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## Latest Funding News

### European Funding News: Horizon Europe and FP10

#### *Horizon Europe Workprogrammes 2025 officially published: EU invests €7.3 billion from Horizon Europe to enhance its competitiveness and talent growth*

Source: Website EC [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_25\\_1146](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1146)

**The European Commission is investing over €7.3 billion through its newly adopted Horizon Europe work programme for 2025 to strengthen Europe's research and innovation engine and global edge. This will drive cutting-edge science, accelerate the EU's green and digital transitions, and enhance Europe's competitiveness.**

The programme will help attract and retain top researchers in Europe and offer targeted support to those affected by war and displacement. As part of these efforts, the Commission is updating the **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions** <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/> (MSCA) 2023-25 work programme part to offer more support for Ukrainian scientists and to launch a new MSCA 'Choose Europe for Science' pilot, which will offer more support and opportunities for early-career researchers, including competitive allowances and longer contracts.

This pilot is part of a €500 million package for 2025–2027 and the wider 'Choose Europe'

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/da/speech\\_25\\_1130](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/da/speech_25_1130) initiative to make Europe a magnet for researchers, presented by President **von der Leyen** last week. The initiative focuses on three goals: keeping science free and open, investing in talent, and accelerating innovation in Europe.

Through the European Research Council (ERC), researchers relocating to Europe already receive a top-up beyond their grant, which has recently been doubled. Additionally, a new seven-year 'super grants' under the ERC will offer long-term support for top talent.

#### **Key aspects of the Horizon Europe 2025 work programme:**

**Delivering on EU priorities:** Research and innovation (R&I) are central to the EU's priorities – from boosting competitiveness, defence and security to improving citizens' lives. The 2025 work programme will fund digital and space technologies, support green projects and sustainable development. It also targets organised crime and terrorist threat, while helping cut carbon emissions and reduce energy costs. More than €663 million will be invested in **the five EU Missions** [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe_en).

**Accelerating climate and digital goals:** To help make Europe the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050, the EU is directing 35% of Horizon Europe funding towards climate goals. In the 2025 work programme, 35% of the budget is allocated to climate action and 8.8% to biodiversity. This includes €1.14 billion for climate, energy and transport projects, and €833 million for food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment. At the same time, 36% of its Horizon Europe funding supports the digital transition, with €1.6 billion earmarked for artificial intelligence development.

**Automotive research and innovation:** The 2025 work programme aims to support the transformation of the European automotive industry through research and innovation by focusing on benefits such as cleaner and more competitive transport solutions. It supports the development of next-generation battery electric vehicles, advanced manufacturing techniques for automotive components, vehicle digitalisation, cybersecurity, and circular economy practices. Additionally, it promotes the creation of smart, resilient mobility systems.

**Simplifying application:** The Commission has started a simplification effort with the 2025 work programme to make it more accessible and user-friendly. Shorter topic descriptions and the use of more open topics will give applicants greater freedom to propose different pathways to innovative outcomes. Where appropriate, wider use of simplified cost options, such as lump sum grants that represent 35% of the total budget, removes unnecessary financial reporting requirements

for beneficiaries. 29 two-stage topics will allow applicants to first submit shorter proposals and only prepare full proposals if selected for the second stage. This will reduce the administrative burden for applicants.

**Supporting talent:** By investing in talent, the programme addresses brain drain and promotes a vibrant research landscape. The 'Choose Europe for Science' pilot, part of the MSCA, will invest €22.5 million to attract and retain promising young talent in Europe. The pilot will offer more support and opportunities for early-career researchers, including competitive allowances and longer contracts. It will co-fund postdoctoral fellowships providing researchers with excellent research, teaching or management opportunities.

**Revitalising European neighbourhoods:** Running from 2025 to 2027, the [New European Bauhaus \(NEB\) Facility](#) is the first-ever multiannual funding tool for innovative projects to make Europe's living spaces more sustainable, inclusive, and beautiful for everyone. For 2025, the [NEB Facility call for proposals](#), which will open tomorrow, has a dedicated budget of €118.4 million from the Horizon Europe programme. Half of the funding – approximately €63 million – will finance demonstrator projects showcasing how to apply NEB in the local environment, for instance with regenerative design. The other half will focus on fundamental research as well other support actions.

**Supporting Ukrainian researchers:** The programme encourages all applicants to create opportunities for scientists and organisations affected by Russia's war of aggression. Support will continue for the [Horizon Europe Office in Ukraine](#), which builds stronger EU–Ukraine research networks and supports access of Ukrainian researchers to EU funding. Through the MSCA4Ukraine initiative, €10 million from the MSCA will go to Ukrainian researchers. When conditions allow, the programme will also help scientists return and help rebuild Ukraine's research and innovation.

**Supporting Gazan researchers:** The 2025 work programme offers immediate support to Gazan researchers through a Virtual Research Collaboration Hub, which will provide mentorship, collaboration opportunities and access to academic resources to Gazan researchers. It will identify and connect Gazan researchers with existing regional and local initiatives, potential beneficiaries and stakeholders that could provide support.

#### Next Steps

The first calls for proposals will open on 15 May on the **Commission's Funding and Tenders portal**

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>.

Further simplification of the Horizon Europe work programme is planned for 2026-27.

## Brussels rumour mill churns out new scenario for FP10 (14 May 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/fp10/brussels-rumour-mill-churns-out-new-scenario-fp10>

**A new leaked plan for the EU Competitiveness Fund adds further uncertainty, as commissioners gather to discuss the next multiannual budget**



*Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, and Stéphane Séjourné, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission, presenting the European Competitiveness Compass. Photo credits: Dati Bendo / European Union*

EU research and innovation policy wonks are fretting over a **new leaked**

**chart** <https://sciencebusiness.net/sites/default/files/inline-files/Leaked%20Chart%20-%20ScienceBusiness.pdf> detailing the structure of the proposed European Competitiveness Fund, which appears to be designed to bring several EU funding programmes – Horizon Europe's successor included – under a new governance structure.

The structure is described in a presentation slide leaked to lobbyists and media on May 13. According to the presentation, the European Commission is planning to create five pillars inside the Competitiveness Fund: digitalisation; resilience, defence and space; clean transition and decarbonisation; health and biotechnology; and blue-sky research and careers.

Horizon Europe clusters appear to be scattered across these five pillars and bundled together with other existing programmes: Digital Europe, the Connecting Europe Facility, the European Defence Fund, EU4Health, the LIFE programme and others. The European Research Council, which is the EU's flagship research funding body, is also bundled in the fifth pillar of the planned structure.

The governance structure presented in the leaked memo remains unclear, but does mention “chairs” and “vice-chairs” for each of the five pillars, along with “fund managers” and “steering boards”.

The presentation was seen by Science|Business less than 24 hours ahead of the Commission’s first high-level meeting on the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) due to start in 2028. The Commission is expected to present its MFF proposal in July, with the proposal for FP10 typically following it.

The slide started circulating a day after the Commission’s executive vice-president for prosperity and industrial strategy, Stéphane Séjourné, [announced](#) that the Competitiveness Fund may also include research and innovation. Speaking at a conference organised by the Commission to discuss the main ideas underpinning the future fund, Séjourné described it as a “new, coherent architecture which follows the entire life of companies from research to industrial production.”

Science|Business has reached out to the European Commission to confirm whether the leaked chart is indeed part of its preliminary plans for the Competitiveness Fund, but several spokespeople declined to comment. It is the Commission’s official communication policy not to respond to media requests referring to leaks and rumours.

It’s unclear if the slide represents the true intentions of the Commission, but one EU diplomat told Science|Business that the chart “contains ideas” that have been prepared in the context of the Competitiveness Fund. A senior research policy expert said the leaked presentation “seems familiar” and consistent with plans previously floated by the Commission’s budget directorate-general.

One official from the Commission’s directorate-general for research and innovation (RTD) referred to a “total blackout” when it comes to information on the structure of the next MFF and the Competitiveness Fund. However, later in the day on Tuesday, another RTD staff member confirmed the leaked memo had been seen by some in their teams.

Meanwhile, an advisor to an EU member state government called for “caution” as “things are still open” for debate.

**Read full article here:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/fp10/brussels-rumour-mill-churns-out-new-scenario-fp10>

## ***New Competitiveness Fund may include research and innovation, Séjourné says (12 May 2025)***

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/fp10/new-competitiveness-fund-may-include-research-and-innovation-sejourne-says>

**Commission vice-president signals that FP10 is highly likely to be subsumed into the new Competitiveness Fund**



*Stéphane Séjourné, executive vice-president for prosperity and industrial strategy, speaking at an event on European competitiveness organised by the European Commission. Photo credits: Lukasz Kobus / European Union*

The fate of the next Framework Programme seems to have been sealed. After months of speculation around whether FP10 would be swallowed by the European Commission’s new Competitiveness Fund, Stéphane Séjourné, executive vice-president for prosperity and industrial strategy, has announced that the mega-fund will include research and innovation.

“Funding for greater competitiveness is fragmented,” Séjourné said at an event organised by the EU executive on May 12. “We must regroup it into a single investment capacity in order to invest massively in strategic sectors from artificial intelligence to space to clean technologies to biotechnologies, including especially, I should perhaps say, innovation and research as well.”

While that “perhaps” might sound less than certain, it is clear from other parts of Séjourné’s speech that research and innovation are part of the concept for the fund. It would be, he said, a “new, coherent architecture which follows the entire life of companies from research to industrial production.”

Séjourné is in charge of developing the future fund, alongside Piotr Serafin, the budget commissioner. He went on to explain that the Competitiveness Fund would rely on subsidies, loans, equity and the public market. But “above all, we have the obligation to mobilise private financing,” he added.

To this end, it will incorporate or even extend the InvestEU initiative which, Séjourné said, had mobilised nearly €300 billion in investment by the end of 2024, of which two thirds came from the private sector.

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#### Related articles

- Parliament calls for bold investment in research and innovation beyond 2027:  
<https://sciencebusiness.net/eu-budget/parliament-calls-bold-investment-research-and-innovation-beyond-2027>
- **Budget first, impact later: academic community reacts to Horizon Europe analysis:**  
<https://sciencebusiness.net/horizon-europe/budget-first-impact-later-academic-community-reacts-horizon-europe-analysis>

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Speaking at the same event, Polish deputy finance minister Paweł Karbownik underlined the importance of evaluating the risks that private investors could take in financing the critical technologies that the Competitiveness Fund seeks to bolster.

“It’s not a matter of how much money. We have money,” he said. “The problem is that money is flowing elsewhere because we don’t have a proper framework.” Instead, he added, the question should be: “where is the risk that we should somehow compensate for and [where can we] step in at the EU or national level?” Karbownik also emphasised the need to align financing instruments at both the European and national levels.

## Overview of the latest MSCA-related updates(12 May 2025)

Source: Mailing Team IRIS RVO and Website RVO

### **MSCA PF 2025 call open**

The MSCA Postdoctoral fellowship 2025 call is open for submissions. The call deadline is 10 September 2025. You can find all information, documents and templates on the [EU Funding and Tenders portal](#). Attached you also find our information document for researchers interested in the call.

### **Webinars MSCA PF 2025 – 26 May and 30 June**

The Dutch National Contact Points will organize two webinars on the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship 2025 call. The webinars are intended for both prospective fellows and supervisors that are planning to apply for the 2025 call and support staff at host institutions.

- Monday **May 26<sup>th</sup>** 2024, 14.00-15.30. This first webinar will focus on the general rules, procedures and eligibility criteria of MSCA PF 2025
- Monday **June 30<sup>th</sup>** 2025, 14.00-16.00. This second webinar will focus on how to write a MSCA PF proposal.

**Register here** <https://english.rvo.nl/events/webinar-msca-may-june-2025> for one or both webinars. The webinars will be in English.

### **DN 2024 results**

The European Commission has announced the results <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/msca-awards-eu6086-million-for-doctoral-programmes> of the 2024 MSCA call for Doctoral Networks. The Commission will fund a total of 149 excellent doctoral programmes with € 608.6 million to train over 1,800 doctoral candidates in and outside academia.

### **Webinar MSCA DN 2025 – 26 June**

The Dutch National Contact Points will organize a webinar on the MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025 call (deadline 25 November 2025). This event is tailored for all potential applicants and stakeholders and will discuss how to apply for the **2025 DN Call for Proposals**.

**Register here** <https://english.rvo.nl/events/webinar-marie-sklodowska-curie-actions-doctoral-networks-26-june-2025> for the webinar. The webinar will be in English.

### **Information event Doctoral Networks 2025 Call - 24 June**



On the **24<sup>th</sup> June 2025**, the European Research Executive Agency is organising a virtual information event on the MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025 Call.

This event is tailored for all potential applicants and stakeholders and aims to highlight **the key aspects of the 2025 Call** for Proposals.

For more details on the programme, please consult the MSCA 2025 **Call Info event page** <https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/1GTgA1XFfCWqxBNAbriUzU/overview>. This virtual event will be streamed live on this platform. To attend, simply **sign up or log in**.

## **European Commission calls for nominations to the ERC Scientific Council (12 May 2025)**

Source: Website EC [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/european-commission-calls-nominations-erc-scientific-council-2025-05-12\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/european-commission-calls-nominations-erc-scientific-council-2025-05-12_en)

**Today, the European Commission is inviting the European research community to nominate outstanding candidates for membership to the Scientific Council** <https://erc.europa.eu/about-erc/erc-president-scientific-council>, the governing body of the European Research Council (ERC).

Members of the Scientific Council are appointed by the Commission based on recommendations from the independent Standing Identification Committee, which has the mandate to select the candidates. With nearly a quarter of the current council members due to be replaced in the next 12 months, this is a crucial moment for institutions to recommend top-tier candidates from diverse scientific fields to continue fostering Europe's research, competitiveness and sustainability goals.

**Ekaterina Zaharieva**, European Commissioner for Startups, Research, and Innovation, said:

*"The ERC's strength lies in the independence of its Scientific Council, which has long set the course for excellence, transparency, and bold scientific leadership. Now, we invite the scientific community to nominate extraordinary researchers who will take up the challenge, uphold our commitment to scientific excellence and innovation, shape our strategy, and drive discoveries that will leave a lasting mark on Europe's future."*

### **Background**

The Scientific Council, the independent governing body of the ERC, defines the ERC's scientific funding strategy and methodologies. It is composed of 22 members, all eminent scientists and scholars, who represent the scientific community in Europe.

The ERC Standing Identification Committee consists of six highly respected personalities in European research.

The mandate of the Identification Committee is twofold: to identify members for the renewal of the ERC Scientific Council membership and to maintain a pool of candidates for future membership in the Scientific Council.

### **Practical information**

- This **call for nominations** is addressed to European research organisations seeking to nominate potential candidates. The selection process is detailed in a "statement of methodology" uploaded to the "nomination form".
- This process requires a two-step approach including a **call for nominations** followed by a **candidate application process**.
- Nominating organisations must complete the online "nomination form" and submit it within the deadline. All mandatory fields must be duly completed.
- It is important to confirm that the candidate has agreed to be nominated before filling out the mandatory fields.
- Each candidate proposed by nominating organisations will require a separate "nomination form".
- Members of the Scientific Council are appointed for a four-year term of office, renewable once.
- The Commission will approach eligible candidates, nominated in the current call for nominations, and request submission of more detailed applications in a separate stage.
- The Independent Identification Committee will evaluate all submitted applications and create a pool of candidates from which it will recommend candidates for membership of the ERC Scientific Council.

**Nomination form:** <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Nominaton-Form-for-ERC-Scientific-Council>

(deadline for submission is 23 June 2025 at 12:00 CET).

**Self-nominations and nominations submitted after the deadline will be deemed ineligible.**

## Parliament calls for bold investment in research and innovation beyond 2027 (8 May 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/eu-budget/parliament-calls-bold-investment-research-and-innovation-beyond-2027>

### MEPs vote for a long-term EU budget focused on competitiveness and defence, with an independent research Framework Programme



From left to right, MEP Carla Tavares, European Parliament president Roberta Metsola and MEP Siegfried Mureşan, speaking at a press conference. Photo credits: Daina Le Lardic / European Union

The European Parliament has **adopted a report** [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-10-2025-0090\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-10-2025-0090_EN.html) calling for a stronger EU budget capable of helping companies become more competitive within the single market. The non-binding document supports a standalone research Framework Programme in the next long-term EU budget and rejects the European Commission's proposed Competitiveness Fund, which would merge several existing programmes.

The report on the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) was approved during the Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg on May 7, passing with 317 votes in favour, 206 against, and 123 abstentions.

Although non-binding, the report outlines a vision for an MFF focused on defence and security, competitiveness and crisis preparedness.

These priorities draw on expert input, including the [Draghi report](#), which calls for at least €750 billion to €800 billion in additional annual investment from 2025 to 2030 to enhance competitiveness, and the Niinistö report, which recommends allocating at least 20% of the overall EU budget to security and crisis preparedness.

The Parliament's report also builds on European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen's plans to invest €500 billion in defence investments over the next decade.

According to MEPs, the link between innovation and security is clear and essential for a stronger European Union. More investment in the EU's own defence will reduce the dependency on the US, said Dutch Renew MEP Anouk Van Brug during the debate on the report. But strengthening defence also requires innovation, she added: "We need to bet on our industry, because what we're doing today means that we can be leaders, technologically speaking, so that our jobs and our welfare state can be protected."

Siegfried Mureşan of the European People's Party, who co-authored the report in the budget committee, argued that economic strength is key to European security.

"People will only feel safe in Europe if our economy is strong. Companies will only invest if they feel protected. And we will only be able to invest more in security and defence if our economy is strong and competitive," he said.

All programmes must contribute to making Europe more competitive, Mureşan went on. Simply renaming a merged set of programmes as a Competitiveness Fund does not automatically make the economy more competitive, he concluded.

#### **A standalone FP10**

The report recalls that, under the EU treaties, the Union is required to adopt a Framework Programme for research.

In a recent Science|Business interview, co-rapporteurs Mureşan and Carla Tavares (of the Socialists and Democrats Group) said the European Parliament backs a dedicated research programme in the new MFF and insists the proposed Competitiveness Fund must be a new instrument, not a merger of existing, successful programmes.

*"We do not believe that merging all of the programmes [ . . . ] is the right solution. We do not feel researchers and farmers should be competing for the same funding,"* Mureşan said in a press conference on May 7. "We are open, as we said, to merging programmes, but not everything into a single national plan."



## ***Budget first, impact later: academic community reacts to Horizon Europe analysis (8 May 2025)***

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/horizon-europe/budget-first-impact-later-academic-community-reacts-horizon-europe-analysis>

**Europe cannot fund research just to get a return on investment, policy analysts and university groups tell Commission**

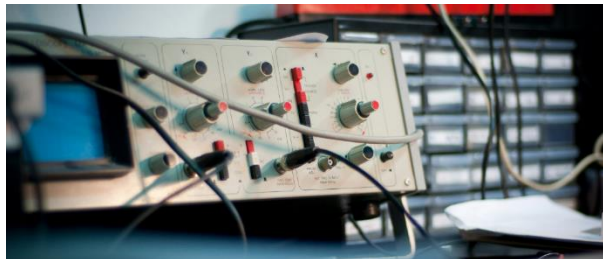


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**The academic community has pushed back against conclusions drawn from an interim evaluation of Horizon Europe, published on April 30. Where the European Commission sees evidence of sound investment, with every euro spent so far yielding up to €11 in GDP gains by 2045, university groups find the unfunded 70% of excellent research proposals as sign of limited ambition.**

“This represents not only a waste of talent and effort, but also a missed opportunity for Europe’s competitiveness,” said Kamila Kozirog, deputy director for research and innovation at the European University Association.

Others in the academic community argue that the Commission’s focus on immediate returns is misguided.

“While such key performance indicators are understandable in the context of an evaluation, it is crucial to reiterate that research should not be subjugated only to short term policy and economic competitiveness objectives,” said Lidia Borrell-Damián, secretary general of Science Europe. “Blue-sky research, and disciplines which may not provide short-term or immediate responses to policy challenges [ . . . ] must continue to receive adequate support.”

Laura Keustermans, senior policy officer at the League of European Research Universities, is concerned that the interim evaluation does not mention the bottom-up role of funding instruments such as the European Innovation Council, the European Research Council and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. Her fear is that these could be “limited, reduced or disappear completely” in aid of “even more directionality.”

MEPs and academic lobbies have been urging the Commission to allocated the next research Framework Programme a **ringfenced budget of at least €200 billion**. For Kozirog, “this is not just a figure but a necessity to match the ambition Europe claims for global leadership in research and innovation.”

For now, however, it appears that the EU executive will [subsume FP10 into a new Competitiveness Fund](#) in an attempt to concentrate and streamline efforts to stimulate innovation, productivity and economic growth in the 27-member bloc.

**Read full article here:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/horizon-europe/budget-first-impact-later-academic-community-reacts-horizon-europe-analysis>

## ***European Partnerships in the Interim Evaluation of Horizon Europe (7 May 2025)***

Source: Website ERA-Learn <https://www.era-learn.eu/news-events/news/european-partnerships-in-the-interim-evaluation-of-horizon-europe>

**The Interim Evaluation of Horizon Europe was published by the European Commission on 30 April 2025, including an assessment of European Partnerships against their underlying criteria. The overall tone is positive, highlighting their leverage effect, pooling of resources and long-term cooperation. At the same time, however, it highlights challenges such as complexity, bureaucracy and lack of resources.**

### ***Key Findings from the Interim Evaluation***

- European Partnerships provide EU added value through the development of long-lasting knowledge networks.

- The closer integration of European Partnerships into the programme has had positive effects: evidence from two evaluation support studies suggests that some areas covered by the partnerships are now better coordinated. This in turn has led to a significant **increase in public funding from EU Member States** and a stronger collaboration at programme level.
- Looking at co-investment alone, **European Partnerships leverage more resources than the rest of the Framework Programme**. If all European Partnerships are excluded, the leverage factor for the 'mainstream' programme is around 0.09, equivalent to EUR 2.96 billion of co-investment. For partnerships as a whole, the leverage factor for project activities is 0.62 (EUR 7.22 billion).
- The transparency and openness of the European Partnerships has improved. SMEs and participants from widening states still face some challenges.
- In terms of **international positioning and visibility**, European Partnerships have taken different approaches depending on their strategic objectives. According to the Biennial Monitoring Report (BMR), 23 partnerships have allocated a budget for cooperation with partners outside the EU. Despite their efforts, external evaluations of the partnerships have identified the following obstacles:
  - lack of sufficient financial resources to engage effectively with international partners,
  - concerns about the competitiveness of European industry,
  - geopolitical issues and demands for technological sovereignty and
  - the absence of a well-defined strategy for international collaboration.
- The fragmented **monitoring of European Partnerships**, and in some cases the reliance on ad hoc reporting exercises, has had a negative effect on the extent to which partnership performance has been evaluated.
- The **valorisation of research and development results** remains a challenge. The involvement of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) in academies provides unique support for skills building and learning.
- European Partnerships successfully contribute to the EU policy objectives.
- Further efforts are needed to improve the **monitoring of European Partnerships**. The coherence and quality of data varies greatly between the different types of partnerships. The use of **a common system** should become a prerequisite for the launch of all partnerships. Alternative approaches have led to significant delays in reporting and a considerable administrative burden.
- In addition, a full list of the members of Joint Undertakings (JUs), institutionalised European Partnerships and co-programmed European Partnerships should be made publicly available so that an independent assessment can be made of the extent to which partners are meeting their legal obligations to contribute to research activities.

#### **Published Documents**

**Staff Working Document:** [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/document/download/a3aa9b90-15c0-4ea7-b25e-9f4e29cfa740\\_en?filename=ec\\_rtd\\_he-evaluation-swd.pdf](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/document/download/a3aa9b90-15c0-4ea7-b25e-9f4e29cfa740_en?filename=ec_rtd_he-evaluation-swd.pdf)

**Communication:** [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/document/download/1a80e2e1-df28-4f1a-8a52-a0e1b47a1860\\_en?filename=ec\\_rtd\\_he-evaluation-communication.pdf](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/document/download/1a80e2e1-df28-4f1a-8a52-a0e1b47a1860_en?filename=ec_rtd_he-evaluation-communication.pdf)

### **Key updates for Cluster 6 Horizon Europe May 2025 (7 May 2025)**

Source: Mailing Team IRIS RVO

In this email, we're happy to share important updates and events pertaining to Cluster 6 Work Programme, including its future calls, partnerships, and Missions.

#### **Cluster 6 Work Programme 2025 update**

- Adoption of the Horizon Europe work programme 2025, the amendment of the Horizon Europe 'main' work programme 2023-2025, and opening of calls previously planned for 6 May have been delayed. First calls are foreseen to open on **15 May**. There is a **pre-publication** of the cluster 6 work programme.
- Join the Horizon Europe Cluster 6 Information Days on 20-21 May to learn more about the topics of the forthcoming Work Programme 2025. More information and registration can be found [here](#).
- On 27 May the CARE4BIO network organizes a Cluster 6 Brokerage event in Warsaw, Poland. You can register [here](#).

#### **EU Missions Work Programme 2025 update**

- Opening of calls previously planned for 6 May have been delayed. First calls are foreseen to open on **15 May**. There is a **pre-publication** of the Mission work programme. More information about the EU Missions:

- [Mission Soil Platform](#)
- [Mission Ocean and Waters service portal](#)
- [Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change Portal](#)
- [NetZeroCities](#)
- RVO is organizing the Webinar Funding opportunities in Horizon Europe Missions 2025 on 12 May from 14.00 – 15.30. Please register [here](#).
- Join the Horizon Europe infodays – EU Missions on 22-23 May to learn more about the topics of the forthcoming Work Programme 2025. More information and registration can be found [here](#).
- The NCP4Missions network organizes an online Horizon Europe Missions Brokerage event on 26-27 May. Please register [here](#).

#### Cluster 6 Partnerships update

Partnership	Key Updates
<a href="#">Circular Bio-based Europe (CBE)</a>	The <a href="#">CBE JU 2025 call for project proposals</a> is open for submission. The deadline will be on <b>18 September 2025</b> .
<a href="#">Biodiversa+</a>	In September 2025, the 5 <sup>th</sup> joint call on ' <a href="#">Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity, and connectivity</a> ' is expected to be launched.
<a href="#">Water4All</a>	The 4 <sup>th</sup> joint call on ' <a href="#">Water and Health</a> ' is expected to be open in September 2025.
<a href="#">Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP)</a>	
<a href="#">AgroEcology Partnership</a>	
<a href="#">Animal Health and Welfare (EUPAHW)</a>	
<a href="#">European Partnership for a Sustainable Future of Food Systems (FutureFoodS)</a>	
<a href="#">European Partnership 'Agriculture of Data'</a>	Started in February 2025

### Three years in, the EU Mission on Adaptation accelerates Europe's resilience efforts (7 May 2025)

Source: Website DG-CLIMA [https://climate.ec.europa.eu/news-your-voice/news/three-years-eu-mission-adaptation-accelerates-europes-resilience-efforts-2025-04-28\\_en](https://climate.ec.europa.eu/news-your-voice/news/three-years-eu-mission-adaptation-accelerates-europes-resilience-efforts-2025-04-28_en)

As Europe faces increasingly severe climate impacts, the **EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change** is stepping up as a cornerstone of the Union's response—empowering regions, cities and local authorities to turn urgency into action.



The Mission has brought together over 400 regional and local authorities across Europe. As signatories of the Mission Charter or active partners in innovative projects, these authorities are working together to translate adaptation strategies into real-world solutions—placing climate resilience at the heart of local and regional transformation.

“As climate impacts intensify and alarming temperature records continue to be broken, the urgency of preparing for these challenges has never been more apparent,” said **Elina Bardram**, Mission Manager. “Yet this year’s activity report showcases remarkable progress—tangible results achieved through collective effort, innovation, and shared commitment.”

#### The newly released Activity Report of the Mission on Adaptation to Climate

Change <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/6e8be0d3-23ec-11f0-ac85-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>

provides a comprehensive overview of this progress. It highlights inspiring examples of how regions across Europe are embracing adaptation—from restoring floodplains and cooling urban heat islands, to developing early-warning systems and strengthening local governance.

The Mission's progress is powered by strong support mechanisms like the Mission Implementation Platform (MIP4Adapt) which provided tailored technical assistance to 145 regions and authorities, while over 70 have accessed financial support to assess the climate risks their territories face and develop plans to get more resilient through projects such as Pathways2Resilience and CLIMAAX.

Meanwhile, more than 200 demonstration sites across Europe are piloting cutting-edge solutions—from green infrastructure to risk forecasting—supported by Mission Projects. These projects are not only showcasing resilience in action but also laying the groundwork for broader, scalable change.

With its Community of Practice continuing to drive innovation and peer exchange, the Mission is ensuring that adaptation is not an isolated effort, but a shared European journey.

**Read full article here:** [https://climate.ec.europa.eu/news-your-voice/news/three-years-eu-mission-adaptation-accelerates-europes-resilience-efforts-2025-04-28\\_e](https://climate.ec.europa.eu/news-your-voice/news/three-years-eu-mission-adaptation-accelerates-europes-resilience-efforts-2025-04-28_e)

### ***Israel advocates for greater cooperation in FP10 (7 May 2025)***

Source: Website ERA Portal Austria <https://era.gv.at/news-items/israel-advocates-for-greater-cooperation-in-fp10/>



Israel has outlined its vision for collaboration in the upcoming 10th EU Research and Innovation Framework Programme (FP10), underscoring shared goals of scientific excellence, innovation, and societal advancement. In a newly released position paper, Israel emphasises its three-decade-long partnership with the EU and its commitment to strengthening ties through strategic, impactful research initiatives.

Key priorities include maintaining a unified framework that seamlessly integrates all stages of research, from curiosity-driven ideas to market-ready solutions, and expanding funding for the European Research Council (ERC) to fuel groundbreaking research. Israel also advocates for greater access to research infrastructure and increased support for startups and SMEs to drive industrial innovation.

A call for inclusivity is central to Israel's proposal, recommending full participation for Associated Countries and equitable representation in FP10 governance structures. These measures aim to foster a more inclusive and interconnected research ecosystem that leverages the strengths of all partners.

By removing barriers, simplifying processes, and promoting international collaboration, Israel argues that FP10 can accelerate scientific breakthroughs with global impact. The paper concludes with a firm pledge to further deepen its partnership with the EU, advancing mutual goals and addressing critical global challenges through collaborative innovation.

**Israel's Position Paper can be downloaded here:** [https://era.gv.at/public/documents/5303/Israel\\_Position\\_FP\\_10\\_-.pdf](https://era.gv.at/public/documents/5303/Israel_Position_FP_10_-.pdf)

### ***President von der Leyen puts science centre stage with “Choose Europe” Initiative (5 May 2025)***

Source: Website EC [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ac\\_25\\_1137](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ac_25_1137)



Commission President Ursula **von der Leyen** presented today in Paris the main elements of “**Choose Europe**”, a new policy initiative to ensure Europe continues to be at the forefront of research and attracts the best and brightest scientists around the world.

The President presented the plan during a speech at La Sorbonne in the presence of French President Emmanuel Macron. She described Europe as a place of opportunity for science, with the second highest scientific output in the world, and leader in areas such as green tech and health.

She explained Europe's support and openness to science has borne fruit: *“Over the last 40 years, the European Union has funded 33 Nobel Prize laureates. European support has made possible breakthroughs in genome sequencing and mRNA vaccines. It spurred the development of cutting-edge microchips, and even led to the first image of a black hole. These examples show what we all know – the return on investment in science is unparalleled.”*

At the heart of that support has been the EU's **Horizon Europe**, the largest international research programme. In itself, Horizon Europe is proof of Europe's openness to the world. It brings together scientists from all over Europe and beyond to cooperate and research together. From the UK, to Canada, to Switzerland, to South Korea, many countries are associated to the programme or working to join it.

**President von der Leyen said Europe is determined to make science thrive** and become a leader in technologies such as AI, quantum, space, and biotechnology.

“Choose Europe” is the embodiment of that determination. The President described some of the initiative's main elements, including achieving **freedom of movement for knowledge and data across Europe** and ensuring freedom of scientific research through a **European Research Area Act**. *“Because as threats rise across the world, Europe will not compromise on its principles. Europe must remain the home of academic and scientific freedom,”* she said.

The President explained financing is vital for science, which is why the Commission will put forward **€500 million for the 2025-2027 period**, with the objective to attract scientists. It will also create a **seven-year super grant under the European Research Council, ERC**, to provide long-term support for the very best.

A “Choose Europe” pilot will also be created under the [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions \(MSCA\)](#) to **attract scientists early in their career** and support them with higher allowances and longer contracts. The Commission will work to better connect researchers around the world with European institutions and to speed up the process for them to come and stay in Europe.

Moreover, Choose Europe will also be about **bringing scientific discoveries and innovation to businesses faster**. A **European Innovation Act** and a **Startup and Scaleup Strategy** will remove barriers and facilitate access to venture capital for innovative companies.

According to President **von der Leyen**, Europe has made its choice: the choice to put science and technology at the heart of its economy, to let innovation serve humanity, and welcome global talent, and to turn universities into pillars of society.

**For more information:** [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ac\\_25\\_1137](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ac_25_1137)

## Other International funding

### ***Joint call NOW and Brazilian Science Council: Biodiversity and agriculture in balance (15 May 2025)***

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance>

**The biodiversity of the Brazilian Cerrado is threatened by increasing deforestation for agricultural production. Which scenarios and practical solutions can safeguard agricultural production in the Cerrado while protecting and promoting biodiversity and mitigating climate change? That is the central question of this new call within the Dutch Research Agenda (NWA), which is expected to open for applications in July 2025.**

#### ***Explore***

This Call for proposals is a collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq. Dutch and Brazilian researchers are encouraged to submit inter and transdisciplinary research proposals into balancing agriculture and nature conservation through strategies for sustainable land use practices in cooperation with societal partners. Proposals may focus both on land use planning and sustainable farming systems, as well as the economic, social and environmental dimensions and impacts of innovative solutions.

**Foreseen closing date full application: 30 October 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)**



## National funding

### ***Pre-announcement KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia – XL (14 May 2025)***

Source: website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl> ?

V4C-XL focuses on large-scale public-private partnerships that tackle societal challenges and create economic opportunities through impact-driven, interdisciplinary research. Co-creation, co-design and co-funding are essential. The research aligns with the mission-driven innovation policy of the Dutch government.

**Closing date for pre-proposals:** 10 March 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

**Closing date full application:** 21 January 2027 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

### ***Pre-announcement PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers (14 may 2025)***

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers>



**Are you living in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands or born on one of the six islands (Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius and Sint Maarten) and thinking of pursuing a PhD? If you want to contribute to scientific or scholarly knowledge that can help tackle important challenges in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, we invite you to submit a Statement of intent!**

This May, NWO is expected to launch a new Call for proposals for PhD scholarships as part of the Programme Caribbean Research: a multidisciplinary approach. The Call is tailored to researchers with a master's degree who want to carry out PhD research that is directly related or relevant to the Caribbean islands of the Kingdom.

#### ***About the programme***

The Caribbean Research Programme was established by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and the Dutch Research Council (NWO) in 2013. It supports high-quality research with the goal to strengthen the knowledge base, build research capacity, and help address urgent societal issues in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Caribbean region).

#### ***This Call for proposals will offer PhD scholarships for research that:***

- Increases and strengthens scientific and scholarly knowledge production on and about the Caribbean region.
- Has scientific and societal impact on the islands.
- Is carried out primarily in the Caribbean region, ensuring local relevance and connection.
- Contributes to the long-term development of research capacity and infrastructure in the Caribbean region.

#### ***This is a great opportunity if you:***

- Want to pursue a PhD degree at the University of Aruba, University of Curacao, University of St. Martin or in the European part of the Kingdom?
- Are born on or currently living on one of the six Caribbean islands of the Kingdom\*.
- Hold a master's degree or equivalent.
- Are motivated to pursue a PhD degree that benefits the Caribbean region.

By supporting more PhD graduates from and in the Caribbean region, NWO aims to help strengthen local universities, research organisations, and knowledge networks.

*\* This is a requirement if you intend to pursue a PhD degree at a research organisation in the Netherlands. All conditions can be found in the Call for proposals.*

#### **Deadlines**

- The deadline for submitting statements of intent is **24 June 2025, before 17:00:00 CEST/11:00:00 AST**.
- The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is **16 September 2025, before 17:00:00 CEST/11:00:00 AST**.
- The deadline for submitting full proposals is **24 February 2026, before 17:00:00 CET/12:00:00 AST**.

*If you have not submitted a Statement of intent, it is not possible to submit a pre-pro*

## **History, politics, psychology, archaeology: lots of variety in 81 new projects (9 May 2025)**

Source: Website NWO news <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/history-politics-psychology-archaeology-lots-of-variety-in-81-new-projects>



The allocations for round 1 of the SSH Open Competition XS 2025 have been announced. No fewer than 81 researchers will be starting work on promising ideas. This means there will be plenty of scope for experimentation and innovation. XS projects last for a maximum of one year and can therefore quickly contribute to scientific insights. A striking feature of this round is the large number of research projects focusing on Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality. One example is a project investigating the impact of Artificial Intelligence on bias.

The projects cover the entire breadth of the SSH research field. For example, research will be conducted into the role of uncertainty in shaping perceptions of threats of war. Another project focuses on the use of virtual reality in forensic archaeological excavations of mass graves. Research will also be conducted into the question 'what is an opinion?'. The impact of marriage on criminal behavior will also be examined.

#### **The following WUR project is granted:**

Cholera Contagion: The Role of Climate and Mobility in European Pandemics; **Dr D. Gallardo Albarrán (M)**, Wageningen University & Research

View the awarded projects here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh/granted-projects>

## **Call open: new research on building blocks for integral policy on Planetary Health (8 May 2025)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-new-research-on-building-blocks-for-integral-policy-on-planetary-health>



The NWA Call 'Building blocks for integral policy on Planetary Health' is open for applications. The programme focuses on developing an approach that can be used in central government policies to better take into account their impact on human and planetary health. ZonMw implements this thematic programme in collaboration with NWO.

Global environmental changes threaten human health. Conversely, human health changes the global environment, for example through greenhouse gas emissions. Planetary health, or planetary health, is a research concept that investigates the connection between the health of the planet, nature and people. There is a need for an integrative approach that allows policy measures to be assessed in relation to their impact on the planet, nature and people.

#### ***Purpose of the Call***

The NWA programme 'Building Blocks for Integral Policy on Planetary Health' aims to develop an approach that can be used to better take into account (un)intended impacts of national policy on the planet, nature and people. The focus is on developing a widely applicable approach to Planetary Health Impact Assessment (PHIA). This is expected to build on already available frameworks for Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). These are previously developed methods to estimate the impact of policy measures on health and the environment.

Because of the importance of connecting research, policy and practice, the programme requires cooperation between researchers from different disciplines (interdisciplinarity) and the entire knowledge chain (fundamental, applied and practice-oriented research). Transdisciplinarity is also secured through collaboration, co-design and co-creation with societal stakeholders.

**View the Call for proposals:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/building-blocks-for-integrated-policy-on-planetary-health>

#### ***Budget and deadlines***

The grant ceiling for this Call for proposals totals €2,865,000. A maximum of one application is expected to be awarded within this Call for proposals. **The deadline for submitting the full application is 11 November 2025, 14:00.**

#### ***Meetings***

Prior to submitting a full application, 2 collaborative workshops will take place. The main applicant must attend both workshops, or arrange for a replacement and coordinate this with ZonMw/NWO. **Registration for the collaborative workshops is possible until Monday 26 May 2025.** More information about the meetings can be found on the ZonMw website.

**More information about meetings:** <https://www.zonmw.nl/en/calendar/collaborative-workshops-planetary-health>

### ***Pre-announcement SSH Open Competition L (8 May 2025)***

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l>



NWO is expected to launch the Call for the SSH Open Competition L in early June. The Call for free, curiosity-driven research focuses on research projects with a primary social science and/or humanities research question. Proposals with an interdisciplinary or cross-domain character may also be submitted under this instrument. The Call is open to applicants who have obtained their PhD at least 15 years prior to the application deadline.

#### ***SSH Open Competition***

With the SSH Open Competition, the NWO Social Sciences and Humanities domain aims to give researchers the opportunity to conduct research on a topic of their own choosing, without any thematic constraints. The SSH Open Competition offers three types of funding: XS, M, and L. The funding instrument is intended for a broad group of researchers in various stages of their academic careers.

#### ***Changes compared to the previous Call***

The following changes have been made to this Call for proposals compared to the Open Competition L 2023 Call.

- In the current round, a maximum of one co-applicant is permitted per application. In the 2023 Call, a maximum of three co-applicants were permitted. Unlike for the principal applicant, there is no condition regarding the PhD date of the co-applicant. This means that junior researchers can also be involved in an application, if desired, in collaboration with a principal applicant from the target group.
- Applicants with an ongoing NWO Open Competition project may only submit an application if the planned end date of the ongoing project falls within one year of the deadline for this Call. This means that ongoing NWO Open Competition projects must have an end date before September 9, 2026. This restrictive condition applied to all NWO projects in the 2023 Call; in this Call, it has been amended to apply only to NWO Open Competition projects.

### **Budget**

The total budget for this Call for Proposals is €40,900,000. Approximately 51 applications are expected to be awarded funding under this Call for Proposals.

### **Deadlines**

- The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is **Tuesday, September 9, 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST**.
- The deadline for submitting applications is **Tuesday, February 3, 2026, before 14:00:00 CET**.
- The deadline for submitting a request for review by (foreign) organisations is **Tuesday, August 26, 2025, before 2:00 p.m. CEST**.

### **More information**

- **Funding page:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025>
- **Programme page:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh>

## **Pre-announcement Doctoral Grant for Teachers (7 May 2025)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-doctoral-grant-for-teachers>



**NWO is expected to launch the second round of the 2025 Doctoral Grant for Teachers in early June. The Doctoral Grant for Teachers offers support to teachers in writing a PhD thesis. The aim of the scholarship is to enable teachers to gain research experience in order to improve the quality of education and strengthen the connection between universities and schools.**

The grant is intended for teachers in primary, secondary, vocational, higher professional and special education. There are no restrictions on the subject of the PhD research. The PhD Grant for Teachers enables teachers to conduct PhD research alongside their work.

### **Budget and duration**

The total budget for this round is €5.5 million. Recipients of the grant will be exempt from teaching for a maximum of 0.4 FTE for a maximum of five years.

### **Deadline**

The deadline for submitting an **application is 9 September 2025, 14:00 (subject to change)**.

## **Call open: Principal Investigator support (7 May 2025)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-principal-investigator-support>

**NWO and the Netherlands Space Office (NSO) are jointly opening this call to support researchers in the Netherlands with a PI role for a space mission, experiment or instrument. This will enable the scientific community to benefit more from the knowledge and experience of PIs in space**



This call falls under the Partnerships for Space Instruments & Applications Preparatory Programme (PIPP). The PIPP is part of Dutch space policy. This call is open to PI roles for space instruments, experiments and/or missions on the current themes of the OCW space policy, namely Earth observation, planetary research and astronomy.

Due to the available budget, only PI roles for missions in the following ESA programmes are eligible for this Call for Proposals:

- the ESA Earth Observation Programme (all missions in FutureEO and Copernicus)
- the ESA Science Programme (all missions with the exception of Missions of Opportunity and Collaborative Missions)

***Budget and deadlines***

A total of €711,000 is available. The amount that can be asked for depends on the type of activity; please refer to the call for proposals.

**The deadline for letters of intent is 20 May 2025 at 14:00. The deadline for full proposals is 3 July 2025 at 14:00.**

Proposals should not be submitted via ISAAC, but sent to [knw@spaceoffice.nl](mailto:knw@spaceoffice.nl).

**More information**, including the Call for Proposals, can be **found on the NSO website**:

<https://www.spaceoffice.nl/en/support/expertise-networks/principal-investigator-support/> .

## **Regional funding**



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

## Latest developments within R&I Policies

### European Policy

#### *Von der Leyen and Macron's words on science must be followed by action (8 May 2025)*

Source: Website The Guild <https://www.the-guild.eu/news-and-blog/blog/von-der-leyen-and-macron%E2%80%99s-words-on-science-must-b.html>

**Secretary-General Jan Palmowski warns that Europe risks missing a historic opportunity to lead in global science unless its leaders back up their words with decisive action.**

In his opinion piece, originally published by *Times Higher Education*, Jan Palmowski reflects on the high-profile speeches by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and French President Emmanuel Macron at the Sorbonne, a rare and important defence of science, academic freedom, and research as pillars of European democracy and prosperity.

President von der Leyen's commitments were striking: a new €500 million initiative to attract talent, reinforced support for the ERC and MSCA, and an insistence that Europe must spend 3% of GDP on R&I by 2030. But as national science budgets shrink and pressures mount, can Europe truly become a safe haven for the world's best researchers?

Europe must implement an integrated approach that brings together new initiatives with addressing fundamental bottlenecks of our R&I systems to assert global leadership in science.

**Read full article here:** <https://www.the-guild.eu/news-and-blog/blog/von-der-leyen-and-macron%E2%80%99s-words-on-science-must-b.html>

#### *New German government considers measures to attract American scientists (8 May 2025)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 May 2025

**The new German government may use part of its 500 billion euro investment package to attract international scientists.** This was stated by the chairman of the ruling party SPD and (at the time) intended Vice Chancellor, Lars Klingbeil, to the German media, writes Science Business. The ruling parties have agreed to take out loans of up to 500 billion euros to invest in defense, infrastructure and climate, among other things. The coalition agreement contains several proposals to attract international scientists and students. There is also criticism in Germany about the tone of the plans. For example, the chairman of the German internationalization organization for education DAAD warns that a 'confrontational' attempt to lure researchers away could damage transatlantic research ties.

**Article Science|Business:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/international-news/germany-could-spend-part-its-eu500b-stimulus-package-attracting-us-scientists>

#### *Eurostat publishes annual EU digitalisation report (8 May 2025)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 May 2025

**In 2024, more than 13% of EU companies used AI technologies, compared to 8% in 2023.** This is evident from Eurostat's annual report 'Digitalisation in Europe'. The report bundles various data on the level of digitalisation in the EU.

As with other digital technologies, adoption is significantly faster among large companies (41%) than SMEs (13%). Furthermore, the report concludes that 44% of EU citizens do not have sufficient basic digital skills. The ambition of the EU Digital Decade is that 80% of EU citizens have at least basic digital skills by 2030. **The Netherlands is the frontrunner with 83% of citizens having basic or better digital skills.**

**Publication Eurostat:** <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/w/wdn-20250429-1>

## **Top EU food & agri institutes launch new science alliance (8 May 2025)**

Source: Website WUR News <https://www.wur.nl/en/newsarticle/top-eu-food-agri-institutes-launch-new-science-alliance.htm>



**Five of Europe's leading agricultural, food and life sciences institutions announce the launch of the European Science Alliance for Agriculture and Food (ESAFA)—a new scientific coalition designed to support the transformation and resilience of the EU agri-food sector.**

ESAFA aims to harness the momentum and shared ambition across Europe to create sustainable, competitive, and resilient food systems. EU policy makers have some pressing dilemmas to tackle in that regard. ESAFA will serve as a hub and dedicated scientific voice in food system policy discussions, ensuring that sound, independent evidence underpins future strategies.

### **The founding members of ESAFA highlighted the following facts:**

- *"Science must play a fundamental role in transforming Europe's food systems. ESAFA will provide a critical bridge between research and policy, helping the EU navigate the complex challenges of the agri-food domain. 'We firmly believe food and agricultural policy needs a fertile ground of facts to bear fruit.'"* said Mrs. Sjoukje Heimovaara, president of Wageningen University & Research
- *"Despite ongoing efforts to strengthen Europe's research and innovation ecosystem on agrifood sector, there remains no single, coordinated entry point for engaging with the research sector at the European level."* emphasized Philippe Mauguin, CEO of INRAE.
- *"We are firmly convinced that the excellence and practice driven scientific expertise that we provide under the auspices of ESAFA will play a crucial role in the current and forthcoming transformation of the European agri-food sector. As part of the founding team behind ESAFA we are very keen to strengthen the link between research and policy to the benefit of the whole of Europe,"* according to Eskild Holm Nielsen, Dean of Faculty of Technical Sciences at Aarhus University.

### **A united scientific front**

The founding members of ESAFA represent a geographically diverse and scientifically powerful coalition:

- Aarhus University (AU) – Denmark
- Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI) - Germany
- National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE) – France
- Wageningen University & Research (WUR) – The Netherlands
- Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS) – Poland

Together, these institutions make decades of scientific excellence, innovation, and field-based knowledge available to Brussels' policy makers. ESAFA is not limited to these five institutions and expects an expansion from organizations in different regions with academic merits in the field of agriculture and food.

### **Science, structured for impact**

ESAFA offers to act as a European representative body for agricultural and food research, offering independent, high-level scientific expertise, for example to support the European Commission and stakeholders involved in the *European Board for Agriculture and Food (EBAF)*.

By complementing existing institutions like the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the Science Advice Mechanism (SAM), ESAAF focuses specifically on the complexity and diversity of agriculture and food systems, ensuring that regional specificities and the latest research findings inform EU policies.

Key functions of ESAAF include:

- Providing rapid and targeted most up-to date scientific input to policy discussions
- Acting as a platform for coordinated, cross-European agri-food research advice
- Serving as a way to ensure synergies for existing networks, and preventing duplication
- Supporting the coordination and launch of new research initiatives aligned with European challenges in the field of agriculture and food

### ***Commission asks for input for strategy on research and technology infrastructures (8 May 2025)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 May 2025*

**The European Commission has launched a call for evidence for the upcoming European Strategy on Research and Technology Infrastructures.** This strategy will focus on improving coordination between national and European investments, stimulating cross-border collaborations and improving access conditions for users. The call closes on 22 May.

**News item European Commission:** [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/commission-seeks-input-future-european-strategy-research-and-technology-infrastructures-2025-04-25\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/commission-seeks-input-future-european-strategy-research-and-technology-infrastructures-2025-04-25_en)

## Global policy

### *UK Study: Supporting Spinouts to Scale-Ups (15 May 2025)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 May 2025

**British policymakers can do more to enable universities to successfully launch spinouts into the market, concludes a publication from the University of Cambridge.** To ensure spinouts can grow, the focus of support should be broadened to include scale-up activities such as developing strategic partnerships, access to infrastructure and expertise, funding considerations and talent development. "If the UK is to reap the benefits of its publicly funded research, maintain its technology base and compete in an unstable global context, it must prioritise policies and investments that enable scale-up," it reads.

**Publication University of Cambridge:** <https://www.repository.cam.ac.uk/items/c931ea2c-6de9-4458-9f29-206bdebf2d55>

### *EU and Japan strengthen cooperation on tech and digital technologies (15 May 2025)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 May 2025

The EU and Japan want to intensify cooperation in the field of a number of digital technologies. This is evident from the conclusions of the third Digital Partnership Council. There will be a joint call for collaborative projects in the field of quantum computing. The parties will also cooperate more in the field of 5G and 6G, semiconductors, sea cables, Arctic connectivity and cybersecurity. "Deepening our work on core technologies to ensure mutual competitiveness is now more important than ever," said European Commissioner Virkkunen.

Press release European Commission

### *Don't feel guilty about poaching scientists fleeing Trump, US science body tells Europe (8 May 2025)*

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/international-news/dont-feel-guilty-about-poaching-scientists-fleeing-trump-us-science-body-tells>

**Talent attraction schemes are "generosity" that will keep scientific careers alive, webinar told**



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Europe should press ahead with schemes to attract US scientists wanting to escape cuts by the Trump administration, an American science body has urged, as this will preserve research areas and careers currently under attack. Several European governments, individual universities, and the EU itself have rolled out talent attraction programmes to poach disaffected US researchers. But there's [been squeamishness](#) about appearing opportunistic in the midst of US scientists' misfortune, with some Europeans arguing the main priority should be to support their colleagues across the Atlantic.

However, Europeans shouldn't feel guilty, said Erica Goldman, director of policy entrepreneurship at the Federation of American Scientists. "I see it as an act of generosity rather than opportunism," she told a

**Science|Businesswebinar** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLBWzYcIIQI&t=79s> on the future of transatlantic research relations under Trump, held on May 6.

The previous day, the European Commission pledged to spend €500 million to the end of 2027 on a Choose Europe scheme to attract scientists. While not specifically targeting US researchers, it's clearly a response to the cuts and firings the American research system has endured so far under Trump.

France, Norway and Canadian hospitals have also launched programmes to poach scientists. Germany could also spend part of a vast new stimulus package on recruitment. Commenting on these initiatives, Goldman said she didn't "perceive it personally as poaching." Instead, it could allow "whole careers that might be lost" to continue outside the US. What's more, it's possible that US scientists decamping to Europe may return when the climate is again more favourable. "The strength of international collaborations built during this time will likely move back with them," she said.

In a further blow to cooperation last week, the world's biggest biomedical funder, the US National Institutes of Health, said it would halt new sub-awards to foreign research organisations, citing the need for better transparency and security.

**Read full article here:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/international-news/dont-feel-guilty-about-poaching-scientists-fleeing-trump-us-science-body-tells>

### ***Nature: US NSF stops awarding new grants (8 May 2025)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 May 2025

The US National Science Foundation (NSF) has again terminated grants last week. Nature writes, based on conversations with an employee, that around 380 grants were terminated on 2 May, bringing the total number of terminated grants to around 1425. According to Nature, employees were told in late April that they had to 'stop awarding all funding actions until further notice'. Last week, director Sethuraman Panchanathan resigned. The US Senate must appoint his replacement.

**Article Nature:** <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-01396-2>

**Article NextGov:** <https://www.nextgov.com/people/2025/04/nsf-director-resigns/404813/>

**Article Nature:** <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-01312-8>

### ***OECD: Tax incentives remain the main form of R&D support in many countries (8 May 2025)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 May 2025

**Almost 55% of R&D funding in OECD countries comes from tax incentives, OECD data shows.** In 2023, 23 out of 38 OECD countries provided more support to R&D through tax incentives than through direct support instruments. In China, support through tax incentives is estimated at 85%.

**OECD news item:** <https://www.oecd.org/en/data/insights/statistical-releases/2025/04/rd-tax-incentives-continue-to-outpace-other-forms-of-government-support-for-rd-in-most-countries.html>

### ***UK Government publishes Science and Technology Framework (8 May 2025)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 May 2025

**The UK government has published its updated Science and Technology Framework.** The Framework consists of 'a holistic set of ten critical levers' to better integrate science and technology into decision-making. These levers include supporting a number of strategic technology areas, including AI, quantum technologies and semiconductors, which are identified as being most relevant to the UK. Other levers focus on, for example, funding innovative businesses and driving innovation in the public sector.

**UK Government publication:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/science-and-technology-framework>

### ***US NIH halts grants for international partners in health research (8 May 2025)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 May 2025

**The US National Institutes of Health (NIH) is cutting billions of dollars in funding for laboratories and hospitals outside the US.** The NIH announced this on 1 May. As of 1 October, the research funder will no longer be allowed to extend or award 'foreign subawards'. These awards are worth about half a billion dollars annually. Nature and Science Business have written about the announcement. Scientists fear that thousands of health projects and clinical studies will be jeopardised as a result.



**NIH statement:** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-104.html>

**Article Nature:** <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-01361-z>

**Article Science Business:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/clinical-trials/trump-halts-new-nih-grants-international-health-research-partners>

## ***Science Business: US government to close Office of Science and Technology Cooperation (8 May 2025)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 May 2025*

The White House plans to close the Office of Science and Technology Cooperation (OSTC). Science Business reports this based on conversations with several stakeholders within the agency. The agency – which is part of the State Department – negotiates global collaborations in the field of science and technology. The plans are part of a round of budget cuts at the department and the government's overarching ambitions to reduce 'expanding bureaucracy'.

**Article Science Business:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/international-news/us-set-close-office-responsible-global-science-and-technology-deals>

## ***Nature: Will US science survive Trump 2.0?***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 May 2025*

**The Trump administration has destabilized 80 years of US government support for science in its first months, Nature says in an analysis.** Thousands of government scientists have been laid off in the first few months, grants in certain research areas have been cut, and universities are being threatened with funding cuts. The 2026 budget is expected to include additional cuts to research. According to a Nature survey, scientists are deeply concerned about the impact on science in the US and beyond. "Many of the damaging effects will be extremely difficult to reverse and will take a very long time to recover from," says John Holdron, science advisor to former US President Barack Obama and now a science policy specialist at the Harvard Kennedy School.

**Article nature:** <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-01295-6>

## National policy

### *Academic freedom important for science and society (15 May 2025)*

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/academic-freedom-important-for-science-and-society>



**All recent developments that undermine academic freedom, including in the Netherlands, are extremely worrying. NWO is strongly committed to safeguarding academic freedom in the Netherlands and elsewhere in the world. Science exists by virtue of international cooperation, academic freedom and independence. This is NWO's response to the report by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) on academic freedom in the Netherlands and the current threats to which it is facing.**

NWO therefore wholeheartedly endorses the follow-up statement by ALLEA, the European Federation of Academies of Sciences. Last February, ALLEA published a statement expressing its serious concern about the growing threats to academic freedom, both in the US and elsewhere. NWO supported <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwo-endorses-international-statement-on-threats-to-academic-freedom-and-international-cooperation> this statement at the time. It was widely shared around the world and endorsed by more than 170 organisations. To further emphasise the urgency and broader relevance of all developments, ALLEA issued a follow-up statement last week. This second statement emphasises that the threats we are witnessing extend far beyond the United States. With this second statement, ALLEA reaffirms the need for a strong, collective and sustained response from the scientific community.

#### ***Current threats to academic freedom in the Netherlands***

The KNAW's recently published report focuses specifically on academic freedom in the Netherlands. It analyses the current threats to academic freedom in the Netherlands in relation to four themes:

1. Funding and control of research and education,
2. Intimidation of scientists,
3. Cooperation with third parties, and
4. Tensions within the academic community.

The KNAW calls on various parties to take measures on these crucial themes in order to better protect academic freedom in the Netherlands.

NWO has issued a brief initial response to the first and third themes.

### ***Rathenau Institute expects a sharp decline in public spending on R&D and innovation (15 May 2025)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 May 2025

**The Netherlands will invest considerably less in research and development in the coming years. This is the conclusion of the report 'TWIN 2023-2029 – Total investments in science and innovation' from the Rathenau Institute.** After an earlier increase between 2023 and 2024, the researchers expect that the central government's R&D investments will fall from 9.7 billion euros to 8.4 billion euros between 2024 and 2029. The decline is mainly due to the cuts in the National Growth Fund and the contribution to research at universities and university medical centers. In addition, the researchers warn that the tax benefits for research at companies are declining as a percentage of GDP. The Netherlands continues to do well in attracting European subsidies. For example, Dutch researchers are getting more and more money from European funds, both in absolute and percentage terms.

**News item Rathenau Institute:** <https://www.rathenau.nl/nl/werking-van-het-wetenschapssysteem/twin-2023-2029> (in Dutch)  
**Publication Rathenau Institute:** <https://www.rathenau.nl/nl/werking-van-het-wetenschapssysteem/twin-2023-2029> (in Dutch)

### ***Rathenau Institute: Link between online misinformation and trust in science more complex than often suggested (8 May 2025)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 May 2025*

The link between misinformation and trust in science is more complex than thought. This is the conclusion of the Rathenau Institute in its literature study 'Online trust'. According to the researchers, it remains complicated to demonstrate a link. This is partly because there is no such thing as 'science'. The report concludes, among other things, that trust in science is layered and that there is no clear evidence of the extent to which people change their beliefs or actions when they come into contact with misinformation.

**Publication Rathenau Institute:** <https://www.rathenau.nl/nl/digitalisering/verband-misinformatie-en-vertrouwen-wetenschap-complexer-dan-vaak-voorgesteld> (in Dutch)

### ***UNL calls on government to adopt a constructive attitude in discussion about European degree (8 May 2025)***

**The government is taking a cautious approach to the development of a European degree, according to Universities of the Netherlands (UNL).** According to the universities, a European degree can contribute to various challenges, for example in the field of accreditation, joint study programs, quality assurance and quality assurance, mobility and infrastructure. In the run-up to the upcoming OJCS Council, Minister Bruins wrote again that the Netherlands does not want to introduce a fully-fledged common European degree. The government is open to introducing a label (a diploma supplement) and testing it. "And although the Dutch universities also believe that we should first look at establishing a 'label' before we actually start developing a European degree, they do call on the government to adopt a constructive attitude," according to UNL.

**News item UNL:** <https://www.universiteitenvannederland.nl/actueel/nieuws/nederlandse-universiteiten-roepen-overheid-op-zich-constructief-op-te-stellen-in> (in Dutch)

**Letter to Parliament from Minister Bruins:** <https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/942a6096-d975-46da-b9c8-7237ebbcd182/file>

### ***Opposition criticizes new education cuts (8 May 2025)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 May 2025*

**The Christian parties that helped the education budget to a majority are critical of the new cuts in the Spring Memorandum.** This became clear during the committee debate on DUO and higher education before the May recess. HOP has written about this. CDA, CU, SGP and JA21 made a deal with the coalition parties last year to help the budget to a majority in the Senate, whereby some of the cuts were reversed. The Senate approved these plans at the beginning of April. However, the recently presented Spring Memorandum again contains cuts for the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW). "We are not here to play a game of whack-a-mole," says CDA MP Krul, also on behalf of the Christian Union. SGP leader Stoffer thinks that the new cuts feel 'like a bit of a breach of trust'. Minister Bruins says that he 'really lost sleep' over the Spring Memorandum, but finds the plans defensible.

**Committee debate DUO and higher education:** <https://debatdirect.tweedekamer.nl/2025-04-23/onderwijs-cultuur-wetenschap/troelstra/duo-en-hoger-onderwijs-10-00/onderwerp> (in Dutch)

**Article HOP/U-Today:** <https://www.utoday.nl/news/75492/christelijke-partijen-boos-minister-lag-wakker-van-voorjaarsnota> (in Dutch)

## Call deadlines

### *HORIZON Europe calls*

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 16 May 2025

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

<b>Cluster 1 HEALTH</b>	
<b>Destination - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-STAYHLTH-two-stage	<b>18 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage)</b> , <b>16 April 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(Second Stage)</b>
<b>Destination - Living and working in a health-promoting environment</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-ENVHLTH-two-stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s): 16 September 2025 (First Stage), 16 April 2026 (Second Stage)</b>
<b>Destination– Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-DISEASE	<b>Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s) 16 September 2025</b>
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-DISEASE-02-two-stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s): 16 September 2025 (First Stage), 16 April 2026 (Second Stage)</b>
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-02-DISEASE COFUNDED Partnerships	<b>3 June 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-CARE	<b>Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s) 16 September 2025</b>
<b>Destination - Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-TOOL	<b>Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s) 16 September 2025</b>
<b>Destination - Maintaining an innovative, sustainable, and competitive EU health industry</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-IND	<b>Foreseen opening: 22 May 2025 Deadline(s) 16 September 2025</b>
<b><u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u></b>	
<b><u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u></b>	
<b>Destination 1: CLIMATE NEUTRAL, CIRCULAR AND DIGITISED PRODUCTION</b>	

<b>Destination 2: INCREASED AUTONOMY IN KEY STRATEGIC VALUE CHAINS FOR RESILIENT INDUSTRY</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 3 - WORLD LEADING DATA AND COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 4 – DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 5 – DESTINATION – OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN DEVELOPING, DEPLOYING AND USING GLOBAL SPACE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURES, SERVICES, APPLICATIONS AND DATA</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 6 – A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES</b>	
<b>CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility</b>	
<b>Destination - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-03-D1	<b>24 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-02-D2	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D2	<b>17 February 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time

<b>Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-02-D3	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3	<b>17 February 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination: Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D4	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>Deadline(s) 20 January 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-01-D5	<b>Deadline(s): 4 September 2025</b>
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D5	<b>Foreseen opening: 16 September 2025 Deadline(s) 20 January 2026</b>
<b>Destination: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-01-D6	<b>4 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D6	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>20 January 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV	<b>17 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV-two-stage	<b>4 September 2025 (First Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-two-stage	<b>4 September 2025 (First Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO	<b>17 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time



HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO-two-stage	<b>4 September 2025 (First Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination 4 – Clean environment and zero pollution</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01 ZEROPOLLUTION	<b>17 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01 ZEROPOLLUTION-two-stage	<b>4 September 2025 (First Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE-two-stage	<b>4 September 2025 (First Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02 COMMUNITIES	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-03-GOVERNANCE	<b>24 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Circular Biobased Europe</b>	
CBE Circular Biobased Europe partnership <a href="https://www.cbe.europa.eu/">https://www.cbe.europa.eu/</a>	<b>The call for proposals will open on 4 April 2025, and the call deadline is foreseen for 17 September 2025.</b> <a href="https://www.cbe.europa.eu/system/files/2024-12/cbeju_awp2025.pdf">https://www.cbe.europa.eu/system/files/2024-12/cbeju_awp2025.pdf</a>
<b>Pillar III Innovative Europe</b>	
<b>EIC Pathfinder-2025-open</b>	<b>21 May 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>EIC-Pathfinder-Challenges</b>	<b>29 October 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>EIC Transition-2025</b>	<b>17 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>EIC-Accelerator-2025</b>	<b>1 October 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>EIC Accelerator Challenges 2025</b>	<b>Foreseen Deadline 1 October 2025</b> <a href="https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5e1eb75f-e437-477f-9ee9-ef54ff6387fd_en?filename=EIC%20Work%20Programme%202025.pdf">https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5e1eb75f-e437-477f-9ee9-ef54ff6387fd_en?filename=EIC%20Work%20Programme%202025.pdf</a>
<b>Mission calls 2025</b>	

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

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

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 16 May 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
<b>European Partnerships / ERANET-COFUND</b>	
European Partnerships European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare <a href="https://www.eupahw.eu/">https://www.eupahw.eu/</a>	
European Partnership Biodiversa+ <a href="https://www.biodiversa.eu/">https://www.biodiversa.eu/</a>	
European Partnership Water4All <a href="https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/">https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/</a>	
European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) <a href="https://dutpartnership.eu/">https://dutpartnership.eu/</a>	
European Partnership FutureFoods <a href="https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/">https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/</a>	The first call of FutureFoods Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The deadline for pre-submissions is January 15, 2025 (13:00 CET) <b>(CLOSED)</b></li> <li>he deadline for full proposals is July 9, 2025 (13:00 CEST <a href="https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/">https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/</a></li> </ul>
European Partnership Agroecology	Second co-funded call AgroEcology Partnership <a href="https://agroecology.ptj.de/call2?genericModule=callDocuments&amp;action=download&amp;id=955">https://agroecology.ptj.de/call2?genericModule=callDocuments&amp;action=download&amp;id=955</a> is open

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

## Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **16 May 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
05-06-2025	Deadline for submission <b>full-proposals for call KIC Greenhouses in transition: opportunities in water, energy and agriculture (Joint call of the Dutch Research council (NWO) and the US Foundation for Food &amp; Agriculture Research (FFAR)).</b> 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. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/kic-call-greenhouses-in-transition-in-cooperation-with-ffar-now-open-for-proposals">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/kic-call-greenhouses-in-transition-in-cooperation-with-ffar-now-open-for-proposals</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-greenhouses-in-transition-opportunities-in-water-energy-and-agriculture">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-greenhouses-in-transition-opportunities-in-water-energy-and-agriculture</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Greenhouses%20in%20transition-met%20beeld%20%281%29_0.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Greenhouses%20in%20transition-met%20beeld%20%281%29_0.pdf</a>
09-06-2025	<b>Foreseen</b> Deadline for submission <b>full-proposals Merian Fund Cooperation South Africa-The Netherlands SGCI-NWO multilateral research programme.</b> Closing date full application 9 June 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/merian-fund-cooperation-south-africa-the-netherlands-sgci-nwo-multilateral-research-programme">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/merian-fund-cooperation-south-africa-the-netherlands-sgci-nwo-multilateral-research-programme</a>
14-07-2025	Deadline submission <b>Full proposals (mandatory) for the Long-term Europe – Africa WEF Nexus (LEAWEF) Multilateral Research Programme.</b> The deadline for the submission of Full proposals (mandatory) is 14 July 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/long-term-europe-africa-wef-nexus-leawef-multilateral-research-programme">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/long-term-europe-africa-wef-nexus-leawef-multilateral-research-programme</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/LEAWEF%20call_for_proposals%20%281%29_0.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/LEAWEF%20call_for_proposals%20%281%29_0.pdf</a>
02-09-2025	Deadline for <b>knowledge management proposal in Phase II ADM-LAB: Livings Labs for Adaptive Delta Management in Bangladesh.</b> Deadline for submission of a knowledge management proposal in Phase II is Tuesday 2 September 2025, 14:00:00 CEST in ISAAC. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/adm-lab-livings-labs-for-adaptive-delta-management-in-bangladesh">eahttps://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/adm-lab-livings-labs-for-adaptive-delta-management-in-bangladesh</a> and

	<a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ADM-LAB%20Living%20Labs%20for%20Adaptive%20Delta%20Management%20in%20Bangladesh%20%20call%20for%20proposals%20UK.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ADM-LAB%20Living%20Labs%20for%20Adaptive%20Delta%20Management%20in%20Bangladesh%20%20call%20for%20proposals%20UK.pdf</a>
09-09-2025	Foreseen Deadline for <b>Full Proposals INT - Global programs NWO-JST Japan call 2025</b> . <b>Closing date full application 9 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/int-global-programs-nwo-jst-japan-call-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/int-global-programs-nwo-jst-japan-call-2025</a> .
September 2025	<b>Foreseen closing date 9<sup>th</sup> Call Eurostars</b> . Follow information on <a href="https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/eurostars">https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/eurostars</a>
30-10-2025	<b>NEW</b> : Foreseen deadline <b>full proposals Biodiversity and agriculture in balance collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq</b> . <b>Closing date full application 30 October 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance</a> ?

## National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **16 May 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

27-05-2025	Deadline for submission of <b>sub-applications</b> for call <b>research into innovative treatments for hereditary heart disease (KIC)</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting the full application is 27 May 2025, by 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-over-76-million-euros-available-for-research-into-innovative-treatments-for-hereditary-heart-disease-kic">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-over-76-million-euros-available-for-research-into-innovative-treatments-for-hereditary-heart-disease-kic</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWO-%20Hartstichting%20DEF%20met%20beeld%20WIJZ_0.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWO-%20Hartstichting%20DEF%20met%20beeld%20WIJZ_0.pdf</a>
03-06-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full proposals</b> for fourth call <b>Faculty of Impact</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting proposals is Tuesday 3 June 2025 2025, 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/faculty-of-impact-opens-its-doors-for-the-fourth-time">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/faculty-of-impact-opens-its-doors-for-the-fourth-time</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/safety-and-energy-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/safety-and-energy-transition</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/foi-2025_-_call_for_proposals_-_eng_-_publicatie.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/foi-2025_-_call_for_proposals_-_eng_-_publicatie.pdf</a>
12-06-2025	Deadline for submission for <b>research ideas</b> for <b>NWA Key Enabling Methodologies (KEMs) - The utilisation of Key Enabling Methodologies in complex societal transition issues</b> . <b>The deadline for the submission of proposals is 12 June 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-knowledge-development-and-application-of-kems-for-effective-policy">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-knowledge-development-and-application-of-kems-for-effective-policy</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-key-enabling-methodologies-kems-the-utilisation-of-key-enabling-methodologies-in-complex-societal-transition-issues">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-key-enabling-methodologies-kems-the-utilisation-of-key-enabling-methodologies-in-complex-societal-transition-issues</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWA%20Key%20Enabling%20Methodologies%20%28ENG%29_2.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWA%20Key%20Enabling%20Methodologies%20%28ENG%29_2.pdf</a>
24-06-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> <b>NWO Impact Explorer 2025</b> . <b>24 June 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
24-06-2025	Deadline submission <b>Statements of Content</b> for call <b>Future Plastics: Development of safe plastics for a sustainable future</b> . <b>Tuesday 24 June 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST</b> <b>Deadline statements of intent</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-plastics-development-of-safe-plastics-for-a-sustainable-future">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-plastics-development-of-safe-plastics-for-a-sustainable-future</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/20250305%20KIC%20KIC%20Future%20plastics_development%20of%20safe%20plastics%20for%20a%20sustainable%20future.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/20250305%20KIC%20KIC%20Future%20plastics_development%20of%20safe%20plastics%20for%20a%20sustainable%20future.pdf</a>
24-06-2025	<b>NEW</b> : Deadline submission <b>statement of intent</b> for <b>PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting statements of intent is 24 June 2025, before 17:00:00 CEST/11:00:00 AST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach</a>
01-07-2025	Deadline submission <b>Full applications</b> <b>Venture Challenge Fall 2025</b> <b>Closing date full application 1 July 2025 14:00 hrs</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/venture-challenge-fall-round-2025-now-open">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/venture-challenge-fall-round-2025-now-open</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/venture-challenge-fall-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/venture-challenge-fall-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Brochure%20Venture%20Challenge%20Fall%202025%20EN%201.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Brochure%20Venture%20Challenge%20Fall%202025%20EN%201.pdf</a>
10-07-2025	Deadline submission <b>Full Proposals</b> <b>Hydrogen and green electrons for special and fine chemicals</b> . <b>13 March 2025 - Deadline to apply for preparatory workshops</b> . Participation in the two workshops is mandatory for the main applicant and the technical manager of the consortium. <b>7-9 April 2025 - First preparatory workshop</b> . <b>12-14 May 2025 - Second preparatory</b>

	workshop. <b>10 July 2025 - Deadline to submit full proposal.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-hydrogen-and-green-electrons-for-special-and-fine-chemicals">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-hydrogen-and-green-electrons-for-special-and-fine-chemicals</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/national-growth-fund/groenvermogen/hydrogen-and-green-electrons-for-specialities-and-fine-chemicals">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/national-growth-fund/groenvermogen/hydrogen-and-green-electrons-for-specialities-and-fine-chemicals</a> and <a href="https://groenvermogen.nl/en/event/information-meeting-groenvermogen-rd-theme-6/">https://groenvermogen.nl/en/event/information-meeting-groenvermogen-rd-theme-6/</a>
Until 31-07-2025	Deadline for submission <b>proposals</b> <b>Open Competition Domain Science - M 2024/2025.</b> Applications for the current round (2024/2025) can therefore be submitted until 31 July 2025 (continuous call). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-m-2024/2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-m-2024/2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2024-25_EN_def%20%282%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2024-25_EN_def%20%282%29.pdf</a>
14-08-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> <b>NWO Impact Explorer 2025.</b> 14 August 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
02-09-2025	Foreseen deadline <b>Rubicon 2025 Round 2.</b> Closing date full application 2 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-2">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-2</a>
09-09-2025	<b>NEW:</b> Foreseen deadline for submitting <b>full applications</b> for second round of the 2025 <b>Doctoral Grant for Teachers.</b> The deadline for submitting an application is 9 September 2025, 14:00 (subject to change).
09-09-2025	<b>NEW:</b> Foreseen deadline for submission <b>pre-proposals</b> for <b>Call Open Competition L.</b> Closing date for pre-proposals 9 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh</a>
11-09-2025	Deadline Submitting <b>Full Proposals</b> for <b>NWA call Knowledge development ecological effects of wind farms on sea.</b> The deadline for submitting the proposal is Thursday 11 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-research-to-gain-knowledge-about-the-ecological-effects-of-offshore-wind-farms">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-research-to-gain-knowledge-about-the-ecological-effects-of-offshore-wind-farms</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-development-ecological-effects-of-wind-farms-on-sea">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-development-ecological-effects-of-wind-farms-on-sea</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20WPE%20final%2026-2-2025%20ENG%20def%20%282%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20WPE%20final%2026-2-2025%20ENG%20def%20%282%29.pdf</a>
16-09-2025	Deadline for submission <b>proposals</b> for <b>Open Competition Domain Science - XS 2025.</b> Deadline for submission of proposals round 2025-3 16 September 2025, at 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-open-competition-domain-science-xs-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-open-competition-domain-science-xs-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-25-1">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-25-1</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20ENW-XS%202025_ENG.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20ENW-XS%202025_ENG.pdf</a>
16-09-2025	Deadline submission <b>Full Proposals</b> for call <b>Future Plastics: Development of safe plastics for a sustainable future.</b> Tuesday 16 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST Deadline proposals. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-plastics-development-of-safe-plastics-for-a-sustainable-future">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-plastics-development-of-safe-plastics-for-a-sustainable-future</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/20250305%20KIC%20KIC%20Future%20plastics_development%20of%20safe%20plastics%20for%20a%20sustainable%20future.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/20250305%20KIC%20KIC%20Future%20plastics_development%20of%20safe%20plastics%20for%20a%20sustainable%20future.pdf</a>
16-09-2025	Deadline for submission <b>pre-proposals</b> for <b>Open Competition Domain Science–XL round 2025–2026.</b> The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 16th September 2025, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026</a>
16-09-2025	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline submission <b>Pre-proposals</b> for <b>PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers.</b> The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 16 September 2025, before 17:00:00 CEST/11:00:00 AST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach</a>
17-09-2025	Foreseen deadline for submission <b>Full proposals</b> <b>KIC - Future Plastics 2024.</b> Closing date full application 17 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-future-plastics-2024">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-future-plastics-2024</a>
18-09-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full-proposals</b> <b>KIC Nature-inclusive decision making in business.</b> The deadline for submitting full proposals is September 18, 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business-kic">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business-kic</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%202024_def_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%202024_def_EN.pdf</a>
18-09-2025	Deadline submission <b>full applications</b> for <b>SSH Open Competition XS round 3.</b> Round 3: 18 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/first-round-of-ssh-open-">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/first-round-of-ssh-open-</a>



	competition-xs-2025-now-open-for-applications and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-1">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-1</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202025%20-%20EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202025%20-%20EN.pdf</a>
07-10-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 7 October 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
11-11-2025	Foreseen deadline for <b>Full Proposals</b> for NWO KIC Call Consumer behaviour for a circular system transition. Closing date full application 11 November 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant/kic-2024-2027/mission-2024-2027/consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant/kic-2024-2027/mission-2024-2027/consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition</a>
11-11-2025	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline for submission <b>Full applications</b> NWA Call 'Building blocks for integral policy on Planetary Health'. Closing date full application 11 November 2025 14:00 hrs. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-new-research-on-building-blocks-for-integral-policy-on-planetary-health">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-new-research-on-building-blocks-for-integral-policy-on-planetary-health</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/building-blocks-for-integrated-policy-on-planetary-health">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/building-blocks-for-integrated-policy-on-planetary-health</a>
12-11-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 12 November 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
13-11-2025	Foreseen deadline for <b>Full applications</b> Call Cellular Agriculture - towards larger scale and lower cost. Closing date full application 13 November 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-cost">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-cost</a>
02-12-2025	Foreseen deadline for <b>Full application</b> 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.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-social-economic-position">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-social-economic-position</a>
02-12-2025	Foreseen Deadline for <b>Rubicon 2025 Round 3</b> . Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-3">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-3</a>
From 13-01-2025 until 12-12-2025	Deadline submission <b>full proposals</b> 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.. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf</a>
20-12-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 20 December 2025 by 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
22-01-2026	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> 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. <b>January 22, 2026, before 2:00:00 PM CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation</a>
03-02-2026	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 3 February 2026 by 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
03-02-2026	Deadline submission <b>Full proposals</b> Dutch Research Agenda - Research along Routes by Consortia 2025 (NWA-ORC 2025). Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2025-nwa-orc-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2025-nwa-orc-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWAORC2025_Call%20for%20Proposals_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWAORC2025_Call%20for%20Proposals_EN.pdf</a>
03-02-2026	<b>NEW:</b> Foreseen deadline for submission <b>Full applications</b> for Call Open Competition L. Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh</a>
12-02-2026	<b>NEW:</b> Foreseen Deadline for <b>Full applications</b> NWO KIC Call Biochemical diversity. Closing date full application 12 February 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-biochemical-diversity">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-biochemical-diversity</a>

24-02-2026	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline submission <b>Full proposals</b> for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 24 February 2026, before 17:00:00 CET/12:00:00 AST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach</a>
09-06-2026	Deadline for submission <b>Full-proposals</b> 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. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026</a>
21-01-2027	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> 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. <b>January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation</a>

## Regional calls

This list is a selection of regional calls. The list was compiled on 16 May 2025. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

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



## 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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