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Latest Funding News

European Funding News: Horizon Europe

Booster Info Session on-line: Free Guidance for EU-Funded Research Results! (31 July 2025)

Source: Website EC Funding and Tenders Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/news/30380>



About the event

24 September 2025, 11:00-12:00 CEST (Brussels time) Register here: <https://mailchi.mp/eb0962c56adb/af051k8lu7>

The European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation along with Booster is organising an info session to present Booster's services.

Booster offers free-of-charge services to support EU-funded projects in their journey from results to impact, strengthening the dissemination and exploitation strategy of the European Commission and supporting its research and innovation (R&I) activities.

Join the info session dedicated to Booster for a global overview of what the set of services includes, more information about the expert guidance that can be expected, how services are delivered, and also real-world experiences shared by a Booster beneficiary and their Booster expert.

Ask anything

The session will also include a live Q&A, allowing participants the opportunity to ask their most pressing questions to Booster Framework Coordinator, Alessia Melasecche Germini.

Keynote speakers

- Alessia Melasecche Germini, Booster Framework Coordinator
- Rosellina Di Santo, Booster Manager
- Daniel Gómez Martín, Project Coordinator at S-X-AIPI, Booster Beneficiary

Commission reshuffles food and environment calls in new draft plans 2026-2027 (28 July 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/agrifood/commission-reshuffles-food-and-environment-calls-new-draft-plans>

Calls for proposals reflect the Commission's focus on competitiveness, strategic autonomy and long-term sustainability



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The EU's competing strategic goals vie for attention in a draft work programme for food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment research projects due to be funded in the final years of Horizon Europe. The calls will release €902.93 million in 2026 and €940.30 million in 2027.

Cluster 6 aims to reduce environmental degradation and improve the management of natural resources, all the while meeting the EU's climate objectives. It also echoes the European Commission's target to commit at least 35% of Horizon Europe funding to climate action and 10% to biodiversity research between 2025 and 2027.

But as the document also points out, "this needs to happen while ensuring food and water security and fostering the sustainable prosperity and competitiveness of the EU, taking into account the evolving geopolitical context." As in previous plans, the Commission will fund researchers who seek to equip policymakers with increased global knowledge of biodiversity loss and habitat preservation on land and at sea, reduce pollution, develop resilient and green rural, coastal and urban communities, and work on environmentally friendly food production systems.

The final priority implies reinforcing the strategic autonomy and long-term sustainability of agrifood systems, with research projects solicited that address the competitiveness of protein crops, strengthening the EU plant protection ecosystem, developing prototypes of innovations and farming practices to improve the efficient and sustainable use of agricultural inputs, and boosting the commercialisation of food systems microbiome solutions.

In addition, the Commission intends to introduce a call to improve the monitoring of air pollution from agriculture. "Additional efforts are needed in the sector to help reduce the impact [of air pollution] on human health and the environment. To promote the uptake of measures at farm level, better data on their impact and effectiveness are needed," it writes.

Despite growing pressure on the EU to address the environmental and health risks posed by contaminated water, the Commission has cut a call aimed at managing and removing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, pharmaceuticals, pesticides and microplastics to protect surface and groundwater ecosystems. Instead, these topics will be covered in other calls.

Also gone is a call for projects that deploy digital technologies to boost the restoration and resilience of the Mediterranean area, responding to intensifying regional impacts on terrestrial and marine ecosystems due to climate change.

Circularity topics revised

Meanwhile, in anticipation of the EU Circular Economy Act due in 2026, the Commission plans to finance projects that improve the circularity of electronics, construction products, textile waste and other materials. There is, however, no further mention of circular solutions for sustainable staging music and sports events, which appeared in earlier drafts of the work programme.

Some other circularity-related calls have also been removed: one focused on addressing standardisation needs, and another dedicated to supporting local and regional authorities in applying circularity principles to boost water resilience.

Elsewhere in the latest version of the work programme, the Commission has refined some calls for proposals. As mentioned in previous drafts, researchers will be asked to address the bioremediation of ecosystems contaminated by conflicts; only now, they are asked to specifically focus on Ukraine. This implies finding biotechnology and nature-based solutions to reduce soil contamination on land and at source due to past and ongoing conflicts.

Commission proposes partial suspension of Israel's association to Horizon Europe (28 July 2025)

Source: Website EC https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1921

Today, the European Commission proposed to partially suspend Israel's participation to Horizon Europe. The suspension specifically concerns the participation of entities established in Israel in activities funded under the Accelerator of the European Innovation Council (EIC) https://eic.ec.europa.eu/eic-funding-opportunities/eic-accelerator_en.



This suspension comes as a reaction to the review Art. 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement. Respect for these obligations constitutes an essential part of EU-Israel cooperation under the Agreement, including for bilateral scientific and technological cooperation between the two parties.

While Israel has announced a daily humanitarian pause in Gaza fighting and has met some of its commitments under the common understanding on humanitarian aid and access, the situation remains severe.

This decision will affect the participation of Israeli entities in the EIC Accelerator, which targets start-ups and small businesses with disruptive innovations and emerging technologies that have potential dual-use applications, such as in cybersecurity, drones, and artificial intelligence.

The proposed suspension is a targeted and reversible action. It does not affect the participation of Israeli universities and researchers in collaborative projects and research activities under Horizon Europe.

Next Steps

For the Commission's proposal to be adopted, it must receive the support of a qualified majority in the Council of the European Union.

For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1921

Commission cuts funding planned for Horizon Europe health 2026 and 2027 calls (28 July 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/vaccines/commission-cuts-funding-planned-horizon-europe-health-calls>

Latest draft work programme shows budgets in 2026 and 2027 lowered by 25% and 14% relative to earlier leaks



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The European Commission has revised downwards the budget that it will allocate to health-related calls in the two remaining years of Horizon Europe, according to the latest draft work programme. In 2026, funding now drops from the €787.39 billion in a draft from May to €594.24 billion, while in 2027 it amounts to €829.44 billion against the €968.88 billion cited in May.

This represents funding decreases of 25% and 14%, respectively.

In 2026, the budget for single-stage calls is reduced by €68 million to reach €456 million. That will include research projects to prevent the harmful effects of digital technologies on youth mental health, to develop vaccines for epidemics, to address low-value care practices, and to understand gender-specific determinants of cardiovascular diseases.

Meanwhile, single-stage calls for proposals in 2027 are expected to receive €414 million in total, down €98 million, for projects focused on supporting inclusion for individuals with disabilities, examining climate-related exposures in human health, developing innovative antimicrobials, and reducing risks from adverse drug reactions.

On the other hand, the two-stage calls for 2027 will receive €60 million more than stated in the previous draft, namely €190 million, with a new topic on advancing innovative interventions for neurodegenerative diseases.

European Innovation Council (EIC) Launches Pathfinder Challenges for 2025 (24 July 2025)

Source: Website EC Funders & tender Portal and EIC website

https://funding.myresearchconnect.com/News/OpenLink/GRUKRES!N27788?uri=https%3A%2F%2Fec.europa.eu%2Fec-funding-opportunities%2Fec-pathfinder%2Fec-pathfinder-challenges-2025_en

The European Innovation Council (EIC) is the Commission's primary tool for identifying and supporting breakthrough technologies and significant innovations with the potential to scale up internationally and become market leaders. The EIC Pathfinder enables multidisciplinary research teams to develop the scientific basis to underpin breakthrough technologies. This route supports early stage development of future technologies up to proof of concept. The majority of funding issued through the EIC takes the form of Open Funding with no predefined thematic priorities. However, a challenge-driven approach is also used to provide funding to address specific technological and innovation breakthroughs, taking into account EU priorities for transitioning to a green, digital and healthy society.

The 2025 round of Pathfinder Challenge calls are now open for application. Applicants are able to submit projects to achieve breakthroughs in the following four strategic areas:

- **Biotech for Climate Resilient Crops and Plant-Based Biomanufacturing:** <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-eic-2025-pathfinderchallenges-01-01>
- **Generative-AI based Agents to Revolutionize Medical Diagnosis and Treatment of Cancer:** <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-eic-2025-pathfinderchallenges-01-02>
- **Towards Autonomous Robot Collectives Delivering Collaborative Tasks in Dynamic Unstructured Construction Environments:** <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-eic-2025-pathfinderchallenges-01-03>
- **Waste-to-Value Devices - Circular Production of Renewable Fuels, Chemicals and Materials:** <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-eic-2025-pathfinderchallenges-01-04>

Submissions may generally be made **by consortia of at least three different independent legal entities** (such as research organisations, universities, SMEs, start-ups, industry, natural persons) established in at **least three different eligible countries** (EU Member States and Associate Countries), of which at least one must be an EU Member State. However, single applicants may be able to apply for Pathfinder challenges according to the call specifications. The total indicative budget is €120 million, which is expected to be allocated in approximately equal shares across the Challenges.

Grants of up to €4 million are available per project to enable them to achieve the proof of principle and validate the scientific basis of breakthrough technology (eg TRL 1-4).

Proposals must be submitted by the 29 October 2025 deadline.

European Funding News: FP10

Horizon Europe's retention is good news - but the fight isn't over yet (22 July 2025)

Source: Website The Guild Blog by Jan Palmowski <https://www.the-guild.eu/news-and-blog/blog/horizon-europes-retention-is-good-news.html>

After a year of anxiety about the future of European Union-funded research and innovation, it is excellent news that Horizon Europe is set to continue as the continent's flagship funding programme until at least 2035.

The European Commission had previously suggested <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/opinion/european-commission-must-back-down-over-its-research-funding-plans> that it might prefer to roll research and innovation funding into a broader fund to boost Europe's industrial competitiveness. However, the commission's proposal for the tenth Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (FP10), which will retain the Horizon Europe brand, envisages research and innovation remaining a stand-alone programme.

As part of the commission's Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), the proposal will now go **through a two-year negotiation process between the commission, the European Council (national ministers) and the European Parliament**, before the beginning of the EU's next spending period in 2028. However, since the council and parliament have always been supportive of an independent research funding programme, there seems unlikely to be any shift on that. Even better, the commission proposes to increase funding for Horizon Europe by about 90 per cent in real terms. Pillar III, focused on innovation, is the biggest winner, with its budget proposed to increase from the current €13 billion (£11.3 billion) to €38.8 billion. But Pillar I (excellent science) also does well. On a like-for-like basis, it increases from €22 billion to €41.5 billion.

The breakdown between the European Research Council (ERC) and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) has not yet been made public, but these broad brushstrokes are hugely welcome. We must do everything we can to defend these budgets against cuts that the council may wish to make.

The draft MFF also makes clear that scientific excellence will remain the overarching objective of the whole programme, as well as the sole criterion on which MSCA and ERC funding is distributed; as currently, excellence, impact and implementation will be the evaluation criteria for the other two pillars. The articles that make this clear (3.1, 9.1 (SP) and 25 respectively) will be important references for future discussions because the commitment to scientific excellence is not so clear in many details, particularly in relation to the ERC.

For instance, the ERC will be required to respect the "corporate policies" of the commission. But what are those policies? Is this just a catch-all phrase to potentially limit the authority of the ERC's Scientific Council and president (whose terms will be reduced from 4+4 years to 2+2, potentially putting off outstanding candidates)?

Moreover, in establishing an overall scientific strategy, the Scientific Council is obliged to have regard to opportunities and "European scientific needs". Who will determine these needs – the Scientific Council or the commission? If excellence really is the overall goal, any clipping of the ERC's wings would be counterproductive and must be challenged by the parliament and the European Council.

As for the MSCA, it will remain a bottom-up instrument, but "if specific needs arise", it may target specific thematic priorities, geographical locations or objectives "in the pursuit of the Union strategic autonomy". Again, the question is who would decide on such needs. It is critical that MSCA focus on the long-term interest of European research and innovation, not on the short-term reactions of policymakers to immediate challenges.

There is a strong appreciation in the draft MFF of the value of permitting third countries to associate to Horizon Europe, and existing association terms are proposed to roll over into the next programme. But the association regulation also explicitly states that it will be possible to exclude third countries (with the exception of EEA countries) from parts of the programme. This already happens, but it hadn't previously been codified.

In a major shift, defence and dual-use research is no longer specifically excluded. One priority of Pillar II (global challenges and industrial competitiveness) is "defence industry and space". And the European Innovation Council (EIC, part of Pillar III) is charged, among others, with supporting high-tech dual-use and military start-ups. But Horizon Europe became one of the EU's strongest brands (as the draft regulation notes) as a civilian programme, addressing challenges that brought researchers together worldwide. It is not set up to be a funder of military research, which often involves very

different players with very distinct infrastructures. So even if dual-use potential of research is permitted, it will be essential for the commission to ensure that the civilian focus of Horizon Europe prevails.

One of the biggest open questions is the relationship between Pillar II and the separate European Competitiveness Fund (ECF). It is a significant victory for the R&I community that Pillar II will follow the rules (such as those around excellence) of Horizon Europe, rather than the ECF. Also welcome is the fact that Horizon Europe will not be used to cross-subsidise the (expensive) deployment of new technology. But €68.2 billion in collaborative research will be dedicated to research priorities that shadow those of the ECF.

A Competitiveness Coordination Tool will apparently ensure synergies across both instruments and with national member states – but what is this tool? Who is in charge? According to which criteria will research priorities be set? And over what timelines? Pillar II's capacity to genuinely push scientific boundaries is vital to delivering on the imperative to energise Europe's R&I base, attracting the best researchers and high-performing third countries.

The commission's proposal is a good place to start negotiations, with a strong budget, an appreciation of international collaboration and at least a rhetorical commitment to excellence across the board. Commissioner Zaharieva, director-general Lemaître and their teams clearly fought hard and well.

But now the real work begins of making sure that, over the next two years, the proposals' clarity and ambitions are strengthened rather than weakened.

Horizon Europe budget to double, but €68B will remain in Competitiveness Fund (18 July 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/planning-fp10/horizon-europe-budget-double-eu68b-will-remain-competitiveness-fund>

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European Commission's €175 billion proposal gives boost to frontier research and triples funding for start-ups



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The proposal for the next Horizon Europe is in, with funding increases all round, including a tripling of the budget for the EU's innovation scheme, the European Innovation Council (EIC).

The European Commission proposes to almost double Horizon Europe's funding to €175 billion between 2028 and 2034, compared to the current programme. But a €68 billion chunk of the Pillar 2 budget, covering collaborative research, will be managed by the new European Competitiveness Fund (ECF).

And not all funding schemes will benefit equally. While funding for innovation will triple, collaborative research funding will grow only about a half.

Notable losers include the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), which fails to appear in the proposal, and the five Horizon Europe Missions, which are set to only receive funding until 2030.

These figures are only the Commission's initial proposal for the next EU research programme. Member states, who will officially adopt the budget and foot the bill, have already said that the Commission wants too much. The European Parliament will also get a say in the negotiations over the final figures, and is calling for a bigger budget increase. Here is what is on the table for Horizon Europe and the ECF, according to the Commission's July 16 proposal.

Horizon Europe

Pillar 1: frontier research

The Commission wants the budget for fundamental research to **go up from €25 million to €44 million**, compared to the current Horizon Europe.

All this will go to the frontier research programme run by the European Research Council (ERC), and the researcher training schemes of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA). Meanwhile, €2.6 billion will be assigned to the Commission's in-house science service, the Joint Research Council.

The breakdown between the ERC and the MSCA is not included in the proposal, but both are likely in for substantial increases. Their current budgets are €16 billion and €6.6 billion respectively, adding up to €22.6 billion, far below the proposed €44 billion.

This is good news for the EU research community, which had called to double the budget of the ERC. Plus, the increase is set to come with a broader "expansion" of basic research funding, according to the proposal.

Pillar 2: collaborative research

The total budget for Pillar 2 will increase from €53.5 billion to €75.8 billion. Under a new structure, funding for collaborative research will be separated into two parts, with €68.2 billion set aside for "competitiveness" and €7.6 billion for "society".

The funding for **competitiveness will be managed under the ECF** and aligned with its priorities: clean transition (€25.3 billion), life sciences (€19.6 billion), digital leadership (€16.8 billion), and resilience, security, defence and space (€6.4 billion).

The society policy window meanwhile will fund bottom-up research focused on global societal challenges such as migration, disinformation, democracy, social and economic transformations, inclusive societies and social cohesion. Compared with the current Horizon Europe budget, the life sciences are in for a small boost and a revamp. Currently, the budget for health research stands at €8 billion, in addition to a separate €9 billion allocated to the bioeconomy, food, agriculture and other related topics.

Horizon's current budget for **civil security-related research is only €1.5 billion**. The new pillar for resilience, security, defence and space is much broader but has significantly more firepower.

Clean transition is getting a clear boost, compared to the current €15 billion for climate, energy and mobility.

The new budget for digital leadership seems to be close to the current €15 billion for Horizon Europe's digital, industry and space research cluster.

Pillar 3: innovation

The budget for innovation will almost triple from €13.6 billion to €38.7 billion. In the new Horizon Europe, this pillar will mainly fund the EIC, which provides grant and equity funding to start-ups and researcher-led innovation projects. Launched in 2021, the EIC has been popular with start-ups and praised by policymakers. Its upcoming budget boost is hardly surprising.

Alongside the EIC, Pillar 3 will also fund innovation ecosystems and foster the EU-wide integration of the knowledge triangle of higher education, research and innovation, and business.

The knowledge triangle is a nod to the EIT. Although the innovation agency is not mentioned in the proposal, its mission is likely to continue in a new format. Its governing board proposed a revamped structure for EIT 2.0 before the Commission proposal was released on July 16.

The exact budget break down between the EIC and innovation ecosystems is not specified, but most of the money is likely to go to the EIC. This will be a major increase for the EIC, which has a budget of €10 billion in the current Horizon Europe.

Pillar 4: research policy

Finally, the pillar funding a common European research policy will have a budget of €16.2 billion, up from just €3.4 billion in the present research programme.

The increase is largely due to research infrastructures funding moving from Pillar 1 to Pillar 4, although it is unclear how much these will eventually receive. In the present programme, research infrastructures had €2.4 billion in funding.

The Widening programme supporting member states that are less active in EU research will also get a boost, from €3 billion to €5.3 billion.

Competitiveness Fund

The next Horizon Europe will be independent on paper, but a large chunk of its Pillar 2 budget will be managed by the new European Competitiveness Fund.

The ECF will have a total budget of €410 billion, including €175 billion for Horizon Europe and €234 billion for all other funding schemes.

The ECF has four priority areas:

- Clean transition and industrial decarbonisation (€26.2 billion + €25.3 billion in Horizon Europe)
- Health, biotechnology, agriculture and the bioeconomy (€20.4 billion + €19.6 billion in Horizon Europe)
- Digital leadership (€51.5 billion + €16.8 billion in Horizon Europe)
- Resilience and security, defence industry and space (€125.2 billion + €6.4 billion in Horizon Europe)

Another €11 billion will go to schemes that are not sector-specific, such as the InvestEU guarantee programme, project advisory, SME collaboration and skills development.

Other International funding

47 Projects Suggested for Funding in DUT Call 2024 (31 July 2025)

Source: Website European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions (DUT) <https://dutpartnership.eu/news/47-projects-suggested-for-funding-in-dut-2024-call/>

47 projects have been selected and suggested for funding in DUT Call 2024. These transnational research and innovation projects gather a variety of actors from 28 countries. Over the next three years, they will collaborate to support cities in their transition towards climate neutrality and resilience.

The third call for proposals of the Driving Urban Transitions (DUT) Partnership was launched in 2024, in collaboration with 39 funding agencies from 29 countries and the European Commission.

The call generated significant interest, attracting 254 applications, which is an increase of 39% compared to the previous year's call. More than 2200 project partners applied for approximately €275 million in the first stage. 110 proposals were invited to the second stage, from which 47 proposals were suggested for funding. This funding suggestion represents a financial commitment of approximately €57 million.

The following projects have been suggested for funding:

ACTIVATE, AQUAalive, AquaSavvy, Beam me up!, Beyond 15-Minutes / B15M, CAMINUP, CitySync, Climate Quilts, CO/ALIGN, CO4HUB, Coop4PEDs, DECODE, ECO, EcoCARE, ESIIE, FAIR, FlexPED, HANGOUT, i-MOBYL, INCLUCity+, LIGHT, LTDE– repBC, META-SETS, MicroMReg, NATURE THRIVES, NextGenMobility, OPRA, PEDAID3, PRISE, REROAD, Resilient Urban NBI, ResSuDSCita, REV:EU, SafePathways, SASMAP-15MC, Scale-UP MAKING PEDs, SCOT-DT, SMART-PEDs, SPATIOTEMPO, STEP-15, STREET-15, T-PATH-UP15, UNSEAL, UrbanBREATH, UrbanSWARM, YOUTH4MOBILITY, YOUTHMOVE15.

More information about the projects will be shared in September.

Read full article here: <https://dutpartnership.eu/news/47-projects-suggested-for-funding-in-dut-2024-call/>

Pre-announcement: New Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership call (30 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-call>



This European call is expected to open for proposals on 15 September. NWO is participating in this programme on sustainable use of the sea in relation to economic activity. Rijkswaterstaat, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature are co-financing this call.

The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) is a European collaboration under Horizon Europe involving 28 countries. Several transnational calls are planned within this partnership. The third call aims to support transnational research and innovation, focusing on five priority areas:

1. Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) at sub-basin scale
2. Transitioning the blue economy sectors, and the development of the coexistence and the marine multi-use infrastructures
3. Climate-Smart Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level
4. Blue Bioresources: sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, and new bio-based products
5. Resilient Coastal Communities and Businesses

More information

Researchers must form a consortium with partners from at least three different participating countries. The list of participating countries can be found on the SBEP website. Here you will also find a tool to search for partners.

Call launch (provisional): 15 September 2025, 15:00 CEST

Deadline submission Pre-proposals 17 November 2025

Deadline submission Full proposals 17 June 2026

Visit the SBEP website: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-call>

EU4Health 2025 annual work programme has been published (23 July 2025)

Source: Website EC https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/2025-eu4health-work-programme_en

Following an 8-month delay **the European Commission has published** https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/2025-eu4health-work-programme_en the EU4H AWP25 last week. The work programme has a total budget of 571 million euro, to be distributed through action grants and procurements amongst others.

We expect the first call for proposals to be published shortly on the website of HaDEA

https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/calls-proposals_en.

Pre-announcement: Water4All call opens on 12 September (22 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-water4all-call-opens-on-12-september>



The European research programme in the area of water is expected to launch its new call: 'Water and Health'. NWO is participating in this call in the area of innovation in the water sector.

Clean water is important for human, animal, and environmental health. In this new round of the European Water4All partnership, 31 countries are coming together to fund research on this important topic. Research proposals must address at least one of the following topics:

1. Waterborne contaminants and health risks: occurrence, behaviour, interactions, and vulnerability
2. Innovative tools and technologies for water quality and exposure monitoring
3. Water treatment and exposure mitigation
4. Governance, socio-economic innovation, and policy integration for water and health

More information

To participate, consortia must consist of partners from at least three of the participating countries. The Water4All website lists the participating countries and allows you to search for partners. **A webinar for interested parties will be held on 25 September from 13:30 to 15:30.**

Tentative timeline

- **Call opening:** 12 September 2025
- **Submission deadline of preproposals:** 13 November 2025, 15:00 CET

- **Selection of preproposals:** End of February 2026
- **Submission deadline of full proposals:** 13 April 2026, 15:00 CEST
- **Selection of funded proposals:** September 2026
- **Projects start:** End 2026/beginning 2027
- **Kick-off meeting of the funded projects:** Spring 2027

Water4All 2025 Joint Transnational Call Pre-Announcement <https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement>

About European Partnerships

The European co-funded partnerships are part of Horizon Europe, the European programme for research and innovation (2021-2027). The partnerships focus on complex societal challenges and aim at real impact. The calls resulting from the European partnerships lead to thematic research.

Weave with NWO as partner agency 2025/2026 (part of Open Competition ENW-M 2025/2026) (22 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026>

NWO acts as partner agency when a Weave-proposal with Dutch co-applicant is submitted to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR) or the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO). Via this page the Dutch co-applicant submits the administrative submission to NWO.

Purpose

As part of the Open Competition ENW-M, researchers from the Netherlands can be involved in a bilateral research proposal that is submitted to DFG, FNR or FWO. Together with partners from Germany, Luxembourg or Flanders they can submit a Weave proposal. This foreign research funder will act as lead agency and is responsible for the scientific evaluation. In such case, NWO will act as partner agency. The bilateral application and the foreign researchers must meet the conditions of the funding instrument designated by DFG, FNR or FWO. The applicant from the Netherlands and the Dutch part of the requested budget must meet the conditions of the call OC ENW-M (the Dutch designated funding instrument).

In a Weave proposal, the **NWO side may apply for the equivalent of an ENW-M-1 proposal**. This means that a maximum of one Dutch applicant and that a maximum of €400,000 may be applied for, from which one temporary scientific position (PhD student (not possible in case of a Weave proposal with DFG*) or postdoc) will be funded in combination with the other available budget modules. The module for Money follows Cooperation is not available in this funding form. Only apply for what is essential to carry out the project.

When to apply

- Applications **with DFG as lead agency and NWO as partner agency** may be submitted to DFG at any time during the period from **7 August 2026 to 31 July 2026**. If a proposal is submitted to DFG, the deadline for submitting the administrative submission to NWO is **five working days after submission to DFG, at 14:00:00 CE(S)T**.
- The deadline for submitting **applications with FNR as lead agency and NWO as partner agency** follows the deadline of the FNR CORE Programme. The exact deadline is at the time of publication of this call not yet known, but is expected to be **in April 2026**. If a proposal is submitted to FNR, the deadline for submitting the administrative submission to **NWO is five working days after submission to FNR, at 14:00:00 CE(S)T**.
- The deadline for **submitting applications with FWO as lead agency and NWO as partner agency** is **1 April 2026, at 17:00:00 CEST**. If an application is submitted to FWO, the deadline for submitting the administrative submission to NWO is **five working days after submission to FWO, at 14:00:00 CE(S)T**.

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026> and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf

NL-CGIAR Senior Expert Programme (SEP) II – round 2 (21 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nl-cgiar-senior-expert-programme-sep-ii-round-2>

The Netherlands (NL) – CGIAR Senior Expert Programme (SEP) aims to advance knowledge and enhance innovation (knowledge use) for global food and nutrition security through enhancing cooperation between the Netherlands and CGIAR. CGIAR is the largest global agricultural research organization.

The call offers senior-level researchers from Dutch knowledge institutions the opportunity to dedicate part of their working time to contribute to one (or more) of the following CGIAR (Science) Programs/Accelerators for 1-3 years: Climate Action; Food Frontiers and Security; Policy Innovation; Scaling for Impact; Capacity Sharing; Digital Transformation; Gender Equality and Inclusion. Call publication is expected towards the end August. An online information and a matchmaking session will take place by the end of September.

Foreseen closing date full application: 20 January 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

Budget: €3,600,000

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nl-cgiar-senior-expert-programme-sep-ii-round-2>

National funding

Twenty-one innovative research projects launched through Open Competition Domain Science-M programme (28 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/twenty-one-innovative-research-projects-launched-through-open-competition-domain-science-m-programme-0>



The NWO Science Board has approved twenty-one grant applications in the Open Competition Domain Science-M programme. The topics vary from mapping the complexity of planetary nebulae and the development of a new type theory, to the effects of nanoplastics on biochemical processes in our bodies and investigation of recovery processes in plants. M-grants are intended for innovative, high-quality, fundamental research and/or studies involving matters of scientific urgency.

Two WUR projects are funded by NWO

- **INTENTION:** Bioplastic derived micro- and nanoparticles affect the developing intestine of infants. *Prof Dr Ir Hans Bouwmeester & Prof Dr Jerry Wells (WUR/WUR)*
- **SuperAssembly:** Tunable high-speed self-assembly at the super-resolution *Dr Uddalok Sen (WUR)*

For overview of applications which have been approved (in alphabetical order, by author):

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/twenty-one-innovative-research-projects-launched-through-open-competition-domain-science-m-programme-0>

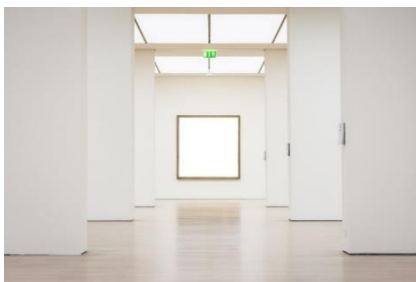
About the NWO Open Competition Domain Science-M

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

In this M-round (package 24-2), a total of 84 grant applications were evaluated, of which 60 M-1 proposals and 24 M-2 proposals. The NWO Science Board decided to award four M-2 proposals and seventeen M-1 proposals

From climate research to street art: sixteen grants awarded to science communication projects (24 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/from-climate-research-to-street-art-sixteen-grants-awarded-to-science-communication-projects>



How do you make complex topics such as climate change or psychiatry understandable? In the Science Communication 2025 call of the Dutch Research Agenda (NWA), sixteen innovative projects have been awarded funding to make science accessible to a wide audience. From participatory podcasts to citizen science at music festivals.

With the WECOM call, the NWA aims to stimulate innovative science communication projects. These are projects that come up with innovative ways to let the general public experience science and to interest new target groups in science. Interaction and collaboration between science and society are central. Another important goal is for the projects to give a broad audience more insight into science and scientific processes.

Funding for the WECOM projects enables professionals from knowledge institutions, museums and public organisations to develop innovative forms of science communication. This brings scientific research and the role of science in society to the attention of the general public. Special attention is paid to target groups that do not automatically come into contact with science.

One of the funded projects is led by WUR:

From V-Formation to Innovation: Digital Twins for Science Communication: *Dr K. de Koning – Wageningen University & Research*

For more information about the funded projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/from-climate-research-to-street-art-sixteen-grants-awarded-to-science-communication-projects>

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Perspectief round 2025-2026 (24 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026>

NWO Domain AES invites researchers and users (companies, societal organisations) to jointly submit new, challenging research projects within the application-oriented and technical sciences that generate economic and social impact in thematic areas relevant to the Netherlands.

When to apply

- Online information session: Tuesday September 2nd, 2025 – 15:00-16:00, registration via ttw-perspectief@nwo.nl
- Submission of statement of intent: Tuesday October 7th, 2025 - 14:00:00 CEST
- Submission of pre-proposal: Tuesday November 25th, 2025 - 14:00:00 CET
- Submission of proposal: Tuesday May 19th, 2026 - 14:00:00 CEST

For more information and all the forms: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026>

Download call for proposals here: https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf

Pre-announcement: New round Open Competition Domain Science – M (23 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-round-open-competition-domain-science-m>

Soon the new round of the Open Competition Domain Science - M will open. In this new round, researchers can submit research proposals for non-programmed, curiosity-driven and fundamental research, individually or in collaboration.

This funding instrument is open to proposals with a research question in or overlapping the fields of earth sciences, astronomy, chemistry, computer science, life sciences, physics and mathematics. A number of adjustments have been made within this round, read more about them below.

Opening and budget

The new round of the Open Competition ENW-M (2025-2026) will open on August 7, 2025. A total of 40 million euros in funding is available for the projects to be assessed by NWO. In addition, 11 million euros of funding is available for allocations of projects from Dutch co-applicants assessed via the Weave principle by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), the Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR) or the Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – Vlaanderen (FWO).

Weave pilot expanded to include Luxembourg

The FNR and NWO signed a Statement of Intent in March 2017 agreeing to support bilateral projects between researchers in the Netherlands and Luxembourg. This collaboration with researchers from Luxembourg used to be embedded in the Open Competition starting with new round, the Open Competition ENW-M has been integrated within the Weave pilot. As a result, it is now also possible to submit a bilateral application to the FNR where FNR is the lead agency.

NWO is not an official partner within the Weave consortium yet. To this end, NWO is conducting the same pilot with partners from Germany, Luxembourg and Flanders within this Call for proposals. NWO has agreements with the DFG in Germany, with the FNR in Luxembourg and with the FWO on funding bilateral projects according to the lead agency principle. Bilateral cooperation with one or more German, Luxembourg or Flemish researchers is possible by submitting a Weave application to DFG, FNR, FWO or NWO. Projects with partners from more than two countries, involving three or four research funders, are excluded for the time being.

Want to know more about WEAVE? Then check out the **WEAVE information page**

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-enw/weave-research-funding-for-international-collaboration>.

Purpose

Open Competition ENW-M grants are intended for curiosity-driven and fundamental scientific research with impact. The ENW-M grants offer researchers the opportunity and freedom to start and/or strengthen excellent, challenging and innovative (mono disciplinary, multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary) lines of research. There are several categories of ENW-M grants: ENW-M-1 (1 scientific position), ENW-M-1X (1 scientific position plus investment), ENW-M-1-WEAVE/LUX (1 scientific position in the Netherlands in collaboration with Germany, Flandres or Luxembourg) and ENW-M-2 (2 scientific positions in collaboration) that are evaluated in competition with each other.

In the current call, the following changes have been made in the assessment criteria and budget modules:

- the wording of the original assessment criterion 2 (Scientific and/or societal impact) the weighting factors of the slightly adjusted assessment criteria have been brought more in line with the wording of the ENW-XL Open Competition and the Talent Line;
- changes have been made to the budget modules

More information

For more information about Open Competition ENW, visit the **programme**

page <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-enw> and **funding page**

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-m-2025/2026>. In addition, NWO will soon announce more information about this call through the NWO website, NWO newsletter and NWO social media channels.

Call Open: Science for policy (NWA) (23 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-science-for-policy-nwa>



The NWA Call ‘Science for policy’ is open for applications. This Call focuses on promoting the use of knowledge from research by government organisations and improving interaction and cooperation between researchers and policy officers.

Knowledge from research is an important building block for effective and reliable policy. However, practice shows that the systematic use of existing knowledge from research by policy and the generation of new knowledge for policy is not self-evident. This NWA programme aims to contribute to improved interaction between knowledge and policy. The following ministries are involved in this Call as co-funders: **Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, Ministry of Justice and Security, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, Ministry of Housing and Spatial Planning.**

Purpose of the Call

The purpose of this NWA programme is to explore how knowledge from research can be optimally deployed by the government. This helps to better understand complex societal issues, to tackle them more effectively and efficiently, and to learn from this deployment. For this purpose, current and possible new forms of interaction between the worlds of knowledge and policy are examined. It also examines how these forms of cooperation can be strengthened and what this should yield: better utilisable knowledge and better knowledge utilisation.

The insights and action perspectives needed to achieve these goals are developed and tested in co-creation in the departmental policy labs. In this physical research environment, different parties (knowledge institutions, governments and civil society organisations) work together on a current departmental policy dossier.

For more information about the co-creation labs: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-science-for-policy-nwa>

View call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/science-for-policy> and <https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20NWA%20Science%20for%20policy%20ENG.pdf>

Workshops

Three collaborative workshops will take place prior to the submission of an application. The three workshops will take place on **16 September, 30 September and 14 October.**

To act as lead applicant in this Call for proposals, a prospective lead applicant (or their substitute) must have participated in all three collaborative workshops. If a participant substitutes, he/she will notify NWO by email (NWAScienceforpolicy@nwo.nl), preferably one working day before the relevant workshop.

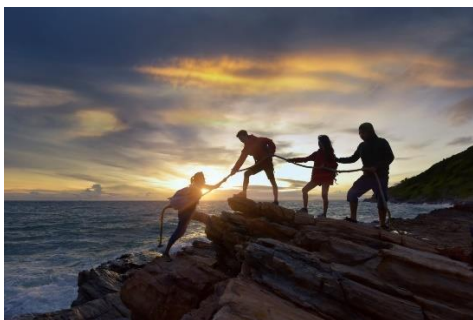
- The deadline for **registering for the collaborative workshops is 28 August 2025**, before 14:00:00 CEST.

Budget and deadline

The maximum budget to be applied for is **€4,630,000 million**. A maximum of one application will be awarded within this Call for proposals. The deadline for submitting applications is **Tuesday 24 March 2026, before 14:00:00 CET.**

Three projects awarded for research on Values in Transition(s) (22 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/three-projects-awarded-for-research-on-values-in-transitions>



Funding has been awarded to three projects under the KIC Mission call 'Values in Transition(s)'. Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary consortia of knowledge institutions, private and public partners will research the role and dynamics of values in transitions. The knowledge and insights they gain will help accelerate, scale up and make transitions much more inclusive, resulting in broad prosperity and multi-value creation.

Values are general principles, beliefs and motivations that guide action. These include values such as 'health', 'sincerity', 'security', 'happiness', 'privacy' and 'energy justice'. Values are often complex, multi-interpretable and context-dependent. Moreover, specific values may decrease or increase in importance as a transition progresses. This makes it difficult to take values into account in transitions. Nevertheless, it is important to base transitions on values and on the heterogeneity in society. Research into the dynamics and role of values in transitions and how to interact with values increases the chances of successful transitions and thus creating broad welfare and societal earning power.

For more information about the awarded projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/three-projects-awarded-for-research-on-values-in-transitions>

NWO Talent Programme Vidi - Health Research and Development (ZonMw) 2025 (22 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-health-research-and-development-zonmw-2025>

Vidi is an instrument within the NWO Talent Programme. The Vidi target group consists of researchers who are in the transition to leadership. They also possess academic qualities that clearly exceed what is usual and demonstrate development of leadership and mentoring qualities. The Vidi grant funds scientifically innovative research and gives researchers the opportunity to establish or expand a research group.

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Purpose

The aim of the NWO Talent Programme is to provide creative space for adventurous, talented, pioneering researchers to do research of their choice, develop their own line of research and further develop their talent.

When to apply

- The deadline for submitting preproposals is **4 november 2025**, before 14:00:00 CET.
- The deadline for submitting full proposals is **9 april 2026**, before 14:00:00 CEST.

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-health-research-and-development-zonmw-2025>

Over 45 million euros for sustainable industry with green hydrogen (22 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/over-45-million-euros-for-sustainable-industry-with-green-hydrogen>



NWO and the National Growth Fund programme GroenvermogenNL are awarding this substantial amount to the HyCARB project led by TNO. This project is the result of the call “Hydrogen and green electrons for carbon-based chemistry”.

The chemical industry is one of the largest users of fossil raw materials such as oil and natural gas and accounts for a significant share of global CO₂ emissions. To help the Dutch chemical industry become more sustainable and thus remain competitive in the future, a more sustainable form of energy is needed. This involves sustainably produced hydrogen and electrons.

Martijn de Graaff, project leader at HyCARB, agrees: "With this project, we are working on the future of the industry by developing innovative and competitive chemical processes and value chains. We focus on producing fuels and materials from industrial waste gases and CO₂ through the use of sustainable energy and hydrogen. This makes the project a perfect fit with the ambitions of the GroenvermogenNL programme. The partners in the project, consisting of knowledge institutions, large companies, start-ups and scale-ups, aim to deliver internationally renowned results, such as new integrated hydrogenation processes, CO₂ electrolyzers and electrified high-temperature reactors. In addition, a great deal of attention is being paid to analytical equipment and skills, as well as to building knowledge and experience among the next generation. Ultimately, our ambition is to ensure that the Netherlands achieves a leading global position in the field of circular carbon and hydrogen technology.

About the call

The call “Hydrogen and green electrons for carbon-based chemistry” originates from the National Growth Fund (NGF). The NGF programme GroenvermogenNL and NWO are funding this project with €35.3 million. Co-funding will provide the consortium with over €10.3 million for a total investment of €45.7 million.

The consortium behind HyCARB was formed during two intensive workshops in which all parties came together to draw up a single proposal. HyCARB is a collaboration between nine universities, five universities of applied sciences (UAS), three research institutes and thirty companies.

WUR is one of the consortium partners

For more information about HyCARB project: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/over-45-million-euros-for-sustainable-industry-with-green-hydrogen>

New call for proposals to advance microplastics research 922 July 2025)

Source: Website ZonMw <https://www.zonmw.nl/en/news/new-call-proposals-advance-microplastics-research>

Today, the call for proposals Microplastics & Health - Continuation MOMENTUM-NL opens. ZonMw invites the MOMENTUM-NL cluster to submit a proposal for continued research into the health effects of microplastics. The research should generate actionable insights to reduce the health risks and support the development of effective interventions.



The goal of the call for proposals is to generate actionable knowledge on how micro- and nanoplastic particles (MNP) affect human health and how exposure can be reduced. **The new project** will build on existing research and focus on **5 key areas**: contamination pathways, health effects, microbial risks, risk assessment, and interventions. These areas are based on a broad assessment of needs, carried out by ZonMw as part of the current update of the knowledge agenda.

Call for proposals on invitation

The € 2.26 million call for proposals is by invitation only and directed to **Prof. Juliette Legler University Utrecht**, who leads the MOMENTUM-NL cluster. Within this cluster, **the MOMENTUM consortium**

<https://projecten.zonmw.nl/en/project/microplastics-health-expanding-momentum-momentum-20> and **7 breakthrough projects** <https://www.zonmw.nl/en/article/discover-microplastics-research> work together.

So ZonMw invites prof. dr. ir. J. (Juliette) Legler **to initiate and submit a single grant application** as main applicant on behalf of the ongoing research projects* in the **ZonMw Microplastics & Health programme**. **The partners in MOMENTUM-NL will form a new consortium, which may include both current and new partners.** (**Note PJ**: Wageningen University is partner in current consortium).

Deadline for submitting a detailed grant application: 30 September 2025. 14.00 CEST

View the call for proposals: <https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidy/microplastics-health-continuation-momentum-nl>

For more information: <https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidy/microplastics-health-continuation-momentum-nl#orientate-who>

Thirteen researchers expand their horizons (21 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/thirteen-researchers-expand-their-horizons>



As many as thirteen talented and recently promoted scientists will have the opportunity to gain valuable research experience abroad. The Rubicon round organized by NWO had a budget of 3,1 million euros.

The thirteen honoured projects vary greatly. While W. Liu will research how to prevent catastrophic collapse of pressurized shell structures, J. Verhoef will contribute to malaria control efforts in the United Kingdom. Similar to the rest of the honoured projects the aforementioned research topics have something in common, the impact they will make.

Two WUR researcher are granted

Erosional Mechanisms in Permafrost and Ice-Rich Environments (EMPIRE): Dr. S.I. de Lange-> Wageningen University -> Canada -> Simon Fraser University, Department of Environmental Sciences -> 24 months.

Scavengers as nutrient transmitters through ecosystems: Dr. E. Wenting -> Wageningen University & Research -> Spain -> Biodiversity Research Institute (IMIB) – Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) -> 24 months

Read the public summaries of the thirteen awarded projects here:

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/rubicon/awarded-grants/awarded-rubicon-grants-2025>

Destinations and duration of research

Seven of the thirteen researchers will spend 24 months in the United States. The remaining researchers will travel to the United Kingdom, Spain, Switzerland, Canada and Sweden. With the exception of one researcher, everyone will be leaving for 24 months.

Features of the Rubicon programme

Thanks to the Rubicon grant these young researchers have the opportunity to conduct their research at a foreign institute that provides the best environment for their work. The size of the grant depends on the chosen destination and the duration of the stay. Each year, NWO and ZonMw fund around 60 young researchers with the help of the Rubicon

program with a total amount of 9 million euros distributed over three rounds). The projects featured in this news are awarded in the first round of 2025.

Read full issue here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/thirteen-researchers-expand-their-horizons>

Foreseen call: Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy (21 July 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: 29 January 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

Disclaimer

The information and the expected opening date are subject to change. NWO may also decide to discontinue preparations. Only after approval of a call by the NWO Governing Board will the final call texts be published on our website and in the Government Gazette. The texts from the call for proposals are leading at all times.

SSH Open Competition L 2025 (21 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025>

The SSH Open Competition L funding instrument is open to research proposals with a research question and/or problem definition within the social sciences and humanities. Within this field the instrument has no further thematic limitations and in principle the applicant is free to choose the desired form of funding. The instrument is aimed at excellent disciplinary, interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research. This certainly also includes fundamental scientific research.

Purpose

The SSH Open Competition L funding instrument (hereinafter: SSH OC L) for thematically free research focuses on research projects with a primary social and/or humanities research question. Proposals with an interdisciplinary or cross-domain character can also be submitted to this instrument, provided they contain a clear social and/or humanities component.

When to apply

- The pre-proposal deadline is **9 September 2025**, at 14:00:00 CEST.
- The full proposal deadline is **3 February 2026**, at 14:00:00 CET.
- The deadline for submitting a request for review of (foreign) organisations (see section 3.1 and section 7.1.1 in the Call for Proposals) is **Tuesday 26 August 2025**, by 14:00:00 CEST.

For more information about the call: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025> and <https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf>

KIC Biochemical diversity (21 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-biochemical-diversity>

This Call for proposals focuses on increasing the sustainability of production processes by developing and refining key enabling technologies. This will involve expanding and improving the sustainability of production processes by exploring the vast range of biochemical substances and biochemical pathways in nature and making them accessible for production processes.

Purpose

The increasing pressure on natural resources due to the rapidly growing global population necessitates fundamental changes to production processes to ensure the continued viability of life on our planet. This Call for proposals focuses on increasing the sustainability of production processes by developing and refining key enabling technologies. This will involve expanding and improving sustainable production processes by exploring the vast range of biochemical substances and biochemical pathways in nature and making them accessible for production processes. The many biochemical substances and processes in nature offer opportunities to achieve this objective. However, the existing technological capabilities are insufficient to effectively explore, analyse and utilise that diversity. This Call for proposals therefore focuses not just on knowledge development, but first and foremost on developing and refining technologies that facilitate the exploration, analysis and application of biochemical diversity.

Closing date full application: 12 February 2026 14:00 hrs.

For more information about the call: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-biochemical-diversity> and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20Biochem%20div_Call%20for%20proposals_EN.pdf

Foreseen call: KIC Collaborative business models for a circular economy (21 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-collaborative-business-models-for-a-circular-economy>

The transition to a circular economy requires new forms of collaboration between organisations within and around a production chain. This call for proposals aims at research on collaborative business models for circular partnerships which guarantee a fair and future-proof division of investments, returns, and risks between parties. The creation of value on multiple levels is crucial here, as well as knowledge on how activities, sub-services, or social innovations, which do not directly lead to economic profit, can be valued.

For the financing of collaborative business models, too, the perspective needs to tip from individual organisations to circular partnerships. This can be achieved by developing new financing instruments, exploring alternative ways of financing, or by seeking flexibility within existing instruments.

Foreseen Closing date full application: 14 May 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

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Foreseen call: KIC Adaptability in transitions (21 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-adaptability-in-transitions>

Mission-driven innovation for transitions takes place in a dynamic, complex context. In order not to delay transitions and preferably to accelerate them, the ability to adapt is required of systems and organisations as well as of the people involved. Adaptability contributes to the necessary resilience against disruptions, responding to opportunities, stimulating innovation and achieving long-term goals. There is insufficient knowledge about how to increase adaptability and utilise it for sustainable transitions.

This call therefore aims to finance research that looks at adaptability **in three concrete transition contexts: transition of the food system, transition to sustainable mobility and transition of the energy system in the built environment.**

Foreseen Closing date full application: 2 June 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

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Foreseen call: KIC Digital Twinning: multidisciplinary simulation for deep and actual insights (21 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-digital-twinning-multidisciplinary-simulation-for-deep-and-actual-insights>

Digital Twins are of crucial importance because they enable both public and private organisations to better understand the inner workings of their processes and how these processes can be optimised. Through simulations, Digital Twins yield insight into how current methods can be improved, which leads to increased productivity and more efficient decisionmaking. Unique in this is that Digital Twins do not only have the capability to simulate, but also to autonomously adjust themselves on the basis of real-time data. This call for proposals stimulates interdisciplinary research into the development and adoption of Digital Twins through public-private consortia.

Foreseen Closing date full application: 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

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Foreseen call: KIC - Early detection and impact forecasting of (threatening) infectious diseases outbreaks (21 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-early-detection-and-impact-forecasting-of-threatening-infectious-diseases-outbreaks>

Viral, bacterial and fungal infectious diseases, including zoonoses, pose an increasing threat to public health. This threat is further amplified by climate change, globalization, an increasing population density and the global rise in antimicrobial resistance, which facilitate the spread of infectious diseases. Moreover, infectious disease outbreaks, such as COVID-19, disproportionally affect individuals with a low socioeconomic status, increasing health inequalities. The program focuses on how early detection and AI-driven surveillance can be optimally integrated to monitor and control outbreaks of infectious diseases, and to predict their impact. The development of therapies and vaccines is outside the scope of this program.

Foreseen Closing date full application: 16 June 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

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Foreseen call: KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food (21 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-ai-for-agriculture-horticulture-water-and-food>

More and more large and complex datasets are being generated (automatically) in the agriculture, horticulture, water, and food sectors. Artificial intelligence (AI) can recognise patterns in such datasets. This enables complicated issues to be addressed, which can lead to accelerated innovations and further optimization in these sectors. This KIC call therefore aims to stimulate the application and expansion of AI methods in the agriculture, horticulture, water, and food sectors, thereby contributing to finding solutions to urgent societal challenges.

Foreseen Closing date full application: 29 September 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

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Foreseen call: Large Scale Research Infrastructure (LSRI) - National Roadmap consortia 2026 (21 July 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/large-scale-research-infrastructure-lsri-national-roadmap-consortia-2026>

This call concerns the first funding round for the National Roadmap for Large-Scale Research Infrastructure 2026 (in progress). Only Roadmap consortia mentioned in the Roadmap 2026 will be given the opportunity to apply for funding for the realization of their LSRI-plans.

Foreseen Closing date full application: 28 February 2027 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

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Regional funding

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

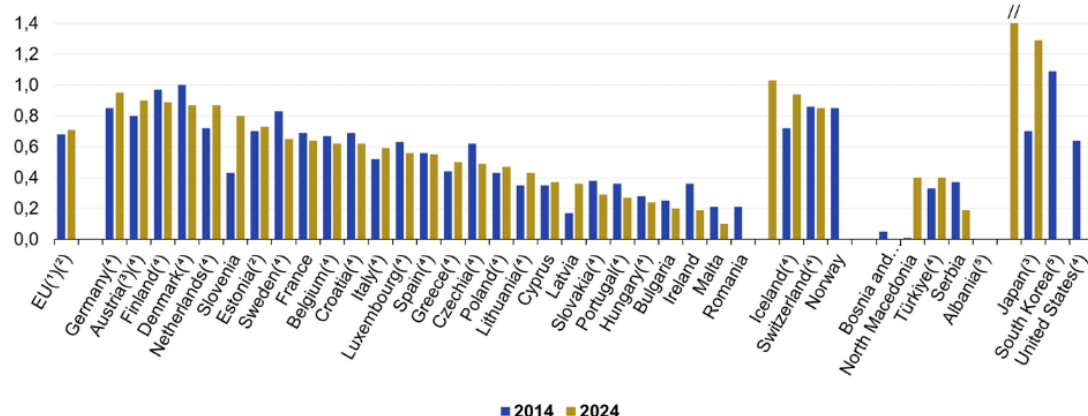
European Policy

EU records 59.5% rise in R&D allocations over ten years, study shows (31 July 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/eu-budget/eu-records-595-rise-rd-allocations-over-ten-years-study-shows>

Luxembourg invests most in R&D per capita, followed by Denmark and the Netherlands

Government budget allocations for R&D, 2014 - 2024
(% of GDP)



Government budget allocations for R&D in 2014 and 2024 (% of GDP). Source: Eurostat

From 2014 to 2024, national budget allocations for R&D increased by 59.5% across the EU's present members to an estimated €127,916 million, according to data from Eurostat. Year-on-year, this represents an increase of 3.4%.

Germany invests the most in R&D, with provisional budget allocations of €44,918 million in 2024, or 35% of the total EU. France, Italy and the Netherlands follow at a distance, with allocations of €18,924 million, €13,502 million and €9,737 million respectively last year.

Substantial increases over the decade can be seen in Latvia, which more than tripled its budget allocations for R&D from €38.2 million in 2014 to €147.7 million in 2024, and in Slovenia, which moved from €161.3 million to €584.7 million. Lithuania, Poland, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Estonia and Malta more than doubled their R&D budget allocations. However, in absolute terms they remain among the lowest across the EU.

Eurostat also looked at the budget allocations for R&D per person, which at the EU level rose by 57% from 2014 levels to €284.7 in 2024. That year, the highest amounts were recorded in Luxembourg with €759.2, followed by Denmark with €586.8 and the Netherlands with €542.7. At the other end of the scale were Romania at €19.1, Bulgaria at €38.3 and Hungary at €58.7.

Looking at the socioeconomic objectives of the R&D supported, **a large part was directed to the general advancement of knowledge, with 35.7% going to general university funds.** Meanwhile, 9.4% of the budget

allocations went to industrial production and technology, 7% to health, and 6.1% to the exploration and exploitation of space.

Overall, provisional budget allocations for 2024 represented 0.71% of the EU's GDP, against 0.68% in 2014, the Eurostat data show. The figure increased for 11 EU member states, was stable for Spain and declined for the rest of the EU governments, particularly Ireland, Czechia and Denmark.

Although the provisional budget allocations refer to budget provisions and not actual expenditure, the EU still has a long way to go to reach its target of spending 3% of its GDP in R&D. As of now, it averages around 2.3%.

Brussels News concerning MFF and clean and green transitions (30 July 2025)

Source: *Linked-in Post Kurt Vandenberghe: Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General Climate Action (DG CLIMA)* <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7351970181553766402/>

This week's top story in Brussels has been the mammoth task of proposing an EU budget. On Wednesday, the Commission presented its much-anticipated proposal for the so-called Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2028–2034. Clean and green transition features prominently, with the proposal setting a 35% spending target for climate and environment – adding up to over €700 billion.

But it's not just this headline target that matters, it's the reforms throughout the budget to ensure our money is better spent. We are proposing to apply the 'Do No Significant Harm' principle across the entire EU budget to ensure EU funding cannot run counter to our climate and environmental goals. Equally, the 'climate resilience by design' principle will be applied for the first time to EU funding, to protect both people and investments from the increasingly devastating impacts of climate change. This critical shift will ensure that money is being spent in a way that is resilient to our changing climate.

After last week's informal meeting of environment and climate ministers in Denmark, on Monday I presented the European Climate Law amendment proposal to the European Parliament's Environment Committee and exchanged views with key MEPs and political groups on their initial reactions to the proposed 2040 target. And I had the opportunity to reply to many questions and comments from Member States' delegations on Wednesday. As one minister said at last week's informal council in Aalborg: deep down, we all know that agreeing to a 90% emission reduction target by 2040 is the necessary and right thing to do, but we need to assure citizens of our ability to implement it responsibly. Public and social acceptability is indeed key; the best way to get that is to show that acting for the climate will sustain our prosperity, grow our competitiveness and safeguard people's livelihoods.

Our international outreach this week was focused on China, where EVP **Teresa Ribera**, Commissioner **Wopke Hoekstra**, Commissioner **Jessika Roswall** and Commissioner Dan Jørgensen, attended the High-Level Environment and Climate Dialogue. We will continue our cooperation on climate action, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to staying the course on their respective and common agendas. It will now be important that the EU and China present ambitious NDCs before COP30 and cooperate for stability and ambition in the framework of the multilateral system.

While we are deeply focused on our mission of promoting climate action, it is always worthwhile to stop and remember why we are doing this. On Tuesday, the third annual EU Day for the Victims of the Global Climate Crisis was therefore marked with commemorations across the EU, and a high-level ceremony in Brussels.

Farmers will receive less money from the EU from 2028. But the consequences may vary from country to country (24 July 2025)

Source: *Website Trouw* <https://www.trouw.nl/duurzaamheid-economie/boeren-krijgen-vanaf-2028-minder-geld-van-de-eu-maar-de-gevolgen-kunnen-per-land-verschillen~b3822adf/>

The European agricultural subsidy system is undergoing a major overhaul. While there will soon be less guaranteed EU funding for farmers, member states will still have the freedom to allocate additional budgets to agriculture themselves. This is leading to considerable criticism: will the level playing field still be the same for all farmers?

Will farmers receive more or less funding from the EU's large common agricultural fund starting in 2028? And will this primarily be flat income support, or should it also be offset by climate and biodiversity performance? The debate on these major issues finally ignited last week.

The European Commission – the Union's executive branch – presented its budget for the period 2028 to 2035, including a proposal to drastically reform the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). The Commission intends to prioritize defense and economic development in the coming years. Moreover, EU officials want a flexible budget that allows for rapid shifting of billions, given the uncertain geopolitical situation.

Therefore, it was even questionable whether the CAP – traditionally the EU's largest budget item – would survive at all. Largely, it turned out, it would. "We don't want a revolution, but an evolution," said European Commissioner for Agriculture Christophe Hansen. The European Union will allocate €300 billion in subsidies to farmers in the next seven-year cycle. While still substantial, this is still over 20 percent less than the €387 billion in the current period.

Countries can increase their agricultural budgets.

Nevertheless, according to Hansen, farmers' incomes will remain stable. That €300 billion is a kind of fixed minimum. Starting in 2028, the CAP will be part of a new, larger fund totaling €865 billion. The remaining €565 billion could also be spent on agriculture. But that's not necessary: Member States are free to submit their own plans. And those could just as easily concern innovation, migration, or education.

The European Commission's plans are facing considerable resistance, both from farmers' organizations and in the European Parliament. Opponents fear not only the reduction itself, but also that it will lead to inequality between farmers in different EU member states. Countries can choose to allocate a large or small portion of the flexible budget to European agricultural subsidies.

"This means the Common Agricultural Policy is losing its commonality," said **Ger Koopmans**, chairman of the farmers' organization LTO, in an initial statement last week. "While farmers and growers operate within a common European market."

"The stability of the European Union is at stake," said SGP **Member of the European Parliament Bert-Jan Ruissen** during the presentation of Hansen's plans. He predicts that the objectives of the CAP, such as food security and a stable income for farmers, will be jeopardized. "Won't they become a dead letter if we incorporate agriculture into some kind of broad, joint fund? Farmers will just have to wait and see what their member state comes up with."

No level playing field now either

Agricultural economist Petra Berkhout of Wageningen University (WUR) doubts whether this inequality will worsen to such an extent. "The common EU market is not at stake. And regarding financing, there are quite strict frameworks. Member states will always have to comply with rules to prevent them from granting unauthorized state aid to farmers."

Even now, countries have some say in how they distribute CAP money, Berkhout emphasizes. The situation in different EU countries is never really the same. The Netherlands has good agricultural land, a favorable climate, and good research institutes. But it also has high land prices and problems with nitrogen and water quality.

Read full article here: <https://www.trouw.nl/duurzaamheid-economie/boeren-krijgen-vanaf-2028-minder-geld-van-de-eu-maar-de-gevolgen-kunnen-per-land-verschillen-b3822adf/> (in Dutch)

25th EU-China summit - EU press release (24 July 2025)

Source: Website EC https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1901

The European Union (EU) and China held their 25th Summit in Beijing on 24 July 2025. The President of the European Council, António Costa, and the President of the European Commission, Ursula **von der Leyen**, met with China's President, Xi Jinping, followed by a meeting with Premier Li Qiang. The High Representative of the EU for Foreign and Security Policy, Kaja **Kallas**, also participated in the meetings.

The Summit marked the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the European Union and the People's Republic of China. It was the opportunity for leaders to discuss the bilateral relationship in all its aspects, as well as global and geopolitical issues.

The EU underlined the importance it continues to attach to this relationship and reiterated its commitment to deepen engagement with China, and enhance cooperation to address joint global challenges such as climate change. The EU stressed that deepened engagement must lead to concrete progress on issues of joint interest and more productive work towards a balanced and mutually beneficial economic relationship, built on fairness and reciprocity.

The leaders agreed that the EU and China have the shared responsibility to uphold the international rules-based order and to tackle global challenges. They reiterated their commitment to work together to safeguard multilateralism. The leaders discussed Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. The EU underlined that this war of aggression is not only an existential threat to Ukraine, but also to global security. The EU reiterated that, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, China bears special responsibility to uphold the rules-based international order, the UN Charter and international law. Russia's invasion of Ukraine is a clear case of their violation. The EU repeated its calls on China not to provide any material support which sustains Russia's military-industrial base. The EU encouraged China to use its influence to support a just and lasting peace in Ukraine, based on the principles of the UN Charter. The EU underscored that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's supply of troops and arms in support to Russia's war in Ukraine poses considerable risks to security in Europe as well as East Asia.

The EU and China are major trading partners. In 2024, the bilateral trade relationship was worth €730 billion. However, current trade relations remain critically unbalanced, with the trade deficit in goods reaching €305 billion. The EU raised its concerns about ongoing systemic distortions and growing manufacturing overcapacity, both of which exacerbate an uneven playing field. Similarly, the EU reiterated its call for progress on longstanding market access issues and recalled that Chinese investments in Europe must contribute to the EU's long-term competitiveness, technological progress and quality job creation.

The EU remains ready to continue to engage in constructive dialogue to find negotiated solutions. As long as this is not the case, the EU will take proportionate, legally compliant action to protect its rightful interests. The EU expressed its expectation that China takes concrete action on EU firms' access to China's market in priority areas such as meat, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. The EU insisted on the need for China to put an end to unjustified and retaliatory trade defence cases and measures on EU exports of brandy, pork and dairy. The EU highlighted the negative impact of export controls on rare earths and permanent magnets introduced by China and urged China to lift these restrictions.

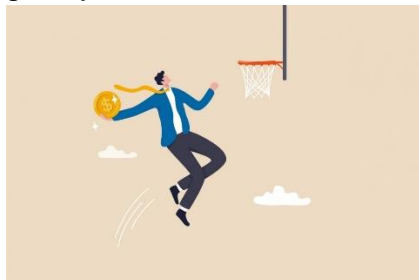
Leaders welcomed the positive and productive bilateral cooperation on climate change, built on close engagement both bilaterally and in international fora. **They agreed that the EU and China must lead global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions including at COP30.** Underlining this commitment, the two sides **agreed a Joint Press Statement on Climate Change.** The EU's share of global emissions has dropped to 6% and the EU reaffirmed its determination to reduce it even further, to 4%, by 2030. The EU encouraged China to propose an ambitious plan for its emission reductions up to 2035, and to step up its international finance contributions, commensurate with its size and global responsibility. **The EU invited China to join the Global Methane Pledge and to contribute to the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework. Both sides agreed to cooperate on achieving an ambitious and balanced international treaty on plastic pollution.**

Read full Press release here: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1901

Commission presents long-awaited Competitiveness Fund: Europe's new trump card (18 July 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://neth-er.eu/onderzoek/commissie-presenteert-langverwacht-concurrentiefonds-de-nieuwe-troefkaart-van-europa>

Four strategic priorities, a single rulebook, a budget of €234.3 billion, and a strong link to the next framework program: that's the new European Competitiveness Fund (ECF). The ECF should be able to invest in strategic technologies throughout the entire investment journey. With this, the Commission aims to strengthen the EU's global position.



Europe Enters the Competition

It's finally here: the European Competitiveness Fund https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/5b4f2a81-9a99-47ad-9ee5-68d64cd98a62_en?filename=COM_2025_555_1_EN_ACT_part1_v6.pdf. As a new component of the next Multiannual Financial Framework, the fund should be able to finance **the entire investment journey of a project or technology**: from design phase to scaling up and commercialization. The Commission intends to allocate a **budget of €234.3 billion** for this purpose. Together with the Innovation Fund and Horizon Europe, the fund forms the **Competitiveness Fund budget**. The ECF combines various existing funds such as Digital Europe, EU4Health, and the European Defence Fund, thus contributing to the long-cherished desire for simplification. It will contain a single rulebook for the grant application processes. However, this rulebook is not yet available. In addition, the Commission will establish a Strategic Stakeholder Advisory Board to advise on the program's direction.

Four in a Row

The fund is structured around four strategic priorities:

- **Clean transition and decarbonization**; €26.2 billion
- **Health, biotech, agriculture and the bioeconomy**; €20.4 billion
- **Digital transition**; €51.5 billion
- **Defense and space**. €125.2 billion

Of the total budget, €11 billion will be allocated flexibly. Part of this will also go towards skills development. The four strategic priorities will receive €26.2 billion, €20.4 billion, €51.5 billion, and €125.2 billion, respectively. The Clean Transition component will receive a top-up of approximately €41 billion through the Innovation Fund, but this will be made up of own resources from the Emissions Trade System (ETS). The Horizon program is not an integral part of the ECF, but is strongly linked to it. For example, the priorities within 'Competitiveness' in Pillar II share the same names as the ECF priorities. The single rulebook should provide more clarity on the interaction between the two programs.

Commission focuses on defense

Through the fund, the Commission is strongly committed to defense: more than half of the ECF budget will go to the defense component. Specifically for defense, the Commission is also establishing a Specific Program for Defense Research within the ECF. The exact amount of budget allocated for this is unclear. The Commission is also introducing European Defence Projects of Common Interest, based on the existing Important Projects of Common European Interest. No fewer than two advisory boards will be established for this component: a Space and Defence Advisory Board and a Defence Industrial Advisory Board. In both cases, the Member States will be responsible for appointing members to these advisory boards.

Global policy

National policy

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 31 July 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>)
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)
Destination - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-CARE	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time
Destination - Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-TOOL	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time
Destination - Maintaining an innovative, sustainable, and competitive EU health industry	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-IND	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u>	
<u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u>	
Destination 1: CLIMATE NEUTRAL, CIRCULAR AND DIGITISED PRODUCTION	

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-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 <i>Adaptation to Climate Change Mission</i>	24 September 2025 (<i>HORIZON-MISS-2025-01-CLIMA Adaptation to Climate Change Mission</i>)

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 31 July 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/	Upcoming Biodiversa+ call 2025-2026 Joint Call Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity and connectivity (BiodivConnect) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The call is planned to officially launch on 9 September 2025. A two-step application procedure will be used, with the pre-proposal submission deadline in early November 2025. After a first evaluation of pre-proposals, the deadline for submitting full proposals will be in early April 2026. An information webinar for potential applicants will be held on 11 September 2025, from 13:00 to 15:00 CEST.
European Partnership Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/	NEW: Water4All 2025 Joint Transnational Call Pre-Announcement https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement Tentative timeline Call opening: 12 September 2025 Submission deadline of preproposals: 13 November 2025, 15:00 CET Selection of preproposals: End of February 2026 Submission deadline of full proposals: 13 April 2026, 15:00 CEST Selection of funded proposals: September 2026 Projects start: End 2026/beginning 2027 Kick-off meeting of the funded projects: Spring 2027
European Partnership FutureFoods	https://www.futurefoodpartnership.eu/

https://www.futurefoodspartner ship.eu/	
European Partnership Agroecology https://www.agroecologypartne rship.eu/	
European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://bluepartnership.eu/	<p>NEW: Third Joint Transnational Call for R&I Funding Call launch (provisional): 15 September 2025, 15:00 CEST Deadline submission Pre-proposals 17 November 2025 Deadline submission Full proposals 17 June 2026</p>  <p>https://www.bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call</p>
European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/	<p>Pre-announcement: European funding opportunity for sustainable urban transitions https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-european-funding-opportunity-for-sustainable-urban-transitions-0</p> <p><u>Foreseen timeline and information day</u></p> <p>The foreseen timeline for this call is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 September 2025: stage 1 opening • 9 September 2025: transnational info webinar (online) • 17 November 2025: stage 1 closing (Pre-Proposal submission deadline) • 20 February 2026: stage 2 opening • 23 April 2026: stage 2 closing (Full Proposal submission deadline) • Summer of 2026: decision-making <p>On 9 September 2025 (10:00–13:00) , DUT will host an online information meeting for those who are interested. More information and registration can be found here. NWO and SIA representatives will be available for your questions during a break-out session for The Netherlands.</p>
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/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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/
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Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **31 July 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
02-09-2025	Deadline for knowledge management proposal in Phase II ADM-LAB: Livings Labs for Adaptive Delta Management in Bangladesh . Deadline for submission of a knowledge management proposal in Phase II is Tuesday 2 September 2025, 14:00:00 CEST in ISAAC. eahttps://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/adm-lab-livings-labs-for-adaptive-delta-management-in-bangladesh and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ADM-LAB%20Livings%20Labs%20for%20Adaptive%20Delta%20Management%20in%20Bangladesh%20%20call%20for%20proposals%20UK.pdf
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	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	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	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
01-12-2025 until 24 February 2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission proposals for Weave with NWO as partner agency 2025/2026; NWO acts as partner agency when a Weave-proposal with Dutch co-applicant is submitted to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR) or the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) . You can submit your proposal for ENW -M-1 WEAVE proposal with FWO as partner agency at any moment from 1 December 2025 to 24 February 2026 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf
07-12-2025 until 31-07-2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission proposals for Weave with NWO as partner agency 2025/2026; NWO acts as partner agency when a Weave-proposal with Dutch co-applicant is submitted to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR) or the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) . You can submit your proposal at any moment from 7 August 2025 up to and including 31 July 2026, 14:00:00 CEST, with the exception of ENW-M-1-Weave proposals with FWO as partner agency, which may be submitted from 1 December 2025 to 24 February 2026 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf

12-01-2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for <u>full applications</u> for call Biodiversity and agriculture in balance ; this Call for proposals is a collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq . Deadline 12 January 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance
20-01-2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for <u>applications</u> NL-CGIAR Senior Expert Programme (SEP) II – round 2 . Closing date full application 20 January 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nl-cgiar-senior-expert-programme-sep-ii-round-2

National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **31 July 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

Until 31-07-2025	Deadline for submission <u>proposals</u> 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 <u>proposals</u> 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
02-09-2025	Deadline submission for <u>pre-proposals</u> Veni round 2025 . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 2 September 2025, by 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme
09-09-2025	Foreseen deadline for submitting <u>full applications</u> 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: Deadline for submission <u>pre-proposals</u> for Call Open Competition L . The pre-proposal deadline is 9 September 2025, at 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf
11-09-2025	Deadline Submitting <u>Full Proposals</u> 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 <u>full proposals</u> 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 <u>proposals</u> 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 <u>Full Proposals</u> 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	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
16-09-2025	Deadline submission of Research Ideas for NWA call Opportunities and value chains for side streams in the protein transition . The deadline for submitting research ideas is Tuesday 16 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST (The Matchmaking will take place on Thursday 2 October 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. The deadline for submitting a request for review of (foreign) organisations is 13 January 2026 before 14:00:00 CET. EN tekst). https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf
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
30-09-2025	Deadline for submission of full proposal in the the ZonMw Microplastics & Health programme ZonMw invites prof. dr. ir. J. (Juliette) Legler (Utrecht University) – who is leading the collaboration between the ongoing projects – to initiate and submit a single grant application as main applicant on behalf of the ongoing research projects in the ZonMw Microplastics & Health programme . The partners in MOMENTUM-NL will form a new consortium, that may include current and new additional partners. Note PJ: WU is partner in current consortium. Deadline for submitting a detailed grant application: 30 September 2025. 14.00 CEST . https://www.zonmw.nl/en/news/new-call-proposals-advance-microplastics-research and https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidy/microplastics-health-continuation-momentum-nl and https://projecten.zonmw.nl/en/project/microplastics-health-expanding-momentum-momentum-20
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
07-10-2025	NEW: Deadline for submission letter of intent for Perspectief round 2025-2026 . Closing date for letter of intent 7 October 2025 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf
04-11-2025	NEW: Deadline for submission Pre proposals NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2025 . The deadline for submitting preproposals is 4 november 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-health-research-and-development-zonmw-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202025_EN.pdf
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
11-11-2025	Deadline for submission Full proposals for NWO- KIC call Consumer behaviour for a circular system transition . The deadline for proposals is November 11th, 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-

	transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Consumer%20Behaviour.pdf
12-11-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 12 November 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
13-11-2025	Deadline for submission of Full applications Call Cellular Agriculture - towards larger scale and lower cost . Deadline for submitting proposals: 13 November 2025, by 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NGF%20CA%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20EN.pdf
25-11-2025	NEW: Deadline for submission Pre-proposals for Perspectief round 2025-2026 . Closing date for pre-proposals 25 November 2025 14:00 hrs . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf
02-12-2025	Deadline for Full applications call KIC Reducing health inequalities - technology for people in a lower social economic position . Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-socioeconomic-position and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals_Reducing%20health%20inequalities_ENG_finaal_1.pdf
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
02-12-2025	NEW: Foreseen Deadline for submission of letter of intent for Research Infrastructure (RI): national consortia 2025-2026 . Closing date for letter of intent 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.): this Call is coordinated for WUR by CVI Mascha Rasenberg . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026
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
27-01-2026	Deadline submission for Full applications for Veni round 2025 . The deadline for submitting full applications is 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme
27-01-2026	Deadline submission of Full Proposals for NWA call Opportunities and value chains for side streams in the protein transition . The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf
29-01-2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission Full proposals for NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy . Foreseen closing date full application 29 January 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.) . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy
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
03-02-2026	NEW: Deadline submission full proposals for SSH Open Competition L 2025. The full proposal deadline is 3 February 2026, at 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf
10-02-2026	Deadline for submission full proposals NWO-NWA Call Future proof large rivers in the Netherlands. Deadline proposals: 10 February 2026, 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwa-call-future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWA%20Rivieren_ENG_def.pdf
12-02-2026	Deadline for Full applications NWO KIC Call Biochemical diversity. Closing date full application 12 February 2026 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-biochemical-diversity and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20Biochem%20div_Call%20for%20proposals_EN.pdf
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
10-03-2026	Deadline for submission of pre-proposals for KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia – XL The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 10 March 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf
24-03-2026	NEW: Foreseen Deadline for submission of letter of intent for Research Infrastructure (RI): national consortia 2025-2026. Closing date full application 24 March 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.): this call is coordinated for WUR by CVI Mascha Rasenberg. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026
09-04-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Full proposals NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2025. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 9 april 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-health-research-and-development-zonmw-2025
14-04-2026	Foreseen deadline Full proposals NWO-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
14-04-2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission of full proposals KIC Digital Twinning: multidisciplinary simulation for deep and actual insights. Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-digital-twinning-multidisciplinary-simulation-for-deep-and-actual-insights
19-05-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Full applications for Perspectief round 2025-2026. Closing date full application 19 May 2026 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf
02-06-2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission Full proposals for KIC Adaptability in transitions. Foreseen closing date full application 2 June 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-adaptability-in-transitions
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

29-09-2026	NEW: Foreseen Deadline for submission Full proposals KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food . Closing date full application 29 September 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-ai-for-agriculture-horticulture-water-and-food
12-11-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission of Full-proposals for KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia – XL The deadline for submitting full proposals is Thursday 12 November 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf
30-11-2026	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 31 July 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 EFRO 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.
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Eastern Netherlands: For for overview calls go to EFRO Oost https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen
2023-2024	EFRO 2021 – 2027 Western Netherlands: For calls Kansen voor West III https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen/
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Northern Netherlands: For calls Northern Netherlands go to Website SNN https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Southern Netherlands: For calls Southern Netherlands go to website Stimulus https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/
24-02-2025 to 04-04-2025	Foreseen deadline Spring call OP-Zuid 2025: from 24 February 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to April 4, 2025 (until 5 p.m.);
15-09-2025 to 24-10-2025	Foreseen opening Autumn call OP-Zuid 2025: from 15 September, 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to 24 October, 2025 (until 5 p.m.).

About the Wageningen Grant Office

Wageningen Grant Office

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

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

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

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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