idea into a proof of concept within the biomedical and health sciences field.

Who can apply

ZonMw Off Road challenges creative and adventurous researchers, between 2-6 years after their PhD, to explore their promising, innovative and risky ideas.

The aim is to realise new insights and unexpected breakthroughs in medical and/or health research. Due to the absence of a funding round in 2023, researchers who obtained their PhD between 1 January 2017 and 4 June 2018 can also submit a one-off application within this round. Additional conditions for applicants can be found in section 3.1.1 of the Call for Proposals. Information regarding the extension scheme can be found in the appendix Extension scheme Off Road.

What for

By focusing on high-risk, high-reward research, ZonMw is responding to the global need for out-of-the-box ideas to promote new insights and unexpected breakthroughs in all scientific disciplines.

The focus of Off Road is on groundbreaking research within the biomedical and/or health field, with a high-risk character that is not on the beaten path of research. The emphasis of the applications is mainly on developing a promising but risky out-of-the-box idea into a proof of concept. This means that, although the developed idea may be of a long-term nature, the project is mainly aimed at testing the hypothesis behind the concept/idea. The outcome may be negative, but what counts is that every result, whether or not it has an effect, helps science move forward.

You can find it via the call page and TAKE NOTE! **The submission deadline is already June 4th 2024 14:00 o'clock.**

For call page Off Road 2024 | ZonMw: <https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidie/off-road-2024>

For call for proposals 2024: https://www.zonmw.nl/sites/zonmw/files/2024-04/Subsidieoproep-Off-Road-2024_English_0.pdf

Knowledge mission to Aruba and Curaçao to strengthen cooperation with Caribbean researchers (9 April 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/knowledge-mission-to-aruba-and-curaçao-to-strengthen-cooperation-with-caribbean-researchers>



This week, administrators of ten mbo's, colleges and universities and representatives of NWO, KNAW and De Jonge Akademie are on a knowledge mission to Aruba and Curaçao led by Minister of Education, Culture and Science Robbert Dijkgraaf. The goal is to explore how to strengthen cooperation in education and research with the Caribbean part of the Kingdom.

The mission will start in Aruba, where, among other things, the impact of the history of slavery in education and research on the Caribbean islands will be discussed. Minister Dijkgraaf: 'Intensive cooperation with the Caribbean part of Kingdom, with which we have deep, historic ties, is essential. I look forward to deepening and expanding that cooperation in education and science.'

Joining Dutch consortia

Research and science are on the agenda in Curaçao. The science organizations from the Netherlands will enter into discussions with researchers from the Caribbean part of the Kingdom to explore how we can cooperate even more in the field of research. For example, it should become easier for researchers from the Caribbean to join research consortia with Dutch institutions. 'This can lead to an enrichment of research in the Kingdom and makes funding for researchers in the Caribbean more accessible,' says Arnold Lubbers, coordinator of the Caribbean Research program at NWO and joining the knowledge mission on behalf of NWO

Read full article: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/knowledge-mission-to-aruba-and-curaçao-to-strengthen-cooperation-with-caribbean-researchers>

Regional funding

EU cohesion policy is good for the economy and reduces regional differences (18 April 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 April 2024

European cohesion policy benefits the EU economy and reduces regional disparities. This is evident from the ninth cohesion report of the Joint Research Center (JRC). The analysis looked at cohesion policy for the period 2014-2027. The report states that every euro invested will generate 1.3 euros of GDP in the EU by 2030, rising to almost 3 euros in 2043. The report looks, among other things, at the impact of smart specialization strategies. This was a condition for access to cohesion policy funding for research and innovation in the period 2014-2020. The analysis shows that improving weak or underdeveloped governance of smart specialization strategies significantly increases the investment-related impact of the policy.

News item JRC: https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/jrc-news-and-updates/cohesion-policy-benefits-eus-economy-and-regions-2024-04-11_en

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

European Commission defends proposal for genetically modified plants (18 April 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 April 2024

During a hearing with the European Parliament's Environment Committee, the European Commission confirmed the scientific robustness of the new legislation on new genomic techniques (NGT) for plant breeding. Euractiv writes about this. The Commission responded to strong criticism from the French food agency Anses. The Commission referred, among other things, to a letter from Nobel Prize winners defending the safety of NGTs. The views of Anses' German, Dutch and Belgian counterparts, who are more positive about the Commission's proposal, were also cited.

Article Euractiv: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/agriculture-food/news/eu-commission-defends-proposal-on-gene-edited-plants-against-french-food-safety-agency/>

Economists call for European Innovation Council reform to support more breakthrough research (16 April 2024)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/european-innovation-council/economists-call-european-innovation-council-reform-support-more>

The EIC should be more closely modelled on US advanced research project agencies say economists from France, Germany and Italy



Michiel Scheffer, president of the European Innovation Council, during day two of Web Summit 2023 at the Altice Arena in Lisbon, Portugal. Photo credits: Oliver Hardt / Flickr

European investment in research and innovation is “insufficient, in both quantity and quality”, and should focus more on high-tech industries, according to a report

https://iep.unibocconi.eu/sites/default/files/media/attach/Report_EU%20Innovation%20Policy.pdf by economists from France, Germany and Italy.

They recommend reforming the European Innovation Council, launched in 2021 to develop and scale up breakthrough technologies, along the lines of the US advanced research project agencies (ARPAs). Perhaps the most famous of these, DARPA, funds defence research and has played a leading role in developing technologies such as the internet and global positioning systems.

ARPAs have a mission-oriented approach to innovation, and focus mainly on developing proof of concept, or projects up to technology readiness levels (TRLs) 3-4, whereas half of EIC funding is dedicated to its Accelerator programme, which supports projects at TRL 5 and above.

The economists suggest increasing funding for high-risk, high-return projects by diverting resources from “underperforming programmes of Horizon Europe and other parts of the EU innovation ecosystem”. For instance, they propose the European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) and the European Innovation Ecosystem (EIE) should be “scale[d] down progressively” saying “it is natural to question the EU value added of the EIT and ask whether its budget could be more efficiently allocated elsewhere.”

They also propose giving leading scientists a more central role on the EIC board and in selecting projects, and handing more decision-making power to independent project managers rather than the European Commission.

The report looks at how Europe can escape the “middle technology trap”, which refers to specialising in sectors that do not require the same R&D intensity as high-tech industries - or have the same potential for growth.

The report points out that many of the European companies which spend the most on R&D are in the automotive sector, and mostly take the latest advances and apply them to production. “The EU’s comparative advantage in cars is worrisome, as despite its massive investment in R&D, the EU automotive industry now risks being leapfrogged by US producers and increasingly by Chinese ones,” the report says.

In the US software companies have overtaken car manufacturers as the biggest R&D spenders, and now account for 75% of the global total in the sector, compared to just 6% in Europe.

The creation of the EIC has been a “positive step” in boosting European competitiveness, but it focuses too much on helping SMEs to raise capital, and not enough on promoting innovation, the report says. Just 5% of overall Horizon Europe funding supports breakthrough innovation that is far from commercial application.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/european-innovation-council/economists-call-european-innovation-council-reform-support-more>

Mutual learning exercise on EU missions implementation at national level : second thematic report (11 April 2024)

Source: Website EC <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/e00089d4-ec04-11ee-8e14-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-311950606>

This report introduces the background and framing of the concept of mission portfolios, focusing on portfolios of actions. It describes portfolio management approaches, explaining the uses and benefits, as well as the challenges of applying a portfolio approach in mission implementation. Further, it presents several existing examples of portfolio approaches in practice at different levels of governance and summarises survey results of MLE participants’ perspectives and practices related to mission portfolios.

Download publication here: <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/e00089d4-ec04-11ee-8e14-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-311950606>

Science Europe publishes guidance for Science for Policy activities (11 April 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 April 2024

Science Europe has published a new guideline on ‘Science for Policy’. The guideline should support the member organizations of the Association of European Research Funders - including NWO - in developing their activities in the field of science for policy. Science Europe President Mari Sundli Tveit writes that the role of scientific research in informing policymakers is essential in an era of unprecedented global societal challenges. “At its core, this Guidance is based on the belief that effective policymaking benefits from evidence-based contributions.”

Publication Science Europe: <https://www.scienceeurope.org/our-resources/guidance-science-for-policy/>

Poland supports funding of dual use technologies in EU’s next research programme (11 April 2024)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/fp10/poland-supports-funding-dual-use-technologies-eus-next-research-programme>

Science|Business sits down with two ministers from Poland's Ministry of Science and Higher Education to discuss the future of European research and the necessity of dual-use technologies



Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk. Photo credits: Dati Bendo / European Union

The Polish government is backing the inclusion of dual-use technologies in the EU's next seven-year research and innovation funding programme, due to start in 2028, saying the tense geopolitical situation makes it vital.

"This matter is extremely important to us," said Maria Mrówczyńska, undersecretary of state at the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. "Especially in the current geopolitical standing, it seems necessary to us to further develop technologies that could be used for defence purposes as well as civil," she said.

To date, the EU's research framework programmes have been for civilian technologies only. In January this year, the European Commission [put out a white paper](#) to collect opinions on whether or not the next programme, FP10, should also be used to fund research that has the potential to be used for military purposes, as well as civilian. The consultation period is open until the end of this month.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/fp10/poland-supports-funding-dual-use-technologies-eus-next-research-programme>

Switzerland Horizon package: Federal Council to finance transitional measures in 2024 (10 April 2024)

Source: Website Swiss Government <https://www.admin.ch/gov/en/start/documentation/media-releases.msg-id-100662.html>

Bern, 10.04.2024 - On 10 April, the Federal Council decided on transitional measures for the 2024 calls for proposals under the European Union's Horizon package 2021-2027 (Horizon Europe, Euratom programme, ITER and Digital Europe Programme). A maximum amount of CHF 650 million has been set aside for this purpose. This allocation is drawn from funding earmarked by Parliament at the end of 2020 for Switzerland's participation in the Horizon package. The Federal Council remains committed to achieving Swiss association to the Horizon package as soon as possible.

Switzerland is still considered a non-associated third country in the Horizon package 2021-2027, meaning that research and innovation stakeholders in Switzerland are able to participate in around two-thirds of the programme. The Federal Council has allocated CHF 600 million in direct funding for these calls. The State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation will use these funds to finance Swiss participants after their proposals have been evaluated positively by the European Commission.

The Federal Council has earmarked a further CHF 50 million for non-accessible parts of the programme. These include individual funding instruments (ERC Starting Grants, MSCA postdoctoral fellowships), for which national transitional measures will be implemented, as well as additional funding for activities in the areas of space and cybersecurity.

Read full article here: <https://www.admin.ch/gov/en/start/documentation/media-releases.msg-id-100662.html>

Global policy

Nature: Analysis of scientific articles most cited in policy documents (18 April 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 April 2024

The top ten most cited scientific articles in policy documents are dominated by economic research. Nature writes this based on an analysis. Other frequently cited non-economic studies include working at the limits of the planet, sustainable food and the future of employment. It is also striking that interdisciplinary teams usually attract more attention from policymakers. Nature emphasizes that the list is not all-inclusive. "These lists provide insight into the types of research politicians pay attention to, but policy citations do not necessarily imply impact or influence, and Overton's database has a bias toward documents published in English."

Article Nature: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-024-00660-1>

Policy analysis for mission innovation systems (18 April 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 April 2024

The Enterprise Research Center released a report last week on a framework being developed to understand missions and their underlying mission innovation systems. This is done on the basis of three cases, including the mission to achieve green hydrogen. The research should help to validate and further develop the framework. According to the researchers, mission innovation systems differ from regular policy measures by a high level of stakeholder involvement in all phases. "The need to involve diverse stakeholders in every episode shifts the focus of public policymaking to an emphasis on bringing stakeholders together, managing the availability of knowledge, seeking consensus and building regulatory and incentive structures that enable innovation. However, all this is not easy," it reads. The report formulates four lessons to better understand mission innovation systems.

Enterprise Research Center Report: https://www.enterpriseresearch.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Understanding-Missions-Innovation-Systems_FINAL.pdf

EU launches new research and education initiatives with Africa (18 April 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 April 2024

The European Commission announced a number of new initiatives during the Global Gateway High-Level Event on Education. European Commissioner Urpilainen signed various programs for a total amount of 245 million euros. This includes new collaborations in education and research with Nigeria and Zambia and various regional initiatives.

Press release European Commission: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1893

News item European Commission (Zambia cooperation): https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/eu-and-zambia-strengthen-cooperation-education-and-research-2024-04-11_en

News item European Commission (Nigeria cooperation): https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/eu-and-nigeria-boost-cooperation-research-and-learning-mobility-2024-04-11_en

News item European Commission (regional initiatives): https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/global-gateway-eu-launches-new-regional-initiatives-africa-boost-youth-mobility-and-skills-including-2024-04-11_en

Restricting international research is mainly a European and North American trend (18 April 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 April 2024

Geopolitical tensions have had a much greater impact on research collaborations in Europe and North America than other parts of the world. This is evident from a survey of more than 700 universities around the world. Science Business has written about the research. More than half of universities in Europe and North America say they have limited partnerships, either through new government regulations or on their own initiative. The EU and US are both working on measures on knowledge rules, largely out of fear of sensitive knowledge leaking to China. The vast majority of universities in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and the Middle East say their partnerships have not been affected

by geopolitical tensions. The report contains few responses from East Asia, making it impossible to assess whether Chinese, Japanese and South Korean universities have taken similar measures.

Article Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/international-news/restricting-international-research-largely-european-and-north-american>

Publication International Association of Universities: https://www.iau-aiu.net/IMG/pdf/2024_internationalization_survey_report_digital.pdf%C2%A0

Nature: Unlikely that larger or longer-term subsidies lead to high-risk, high-reward research (11 April 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 April 2024

Offering professors more money or time is unlikely to dramatically change the way they do research. Nature writes this following a study among American professors. The researchers wanted to know whether senior scientists would conduct their research differently if they had more money but less time, or vice versa. Respondents were asked what research strategies they would follow if they received a certain amount of funding for a certain period of time. Changes in the research strategy as a result of adjusted subsidies were not substantial. The research shows that longer grants increase the willingness to pursue riskier projects, but that this was mainly the case among professors with tenure. Professors without a permanent position were less likely to be tempted to take risks in the case of longer-term subsidies.

Article Nature: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-024-00929-5>

Publication Cornell University: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.06479>

EU-Australia mark 30 years of research and innovation collaboration with reaffirmed commitment to science and technology cooperation (11 April 2024)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/eu-australia-mark-30-years-research-and-innovation-collaboration-reaffirmed-commitment-science-and-2024-04-11_en



Group photo with Director Maria Cristina Russo, H.E. Caroline Millar, Australian Ambassador to the EU, Carolyn Patteson from the Australian Government and Paola Pampaloni from EEAS.

The EU-Australia Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee meeting that took place today in Brussels, was the occasion to reaffirm the commitment to science and technology cooperation while celebrating the 30th anniversary of the signature of the Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation in 1994. Recognising the significance of fostering an environment characterised by freedom, independence, openness, reciprocity, and transparency, both sides confirmed their engagement in the **Multilateral Dialogue on Principles and Values for Research and Innovation** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-2020-2024/europe-world/international-cooperation/multilateral-dialogue-principles-and-values_en_

30 years of EU-Australia research and innovation collaboration yield positive results

Over three decades, the collaborative efforts between the European Union and Australia in research and innovation (R&I) have yielded remarkable outcomes across critical domains such as healthcare, sustainable energy, and research data sharing. This enduring partnership, driven by a shared commitment to fostering culture, education, and innovation, has propelled scientific advancements and technological solutions forward.

The EU R&I framework programmes have been a key element of this collaboration. Looking back over the 30-year span from FP4 (1994-1998), to the present Horizon Europe programme, a total of 749 grants have been signed, involving over 900 organizations, with Australian projects receiving **€36.41 million** in cumulative EU funding

Read full article here: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/eu-australia-mark-30-years-research-and-innovation-collaboration-reaffirmed-commitment-science-and-2024-04-11_en

Massive investment is needed in sustainable infrastructure to build climate change resilience (9 April 2024)

Source: Website OECD <https://www.oecd.org/newsroom/massive-investment-is-needed-in-sustainable-infrastructure-to-build-climate-change-resilience.htm>

09/04/2024 - Record global temperatures around 1.4 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial averages led to more heatwaves and floods, longer wildfire seasons and widespread droughts in 2023. A new OECD report details the growing pressure of such climatic events on infrastructure in all sectors, from electricity, communication and transport networks to water and waste treatment, with developing countries often particularly hard hit.

The **Infrastructure for a Climate-Resilient Future** <https://www.oecd.org/publication/infrastructure-climate-resilient/> report released today during the [OECD Infrastructure Forum](#), recommends governments systematically factor climate resilience into infrastructure planning and decision-making, including by prioritising sustainable projects, to help reduce societal and economic vulnerability and avoid long-term costs. Climate-resilience measures can also protect investment returns, ensure business continuity and support continued economic growth and development.

At the most recent UN Climate Change Conference (COP28), countries committed to increase the resilience of infrastructure by 2030. Countries will need to take action to address this, with regional and local governments playing an essential role, being responsible for 69% of climate-significant public investment in OECD countries.

The investments needed to seize these opportunities are significant: according to OECD, World Bank and UN Environment analysis, an annual investment of USD 6.9 trillion in infrastructure will be necessary by 2030 to ensure infrastructure investment is compatible with the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. In parallel, infrastructure assets make up an important share of the economic damages with the economic losses from disasters increasing sevenfold between the 1970s and the 2010s from an average USD 198 billion to USD 1.6 trillion. This, in turn, multiplies the losses (e.g. forgone income) for businesses whose operations are disrupted.

The report provides policymakers and stakeholders with important considerations and tools to support change towards more climate-resilient infrastructure.

The [Compendium of Good Practices on Quality Infrastructure 2024](#) was also launched today.

Read full article here: <https://www.oecd.org/newsroom/massive-investment-is-needed-in-sustainable-infrastructure-to-build-climate-change-resilience.htm>

National policy

Adriaansens agrees to the first round of financing for Facilities for Applied Research (18 April 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 April 2024

Minister Adriaansens has decided to fully adopt the advice of the Jonkman committee for the first financing round of the Facilities for Applied Research (FTO). Adriaansens writes this to the House. "Based on the quality of the proposals, their necessity and urgency, the committee recommends that an immediate budget be reserved for 14 of the proposals. This concerns a total budget of approximately € 185 million, more or less equally divided between TO2 and RKIs (see attachment)," it can be read. Adriaansens has also asked the committee to advise the cabinet on this as soon as it receives the further detailed proposals on Digitalization and Sustainability. "My aim is that these proposals, if of sufficient quality, can be awarded this year."

Letter to Parliament from Minister Adriaansens:

<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/kamerstukken/2024/04/10/eerste-financieringsronde-faciliteiten-voor-toegepast-onderzoek-fto> (in Dutch)

Rathenau Institute: Starting researchers benefit from more clarity (18 April 2024)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 April 2024

Starting researchers at universities, UMCs and colleges sometimes struggle with great uncertainty. The Rathenau Institute states this in the report 'An uncertain start'. For this report, the Rathenau Institute interviewed 42 scientists at the beginning of their careers. The researchers mention unclear requirements for the quality of their work, a working environment that appears informal but still has a strong hierarchy and many temporary appointments as obstacles. Clearer agreements and a less competitive culture can help reduce these obstacles.

Publication Rathenau Institute: <https://www.rathenau.nl/nl/werking-van-het-wetenschapssysteem/startende-onderzoekers-hebben-baat-bij-meer-duidelijkheid> (in Dutch)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 18 April 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 MSCA Doctoral Networks 2024 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 MSCA Staff Exchanges 2024 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 MSCA COFUND 2024 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>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-INCO-01-01 MSCA International Cooperation 2024 International cooperation	Foreseen opening 14 May 2024 and foreseen deadline 4 September 2023 (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2024-INCO-01-01 International cooperation</i>)
Research Infrastructures	
Cluster 1 HEALTH	
Destination 1 – Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-09-01 European Partnership: One Health Anti-Microbial R European	Foreseen opening 25 April 2024 and foreseen deadline 25 September 2024 (<i>HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-09-01 European Partnership: One Health Anti-Microbial Resistance</i>)

Partnership: One Health Anti-Microbial Resistance	
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-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-D2-02	5 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D5-01	18 April 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (<i>18 topics, HORIZON-CL5-2024-D5-01, CSA, RIA and IA</i>)
Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply	
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02	5 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02-03 Development of next generation synthetic renew and several other topics	Planned opening date 17 September 2024 Deadline date 21 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02-03 en several other topics</i>)
Destination: Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use	
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 2024	
HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01 Adaptation to Climate Change Mission	Foreseen deadline 18 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2024-CANCER-01 Mission: Cancer	Foreseen deadline 18 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2024-OCEAN-01 Mission: Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030	Foreseen deadline 18 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2024-OCEAN-02 Mission: Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030	May 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MISS-2024-OCEAN-02 Mission: Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030</i>)

HORIZON-MISS-2024-CIT-01 Mission: 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030	Foreseen deadline 26 January 2025 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2024-CIT-02 Mission: 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030	Foreseen deadline 5 September 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2024-SOIL-01 Mission: A Soil Deal for Europe	Foreseen deadline 8 October 2024 at 17.00 Brussels time
WIDERA 2024	

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 18 April 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 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 (CLOSED). 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>
<p>European Partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://www.bluepartnership.eu/</p>	<p>Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) – Second Joint Transnational Co-Funded Call. Closing date for pre-registration 10 April 2024 15:00 hrs. Closing date full application 6 November 2024 15:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20text%20-%20Sustainable%20Blue%20Economy%20Partnership_Def%20%282-2-24%29.pdf and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep-second-joint-transnational-co-funded-call</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 (CLOSED) Deadline for submitting full proposals - 30.09.2024</p> <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</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A healthy diet for a healthy life (HDHL): http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/ • Agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE): http://www.faccejpi.com/ • Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR): http://www.jpiamr.eu/ • Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU): http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home • Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans): http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/ • More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL): http://www.jp-demographic.eu/ • Neurodegenerative Disease/Alzheimer's (JPND): http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/ • Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions (Urban Europe): http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/ • Water challenges for a changing world (Water-JPI): http://www.waterjpi.eu/ • Cultural Heritage a Challenge for Europe (Cultural Heritage): http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/

Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **18 April 2024**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
26-04-2024	<p>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</p>
29-04-2024	<p>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,</p>

	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 **18 April 2024**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

25-04-2024	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
14-05-2024	Deadline submission proposals call NWO Open Competition Domain Science - XS 2024 . The deadline of the first package is 5 March, 2024 and the deadline of the second package is 14 May, 2024 . There are deadlines in total for four packages in 2024. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-call-nwo-open-competition-domain-science-xs-2024 and https://www.nwo.nl/enw-xs-en
14-05-2024	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
16-05-2024	Deadline for submission of proposal Perspectief round 2023/2024 (NWO) . Submission of proposal: Tuesday May 16th, 2023 - 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP%20Perspectief%202023-2024%20-%20EN.pdf and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2023/2024
21-05-2024	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

23-05-2024	Deadline for submission Pre-proposals The call 'Smart Materials: From responsive to adaptive' within the Knowledge and Innovation Covenant (KIC) The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 23 May 2024, at 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-for-new-adaptive-materials-opened and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/smart-materials-van-responsief-naar-adaptief and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/screened-English%20version%20of%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20Smart%20Materials%20FINAL_11-12-2023_DEF.pdf
28-05-2024	Deadline for submission of declaration of 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.
02-06-2024	NEW: Deadline Deadline for submitting a grant application Tuesday 4 June 2024, 14:00h CEST. https://www.zonmw.nl/en/news/road-call-opened and https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidie/off-road-2024#orientate-when https://www.zonmw.nl/sites/zonmw/files/2024-04/Subsidieoproep-Off-Road-2024_English_0.pdf
06-06-2024	Deadline for submitting full-proposals Open Competition Domain Science-XL The deadline for submitting full proposals is June 6, 2024, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-open-competition-domain-science-xl-opened and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl
18-06-2024	Deadline for submitting an application The NWA call 'Behavioural insights for climate policy' The deadline for submitting an application is 18-06-2024, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-28-million-euros-available-for-new-nwa-call-behavioural-insights-for-climate-policy and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/thematic-programming/behavioural-insights-for-climate-policy
Continuously applications until 31-07-2024	Deadline submission of proposals for NWO Open Competition Domain Science - M Applications for the current round (2023/2024) can therefore be submitted until 31 July 2024 at the latest, as long as the maximum number of 420 applications has not yet been reached. The new round, year 2024/2025, will be opened in August 2024, in which applications can again be submitted continuously. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-m-2023/2024 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2023-24_EN_def.pdf
27-08-2024	Deadline submission Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2024 - round 2 The deadline for the first round is 19 March 2024. The deadline for the second round is 27 August 2024 and the deadline for the third round is 15 October 2024. Applications for the first round are now open. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/ssh-open-competition-xs-2024-a-call-for-promising-ideas and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2024-round-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202024%20-%20EN.pdf
03-09-2024	Deadline submission proposals Rubicon 2024-2 ENW, SGW, TTW, ZonMw . The deadlines in 2024 are: March 26, September 3 and December 3. Once the call is open, a link appears at the bottom of this page. In 2024, the budget for each round is approximately 2.47 million euros??. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon
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
28-11-1024	Deadline for submission Full-proposals The call 'Smart Materials: From responsive to adaptive' within the Knowledge and Innovation Covenant (KIC) The deadline for submitting proposals is 28 November 2024, at 14:00:00 CET.. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-for-new-adaptive-materials-opened and https://www.nwo.nl/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
30-11-2024	NEW: Foreseen deadline submission Full-proposals KIC - Missie 24/27 - Biodiversity informed decision making in Agri-Horti-Water-Food sectors 2024 . Closing date full application 30 November 2024 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-missie-24/27-biodiversity-informed-decision-making-in-agri-horti-water-food-sectors-2024
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-	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-

2024 until 13-12-2024	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
13-12-2024	NEW: Foreseen deadline submission Full-proposals KIC - Nature-based solutions for sustainable climate control of buildings . Closing date full application 13 December 2024 14:00 hrs . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-nature-based-solutions-for-sustainable-climate-control-of-buildings
30-01-2025	NEW: Foreseen deadline submission Full proposals KIC - Missie 24/27 - Value(s) in transition(s) 2024 . Closing date full application 30 January 2025 14:00 hrs . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-missie-24/27-values-in-transitions-2024
30-01-2025	NEW: Foreseen deadline submission Full-proposals KIC - Missie 24/27 - High performance materials for Defence and Security 2024 . Closing date full application 30 January 2025 14:00 hrs . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-missie-24/27-high-performance-materials-for-defence-and-security-2024
27-02-2025	NEW: Foreseen deadline submission Full-proposals KIC - Missie 24/27 - Call Digital Identities - a foundation for trust in the digital world . Closing date full application 27 February 2025 14:00 hrs . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-missie-24/27-call-digital-identities-a-foundation-for-trust-in-the-digital-world
31-03-2025	NEW: Foreseen deadline submission Full proposals KIC - Future Plastics 2024 . Closing date full application 31 March 2025 14:00 hrs . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-future-plastics-2024

Regional calls

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

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