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### *Biotech is included among the European Innovation Council (EIC) Accelerator Challenges 2025 (18 December 2024)*

Source: Website EIC [https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5e1eb75f-e437-477f-9ee9-ef54ff6387fd\\_en?filename=EIC%20Work%20Programme%202025.pdf](https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5e1eb75f-e437-477f-9ee9-ef54ff6387fd_en?filename=EIC%20Work%20Programme%202025.pdf)

The EIC Accelerator Challenges calls are open to proposals in predefined topics that have been identified in areas where breakthrough technologies or game-changing innovations developed by start-ups or SMEs can have a major impact on EU objectives.

With a budget of EUR 50 million, the Challenge “Biotechnology driven low emission food and feed production systems” aims to replace fossil fuels in the production of pesticides and fertilizers used in agriculture, support the deployment of climate smart agriculture, mitigate methane emissions, and expand conventional food and feed production.

Interested to apply? Read the **EIC Work Programme 2025** [https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5e1eb75f-e437-477f-9ee9-ef54ff6387fd\\_en?filename=EIC%20Work%20Programme%202025.pdf](https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5e1eb75f-e437-477f-9ee9-ef54ff6387fd_en?filename=EIC%20Work%20Programme%202025.pdf) and check out this **explanatory YouTube video**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UR0zjhzf9E&list=PLXP2yyGajWaYbNsVbtTto7eWuEeer5pww&index=3>. You have time until **1 October 2025** to submit your proposal.

### *2025 CBE JU funding opportunities announced (18 December 2024)*

Source: Website CBE <https://www.cbe.europa.eu/>

The **Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking** <https://www.cbe.europa.eu/> (CBE JU) has published its Annual Work Programme for 2025, including information about the next call for project proposals. €165 million will be dedicated to advancing competitive circular bio-based industries in Europe across 13 topics. Some of these topics are, for example: “Scaling-up nutritional proteins from alternative sources” and “Sustainable macroalgae systems for innovative, added-value applications: cultivation and optimised production systems”.

**Check the Annual Work Programme 2025** [https://www.cbe.europa.eu/system/files/2024-12/cbeju\\_awp2025.pdf](https://www.cbe.europa.eu/system/files/2024-12/cbeju_awp2025.pdf) for the complete topic text, conditions and requirements.

The call for proposals will open on **4 April 2025**, and the call deadline is foreseen for **17 September 2025**.

### *Open Call - Join InnoNext and advance your career with an internship with one of Europe’s leading startups and SMEs (13 December 2024)*

Source: Website EIC <https://eic.eisma.eu/community/stories/open-call-join-innonext-and-advance-your-career-internship-one-europes-leading-startups-and>



**Are you ready to transform your academic expertise into real-world impact? InnoNext**

[https://eic.ec.europa.eu/eic-funding-opportunities/bas/innonext-next-generation-innovation-talents-initiative\\_en](https://eic.ec.europa.eu/eic-funding-opportunities/bas/innonext-next-generation-innovation-talents-initiative_en), the new initiative under the EIC Business Acceleration Services, invites European brightest academic talents to participate in a programme that bridges the gap between research and industry. With 600 fully-funded internships,

**InnoNext empowers you to apply your research ideas into operating companies, develop entrepreneurial skills, and gain hands-on experience while collaborating with Europe's leading startups and SMEs.**

#### **Why join InnoNext?**

InnoNext offers a unique opportunity to take your career to new heights. By joining, you will:

- See your research in action: Collaborate with startups and SMEs to turn your academic projects into real-world applications.
- Gain entrepreneurial and management skills: Develop the tools needed to navigate the business world and lead innovative projects.
- Expand your professional horizons: Work in dynamic industries and environments, gaining experience beyond the academic setting.
- Be part of Europe's innovation ecosystem: Connect with a network of innovators, entrepreneurs, and researchers shaping the future.

#### **Who can apply?**

- EIC Pathfinder PhD candidates
- EIC Pathfinder Postdoctoral researchers
- PhD and/or postdoctoral researchers participating in projects funded by the European Research Council (ERC)
- Fellows participating in Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Fellows participating Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks
- Fellows participating Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) COFUND
- PhD and/or postdoctoral researcher participating as a consortium member in a project funded by the Research Infrastructures part of Horizon Europe
- Students in (and graduates from) EIT Label Masters and Doctoral programmes
- EIT Alumni member
- EIT Jumpstarter beneficiaries
- Participants from other postdoctoral training programmes supported by the EIT KICs.

**For more information:** <https://eic.eisma.eu/community/stories/open-call-join-innonext-and-advance-your-career-internship-one-europes-leading-startups-and>

### ***Brazilian researchers to gain new opportunities with ERC-funded teams in Europe (11 December 2024)***

Source: Website ERC <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/brazilian-researchers-gain-new-opportunities-erc-funded-teams-europe>

**Brazilian researchers will soon have new opportunities to work in ERC-funded research teams in Europe. The European Commission and the Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) concluded an official agreement in Brussels on 11 December.**



The agreement was signed by Deputy Director-General for Research and Innovation Signe Ratso and CNPq President Prof. Ricardo Galvão. Vice-President of ERC Prof Eystein Jansen and Brazil's ambassador and head of mission to the EU Pedro Miguel da Costa e Silva also attended the ceremony.

Thanks to the new agreement, researchers in Brazil will be able to undertake visits lasting six to twelve months to research teams of ERC grantees in Europe. The visits will follow the CNPq's guidelines for postdoctoral scholarships. This initiative will deepen cooperation between the European scientific community and Brazil, while reinforcing the ERC's mission to foster frontier research.

Since 2016, more than 140 Brazilian researchers visited ERC grantees' teams thanks to the existing agreement with the

Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies (CONFAP). The first Brazilian candidates under the new arrangement will be able to take part in the call for expression of interest launched by the ERC in November 2024.

The agreement, formally called an implementing arrangement, is one of several deals of its kind, forming part of the ERC's global outreach strategy that aims to make Europe a hub for top research talent. Similar agreements were concluded in the past with key institutions in Argentina, Canada, China, India, Japan, Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand and United States.

**Read full press release here:** <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/brazilian-researchers-gain-new-opportunities-erc-funded-teams-europe>

## ***European Parliament is considering its FP10 position (12 December 2024)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 12 December 2024.*

**Some MEPs from the Committee on Industry, Technology, Research and Energy (ITRE) have objected to the proposal to increase the budget for the European Research Council (ERC) and the European Innovation Council (EIC) in the next Framework Program for Research and Innovation (FP10) to double to a 50% share of the total budget for FP10.** Last week, the committee discussed the previously published draft report by MEP Christian Ehler. Science Business has written about this. The opponents believe that the additional funding for innovation (EIC) and fundamental research (ERC) should not be at the expense of pre-competitive and application-oriented research in Pillar 2 of the program. This criticism is in line with warnings from knowledge umbrella organizations EARTO, EUA and LERU. Until last week, MEPs could submit amendments to the draft report. Negotiations on the final report will continue until early 2025.

**Article Science Business:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/fp10/itre-members-raise-objections-fp10-draft-report>

**News item EUA:** <https://www.eua.eu/news/eua-news/meps-call-for-stand-alone-fp10-that-is-user-oriented-science-led-effective-and-efficiently-implemented.html>

**Publication EARTO:** <https://www.earto.eu/wp-content/uploads/EARTO-Reaction-to-EP-draft-Report-on-FP10-Final.pdf>

**Publication EARTO:** <https://www.earto.eu/wp-content/uploads/EARTO-Paper-on-EU-Partnerships-in-FP10-Final.pdf>

**Publication LERU:** [https://www.leru.org/files/Joint-position-paper\\_SSH-in-FP10.pdf](https://www.leru.org/files/Joint-position-paper_SSH-in-FP10.pdf)

## ***Science Europe: Strengthen European competitiveness with investments in research and innovation (12 December 2024)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 12 December 2024.*

**Science Europe calls on European governments to commit to strengthening research and innovation.** This is stated by the association of European research funders - including the Dutch NWO - in its final statement after the High Level Workshop on the European Research Area. "Unless there is a radical shift towards more financial investment and better policies to promote research and innovation, the EU will lack the scientific knowledge to sustain and increase its socio-cultural development and economic competitiveness", as can be read.

**Publication Science Europe:** <https://www.scienceeurope.org/our-resources/2024-high-level-workshop-statement/>

## ***Wageningen is the biggest beneficiary in agriculture and environment research (10 December 2024)***

*Source: Website Science|Business* <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/r-d-funding/horizon-europe/wageningen-biggest-beneficiary-agriculture-and-environment-research>

**The Dutch institution has received almost twice as much as the next organisation, while Spain leads the country table**



**Wageningen University & Research in the Netherlands is home to both the university and a research centre. They participate as two separate institutions in the Framework Programme, and currently sit in spots one and two in the overall ranking for most-funded organisations.**

In total, Wageningen has brought in around €111 million, with €57 million going to the research centre and €54 million to the university. This is around 3% of funding distributed through Cluster 6 to date, and makes up to one third of the Netherlands' funding in this area.

The next Dutch organisation in the ranking, at number 35 is Waterschapshuis, the organisation involving the country's 21 water boards.

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Spain also has the most research organisations participating, at 110. Second is Germany, with €410 million for 431 organisations.

Wageningen University & Research stands out among its fellow Dutch organisations. The €111 million received since 2021 represents around 32% of the total money distributed by the EU research programme to the Netherlands in agriculture, a field where there are 320 participants in total.

These Dutch participants have all brought in more money on average than their peers from either Spain, Germany, Italy, or France. Only Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden have passed the Dutch average in this category, but with around half of the number organisations and total funding each.

On the other hand, Spain is overall leader in the environment and agriculture cluster, with €501 million in total funding, distributed among 709 participating institutions. Private companies account for 51% of participants but research organisations have attracted more funding overall: €192 million for 110 players, compared to the €137 million for the 364 private actors.

Overall, the 807 research centres participating in the cluster have received around €1.3 billion, compared to €849 million for 2,347 private companies. In Cluster 6 research organisations have pulled in an average of €1.6 million per participant.

After Wageningen, French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE), has won €53 million and is the single organisation coordinating the most projects, at 18, while Wageningen's two organisations are coordinating a total of 22. Following INRAE is the Danish university of Aarhus, with €44 million across 70 projects – the second highest by any higher education institution in the cluster.

In Spain, the most funded organisation is the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), with €43 million and 90 projects overall. In the top 50, Germany is the most active, with seven representatives, followed by Belgium and France with five each.

### Top organisations active in Horizon Europe Cluster 6

Organisation	Funding (€ million)	Country	Projects
Wageningen Research	57,24	Netherlands	104
Wageningen University	54,42	Netherlands	101
National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE)	53,13	France	86
Aarhus University	44,28	Denmark	70
Spanish National Research Council	43,68	Spain	93
Ghent University	33,99	Belgium	51
Natural Resources Institute Finland	26,39	Finland	49
Flanders Research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (ILVO)	26,15	Belgium	48
Technical University of Denmark	25,90	Denmark	42
Italian National Research Council	23,78	Italy	66

## Other International funding

### ***Eurostars part of European Partnership on Innovative SMEs (16 December 2024)***

Source: Website Eureka Network <https://eurekanetwork.org/programmes/eurostars/>

Eurostars is part of the European Partnership on Innovative SMEs. **The partnership is co-funded by the European Union through Horizon Europe** [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/european-partnerships-horizon-europe\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/european-partnerships-horizon-europe_en).

Is our Eurostars funding programme the perfect opportunity for your organisation?

Eurostars is the largest international funding programme for SMEs wishing to collaborate on R&D projects that create innovative products, processes or services for commercialisation. Your consortium must spotlight an innovative SME as the main project participant.

Choose project partners from SMEs, universities and research centres from any of the programme's 37 participating countries. Organisations in non-participating countries can still join a Eurostars consortium.

#### ***Why Eurostars?***

- Gain access to public funding
- Join an ever-growing international network of SMEs, universities and research centres
- Collaborate on innovative and market-driven R&D projects with like-minded international partners
- Access an expert support network
- Improve private investors' perception of your organisation

Eurostars is a competitive programme that sees an average of 29% of project applications receive funding, meaning that submitting your project proposal is certainly worthwhile. Eurostars submission process is centralised and the evaluation procedures (conducted by industry experts) are transparent and thorough.

**If your Eurostars application is successful, your national funding body will offer you a substantial grant to help with your R&D project costs.**

#### ***Eurostars funding information for The Netherlands***

Dutch funding body, the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO), <https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/eureka>, supports SMEs participating in our Eurostars programme.

As a Dutch SME, you could receive a grant of up to 50% of the eligible project costs. RVO only funds R&D project activities. The maximum funding amount for the Dutch project partner(s) is 500,000 euros per project.

For information from RVO about Eurostars <https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/eurostars> **(in Dutch)**

### ***COST wants to facilitate 50% more research networks (12 December 2024)***

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/cost-wil-50-meer-onderzoeksnetwerken-faciliteren>

**More money is needed to meet the demand for networking opportunities for European researchers. European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) said this in a statement. The organization would like to support 50% more research networks per year.**





***More demand for networking opportunities for researchers***

**The European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)** <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2024/12/COST-SC-Statement-05122024.pdf> is calling for an increase in its budget in order to financially support 50% more research networks, also known as 'COST actions', per year (see also: <https://www.cost.eu/statement-scientific-committee-2024/>) . The demand for networking opportunities for researchers has increased by 25% in recent years, mainly from widening countries. Currently, COST can only finance 8% of submitted proposals. That's a shame, because COST campaigns are very successful. Researchers with COST experience are almost three times more likely to succeed in writing new European research proposals

***Context***

The European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) is an intergovernmental organization that facilitates networks of researchers in Europe, with a particular focus on young researchers and widening countries. It is an accessible way to gain European research experience. COST receives its funding from the Horizon component Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area.

## National funding

### **Call Computing Time on National Computer Facilities 2025 open for submission (18 December 2024)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-computing-time-on-national-computer-facilities-2025-open-for-submission>



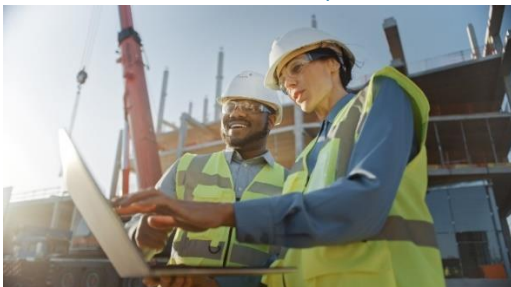
**From 1 January 2025, researchers can once again request computing time on national computer systems and associated data services and expertise for their research. Applications can be submitted to NWO on a ongoing basis.**

The advanced national computer facilities are used for technical-scientific research in which large computational and/or data-intensive problems have to be solved and where the computational facilities of individual institutions are inadequate. In the Netherlands, several computer systems are available for national use and are managed by SURF. Through the new computing time call, computing time and data storage can be requested on the following computer systems: Snellius supercomputer, Data Processing (Grid/Spider), Cloud Research Consultancy en HPC Cloud (via SURF Research Cloud). In addition, the Dutch allocation of the pre-exascale supercomputer LUMI is also part of this call. Allocated computational projects that require large amount of computing time are awarded for a project duration of a maximum of 2 years per application. For projects that requires limited amounts of computing time as well as allocated computing time on LUMI (regular/pilot), the maximum project duration is 1 year per application.

Compared to the previous Call for proposals a number of changes have been made to the call, the most significant changes are listed in this article: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-computing-time-on-national-computer-facilities-2025-open-for-submission>

### **Pre-announcement: Towards a New Labour Market in 2050 (18 December 2024)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-towards-a-new-labour-market-in-2050>



**The NWA-Call 'Towards a New Labour Market in 2050: Energy Transition and Digitalization in the Built Environment' is expected to open in mid-January. This Call focuses on the challenges that digital and energy transition bring to the labour market in the built environment.**

The Call aims to provide insight into what the labour market could look like in 2050 and what steps are needed to get there. The results contribute to a future framework with scenarios and action perspectives for policymakers, employers,

educators and social partners. This framework provides direction for the development of a labour market prepared for the changes in the built environment.

### **Meetings**

NWO is organising an information meeting and two workshops for this research programme. The aim is for participants to exchange ideas and form consortia together. A pre-formed consortium is not necessary. The lead applicant must attend both workshops or arrange substitution and notify NWO. The workshops are open to all, and civil society organisations are expressly invited. More information on how to register for the meeting and/or workshops will be announced at a later date.

**Read full article here:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-towards-a-new-labour-market-in-2050>

## **Off the beaten track with Open Mind 2025: now open for out-of-the box research proposals (17 December 2024)**

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/off-the-beaten-track-with-open-mind-2025-now-open-for-out-of-the-box-research-proposals>



**With the Open Mind call, NWO finances out-of-the-box, innovative research with global societal impact. Celebrating its 10th year milestone, open Mind enters a new phase with an exciting shift in focus with impact and originality at the forefront. Open Mind calls for researchers with exciting high-risk, high-gain research ideas to submit their proposal.**

The Open Mind 2025 round introduces an updated call text, a new call image, and adjusted objectives and assessment criteria that reflect Open Mind's evolving vision. Up to 15 proposals will be selected for a pitch session at the NWO Innovation Festival TEKNOLOGY on 19 June 2025, during which the seven winners will be announced.

### **Bold ideas for global challenges**

Open Mind is looking for 'high-risk, high-gain' research ideas that challenge conventional thinking and have the potential to drive real-world change. Whether you are developing new ways in the division of renewable energy (**such as Metal powder: the unexpected energy carrier** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/cases/metal-powder-the-unexpected-energy-carrier>), or creative solutions to combat plastic pollution (**such as Aquatic plants as a tool to tackle plastic pollution** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/cases/aquatic-plants-as-a-tool-for-tackling-plastic-pollution>), we want to hear from you! Open Mind calls on researchers to think outside the box and bring original and creative ideas that can have a lasting and meaningful impact.

### **Budget and deadlines**

The Open Mind programme has a total budget of €350,000 available for the 2025 call. A maximum of seven grants will be awarded, with a maximum of €50,000 (including VAT) per grant. The funding can be used for staff and materials for the duration of one year.

The deadline for submitting a research proposal is **Tuesday 11 March 2025, before 14:00:00 CET**.

### **Information session**

On Thursday **16 January 2025, at 14:00:00 CET**, NWO is organising an online session to share more information about the Open Mind call. There will also be room for any questions you may have.

**Register for the information session:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/information-session-open-mind-2025>

**View the Open Mind call for 2025:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-mind-2025>

## **Announcement: Impact Explorer reopens in 2025 (17 December 2024)**

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/announcement-impact-explorer-reopens-in-2025>



**NWO is expected to open the Impact Explorer 2025 call in February 2025. Following the success of the previous round, NWO wants to give more researchers the opportunity to submit a proposal. This will allow researchers with an already existing grant to get a top up.**

From curiosity-driven research can come unexpected results that can have an impact on society. But because the results were not in the project description, there is no possibility to pursue them further. To investigate the potential impact anyway, NWO developed the Impact Explorer call. Due to the popularity of the pilot programme in 2024, the call is being repeated in 2025.

### **For whom**

Applications can only be submitted by researchers with an ongoing project from a talent programme (Veni, Vidi or Vici) of NWO or ZonMw and/or researchers with an ongoing project from the Open Competition programmes of NWO or ZonMw. The Open Competition programmes include the Open Competition SSH-XS, -M and -L, the Open Competition AES-XS, -M and -XL, the AES Open Technology Programme, the ZonMw Open Competition and the Open Competition Science Small and Large. The proposal within the Call Impact Explorer stems from this ongoing research project.

### **Budget**

Each proposal can ask for a minimum of 20,000 and a maximum of 30,000 euro. The grant ceiling of this call is 1 million euro.

### **Deadlines**

Proposals can be submitted continuously, or until the grant ceiling is reached. At different times, proposals will be retrieved for evaluation:

- 11 March 2025 by 14:00:00 CET
- 22 April 2025 before 14:00:00 CEST
- 24 June 2025 before 14:00:00 CEST
- 14 August 2025 before 14:00:00 CEST
- 7 October 2025 before 14:00:00 CEST
- 12 November 2025 before 14:00:00 CEST
- 20 December 2025 before 14:00:00 CET
- 3 February 2026 by 14:00:00 CET (also the latest closure of the grant round)

## **Pre-announcement: Take-off spring round 2025 (17 December 2024)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-take-off-spring-round-2025>



**The spring 2025 round of the Take-off programme opens on 6 January 2025 for proposals. Through Take-off, NWO supports economic activity from science, with funding from the Ministries of Economic Affairs and**

**Climate and Education, Culture and Science. Researchers can apply for funding to start a company and take an innovative idea to market.**

In this new round, applicants can submit proposals for both feasibility studies and early-stage projects. Please note that changes are planned for both instruments in this programme.

**Changes in this round**

- For the phase 1 feasibility studies instrument, it will be possible to apply for more budget per grant (from 40,000 euros to <<50,000 euros or 60,000 euros>>, and there will be budget to provide more grants: <<30>> per round.
- Also in the phase 2 early phase projects instrument, there will be a higher maximum amount to apply for: from €250,000 to €450,000, and there will be scope to make 11 awards.
- The special cluster Phase 1 WO Commit2Data will not reopen: all applicants who had wanted to submit in this instrument can go into the general Phase 1 WO instrument.

The 2024 call pages will be replaced with the new spring round 2025. Keep an eye on the Take-off call pages (**phase 1** and **phase 2** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/take-off-phase-2-vroegefasetrajecten-wo/hbo/to2>) in the week of 6 January for the conditions and submission deadlines of the new spring round.

**Take-off**

The science-wide grant instrument Take-off stimulates activity and entrepreneurship from Dutch knowledge institutions. Academic entrepreneurs, but also start-ups from institutes of higher professional education and start-ups using knowledge from Applied Research Organisations (TO2) can use it to bring their innovative research results to the market. Take-off is one of the instruments for knowledge utilisation that NWO implements together with ZonMw. The programme consists of two phases aimed at different stages of innovation: feasibility studies and early-stage projects.

**Twenty-three innovative research projects awarded through Open Competition Domain Science-M programme (16 December 2024)**

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



**The NWO Domain Board Science has awarded twenty-one grant applications in the Open Competition Domain Science-M programme. M-grants are intended for innovative, high-quality, fundamental research and/or studies involving matters of scientific urgency.**

The topics vary from exploring the concept of imaginary time, studying the correlation between activity and thermostability in ancestral enzymes, investigating the role of dendritic and synaptic properties of human neurons, and developing a model for multiple myeloma to optimise timing and dosing of treatments.

**The following two applications with WUR are granted:**

**The power of immune cells:** *Dr Daan Vorselen (WUR)*

**The true colours of a plant hormone:** *Prof Dr Dolf Weijers & Prof Dr Ir. Corné Pieterse (WUR/UU)*

**For more information and overview 23 awarded projects:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/twenty-three-innovative-research-projects-awarded-through-open-competition-domain-science-m-programme>

**About the NWO Open Competition Domain Science-M**

M-grants are intended for realising curiosity-driven, fundamental research of high quality and/or scientific urgency. The M-grant offers researchers the possibility to elaborate creative and risky ideas and to realise scientific innovations that can form the basis for the research themes of the future. There are three categories of M-grants: M-1 (one scientific position), M-2 (two scientific positions in collaboration) and M-invest (investments) that are assessed in competition with each other.

## Pre-announcement: opening Open Technology Programme 2025 (16 December 2024)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025>



On 13 January 2025, NWO will open the call for the Open Technology Programme (OTP) 2025. This programme has supported application-oriented technical-scientific research for more than 40 years, with a focus on achieving impact. To achieve these goals, collaboration with societal partners and/or companies is essential.

View the call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025>

### **Different stages of technology**

Research applications for the OTP may be at different stages of technology development. In a research project, several companies or organisations can participate in innovative scientific research. A user committee is set up for each assigned project to achieve maximum collaboration and impact.

### **Main changes**

Compared to the 2024 round, NWO has made the following changes, among others:

- The maximum NWO contribution has been increased to €950,000 (€1,050,000 for projects with an investment character). The ceiling above which co-funding is mandatory has been increased to €700,000;
- The budget modules have been updated;
- All applications are subject to the NWO Co-funding Scheme; this means, among other things, that cash co-funding is invoiced by the applicant rather than by NWO;
- The definition and role of users has been clarified.

Applications can be submitted on a continuous basis between 13 January 2025 until 12 December 2025, as long as the grant ceiling or the maximum number of applications submitted has not yet been reached.

For a full explanation, see Call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025>

## 64 million euros for groundbreaking fundamental research projects (13 December 2024)

Source: website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/64-million-euros-for-groundbreaking-fundamental-research-projects>



21 research consortia have the chance to reach a breakthrough thanks to funding from the ENW-XL Open Competition. From fundamental research on the effects of certain materials on the methane cycle to the study of maize in order to have more food security; a total of 64 million euros has been awarded. One to three million euros will be awarded to each project.

Even though the topics named above differ in content, they do share one common and essential goal: to take a big step in the direction of curiosity-driven research by consortia. But what makes the Open Competition ENW-XL so essential for

the sciences?

Jan de Boer, chair of NWO's Science (ENW) domain, explains the importance of this funding instrument: 'Within the Science domain, the Open Competition ENW-XL is the only instrument for fundamental collaboration. After all, we are too small to compete with each other, so we will have to cooperate and join forces. Only then can we put new topics on the map.'

### ***The value of fundamental research***

With this funding, it is up to the researchers to start, strengthen or expand groundbreaking and innovative world-class research lines together. Karen Aardal, board member of the NWO domain Science (ENW) and former recipient of funding from the Open Competition ENW-XL, highlights the value of fundamental research. 'Many of the results of fundamental research eventually end up in society. It's just not clear how and when. Think of fundamental mathematical research, much of that is eventually reflected in logistics. Without fundamental research, there is no foundation to build on.'

### **The next round of the Open competition ENW-XL will open in March 2025.**

Read full article with all the awarded projects here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/64-million-euros-for-groundbreaking-fundamental-research-projects>

## ***New round Faculty of Impact opens end January (12 December 2024)***

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-faculty-of-impact-opens-end-january>



**For the upcoming round of the Faculty of Impact programme, NWO is looking for researchers who want to combine science and entrepreneurship. Researchers with innovative ideas on the safety of the Netherlands and the energy transition in particular will have the opportunity to further develop and scale up their ideas during this round. There is also room for other themes from the mission-driven innovation policy. With this programme, research can lead to societal impact.**

Through the Faculty of Impact, talented researchers are given two years of time and guidance to develop their ideas for the market. These might include, for example, a tool to encourage behavioural change, a technological innovation or a new business model. At this stage, there is no functional product, service or policy yet, or a company with commercial operations.

Researchers from all scientific domains (alpha, beta & gamma) can submit a proposal. The call is aimed at PhD students who have almost completed their PhD research, as well as postdocs, Engineering Doctorate (EngD) and Professional Doctorate (PD) students, university (head) lecturers, professors and other researchers connected to universities of applied sciences or other scientific staff with independent research experience.

### ***Themes of the 2025 round***

Since 2024, the Faculty of Impact has focused on two different themes from the mission-driven innovation policy each round. Most positions are available for researchers with proposals within these themes this round. In 2025, the themes are:

- **Security:** The Netherlands is safe and resilient against external threats and undermining crime, both in the physical environment and the digital domain
- **Energy transition:** the Netherlands is climate neutral in 2050

**In addition, interested parties can also submit a proposal on one of the other themes:**

- **Agriculture, water and food:** A vital rural division and resilient nature in a climate-resistant Netherlands. Water and soil are steering, the agricultural and food system is sustainable and healthy and the delta is safe

- **Circular economy:** the Netherlands is fully circular in 2050
- **Health and care:** People in the Netherlands live five years longer in good health and there are 30% fewer health differences between socio-economic groups in 2040

The opening of the call for proposals is scheduled for the end of January. **The deadline for submitting proposals is in June 2025 (3 June 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.))**. Thirteen fellows are expected to be able to participate. Five on the security theme, five on the energy transition theme and **three on the other themes**.

**Call Faculty of Impact 2025:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/faculty-of-impact-2025-safety-and-energy-transition>

#### **About Faculty of Impact**

Faculty of Impact stems from a collaboration between Universiteiten van Nederland (UNL), Techleap and NWO. You can read more about this collaboration and the **entire programme on the Faculty of Impact website** <https://facultyofimpact.nl/>

## **Science organisations have major concern over OCW budget (12 December 2024)**

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/science-organisations-have-major-concern-over-ocw-budget>



**The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), the Dutch Research Council (NWO), the Netherlands Federation of University Medical Centres (NFU) and Universities of the Netherlands (UNL) are very concerned about the cuts to higher education and scientific research. 90% of the cuts to scientific research remain. This will prevent innovations in the fields of health, safety, climate, living environment and digitalisation.**

'It is disappointing and worrying that most of the cuts in research remain,' said Marcel Levi, NWO board chair. 'While it is nice that the parties have committed themselves to the sector, the proposal as it stands only reverses a very small part of these cuts. This is so minimal that science, knowledge and innovation hardly gain anything. Thorough budget cuts on research, knowledge and talent will be lost, which is really worrying for the Dutch economy, our strategic autonomy and our broad prosperity.'

#### **Science helps us all get ahead**

Scientific research enriches, improves and prolongs everyone's life. The outline agreement mentions the word innovation 85 times. Innovation is put forward as the solution to the major problems facing the Netherlands, such as in healthcare and regarding the energy transition. For this, investments in research are essential, but the cabinet is actually cutting back.

#### **Earning capacity under pressure**

These cuts put the Netherlands' position as a knowledge and innovation country at risk. Time and again, research shows that investments in education, research and innovation pay off handsomely. With these cuts, the government is putting pressure on the Netherlands' earning capacity and the Netherlands will end up poorer.

Europe has agreed that countries should invest 3% of their GDP in research and innovation. Currently, the Netherlands is investing 2.3%. With the cuts, this percentage will decrease. As a result, the Netherlands is falling further behind. This policy is at odds with the advice given in Mario Draghi's report and the government's welcoming of the main thrust of this report, which actually advises European countries to invest drastically in research and innovation.



## Off Road 2025 (10 December 2024)

Source: Website ZonMw <https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidy/off-road-2025#orientate-who>

**The Off Road programme focuses on curiosity-driven, fundamental research at the start of the knowledge chain and the ability to quickly 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 of this is to realise new insights and unexpected breakthroughs in medical and/or health research. Additional conditions for applicants can be found in paragraph 3.1.1 of the Call for proposals

[https://www.zonmw.nl/sites/zonmw/files/2024-12/Call-for-proposals-Off-Road-2025\\_0.pdf](https://www.zonmw.nl/sites/zonmw/files/2024-12/Call-for-proposals-Off-Road-2025_0.pdf). Information regarding the extension scheme can be found in the appendix *Extension Scheme Off Road* (see section 'To prepare').

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.

Off Road focuses on groundbreaking research in the biomedical and/or healthcare 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 can have a long-term character, 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 there is an effect, helps science move forward.

### **What to request**

The total available grant budget in this grant round (Off Road 2025) is €2,000,000.-. Additionally, the ZonMw programme More Knowledge with Fewer Animals makes an amount of €600,000,- available for the New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) investment module. This amount includes a contribution of €250,000,- by Stichting Proefdiervrij (The Dutch Society for the Replacement of Animal Testing). Together with the Off Road grant budget of €2,000,000.-, the total grant budget for this round is €2,600,000.-.

Per application, a maximum of €100,000.- can be applied for by Zonmw, with a duration of 12 to 18 months. Additionally, it is possible to apply for the optional NAMs investment module for an amount of up to €30,000.-. This amount is in addition to the requested grant amount upon possible approval. The maximum subsidy amount available for applications that include an investment module is €130,000 (for more information, see the paragraph 'Financial conditions').

**Deadline: 30 January 2025, 2:00 PM**

### **Download all information**

Do you want to submit? All necessary files can be downloaded under the heading 'To prepare'. You can find specific information about this round in the full call for proposals. [https://www.zonmw.nl/sites/zonmw/files/2024-12/Call-for-proposals-Off-Road-2025\\_0.pdf](https://www.zonmw.nl/sites/zonmw/files/2024-12/Call-for-proposals-Off-Road-2025_0.pdf)

## **Regional funding**

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

## Latest developments within R&I Policies

### European Policy

#### *Two recently published reports on the EU bioeconomy (18 December 2024)*

Source: Website EC <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/0c70998c-b77f-11ef-91ed-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>

*Stakeholder engagement for the EU Bioeconomy.* A new insightful report, "Enhancing Stakeholder Involvement in the EU Bioeconomy Policy," highlights the importance of stakeholder engagement for advancing the EU bioeconomy. It not only maps out current good practice initiatives but also suggests seven strategic recommendations for improving stakeholder interaction. **Delve into the report** <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/0c70998c-b77f-11ef-91ed-01aa75ed71a1/language-en> or **policy brief** <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/c6ada7ce-b784-11ef-91ed-01aa75ed71a1/language-en> to better understand and contribute to the evolving dialogue on sustainable bioeconomy practices.

*Trends in the EU bioeconomy - update 2024.* Policy monitoring frameworks allow decision makers to assess the performance and progress towards specific strategic objectives that reflect an overall vision. The bioeconomy consists of complex social, economic, and environmental systems. The EU Bioeconomy Monitoring System was developed by the JRC to fulfil the need for a holistic policy monitoring framework and track economic, environmental and social progress towards a sustainable bioeconomy through relevant indicators. **Check out the latest updated report online** <https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC140285>.

#### *Feite Hofman elected as co-chairman of ERAC (18 December 2024)*

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/feite-hofman-verkozen-tot-co-voorzitter-erac>

**The Dutch Feite Hofman has been elected co-chairman of the European Research and Innovation Area Committee on behalf of the member states. Hofman will chair the advisory group together with Marc Lemaître from February 2025.**



#### **New co-chairman ERAC**

Fact Hofman, Director General at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW), has been elected co-chairman of the European Research and Innovation Area Committee (ERAC) <https://european-research-area.ec.europa.eu/european-research-and-innovation-area-committee>. He does this as a representative of the Member States. Co-chairs are responsible for chairing meetings and supervising activities in line with the ERAC's mandate and work programme. Hofman chairs the ERAC together with Marc Lemaître, who is co-chair on behalf of the European Commission. Hofman is currently Director General (DG) of Vocational Education, Science and Emancipation at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW). He will take office as co-chairman of the ERAC on January 25, 2025.

Hofman's election was done by written procedure. He succeeds Austrian Barbara Weitgruber, whose mandate expires in January 2025.

### **Context**

Before his appointment, Hofman was already actively involved in the ERAC as co-chair of the Task Force for the next EU Framework Program for Research and Innovation (FP10). In this role, Hofman was rapporteur of the ERAC opinion regarding FP10. The ERAC plays a crucial role in advising on strategic policy directions and future trends within the European Research Area. The committee consists of representatives of the Member States and the European Commission and focuses on promoting cooperation and innovation within Europe. The next ERAC meeting is on February 13 and 14. The procedural arrangements <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-8227-2022-INIT/en/pdf> of the ERAC state that the ERAC is chaired by a representative of the European Commission and the Member States.

## **EU companies top US and China counterparts in R&D investment growth, breaking decade-long trend (18 December 2024)**

Source: Website EC Website [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_24\\_6440](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_6440)

Top Europe's industry has increased its investment in research and development (R&D) by 9.8% in 2023, surpassing the growth of corporate R&D investment in the US (+5.9%) and China (+9.6%) for the first time since 2013, according to the new edition of the **EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard** <https://iri.jrc.ec.europa.eu/scoreboard/2024-eu-industrial-rd-investment-scoreboardpublished> today. In 2023, the EU was second globally in R&D private investment (18.7%), trailing the US (42.3%), but ahead of China (17.1%), Japan (8.3%) and countries in the rest of the world (13.6%). Despite slowing global R&D growth (+7.8% vs. +12.6% in 2022), the top 2000 companies invested a record €1257.7 billion on R&D in 2023. The top 50, among them 11 EU companies, contributed 40.1% of investments, revealing a strong concentration of R&D in the biggest players.

**Research and innovation (R&I) will be at the centre of the EU's economy in the coming years, aimed at boosting innovation and scientific excellence in the race to a clean and digital economy, and contributing to the EU's sustainable competitiveness and prosperity.** This year's Scoreboard reaffirms that, while European companies are relevant global players, the industrial structure explains the innovation gaps with main competitors. Moreover, the EU must further boost private R&I investments, develop key sectors, such as Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) and health, address disparities among Member States, and promote technology deployment and the creation and growth of EU-based players.

**EU leads R&D investments in automotive, which together with ICT and health drive global R&D growth**  
**In the past decade, four sectors – software, ICT hardware, health, and automotive – have accounted for more than three-quarters of global R&D investment.** The ICT software sector has grown the fastest across the world, with a 10-year compound annual growth rate of 13.3%, followed by health (7%), ICT hardware (6.9%) and automotive (6.3%). R&D investments in ICT and health are now slowing down from their post-COVID-19 surge. In the **automotive sector**, a stronghold for the EU, companies headquartered in the EU accounted for 45.4% of global R&D investment of the sector in 2023 and invested over twice as much as their US and Japanese peers, and more than three times as much as Chinese competitors. On the other hand, the R&D investment of EU **ICT software** companies remained marginal on the global scale, whereas US-based firms constitute 70% of the sector's global R&D and China has established significant R&D-investing companies. Companies from the US also account for 43.3% of the total R&D of the **ICT hardware** sector, where large players from the Republic of Korea and Taiwan are gaining global relevance in semiconductor manufacturing.

At the same time, the **health sector** has the largest number of companies in the top 2000, with 437 companies, including smaller biotech ones. Among them, 238 US-based companies are leading in **health R&D** (52% of global total), while the number of Chinese companies in the health sector has increased from 13 to 63 over 10 years, closing in on the EU (64 firms in 2023). Global investment in the **energy sector** has seen a 21% increase in 2023 to €23.8 billion, surpassing the aerospace and defence and just below the chemicals sector.

**Read full article here:** [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_24\\_6440](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_6440)

## Commission hosts high-level roundtable on advancing science with AI (12 December 2024)

Source: Website EC [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/commission-hosts-high-level-roundtable-advancing-science-ai-2024-12-12\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/commission-hosts-high-level-roundtable-advancing-science-ai-2024-12-12_en)

The Commission organised today a roundtable with leading experts in the application of artificial intelligence (AI) in various scientific disciplines and in fundamental AI research. Hosted by the Executive Vice-President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy, Henna Virkkunen and the Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation, Ekaterina Zaharieva, the discussion focused on identifying gaps and exploring pathways to use AI to accelerate scientific innovation and excellence in Europe. The experts' input is also timely in view of the forthcoming initiative on a European AI Research Council and the Strategy to increase the uptake of AI by European scientists.

Participants in the roundtable discussed three key topics:

1. **Facilitating AI integration in research:** identifying critical challenges and opportunities to enable the widespread adoption of AI in scientific disciplines.
2. **Advancing AI research:** addressing pressing questions in fundamental AI research to position Europe as a global leader in this domain.
3. **Resource pooling:** developing a framework for consolidating European resources to enhance research capabilities and foster collaboration.

For more information: [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/commission-hosts-high-level-roundtable-advancing-science-ai-2024-12-12\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/commission-hosts-high-level-roundtable-advancing-science-ai-2024-12-12_en)

## European investments in R&I have been increasing for 10 years, but not in the Netherlands (12 December 2024)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/europese-investeringen-in-o-i-stijgen-al-10-jaar-maar-niet-in-nederland>

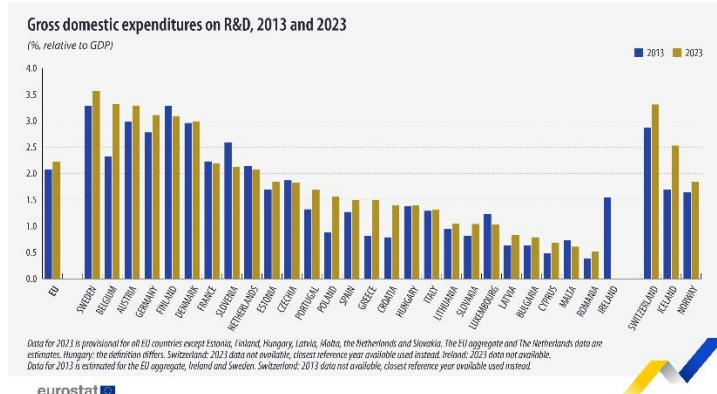
The EU and its member states will invest significantly more in research & innovation in 2023 than in 2013. However, the bottom line result is disappointing due to inflation. The Netherlands is one of the small group of countries where investments even declined. Eurostat calculates that.



### Investments are rising, but so is inflation

The European Union invested 381.4 billion euros in research & innovation (R&I) in 2023

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/w/ddn-20241211-2>. That is 6.7% more than in 2022 (357 billion) and 57.9% more than in 2013 (241 billion). Yet it is no reason to celebrate: inflation rose just as fast in the same ten years. As a result, the so-called R&I intensity has remained virtually the same. As a percentage of GDP, the EU invested 2.2% in research & innovation in 2023, compared to 2.1% in 2013. This is calculated by Eurostat.



### **The Netherlands invests less**

Nineteen EU countries are investing considerably more in R&I than ten years ago, even after inflation adjustment. The biggest risers are Belgium (1.0 percentage point), Poland (0.7) and Greece (0.7). Five countries invested more than 3% of GDP in R&I in 2023: Sweden (3.6%), Belgium and Austria (3.3%), and Germany and Finland (3.1%). In contrast, the Netherlands belongs to the group of countries that have invested less. The Dutch R&I intensity decreased from 2.14% in 2013 to 2.08% in 2023.

**Note PJ:** The **business enterprise sector continued to account for the largest share of R&D expenditure. In 2023 it represented 66% of EU R&D spending**, totalling €253.1 billion. It was followed by the higher education sector (€81.7 billion; 21%), the government sector (€41.0 billion; 11%), and the private non-profit sector (€5.5 billion; 1%). In the Case of the Netherlands ASML and Philips are responsible for respectively €2.8 billion and €0.7 billion of R&D spending making Dutch R&D spending very dependent on those two high tech companies.

### **The European Community must help university alliances to work better together (12 December 2024)**

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 12 December 2024.

Last week the European Commission launched the 'community of practice' FOREU4ALL for European universities. This community must connect all 64 European alliances of European universities and other stakeholders in higher education and stimulate mutual cooperation. For example, it should become easier to share knowledge and best practices.

**News item European Commission:** <https://education.ec.europa.eu/news/community-of-practice-for-european-universities-alliances-and-beyond>

### **New European Commissioner wants to close the innovation gap with the US and China (12 December 2024)**

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 12 December 2024.

**The new European Commissioner for Start-ups, Research and Innovation Ekaterina Zaharieva has called for 'the courage to change approaches' and streamline European R&I processes to increase competitiveness in her first public appearance.** This is what Science Business writes about Zaharieva's appearance at the European Partnership Stakeholder Forum. "Closing the innovation gap is at the heart of the new competitiveness compass and will guide the work of the new Commission," said Zaharieva. The European Commissioner also says he is working to increase spending on research and simplify access to financing. Nature has also written about Zaharieva's plans.

**Article Science Business:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/partnerships/new-research-commissioner-sets-her-sights-boosting-europes-competitiveness>

**Article Nature:** <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-024-04017-6>

### **European Council adopts conclusions on digital infrastructures and ENISA (12 December 2024)**

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 12 December 2024.

**The European Council adopted conclusions on the European Commission's White Paper 'How to master EU's digital infrastructure needs'.** "Today's comprehensive set of conclusions provides clear political guidance on what Europe needs in the field of digital infrastructure in the coming years to improve its competitiveness and tackle current and future challenges," said Hungarian Minister Zoltán Kovács on behalf of the Hungarian EU presidency. In addition, the Council adopted conclusions on the EU Cybersecurity Agency (ENISA). The Member States endorse the crucial role of the agency and argue for more financial resources in line with the increased range of tasks.

**Press release European Council (White Paper):** <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/12/06/digital-infrastructure-council-approves-conclusions-on-the-commission-s-white-paper/>

**Press release European Council (ENISA):** <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/12/06/enisa-council-approves-conclusions-for-a-stronger-eu-agency-for-cybersecurity/>

### **EU Eco-Innovation Index 2024 (12 December 2024)**

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 12 December 2024.

**The European Commission has published the Eco-Innovation Index 2024.** The biennial report is produced by an independent expert group and examines the key trends in eco-innovation over the past decade. This takes into account

both national and EU levels. The Netherlands scores just above the EU average and is classified as a 'leader in eco-innovation'. Finland, Denmark, Austria and Luxembourg score the highest.

**Publication European Commission:** <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/afe9989d-95ac-11ef-a130-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>



## Global policy

### *ITIF presents Trump Risk Index (19 December 2024)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 19 December 2024

**The American think tank ITIF published a Trump Risk index last week to provide insight into how great the risks are for a country to be affected by trade restrictions.** For example, countries are at greatest risk if they invest inadequately in defense, take anti-American tax and regulatory measures or take a weak position vis-à-vis China. Mexico, Thailand, Slovenia, Austria and Canada, among others, score high on this index. The risk is more limited in Belgium and the Netherlands, although Belgium is in negative territory in Defense expenditure. An analysis by think tank Brookings indicates that Trump's protectionist course could have major consequences in the longer term for international trade relations and therefore for the American influence on the global economy. China smells opportunities to take over that position.

**Article ITIF:** <https://itif.org/publications/2024/12/09/which-us-allies-are-most-likely-to-face-trump-tariffs/>

**Analysis Brookings:** <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/the-consequences-of-trumps-tariff-threats/>

### *Fear for science due to Trump's re-election (19 December 2024)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 19 December 2024

Scientists fear for the position of science in the US and trust in science among citizens, now that Donald Trump will become president again on January 20. This can be read in an article on Physics World. For example, various officeholders proposed by Trump are being vetted, all of whom have a questionable reputation with regard to scientific insights into climate change and corona. Various figures have been nominated with clear business interests in the fossil energy sector and space travel. Some also had major doubts about the vaccination policy during the corona period. The piece also fears cuts in scientific federal institutions and deregulation that is good for fossil energy and mining, but bad for the environment and the climate. In addition, cuts in the Ministry of Education and a return of the China Initiative are also possible.

**Article Physics World:** <https://physicsworld.com/a/scientists-braced-for-donald-trumps-second-term-as-us-president/>

### *OECD: Recommendations for governance of mission-oriented innovation policies (12 December 2024)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 12 December 2024

**An OECD policy document makes recommendations to shape the governance surrounding mission-oriented innovation policies (MOIPs). Through such MOIPs, innovation policy is broadly deployed to address certain missions, such as climate change, health crisis and digital transformation.** "To make MOIPs a success, it is crucial to design tailor-made governance structures and thus be able to manage multiple sectors and policy components," it can be read. For example, it is pointed out that it is important to anchor the mission in government policy, based on the scope and objectives of the mission. This can prevent a silo approach and allow the scope of an innovation mission (limited to the STI domain) to grow into a transition mission (government-wide). "Where to locate mission leadership and who to involve in missions is a key determinant of their future success," the OECD said. In addition, the piece proposes a framework of five basic principles for governance: structure, focus, coordination, implementation and resources. This framework allows policymakers to shape the governance structure of their MOIP.

**OECD publication:** [https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/science-and-technology/designing-effective-governance-to-enable-mission-success\\_898bca89-en](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/science-and-technology/designing-effective-governance-to-enable-mission-success_898bca89-en)

### *Poll Nature: Scientific advice insufficiently used for policy (12 December 2024)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 12 December 2024

**Policymakers do not make sufficient use of science to formulate policies for challenges such as climate change, pandemics, artificial intelligence, microplastics and mental health.** This is evident from a survey by Nature. About 80 percent of science policy specialists surveyed say that the scientific advice system is poor or weak. In 70 percent of cases it is indicated that governments do not automatically use advice from science. The research also shows that scientists, in turn, understand little about policy making. Experts therefore call for reform of the scientific

advice system, precisely to tackle urgent challenges. "At the moment, scientific advice is not focused on that," says former science advisor to the Prime Minister in New Zealand Peter Gluckman. The piece points out, among other things, that scientific advice is also about trust. Confidence dropped, especially during the corona pandemic, partly due to disinformation. In that context, Trump's re-election is received with little joy.

**Article Nature:** <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-024-03906-0>

### ***ISC chairman advocates mission-driven approach to tackle global sustainability challenges (12 December 2024)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 12 December 2024*

**Science, as currently practiced, is not doing enough to solve the growing global crises. Problems such as climate change, biodiversity loss and growing inequality require a bolder mission-driven approach.** This is what the CEO of the International Science Council (ISC) Salvatore Aricò says in an editorial for the Climate Action Report and New Scientist. "To effectively address these issues, we must move to a 'big science' model that mobilizes international collaboration, focuses on shared goals and prioritizes impactful, actionable research," it said. Aricò advocates for science driven by a mission approach that fits the global and interconnected crises we face.

**Article International Science Council:** <https://council.science/blog/rethinking-science-a-mission-driven-approach-to-tackle-global-sustainability-challenges/>

## National policy

### *Mirjam van Praag new chairman of AWTI (19 December 2024)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 19 December 2024

**Mirjam van Praag will become chairman of the Advisory Council for Science, Technology and Innovation (AWTI) as of March 1, 2025.** The Council of Ministers agreed to this last Friday, at the proposal of Ministers Bruins and Beljaarts. Van Praag is professor of entrepreneurship and leadership at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU), where she previously served as chairman of the board. "I will commit myself with great enthusiasm to the mission of the AWTI, namely contributing to the innovative power of the Netherlands for future-proof broad prosperity and transitions," says Van Praag.

**News item AWTI:** <https://www.awti.nl/actueel/nieuws/2024/12/13/mirjam-van-praag-nieuwe-voorzitter-awti> (in Dutch)

**Government news item:** <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2024/12/13/benoeming-voorzitter-adviesraad-voor-wetenschap-technologie-en-innovatie> (in Dutch)

**List of Ministerial Council decisions December 13, 2024:**

<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/vergaderstukken/2024/12/13/besluitenlijst-ministerraad-13-december-2024> (in Dutch)

### *Beljaarts: Investments in research, talent and innovation are crucial for European competitiveness (19 December 2024)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 19 December 2024

**In the long term, investments in research, talent and (digital) innovation are crucial to closing the productivity gap, contributing to the climate and energy transition and strengthening our geopolitical position.** Minister Beljaarts writes this in a letter about the cabinet's vision on European competitiveness. The government considers the European Framework Program for Research and Innovation to be one of the most important programs for this. "In order to catch up in competitiveness, excellence and impact must remain basic principles in the new Framework Programme, which finances groundbreaking fundamental scientific research as well as research and innovation for specific societal challenges. The EU goal of investing 3% of GDP in R&D has once again been endorsed in the Coalition Programme," it can be read. Beljaarts emphasizes that achieving the 3% target in 2030 will be difficult or impossible for many countries and will also remain a major challenge for the Netherlands. During a round table discussion about the Draghi report, TU/e chairman Robert-Jan Smits warns that the cabinet's policy is 'at odds with Draghi's recommendations'. Smits warns that this government is putting a brake on international talent and cutting back on education, research and innovation, while other countries are investing in this. With the current policy, Smits expects that the Netherlands will not achieve the 3% target. Trouw has written about the roundtable discussion (behind a paywall).

**Letter to Parliament from Minister Beljaarts:** <https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/6e5c65af-d0f9-4b51-913f-f81e245cd780/file> (in Dutch)

**table discussion Draghi report:** <https://debatdirect.tweedekamer.nl/2024-12-11/internationaal/klompezaal/draghi-rapport-14-00/onderwerp> (in Dutch)

**LinkedIn message from TU Eindhoven:** [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/eindhoven-university-of-technology\\_our-president-robert-jan-smits-spoke-today-activity-7272671492365062144-BfH0/](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/eindhoven-university-of-technology_our-president-robert-jan-smits-spoke-today-activity-7272671492365062144-BfH0/) (in Dutch)

**Article Trouw (Paywall):** <https://www.trouw.nl/politiek/deskundigen-kabinetsbeleid-doeet-onze-reputatie-als-kennisland-geen-goed-b597e0bb/> (in Dutch)

### *Dutch high-tech sector drives private R&D investments in the Netherlands (12 December 2024)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 12 December 2024

**The Dutch high-tech sector remains by far the largest private investor in R&D in the Netherlands.** This is evident from the Top 30 of Technisch Weekblad (TW), which was drawn up in collaboration with TNO and VNO-NCW. ASML tops the list and spent 2.8 billion euros on R&D. Corporate expenditure has increased by more than 25 percent compared to 2023. Furthermore, the top of the list is led by Philips, Booking.com, KPN and Johnson & Johnson. These five companies together account for no less than a quarter of the total private R&D expenditure in the Netherlands. The last edition of the ranking was published in 2020.

**R&D Top 30:** <https://tw.nl/rd-top-30/> (in Dutch)

**Article TW:** <https://tw.nl/rd-top-30-maakt-comeback-toonaangevende-lijst-met-rd-uitgaven-in-nederland-is-terug/> (in Dutch)

**Article TNO:** <https://www.tno.nl/nl/newsroom/2024/12/nederlandse-high-techsector-rd/> (in Dutch)

## **Agreement of coalition with four opposition parties (12 December 2024)**

Source: Website NOS <https://nos.nl/artikel/2547982-coalitie-en-oppositie-eens-over-onderwijsbegroting-desondanks-klinkt-kritiek>

The coalition parties have reached **an agreement with four opposition parties** to reduce the planned education cuts by 748 million euros. The following cuts will remain in place for higher education and science:

- Starter and incentive grants: 217 million euros;
- Fund for research and science: 25 to 50 million euros per year until 2031;
- International students target: 168 million euros;
- Cutbacks in scientific research via NWO: up to 62 million euros.

**Read full article here:** <https://nos.nl/artikel/2547982-coalitie-en-oppositie-eens-over-onderwijsbegroting-desondanks-klinkt-kritiek>

## **Universities: Science biggest loser of education deal (12 December 2024)**

Source: website UNL <https://www.universiteitenvannederland.nl/actueel/nieuws/universiteiten-wetenschap-grootste-verliezer-van-onderwijsdeal>

**The coalition parties have reached an agreement with some of the opposition parties on the budget for Education, Culture and Science. The package continues to include more than half a billion in cuts for higher education and science.** Judging from the figures presented, there are still severe cuts in scientific research. UNL chairman Caspar van den Berg: "Scientific research is the big loser of this deal. This is particularly bad for the future of the Netherlands, because knowledge is our most important raw material. It is good for our students that the late student fine will not go ahead."

These cuts will mean that important scientific research will have to stop and that the earning capacity and innovative power of the Netherlands will decrease drastically. Van den Berg: "The government program mentions innovation 85 times, it is the solution for just about everything that the Netherlands faces. It is unprecedented that so many cuts are being made to the source of innovation."

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- The coverage also includes 165 million euros in further training for medical specialists; that is also education money.

What has now emerged mainly raises questions about the feasibility and legality of the cuts. For example, when it comes to the agreements between the government and universities from the administrative agreement on higher education and science. Universities will continue to resist the cuts.

## **Minister Beljaarts expects that the 3% target will remain feasible (12 December 2024)**

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 12 December 2024

**Minister Beljaarts believes that the government's target of spending 3% of GDP on R&D by 2030 is not an empty target.** Beljaarts said this during a committee debate on innovation policy and space travel. The minister points out that the target consists of 1% public expenditure and 2% private expenditure. With 0.89% in 2024, the Netherlands is already close to the public target. He also emphasizes that there are still many public efforts planned, such as the remaining Growth Fund projects and resources from the Beethoven project. The minister mainly sees a challenge in boosting private investments. In 2025, the minister will present an action plan to encourage private investments, for example by

removing unnecessary rules and making it more attractive for pension funds to invest. In the run-up to the debate, Beljaarts sent a letter about the elaboration of the National Technology Strategy (NTS). The aim is to develop the action agendas for the ten priority key technologies next year.

**Committee debate on Innovation and Space:** <https://debatdirect.tweedekamer.nl/2024-12-04/economie/suze-groenewegzaal/innovatie-ruimtevaart-14-30/onderwerp> (in Dutch)

**Letter to Parliament from Minister Beljaarts:** <https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/55a1af9b-7677-4608-acc8-85ab48138007/file> (in Dutch)

### ***Number of female professors increased (12 December 2024)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 12 December 2024*

**The percentage of female professors working at Dutch universities is 28.7%, which is a slight increase compared to 27.6% in 2023.** This is evident from the Monitor Female Professors 2024 of the National Network of Female Professors (LNVH). Based on the growth rate of the past three years, it will take until 2044 before a proportional male-female distribution among professors will be achieved. The share of female professors has increased at all universities, with the exception of Erasmus University. Four of the 14 universities have now achieved their target figure for 2024 and new goals are being set there. Erasmus University is among them. 8 out of 14 universities would not achieve their target figure at the current pace.

**Monitor Female Professors 2024:** <https://www.lnvh.nl/a-4071/monitor-vrouwelijke-hoogleraren-2024> (in Dutch)

**Article HOP/U-Today:** <https://www.utoday.nl/news/74974/bijna-overal-meer-vrouwelijke-hoogleraren-dan-vorig-jaar-lichte-stijging-ut> (in Dutch)

## Call deadlines

### *HORIZON Europe calls*

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 19 December 2024

Call identifier	Deadline
<b>Pillar I Excellent Science</b>	
<b>ERC</b>	
ERC-2025-CoG ERC CONSOLIDATOR GRANTS	12 January 2025 at 17.00 Brussels time (ERC-2025-CoG-Grants)
ERC-2025-AdG	Foreseen opening 22 May 2025 and Foreseen deadline 28 August 2025 (ERC-2025-AdV-Grants)
<b>Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions</b>	
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-SE01-01 MSCA Staff Exchanges 2024 Staff Exchanges	5 February 2025 at 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-SE01-01 Staff Exchanges)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024- MSCA4Ukraine	The next MSCA4Ukraine call is expected to open in November 2024
<b>Research Infrastructures</b>	
<b>Cluster 1 HEALTH</b>	
<b>Destination 1 – Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society</b>	
<b>Destination 2. Living and working in a health-promoting environment</b>	
<b>Destination 3. Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden</b>	
<b><u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u></b>	

<b><u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u></b>	
<b>Destination 1: CLIMATE NEUTRAL, CIRCULAR AND DIGITISED PRODUCTION</b>	
<b>Destination 2: INCREASED AUTONOMY IN KEY STRATEGIC VALUE CHAINS FOR RESILIENT INDUSTRY</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 3 - WORLD LEADING DATA AND COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 4 – DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 5 – DESTINATION – OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN DEVELOPING, DEPLOYING AND USING GLOBAL SPACE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURES, SERVICES, APPLICATIONS AND DATA</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 6 – A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES</b>	
<b>CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility</b>	
<b>Destination - Climate sciences and responses</b>	

<b>Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02-03 <a href="#">Development of next generation synthetic renew</a> and several other topics	<b>Deadline date 21 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time</b> ( <i>HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02-03 en several other topics</i> )
<b>Destination: Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use</b>	
<b>Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes</b>	
<b>Destination: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods</b>	
<b><u>Cluster 6</u></b>	
<b>Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV	<b>Foreseen opening: 06 May 2025 and foreseen deadline(s): 17 September 2025</b>
<b>Destination 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK	<b>Foreseen Opening: 06 May 2025 foreseen deadline(s): 4 September 2025</b>
<b>Destination 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO-	<b>Foreseen opening: 06 May 2025 and foreseen deadline(s): 17 September 2025</b>
<b>Destination 4 – Clean environment and zero pollution</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01 ZEROPOLLUTION	<b>Foreseen opening: 06 May 2025 and foreseen deadline(s): 17 September 2025</b>
<b>Destination 5 – Land, oceans and water for climate action</b>	



HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE	<b>Foreseen Opening: 06 May 2025 foreseen deadline(s): 4 September 2025</b>
<b>Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02 COMMUNITIES	<b>Foreseen Opening: 06 May 2025 foreseen deadline(s): 4 September 2025</b>
<b>Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-03-GOVERNANCE	<b>Foreseen Opening: 6 May 2025 foreseen deadline(s): 24 September 2025</b>
<b>Circular Biobased Europe</b>	
CBE Circular Biobased Europe partnership <a href="https://www.cbe.europa.eu/">https://www.cbe.europa.eu/</a>	<b>The call for proposals will open on 4 April 2025, and the call deadline is foreseen for 17 September 2025.</b> <a href="https://www.cbe.europa.eu/system/files/2024-12/cbeju_awp2025.pdf">https://www.cbe.europa.eu/system/files/2024-12/cbeju_awp2025.pdf</a>
<b>Pillar III Innovative Europe</b>	
<b>EIC Pathfinder-2025-open</b>	<b>Foreseen deadline 21 May 2025</b>
<b>EIC-Pathfinder-Challenges</b>	<b>Foreseen Deadline 29 October 2025</b>
<b>EIC Transition-2025</b>	<b>Foreseen deadline 17 September 2025</b>
<b>EIC-Accelerator-2025</b>	<b>Foreseen deadlines 12 March 2025, 1 October 2025</b>
<b>EIC Accelerator Challenges 2025</b>	<b>Foreseen Deadline 1 October 2025</b> <a href="https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5e1eb75f-e437-477f-9ee9-ef54ff6387fd_en?filename=EIC%20Work%20Programme%202025.pdf">https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5e1eb75f-e437-477f-9ee9-ef54ff6387fd_en?filename=EIC%20Work%20Programme%202025.pdf</a>
<b>Mission calls 2024</b>	
HORIZON-MISS-2024-CIT-01 <b>Mission: 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030</b>	<b>16 January 2025</b> at 17.00 Brussels time ( <i>HORIZON-MISS-2024-CIT-01</i> )
<b>WIDERA 2024</b>	

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

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 19 December 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
<b>European Partnerships / ERANET-COFUND</b>	
European Partnerships European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare <a href="https://www.eupahw.eu/">https://www.eupahw.eu/</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> co-funded call for proposals of the European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare (EUPAHW) "Supporting the Future of Animal Health and Welfare"  <b>Pre-proposal:</b> This first step is now open and will be closed on <u>July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 15:00 h (CEST)</u> . <b>(CLOSED)</b>  <b>Deadline for full-proposal submission 4th February 2025, 14:00 CET</b> <a href="https://www.eupahw.eu/pdf/open-calls/call-01/call-01_EUPAHW%20Call%20Announcement_13.5.pdf">https://www.eupahw.eu/pdf/open-calls/call-01/call-01_EUPAHW%20Call%20Announcement_13.5.pdf</a> EUPAHW submission webpage: <a href="https://eupahw.ptj.de/">https://eupahw.ptj.de/</a> EUPAHW webpage: <a href="http://www.EUPAHW.eu">www.EUPAHW.eu</a>
European Partnership Biodiversa+ <a href="https://www.biodiversa.eu/">https://www.biodiversa.eu/</a>	<b>Biodiversa+ call on Biodiversity and Transformative Change #BiodivTransformcall</b> It will follow a two-stage application process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-proposals: the deadline for submitting pre-proposals will be in 8 November 2024. <b>(CLOSED)</b></li> <li>• Full Proposals: shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit full proposals by 11 April 2025.</li> </ul> <a href="https://www.biodiversa.eu/2024/06/11/2024-2025-joint-call/">https://www.biodiversa.eu/2024/06/11/2024-2025-joint-call/</a>
European Partnership Water4All <a href="https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/">https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/</a>	Upcoming Water4All call <b>Water for Circular Economy</b> The call is planned to be officially launched 12 September 2024, a two-step procedure will be used with a closing date for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pre-proposals on 13 November 2024 <b>(CLOSED)</b> and</li> <li>• the deadline for full-proposals on 29 April 2025.</li> </ul> <a href="https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2024-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement">https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2024-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-transnational-call-regarding-water-for-circular-economy">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-transnational-call-regarding-water-for-circular-economy</a>
European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) <a href="https://dutpartnership.eu/">https://dutpartnership.eu/</a>	Third DUT call Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future. The call opened 2 September 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The deadline for pre-proposals is 14 November 2024 (13:00 CET) <b>(CLOSED)</b>.</li> <li>• The deadline for full proposals is 24 April 2025 (13:00 CET).</li> </ul> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/driving-urban-transitions-call-2024-open-for-applications">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/driving-urban-transitions-call-2024-open-for-applications</a> and <a href="https://dutpartnership.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/DUT-2024-Call-Text-Version-1.1.pdf">https://dutpartnership.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/DUT-2024-Call-Text-Version-1.1.pdf</a>
European Partnership FutureFoods <a href="https://www.futurefoodspartner ship.eu/">https://www.futurefoodspartner ship.eu/</a>	The first call of FutureFoods Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The deadline for pre-submissions is January 15, 2025 (13:00 CET)</li> <li>• he deadline for full proposals is July 9, 2025 (13:00 CEST)</li> </ul> <a href="https://www.futurefoodspartner ship.eu/">https://www.futurefoodspartner ship.eu/</a>
European Partnership Agroecology <a href="https://www.agroecologypartne rship.eu/">https://www.agroecologypartne rship.eu/</a>	Second co-funded call AgroEcology Partnership <a href="https://agroecology.ptj.de/call2?genericModule=callDocuments&amp;action=download&amp;id=955">https://agroecology.ptj.de/call2?genericModule=callDocuments&amp;action=download&amp;id=955</a> is open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for pre proposal submission is 17 February 2025, 14:00h CET.</li> <li>• Deadline for full proposal submission is 09 July 2025, 14:00h CEST.</li> </ul> A webinar for applicants will be hosted on 13 December 2024 from 09:00 to 12:00 CET <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XM62HFF">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XM62HFF</a> . The webinar will be recorded and FAQs provided. <a href="https://agroecology.ptj.de/call2">https://agroecology.ptj.de/call2</a> and <a href="https://agroecology.ptj.de/call2?genericModule=callDocuments&amp;action=download&amp;id=955">https://agroecology.ptj.de/call2?genericModule=callDocuments&amp;action=download&amp;id=955</a>

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

### Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **19 December 2024**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
23-01-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals for Arctic Science in collaboration with AWI in the themes Climate Change and Ecosystem Dynamics in the Arctic region (The Netherlands Polar Programme)</b> . <b>Deadline: 23 January 2025 at 14:00:00 CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-for-arctic-research-in-collaboration-with-the-alfred-wegener-institute">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-for-arctic-research-in-collaboration-with-the-alfred-wegener-institute</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/arctic-science-in-collaboration-with-awi">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/arctic-science-in-collaboration-with-awi</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/arctische_wetenschap_in_samenwerking_met_awi_-_call_for_proposals_engels.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/arctische_wetenschap_in_samenwerking_met_awi_-_call_for_proposals_engels.pdf</a>
11-02-2025	Deadline submission <b>Concept notes (mandatory) for the Long-term Europe – Africa WEF Nexus (LEAWEF) Multilateral Research Programme</b> . <b>The deadline for the submission of Concept notes (mandatory), which are to be submitted to NWO, is 11 February 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CET..</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/long-term-europe-africa-wef-nexus-leawef-multilateral-research-programme">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/long-term-europe-africa-wef-nexus-leawef-multilateral-research-programme</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/LEAWEF%20call_for_proposals%20%281%29_0.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/LEAWEF%20call_for_proposals%20%281%29_0.pdf</a>
25-02-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full-proposals NWA Science Communication 2025</b> . <b>Closing date full application 25 February 2025 14:00 hrs.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nwa-science-communication-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nwa-science-communication-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-science-communication-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-science-communication-2025</a>
04-03-2025	Deadline for submitting <b>full-proposals the call 'Extreme Heat and Water Events: The Adverse Health Effects of Climate Change in Cities 2024'</b> invites consortia with researchers from research institutions in both the Netherlands and Brazil to participate <b>The deadline for submitting full proposals is 4 March 2025, before 14:00:00 CET, at NWO and 4 March 2025 at 23:59:00 GMT-3, at FAPESP.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/extreme-heat-and-water-events-the-adverse-health-effects-of-climate-change-in-cities-2024">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/extreme-heat-and-water-events-the-adverse-health-effects-of-climate-change-in-cities-2024</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_extreme_heat_and_water_events_2024_v10_160924v1.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_extreme_heat_and_water_events_2024_v10_160924v1.pdf</a>
11-03-2025	Deadline submission <b>full proposals Call strengthening urban resilience through collaboration between the Netherlands and China (NSFC)</b> . <b>Tuesday, 11 March 2025, before 14:00:00 CET at NOW; Wednesday, 12 March 2025, at 16:00:00 CST at NSFC.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-strengthening-urban-resilience-through-collaboration-between-the-netherlands-and-china-nsfc">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-strengthening-urban-resilience-through-collaboration-between-the-netherlands-and-china-nsfc</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cities-amidst-climate-change-enhancing-physical-and-social-resilience-in-urban-areas">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cities-amidst-climate-change-enhancing-physical-and-social-resilience-in-urban-areas</a>

11-04-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full-proposals Biodiversity and Transformative Change (BiodivTransform): under European partnership ‘Rescuing Biodiversity to Safeguard Life on Earth’ (Biodiversa+)</b> . <b>Deadline for submitting a full proposal is April 11th, 2025 at 15:00 CEST.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-transformative-change-biodivtransform">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-transformative-change-biodivtransform</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/biodivtransform_call_documents_staatscourant.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/biodivtransform_call_documents_staatscourant.pdf</a> and <a href="https://www.biodiversa.eu/2024/06/11/2024-2025-joint-call/">https://www.biodiversa.eu/2024/06/11/2024-2025-joint-call/</a>
24-04-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full-proposals for European partnership Driving Urban Transitions Call 2024</b> . <b>The submission deadline for full proposals is 24 April 2025, at 13:00.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/driving-urban-transitions-call-2024">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/driving-urban-transitions-call-2024</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/DUT%202024%20Call%20Text%20Version%201.1.1_0.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/DUT%202024%20Call%20Text%20Version%201.1.1_0.pdf</a> and <a href="https://dutpartnership.eu/dut-call-2024/">https://dutpartnership.eu/dut-call-2024/</a>
29-04-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full-proposals for Partnership Water4All call– Water For Circular Economy</b> . <b>Deadline for submitting a full proposal is 29 April 2025, 15:00 CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/partnership-water4all-water-for-circular-economy">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/partnership-water4all-water-for-circular-economy</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/1_water4all_jtc2024_call_for_proposals.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/1_water4all_jtc2024_call_for_proposals.pdf</a> and <a href="https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2024-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement">https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2024-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement</a>
13-05-2025	Deadline submission <b>pre-proposals for the call The Water-Food nexus in rainfed agri-food systems in Sub-Saharan Africa: socio-economics and governance</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting full proposals is 13 May 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-research-on-scaling-up-soil-moisture-retention-in-rainfed-agriculture-sub-saharan-africa">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-research-on-scaling-up-soil-moisture-retention-in-rainfed-agriculture-sub-saharan-africa</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/the-water-food-nexus-in-rainfed-agri-food-systems-in-sub-saharan-africa-socio-economics-and-governance">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/the-water-food-nexus-in-rainfed-agri-food-systems-in-sub-saharan-africa-socio-economics-and-governance</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20-%20WFN%20call%20-%20def_2.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20-%20WFN%20call%20-%20def_2.pdf</a>
05-06-2025	Deadline for submission <b>full-proposals for call KIC Greenhouses in transition: opportunities in water, energy and agriculture (Joint call of the Dutch Research council (NWO) and the US Foundation for Food &amp; Agriculture Research (FFAR))</b> . <b>Deadline for submission of full proposals in phase 2 is Thursday 5 June 2025, before 14:00:00 hours CEST (5 June 2025 before 08:00:00 EDT) in ISAAC.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/kic-call-greenhouses-in-transition-in-cooperation-with-ffar-now-open-for-proposals">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/kic-call-greenhouses-in-transition-in-cooperation-with-ffar-now-open-for-proposals</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-greenhouses-in-transition-opportunities-in-water-energy-and-agriculture">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-greenhouses-in-transition-opportunities-in-water-energy-and-agriculture</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Greenhouses%20in%20transition-met%20beeld%20%281%29_0.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Greenhouses%20in%20transition-met%20beeld%20%281%29_0.pdf</a>
09-06-2025	<b>Foreseen</b> Deadline for submission <b>full-proposals Merian Fund Cooperation South Africa-The Netherlands SGCI-NWO multilateral research programme</b> . <b>Closing date full application 9 June 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/merian-fund-cooperation-south-africa-the-netherlands-sgci-nwo-multilateral-research-programme">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/merian-fund-cooperation-south-africa-the-netherlands-sgci-nwo-multilateral-research-programme</a>
14-07-2025	Deadline submission <b>Full proposals (mandatory) for the Long-term Europe – Africa WEF Nexus (LEAWEF) Multilateral Research Programme</b> . <b>The deadline for the submission of Full proposals (mandatory) is 14 July 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/long-term-europe-africa-wef-nexus-leawef-multilateral-research-programme">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/long-term-europe-africa-wef-nexus-leawef-multilateral-research-programme</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/LEAWEF%20call_for_proposals%20%281%29_0.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/LEAWEF%20call_for_proposals%20%281%29_0.pdf</a>
02-09-2025	Deadline for <b>knowledge management proposal in Phase II ADM-LAB: Livings Labs for Adaptive Delta Management in Bangladesh</b> . <b>Deadline for submission of a knowledge management proposal in Phase II is Tuesday 2 September 2025, 14:00:00 CEST in ISAAC.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/adm-lab-livings-labs-for-adaptive-delta-management-in-bangladesh">eahttps://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/adm-lab-livings-labs-for-adaptive-delta-management-in-bangladesh</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ADM-LAB%20Livings%20Labs%20for%20Adaptive%20Delta%20Management%20in%20Bangladesh%20%20call%20for%20proposals%20UK.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ADM-LAB%20Livings%20Labs%20for%20Adaptive%20Delta%20Management%20in%20Bangladesh%20%20call%20for%20proposals%20UK.pdf</a>

## National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **19 December 2024**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

21-01-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full application Comenius programme Teaching Fellows 2025</b> . <b>Deadline application: 21 January 2025, 14:00:00 CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nro.nl/en/calls/comenius-programme-teaching-fellows-2025">https://www.nro.nl/en/calls/comenius-programme-teaching-fellows-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nro.nl/sites/nro/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Comeniusprogramma%20Teaching%20Fellows%202025_EN_G.pdf">https://www.nro.nl/sites/nro/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Comeniusprogramma%20Teaching%20Fellows%202025_EN_G.pdf</a>
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21-01-2025	Deadline for submitting <b>Full-proposals KIC Next Generation Infrastructures: Responsible Transformations</b> . The deadline for submitting full proposals is 21 January 2025, before 2:00:00 PM CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-next-generation-infrastructures-responsible-transformations">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-next-generation-infrastructures-responsible-transformations</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/240530%20Call%20for%20Proposals-ENG_DEF.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/240530%20Call%20for%20Proposals-ENG_DEF.pdf</a>
23-01-2025	Deadline for submitting <b>Full-proposals Polair Programme Arctic Research with AWI 2024</b> . Closing date full application 23 January 2025 14:00 hrs CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/polair-programme-arctic-research-with-awi-2024">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/polair-programme-arctic-research-with-awi-2024</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/arctische_wetenschap_in_samenwerking_met_awi_-_call_for_proposals_engels.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/arctische_wetenschap_in_samenwerking_met_awi_-_call_for_proposals_engels.pdf</a>
23-01-2025	Deadline submission <b>statements of intent for KIC call Sustainable buildings inspired by nature</b> . Deadline statements of intent 23 January 2025 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/7-million-available-for-innovative-research-on-climate-proof-buildings">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/7-million-available-for-innovative-research-on-climate-proof-buildings</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-sustainable-buildings-inspired-by-nature">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-sustainable-buildings-inspired-by-nature</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Sustainable%20Buildings%20Inspired%20by%20Nature.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Sustainable%20Buildings%20Inspired%20by%20Nature.pdf</a>
27-01-2025	Deadline submission for <b>Full-proposals for The NWA call "Sexual Transgressive Behavior and Sexual Violence"</b> . The deadline for submitting full proposals is 27 January 2025, before 14:00. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/open-call-sexually-transgressive-behaviour-and-sexual-violence">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/open-call-sexually-transgressive-behaviour-and-sexual-violence</a> and <a href="https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidy/nwa-sexually-transgressive-behaviour-and-sexual-violence">https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidy/nwa-sexually-transgressive-behaviour-and-sexual-violence</a> and <a href="https://www.zonmw.nl/sites/zonmw/files/2024-06/Call-for-Proposals-NWA-SGOG-SG-ENG-def.pdf">https://www.zonmw.nl/sites/zonmw/files/2024-06/Call-for-Proposals-NWA-SGOG-SG-ENG-def.pdf</a>
30-01-2025	Deadline submission <b>Full proposals KIC - Missie 24/27 - Value(s) in transition(s) 2024</b> . Submit your proposal by Thursday 30 January 2025 at the latest, before 14:00:00 CET . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/kic-call-open-values-in-transitions">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/kic-call-open-values-in-transitions</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant/kic-2024-2027/mission-2024-2027/values-in-transitions">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant/kic-2024-2027/mission-2024-2027/values-in-transitions</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-values-in-transitions">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-values-in-transitions</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC_Values%20in%20Transition%28s%29_Call%20for%20Proposals.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC_Values%20in%20Transition%28s%29_Call%20for%20Proposals.pdf</a>
30-01-2025	Foreseen deadline submission <b>Full-proposals KIC - Missie 24/27 - High performance materials for Defence and Security 2024</b> . Closing date full application 30 January 2025 14:00 hrs. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-missie-24/27-high-performance-materials-for-defence-and-security-2024">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-missie-24/27-high-performance-materials-for-defence-and-security-2024</a>
30-01-2025	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline for submission <b>full proposals Off Road 2025</b> . You can submit your grant application via the My ZonMw digital portal until 30 January 2025, 14:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/nieuws/subsidieronde-road-geopend-0">https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/nieuws/subsidieronde-road-geopend-0</a> and <a href="https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidie/off-road-2025">https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidie/off-road-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.zonmw.nl/sites/zonmw/files/2024-12/Subsidieoproep-Off-Road-2025_0.pdf">https://www.zonmw.nl/sites/zonmw/files/2024-12/Subsidieoproep-Off-Road-2025_0.pdf</a>
06-02-2025	Deadline for submission <b>pre-proposals KIC Nature-inclusive decision making in business</b> . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is February 6, 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business-kic">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business-kic</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%202024_def_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%202024_def_EN.pdf</a>
20-02-2024	Deadline for submission <b>full proposals for :Big Chemistry call New National Growth Fund call</b> . Deadline application: Thursday 20 February 2025 14:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-national-growth-fund-call-opened-big-chemistry">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-national-growth-fund-call-opened-big-chemistry</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/big-chemistry-2024">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/big-chemistry-2024</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWO%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20Big%20Chemistry_ENG.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWO%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20Big%20Chemistry_ENG.pdf</a>
27-02-2025	Foreseen deadline submission <b>Full-proposals KIC - Missie 24/27 - Call Digital Identities - a foundation for trust in the digital world</b> . Closing date full application 27 February 2025 14:00 hrs. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-missie-24/27-call-digital-identities-a-foundation-for-trust-in-the-digital-world">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-missie-24/27-call-digital-identities-a-foundation-for-trust-in-the-digital-world</a>
06-03-2025	Deadline submission <b>full applications for SSH Open Competition XS round 1</b> . Round 1: 6 March 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-funding-for-innovative-ssh-research">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-funding-for-innovative-ssh-research</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-1">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-1</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh</a>
06-03-2025	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline submission <b>Full proposals for call Interdisciplinary Earth and Environmental Science with use of Atmospheric Instrumentation in Space Thematical call Use of space infrastructure for Earth observation and planetary research (GO)</b> . The deadline for submitting full proposals is Thursday 6 March 2025, before 14:00:00 CET.

	<a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/interdisciplinary-earth-and-environmental-science-with-use-of-atmospheric-instrumentation-in-space">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/interdisciplinary-earth-and-environmental-science-with-use-of-atmospheric-instrumentation-in-space</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Vertaling%20thematische%20GO%20call_v3.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Vertaling%20thematische%20GO%20call_v3.pdf</a>
11-03-2025	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline submission <b>Full proposals NWO Open Mind 2025</b> . The deadline for submitting proposals is <b>March 11 2025, before 14:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-mind-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-mind-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Open%20Mind%202025%20Call%20for%20Proposalsv2%20%281%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Open%20Mind%202025%20Call%20for%20Proposalsv2%20%281%29.pdf</a>
18-03-2025	Deadline submission for <b>Full applications Demonstrator 2025</b> . The deadline for submitting applications is <b>Tuesday 18 March 2025 at 14:00:00 hours CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/2025-round-open-funding-for-developing-a-demonstrator">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/2025-round-open-funding-for-developing-a-demonstrator</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/demonstrator-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/demonstrator-2025</a>
25-03-2025	Deadline submission <b>Full proposals Hydrogen and green electrons for carbon-based chemistry from work package four of NGF programme GroenvermogenNL</b> . Deadline proposal: <b>Tuesday 25 March 2025, 14:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-hydrogen-and-green-electrons-for-carbon-based-chemistry">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-hydrogen-and-green-electrons-for-carbon-based-chemistry</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-hydrogen-green-electrons-for-carbon-based-chemistry">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-hydrogen-green-electrons-for-carbon-based-chemistry</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ENG%202024_10_02_CfP_Hydrogen%20and%20green%20electrons%20for%20carbon-based%20chemistry.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ENG%202024_10_02_CfP_Hydrogen%20and%20green%20electrons%20for%20carbon-based%20chemistry.pdf</a>
20-03-2025	Deadline submission <b>Full proposals for KIC call Sustainable buildings inspired by nature</b> . Deadline proposals <b>20 March 2025 14:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/7-million-available-for-innovative-research-on-climate-proof-buildings">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/7-million-available-for-innovative-research-on-climate-proof-buildings</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-sustainable-buildings-inspired-by-nature">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-sustainable-buildings-inspired-by-nature</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Sustainable%20Buildings%20Inspired%20by%20Nature.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Sustainable%20Buildings%20Inspired%20by%20Nature.pdf</a>
31-03-2025	Foreseen deadline submission <b>Full proposals KIC - Future Plastics 2024</b> . Closing date full application <b>31 March 2025 14:00 hrs</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-future-plastics-2024">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-future-plastics-2024</a>
08-04-2025	Deadline submission <b>Full proposals for call Knowledge for education of the future – Small</b> . The deadline for submitting proposals is <b>8 April 2025, at 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nro.nl/en/calls/knowledge-for-education-of-the-future-small">https://www.nro.nl/en/calls/knowledge-for-education-of-the-future-small</a> and <a href="https://www.nro.nl/sites/nro/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_-_knowledge_for_education_of_the_future_-_small_2024.pdf">https://www.nro.nl/sites/nro/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_-_knowledge_for_education_of_the_future_-_small_2024.pdf</a>
08-04-2025	Deadline submission <b>full proposal pre-proposals Vidi 2024 NWO Talent Programme, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research</b> . The deadline for submitting full proposals is <b>8 april 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2024-open-for-pre-proposals">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2024-open-for-pre-proposals</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-science-2024">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-science-2024</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202024%20EN%20%281%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202024%20EN%20%281%29.pdf</a>
08-04-2025	Deadline submission <b>Proposals for KIC call Digital Identities - A Foundation for Trust in the Digital World</b> . The deadline for submitting proposals is <b>Tuesday 8 April 2025, before 14:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/seven-million-euros-available-for-research-on-digital-identities-and-digital-trust">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/seven-million-euros-available-for-research-on-digital-identities-and-digital-trust</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/digital-identities-a-foundation-for-trust-in-the-digital-world">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/digital-identities-a-foundation-for-trust-in-the-digital-world</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Cfp%20KIC%20Mission%20Digital%20Identities%20-%20A%20Foundation%20for%20Trust%20in%20the%20Digital%20World%20%28EN%29%20%281%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Cfp%20KIC%20Mission%20Digital%20Identities%20-%20A%20Foundation%20for%20Trust%20in%20the%20Digital%20World%20%28EN%29%20%281%29.pdf</a>
22-04-2025	Deadline for submission <b>applications NWA call 'NWA Social dynamics in the energy transition. From practice to theory'</b> . The deadline for the submission of applications is <b>Tuesday 22 April 2025 at 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-285-million-euros-available-for-the-nwa-call-nwa-social-dynamics-in-the-energy-transition-from-practice-to-theory">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-285-million-euros-available-for-the-nwa-call-nwa-social-dynamics-in-the-energy-transition-from-practice-to-theory</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-social-dynamics-in-the-energy-transition-from-practice-to-theory">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-social-dynamics-in-the-energy-transition-from-practice-to-theory</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/def_-_cfp-sociale_dynamieken_in_de_energietransitie_-_nwa_sjabloon_-_nl.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/def_-_cfp-sociale_dynamieken_in_de_energietransitie_-_nwa_sjabloon_-_nl.pdf</a>
22-04-2025	Deadline for submission <b>full applications Open Science Infrastructure</b> . The deadline for submitting applications is <b>22 April 2025, before 14:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.openscience.nl/en/calls/open-science-infrastructure">https://www.openscience.nl/en/calls/open-science-infrastructure</a> and <a href="https://www.openscience.nl/sites/open_science/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20Open%20Science%20Infrastructure%20v2.pdf">https://www.openscience.nl/sites/open_science/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20Open%20Science%20Infrastructure%20v2.pdf</a>
08-05-2025	Deadline submission <b>full applications for SSH Open Competition XS round 2</b> . Round 2: <b>8 May 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-funding-for-">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-funding-for-</a>

	innovative-ssh-research and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-1">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-1</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh</a>
13-05-2025	Deadline for submission of <b>Full-proposal</b> <b>Perspectief round 2024/2025</b> . <b>Submission of proposal: Tuesday May 13th, 2025 - 14:00:00</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-perspectief-round-opened-for-applications">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-perspectief-round-opened-for-applications</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2024/2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2024/2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202024-2025_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202024-2025_EN.pdf</a>
27-05-2025	Deadline for submission of <b>sub-applications</b> for <b>call research into innovative treatments for hereditary heart disease (KIC)</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting the full application is 27 May 2025, by 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-over-76-million-euros-available-for-research-into-innovative-treatments-for-hereditary-heart-disease-kic">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-over-76-million-euros-available-for-research-into-innovative-treatments-for-hereditary-heart-disease-kic</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWO-%20Hartstichting%20DEF%20met%20beeld%20WIJZ_0.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWO-%20Hartstichting%20DEF%20met%20beeld%20WIJZ_0.pdf</a>
Foreseen deadline 03-06-2025	<b>NEW</b> : Foreseen deadline <b>full proposals</b> <b>Faculty of Impact 2025 - Safety and Energy transition</b> . <b>Closing date full application 3 June 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-faculty-of-impact-opens-end-january">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-faculty-of-impact-opens-end-january</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/faculty-of-impact-2025-safety-and-energy-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/faculty-of-impact-2025-safety-and-energy-transition</a>
Until 31-07-2025	Deadline for submission <b>proposals</b> <b>Open Competition Domain Science - M 2024/2025</b> . <b>Applications for the current round (2024/2025) can therefore be submitted until 31 July 2025 (continuous call)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-m-2024/2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-m-2024/2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2024-25_EN_def%20%282%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2024-25_EN_def%20%282%29.pdf</a>
17-09-2025	Foreseen deadline for submission <b>Full proposals</b> <b>KIC - Future Plastics 2024</b> . <b>Closing date full application 17 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-future-plastics-2024">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-future-plastics-2024</a>
18-09-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full-proposals</b> <b>KIC Nature-inclusive decision making in business</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting full proposals is September 18, 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business-kic">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business-kic</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%202024_def_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%202024_def_EN.pdf</a>
18-09-2025	Deadline submission <b>full applications</b> for <b>SSH Open Competition XS round 3</b> . <b>Round 3: 18 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-funding-for-innovative-ssh-research">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-funding-for-innovative-ssh-research</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-1">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-1</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh</a>
From 13-01-2025 until 12-12-2025	<b>NEW</b> : Deadline submission <b>full proposals</b> <b>Open Technology Programme 2025</b> . <b>Applications can be submitted on a continuous basis between 13 January 2025 until 12 December 2025, as long as the grant ceiling or the maximum number of applications submitted has not yet been reached..</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf</a>

## Regional calls

This list is a selection of regional calls. The list was compiled on 19 December 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 <b>innovation projects</b> <b>ERDF East! The European subsidy program ERDF East 2021-2027</b> . <b>You can submit your application from February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025 (as long as a budget is available)</b> . <a href="https://www.efro-oost.eu/innovatieprojecten">https://www.efro-oost.eu/innovatieprojecten</a>
From 01-03-2024 to 31-01-2025	Opening for submission of <b>Testing and demonstration facilities</b> <b>ERDF East! The European subsidy program ERDF East 2021-2027</b> . <b>You can submit your application from March 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025 (as long as a budget is available)</b> . <a href="https://www.efro-oost.eu/test-en-demonstratieprojecten-2024">https://www.efro-oost.eu/test-en-demonstratieprojecten-2024</a>
From 15-05-2024 to 30-10-2024	Opening for submissions <b>proposals Vinnovate-pilot EFRO East Netherlands</b> . <b>East Netherlands has made €500,000 available from the ERDF budget for Vinnovate. The resources will be made available in a tender arrangement from May 15 (9 a.m.) to October 30, 2024</b> . <a href="https://www.efro-oost.eu/nieuws/innovatieve-grensoverschrijdende-samenwerking-van-start">https://www.efro-oost.eu/nieuws/innovatieve-grensoverschrijdende-samenwerking-van-start</a> and <a href="https://www.efro-oost.eu/aanvragen">https://www.efro-oost.eu/aanvragen</a> and <a href="https://www.efro-oost.eu/v-innovate-pilot-2024">https://www.efro-oost.eu/v-innovate-pilot-2024</a>

From 16-09-2024 to 01-11-2024	<b>Opening 2 for proposals OP-Zuid from September 16, 2024 9:00 AM to November 1, 2024 5:00 PM.</b> 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. <a href="https://www.stimulus.nl/subsidiepot-voor-klimaat-niet-leeg/">https://www.stimulus.nl/subsidiepot-voor-klimaat-niet-leeg/</a> and <a href="https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/">https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/</a>
2023-2024	<b>EFRO 2021-2027 Eastern Netherlands:</b> For for overview calls go to EFRO Oost <a href="https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen">https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen</a>
2023-2024	<b>EFRO 2021 – 2027 Western Netherlands:</b> For calls Kansens voor West III <a href="https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen-/">https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen-/</a>
2023-2024	<b>EFRO 2021-2027 Northern Netherlands:</b> For calls Northern Netherlands go to Website SNN <a href="https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027">https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027</a>
2023-2024	<b>EFRO 2021-2027 Southern Netherlands:</b> For calls Southern Netherlands go to website Stimulus <a href="https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/">https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/</a>
24-02-2025 to 04-04-2025	<b>Foreseen deadline Spring call OP-Zuid 2025:</b> from 24 February 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to April 4, 2025 (until 5 p.m.);
15-09-2025 to 24-10-2025	<b>Foreseen opening Autumn call OP-Zuid 2025:</b> from 15 September, 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to 24 October, 2025 (until 5 p.m.).



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### Wageningen Grant Office

The Wageningen Grant Office (WGO) is a team of experts across Wageningen University & Research (WUR) dedicated to supporting WUR's participation in national, European, and global funding programs. WGO offers information, guidance, and training on available funding opportunities and on effective, efficient application processes. The team includes specialized advisors, i.e. Grant Support Officers, Policy Officers, Liaison officers from various science groups and Officers dealing with Co-creation Value & Impact.

This expert team—providing second-line support services—delivers technical and personalized advice on specific funding programs and themes. They work closely with the liaison offices, which provide first-line support within the science groups.

WGO primarily focuses its generic support on Horizon Europe (including ERC, MSCA, Research Infrastructures under **Pillar 1**; Clusters, Missions, and Partnerships under **Pillar 2**, and EIC and WIDENING under **Pillar 3**), and on NWO-programmes (such as the **Talent Programme** (Veni-Vidi-Vici), **Open Competition M1 and M2 (OC)**, **Open Technology Programme (OTP)**, and **Research along Routes by Consortia (NWA-ORC)**). More specific support is given to large initiatives WUR coordinates.

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