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Latest Funding News

European Funding News: Horizon Europe

Mission Ocean and Waters: Over 1,000 initiatives to protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems (2 June 2025)

Source: Website EC Ocean and Fisheries https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/news/mission-ocean-and-waters-over-1000-initiatives-protect-and-restore-marine-and-freshwater-ecosystems-2025-06-02_en



European Commission - Actions under the charter

The EU Mission Ocean and Waters https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe/restore-our-ocean-and-waters_en celebrates an important milestone. Since its launch in 2022, the **Mission Ocean Charter** has reached an impressive number of over 1000 actions for the ocean. In total, these actions coming from individuals and organisations have mobilised more than EUR 8 billion. This result marks a growing commitment across Europe to safeguard marine and freshwater ecosystems.

Costas Kadis, Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans, said:

"Reaching over 1 000 actions under the Mission Charter is a clear sign that Europe is mobilising to protect and restore our ocean and waters. From coastal communities to cities and regions, research centres, businesses and schools are stepping up to shape a healthier, more resilient blue planet. This growing wave of engagement shows that together, we can turn ambition into lasting impact."

The decarbonisation of ships, nature-based solutions, local clean-ups, artistic initiatives, and education campaigns are just examples of the actions that have been accepted under the Mission Charter. The actions come from a wide range of actors - businesses, cities, regions, national ministries, universities, schools, NGOs, and individuals - a vibrant community working together for a healthy and resilient ocean and waters.

The Mission Charter is actively engaging, supporting, and mobilising a diverse range of people and organisations: there are actions from 179 countries, over 100 private enterprises, 53 regional authorities, and 91 cities and local authorities, and the numbers continues to grow.

The Mission Charter

The Mission Charter <https://projects.research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/en/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe/restore-our-ocean-and-waters/mission-charter-0> is the initiative of Mission Ocean aimed at public engagement for ocean and waters. Anyone can submit actions supporting the Mission's objectives by 2030 with concrete solutions.

Each action aims to reach one or several of these objectives:

- protecting and restoring marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity;

- preventing and eliminating ocean, sea, and water pollution;
- ensuring a sustainable, carbon-neutral, and circular blue economy.

Reaching the milestone of 1000 actions being part of the Charter is news worth celebrating, but the commitment must grow. The call for action is always open, and everyone can take part.

Check out the mission actions https://maritime-forum.ec.europa.eu/theme/research/mission-ocean-and-waters_en and get inspired.

All the rules to apply are available on the portal: <https://projects.research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/en/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe/restore-our-ocean-and-waters/mission-charter>

Read full article: https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/news/mission-ocean-and-waters-over-1000-initiatives-protect-and-restore-marine-and-freshwater-ecosystems-2025-06-02_en

Changes to the ERC 2026 and 2027 Work Programmes (2 June 2025)

Source: Website ERC <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/changes-2026-and-2027-work-programmes>

With the launch of the competitions for grants under ERC Work Programme 2026 in July of this year, several changes to the submission of applications and the evaluation of proposals will apply. The main novelties for 2026, as well as the longer-term goal to extend the eligibility of applicants for Starting and Consolidator Grants from 2027 are summarised below.



Grant application

The overall structure of the application form for the ERC calls will remain the same; **however, applicants will be asked to structure their project proposal as follows:**

- **Part I of the Scientific Proposal** (formerly, the *Extended Synopsis*) **should describe the overall idea of the proposed research project**, including the current state of knowledge and how the research will contribute to the field, the scientific questions the project will attempt to answer, the objectives of the project, and the overall approach or research strategy to achieve those objectives. As in the past, the length of this section will be limited to five pages.
- **Part II of the Scientific Proposal should describe the implementation in detail**, including the research methodology, work plan, risk assessment and mitigating measures, justification for the requested budget and resources, and any further necessary background not included in Part I. The length of this section is now limited to seven pages for Starting, Consolidator, and Advanced Grant applications and ten pages for Synergy Grant applications. For Synergy Grant applications, this section should also explain the collaborative arrangements enabling the Synergy Grant group to carry out the project.

Evaluation

Part I of the Scientific Proposal along with the applicant's CV and Track Record (i.e. Part B1 of the application form) will be assessed at Step 1, whereas both parts of the Scientific Proposal, the CV and Track Record, as well as the Resources and Time Commitment will be assessed at Step 2 of the evaluation. First and foremost, applicants will be assessed on the ambition of their idea in advancing present-day knowledge in the field based on Part I of the Scientific Proposal. Only those who have presented a convincing proposal at Step 1 will advance to the next stage of the evaluation, during which the methodology and implementation (including feasibility) of the proposed research and the resource allocation will be assessed jointly with the information already reviewed at Step 1.

Feasibility will no longer be assessed at Step 1; thus, Part I of the Scientific Proposal should no longer include details on the feasibility of the scientific approach but present a convincing overall research strategy. All aspects relating to feasibility should be covered in Part II of the Scientific Proposal.

For more information about **additional funding** and a new instrument to offer ambitious researchers substantial funding for up to seven years, as part of **the Choose Europe for Science** initiative announced by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen: <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/changes-2026-and-2027-work-programmes>

European Funding News: FP10

Work on FP10 outline must start immediately, says Ehler (June 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/planning-fp10/work-fp10-outline-must-start-immediately-says-ehler>

EU research budget at greater risk of cuts if financial framework negotiations begin before FP10 detail is filled in, MEP warns



European Commission's President Ursula von der Leyen (left), MEP Christian Ehler (center), Spanish National Research Council's President Eloísa del Pino Matute (right). Photo credits: European Union

There is an urgent need to fill in the detail of FP10, the next EU research and innovation Framework Programme, following [confirmation](#) that a regulation to set it up will be published on July 16 alongside the new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).

"We don't have much time now to formulate the outlines," said Christian Ehler, the European People's Party MEP who was rapporteur on the current Framework Programme, Horizon Europe. The rapporteur for the FP10 legislative procedure will be appointed only after the proposal is tabled by the Commission in July.

"If we start the MFF negotiations and we don't have a programme, the danger is much bigger that we get cut, because we would have a fairly empty financial proposal," he warned.

Ehler was speaking with Science|Business on June 4 following a speech by European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen, in which she reaffirmed that FP10 would be a "self-standing" programme in the next budget cycle.

She also reiterated the close connection between FP10 and the planned European Competitiveness Fund which, she said, would support the full innovation lifecycle, helping turn breakthrough discoveries into transformative technologies.

"We must make Europe the best place in the world to pursue science, not only for fundamental research, but through the entire life cycle of innovation, from the university laboratory to world-leading unicorns," she said.

When asked by Science|Business whether this close linkage between FP10 and the Competitiveness Fund might compromise the programme's independence, Ehler expressed confidence in the approach.

"What I would envisage is simply that, along the innovation chain, we are kicking in much earlier with leveraged funding for commercialisation," he said.

Structural changes

Ehler would like to see FP10 adopt a structure more closely aligned with the European Research Council model, with only broad guidelines set at the political level and implementation left to the research community.

"What we have learned in an ever-faster innovation setting globally is that we are too slow [. . .] and over-descriptive," Ehler told Science|Business.

In particular, he thinks way in which the Commission and member states "co-created" Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe is now "dead," having made that part of the programme overly complex and politically entangled.

Ehler suggested that the evolving context could lead to a new type of proposal in which a small number of independent agencies operate under politically defined ambitions focused on competitiveness. Meanwhile, the design of specific work programmes would be left to industry and research experts.

FP10 structure to be announced in July with EU financial plan (5 June 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/planning-fp10/fp10-structure-be-announced-july-eu-financial-plan>

A leaked Commission calendar reveals plans to announce the FP10 structure on July 16 with the Multiannual Financial Framework



Photo credits: Oliver Cole / Unsplash

The structure of FP10, the next Framework Programme for research and innovation, will be unveiled on July 16, according to a calendar leaked from the European Commission. This indicates that a regulation to establish the programme will be part of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) announcement, alongside plans to set up a European Competitiveness Fund.

The Commission would only confirm the date, saying that the presentation of the MFF was “foreseen” for July 16. According to a spokesperson, the political consultation phase is still taking place, with budget commissioner Piotr Serafin “reaching out to member state authorities and various stakeholders with a view to gathering their views and perspectives.”

Whether or not FP10 will be absorbed into the Competitiveness Fund has been a hot topic for the research community, with many concerned that its budget and governance might be compromised. Commission president Ursula von der Leyen has since said that FP10, the successor to Horizon Europe, would retain its own identity in future.

“Horizon Europe will stay a self-standing programme in our next seven-year budget,” she said at the European Parliament’s Science and Technology Options Assessment conference on June 4.

Christian Ehler, the European People’s Party MEP who led the Parliament’s [recent report on FP10](#), expressed his relief but also warned that more detail was required. If a “fairly empty” proposal for FP10 is put forward, “the danger is much bigger that we get cut,” he told Science|Business.

Universities ask for clarification on future of FP10 (5 June 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 5 June 2025

Despite the announcement that the next EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (FP10) will remain independent, much remains unclear about the future of the programme. This is according to university associations LERU and The Guild. Recently, Commission President von der Leyen announced that FP10 will become an independent programme, but that it will be closely linked to the European Competitiveness Fund. The associations say they are partly reassured, but are still eagerly awaiting the final proposal. University associations from Canada, the United Kingdom and Switzerland have also made a similar appeal. The associations call on the Commission to outline the route to association with FP10 in good time, so that partner countries can make a well-considered and early decision on possible participation. The European Parliament’s Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) has made a call to be involved in the negotiations on the UK’s participation in FP10. Science Business has written about this. **News item LERU:** <https://www.leru.org/news/research-universities-call-for-further-clarity-on-europes-r-i-future>

News item Russell Group: <https://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/news/joint-statement-future-eu-ri-framework-programme>

Article Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/planning-fp10/meps-push-role-eu-uk-negotiations-fp10>

Other International funding

PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers now open for applications (3 June 2025)

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



Do you currently live in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands or were you born on one of the six islands (Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius and Sint Maarten) and thinking of pursuing a PhD? Do 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!

The first step within the Call for proposal is submitting a Statement of intent for which the deadline is June 24th 2025.

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. Maarten 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.
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Deadlines

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

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

For more information about the program: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach>

National funding

Five research projects kick start development of innovative smart materials (6 June 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/five-research-projects-kick-start-development-of-innovative-smart-materials>



How can smart materials accelerate innovation? Five research projects within the KIC programme ‘Smart materials: from responsive to adaptive’ will investigate smart materials and their complex functionalities. Examples include sprayed coatings that can reflect or transmit infrared light based on temperature, or smart labels for product packaging that indicate the product quality.

Smart materials can help solve various urgent societal problems. The projects therefore have a wide range of applications, in for instance the medical sector, the horticultural sector and the food industry. This funding will enable the development of innovative materials which can perform complex functions independently, which allows large steps to be taken in solving several societal problems.

For more information about the awarded Projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/five-research-projects-kick-start-development-of-innovative-smart-materials>

Twenty-one innovative research projects awarded through Open Competition Domain Science-M programme (5 June 2025)

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



The NWO Science Board has approved twenty-one grant applications in the Open Competition Domain Science-M programme. The topics vary from investigating how stress-hormones enhance memory generalization, deriving novel tools for the understanding of complex networks, investigating how climate change affects storm clusters in tropical South America, and using modern organocatalysis to control glycosylations. M-grants are intended for innovative, high-quality, fundamental research and/or studies involving matters of scientific urgency.

The following four WUR projects were approved:

BREATHLESS: uncovering the love affairs of anaerobic microbes through omics and microfluidics

Prof Dr Diana Machado de Sousa & Prof Dr Aldrik Velders (WUR/WUR)

Climate change effects on the frequency, intensity and drivers of convective storm clusters in tropical South America *Prof Dr Jordi Vilà-Guerau de Arellano (WUR)*

Quantum field holography on anti-de Sitter spacetimes *Dr Michal Wrochna (WUR)*

How will climate affect tropical forests? *Prof Dr Pieter Zuidema (WUR)*

For more information about the approved proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/twenty-one-innovative-research-projects-awarded-through-open-competition-domain-science-m-programme>

Six new research projects can start in May 2025 within the Open Technology (programme) (2024 round) (2 June 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/six-new-research-projects-can-start-in-may-2025-within-the-open-technology-programme-2024-round>



Six application-oriented projects can start with funding from the Open Technology Programme from NWO's Applied and Engineering Sciences domain (AES). NWO is supporting these application-oriented projects with more than 5.1 million euros. Industry partners and other organisations are contributing another amount of over 498,000 euros.

Granted projects include topics such as:

- Thermal Energy Storage (TES) technologies hold great promise for decarbonizing heat in various industries. GLANCE 3D enhances thermochemical reactors via CFD-modeling, machine learning, and experiments, contributing to efficient storage and reuse of industrial waste heat (Project: Enhancing Thermochemical Heat Battery Performance through a Data-Driven Design Approach) • PET is a medical, non-invasive imaging technique using short-lived radiopharmaceuticals. This project develops a fully integrated microfluidic chip for efficient PET-radiopharmaceutical production with higher yield. This will ultimately enable quicker and more accurate diagnoses and treatments for patients.
- EPICA studies energy dissipation in assembled structures during vibrations, aiming to enhance the predictive accuracy and reliability of complex mechanical systems. By combining new friction models with advanced experiments, and physics-based machine learning, it paves the way to i.e. more resilient aerospace structures (Project: EPICA: Energy dissipation in complex assemblies).

One of the projects is led by WUR:

Degrading gradients - **prof. dr. R.A. Weusthuis**, Wageningen University & Research (22160)

Co-applicant(s): **Wageningen University & Research – dr. ir. M.M.M. Bisschops**, University of Groningen – M.J.L.J. Fürst, PhD, Delft University of Technology – dr. ir. C. Haringa

For more information about the granted projects and about the Open Technology

Programme: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/six-new-research-projects-can-start-in-may-2025-within-the-open-technology-programme-2024-round>

Call open: Consumer Behaviour for a Circular System Transition (KIC) (2 June 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition-kic>



The KIC-Call 'Consumer Behaviour for a Circular System Transition' is now open for applications. The Call focuses on finding effective ways to help people consume in a more sustainable fashion. This is done with a broad systemic view to contribute effectively to the transition to a circular economy.

The transition to a circular economy requires a fundamental change in consumer behaviour. While broad support for a more sustainable society exists, targeted interventions are needed to actually achieve behavioural change at the system level.

Purpose of the Call

The aim of this Call for proposals is to gain insight into effective interventions, measures and strategies that promote circular consumer behaviour. This is based on state-of-the-art research on system transitions, behavioural change and the circular economy. This Call for proposals focuses on research that analyses, designs and applies interventions. The interaction between behavioural, systemic and cultural factors is central to this.

The research programme focuses on the impactful product groups from the Transition Agenda Consumer Goods (TAC): furniture, household appliances, clothing & textiles and disposables & packaging. Interventions around these product groups make the most impact in terms of circularity.

When to apply

- The mandatory collaborative workshops take place on **June 11 and 30, 2025**
- The deadline for proposals is **November 11th, 2025, before 14:00:00 CET**

View the Call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition>

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition-kic>

Foreseen call: Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy (2 June 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy>

The aim of the NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy is to develop insights into the impact that the energy, food and nature transition have on unprotected species in the North Sea. These insights are developed in collaboration with the fisheries sector and form the basis for setting up a sustainable integrated policy, in which the development of the North Sea and that of the fishing industry go hand in hand.

Foreseen closing date full application: 30 November 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

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Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

European Semester Spring Package: boosting research and innovation for competitiveness (5 June 2025)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/european-semester-spring-package-boosting-research-and-innovation-competitiveness-2025-06-04_en&pk_campaign=rtd_news

The European Commission urges Member States to step up R&I investment and reform efforts. The European Commission has unveiled its 2025 European Semester Spring Package

https://commission.europa.eu/publications/2025-european-semester-spring-package_en. The annual package offers country-specific guidance on economic and social policies.

This year's edition highlights research and innovation as pivotal drivers of competitiveness and sustainable growth across Member States. The recommendations build on the framework set by the **Competitiveness Compass** https://commission.europa.eu/topics/eu-competitiveness/competitiveness-compass_en and the strategic insights of the **Draghi report** https://commission.europa.eu/topics/eu-competitiveness/draghi-report_en.

The Spring Package details persistent challenges in research and innovation that impede national growth and sustainability. It also provides recommendations on how research can overcome economic challenges.

Persistent challenges across Member States

The reports reveal that all Member States are grappling with widespread research-related challenges, which include:

- **Insufficient and unstable investment** from both public and private sectors, hindering long-term research initiatives and innovation development.
- **Structural barriers** that prevent translating research excellence into scalable and disruptive innovations, which are essential for boosting productivity and competitiveness.
- **Slow adoption and integration of digital technologies** by businesses, leading to missed opportunities in digital transformation and efficiency gains.

These comprehensive analyses form the basis of targeted recommendations for each Member State, providing specific guidance to address these challenges within their unique contexts.

A comprehensive set of recommendations

The 2025 Spring Package delivers an unprecedented collection of 26 country-specific recommendations focusing on critical areas to bolster R&I capabilities across Europe:

1. **Investment:** Encourage increased public and private sector investment in R&D to reach the EU target of 3% GDP expenditure on research, crucial for fostering innovation and maintaining competitiveness in a global economy.
2. **Coordination and Integration:** Address the institutional fragmentation of research systems by promoting greater coordination among public research organisations to enhance efficiency and maximise the impact of national R&I efforts.
3. **Governance Improvements:** Advocate for clear strategic frameworks and stronger collaboration between government actors to improve research and innovation governance, ensuring that R&I activities align with broader economic objectives.
4. **Research Careers:** Enhance the attractiveness, stability, and mobility of research careers to attract and retain top talent, crucial for sustaining high levels of research excellence and innovation capacity.

5. **Science-Business Linkages:** Strengthen collaboration between scientific institutions and businesses, and improve mechanisms for knowledge transfer, enabling faster commercialisation of research insights and innovations.
6. **Policy Support for Innovation:** Expand and optimise public support instruments, such as research and development tax incentives and grants, with a focus on small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to stimulate business-driven innovation.
7. **Venture Capital and Start-up Ecosystems:** Support the development of vibrant innovation ecosystems by improving access to finance for start-ups and scale-ups, including through enhanced venture capital instruments and favourable regulatory environments.

These recommendations aim to keep R&I at the forefront of the EU's growth strategy, ensuring Europe remains competitive on the global stage. They work towards building an environment where innovation thrives, leading to the attraction and retention of top global talent, the proliferation of dynamic start-ups, and the acceleration of tech advancements across Member States.

For more information: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/european-semester-spring-package-boosting-research-and-innovation-competitiveness-2025-06-04_en&pk_campaign=rtd_news

EU budget 2026: extra money for Horizon Europe and strategic technologies (5 June 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/overige/eu-begroting-2026-extra-geld-voor-horizon-europe-en-strategische-technologie-n>

The Commission has published the proposal for the EU budget for 2026. A total of €199.7 billion will be earmarked for the regular EU budget. On top of that, there will be an additional €72 billion in payments via NextGenerationEU, the EU's recovery programme. The plans give a prominent role to Horizon Europe, which will receive an additional €211 million to invest in key technologies such as artificial intelligence and quantum technology.



Horizon in sight: more resources for innovation

The European Commission has presented its proposal for the 2026 EU budget https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1396. A total of 199.7 billion euros will be earmarked for European expenditure. An important component is the Horizon Europe programme, for which the Commission is proposing **an increase of 211 million euros**. This brings the total Horizon Europe budget for 2026 to approximately 12.7 billion euros. The additional resources will be used for strategic investments in, among other things, artificial intelligence (AI), quantum technology and the further development of the European Research Area (ERA). With this proposal, the Commission emphasises the importance of innovation for the technological and scientific position of the EU.

NextGen continues to grow

The temporary recovery instrument NextGenerationEU will continue to play an important role in European policy in 2026. On top of the original budget of 199.7 billion euros, another 72 billion will be paid out via NextGenerationEU. This fund will have a strong focus on the green and digital transitions and supporting Member States in implementing their reform plans.

Dutch knowledge field launches campaign for more European knowledge investments (5 June 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 5 June 2025

Neth-ER has launched the campaign 'Knowledge is power' together with the Dutch knowledge field. The organisations advocate a doubling of European knowledge investments, in the run-up to the negotiations for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) of the EU. "Neth-ER therefore calls on the European Commission to draw up a new, even more ambitious framework programme (FP10) for research and innovation and to also double the budget of the Erasmus+ programme", it can be read. Neth-ER represents the KNAW, NWO, TNO, VH and UNL, among others.

Campaign Knowledge is Power: <https://doubleknowledge.eu/>

Article Neth-ER: <https://neth-er.eu/onderwijs/kennis-is-macht-neth-er-lanceert-campagne-voor-meer-eu-kennisinvesteringen-> (in Dutch)

News item NWO: <https://www.nwo.nl/nieuws/nwo-steunt-oproep-voor-zelfstandige-europese-investeringen-in-onderzoek-en-innovatie> (in Dutch)

New Chief Scientific Advisors for European Commission (5 June 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 5 June 2025

Since 16 May, the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors of the European Commission has been renewed. The advisors provide the Commission with independent scientific advice on policy issues. Two of the advisors are affiliated with Dutch universities: **Mangala Srinivas** (Wageningen) and **Naomi Ellemers** (Utrecht).

News item European Commission: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/renewal-group-chief-scientific-advisors-2025-05-23_en

R&D billions roll out of the EU, mainly towards the United States (4 June 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/r-d-miljarden-rollen-de-eu-uit-vooral-richting-de-verenigde-staten>

The EU saw strong growth in the trade of research and development (R&D) services in 2023. European companies provide these services to partners outside the EU, but also purchase them on a large scale themselves. According to new figures from Eurostat, this resulted in a trade deficit of 43.2 billion euros. The United States in particular benefited from the increase.



More trade, more deficit: R&D paradox

The EU has significantly increased its trade in Research and Development (R&D) in 2023, according to new figures from Eurostat <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/w/ddn-20250603-1>. The EU exported no less than 59.4 billion euros worth of R&D services to countries outside the European Union. This is an increase of 9% compared to a year earlier. At the same time, the EU imported 102.6 billion euros worth of R&D services, an increase of 16.6%. R&D services include, for example, a Dutch company that helps an American tech company develop smart software (export), or a European company that hires an American research agency (import). In 2023, the EU imported more services than it exported, resulting in a trade deficit of 43.2 billion euros.

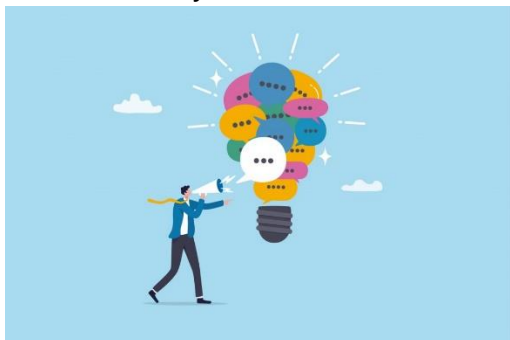
US main trading partner

The US is by far the most important trading partner for the EU when it comes to R&D services. Almost half of the exports (28.1 billion euros) went to the US. America was also the leader on the import side, accounting for 46.2 billion euros. Switzerland and the UK followed at a distance as major consumers of EU services, while India supplied many R&D services to the EU.

Advise the Commission on the impact of research & innovation (4 June 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/adviseer-de-commissie-over-de-impact-van-onderzoek-innovatie>

The Expert Group on the Economic and Social Impact of Research & Innovation (R&I) (ESIR) is looking for new members. The group provides essential advice on the future agenda of the European Commission in the field of R&I. The expert group also advises on the contribution of R&I to European security and defence issues. The deadline is 15 July 2025.



Apply for the ESIR group

The Commission is looking for members <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/expert-groups/consult?lang=en&groupID=3693&fromCallsApplication=true> for the Expert Group on the Economic and Societal Impact of Research and Innovation (ESIR). Among other things, the group advises on the formulation of the European Commission's future agenda for research and innovation (R&I). It also advises on how R&I can increase European productivity to strengthen EU competitiveness. Members also advise the Commission on the contribution of R&I to European security and defence issues. Candidates should have extensive international experience in R&I. Applications are open until 15 July 2025.

Context

The ESIR was set up in autumn 2017 by the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation. It consists of 21 experts who advise on how EU R&I policy can contribute to the transformation of the European economy and society. The ESIR recently called for more teaching competences for the EU.

EU strengthens education and research ties with Black Sea countries (4 June 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/eu-versterkt-onderwijs-en-onderzoeksrelaties-met-landen-rondom-de-zwarte-zee>

The Commission wants to strengthen cooperation in research and education with partners in the Black Sea region, such as Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia and Turkey. This is announced in the new strategy for relations in this area. Among other things, the Commission wants to strengthen mobility within Erasmus+ and seek closer cooperation between the European Research Area and the countries around the Black Sea.



Strengthening mobility between EU and Black Sea partners

The Commission wants to promote further cooperation in research and education with partners around the Black Sea, such as Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia and Turkey. This is set out in its new strategy https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/170d9b3a-d45f-4169-80fa-9adb753c0921_en?filename=EU%20Strategic%20Approach%20Black%20Sea%20Strategy.pdf for relations in the

region: The European Union's strategic approach to the Black Sea region. Among other things, the Commission wants to increase mobility between educational institutions around the Black Sea and EU Member States through the Erasmus+ programme. The EU is also strengthening the mobility of researchers through enhanced cooperation between the European Research Area and partners in the Black Sea.

Context

The Strategy for Relations within the Black Sea Region aims to promote peace and security, economic development and democratic strengthening in the region. The strategy has three pillars: stability, growth and environment. There is already a Strategic Agenda for Research & Innovation around the Black Sea, which is part of the Black Sea Synergy Initiative. The new Strategy for Relations builds on the Black Sea Synergy Initiative.

EESC and European Commission reaffirm partnership on circular economy platform at EU Green Week launch (3 June 2025)

Source: Website EESC <https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/president/news/eesc-and-european-commission-reaffirm-partnership-circular-economy-platform-eu-green-week-launch>

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the European Commission have reaffirmed their close cooperation on the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (ECESP) at the official launch of EU Green Week 2025.

At the opening, EESC President **Oliver Röpke** and Commissioner for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy, **Jessica Roswall**, came together to underline the importance of stakeholder engagement in accelerating the transition to a circular and resilient economy. They both praised the ECESP as a key tool for fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange and progress on circularity in Europe.

During the opening, **Mr Röpke** announced the launch of the Commission's call for expressions of interest to form the next Coordination Group of the ECESP, which plays a central role in steering the platform's direction and activities. Interested organisations can apply until 30 June 2025, 17:00 CEST.

The Coordination Group (CG) is the driving force of the ECESP. Acting as ambassadors of the platform, members are appointed on behalf of their organisations and play a strategic role in shaping its work and extending its outreach. The CG ensures coordination among stakeholders and contributes to advancing the circular economy and bioeconomy agenda across the EU.

The upcoming mandate will begin in October 2025 and will run for 2.5 years.

Who can apply?

- groupings/organisations of businesses, including trade unions and civil society organisations
- public authorities and EU networks of public authorities
- knowledge community (such as civil society organisations, think tanks, youth organisations and research centres)

The EESC encourages a wide range of actors to apply and continue making this stakeholder-led platform a driving force in Europe's circular economy transformation.

Please find more information here: <https://circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform/en/news-and-events/all-news/ecesp-getting-ready-select-new-coordination-group-good-opportunity-your-organisation>

Global policy

IMF investigates the impact of industrial policy on competitiveness 5 June 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 5 June 2025

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) investigated the question of the impact of industrial policy on competitiveness. It appears that domestic subsidies provide a temporary advantage in the short term. Export incentives also have an effect in the medium term. Specific attention is paid to various products that currently play a (geopolitical) role, such as solar panels, wind turbines and electric cars. According to the IMF, there may be spillover effects in these cases, with related products also benefiting.

IMF publication: <https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/WP/Issues/2025/05/23/Do-Industrial-Policies-Increase-Trade-Competitiveness-567184>

OECD develops framework for entrepreneurial climate (5 June 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 5 June 2025

The OECD has developed an Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Diagnostics framework to assess and compare the ecosystems for entrepreneurship in all OECD countries. The report uses a multidimensional approach and looks at, among other things, the performance of entrepreneurs, how entrepreneurship is distributed socially and regionally and the distribution of start-ups. The input will include institutions, culture, networks, infrastructure, markets, finance, knowledge, talent, leadership and intermediary services. The framework is intended to help policymakers map evidence-based insights to identify bottlenecks and adjust national strategies.

OECD Publication: https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/entrepreneurial-ecosystem-diagnostics_7096961f-en.html

Concerns about Trump's 'gold standard' for science (5 June 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 5 June 2025

There are major concerns in the American scientific community about the presidential decree that President Trump signed to establish a 'gold standard' for science. According to him, this means that research should be 'transparent, rigorous and impactful'. However, scientists believe that Trump is thereby infringing on scientific integrity and have taken action. "It all sounds very innocent, but it is extremely dangerous," Gretchen Goldman of the Union of Concerned Scientists told Nature. According to opponents of the decree, the government is given instruments to correct research and prosecute those responsible. The Trump administration sees the measure as an opportunity to restore confidence in science.

Presidential decree White House: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/05/restoring-gold-standard-science/>

Article Nature: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-01668-x>

Article Science: <https://www.science.org/content/article/what-does-trump-s-call-gold-standard-science-really-mean>

ITIF: US should tax-stimulate private R&D investment (5 June 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 5 June 2025

The American think tank ITIF is urging Congress to pass the American Innovation and R&D Competitiveness Act to get R&D investment in the US back on track. ITIF points out that the tax scheme to write off R&D costs has been expired since 2021, which has removed an incentive for companies to invest in it. Figures confirm that this is resulting in less investment, the think tank writes. "As ITIF's Hamilton Index shows, China is rapidly catching up with the United States in terms of production in many advanced sectors. Moreover, another ITIF analysis shows that China has probably already overtaken the United States in total R&D spending. It is now time for policymakers to encourage, rather than discourage, businesses to invest more in R&D," it reads.

ITIF Opinion: <https://itif.org/publications/2025/05/28/rd-investment-is-slipping-bring-back-full-rd-expensing/>

National policy

The Netherlands is at risk of losing its leadership position in innovation (5 June 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderwijs/nederland-dreigt-leiderschapspositie-in-innovatie-te-verliezen>

The European Commission warns that the Netherlands is at risk of losing its leadership position in innovation. This is partly due to declining government investment in innovation. The skills shortage also plays a role. The Commission makes a number of recommendations, such as targeted investments in strategic sectors.



Innovation in trouble

The Netherlands' innovation leadership in the EU is under pressure. The European Commission warns of this in its 2025 European Semester Spring package https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1388. Although the Netherlands ranks fifth in the European Innovation Scoreboard, innovation growth lags behind the EU average (7.8% versus 10%). The Netherlands is also losing ground worldwide: in the Global Innovation Index, the Netherlands dropped from second place in 2018 to eighth place in 2024. The Commission points out that government spending on research and innovation is below the EU average, and mentions the recent cutbacks in the National Growth Fund as an example. This could have negative consequences for the Netherlands' competitiveness.

Here you can find recommendation for the Netherlands:

https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/0cc77349-ce0d-401a-853e-678dfe893e11_en?filename=COM_2025_219_1_EN_ACT_part1_v3.pdf

Declining skills

The report also identifies a skills shortage as a threat to the Dutch innovation landscape. The basic skills of Dutch students have declined sharply in the past decade. Dutch companies have difficulty finding skilled personnel and the Netherlands has relatively few students who graduate in ICT or STEM. The Commission makes a number of suggestions to address these problems. According to the Commission, the Netherlands would benefit from targeted investments in research and innovation in strategic sectors. The Netherlands could use the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP) for this purpose. In addition, the Commission recommends stimulating STEM education and investing in skills development.

What does the cabinet fall mean for science, technology and innovation?

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 5 June 2025

The Schoof cabinet fell on Tuesday. Universities of the Netherlands (UNL) is calling on politicians to reverse the cuts in education, research and international students. "What the Netherlands needs now is that politicians from left to right look at education, research and innovation as the strategic engine for prosperity, freedom and security. This cabinet did not do that and saw it as a cost item," says UNL chairman Caspar van den Berg. HOP has written about the possible consequences for higher education and science. VNO-NCW and MKB-Nederland state that there is an urgent need for a longer period of time to be governed 'by a strong and stable cabinet that can make decisions for the future of our country'. VNO-NCW chairman Ingrid Thijssen argues that it is important in both the short and long term that politicians keep a close eye on our competitive position and the investment climate. BNR writes that the announced Dutch Digitalization Strategy (NDS) is still in danger of being affected in the long term, due to the resignation of PVV State Secretary Szabó. The NDS was supposed to be presented this Friday.

NOS Liveblog: <https://nos.nl/collectie/13996/liveblog/2569753-koning-heel-raar-om-op-deze-dag-nederland-te-verlaten-nsc-gaat-niet-nog-eens-met-pvv-in-zee> (in Dutch)

NOS Article: <https://nos.nl/collectie/13996/artikel/2569852-maatschappelijke-organisaties-vrezen-meer-stilstand-en-onzekerheid-na-val-kabinet> (in Dutch)

BNR Article: <https://www.bnr.nl/nieuws/tech-innovatie/10575393/digitaliseringsstrategie-dreigt-in-zicht-van-de-finish-te-stranden-door-val-kabinet> (in Dutch)

HOP/U-Today Article: <https://www.utoday.nl/news/75642/kabinet-gevallen-wat-zijn-de-gevolgen-voor-het-hoger-onderwijs> (in Dutch)

Bruins outlines vision on academic freedom (5 June 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 5 June 2025

Minister Bruins asks the KNAW for advice on whether the current legal anchoring of academic freedom in the Netherlands is sufficient. In addition, the minister asks the KNAW for advice on the distinction between academic freedom and freedom of expression in activism from science. This can be read in an extensive letter to Parliament with his vision on safeguarding and strengthening freedom, safety and trust in science. HOP has written about this. The minister also makes an 'urgent appeal' to the House of Representatives. "Be alert in your own role to safeguard academic freedom, the safety of researchers and trust in science. Give the academic sector the freedom to give substance to these values and the safety to work on this structurally", it says. The House recently organised a round table discussion on academic freedom. This week's committee debate has been cancelled due to the fall of the cabinet.

Letter to Parliament Minister Bruins: <https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/528cab96-213c-4f87-9188-45b89b8b92ad/file> (in Dutch)

Article HOP/U-Today: <https://www.utoday.nl/news/75643/bruins-bemoeienis-met-onderwijstaal-botst-niet-met-academische-vrijheid> (in Dutch)

Round table discussion Academic freedom: <https://debatdirect.tweedekamer.nl/2025-05-22/onderwijs-cultuur-wetenschap/suze-groenewegzaal/academische-vrijheid-13-00/onderwerp> (in Dutch)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 6 June 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 6 June 2025 for more details; go to EC Funding and Tenders opportunity Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Call identifier	Deadline
European Partnerships / ERANET-COFUND	
European Partnerships European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare https://www.eupahw.eu/	
European Partnership Biodiversa+ https://www.biodiversa.eu/	
European Partnership Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/	
European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/	
European Partnership FutureFoods https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/	The first call of FutureFoods Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deadline for pre-submissions is January 15, 2025 (13:00 CET) (CLOSED) he deadline for full proposals is July 9, 2025 (13:00 CEST https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/
European Partnership Agroecology	Second co-funded call AgroEcology Partnership https://agroecology.ptj.de/call2?genericModule=callDocuments&action=download&id=955 is open

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

Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **6 June 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
09-06-2025	Foreseen Deadline for submission full-proposals Merian Fund Cooperation South Africa-The Netherlands SGCI-NWO multilateral research programme . Closing date full application 9 June 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/merian-fund-cooperation-south-africa-the-netherlands-sgci-nwo-multilateral-research-programme
24-06-2025	NEW: Deadline for submission for Statements of intent for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers. The deadline for submitting Statements of intent is 24 June 2025, before 17:00:00 AST/11:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers-now-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/caribbean-research-phd-scholarships-2025
14-07-2025	Deadline submission Full proposals (mandatory) for the Long-term Europe – Africa WEF Nexus (LEAWEF) Multilateral Research Programme . The deadline for the submission of Full proposals (mandatory) is 14 July 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/long-term-europe-africa-wef-nexus-leawef-multilateral-research-programme and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/LEAWEF%20call_for_proposals%20%281%29_0.pdf
02-09-2025	Deadline for knowledge management proposal in Phase II ADM-LAB: Livings Labs for Adaptive Delta Management in Bangladesh . Deadline for submission of a knowledge management proposal in Phase II is Tuesday 2 September 2025, 14:00:00 CEST in ISAAC. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/adm-lab-livings-labs-for-adaptive-delta-management-in-bangladesh and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ADM-LAB%20Livings%20Labs%20for%20Adaptive%20Delta%20Management%20in%20Bangladesh%20%20call%20for%20proposals%20UK.pdf

09-09-2025	Foreseen Deadline for Full Proposals INT - Global programs NWO-JST Japan call 2025. Closing date full application 9 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/int-global-programs-nwo-jst-japan-call-2025 .
16-09-2025	NEW: Deadline for submission Pre-proposals for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers. The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 16 September 2025, before 17:00:00 AST/11:00:00 CEST.. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers-now-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/caribbean-research-phd-scholarships-2025
September 2025	Foreseen closing date 9th Call Eurostars. Follow information on https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/eurostars
30-10-2025	NEW: Foreseen deadline full proposals Biodiversity and agriculture in balance collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq. Closing date full application 30 October 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance ?
24-02-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Full-Proposals for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers. The deadline for submitting full applications is 24 February 2026, before 17:00:00 AST/12:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers-now-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/caribbean-research-phd-scholarships-2025

National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on 6 June 2025. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

11-06-2025	NEW: Deadline for the mandatory collaborative workshops take place on June 11 and 30, 2025 NWO KIC Call Consumer behaviour for a circular system transition. Closing date full application 11 November 2025 before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition-kic and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant/kic-2024-2027/mission-2024-2027/consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition
12-06-2025	Deadline for submission for research ideas for NWA Key Enabling Methodologies (KEMs) - The utilisation of Key Enabling Methodologies in complex societal transition issues. The deadline for the submission of proposals is 12 June 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-knowledge-development-and-application-of-kems-for-effective-policy and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-key-enabling-methodologies-kems-the-utilisation-of-key-enabling-methodologies-in-complex-societal-transition-issues and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWA%20Key%20Enabling%20Methodologies%20%28ENG%29_2.pdf
24-06-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 24 June 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
24-06-2025	Deadline submission Statements of Content for call Future Plastics: Development of safe plastics for a sustainable future. Tuesday 24 June 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST Deadline statements of intent. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-plastics-development-of-safe-plastics-for-a-sustainable-future and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/20250305%20KIC%20KIC%20Future%20plastics_development%20of%20safe%20plastics%20for%20a%20sustainable%20future.pdf
24-06-2025	Deadline submission statement of intent for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers. The deadline for submitting statements of intent is 24 June 2025, before 17:00:00 CEST/11:00:00 AST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach
30-06-2025	NEW: Deadline for the mandatory collaborative workshops take place on June 11 and 30, 2025 NWO KIC Call Consumer behaviour for a circular system transition. Closing date full application 11 November 2025 before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition-kic and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant/kic-2024-2027/mission-2024-2027/consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition

01-07-2025	Deadline submission Full applications Venture Challenge Fall 2025 Closing date full application 1 July 2025 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/venture-challenge-fall-round-2025-now-open and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/venture-challenge-fall-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Brochure%20Venture%20Challenge%20Fall%202025%20EN%201.pdf
10-07-2025	Deadline submission Full Proposals Hydrogen and green electrons for special and fine chemicals. 13 March 2025 - Deadline to apply for preparatory workshops. Participation in the two workshops is mandatory for the main applicant and the technical manager of the consortium. 7-9 April 2025 - First preparatory workshop. 12-14 May 2025 - Second preparatory workshop. 10 July 2025 - Deadline to submit full proposal. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-hydrogen-and-green-electrons-for-special-and-fine-chemicals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/national-growth-fund/groenvermogen/hydrogen-and-green-electrons-for-specialities-and-fine-chemicals and https://groenvermogen.nl/en/event/information-meeting-groenvermogen-rd-theme-6/
Until 31-07-2025	Deadline for submission proposals Open Competition Domain Science - M 2024/2025. Applications for the current round (2024/2025) can therefore be submitted until 31 July 2025 (continuous call). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-m-2024/2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2024-25_EN_def%20%282%29.pdf
14-08-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 14 August 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
02-09-2025	Foreseen deadline Rubicon 2025 Round 2. Closing date full application 2 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-2
09-09-2025	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submitting full applications for second round of the 2025 Doctoral Grant for Teachers. The deadline for submitting an application is 9 September 2025, 14:00 (subject to change).
09-09-2025	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission pre-proposals for Call Open Competition L. Closing date for pre-proposals 9 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh
11-09-2025	Deadline Submitting Full Proposals for NWA call Knowledge development ecological effects of wind farms on sea. The deadline for submitting the proposal is Thursday 11 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-research-to-gain-knowledge-about-the-ecological-effects-of-offshore-wind-farms and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-development-ecological-effects-of-wind-farms-on-sea and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20WPE%20final%2026-2-2025%20ENG%20def%20%282%29.pdf
11-09-2025	Deadline submitting full proposals NGF: Strengthening the knowledge base for the high tech equipment sector: second call of the NXTGEN Hightech programme. The deadline for submitting proposals is 11 September 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-strengthening-the-knowledge-base-for-the-high-tech-equipment-sector and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/2025-03-21%20NGF%20NXTGEN%202025%20ENv2.pdf
16-09-2025	Deadline for submission proposals for Open Competition Domain Science - XS 2025. Deadline for submission of proposals round 2025-3 16 September 2025, at 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-open-competition-domain-science-xs-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-25-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20ENW-XS%202025_ENG.pdf
16-09-2025	Deadline submission Full Proposals for call Future Plastics: Development of safe plastics for a sustainable future. Tuesday 16 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST Deadline proposals. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-plastics-development-of-safe-plastics-for-a-sustainable-future and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/20250305%20KIC%20KIC%20Future%20plastics_development%20of%20safe%20plastics%20for%20a%20sustainable%20future.pdf
16-09-2025	Deadline for submission pre-proposals for Open Competition Domain Science–XL round 2025–2026. The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 16th September 2025, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026

16-09-2025	NEW: Deadline submission Pre-proposals for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 16 September 2025, before 17:00:00 CEST/11:00:00 AST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach
17-09-2025	Foreseen deadline for submission Full proposals KIC - Future Plastics 2024 . Closing date full application 17 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-future-plastics-2024
18-09-2025	Deadline for submission Full-proposals KIC Nature-inclusive decision making in business . The deadline for submitting full proposals is September 18, 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business-kic and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%202024_def_EN.pdf
18-09-2025	Deadline submission full applications for SSH Open Competition XS round 3 . Round 3: 18 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/first-round-of-ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-now-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202025%20-%20EN.pdf
07-10-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 7 October 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
11-11-2025	
11-11-2025	Deadline for submission Full applications NWA Call 'Building blocks for integral policy on Planetary Health' . Closing date full application 11 November 2025 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-new-research-on-building-blocks-for-integral-policy-on-planetary-health and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/building-blocks-for-integrated-policy-on-planetary-health
12-11-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 12 November 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
13-11-2025	Foreseen deadline for Full applications Call Cellular Agriculture - towards larger scale and lower cost . Closing date full application 13 November 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-cost and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ngf_ca_call_for_proposals_nl.pdf
02-12-2025	Foreseen deadline for Full application call KIC Reducing health inequalities - technology for people in a lower social economic position . Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-social-economic-position
02-12-2025	Foreseen Deadline for Rubicon 2025 Round 3 . Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-3
From 13-01-2025 until 12-12-2025	Deadline submission full proposals Open Technology Programme 2025 . Applications can be submitted on a continuous basis between 13 January 2025 until 12 December 2025, as long as the grant ceiling or the maximum number of applications submitted has not yet been reached.. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf
20-12-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 20 December 2025 by 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
22-01-2026	Deadline submission proposals for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. January 22, 2026, before 2:00:00 PM CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation
03-02-2026	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 3 February 2026 by 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer

03-02-2026	Deadline submission Full proposals Dutch Research Agenda - Research along Routes by Consortia 2025 (NWA-ORC 2025) . Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2025-nwa-orc-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWAORC2025_Call%20for%20Proposals_EN.pdf
03-02-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission Full applications for Call Open Competition L . Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh
12-02-2026	Foreseen Deadline for Full applications NWO KIC Call Biochemical diversity . Closing date full application 12 February 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-biochemical-diversity
24-02-2026	Deadline submission Full proposals 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. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach
14-04-2026	NEW : Foreseen deadline Full proposals NOW-KIC call Fewer critical raw materials in the energy transition . Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/fewer-critical-raw-materials-in-the-energy-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant
09-06-2026	Deadline for submission Full-proposals for Open Competition Domain Science–XL round 2025–2026 . The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 9th June 2026, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026
30-11-2026	NEW : Foreseen deadline for full proposals call NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy . Closing date full application 30 November 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy
21-01-2027	Deadline submission proposals for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation

Regional calls

This list is a selection of regional calls. The list was compiled on 6 June 2025. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

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

2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Northern Netherlands: For calls Northern Netherlands go to Website SNN https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Southern Netherlands: For calls Southern Netherlands go to website Stimulus https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/
24-02-2025 to 04-04-2025	Foreseen deadline Spring call OP-Zuid 2025: from 24 February 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to April 4, 2025 (until 5 p.m.);
15-09-2025 to 24-10-2025	Foreseen opening Autumn call OP-Zuid 2025: from 15 September, 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to 24 October, 2025 (until 5 p.m.).

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Wageningen Grant Office

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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.

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Through the WGO web portal (<https://intranet.wur.nl/Project/GrantOffice>), users can access up-to-date information on the latest developments within specific funding programmes, along with links to relevant resources, documents, and contacts. There, also the link can be found to our funding identification tool Research Connect (<https://search.myresearchconnect.com/Default/Index?ReturnUrl=%2fHome>), that can be used by all WUR colleagues to assess national, European and global grant opportunities by themselves.

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