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European Funding News: Horizon Europe and FP10

Commission opens doors to dual-use in Horizon Europe (24 April 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/commissie-opent-deuren-voor-dual-use-in-horizon-europe>

The European Commission is enabling dual-use technologies in Horizon Europe. In addition, the Commission is proposing to adapt other funding programmes to make it easier to finance projects that focus on EU security.



From civil to defence

The European Commission wants to enable funding for dual-use technologies within Horizon Europe https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1076. The proposal is to adapt projects within the **European Innovation Council (EIC) Accelerator** to better support projects that contribute to the security of the EU. The **proposed amendment** amends the Horizon Europe Regulation by adding exceptions to the funding criteria. It states that support for certain projects can now also include dual-use applications and innovations in critical technologies with a focus on defence. It also gives Member States more flexibility **to use cohesion funds** for defence-related projects, allowing regional initiatives to contribute to strengthening European security. Furthermore, the **STEP programme** is being expanded, further stimulating investments in digital, space and defence innovations.

Context

These proposed changes support the European Commission's "ReArm Europe" plan. The changes make it easier to finance technologies that have both civil and military applications. A white paper on dual-use research was presented last year. The results of a broad consultation showed that maintaining the focus on civilian research of Horizon Europe was the preferred option, with the wish to continue to fund dual-use technology through the Defence Fund. However, the Commission has decided to review this course.

For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1076

Germany presents focus papers on FP10 (17 April 2025)

Source: Website ERA Portal <https://era.gv.at/news-items/germany-presents-focus-papers-on-fp10/>



The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has recently published a series of so-called focus papers on FP10. These papers supplement the national German discussion paper on FP 10 of May 2024 and address more closely the following individual aspects of Germany's provisional FP10 positioning:

- Focus paper „Proposal for strategic portfolio management in FP10“
- Focus paper „Innovation support in FP10“
- Focus paper „FP10: Research infrastructures and technology infrastructures“
- Focus paper „Health research and innovation for the future of Europe“
- Focus paper „European societies of the future“
- Focus paper „Civil security research in Europe“
- Focus paper „Key technologies for the future of Europe“
- Focus paper „Accelerating the green transition“

The focus papers are available for Download here:

https://www.bmbf.de/EN/Research/InternationalAffairs/Europe/HorizonEurope/horizoneurope_node.html#sprg-4

ERC-PoC-EIC webinar voor het LS domein - 20 May (16 April 2025)

Source: Team IRIS RVO

RVO is pleased to announce that, together with our Austrian and German colleagues, they are organizing a series of **ERC & EIC short talks** putting the spotlight on researchers' and entrepreneurs' experiences with transferring results from their ERC research projects.

On Tuesday **20 May, 11:00-12:00**, we will host a webinar with **two ERC grantees** from the Life Sciences talking about their experiences **with the ERC Proof of Concept and EIC Transition/Pathfinder**. These short talks are followed by a Q&A session.

Registration is possible via the website https://www.ffg.at/veranstaltung/erc_eic_20_05_2025 from our Austrian colleagues

Invitation Webinar Funding opportunities in Horizon Europe Missions 2025, May 12 (14 April 2025)

Source: Team IRIS RVO

Do you work for a university, research institute, local/regional government, NGO or startup/SME and do you want to explore research and innovation funding opportunities in the field of Healthy Soils and Oceans, Climate Adaptation and Climate -Neutral Cities or Cancer?

Join us on **Monday 12 May from 14.00-15.30** to learn about 2025 funding opportunities of the Horizon Europe Missions.

In the webinar, you will:

- Explore how your ideas align with the 2025 calls on the five EU Missions through breakout sessions:
 - **Breakout session 1:**
 - Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030
 - A Soil Deal for Europe: 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030
 - **Breakout session 2:**
 - Adaptation to Climate Change: support at least 150 European regions and communities to become climate resilient by 2030
 - 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030
 - **Breakout session 3:**
 - Cancer: working with Europe's Beating Cancer Plan to improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030 through prevention, cure and solutions to live longer and better
- Gain guidance on proposal preparation and submission and how to join consortia
- Learn about available support from the National Contact Point at Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland (RVO)
- Hear examples of success stories

Who should attend?

While our webinars are open to all Dutch organisations, we especially invite newcomers to Horizon Europe. Join us for a tailored discussion, experience sharing, and answers to your questions. The webinar will be held in English.

About Horizon Europe & Mission calls

Horizon Europe is the European Union's €95 billion research and innovation Framework Programme, focusing on key sectors, global challenges and international collaborations. The EU Missions Work Programme 2025 will be pre-published in April and will be **made available here** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/horizon-europe-work-programmes_en.

On 26 – 27 May an international online partnering event will be organised by NCP4Missions together with the European Commission. This partnering event will help you to build your consortium for the upcoming 2025 calls.

Your EU Missions National Contact Point

RVO is the National Contact Point (NCP) for the Netherlands for the Horizon Europe programme. It is your compass for navigating the European Research & Innovation landscape.

Registration

Interested? Register via **our online form** <https://english.rvo.nl/topics/registration-form-webinar-funding-opportunities-horizon-europe-missions-2025> **by 7 May 2024**.

For questions and more information, contact us at teamiris@rvo.nl

CBE Call 2025: Call for proposals for sustainable, bio-based solutions (11 April 2025)

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

The Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking has opened its 2025 call for proposals with €172 million in funding for the development of innovative bio-based solutions and their commercialisation.

Funding will go to 13 different topics, including circular-by-design fibre-based packaging, sustainable macroalgae systems for innovative applications and scaling-up nutritional proteins from alternative sources.

The call, which is open to all the sector stakeholders, from farmers to companies to research organisations to local authorities, will close on September 18.

Read full call for proposals here: <https://www.cbe.europa.eu/open-calls-proposals>

Call for a strong and independent FP10 (11 April 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business https://sciencebusiness.net/sites/default/files/inline-files/Open%20Letter%20addressed%20to%20Commission%20President_Safeguard%20Independent%20EU%20FP10_20250410.pdf

Thirty-eight organisations from civil society, academia, and industry urged European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen to ensure that the next Framework Programme is independent of the European Competitiveness Fund and has a dedicated budget.

"It is with profound concern that we, the undersigned, urge you to work towards building a strong and independent Framework Programme 10," their letter reads. "A fragmented or weakened R&I framework would risk diminishing the EU's ability to respond effectively to future crises and societal needs."

Referring to concerns by the European Parliament and the Council of the EU over the potential dilution of FP10 into the Competitiveness Fund, the organisations warned that "disregarding these positions would send a damaging signal to the EU's co-legislators and actors in the research and innovation ecosystem but also to the European citizens."

Read the full letter here: https://sciencebusiness.net/sites/default/files/inline-files/Open%20Letter%20addressed%20to%20Commission%20President_Safeguard%20Independent%20EU%20FP10_20250410.pdf.

Other International funding

Learning lessons from cooperation: presentation of the NL-CGIAR programme during CGIAR Science Week (24 April 2025)

Source: website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/learning-lessons-from-cooperation-presentation-of-the-nl-cgiar-programme-during-cgiar-science-week>



On 9 April, NWO attended CGIAR Science Week in Nairobi, Kenya, to present the Netherlands-CGIAR Research programme. The focus was on the importance of CGIAR partnerships and best practices for such collaborations. All sessions of Science Week can now be viewed on YouTube.

NWO was present at CGIAR Science Week as coordinator of the NL-CGIAR research programme, which is part of the partnership between CGIAR and the Dutch government. During a session both NWO and CABI presented their type of partnership with the CGIAR. CABI coordinates the UK CGIAR centre, which was set up inspired by the success of the first phase of the NL-CGIAR partnership

CGIAR, the world's largest research partnership for a food-secure future, works with various governments and public organisations around the world. By discussing the design of these partnerships, international research institutions can learn from each other and exchange ideas and observations.

The session covered topics such as the **Senior Expert**

Programme <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/netherlands-nl-cgiar-research-programme/senior-expert-programma-sep-cgiar> and the partnership's **previous** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/netherlands-nl-cgiar-research-programme/seed-systems-development-cgiar> and

current <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/the-netherlands-nl-cgiar-research-programme/water-food-nexus-nl-cgiar> thematic research programmes. The importance of bringing together people with diverse expertise who can complement each other was emphasized. Partnerships should also focus on collaborating with local partners to find solutions to practical problems. Finally, attention was drawn to the importance of innovation and opportunities in agriculture for young people and the development of the talents of young researchers.

Watch the session:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0b1KgBPArnQ&list=PLM2nmulYUUVljtOZ_cJOIFbKQ4X_ttw4u&index=39

Download the NWO slides: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/presentation-nl-cgiar-programme>

Launch of 2025 LIFE Programme Calls for Proposals (24 April 2025)

Source: Website CINEA https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life-calls-proposals-2025_en

The new round of LIFE Calls for proposals 2025 were published on 24 April. You can find the complete information on the [Funding & tender opportunities portal](#).

The Calls will be presented at the **EU LIFE info days** <https://vo-europe.swoogo.com/eu-life-info-days-2025/Home>, planned from 13 to 15 May 2025. See the **LIFE YouTube**

channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/LIFEprogrammeEU> for **previous recordings**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Z5nfh5X800&list=PLKuLiQigqrCn0RkFpoVHmFnVdot7nTpQV>

The LIFE Programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action; and contributes to the objectives and targets of the flagship European Green Deal.

A total of €600 million is available for nature conservation, environmental protection, climate action, and clean energy transition projects in the following sub-programmes and areas:

- Nature and Biodiversity - €153.4 million.
- Circular Economy and Quality of Life - €73 million.
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation - €61.5 million.
- Clean Energy Transition - €91.4 million.
- New European Bauhaus - €4 million.
- Environmental governance - €7.5 million.
- Strategic Integrated Projects (SNAPs/SIPs) - €158 million.
- Technical Assistance for Preparation for SIPs and SNAPs (TA-PP), Replication, Capacity Building or Legislative and Policy Priorities - €30 million.

CINEA is particularly interested in proposals from businesses, academic institutions, national, regional, and local governments, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working in the EU on nature conservation, environmental protection, climate change or the clean energy transition.

The 2025 calls will be presented at the EU LIFE info days <https://vo-europe.swoogo.com/eu-life-info-days-2025/Home> planned for 13 to 15 May 2025.

Note PJ: beware of fact that funding rates vary from 50% to in some cases 80% with 7% overhead. So own contribution is substantial!

Concept notes for Strategic Nature Projects and Strategic Nature and Integrated Projects must be submitted by 4 September 2025.

All other calls and topics have an application deadline of 23 September 2025.

For more information: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life-calls-proposals-2025_en

Commission invests €140 million to deploy key digital technologies (15 April 2025)

Source: Website EC <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-invests-eu140-million-deploy-key-digital-technologies>

The Commission has opened four new calls worth €140 million under the Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL) to advance the roll out of Artificial Intelligence (AI), promote advanced digital skills, expand the network of European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs) and fight disinformation.



Of these €140 million, €55 million is being made available to introduce generative AI in public administration and in the **agri-food sector**, as well as to ensure regulatory compliance alongside support to the **Alliance on Processors and Semiconductor Technologies** <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/alliance-processors-and-semiconductor-technologies> and data spaces.

To hone advanced digital skills <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/new-digital-skills-academies-support-eus-technological-sovereignty-competitiveness-and-preparedness> in the EU, an additional €27 million will help establish four new digital skills academies on quantum, AI and virtual worlds.

Calls worth €11 million will focus on completing and expanding the **EDIH network** <https://european-digital-innovation-hubs.ec.europa.eu/home> in associated countries, as well as supporting a reinforced AI focus.

The Commission will also channel €47 million towards the **roll-out and best use of new digital technologies**, while also supporting the network of Safer Internet Centres. Under this €47 million call, €5 million will go towards the creation

of a **European Network of Fact-Checkers**, in line with President **Ursula von der Leyen's 2024–2029 political guidelines** https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf. Key elements will include a fact-checkers protection scheme against harassment, a repository of fact-checks and a fact-checking response capacity, including for emergency situations.

All four calls **close on 2 September 2025**. Both the advanced digital skills and EDIH network calls contribute to the **Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP)** https://strategic-technologies.europa.eu/index_en objectives – the Commission's initiative to boost the development and manufacturing of critical technologies in the EU.

This is the first set of calls under the **2025-2027 DIGITAL Work Programme** <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/work-programme-2025-2027-digital-europe-programme-digital>, which focuses on deploying innovative next generation technologies across Europe.

More information on the calls and the application process is available on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503&frameworkProgramme=43152860>.

Read more about the Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL): <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/digital-programme>

Eureka Going Global: Connect with Taiwan (11 April 2025)

Source: Website Eureka Global Stars Taiwan <https://eurekanetwork.org/opencalls/globalstars-taiwan-2025/>

Global Stars with Taiwan

Deadline: 29 August 2025 17:00 CEST

Apply from: 1 April 2025: Until: 29 August 2025 17:00 CEST

Ministries and funding agencies in Belgium (Flanders), Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Taiwan and the Netherlands have funding for organisations collaborating on international high-tech and sustainability R&D projects.

Submit an R&D project application for this Globalstars funding opportunity between 01 April and 29 August 2025. Your R&D project must include at least two mutually independent companies, one from Taiwan and the other from any Eureka participating country in this call

The parties listed above must be unrelated parties (i.e. no direct, indirect, beneficial or constructive ownership interest between these parties.)

Scope

This call is prioritising R&D projects in these field(s):

- **High Tech, such as (but not limited to):**
 1. Semiconductors and Photonics (integrated circuits)
 2. Telecommunication (5G, 6G)
 3. Advanced manufacturing
 4. Digital Health / Biotechnology
- **Sustainability, such as (but not limited to):**
 1. Circular economy, including Carbon circulation, Industrial Processes Circulation
 2. Mobility

Eureka funding programme: Globalstars:

Apply here: https://eureka.smartsimple.ie/s_Login.jsp

National funding

Call open: KIC Reducing Health Inequalities (24 April 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-kic-reducing-health-inequalities>



NWO has opened the KIC call 'Reducing health inequalities: Technology for people in a lower socioeconomic position' for proposals. People with a lower socioeconomic position (SEP) are less likely to enjoy good health. Health technology can help reduce this inequality. This call aims to gain insight into how technology can contribute to this.

Read the Call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-socioeconomic-position>

Societal challenge

Health is a fundamental right for everyone. However, society is marked by major health inequalities between different groups of people. A lower SEP further limits the chances of good health. Health technology can contribute to reducing these health inequalities. However, current technological products and services are insufficiently tailored to the needs, wishes and behaviour of people with a lower SEP. Moreover, the current healthcare and welfare landscape mainly consists of isolated technological solutions, which are often not integrated into the daily lives of people with a lower SEP or into the existing healthcare infrastructure. In addition, the development and further development of the technology takes a long time and funding for companies is difficult. It is therefore crucial that parties throughout the innovation ecosystem work together to develop and scale up health technology in a sustainable manner, with a view to the future.

The objective and intended impact

The intended impact of this call is a demonstrable reduction in health inequalities through the smart use of appropriate preventive and curative health technology by people with a lower SEP. Their perspective is also essential in research for the development of health technology and necessary to create broad support among developers, healthcare providers and target groups. Thinking from the user's perspective ensures that solutions have the right characteristics. This ensures that the technology ends up where it is needed and can be used on a long-term basis.

Interdisciplinary collaboration

For this call, NWO invites researchers to submit proposals that they have formulated together with researchers from relevant other disciplines and social organisations, including companies. It is crucial that proposals take into account the social context of the target group. This context translates into frameworks within which people in vulnerable situations can gain control over their health, with health technology playing an important role. Further development is another priority: this health technology must remain secure in the long term from a technological, commercial, economic and social point of view.

Information session and collaborative workshops

An online information session will follow on Friday 9 May 2025 from 10:00 to 11:30. You can register via the link below. The collaborative workshops will take place on Friday 30 May 2025 and Friday 27 June 2025. Participation in the workshops is mandatory for main applicants. More information about registration will follow soon.

Read guide for proposals here: https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals_Reducing%20health%20inequalities_ENG_finaal_0.pdf

Call open: Large-scale Research Infrastructure (LSRI) - Upgrade 2025 (22 April 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-large-scale-research-infrastructure-lsri-upgrade-2025>



NWO has opened the call 'Large-scale Research Infrastructure (LSRI) – Upgrade 2025' for proposals. Via LSRI - Upgrade 2025, NWO is making strategic investments in upgrading operational LSRI's related to the national LSRI Roadmap, located within the applying research organisations.

About this call

With LSRI – Upgrade 2025, the LSRI will be brought to (beyond) state-of-the-art with the aim of extending its operational lifetime. Upgrading concerns investments in renewal of LSRI and/or investments in (joint) strategic linking of LSRI's. The greening of LSRI's can be part of the investments. This call is aimed at LSRI's, that previously received Roadmap funding and are operational at the moment; only they can submit their proposals.

View the Call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/large-scale-research-infrastructure-lsri-upgrade-2025>

Guide for applicants: <https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20GWI-Opwaardering%202025%20ENG.pdf>

Budget

The grant ceiling for this Call for Proposals is a total of 30,000,000 euros. Within this Call for Proposals, a maximum of 3,500,000 euros per grant award will be contributed by NWO. An own contribution from the applying consortium is mandatory and amounts to at least 25% of the total budget for the proposed project.

Timeline

The deadline for submitting a letter of intent is **12 June 2025**. The deadline for submitting a full proposal is **16 September 2025**.

Note PJ: This call is coordinated by the Staff Department CVI so please contact CVI Mascha.rasenberg@wur.nl and needs support from Executive Board.

Forty-one applications awarded by NWO for Scientific Meetings and Consultations (18 April 2025)

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



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

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

The NWO Domain Science Board decides multiple times per year on the submitted applications. Applications can be submitted continuously.

For awarded applications: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/forty-one-applications-awarded-by-nwo-for-scientific-meetings-and-consultations>

For more information visit the funding page <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/scientific-meetings-and-consultations>

Talent Scheme information meeting (Rubicon, Veni, Vidi, Vici): Friday, May 23 2025 (16 April 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/talent-scheme-information-meeting-rubicon-veni-vidi-vici>

Do you want to learn more about the process behind the Rubicon, Veni, Vidi and Vici grants? Join us on May 23 2025 at NWO Utrecht or online for an information meeting about the NWO-Talent Programme for researchers.

About the meeting

Date:	23 May 2025
Location:	NWO Utrecht or online
For whom?	Researchers: both online and offline*, Grant advisors: online only**
Language:	English

Maximum number of physical participants:

Once the maximum number of physical participants has been reached, **we will invite you to join us online** **92**

* All sessions except the Q&A can be followed in real time online, but no questions can be asked online.

** Grant advisors may register online for the full program.

The day will consist of two parts. The first part will take place from 09:30-13:00 and will cover the Vidi, Vici, Rubicon, the Evidence Based CV and Impact Outlook. Afterwards there will be time for lunch and a Q&A.

The second part of the programme will kick off with an opening starting at 13:45. Presentations about the Veni, Evidence Based CV and Impact Outlook will take place after this. The event will officially end with drinks and another Q&A.

You can sign up here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/talent-scheme-information-meeting-rubicon-veni-vidi-vici>

Five new thematic calls in preparation for public-private partnerships (15 April 2025)

Source: Website NWO news <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/five-new-thematic-calls-in-preparation-for-public-private-partnerships>



NWO is developing five new calls for proposals to finance impact-driven research by consortia consisting of knowledge institutions, companies and social organisations. The calls fall within the Mission main line of the NWO-KIC programme and focus on various societal challenges. The five themes that are the focus of these upcoming calls are digital twinning, early detection of infectious diseases, cooling needs in the built environment, adaptivity in transitions, and a robust space infrastructure.

NWO is expected to publish these calls in the last quarter of 2025. €7,000,000 in funding will be available per call. Companies, private parties and social organisations can play a role in the design and implementation of the research as co-funders. In this way, they can contribute to solutions for the societal challenges. A percentage of co-funding is mandatory for each project proposal. The ratio between in-cash and in-kind co-funding can be decided upon by the

applicant. Specific information for each call will be available in the call for proposals. A provisional description of the theme for each call can be found below.

Read more about KIC Mission: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant/kic-2024-2027/mission-2024-2027>

The five themes of the calls in preparation

Digital Twins: multidisciplinary simulation for better and up-to-date insight
Early detection and impact forecasts of infectious disease outbreaks
Societal impact of cooling needs in the built environment
Adaptability in transitions
Robust and resilient space infrastructure for security in the Netherlands

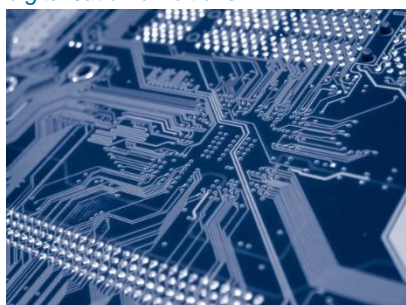
Knowledge and Innovation Agendas

Under the Mission main line, NWO annually develops several thematic programmes for consortia working on innovative research that promotes economic opportunities. These themes are chosen on the basis of the Dutch government's mission-driven policy, in particular the Knowledge and Innovation Agendas (KIAs)

Read full article with more information about the five new thematic themes here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/five-new-thematic-calls-in-preparation-for-public-private-partnerships>

Fourteen granted projects can start working on their digitalisation ambitions (15 April 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/fourteen-granted-projects-can-start-working-on-their-digitalisation-ambitions>



Fourteen applications have been granted by NWO's Governing Board, for 4.137.517 euro. The awarded projects fall under the 2023 call 'Thematic Digital Competence Centers' (TDCCs).

The aim of this call was to fund projects that help realise the digitalisation ambitions of the TDCCs and the communities they serve. The design of the call was non-competitive and community-driven.

What are the TDCCs again?

The Thematic Digital Competence Centers are network organisations. The TDCC's were founded in 2022 with funding from NWO. There are three TDCCs in the Netherlands: one for Life Science & Health (LSH), one for Natural and Engineering Sciences (NES) and one for Social Sciences & Humanities (SSH). Their ambitions are described in the **TDCC roadmaps** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/implementation-plan-investments-digital-research-infrastructure/roadmaps-three>. Read more about the **TDCC's** here <https://tdcc.nl/>.

Fourteen projects granted

Fourteen projects granted within the TDCC 2023 call. The projects cover a variety of topics, such as harmonizing core data from long-term cohort studies or developing software that can assess transparency of data and methods of empirical research.

Read all public summaries here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/fourteen-granted-projects-can-start-working-on-their-digitalisation-ambitions>

From the microbiome of potatoes to gravitational waves: 21 projects started at the Open Competition Domain Science-M programme (14 April 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/from-the-microbiome-of-potatoes-to-gravitational-waves-21-projects-started-at-the-open-competition-domain-science-m-programme>



The topics vary from exploring how the human visual system learns, research on cancer, research on materials that self-assemble from a “design less” state, and the mathematical models behind soundwaves.

Open Competition Domain Science funds curiosity driven fundamental research from all the disciplines of the Science Domain. M-grants are intended for innovative, high-quality, fundamental research and/or studies involving matters of scientific urgency. The current round closes for applications at the latest on 31 July 2025.

One WUR project granted

Small RNA in control of the Bifidobacterium gut lifestyle” **Prof Dr Michiel Kleerenbezem (WUR)**

For more information and an overview of the granted proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/from-the-microbiome-of-potatoes-to-gravitational-waves-21-projects-started-at-the-open-competition-domain-science-m-programme>

13 researchers head off to various foreign institutes (14 April 2025)

Source: Website NWO news <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/13-researchers-head-off-to-various-foreign-institutes>



13 talented recently promoted and talented scientists will get the chance to gain value research experience abroad thanks to this Rubicon round, organised by NWO. The total budget for this round was no less than 3,1 million euros.

The projects that will be funded cover topics from gravitational waves to educational equality. The signal black holes give off is modified once they interact with dark matter. Dr. G.M. Tomaselli’s research aims at characterising that modification. Meanwhile Dr. J.C. Janse will research the rise of far-right events from 1951 to 1981. Their research, which will be carried out in Germany, will provide new insights into the growth and mobilisation of the far right in the post-war period.

Rubicon laureates and public summaries of round 2024-3:

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon/awarded-grants/awarded-rubicon-grants-2024>

Destinations and duration of research

The countries selected are Switzerland, Germany, Italy, the United States and the United Kingdom. Each researcher will be staying for a period of 24 months.

The United States was chosen as a destination quite a few times this round. If any issues arise regarding the current complications in the United States, NWO will try to assist the researcher by possibly postponing deadlines or providing necessary legal information. In some aspects NWO can be limited when trying to help a researcher as NWO is not the

employer, just the financier of the research project. Further review will take place on how NWO can support the researchers affected by these changes.

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/13-researchers-head-off-to-various-foreign-institutes>

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

European Commission launches consultations on AI use in science (24 April 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 April 2025

The European Commission has launched two consultations on the upcoming European Strategy for Artificial Intelligence in Science. These are a Call for Evidence and a targeted questionnaire for researchers and the wider research and innovation community. The strategy aims to accelerate the responsible use of AI in science. In addition, the Commission wants to pave the way for a European AI Research Council. "Scientists and researchers are increasingly using artificial intelligence to gain insights and make breakthrough discoveries," said Commissioner Zaharieva. "Europe must lead this transformation, so I invite the community to join the consultations and help design a strategy that supports European science as the foundation of our competitiveness." The consultations close on 5 June.

News item European Commission: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/commission-seeks-feedback-future-strategy-artificial-intelligence-science-2025-04-10_en

News item VLEVA: <https://www.vleva.eu/about-vleva-en>

Climate KIC launches academy to boost green skills (24 April 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 April 2025

Climate KIC, the climate partnership of the European Institute of Technology (EIT), has launched the Climate KIC Academy. The aim of the academy is to boost the development of relevant skills needed in the transition to a sustainable economy. "As Europe rolls out the Clean Industrial Deal to accelerate sustainability-driven business models, a crucial challenge remains: the workforce lacks the necessary skills to drive this transition. Currently, only one in eight workers has at least one green skill that is essential to achieving climate ambitions," it reads.

News item EIT: <https://www.eit.europa.eu/news-events/news/new-climate-kic-academy-launched-bridge-green-skills-gap>

EU report maps out use of AI for science (24 April 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 April 2025

China has far surpassed the US and the EU in the use of AI for scientific research. This is evident from a research report by the European Commission that Science Business writes about. The AlphaFold tool, which can predict the behavior of proteins, is mentioned as an example of an AI application for scientific research. The report does warn about the negative consequences of using AI for scientific research. "Neural networks are notoriously opaque in how they work, which raises questions about the scientific insights they provide," ScienceBusiness writes. It also points out the risk of 'paradigm lock-in', which means that researchers only focus on hypotheses that can be tested with AI tools. The report also shows that additional investment in research, infrastructure and training can help to boost the use of AI in science, but that there is no convincing evidence for what works best for this. The article on Science Business explains the EU's most important recent initiatives on AI and chips.

European Commission Research: <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/4ee8799e-142c-11f0-b1a3-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>

Article ScienceBusiness: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/ai/china-leads-eu-and-us-using-artificial-intelligence-science>

France launches platform to attract international researchers (24 April 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 April 2025

The French national research funder ANR has launched the 'Choose France for Science' platform on behalf of the French government. Here, universities, colleges and research institutions can apply for government co-financing to welcome international researchers. "As the international context creates the conditions for an unprecedented wave of mobility among researchers worldwide, France wants to position itself as a host country for those who want to continue their work in Europe, taking advantage of the country's research ecosystem and infrastructure," it says.

News item ANR: <https://anr.fr/en/latest-news/read/news/choose-france-for-science-launch-of-the-dedicated-platform-for-applications-to-host-international-r/>

Reuters article: <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/macron-invites-international-scientists-come-work-france-2025-04-18/>

The Netherlands remains a leader in the European Research Area (17 April 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/nederland-blijft-koploper-in-europese-onderzoeksruimte>

The Netherlands maintains its leading position in the European Research Area (ERA). According to the ERA Scoreboard 2024, the Netherlands scores high on indicators that are crucial for strengthening Europe's research and innovation capacity.



With knowledge at the forefront: the Netherlands scores high again

The ERA Scoreboard 2024 <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/33829749-19a5-11f0-b1a3-01aa75ed71a1/language-en> shows that the Netherlands has once again confirmed its position as a leader in the European Research Area (ERA). Our country scores high on the number of open access publications and is one of the countries with the most cited scientific output within the EU. The number of international co-publications with partners outside Europe is also considerable. In addition, the Netherlands has more than five thousand researchers per one million inhabitants. Collaboration between companies and knowledge institutions is lagging behind, although collaboration remains stable, there is no growth here. **Note PJ: seeing the national budgets cuts in research and education it is questionable if we will stay at the forefront in the future!**

Towards a coherent and balanced European Research Area

There is also positive progress at European level. The report shows that the differences in performance between European countries are decreasing. This means a step towards a more coherent and balanced European Research Area. The EU has made a lot of progress since 2010, especially on sub-priorities such as open science, gender equality and research and innovation investments. Progress has been slower in the areas of researcher mobility, knowledge valorisation and social involvement. Progress on issues such as scientific leadership and long-term investments in R&D is lagging behind.

Read full article here: <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/nederland-blijft-koploper-in-europese-onderzoeksruimte> (in Dutch)

See next article from EC for more information about progress in European Research Area priorities

Progress on European Research Area priorities but continuous investment is still needed (15 April 2025)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/progress-european-research-area-priorities-continuous-investment-still-needed-2025-04-15_en&pk_campaign=rtd_news

The EU and the Member States have made substantial progress from 2010 to 2022 in key research and innovation areas across the EU, according to the **European Research Area (ERA) Scoreboard and Dashboard 2024** published today. The reports provide insights and data on the progress made by EU Member States and countries associated to Horizon Europe on the **four key ERA priorities**: 1. deepening a truly functional internal market for knowledge; 2. taking up the green and digital transition and increasing society's participation in ERA; 3. enhancing access to research and innovation excellence across the EU; 4. advancing concerted research and innovation investments and reforms.

The ERA Scoreboard and Dashboard are central features of the **ERA Monitoring Mechanism** <https://european-research-area.ec.europa.eu/era-monitoring>, supporting evidence-informed policymaking within the ERA.

The **Scoreboard** outlines progress in the four ERA priority areas at EU level through 19 research and innovation (R&I) indicators for which data is publicly available. The **Dashboard** <https://op.europa.eu/en/web/eu-law-and-publications/publication-detail/-/publication/b253c5b7-19a8-11f0-b1a3-01aa75ed71a1/language-en> offers a more granular analysis at national level based on **more than 50 indicators**, which showcase successes and areas for continued improvement.

2025 is a milestone year for the ERA, as we are celebrating **25 years of working together** to achieve a single market for research and innovation, continuing to work on structural, economic and policy change in the ERA.

Key insights: Positive developments and areas for improvement

The 2024 edition of the **ERA Scoreboard** shows that **the EU has advanced in several areas** between 2010 and 2022, namely in open science, gender equality and global engagement. For example, during the above period, the share of publications available in open access in the EU grew from 56.8% to 77.7%, and the proportion of women in the highest grade (Grade A) among academic staff increased from 19.7% to 27.3%. Substantial positive change was also observed in the percentage of foreign doctorate students in the EU, which raised from 16.3% to 22.7%. In general, the share of Gross Domestic Expenditure (GDP) dedicated to Research & Development increased from 1.97% in 2010 to 2.27% in 2022.

Despite the upward trends, the report identifies **areas that would benefit from further improvement**, varying from collaboration between companies and research institutions to the prioritisation of long-term research and innovation (R&I) investments and policy reforms. The Scoreboard findings underscore **the need for continued investment** in human and financial R&I resources and partnerships to further Europe's competitiveness and sustainability.

The **ERA Dashboard** offers a detailed assessment of progress towards the ERA priorities **at national level**, including EU Member States and countries associated to Horizon Europe. The report shows that **countries advanced considerably in open science, research infrastructures and global engagement**. However, challenges remain in improving research mobility and enhancing collaboration between academia and industry. On addressing the green and digital transition, some countries have shown **sustained commitment to environmental R&D investment**, but others continue to face decline or low performance in key areas, highlighting the need for more focused policy interventions.

Widening Countries, which are EU Member States and Associated Countries that are less advanced in R&I, are improving their R&I ecosystems. However, asymmetries remain, particularly in the efficient use of public funds and in collaboration capacity with external partners. Finally, results point to the need for an increase in private-sector R&I funding in most countries.

What do future EU-India relations look like? (14 April 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/hoe-zien-de-toekomstige-eu-india-betrekkingen-eruit>

The Commission is launching a call for evidence on a new EU-India strategic agenda, including on research and innovation. Participants are invited to share their views on what future EU-India relations should look like. You can submit your input until 8 May 2025.



Have your say on the new EU-India Strategic Agenda

The Commission is asking participants for their views on the future of EU-India relations. This is done through a **call for evidence** https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14632-EU-India-relations-new-comprehensive-strategic-approach_en. Research and innovation are strategically important areas in which the Commission wants to strengthen cooperation with India. The aim of the consultation is to draft a Joint Communication on a new EU-India Strategic Agenda. Feedback is open until 8 May 2025.

Context

The EU-India Strategic Agenda is part of the von der Leyen II Commission programme. The Commission wants to strengthen and expand cooperation with India, including in the field of research and innovation. During a recent visit to India, European Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva invited India to associate with Horizon Europe.

Viewpoint: Trump's attack on US universities is an attack on all universities (11 April 2025)

Source: Website Science|business <https://sciencebusiness.net/international-news/viewpoint-trumps-attack-us-universities-attack-all-universities>

Researchers outside the US must stand firm in their support for academic freedom at home and abroad, argues former president of Karolinska Institutet



Ole Petter Ottersen, former president of Karolinska Institutet. Photo: Gustav Mårtensson / news.ki.se

This year marks the 80th anniversary of one of the most influential science policy papers ever published: “[Science: the Endless Frontier](#),” a report by presidential advisor Vannevar Bush that served as the blueprint for the post-WWII rise of the US as the world’s leader in scientific research, innovation and education. Bush famously wrote:

“Support of basic research in the public and private colleges, universities, and research institutes must leave the internal control of policy, personnel, and the method and scope of the research to the institutions themselves. This is of the utmost importance.”

Ironically, at a time when advances in biotechnology, engineering and artificial intelligence are poised to transform science and medicine and improve lives, American universities are struggling to respond to increased political control and the prospect of draconian funding cuts. The academic and institutional autonomy and the scientific process promoted by Bush and espoused for generations as a core principle are under threat. Faced with the prospect of review and cancellation of grants that have already been awarded – to the tune of \$400 million in the case of Columbia University and \$9 billion in the case of Harvard – universities must choose whether to cave in to political demands, resist, or seek a middle ground.

Academia under siege

So far, with some exceptions, the response has been unsettling. I visited the US earlier this year and observed that long-term colleagues – literally from one day to the next – were muting their voices in the face of seemingly anti-science politics and threats of budget cuts. Hundreds of webpages were taken down to be scanned for forbidden words like diversity, gender, inequity, and injustice. While Princeton and Brown are resisting, Columbia reached a settlement with the Trump administration and Harvard has been ambiguous about its plans.

Academia is under siege, and we do not know where it will end. Academics outside the US should stand in solidarity with our American colleagues. The attacks we see inside the US should be viewed as attacks on the academic community at large – figuratively for sure, but also literally.

Just a few days ago, the news broke that the northernmost university in the world – UiT The Arctic University of Norway – had been requested to declare that it will refrain from promoting diversity and abstain from doing research on climate and the environment as a prerequisite for being on the receiving end of a US grant. When this came into the open the university quickly withdrew its grant proposal. Even if no harm was done, this incident attests to the fact that transgressions of academic freedom are prone to spread and infect communities way beyond the major geopolitical epicenter in U.S. As a **Norwegian newspaper** <https://www.itromso.no/meninger/i/630m6L/trump-har-kommet-til-tromsoe> put it: “Trump has arrived in Tromsø”.

The new US administration appears to see universities and academia as part of a “deep state” bureaucracy deserving of budget cuts and other reprisals. A glaring example is the backdrop of the proposed cut to the Columbia budget. According to **the New York Times** <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/21/nyregion/trump-columbia-university-400-million.html?searchResultPosition=126>, about 25 years ago Trump fell out with Columbia over a property deal, suffering a loss of \$400 million – the sum he now threatens to withdraw in federal funding. Perhaps a coincidence, but more likely an ill-advised payback. It is important to note that reprisals are levied to other institutions as well, such as law firms that have assisted in cases directed towards the new administration or Trump himself. We see the contours of a particular form of rule – a “retributocracy” where the urge for revenge appears to be a key driving force for political decisions.

It is incumbent on us, as academics outside the US, to join the opposition against political infringements. But it could be seen as presumptuous of us to offer advice on how to deal with them. How can we possibly fathom the complexity of the situation at hand when the university leadership is confronted with a choice between caving in to political pressure or standing firm and risking substantial losses of funds and livelihoods? It is a “damned if you do and damned if you don’t” situation.

Stand firm

Still, my hope is that strong support from academics abroad would sway decisions in the direction of resistance rather than compliance. Seen from the outside, threats imposed by the new administration are often just departure points for negotiations; and even if the separation of powers is challenged it should still be possible to muster support from the judicial branch, as well as the legislative branch that is invested with the power of the purse. Several law firms – exposed to retributions akin to those experienced by academic institutions – have chosen to litigate rather than kneel.

Last month, **Nature published an online survey** <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-00938-y> finding that 75% of US researchers who responded now consider leaving the country. Those who choose to leave should be welcomed here in Europe. Resources should be made available for this purpose, recalling the situation in the 1930s when many European scientists found refuge in Princeton, Columbia, and other US universities. Now is also the time to reduce or even remove tuition fees at European universities for American students who fear for their freedom and safety and look for other places to study.

Attacks on universities not only harm the universities themselves, but will have disastrous effects on society at large. For example, withdrawal of funds from specific universities combined with the proposed cut to grants from the National Institutes of Health – allowing for a maximum overhead of 15% – will significantly impact medical research with long-term consequences for health. There is no better time to reaffirm the principles outlined by Vannevar Bush, which created a global framework for research, innovation and education at the world’s great universities.

Updated guidelines to support European Research Infrastructure Consortia (11 April 2025)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/updated-guidelines-support-european-research-infrastructure-consortia-2025-04-10_en

Today, the Commission has published the **updated Practical Guidelines** <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/c8ca2717-15c4-11f0-b1a3-01aa75ed71a1/language-en> in support of **European Research Infrastructure Consortia** https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/our-digital-future/european-research-infrastructures/eric_en (ERIC). As the sole reference of this kind, the guidelines are designed

to support applicants in submitting their applications to become ERICs. They will also provide existing ERICs with useful clarifications on the applicable legal framework.

An ERIC is a legal entity under EU law that facilitates the establishment and operation of research infrastructures with European interest. The ERIC instrument has successfully filled the gap between traditional treaty-based international organisations and national legal entities for establishing European Research Infrastructures. Since it was launched in 2009, 31 ERICs have been established and others are currently in the pipeline.

The updated guidelines published today reflect the Commission's ongoing efforts to offer support and guidance to all interested parties, building on extensive exchanges with existing ERICs, Member States and experts. They feature several improvements triggered by technological and legal developments:

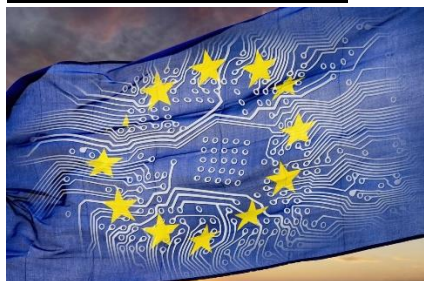
- a revised structure, better aligned with the ERIC Regulation
- adaptations to reflect technological and legal developments over the past decade
- additional guidance on issues going beyond the scope of the ERIC Regulation
- updated annexes, including best practices for reporting

The ERIC Practical Guidelines were first introduced in 2010, following the adoption of the ERIC Regulation and were subsequently updated in 2015 to reflect amendments to the ERIC Regulation that were introduced in 2013.

Europe as AI Continent: An Action Plan for Digital Leadership (11 April 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/europa-als-ai-continent-een-actieplan-voor-digitaal-leiderschap>

The European Commission presents the AI Continent Action Plan to make the EU a global leader in the AI economy. This action plan consists of a five-part strategy that should ensure accelerated development and application of artificial intelligence (AI) in Europe. Through Horizon Europe, among other things, the plan focuses on accelerating generative AI and developing AI skills. In doing so, the plan lays the foundations for a leading position for the EU in the global AI economy. There is also significant investment in AI factories, supercomputers and data systems. France, Germany and Spain have already announced locations; this is not yet the case in the Netherlands.



Knowledge and Research as the basis for AI in Europe

One of the five pillars of the **AI Continent Action Plan** <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/ai-continent-action-plan> is to strengthen knowledge development and research. This forms the basis for a broader strategy around generative AI, infrastructure, skills, applications in strategic sectors and international cooperation. The plan provides for the creation of **so-called AI Factories** <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/second-wave-ai-factories-set-drive-eu-wide-innovation#:~:text=This%20follows%20the%20first%20selection,of%20around%20%E2%82%AC485%20million> and new research programmes, focusing on key areas such as health, agriculture, defence, energy and mobility. The aim is to make AI research contribute faster and more effectively to concrete innovations. Horizon Europe plays a central role in this, with financial support for collaborations between universities, research institutions and companies. As a next step, the Commission will open **two public consultations until 4 June 2025**: on the **Cloud and AI Development Act** <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/consultations/have-your-say-future-cloud-and-ai-policies-eu> and the **Apply AI initiative** <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/consultations/commission-launches-public-consultation-and-call-evidence-apply-ai-strategy>, which seeks input on priorities, bottlenecks and implementation of the AI Act.

Education and Skills for the Future

A key part of the AI strategy is to develop AI skills at all levels of education. The Commission is setting up the AI Skills Academy, which will offer new courses from Bachelor to PhD, with a special focus on underrepresented groups such as women in technology and AI. Further actions include launching AI fellowship programmes for PhD students and researchers, and setting up a pilot course with AI Factories for generative AI. In addition, there will be an accelerated

roll-out of upskilling and reskilling pathways for workers in AI-related sectors, supported by European Digital Innovation Hubs. Through joint European AI courses, the Commission hopes to rapidly increase AI competences in the EU.

Read full article here: <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/europa-als-ai-continent-een-actieplan-voor-digitaal-leiderschap> (in Dutch)

Global policy

Report: AI and quantum key issues for NATO in the next 20 years (24 April 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 April 2025

NATO's Science & Technology Organization (STO) has identified six key issues in its macro trends report 2025-2045 that will be important in the next 20 years. The AI race is one of the key issues, along with 'quantum superiority' and the biotech revolution. The report argues that advances in science and technology can be decisive in times of intensifying geopolitical competition. According to NATO Science Chairman Bryan Wells, NATO Allies will need to embrace these trends to prepare the Alliance for the challenges of today and tomorrow. "Knowledge building and investment in science and technology will strengthen NATO and its Allies' ability to outperform competitors today and tomorrow, ensuring that we remain robust, resilient and ready to respond to any threat," Wells said.

NATO press release: https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_234507.htm

STO Trend Report 2025-2045: <https://sto-trends.com/>

Issues: Science must take action to restore trust (24 April 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 April 2025

The scientific community also has a role to play in combating distrust of science. This is what two researchers write in a long read on Issues. The article explains in detail the background to the declining trust in the US and makes it clear that a complex interplay of factors plays a role here. It also concludes that distrust is not only a threat to the institutions, but also to society as a whole. After all, science is one of the pillars in policymaking. In order to restore trust, universities should, for example, work on greater diversity, so that there is also room for groups where trust has declined (conservatives and believers). Universities should also be more open to participation from outside. "Nowadays, instead of correcting alleged information shortages or combating political ideologies, expert institutions should focus on restoring the trust of the broader society," the researchers say. "And ensure that power – political, technological, economic or cultural – [...] is exercised with responsibility and restraint in the future."

Article Issues: <https://issues.org/new-politics-science-mills-st-clair/>

White House intervenes in funding for science projects (24 April 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 April 2025

In response to orders from the White House, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has started freezing the funding already allocated to research projects. This was reported in Nature and Nextgov, among others. In addition, ongoing projects would also be considered whether they can be stopped, for example if they relate to diversity, equity or inclusion. In a statement, NSF Director Sethuraman Panchanathan indicated that he continues to stand by the principles of his agency. "The NSF will continue to support research [...] in accordance with all applicable laws and mandates, with the primary goal of creating opportunities for all Americans," Panchanathan said. He also indicated that the new course must not favor certain groups to the detriment of others, nor must it directly or indirectly lead to the exclusion of groups or individuals.

NSF Statement: <https://www.nsf.gov/updates-on-priorities>

Article Nature: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-01263-0>

Article Nextgov: <https://www.nextgov.com/policy/2025/04/nsf-begins-terminating-select-grant-funding/404698/>

National policy

Cabinet wants the Netherlands to be among the global leaders in biotechnology (24 April 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 April 2025

The cabinet wants the Netherlands to be among the global leaders in biotechnological research, development and application by 2040. This is stated in the Cabinet's vision on biotechnology, which was recently adopted by the Council of Ministers. Among other things, the cabinet wants to investigate the scope in current legislation and regulations and use existing resources more specifically for innovation. In the longer term, possible new financial incentive options are being examined.

Press release Central government: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2025/04/11/nederland-in-2040-in-mondiale-kopgroep-innovatie-en-toepassing-biotechnologie> (in Dutch)

Letter to parliament from Minister Beljaarts and State Secretary Jansen:
<https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/f1f4f75e-cbd2-4da9-99e2-ded7821e9690/file> (in Dutch)

Cabinet's vision on biotechnology 2025-2040: <https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/a83e3ff3-ac9e-45be-8c8a-ace92a9e7e3e/file> (in Dutch)

TNO warns the House: de-industrialisation and faltering innovation chain threaten prosperity (24 April 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 April 2025

The Netherlands is a knowledge country, but is not sufficiently successful in converting this knowledge into applications, business activity and economic value. Industrial companies in R&D-intensive sectors are relocating activities abroad due to a deteriorating investment climate. This is the conclusion of TNO in a study commissioned by the Standing Committee for Economic Affairs of the House of Representatives, in response to the Draghi report. TNO also warns that the Netherlands is not sufficiently successful in allowing start-ups to grow into scale-ups. This week, TNO was supposed to explain the report to the members of parliament in a technical briefing. This briefing was cancelled because there were too few registrations, writes NRC.

News item TNO: <https://www.tno.nl/nl/newsroom/2025/04/deindustrialisatie-innovatieketen/> (in Dutch)

Publication TNO: <https://publications.tno.nl/publication/34644080/ABbMWCTh/TNO-2025-R10842.pdf> (in Dutch)

Article NRC: <https://www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2025/04/23/wat-tno-over-nederlands-concurrentiepositie-meldt-interesseert-de-kamer-niet-zo-a4890874> (in Dutch)

Additional cuts for higher education in Spring Memorandum (24 April 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 April 2025

The coalition and the cabinet have reached an agreement on the Spring Memorandum at the last minute. HOP has written about the outcomes for higher education and science. Further education will be subject to new cuts. Universities and colleges will be structurally cut by 58 million euros. For vocational education, this amounts to 21 million euros. Science will be given four times 25 million euros per year, which is in line with previous agreements made with opposition parties about the OCW budget. However, this money will still come from the education budget. "In December, the Lower House decided to reduce the cuts in education and science from 2 billion to 1.2 billion. Now the cabinet is proposing to make additional cuts again. That is harmful to education and therefore harmful to the future of the Netherlands," says Caspar van den Berg, chairman of Universities of the Netherlands (UNL).

Press release Central government: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2025/04/18/voorjaarsnota-2025-defensie-schrappen-btw-verhoging-en-begrotingsdiscipline> (in Dutch)

News item UNL: <https://www.universiteitenvannederland.nl/actueel/nieuws/voorjaarsnota-brengt-nieuwe-bezuinigingen-op-mbo-hbo-en-universiteiten> (in Dutch)

Article HOP/U-Today: <https://www.utoday.nl/news/75478/voorjaarsnota-nieuwe-bezuinigingen-op-hoger-onderwijs> (in Dutch)

NOS: Dutch institutes collaborate to protect scientific data in the US (24 April 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 April 2025

Dutch institutes are jointly mapping out which scientific data must be secured in the event that the American government pulls the plug on research institutes or projects, writes the NOS. The KNAW, research financier NWO, university association UNL and ICT organization for education and research SURF are involved in this. The institutes are concerned about measures taken by the White House towards science. "We share the concerns within the scientific community about securing research data," a spokesperson for the NWO tells the NOS. "We have therefore joined forces to inventory which specific data now needs a new, safe place. There is no good overview yet and that is also difficult to obtain because many organizations in the US have difficulty communicating openly about this." The institutes are seeking cooperation with other (European) countries.

Article NOS: <https://nos.nl/artikel/2564520-wetenschappers-halen-stilletjes-al-onderzoeksdata-weg-uit-vs-om-toegang-te-houden> (in Dutch)

Article NOS: <https://nos.nl/artikel/2564401-nederlandse-instituten-slaan-handen-ineen-om-wetenschappelijke-data-in-vs-te-beschermen> (in Dutch)

New AWTI advice: In service of the future - a guide to transformation-oriented policy (15 April 2025)

Source: Website AWTI <https://www.awti.nl/actueel/nieuws/2025/04/15/nieuw-advies-in-dienst-van-de-toekomst-een-handreiking-voor-transformatiegericht-beleid>

The Advisory Council for Science, Technology and Innovation has issued a concrete follow-up to the advice "In service of the future - From optimization to transformation" from 2023. Stubborn social challenges require innovative solutions and fundamental changes in our way of life.

With well-coordinated combinations of policy instruments, the government can bring about the necessary social changes. In "In service of the future - a guide to transformation-oriented policy", the AWTI advises on elements of a clear and coherent transformation-oriented policy mix and associated governance. The guide also contains a step-by-step plan and tool for policymakers to get started with shaping transformative policy.

For more information and report: <https://www.awti.nl/documenten/adviezen/2025/04/08/advies-in-dienst-van-de-toekomst-een-handreiking-voor-transformatiegericht-beleid> (in Dutch)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 25 April 2025

Call identifier	Deadline
Pillar I Excellent Science	
ERC	
ERC-2025-AdG	28 August 2025 at 17.000 Brussels time (<i>ERC-2025-AdV-Grants</i>)
Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions	
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-DN-01 - Doctoral networks - Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates - TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates	Foreseen opening: 28 May 2025: Deadline(s): 25 November 2025 (<i>MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025, Industrial doctorates, Joint Doctorates</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-PF - TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships - TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships	Foreseen opening: 9 April 2025: Deadline(s): 10 November 2025 (<i>MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-SE-01	Foreseen opening: 27 March 2025: Deadline(s): 8 October 2025 (<i>MSCA Staff Exchanges 2025</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-COFUND-01-01 - TMA-Cofund-Doctoral - TMA-Cofund-Postdoctoral	24 June 2025 17.00 Brussels time (<i>MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes 2025-01</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-MSCA4Ukraine	The next MSCA4Ukraine call is expected to open in November 2024
Research Infrastructures	
HORIZON-INFRA-2025-01-DEV (5 topics)	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025, and Foreseen Deadline: 18 September 2025
HORIZON-INFRA-2025-01-EOSC (5 topics)	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025, and Foreseen Deadline: 18 September 2025
HORIZON-INFRA-2025-01-SERV (4 topics)	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025, and Foreseen Deadline: 18 September 2025
HORIZON-INFRA-2025-01-TECH (4 topics)	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025, and Foreseen Deadline: 18 September 2025

Cluster 1 HEALTH	
Destination - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-STAYHLTH-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s): 18 September 2025 (First Stage), 16 April 2026 (Second Stage)
Destination - Living and working in a health-promoting environment	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-ENVHLTH-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s): 16 September 2025 (First Stage), 16 April 2026 (Second Stage)
Destination– Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-DISEASE	Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s) 16 September 2025
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-DISEASE-02-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s): 16 September 2025 (First Stage), 16 April 2026 (Second Stage)
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-02-DISEASE COFUNDED Partnerships	Foreseen opening: 13 May 2025 Deadline(s) 3 June 2025
Destination - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-CARE	Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s) 16 September 2025
Destination - Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-TOOL	Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s) 16 September 2025
Destination - Maintaining an innovative, sustainable, and competitive EU health industry	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-IND	Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s) 16 September 2025
<u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u>	
<u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u>	
Destination 1: CLIMATE NEUTRAL, CIRCULAR AND DIGITISED PRODUCTION	

Destination 2: INCREASED AUTONOMY IN KEY STRATEGIC VALUE CHAINS FOR RESILIENT INDUSTRY	
DESTINATION 3 - WORLD LEADING DATA AND COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES	
DESTINATION 4 – DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL	
DESTINATION 5 – DESTINATION – OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN DEVELOPING, DEPLOYING AND USING GLOBAL SPACE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURES, SERVICES, APPLICATIONS AND DATA	
DESTINATION 6 – A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES	
CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility	
Destination - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-03-D1	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025 Deadline(s) 24 September 2025
Destination - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-02-D2	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025 Deadline(s) 16 September 2025
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D2	Foreseen opening: 16 September 2025 Deadline(s) 17 February 2026

Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-02-D3	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025 Deadline(s) 16 September 2025
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3	Foreseen opening: 16 September 2025 Deadline(s) 17 February 2026
Destination: Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D4	Foreseen opening: 16 September 2025 Deadline(s) 20 January 2026
Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-01-D5	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025 Deadline(s): 4 September 2025
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D5	Foreseen opening: 16 September 2025 Deadline(s) 20 January 2026
Destination: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-01-D6	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025 Deadline(s): 4 September 2025
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D6	Foreseen opening: 16 September 2025 Deadline(s) 20 January 2026
Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025 and foreseen deadline(s): 17 September 2025
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 06 May 2025 and foreseen deadline(s): 04 September 2025 (First Stage) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage)
Destination 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK	Foreseen Opening: 6 May 2025 foreseen deadline(s): 16 September 2025
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025 and foreseen deadline(s): 4 September 2025 (First Stage) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage)
Destination 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025 and foreseen deadline(s): 17 September 2025

HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025 and foreseen deadline(s): 4 September 2025 (First Stage) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage)
Destination 4 – Clean environment and zero pollution	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01 ZEROPOLLUTION	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025 and foreseen deadline(s): 17 September 2025
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01 ZEROPOLLUTION-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025 and foreseen deadline(s): 4 September 2025 (First Stage) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE	Foreseen Opening: 06 May 2025 foreseen deadline(s): 16 September 2025
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 6 May 2025 and foreseen deadline(s): 4 September 2025 (First Stage) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage)
Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02 COMMUNITIES	Foreseen Opening: 6 May 2025 foreseen deadline(s): 16 September 2025
Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-03-GOVERNANCE	Foreseen Opening: 6 May 2025 foreseen deadline(s): 24 September 2025
Circular Biobased Europe	
CBE Circular Biobased Europe partnership https://www.cbe.europa.eu/	The call for proposals will open on 4 April 2025, and the call deadline is foreseen for 17 September 2025. https://www.cbe.europa.eu/system/files/2024-12/cbeju_awp2025.pdf
Pillar III Innovative Europe	
EIC Pathfinder-2025-open	Foreseen deadline 21 May 2025
EIC-Pathfinder-Challenges	Foreseen Deadline 29 October 2025
EIC Transition-2025	Foreseen deadline 17 September 2025
EIC-Accelerator-2025	Foreseen deadlines, 1 October 2025
EIC Accelerator Challenges 2025	Foreseen Deadline 1 October 2025 https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5e1eb75f-e437-477f-9ee9-ef54ff6387fd_en?filename=EIC%20Work%20Programme%202025.pdf
Mission calls 2025	

HORIZON-MISS-2025-CLIMA <i>Adaptation to Climate Change Mission</i>	Foreseen opening 6 May 2025 and foreseen deadline 24 September 2025 (HORIZON-MISS-2025-01-CLIMA Adaptation to Climate Change Mission)
HORIZON-MISS-2025-02-CANCER <i>Cancer: Supporting the implementation of the Cancer Mission</i>	Foreseen opening 6 May 2025 and foreseen deadline 16 September 2025 (HORIZON-MISS-2025-02-CANCER Supporting the implementation of the Cancer Mission)
HORIZON-MISS-2025-03-OCEAN <i>Supporting the implementation of the Restore our Ocean and Waters Mission</i>	Foreseen opening 7 May 2025 and foreseen deadline 24 September 2025 (HORIZON-MISS-2025-03-OCEAN Supporting the implementation of the Restore our Ocean and Waters Mission)
HORIZON-MISS-2025-04-CIT <i>Supporting the implementation of the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission</i>	Foreseen opening 6 May 2025 and foreseen deadline 4 September 2025 (HORIZON-MISS-2025-04-CITIES Supporting the implementation of the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission)
HORIZON-MISS-2025-05 Call - <i>Supporting the implementation of the Soil Deal for Europe Mission</i>	Foreseen opening 6 May 2025 and foreseen deadline 30 September 2025 (HORIZON-MISS-2025-05-SOIL Call - Supporting the implementation of the Soil Deal for Europe Mission)
WIDERA 2025	

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 25 April 2025 for more details; go to EC Funding and Tenders opportunity Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Call identifier	Deadline
European Partnerships / ERANET-COFUND	
European Partnerships European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare https://www.eupahw.eu/	
European Partnership Biodiversa+ https://www.biodiversa.eu/	
European Partnership Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/	Upcoming Water4All call <u>Water for Circular Economy</u> 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"> pre-proposals on 13 November 2024 (CLOSED) and the deadline for full-proposals on 29 April 2025. https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2024-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement and https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-transnational-call-regarding-water-for-circular-economy
European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/	
European Partnership FutureFoods https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/	The first call of FutureFoods Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deadline for pre-submissions is January 15, 2025 (13:00 CET) (CLOSED) he deadline for full proposals is July 9, 2025 (13:00 CEST)

<p>European Partnership Agroecology https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/</p>	<p>https://www.futurefoodpartnership.eu/</p> <p>Second co-funded call AgroEcology Partnership https://agroecology.ptj.de/call2?genericModule=callDocuments&action=download&id=955 is open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for pre proposal submission is 17 February 2025, 14:00h CET. (CLOSED) • Deadline for full proposal submission is 09 July 2025, 14:00h CEST.
<p>Joint Technology Initiatives</p>	
<p>Joint Programming Initiatives</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A healthy diet for a healthy life (HDHL): http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/ • Agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE): http://www.faccejpi.com/ • Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR): http://www.jpiamr.eu/ • Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU): http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home • Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans): http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/ • More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL): http://www.jp-demographic.eu/ • Neurodegenerative Disease/Alzheimer's (JPND): http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/ • Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions (Urban Europe): http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/ • Water challenges for a changing world (Water-JPI): http://www.waterjpi.eu/ • Cultural Heritage a Challenge for Europe (Cultural Heritage): http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/

Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **25 April 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
29-04-2025	<p>Deadline for submission Full-proposals for Partnership Water4All call– Water For Circular Economy. Deadline for submitting a full proposal is 29 April 2025, 15:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/partnership-water4all-water-for-circular-economy and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/1_water4all_jtc2024_call_for_proposals.pdf and https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2024-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement</p>
13-05-2025	<p>Deadline submission Full applications for the call The Water-Food nexus in rainfed agri-food systems in Sub-Saharan Africa: socio-economics and governance. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 13 May 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST... https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-research-on-scaling-up-soil-moisture-retention-in-rainfed-agriculture-sub-saharan-africa and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/the-water-food-nexus-in-rainfed-agri-food-systems-in-sub-saharan-africa-socio-economics-and-governance and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20-%20WFN%20call%20-%20def_2.pdf</p>
05-06-2025	<p>Deadline for submission 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 & Agriculture Research (FFAR)). 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. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/kic-call-greenhouses-in-transition-in-cooperation-with-ffar-now-</p>

	open-for-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-greenhouses-in-transition-opportunities-in-water-energy-and-agriculture and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Greenhouses%20in%20transition-met%20beeld%20%281%29_0.pdf
09-06-2025	Foreseen Deadline for submission full-proposals Merian Fund Cooperation South Africa-The Netherlands SGCI-NWO multilateral research programme . Closing date full application 9 June 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/merian-fund-cooperation-south-africa-the-netherlands-sgci-nwo-multilateral-research-programme
14-07-2025	Deadline submission Full proposals (mandatory) for the Long-term Europe – Africa WEF Nexus (LEAWEF) Multilateral Research Programme . The deadline for the submission of Full proposals (mandatory) is 14 July 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/long-term-europe-africa-wef-nexus-leawef-multilateral-research-programme and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/LEAWEF%20call_for_proposals%20%281%29_0.pdf
02-09-2025	Deadline for knowledge management proposal in Phase II ADM-LAB: Livings Labs for Adaptive Delta Management in Bangladesh . Deadline for submission of a knowledge management proposal in Phase II is Tuesday 2 September 2025, 14:00:00 CEST in ISAAC . eahttps://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/adm-lab-livings-labs-for-adaptive-delta-management-in-bangladesh and 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
September 2025	Foreseen closing date 9th Call Eurostars . Follow information on https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/eurostars

National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **25 April 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

01-05-2025	Deadline submission Full proposals for call Use of space infrastructure for earth observation and planetary research (GO) . Closing date full application 1 May 2025 14:00 hrs . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/use-of-space-infrastructure-for-earth-observation-and-planetary-research-go and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_GO2025-1_v7_clean%20%281%29.pdf
06-05-2025	Deadline for submission proposals for Open Competition Domain Science - XS 2025 . Deadline for submission of proposals round 2025-2 6 May 2025, at 14:00:00 CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-open-competition-domain-science-xs-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-25-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20ENW-XS%202025_ENG.pdf
06-05-2025	Deadline Submitting expressions of interest for participation in Sandpit for NWA call Knowledge development ecological effects of wind farms on sea . The deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest for participation in the Sandpit is Tuesday 6 May 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST ; The Sandpit will take place from Monday 8 September 2025 up until and including Friday 12 September 2025 . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-research-to-gain-knowledge-about-the-ecological-effects-of-offshore-wind-farms and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-development-ecological-effects-of-wind-farms-on-sea and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20WPE%20final%2026-2-2025%20ENG%20def%20%282%29.pdf
08-05-2025	Deadline submission full applications for SSH Open Competition XS round 2 . Round 2: 8 May 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/first-round-of-ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-now-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202025%20-%20EN.pdf
13-05-2025	Deadline for submission of Full-proposal Perspectief round 2024/2025 . Submission of proposal: Tuesday May 13th, 2025 - 14:00:00 . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-perspectief-round-opened-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2024/2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202024-2025_EN.pdf
27-05-2025	Deadline for submission of sub-applications for call research into innovative treatments for hereditary heart disease (KIC) . The deadline for submitting the full application is 27 May 2025,

	by 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-over-76-million-euros-available-for-research-into-innovative-treatments-for-hereditary-heart-disease-kic and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWO-%20Hartstichting%20DEF%20met%20beeld%20WIJZ_0.pdf
03-06-2025	Deadline for submission Full proposals for fourth call Faculty of Impact . The deadline for submitting proposals is Tuesday 3 June 2025, 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/faculty-of-impact-opens-its-doors-for-the-fourth-time and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/safety-and-energy-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/foi-2025_-_call_for_proposals_-_eng_-_publicatie.pdf
12-06-2025	Deadline for submission for research ideas for NWA Key Enabling Methodologies (KEMs) - The utilisation of Key Enabling Methodologies in complex societal transition issues . The deadline for the submission of proposals is 12 June 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-knowledge-development-and-application-of-kems-for-effective-policy and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-key-enabling-methodologies-kems-the-utilisation-of-key-enabling-methodologies-in-complex-societal-transition-issues and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWA%20Key%20Enabling%20Methodologies%20%28ENG%29_2.pdf
24-06-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 24 June 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
24-06-2025	Deadline submission Statements of Content for call Future Plastics: Development of safe plastics for a sustainable future . Tuesday 24 June 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST Deadline statements of intent . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-plastics-development-of-safe-plastics-for-a-sustainable-future and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/20250305%20KIC%20KIC%20Future%20plastics_development%20of%20safe%20plastics%20for%20a%20sustainable%20future.pdf
10-07-2025	Deadline submission Full Proposals Hydrogen and green electrons for special and fine chemicals . 13 March 2025 - Deadline to apply for preparatory workshops . Participation in the two workshops is mandatory for the main applicant and the technical manager of the consortium. 7-9 April 2025 - First preparatory workshop. 12-14 May 2025 - Second preparatory workshop. 10 July 2025 - Deadline to submit full proposal . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-hydrogen-and-green-electrons-for-special-and-fine-chemicals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/national-growth-fund/groenvermogen/nl/hydrogen-and-green-electrons-for-specialities-and-fine-chemicals and https://groenvermogen.nl/en/event/information-meeting-groenvermogen-nl-rd-theme-6/
Until 31-07-2025	Deadline for submission proposals Open Competition Domain Science - M 2024/2025 . Applications for the current round (2024/2025) can therefore be submitted until 31 July 2025 (continuous call). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-m-2024/2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2024-25_EN_def%20%282%29.pdf
14-08-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 14 August 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
11-09-2025	Deadline Submitting Full Proposals for NWA call Knowledge development ecological effects of wind farms on sea . The deadline for submitting the proposal is Thursday 11 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-research-to-gain-knowledge-about-the-ecological-effects-of-offshore-wind-farms and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-development-ecological-effects-of-wind-farms-on-sea and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20WPE%20final%2026-2-2025%20ENG%20def%20%282%29.pdf
16-09-2025	Deadline for submission proposals for Open Competition Domain Science - XS 2025 . Deadline for submission of proposals round 2025-3 16 September 2025, at 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-open-competition-domain-science-xs-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-25-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20ENW-XS%202025_ENG.pdf
16-09-2025	Deadline submission Full Proposals for call Future Plastics: Development of safe plastics for a sustainable future . Tuesday 16 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST Deadline

	proposals. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-plastics-development-of-safe-plastics-for-a-sustainable-future and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/20250305%20KIC%20KIC%20Future%20plastics_development%20of%20safe%20plastics%20for%20a%20sustainable%20future.pdf
16-09-2025	NEW: Deadline for submission pre-proposals for Open Competition Domain Science–XL round 2025–2026 . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 16th September 2025, before 14:00:00 hours CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026
17-09-2025	Foreseen deadline for submission Full proposals KIC - Future Plastics 2024 . Closing date full application 17 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.) . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-future-plastics-2024
18-09-2025	Deadline for submission Full-proposals KIC Nature-inclusive decision making in business . The deadline for submitting full proposals is September 18, 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business-kic and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%202024_def_EN.pdf
18-09-2025	Deadline submission full applications for SSH Open Competition XS round 3 . Round 3: 18 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/first-round-of-ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-now-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202025%20-%20EN.pdf
07-10-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 7 October 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
12-11-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 12 November 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
02-12-2025	NEW: Foreseen deadline for Full application call KIC Reducing health inequalities - technology for people in a lower social economic position . Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.) . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-social-economic-position
From 13-01-2025 until 12-12-2025	Deadline submission full proposals Open Technology Programme 2025 . 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.. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf
20-12-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 20 December 2025 by 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
22-01-2026	Deadline submission proposals for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET . January 22, 2026, before 2:00:00 PM CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation
03-02-2026	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 3 February 2026 by 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
03-02-2026	Deadline submission Full proposals Dutch Research Agenda - Research along Routes by Consortia 2025 (NWA-ORC 2025) . Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2025-nwa-orc-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWAORC2025_Call%20for%20Proposals_EN.pdf
09-06-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Full-proposals for Open Competition Domain Science–XL round 2025–2026 . The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 9th June 2026, before 14:00:00 hours CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026
21-01-2027	Deadline submission proposals for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which

	applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation
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Regional calls

This list is a selection of regional calls. The list was compiled on **25 April 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
From 01-03-2025 to 28-02-2026	Opening EFRO East Netherlands: Innovation projects priority 1 (a smarter East Netherlands): applications can be submitted from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. The subsidy ceiling is € 11.7 million, of which € 10 million for activities that benefit Gelderland and € 1.7 million for activities that benefit Overijssel;
From 01-03-2025 to 28-02-2026	Opening EFFE East Netherlands Test and demonstration projects priority 1 (a smarter East Netherlands): applications can be submitted from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. The subsidy ceiling is €6.7 million, of which €5 million for activities that benefit Gelderland and €1.7 million for activities that benefit Overijssel.
From 16-09-2024 to 01-11-2024	Opening 2 for proposals OP-Zuid from September 16, 2024 9:00 AM to November 1, 2024 5:00 PM. A budget of 25 million euros OPZuid 2021-2027 is available for both openings, equally divided into a smarter Europe and a greener Europe. A total of 50 million euros will be available in 2024. https://www.stimulus.nl/subsidiepot-voor-klimaat-niet-leeg/ and https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Eastern Netherlands: For for overview calls go to EFRO Oost https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen
2023-2024	EFRO 2021 – 2027 Western Netherlands: For calls Kansen voor West III https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen-/
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Northern Netherlands: For calls Northern Netherlands go to Website SNN https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Southern Netherlands: For calls Southern Netherlands go to website Stimulus https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/
24-02-2025 to 04-04-2025	Foreseen deadline Spring call OP-Zuid 2025: from 24 February 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to April 4, 2025 (until 5 p.m.);
15-09-2025 to 24-10-2025	Foreseen opening Autumn call OP-Zuid 2025: from 15 September, 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to 24 October, 2025 (until 5 p.m.).

About the Wageningen Grant Office

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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