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## Latest Funding News

### European Funding News: Horizon Europe

#### ***Draft work programme sets out climate, energy and mobility topics for 2026 and 2027 (4 August 2025)***

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/draft-work-programme-sets-out-climate-energy-and-mobility-topics-2026-and-2027>

**Final years of Horizon Europe to see €3.06 billion released for environment, energy and transport research**



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**The European Commission plans to release €1.76 billion in 2026 and €1.30 billion in 2027 for research projects relating to the climate transition, clean transportation and sustainable energy use and supply, according to the latest version of the Horizon Europe work programme for climate, energy and mobility.**

In 2026, the Commission has earmarked €503.50 million, nearly **a third of the budget, for energy-related topics**. This includes calls for recycling electric vehicle batteries in coordination with India; de-risking renewable fuel technologies; producing lithium from geothermal plants; demonstrating heat upgrade solutions in industrial processes; and supporting the training of artificial intelligence foundation models for data sharing in the energy sector. Researchers who respond to the last call can choose to focus on forecasting, operation of electricity grids, congestion and flexibility management, anomaly detection, predictive maintenance, fault diagnosis or even smart electric vehicle charging.

Also in 2026, the Commission intends to provide €258.00 million for research projects addressing clean and competitive transportation solutions ranging from the large-scale demonstration of heavy-duty battery electric vehicles for long-haul logistics operations to the safety of renewable low-and zero-carbon waterborne fuels.

Another large portion of the estimated budget for 2026, some €209.00 million, will be awarded to proposals dedicated to increasing the competitiveness of renewable energy technologies and improving the resilience of electricity grids.

**Other key topics include: enhancing understanding, modelling and prediction of climate risks for both Europe and Africa; fighting disinformation related to climate change; and assessing the benefits and missed opportunities of climate inaction. According to the draft work programme, these missed opportunities range from health-related gains to economic benefits, such as business and industrial opportunities, job creation, energy and economic security, innovation and lower costs, as well as environmental and social improvements such as biodiversity conservation and reduced inequalities.**

**Moving to 2027**, €294.50 million will be set aside to support researchers looking to speed up the energy transition by demonstrating the conversion of industrial excess heat into electrical power, boosting the circularity of integrated

photovoltaic technologies, and developing automated techniques for building renovation and innovative energy storage technologies.

As in 2026, in 2027 the Commission will finance research projects that **are focused on advancing knowledge of climate change, with calls for proposals on deploying new climate monitoring tools and scenarios, assessing the performance of policy instruments to inform climate mitigation, and better understanding land and ocean carbon sources and sinks.**

Beyond building climate-neutral land and waterborne transportation, scientists will also look at the aviation industry, from developing sustainable aircraft circular design and additive manufacturing to reducing air quality and noise pollution. Finally, a joint call involving other parts of Horizon Europe will be dedicated to supporting the Clean Industrial Deal in both 2026 and 2027.

**For full article:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/draft-work-programme-sets-out-climate-energy-and-mobility-topics-2026-and-2027>

### **Horizon Europe Missions: 30 consortia secure funding under 2024 calls (4 August 2024)**

Source: Website EC [https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/horizon-europe-missions-30-consortia-secure-funding-under-2024-calls-2025-08-01\\_en](https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/horizon-europe-missions-30-consortia-secure-funding-under-2024-calls-2025-08-01_en)



**A total of 30 consortia have signed grant agreements under the latest Horizon Europe Missions calls, contributing to climate adaptation and the restoration of oceans and waters missions. With over €200 million in funding, their projects bring together actors from across Europe to implement innovative, impactful solutions.** 30 out of 32 projects selected under Horizon Europe Missions calls have now turned into grant agreements with the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA).

These projects are set to make a significant impact under two key EU Missions: **Adaptation to Climate Change** and **Restore Our Ocean and Waters by 2030**. They aim to implement innovative actions that build resilience to climate risks and accelerate the health and sustainability of marine and freshwater ecosystems.

The evaluations relied on the assessments of external experts. Successful applicants were invited to sign the contract with CINEA between the months of April and July. Below is the breakdown per call:

- **HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01** – The call, that closed on 18 September 2024, received 79 proposals. 17 out of 19 projects selected have now been signed. The budget distributed as part of this call so far is nearly €113 million.
- **HORIZON-MISS-2024-OCEAN-01** – The call closed on 18 September 2024, receiving a total of 42 project proposals. All seven projects selected have been signed. The total budget distributed in this call is nearly €48 million.
- **HORIZON-MISS-2024-OCEAN-02** – This call, focused on supporting communities of actors working towards the Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030, closed on 1 October 2024 and received 17 proposals. All five projects selected have signed their grant agreements. A total of nearly €54 million will be distributed among the signed projects.
- **HORIZON-MISS-2024-OCEAN-IBA** – One €14 million grant was awarded to support public infrastructure for the European Digital Twin Ocean without a call for proposals. This was because the work required a beneficiary with specific technical competence and high degree of specialisation.

These initiatives are driven by around 500 beneficiaries from 34 countries, representing a wide spectrum of actors including SMEs, research organisations, local authorities, schools, and businesses.

**WUR is partner in around three projects:**

- Fostering Adaptation and Inclusion for Resilient FUTURE (Fair Understanding, Transformation, Urban Resilience and Equity): <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101214343> **WR partner**
- SYSTEMIC TRANSFORMATION TOWARDS LOCAL AND REGIONAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE: <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101212794> **WR partner**
- Safeguarding Migratory Fish and their Habitats in the Danube River Basin and beyond: <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101213836> **WU partner**

**More details on the selected projects, including budget and beneficiaries, are available in the project overview**  
[https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/document/download/d234a6e7-0f07-41c0-a868-bb483e8fa4af\\_en?filename=List-GAPs-signed\\_Missions\\_16x9\\_v3.pdf](https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/document/download/d234a6e7-0f07-41c0-a868-bb483e8fa4af_en?filename=List-GAPs-signed_Missions_16x9_v3.pdf) .

## European Funding News: FP10

### Experts defend ERC from Commission overreach in FP10 (31 July 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/european-research-council/experts-defend-erc-commission-overreach-fp10>

**Brussels think tanks warn that proposed reforms to the European Research Council could undermine scientific excellence**



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**The European Commission's push to exert more control over the European Research Council (ERC) risks undermining one of the EU's most successful scientific institutions, policy experts warn. Founded in 2007, the ERC was created to support ground-breaking, high-risk, high-gain research through an investigator-driven, bottom-up approach.**

In mid-July, the Commission unveiled its proposal for the next research Framework Programme, set to begin in 2028. Among its provisions are changes to the ERC's governance structure, including the introduction of a shorter term for its president, a move that experts argue would lead to more top-down control.

*"It's really difficult to understand why the ERC, which is a success, should need a shorter mandate for its president" said Daniel Gros, director of the Institute for European Policymaking at Bocconi University, in an interview with Science|Business. "That's the dangerous part of the proposal. [...] This is long-term research, and there's absolutely no reason to shorten the mandate. If the idea is to make [the ERC] more responsive to competitiveness issues, that's the worst approach."*

Reinhilde Veugelers, a professor at KU Leuven and a senior fellow at the Bruegel economics think tank, said that the independence of the ERC and its scientific council is "crucial" to ensure that bottom-up research can effectively contribute to the broader EU research system.

Andrea Renda, director of research at the Centre for European Policy Studies, echoed this sentiment, saying that the "ERC should continue to nurture curiosity-driven research."

Although the Commission is proposing to **double the ERC's budget** under the next Framework Programme, Gros questioned the benefit. *"Increasing [the ERC budget] while making it less efficient. . . who really gains from that?"*

#### **Efficient spending**

While the proposed €175 billion budget for the successor to Horizon Europe has been met with cautious optimism by stakeholders, leading policy experts are less concerned with the figure itself. Instead, they say that what truly matters is how the money is spent.

*"There is no ideal figure," Renda told Science|Business. "€175 billion can be sufficient if well spent and with the right governance arrangements." Veugelers agreed, emphasising "effectiveness" in funding over volume and adding that past ambitions have not been met despite increased funding. **What is needed is an alignment between resources and clearly defined outcomes and measurable key performance indicators**, metrics used to evaluate the success and impact of specific goals within a programme.*

Gros echoed that view and warned against the EU's tendency to present impressive figures without ensuring impact. *"The EU often throws around big numbers," he said. But the "size of the budget matters less than its composition."*

#### ***United on governance***

One point of consensus among the experts was concern over the Commission's proposal for joint management of Pillar 2, the part of the research Framework Programme focused on collaborative research addressing global challenges and industrial competitiveness. This is to be overseen by the Commission directorates for research (DG RTD) and industrial policy (DG Grow), reflecting the close connection with the European Competitiveness Fund.

While in reasonable in principle, said Renda, *"the RTD/Grow joint management has not proven very effective and simple in the past."*

Gros was more explicit, saying the structure would not be useful, leading to more confusion. *"DG Grow will be looking more at short-term issues and Pillar 2 is just about [long-term] research. These are research programmes for the next three or four years."* Gros speculated that the proposed structure might serve political purposes more than practical ones: *"It's just a way for the president's cabinet to gain more influence."*

#### ***Divergence on the EIC***

When asked about increased top-down control over the European Innovation Council (EIC) after 2027, experts offered different insights.

While Renda argued that the EIC *"should become more mission-oriented and ARPA-like,"* referring to the US Advanced Research Projects Agencies model, Veugelers disagreed, insisting **the EIC should have bottom-up approach more akin to the ERC.** *"The EIC should be a bottom-up instrument and should not evolve into an ARPA-like body,"* she said.

## Other International funding

### Upcoming call: Senior Expert Programme (SEP) II - round 2 (5 August 2025)

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/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.**

#### Purpose

The overall goal of the Senior Expert Programme (SEP) is advancing knowledge and enhancing innovation (knowledge use) for global food and nutrition security (SDG2) through cooperation between the Netherlands and CGIAR.

The objectives are:

1. Leveraging Dutch knowledge and expertise for performance and impact of selected CGIAR (Science) Programs and Accelerators,
2. Leveraging CGIAR expertise, science and networks for Dutch knowledge institutions,
3. Partnering in research and innovation, cooperating in knowledge sharing and capacity strengthening in areas of mutual interest in CGIAR and Dutch policy on global food and nutrition security.

The deadline for submitting full proposals is 20 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET.

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/senior-expert-programme-sep-ii-round-2> and [https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call\\_for\\_proposals\\_sep\\_ii\\_-\\_round\\_2.pdf](https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sep_ii_-_round_2.pdf)

### Pre-announcement: NWA call on agriculture and biodiversity in Brazilian Cerrado opens mid-September (4 August 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-nwa-call-on-agriculture-and-biodiversity-in-brazilian-cerrado-opens-mid-september>



Biodiversity in the Brazilian Cerrado is under pressure from increasing deforestation for agricultural production. What scenarios and practical solutions can safeguard agricultural production in the Cerrado, protect and promote biodiversity and mitigate climate change? That question is the focus of the new Dutch Research Agenda (NWA) call 'Agriculture and Biodiversity in Balance'.

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**About the call**

The NWA-call 'Balancing Agriculture and Biodiversity' aims to develop strategies that maintain agricultural productivity while preserving biodiversity and mitigating climate change. The initial theme was provided by Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN).

This call involves a collaboration between NWO and Brazilian science funder CNPq. Dutch and Brazilian researchers are encouraged to submit inter- and transdisciplinary applications together with civil society stakeholders for research on balancing agriculture and conservation through sustainable land use solutions. It is vital that these projects address both the environmental and socio-economic aspects of sustainable land use. Project proposals can focus on four themes:

- integrative land use planning;
- agroeconomic, environmental and social impacts of different land use practices;
- developing agricultural systems more resilient to climate change while protecting biodiversity; and;
- the development of governance approaches to support more sustainable land use practices.

**Budget and lead time**

About 3 million euros is available for this call, and 4 multidisciplinary consortia can be funded. **The call is expected to open September 18, 2025.**

**Information meeting**

NWO is organizing a meeting to share information about this NWA call. Interested parties can use the button below to be notified of practical information about the meeting, expected to take place in October 2025.

**Keep an eye on the programme page** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/dutch-research-agenda-nwa/thematic-programming/agriculture-and-biodiversity-in-balance> **for this.**

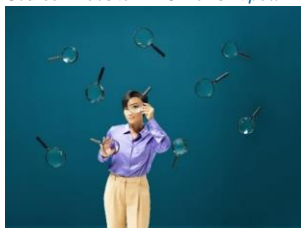
**The Dutch Research Agenda (NWA) programme**

Citizens are at the heart of creating and renewing the Dutch Research Agenda. The link between society and science is a key element of the NWA programme. Governments, researchers, civil society organisations and citizens work together to develop and use knowledge to achieve scientific and societal impact. And through science communication, knowledge is shared in society to increase engagement and trust in science.

## National funding

### **Vidi round 2025 now open for pre-proposals (14 August 2025)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals>



**Talented and creative researchers who are in the stage of transitioning to academic leadership can now apply for a Vidi grant. This funding instrument of the NWO Talent Programme offers person-specific funding. The funding amounts to a maximum of EUR 850,000.**

#### ***Vidi: brief overview***

The Vidi target group consists of researchers who are in the stage of transitioning to academic leadership. The Vidi grant is intended to support further development in this area. Researchers eligible for a Vidi grant demonstrate academic excellence that clearly exceeds the norm and show signs of developing leadership and mentoring skills. The funding amounts to a maximum of €850.000.

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

The Vidi round is open to researchers who obtained their PhD between October 1, 2017 and October 1, 2025. In order to be eligible for the Vidi grant, researchers must submit an embedding guarantee.

#### ***Mandatory pre-proposal phase***

Applicants must submit a pre-proposal to be considered for a Vidi. In the pre-proposal the '*quality of the researcher*' (100%) is assessed. If a positive decision follows the pre-proposal, the applicant is invited to submit a full application. If a negative decision follows the pre-proposal, the applicant cannot submit a full proposal. In the proposal the assessment is based on the criteria '*Quality and innovative character of the research proposal*' (75%) and the '*Scientific and/or societal impact*' (25%).

#### ***Important dates***

The planning for the 2025 Vidi round is as follows:

- The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is **November 4, 2025, by 14:00:00 CET**.
- The deadline for submitting full applications is **April 9, 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST**.

**For more information:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals> and go to the domain pages and <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme>

### **Call open: Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy (11 August 2025)**

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



The Dutch Research Agenda (NWA) has opened its call for proposals <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy> entitled 'Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy'. The aim of this call is to develop insights into the impact of the energy, food and nature transitions on unprotected fish species in the North Sea. More than €4.7 million has been made available for this call.

Three major interrelated transitions are currently taking place in the North Sea: the energy, food and nature transitions. As a result, the North Sea will change significantly in the coming decades. Without adequate protection and sustainable management, future economic activities of various sectors operating in and on the North Sea will come under pressure, including those of the fishing industry.

#### **Objective of the call**

The aim of this call is to develop insights into the impact of the energy, food and nature transitions on unprotected fish species in the North Sea. These insights will be developed in collaboration with the fishing industry and will form the basis for the establishment of a sustainable integrated North Sea policy, in which the development of the North Sea and that of North Sea fisheries go hand in hand.

#### **Budget and duration**

A maximum of €4,780,000 in grants is available under this call for proposals, and a maximum of **one proposal** will be awarded. The maximum duration of **the project is six years**. The deadline for submitting proposals is **Thursday, 29 January 2026**, before 14:00:00 CET .

#### **Application procedure**

The application procedure for this call consists of two phases: participating in collaborative workshops and submitting a proposal.

#### **Collaborative workshops**

To support those interested in the Call for Proposals 'Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy' in forming consortia, **NWO is organising two consecutive collaborative workshops on 8 and 29 October 2025**. During these workshops, participants can exchange ideas and jointly form the basis for a consortium. The workshops are open to anyone who wants to contribute to research on unprotected fish species for sustainable fisheries policy, including researchers and representatives from public and private stakeholders, business and fisheries communities.

Participation is free of charge and registration is open until 1 October 2025. If you have any further questions, please contact us by email ([nwa-onbeschermde-soorten@nwo.nl](mailto:nwa-onbeschermde-soorten@nwo.nl)).

**You can register for the collaborative workshops via this link:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/collaborative-workshops-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy-nwa>

**For more information:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy> and <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy>

## NWO assigns twenty-four applications for Computing Time on the National Computer Facilities (11 August 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwo-assigns-twenty-four-applications-for-computing-time-on-the-national-computer-facilities>



**The advanced national computer facilities are used for technical-scientific research in which major computational problems need to be solved and where the computational facilities of the individual institutions are inadequate. In the Netherlands, several systems are available for national use and are hosted by SURF.**

Via the Call for proposals Computing Time on National Computer Facilities, researchers can request computing time on the national computer facilities. Applications can be submitted on a continuous basis. Computing time, storage, and support can be requested on the following computer systems: Snellius supercomputer, Data Processing (Grid, Spider), Cloud Research Consultancy, HPC Cloud (via SURF Research Cloud) and the pre-exascale supercomputer LUMI. Researchers can request large amounts of computing time for a project duration of two years via NWO. Access to the pre-exascale supercomputer LUMI is for the duration of one year.

Small amounts of computing time can be requested, for purposes such as a pilot and/or to learn how the systems work before starting a (joint group) application for a larger amount of computing time. These small amounts of computing time for a project duration of one year can be requested directly from SURF.

The NWO Committee for the Scientific Use of Supercomputers (WGS) meets six times a year in order to assess the applications that are complete at that moment. In 2025, meetings will be held in February, April, June, September, October and December. The next meeting will take place in June 2025. The WGS advises the Board of the NWO Domain Science on allocating or rejecting computing time applications.

### **Two WUR applications are funded:**

**Prof. dr. J. Vilà-Guerau de Arellano (WUR):** 'Advancing understanding of the atmosphere with a model hierarchy from turbulence to global scales'

**dr. G. Li (WUR):** 'Multiscale Modeling of Reaction Mechanism and Dynamics'

**For overview of all granted applications:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwo-assigns-twenty-four-applications-for-computing-time-on-the-national-computer-facilities>

## New round of Perspectief now open for joint research proposals on technological innovation (6 August 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation>



Research proposals can now be submitted for the 2025/2026 round of the Perspectief programme <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026>. This call for proposals is aimed at researchers from

**universities, universities of applied sciences, and TO2 institutions, companies and civil society organisations that want to work together on the development of technological innovations.**

Perspectief offers researchers the opportunity to set up a large-scale research project and to build or further develop a cross-disciplinary consortium. The application of technological innovation is central to these projects. Specifically, this involves the (further) development of one or more key enabling technologies and the resulting solutions to societal challenges.

Researchers, companies and social organisations must submit a joint project proposal for Perspectief. This public-private partnership is an important aspect of the programme, as this collaboration increases the likelihood that the knowledge developed will be applied. This creates new economic opportunities for the companies involved and increases the likelihood of social impact.

#### ***Changes compared to the previous round***

- In this round, there will be no separate assessment of suitability within the KIA. The contribution to the missions from the KIA must be described in the pre-proposal and the proposal and will be assessed by the assessment committee on the basis of the criterion "Social impact".
- Technology development has been added as a separate criterion, and a quality requirement applies in both phases (minimum required score 4). In the pre-proposal, the contribution to a prioritised key enabling technology from the NTS is part of this criterion.
- In the pre-proposal, a referee's report will be used for the Technology Development criterion.

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

Between 2 and 5 million euros is available per research project. Successful projects will have a maximum duration of six years. Seven projects are expected to be awarded.

- The deadline for submitting letters of intent is **Tuesday, 7 October 2025**, before 14:00:00 CEST.
- The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is **Tuesday 25 November 2025**, before 14:00:00 CET.
- The deadline for submitting proposals is **Tuesday 19 May 2026**, before 14:00:00 CEST.

#### ***Information meeting***

An **online information meeting about Perspectief will take place on 2 September from 15:00 to 16:00**. Would you like to register for this meeting? **Please register via [ttw-perspectief@nwo.nl](mailto:ttw-perspectief@nwo.nl)**. During the meeting, a brief explanation will be given and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

#### ***Submit a letter of intent***

The first step in submitting a Perspectief proposal is to submit a letter of intent using the form on the NWO website. NWO will publish the statements submitted by the applicants, including a short summary, for this new round in October 2025 on the programme page. If you are a researcher, company or social organisation and would like to participate in a research idea, you can contact the applicants after the research ideas have been published using the form on the website.

**Submit a statement of intent:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/perspectief/submitting-a-statement-of-intent>

#### ***About Perspectief***

Perspectief is an NWO programme funded by the Ministry of Economic Affairs. The programme challenges researchers to work in close collaboration with companies and civil society organisations on technological innovations with societal impact and the creation of economic opportunities for the Netherlands.

The interdisciplinary research focuses on major societal challenges and key technologies, thereby contributing to the Ministry's Mission-driven Innovation Policy.

**For more information:** <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](https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf)

## **KIC Medicines from medicines - knowledge development for circular redesign of the pharmaceutical supply chain (6 August 2025)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain>

**This call for proposals invites researchers from the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences to collaborate with industry and societal organizations in forming an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary consortium aimed at developing knowledge on circular adaptation of the pharmaceutical supply chain, enabling the acceptance of returned and/or discarded medications for reintegration.**

### **Purpose**

This call for proposals focuses on inter- and transdisciplinary knowledge development that contributes to redesigning the pharmaceutical supply chain. The emphasis is on developing business cases and use cases that involve the entire chain. The intended societal impact is a change among all key stakeholders to achieve a circular pharmaceutical supply chain that meets the same high standards for quality, efficacy, and safety as the current linear chain.

### **Consortium building**

This Call for proposals stimulates the formation of consortiums by means of collaborative workshops. **Attending the collaborative workshops is mandatory for main applicants.**

The objective of the collaborative workshops is to bring together potential applicants and their ideas, to encourage collaboration within broad, innovative consortia, and to limit the number of proposals.

### **When to apply**

- The dates of the collaborative workshops are **23 September 2025 and 7 October 2025**.
- The deadline for submission of full applications is **10 February , 2026, by 14:00:00 CET**.

**For more information:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain>

## **Four grants awarded for Impact Explorer 2025 call (6 August 2025)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/four-grants-awarded-for-impact-explorer-2025-call>



**When conducting scientific research, you sometimes encounter unexpected results that were not considered beforehand. It is precisely these unexpected discoveries that can yield valuable new insights. The Impact Explorer call offers researchers the opportunity to explore the potential impact of these discoveries. Four projects will now receive a small top-up to further investigate unexpected discoveries.**

This will also be beneficial to the research of prof. dr. Gemma Blok: 'During the historical research project Drugs Monologues, we learned how important it is to tell stories about drug use, which are often still surrounded by taboo, in direct collaboration with the communities involved. That insight forms the core of our follow-up with the Impact Explorer. Together with the Cowrie Atlantic Foundation, we are now focusing specifically on "the Kapu", the Surinamese name for the Zeedijk street in Amsterdam. In the 1970s and 1980s, a relatively large number of Dutch-Surinamese people became involved in the heroin scene there.

In a narrative podcast series, presenter and media maker Gordon Cruden explores this forgotten chapter of his own community. By focusing on personal memories, the series sheds new light on the impact of colonial history, the impact of image perception and stigma, and the resilience of the diaspora. In the run-up to the celebration of 50 years of

Surinamese independence, we hope to contribute to restoration, acknowledgement and a broader historiography that makes room for forgotten perspectives.'

**About this call**

The grant is intended for activities to validate the potential societal impact of discoveries from more curiosity-driven research. Such as from the Talent Programme and the Open Competitions of both NWO and ZonMw. And to explore a route towards societal impact. **A minimum of 20,000 and a maximum of 30,000 euros is available per proposal. Proposals can still be submitted; the next moment projects are collected is 14 August.**

For more information about the funded projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/four-grants-awarded-for-impact-explorer-2025-call>

### 48 grants for the Open Competition Domain Science- XS (5 August 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/48-grants-for-the-open-competition-domain-science-xs>



48 projects will receive 2.4 million euros from the Open Competition Domain Science- XS round 25-2. The subjects vary from identification of the most effective fungal cutinase for plastic recycling to comparing gene expression and cellular behaviour of these scar-forming cells with cells from pulmonary emboli that do not show scars.

The Open Competition Domain Science – XS grants of a maximum of € 50,000 are intended to support promising ideas and to facilitate innovative and more speculative initiatives within the seven Domain Science disciplines. The proposed research is ground-breaking and high-risk. What counts is that all results, be they positive or negative, must contribute to the advancement of science.

**One project is granted to WUR**

**Surface warming, salinity gradients, and microbial self-organization in marine systems:** Dr U. Sen (Wageningen University & Research)

For information about the granted projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/48-grants-for-the-open-competition-domain-science-xs>

The next Domain Science-XS deadline is 16 September 2025.

### Third round of SSH Open Competition XS 2025 now open for applications (5 August 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/third-round-of-ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-now-open-for-applications>



SSH researchers who received their PhD five to ten years ago and have a promising idea can apply for the SSH Open Competition XS 2025. The application deadline is September 18, 2025, by 14:00:00 CEST. An extension policy applies to this Call for proposals.

#### About the Call

This Call focuses on curiosity-driven, innovative research and rapid analysis of promising ideas. In addition, the proposed research must fall within SSH disciplines.

The characteristics of SSH Open Competition XS research are:

- the proposed research is innovative;
- it doesn't need to be established in advance whether the intended project objective will be achieved;
- each project contributes to existing and new scientific insights.

XS applications are evaluated among the applicants on the basis of the research idea. Therefore, applicants draft the research idea anonymously in the application form.

Applications within this call total a maximum of €50,000. The maximum duration of an XS project is twelve months. This round is the final round of the SSH Open Competition XS in 2025. **Three rounds of the SSH Open Competition XS are expected to take place again in 2026. More information will follow this autumn.**

#### For more information

Call page: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-3>

Call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202025-3%20-%20EN.pdf>

Programme page: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh>

Extension clause: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/extension-clause>

FAQ: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh/faq-xs>

## 20 innovative ideas receive Off Road grant (4 August 2025)

Source: Website ZonMw <https://www.zonmw.nl/en/news/20-innovative-ideas-receive-road-grant>



20 talented researchers will receive an Off Road grant to explore their bold, out-of-the-box ideas within the field of (bio)medical science and healthcare. This grant offers them the opportunity to test their innovative hypotheses in 1 to 1,5 years. What do these researchers have in common? They dare to think beyond traditional boundaries.

#### What makes the Off Road grant unique?

The Off Road programme challenges creative and adventurous researchers to explore their innovative hypothesis and develop them into a proof of concept. The emphasis is on the originality and potential of the proposed idea, and less on the applicant's scientific reputation or previous achievements. The program specifically supports research that lies outside conventional frameworks, encouraging new insights and unexpected breakthroughs in the biomedical and health domains.

#### NAMs investment module

In collaboration with the ZonMw programme **More Knowledge with Fewer Animals**

<https://www.zonmw.nl/en/program/more-knowledge-fewer-animals> and **Stichting Proefdiervrij** (*The Dutch Society for the Replacement of Animal Testing* <https://proefdiervrij.nl/en/for-science>), researchers could apply for an investment module to cover the extra costs associated with the use of *New Approach Methodologies* (NAMs). With this, ZonMw



aims to encourage researchers to conduct their research without animal testing and instead use animal-free models (NAMS).

**One WUR researcher awarded**

A novel angle: manipulating knee position to understand muscle deterioration during immobilization: **Dr. ir. M.L. Dirks**, Wageningen University

For more information about the funded projects: <https://www.zonmw.nl/en/news/20-innovative-ideas-receive-road-grant>

### **NWO awards 21 applications for Scientific Meetings and Consultations (4 August 2025)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwo-awards-21-applications-for-scientific-meetings-and-consultations>



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

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

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

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

For more information about the 21 awarded applications: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwo-awards-21-applications-for-scientific-meetings-and-consultations>

### **Doing a PhD while teaching? Apply for the Doctoral grant for teachers (31 July 2025)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/doing-a-phd-while-teaching-apply-for-the-doctoral-grant-for-teachers>



Are you a teacher ready for a new challenge, and keen to contribute to better education? The Doctoral grant for teachers gives you the opportunity to carry out PhD research and write a dissertation, while continuing to

**teach. This grant aims to improve the quality of education and strengthen the ties between schools and universities.**

Whether you teach in primary, secondary, vocational, higher vocational or special education, this grant presents a unique opportunity to pursue your research ambitions. You are free to choose any topic, as long as it contributes to educational practice.

***Budget and duration***

This funding round has a total budget of €5.5 million, which will fund approximately 23 grants. Recipients will be exempt from teaching duties for a maximum of 0.4 FTE for a maximum of five years, allowing them to combine their teaching responsibilities with PhD research.

***Deadline***

Full applications must **be submitted by 9 September 2025, 14:00 CEST**. There are two submission rounds annually for the Doctoral Grant for Teachers, with submission deadlines in January and September.

***For more information***

**Funding page:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/doctoral-grant-for-teachers-2nd-round-2025>

**Call for proposals:** [https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20PvL%202025-II%20EN\\_0.pdf](https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20PvL%202025-II%20EN_0.pdf)

## Regional funding

### ***NWO Call: Knowledge in Action - Towards collective water management in East Brabant (5 Augusts 2025)***

Source: Website NWO <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-in-action-towards-collective-water-management-in-east-brabant>

**The Knowledge-in-Action grant mobilises science and practice for just climate transitions through doing-by-learning and learning-by-doing. Knowledge institutions and societal organisations can jointly apply for up to €50,000 for transformative, experimental intervention-projects to collaboratively explore what collective water management in East-Brabant can look like: what possible solutions, investigative questions and transition learning goals can accelerate the desired transition?**

#### ***Purpose***

The Knowledge-in-Action grant stimulates collaboration between science and practice to accelerate a just transition towards collective water management in East Brabant. This call challenges societal partners and researchers to develop concrete interventions in co-creation and learning that reduce water vulnerability and redefine the role of the water sector. Proposals can be submitted on specific sub-themes of the Knowledge-in-Action Agenda (chapter 2.2). The intended result is transformative knowledge and practical breakthroughs arising from action-oriented, cyclical processes of experimenting, researching and adjusting.

This thematic call welcomes diverse approaches - from (trans)disciplinary, visual, design-oriented, entrepreneurial or very process-oriented, reflective or activist - as long as they unite practice and research to develop and share knowledge. The grant offers a unique opportunity to contribute to sustainable, just solutions for collective water management in East Brabant.

Proposals can be submitted until **14 October 2025 14:00:00 CET**.

#### **Please note!**

**Start submitting your proposal in time** in our submission system Isaac and ensure that project partners who are not in the Isaac database register at least 15 working days before the deadline via [relatiebeheer@nwo.nl](mailto:relatiebeheer@nwo.nl). For the assessment of additional knowledge institutions, the assessment documents should be sent by e-mail to [programmas@hetkin.nl](mailto:programmas@hetkin.nl) no later than 15 working days before the submission deadline (i.e. no later **than 23 September 2025 before 14:00:00 CEST**). More information on preparation, mandatory annexes and submission requirements can be found in sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the call for proposals.

#### ***For more information:***

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-in-action-towards-collective-water-management-in-east-brabant> and  
[https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ENG\\_Subsidieoproep\\_KennisInActie\\_collectiefWaterbeheerOostBrab\\_DEF%20%281%29.pdf](https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ENG_Subsidieoproep_KennisInActie_collectiefWaterbeheerOostBrab_DEF%20%281%29.pdf) (call for proposals)

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

## Latest developments within R&I Policies

### European Policy

#### *What should the first European research law look like? (12 August 2025)*

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/hoer-moet-de-eerste-europese-onderzoekswet-eruitzien>-**How should the EU strengthen the European Research Area (ERA)? The European Commission is launching a call for evidence to gather input for the new ERA Act. This law should contribute to a more integrated, competitive, and attractive European Research and Innovation Area. The call for evidence is open until 10 September 2025.**



#### **What should the ERA Act look like?**

The Commission is launching a **call for evidence** [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14608-European-Research-Area-Act\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14608-European-Research-Area-Act_en) on the ERA Act to gather input. The ERA Act will be the first European legislative initiative on research, addressing the remaining challenges for the full implementation of the European Research Area. To improve the overall innovation environment, reduce fragmentation, and increase the EU's competitiveness, the initiative also aims to strengthen R&D investment and raise it towards the target of 3% of GDP. The Act is intended to realize the so-called "fifth freedom" – the free movement of researchers, scientific knowledge, and technology. The Commission aims to make the EU more attractive to top researchers and investors, boost competitiveness, and close the innovation gap with other major economic powers.

#### **Context**

The European Research Area (ERA) is an initiative to create a borderless internal market for research, innovation, and technology, enshrined in Article 179 of the TFEU <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:12012E179>. Until now, the ERA has primarily relied on voluntary cooperation through, among other things, the ERA Policy Agenda [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/our-digital-future/european-research-area\\_en?prefLang=nl](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/our-digital-future/european-research-area_en?prefLang=nl) and the R&D Pact. With the new ERA Act, the European Commission aims to introduce legislation for the first time to enshrine the fifth freedom—the free movement of researchers, knowledge, and technology—as announced in Ursula von der Leyen's mission letter to Commissioner Zaharieva. This idea aligns with the recommendations of Enrico Letta and Mario Draghi, who advocate for reduced fragmentation, improved mobility, a European intellectual property right, and achieving the 3% GDP investment target.

**The feedback period runs until 10 September 2025.**

## Have your say on the European Commission's new MFF proposal! (11 August 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/overige/geef-uw-mening-over-het-nieuwe-mfk-voorstel-van-de-europese-commissie->

The European Commission would like to hear your views on its recent MFF proposals. All feedback received will be collected and shared with the European Parliament and the Council. The aim is to gather as much input as possible for the debate between the three institutions on the MFF package. The proposal includes draft programs for Horizon and Erasmus+, as well as a proposal for the European Competitiveness Fund. You can respond to the proposals until 6 October 2025.



### The new MFF

On July 16, the European Commission presented its **proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)** [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_25\\_1847](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1847) . It proposes an ambitious budget of €2 trillion for the period 2028-2034. This proposal increases the share allocated to knowledge, education, research, and innovation. You can share your opinion on the Commission's proposal. The Commission **has opened a consultation** [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14521-EUs-next-long-term-budget-MFF-EU-funding-for-competitiveness\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14521-EUs-next-long-term-budget-MFF-EU-funding-for-competitiveness_en) where you can respond to the proposal across six thematic areas. Your feedback will then be published and shared with the European Commission, the European Parliament, and the Council.

## What's coming up in research policy in the second half of 2025? (7 August 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/whats-coming-research-policy-second-half-2025>

**AI, Horizon Europe negotiations and space will be on the agenda once the policy machine kicks back into action after the summer break**



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So far, 2025 has seen a flurry of policy initiatives as the new European Commission got down to work. August offers a moment to pause and reflect ahead of a busy autumn. Here, we list some of the key developments to look out for in the second half of the year.

**Danish presidency and FP10:** The big news of 2025 so far has been the Commission's proposal for the post-2027 EU budget and the next Framework Programme, FP10. The Danish presidency has said it hopes to **make progress** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/planning-fp10/denmark-hopes-make-great-progress-fp10-negotiations> with Council negotiations on FP10 before the end of the year. Research ministers are currently scheduled to meet on September 30 and December 9.

The European Parliament's research committee will also begin examining the proposal once the political groups have designated their rapporteurs. **Other priorities** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/planning-fp10/research-sector-has-high-hopes-danish-council-presidency> of the Danish presidency include discussions on the EU life sciences strategy, the start-up and scale-up strategy and the EU Space Act.

**AI strategies:** Three important Commission strategies are slated for the third quarter of the year: AI in science, “apply AI” and the data union.

**The AI in science strategy** will pave the way for the **Resource for AI Science in Europe** (Raise), also referred to as the **European AI Research Council**, intended to pool resources for scientists developing and applying AI. Raise is due to be launched at an **inaugural event** <https://ais25.eu/> **hosted by the Danish presidency of the Council on November 3-4.**

The goal of the apply AI strategy will be to boost new industrial uses of AI. Meanwhile, the data union strategy aims to streamline data rules so that data can be shared more easily, and it could also include measures to increase the availability of high-quality data and investment in data infrastructures.

**28th regime debate:** The start-up community is eagerly awaiting the 28th regime, a single set of rules to help companies scale-up quickly across EU borders, covering areas such as insolvency, labour and tax law. According to the Commission’s Competitiveness Compass, a proposal for the 28th regime should be presented in late 2025 or early 2026.

However, a **draft report** [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/JURI-PR-773199\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/JURI-PR-773199_EN.pdf) from the European Parliament presented earlier this **month has start-up associations worried** <https://alliedforstartups.org/insights/europes-innovation-ecosystem-unites-to-call-for-a-bold-reform-and-a-true-28th-regime/>. The report, authored by René Repasi of the Socialists and Democrats group, recommends introducing a directive that would give member states more flexibility over implementation, rather than a regulation that would have to be applied in its entirety across the EU. The associations fear a directive would not be sufficient to address the regulatory fragmentation that prevents companies from scaling up across the bloc. Expect debates to intensify in the second half of the year, once the **Commission’s call for evidence** [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14674-28th-regime-a-single-harmonized-set-of-rules-for-innovative-companies-throughout-the-EU\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14674-28th-regime-a-single-harmonized-set-of-rules-for-innovative-companies-throughout-the-EU_en) closes on September 30.

**Space budget:** The coming months will be critical for the **European Space Agency (ESA)**, as its member states are set to decide on its next three-year budget at the ministerial council in Bremen on November 26-27.

ESA director general Josef Aschbacher has been banging the drum for more ambitious spending in recent years. He told MEPs in May that the agency was preparing a budget proposal of likely more than €20 billion. Recent reports suggest the final proposal will be for €23 billion, a 36% increase on the current three-year budget of €16.9bn, but ESA member states will have the final say.

The size of the budget will be a decisive factor in ESA’s ability to support the development of a private space sector, incorporate new priorities such as defence, and ultimately compete with other space powers. There is also the question of proposed cuts to NASA, which could impact international projects involving ESA.

**Election season:** A series of votes across Europe will have an impact on research policy at national level. Norway will hold parliamentary elections on September 8, before Czechia and the Netherlands head to the polls in October.

### **Public Consultation Biotech open (4 August 2025)**

Source: Website EC [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14627-Biotech-Act\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14627-Biotech-Act_en)

The biotech sector plays a critical role in several areas of the EU economy. It is research-driven, fast-moving and requires substantial public and private investments.

The Biotech Act will propose a series of measures to create an enabling environment to accelerate the transition of biotech products from laboratory to factory and to the market, while maintaining the highest safety standards for the protection of the population and the environment.

**This public consultation is open from 4 August 2025 to - 10 November 2025 (midnight Brussels time).**

Your input will be taken into account as we further develop and fine-tune this initiative. We will summarise the input we receive in a synopsis report, explaining how we have taken it into account. Feedback received will be published on this site and therefore must adhere to the feedback rules <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/rules-feedback-and-suggestions>.

## Shape the future of innovation in Europe – become an EIC Programme Manager (31 July 2025)

Source: Website EIC [https://eic.ec.europa.eu/news/shape-future-innovation-europe-become-eic-programme-manager-2025-07-31\\_en](https://eic.ec.europa.eu/news/shape-future-innovation-europe-become-eic-programme-manager-2025-07-31_en)

Join the EIC as a Programme Manager in strategic tech fields. Now hiring experts in any deep tech field of research and innovation, including but not limited to space, semiconductors and quantum, agrifood, renewable energy, and construction.



The European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) has launched a **Call for Expression of Interest** <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/circabc-ewpp/d/d/workspace/SpacesStore/ec4e3ac9-07c9-4af0-8b09-7bf9fc1d2230/download> to recruit up to six new Programme Managers and to establish a reserve list for future opportunities. This is your chance to contribute directly to Europe's strategic innovation agenda.

**Programme Managers** [https://eic.ec.europa.eu/eic-communities/eic-programme-managers\\_en](https://eic.ec.europa.eu/eic-communities/eic-programme-managers_en) at the EIC lead breakthrough initiatives in emerging deep tech domains, collaborating with Europe's most talented researchers and innovators. Their work supports the development and implementation of high-risk, high-impact projects that aim to deliver transformative solutions for Europe's technological and societal challenges. The current call is open to top-level experts with strong scientific, technological, and innovation experience in any deep tech field.

Successful candidates will join a dynamic team of EIC Programme Managers, each overseeing portfolios in strategically important fields. Their role includes setting ambitious technology visions, identifying future trends, and supporting the EIC beneficiaries in their innovation journey from research results to innovation impacts through pro-active management. EISMEA is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and welcomes applications from candidates of all backgrounds.

**Deadline for applications: 26 September 2025, 12:00 (Brussels time).**

## Interim evaluation of STEP: "investment in competitiveness and technological sovereignty" (31 July 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://neth-er.eu/onderzoek/interim-evaluatie-step-investeren-in-concurrentiekracht-en-technologische-soevereiniteit>

The European Commission has published an interim evaluation of the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform, better known as STEP. The platform is intended to integrate and coordinate existing EU funds, thereby contributing to more effective investments in critical EU industrial and technological priorities. According to the interim evaluation, STEP is partially successful in this regard, but faces implementation challenges.



### STEP on the right track

The European Commission has conducted an interim evaluation of the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP). The publication [https://strategic-technologies.europa.eu/about/step-documents\\_en](https://strategic-technologies.europa.eu/about/step-documents_en) examines STEP's contribution to stimulating investment in critical industrial and technological priorities. According to the Commission,



STEP has contributed to the EU's strategic objectives and technological sovereignty to date, but the program also faces implementation challenges.

#### ***Steering with Stamps***

STEP priorities have been integrated into existing cohesion programs, and nearly €10 billion has been invested in strategic sectors. In addition, 190 STEP SEALs have been awarded. These stamps are intended to facilitate access to multiple EU funds and private investors. According to the report, it is still too early to assess the added value of the STEP SEAL. The interim evaluation also mentions implementation challenges. The goal of STEP is to direct existing funding streams to critical and technological priorities of the EU. However, the diversity of rules and criteria makes it difficult to take rapid steps in this regard. According to the evaluation, the STEP Portal does contribute to the integration and discoverability of multiple funding streams, and the program will further contribute to steering towards the strategic and technological objectives of the EU in the future.

#### ***Context***

The STEP initiative integrates and coordinates various existing EU funds so that investments can be made more effectively in **critical industrial and technological priorities**. It combines funding from **11 different EU programs**, including **cohesion funds**. **Like the new Competitiveness Fund, STEP is intended to contribute to the EU's competitiveness and technological sovereignty.**

**Global policy**

## National policy

### *Growing concern about Dutch people's lack of interest in jobs in Brussels (6 August 2025)*

Source: Website FD <https://fd.nl/politiek/1564602/groeiende-zorg-over-desinteresse-van-nederlanders-voor-een-baan-in-brussel>

The Dutch are finding the Brussels job market difficult, resulting in a "significant" underrepresentation. This is due to a lack of awareness of the importance of the EU and a lack of affinity with the European project. Special admissions programs should stimulate interest in European jobs from the Netherlands.

#### **In short**

- Dutch people are not very familiar with the Brussels job market, resulting in a significant underrepresentation.
- This is due to a lack of awareness of the importance of the EU and a lack of affinity with the European project.
- Special admissions programs should stimulate interest in European jobs from the Netherlands.

A lack of interest from the Dutch is leading to concerns about underrepresentation in the European institutions in Brussels. This has now grown to the point that it's being described as a "significant imbalance." The Netherlands is attempting to bring about a change with a special action plan, but without much success so far.



"The cultural richness, intelligence, and enthusiasm of Brussels professionals are unparalleled. Nowhere else in the world will you find a city where you can work so closely on a shared project with such a diversity of cultures and people."

This is what Jeroen Reijnen writes in his recently published book, *Big in Brussels*. The 48-year-old Reijnen has worked in the European Quarter of the Belgian capital for a quarter of a century. First as a lobbyist, then as an assistant to Members of the European Parliament, and currently as a European Commission official.

In this latter role, he found the time to put his experiences down on paper. This resulted in a booklet about the pitfalls of a job in the Brussels bubble. For example, Reijnen describes how the long workdays can lead to relationship stress and alcoholism.

But he mainly reflects on the appeal of a job in the center of European power, located in a country that, in his opinion, is undervalued by the Dutch. If only because it's much cheaper to live there. "Belgium has become my home, and I'm happy here," Reijnen writes.

#### **A Sensitive Point**

The booklet touches on a sensitive issue. Dutch people are only moderately familiar with the Brussels job market. There are still plenty of jobs at the top of the European institutions. But for years, the influx at the bottom has lagged behind what is needed to maintain this representation in the long term. This is especially true now that an above-average number of Dutch Brussels residents will be retiring in the coming years.

The Dutch government is aware of this and, in consultation with the European Commission, launched an action plan in 2023. Campaigns, workshops, and job application training sessions are intended to bring about a shift, but they have not yet done so.

The guideline is that Dutch people make up 3.9% of Commission staff. In 2024, this target was only achieved for trainees and so-called seconded national experts—national civil servants who temporarily work for the EU's executive

board. However, the Dutch influx of permanent Commission positions is stagnating to such an extent that a "significant imbalance" is now being described.

**Read full article here:** <https://fd.nl/politiek/1564602/groeiende-zorg-over-desinteresse-van-nederlanders-voor-een-baan-in-brussel> (in Dutch)

## Call deadlines

### *HORIZON Europe calls*

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 15 August 2025

Call identifier	Deadline
<b>Pillar I Excellent Science</b>	
<b>ERC</b>	
ERC-2025-AdG	<b>28 August 2025</b> at 17.000 Brussels time ( <i>ERC-2025-AdV-Grants</i> )
<b>Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions</b>	
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-DN-01 - Doctoral networks - Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates - TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates	<b>25 November 2025</b> ( <i>MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025, Industrial doctorates, Joint Doctorates</i> )
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-PF - TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships - TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships	<b>10 November 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <i>MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025</i> )
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-SE-01	<b>8 October 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <i>MSCA Staff Exchanges 2025</i> )
<b>Research Infrastructures</b>	
HORIZON-INFRA-2025-01-DEV (5 topics)	<b>18 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-INFRA-2025-01-EOSC (5 topics)	<b>18 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-INFRA-2025-01-SERV (4 topics)	<b>18 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-INFRA-2025-01-TECH (4 topics)	<b>18 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Cluster 1 HEALTH</b>	
<b>Destination - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society</b>	

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

<b>DESTINATION 3 - WORLD LEADING DATA AND COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 4 – DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 5 – DESTINATION – OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN DEVELOPING, DEPLOYING AND USING GLOBAL SPACE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURES, SERVICES, APPLICATIONS AND DATA</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 6 – A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES</b>	
<b>CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility</b>	
<b>Destination - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-03-D1	<b>24 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-02-D2	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D2	<b>17 February 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-02-D3	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time

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




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

the Restore our Ocean and Waters Mission	
<b>HORIZON-MISS-2025-04-CIT</b> Supporting the implementation of the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission	<b>4 September 2025</b> (HORIZON-MISS-2025-04-CITIES Supporting the implementation of the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission)
<b>HORIZON-MISS-2025-05</b> Call - Supporting the implementation of the Soil Deal for Europe Mission	<b>30 September 2025</b> (HORIZON-MISS-2025-05-SOIL Call - Supporting the implementation of the Soil Deal for Europe Mission)
<b>WIDERA 2025</b>	

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

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 15 August 2025 for more details; go to EC Funding and Tenders opportunity Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Call identifier	Deadline
<b>European Partnerships / ERANET-COFUND</b>	
European Partnerships European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare <a href="https://www.eupahw.eu/">https://www.eupahw.eu/</a>	
European Partnership Biodiversa+ <a href="https://www.biodiversa.eu/">https://www.biodiversa.eu/</a>	Upcoming Biodiversa+ call 2025-2026 Joint Call Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity and connectivity (BiodivConnect) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The call is planned to officially launch on 9 September 2025.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>An information webinar for potential applicants will be held on 11 September 2025, from 13:00 to 15:00 CEST.</li> </ul>
European Partnership Water4All <a href="https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/">https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/</a>	Water4All 2025 Joint Transnational Call Pre-Announcement <a href="https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement">https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement</a> 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 <a href="https://www.futurefoodspartnership.eu/">https://www.futurefoodspartnership.eu/</a>	<a href="https://www.futurefoodspartnership.eu/">https://www.futurefoodspartnership.eu/</a>
European Partnership Agroecology <a href="https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/">https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/</a>	

<p>European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy <a href="https://bluepartnership.eu/">https://bluepartnership.eu/</a></p>	<p><b>NEW: Third Joint Transnational Call for R&amp;I Funding</b> 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><a href="https://www.bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call">https://www.bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call</a></p>
<p>European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) <a href="https://dutpartnership.eu/">https://dutpartnership.eu/</a></p>	<p>Pre-announcement: European funding opportunity for sustainable urban transitions <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-european-funding-opportunity-for-sustainable-urban-transitions-0">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-european-funding-opportunity-for-sustainable-urban-transitions-0</a> <u>Foreseen timeline and information day</u> The foreseen timeline for this call is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 September 2025: stage 1 opening</li> <li>• 9 September 2025: transnational info webinar (online)</li> <li>• 17 November 2025: stage 1 closing (Pre-Proposal submission deadline)</li> <li>• 20 February 2026: stage 2 opening</li> <li>• 23 April 2026: stage 2 closing (Full Proposal submission deadline)</li> <li>• Summer of 2026: decision-making</li> </ul> <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 <a href="https://dutpartnership.eu/dut-call-2025-info-day/">https://dutpartnership.eu/dut-call-2025-info-day/</a>. NWO and SIA representatives will be available for your questions during a break-out session for The Netherlands.</p>
<p>Joint Technology Initiatives</p>	
<p>Joint Programming Initiatives</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A healthy diet for a healthy life (HDHL): <a href="http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/">http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/</a></li> <li>• Agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE): <a href="http://www.faccejpi.com/">http://www.faccejpi.com/</a></li> <li>• Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR): <a href="http://www.jpiamr.eu/">http://www.jpiamr.eu/</a></li> <li>• Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU): <a href="http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home">http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home</a></li> <li>• Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans): <a href="http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/">http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/</a></li> <li>• More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL): <a href="http://www.jp-demographic.eu/">http://www.jp-demographic.eu/</a></li> <li>• Neurodegenerative Disease/Alzheimer's (JPND): <a href="http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/">http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/</a></li> <li>• Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions (Urban Europe): <a href="http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/">http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/</a></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Water challenges for a changing world (Water-JPI):</b> <a href="http://www.waterjpi.eu/">http://www.waterjpi.eu/</a></li> <li>• <b>Cultural Heritage a Challenge for Europe (Cultural Heritage):</b> <a href="http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/">http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/</a></li> </ul>
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### Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **15 August 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
02-09-2025	Deadline for <b>knowledge management proposal in Phase II ADM-LAB: Livings Labs for Adaptive Delta Management in Bangladesh</b> . Deadline for submission of a knowledge management proposal in Phase II is <b>Tuesday 2 September 2025, 14:00:00 CEST in ISAAC</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/adm-lab-livings-labs-for-adaptive-delta-management-in-bangladesh">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/adm-lab-livings-labs-for-adaptive-delta-management-in-bangladesh</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ADM-LAB%20Livings%20Labs%20for%20Adaptive%20Delta%20Management%20in%20Bangladesh%20%20call%20for%20proposals%20UK.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ADM-LAB%20Livings%20Labs%20for%20Adaptive%20Delta%20Management%20in%20Bangladesh%20%20call%20for%20proposals%20UK.pdf</a>
09-09-2025	<b>Foreseen Deadline for Full Proposals INT - Global programs NWO-JST Japan call 2025</b> . Closing date full application <b>9 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/int-global-programs-nwo-jst-japan-call-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/int-global-programs-nwo-jst-japan-call-2025</a> .
16-09-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Pre-proposals for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers</b> . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is <b>16 September 2025, before 17:00:00 AST/11:00:00 CEST..</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers-now-open-for-applications">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers-now-open-for-applications</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/caribbean-research-phd-scholarships-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/caribbean-research-phd-scholarships-2025</a>
September 2025	<b>Foreseen closing date 9<sup>th</sup> Call Eurostars</b> . Follow information on <a href="https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/eurostars">https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/eurostars</a>
30-10-2025	<b>Foreseen deadline full proposals Biodiversity and agriculture in balance collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq</b> . Closing date full application <b>30 October 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance</a> ?
24-02-2026	Deadline for submission <b>Full-Proposals for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers</b> . The deadline for submitting full applications is <b>24 February 2026, before 17:00:00 AST/12:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers-now-open-for-applications">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers-now-open-for-applications</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/caribbean-research-phd-scholarships-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/caribbean-research-phd-scholarships-2025</a>
01-12-2025 until 24 February 2026	Foreseen deadline for submission <b>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)</b> . You can submit your proposal for ENW -M-1 WEAWE proposal with FWO as partner agency at any moment from 1 December 2025 to 24 February 2026 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf</a>
07-12-2025 until 31-07-2026	<b>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)</b> . 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. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf</a>
12-01-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline for full applications for call Biodiversity and agriculture in balance; this Call for proposals is a collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq</b> . Deadline <b>12 January 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance</a>
20-01-2026	<b>NEW: Deadline for applications NL-CGIAR Senior Expert Programme (SEP) II – round 2</b> . The deadline for submitting full proposals is <b>20 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET</b> .

	<a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nl-cgiar-senior-expert-programme-sep-ii-round-2">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nl-cgiar-senior-expert-programme-sep-ii-round-2</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sepII_-_round_2.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sepII_-_round_2.pdf</a>
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## National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **15 August 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

14-08-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025</b> . <b>14 August 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
02-09-2025	Foreseen deadline <b>Rubicon 2025 Round 2</b> . <b>Closing date full application 2 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-2">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-2</a>
02-09-2025	Deadline submission for <b>pre-proposals Veni round 2025</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 2 September 2025, by 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme</a>
09-09-2025	Deadline for submitting <b>full applications</b> for <b>second round of the 2025 Doctoral Grant for Teachers</b> . <b>The deadline for the submission of proposals is Tuesday 9 September 2025, 14:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/doing-a-phd-while-teaching-apply-for-the-doctoral-grant-for-teachers">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/doing-a-phd-while-teaching-apply-for-the-doctoral-grant-for-teachers</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/doctoral-grant-for-teachers-2nd-round-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/doctoral-grant-for-teachers-2nd-round-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20PvL%202025-II%20EN_0.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20PvL%202025-II%20EN_0.pdf</a>
09-09-2025	Deadline for submission <b>pre-proposals</b> for <b>Call Open Competition L</b> . <b>The pre-proposal deadline is 9 September 2025, at 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf</a>
11-09-2025	Deadline Submitting <b>Full Proposals</b> for <b>NWA call Knowledge development ecological effects of wind farms on sea</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting the proposal is Thursday 11 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-research-to-gain-knowledge-about-the-ecological-effects-of-offshore-wind-farms">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-research-to-gain-knowledge-about-the-ecological-effects-of-offshore-wind-farms</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-development-ecological-effects-of-wind-farms-on-sea">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-development-ecological-effects-of-wind-farms-on-sea</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20WPE%20final%2026-2-2025%20ENG%20def%20%282%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20WPE%20final%2026-2-2025%20ENG%20def%20%282%29.pdf</a>
11-09-2025	Deadline submitting <b>full proposals</b> <b>NGF: Strengthening the knowledge base for the high tech equipment sector: second call of the NXTGEN Hightech programme</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting proposals is 11 September 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-strengthening-the-knowledge-base-for-the-high-tech-equipment-sector">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-strengthening-the-knowledge-base-for-the-high-tech-equipment-sector</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/2025-03-21%20NGF%20NXTGEN%202025%20ENv2.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/2025-03-21%20NGF%20NXTGEN%202025%20ENv2.pdf</a>
16-09-2025	Deadline for submission <b>proposals</b> for <b>Open Competition Domain Science - XS 2025</b> . <b>Deadline for submission of proposals round 2025-3 16 September 2025, at 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-open-competition-domain-science-xs-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-open-competition-domain-science-xs-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-25-1">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-25-1</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20ENW-XS%202025_ENG.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20ENW-XS%202025_ENG.pdf</a>
16-09-2025	Deadline submission <b>Full Proposals</b> for <b>call Future Plastics: Development of safe plastics for a sustainable future</b> . <b>Tuesday 16 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST Deadline proposals</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-plastics-development-of-safe-plastics-for-a-sustainable-future">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-plastics-development-of-safe-plastics-for-a-sustainable-future</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/20250305%20KIC%20KIC%20Future%20plastics_development%20of%20safe%20plastics%20for%20a%20sustainable%20future.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/20250305%20KIC%20KIC%20Future%20plastics_development%20of%20safe%20plastics%20for%20a%20sustainable%20future.pdf</a>
16-09-2025	Deadline for submission <b>pre-proposals</b> for <b>Open Competition Domain Science–XL round 2025–2026</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 16th September 2025, before 14:00:00 hours CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026</a>
16-09-2025	Deadline submission <b>Pre-proposals</b> for <b>PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 16 September 2025, before 17:00:00 CEST/11:00:00 AST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-</a>

	researchers and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach</a>
16-09-2025	Deadline submission of <b>Research Ideas</b> for <b>NWA call Opportunities and value chains for side streams in the protein transition</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting research ideas is Tuesday 16 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST</b> (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). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf</a>
17-09-2025	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for submission <b>Full proposals KIC - Future Plastics 2024</b> . <b>Closing date full application 17 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-future-plastics-2024">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-future-plastics-2024</a>
18-09-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full-proposals KIC Nature-inclusive decision making in business</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting full proposals is September 18, 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business-kic">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business-kic</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%202024_def_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%202024_def_EN.pdf</a>
18-09-2025	Deadline submission <b>full applications</b> for <b>SSH Open Competition XS round 3</b> . <b>Round 3: 18 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/third-round-of-ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-now-open-for-applications">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/third-round-of-ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-now-open-for-applications</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-3">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-3</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202025-3%20-%20EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202025-3%20-%20EN.pdf</a>
23-09-2025	<b>NEW: The dates of the collaborative workshops are 23 September 2025 and 7 October 2025 for KIC Medicines from medicines - knowledge development for circular redesign of the pharmaceutical supply chain</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain</a>
30-09-2025	Deadline for submission of <b>full proposal</b> in the <b>the ZonMw Microplastics &amp; Health programme</b> ZonMw invites prof. dr. ir. J. (Juliette) Legler (Utrecht University) – who is leading the collaboration between the ongoing projects – <b>to initiate and submit a single grant application as main applicant on behalf of the ongoing research projects in the ZonMw Microplastics &amp; Health programme</b> . 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. <b>Deadline for submitting a detailed grant application: 30 September 2025, 14.00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.zonmw.nl/en/news/new-call-proposals-advance-microplastics-research">https://www.zonmw.nl/en/news/new-call-proposals-advance-microplastics-research</a> and <a href="https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidy/microplastics-health-continuation-momentum-nl">https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidy/microplastics-health-continuation-momentum-nl</a> and <a href="https://projecten.zonmw.nl/en/project/microplastics-health-expanding-momentum-momentum-20">https://projecten.zonmw.nl/en/project/microplastics-health-expanding-momentum-momentum-20</a>
07-10-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025</b> . <b>7 October 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
07-10-2025	Deadline for submission <b>letter of intent</b> for <b>Perspectief round 2025-2026</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting letters of intent is Tuesday, 7 October 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf</a>
07-10-2025	<b>NEW: The dates of the collaborative workshops are 23 September 2025 and 7 October 2025 for KIC Medicines from medicines - knowledge development for circular redesign of the pharmaceutical supply chain</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain</a>
14-10-2025	<b>NEW: Deadline submission for proposals NWO call Knowledge in Action – Towards Collective Water Management in East Brabant</b> . <b>Proposals can be submitted until 14 October 2025 14:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-in-action-towards-collective-water-management-in-east-brabant">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-in-action-towards-collective-water-management-in-east-brabant</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ENG_Subsidieoeprop_KennisInActie_collectiefWaterbeheerOostBrab_DEF%20%281%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ENG_Subsidieoeprop_KennisInActie_collectiefWaterbeheerOostBrab_DEF%20%281%29.pdf</a>
04-11-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Pre proposals NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2025</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting preproposals is 4 november 2025, before 14:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-health-research-and-development">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-health-research-and-development</a>

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11-11-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full applications NWA Call 'Building blocks for integral policy on Planetary Health'</b> . <b>Closing date full application 11 November 2025 14:00 hrs.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-new-research-on-building-blocks-for-integral-policy-on-planetary-health">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-new-research-on-building-blocks-for-integral-policy-on-planetary-health</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/building-blocks-for-integrated-policy-on-planetary-health">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/building-blocks-for-integrated-policy-on-planetary-health</a>
11-11-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full proposals</b> for NWO- KIC call <b>Consumer behaviour for a circular system transition</b> . <b>The deadline for proposals is November 11th, 2025, before 14:00:00 CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Consumer%20Behaviour.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Consumer%20Behaviour.pdf</a>
12-11-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025</b> . <b>12 November 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
13-11-2025	Deadline for submission of <b>Full applications</b> <b>Call Cellular Agriculture - towards larger scale and lower cost</b> . <b>Deadline for submitting proposals: 13 November 2025, by 14:00:00 CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NGF%20CA%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NGF%20CA%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20EN.pdf</a>
25-11-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Pre-proposals</b> for <b>Perspectief round 2025-2026</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 25 November 2025, before 14:00:00 CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf</a>
02-12-2025	Deadline for <b>Full applications</b> <b>call KIC Reducing health inequalities - technology for people in a lower social economic position</b> . <b>Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-socioeconomic-position">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-socioeconomic-position</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals_Reducing%20health%20inequalities_ENG_finaal_1.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals_Reducing%20health%20inequalities_ENG_finaal_1.pdf</a>
02-12-2025	<b>Foreseen Deadline for Rubicon 2025 Round 3</b> . <b>Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.).</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-3">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-3</a>
02-12-2025	<b>Foreseen Deadline for submission of letter of intent for Research Infrastructure (RI): national consortia 2025-2026</b> . <b>Closing date for letter of intent 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.):</b> this Call is coordinated for WUR by CVI Mascha Rasenberg. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026</a>
From 13-01-2025 until 12-12-2025	Deadline submission <b>full proposals</b> <b>Open Technology Programme 2025</b> . <b>Applications can be submitted on a continuous basis between 13 January 2025 until 12 December 2025, as long as the grant ceiling or the maximum number of applications submitted has not yet been reached.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf</a>
20-12-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> <b>NWO Impact Explorer 2025</b> . <b>20 December 2025 by 14:00:00 CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
22-01-2026	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> for <b>KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation</b> This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. <b>January 22, 2026, before 2:00:00 PM CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation</a>
27-01-2026	Deadline submission for <b>Full applications</b> for <b>Veni round 2025</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting full applications is 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme</a>
27-01-2026	Deadline submission of <b>Full Proposals</b> for <b>NWA call Opportunities and value chains for side streams in the protein transition</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday</b>



	27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf</a>
29-01-2026	<b>NEW: Deadline</b> for submission <b>Full proposals</b> for NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy. The deadline for submitting proposals is Thursday, 29 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET: <b>Note PJ:</b> The application procedure for this call consists of two phases: participating in collaborative workshops and submitting a proposal; NWO is organising two consecutive collaborative workshops <b>on 8 and 29 October 2025</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy</a>
03-02-2026	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 3 February 2026 by 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
03-02-2026	Deadline submission <b>Full proposals</b> Dutch Research Agenda - Research along Routes by Consortia 2025 (NWA-ORC 2025). Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2025-nwa-orc-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2025-nwa-orc-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWAORC2025_Call%20for%20Proposals_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWAORC2025_Call%20for%20Proposals_EN.pdf</a>
03-02-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for submission <b>Full applications</b> for Call Open Competition L. Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh</a>
03-02-2026	Deadline submission <b>full proposals</b> for SSH Open Competition L 2025. The full proposal deadline is 3 February 2026, at 14:00:00 CET: <b>The dates of the collaborative workshops are 23 September 2025 and 7 October 2025</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf</a>
10-02-2026	Deadline for submission <b>full proposals</b> NWO-NWA Call Future proof large rivers in the Netherlands. Deadline proposals: 10 February 2026, 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwa-call-future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands-open-for-applications">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwa-call-future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands-open-for-applications</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWA%20Rivieren_ENG_def.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWA%20Rivieren_ENG_def.pdf</a>
10-02-2025	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline submission of <b>Full applications</b> for KIC Medicines from medicines - knowledge development for circular redesign of the pharmaceutical supply chain. The foreseen deadline for submission of full applications is 10 February , 2026, by 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain</a>
12-02-2026	Deadline for <b>Full applications</b> NWO KIC Call Biochemical diversity. Closing date full application 12 February 2026 14:00 hrs. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-biochemical-diversity">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-biochemical-diversity</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20Biochem%20div_Call%20for%20proposals_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20Biochem%20div_Call%20for%20proposals_EN.pdf</a>
24-02-2026	Deadline submission <b>Full proposals</b> for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 24 February 2026, before 17:00:00 CET/12:00:00 AST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach</a>
10-03-2026	Deadline for submission of <b>pre-proposals</b> for KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia – XL The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 10 March 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf</a>
24-03-2026	<b>Foreseen Deadline</b> for submission of <b>letter of intent</b> 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. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026</a>
09-04-2026	Deadline for submission <b>Full proposals</b> NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2025. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 9 april 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-</a>



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14-04-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline <u>Full proposals</u> NWO-KIC call Fewer critical raw materials in the energy transition.</b> Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/fewer-critical-raw-materials-in-the-energy-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/fewer-critical-raw-materials-in-the-energy-transition</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant</a>
14-04-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for submission of <b><u>full proposals</u> KIC Digital Twinning: multidisciplinary simulation for deep and actual insights.</b> Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-digital-twinning-multidisciplinary-simulation-for-deep-and-actual-insights">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-digital-twinning-multidisciplinary-simulation-for-deep-and-actual-insights</a>
19-05-2026	Deadline for submission <b><u>Full applications</u> for Perspectief round 2025-2026.</b> The deadline for submitting proposals is Tuesday 19 May 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf</a>
02-06-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for submission <b><u>Full proposals</u> for KIC Adaptability in transitions.</b> Foreseen closing date full application 2 June 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-adaptability-in-transitions">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-adaptability-in-transitions</a>
09-06-2026	Deadline for submission <b><u>Full-proposals</u> for Open Competition Domain Science–XL round 2025–2026.</b> The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 9th June 2026, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026</a>
29-09-2026	<b>Foreseen Deadline</b> for submission <b><u>Full proposals</u> KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food.</b> Closing date full application 29 September 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-ai-for-agriculture-horticulture-water-and-food">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-ai-for-agriculture-horticulture-water-and-food</a>
12-11-2026	Deadline for submission of <b><u>Full-proposals</u> for KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia – XL.</b> The deadline for submitting full proposals is Thursday 12 November 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf</a>
30-11-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for <b><u>full proposals</u> call NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy.</b> Closing date full application 30 November 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy</a>
21-01-2027	Deadline submission <b><u>proposals</u> for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation</b> This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. <b>January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation</a>

## Regional calls

This list is a selection of regional calls. The list was compiled on 15 August 2025. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
From 01-03-2025 to 28-02-2026	<b>Opening EFRO East Netherlands: Innovation projects priority 1</b> (a smarter East Netherlands): applications can be submitted from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. The subsidy ceiling is € 11.7 million, of which € 10 million for activities that benefit Gelderland and € 1.7 million for activities that benefit Overijssel;
From 01-03-2025 to 28-02-2026	<b>Opening EFRO East Netherlands Test and demonstration projects priority 1</b> (a smarter East Netherlands): applications can be submitted from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. The subsidy ceiling is €6.7 million, of which €5 million for activities that benefit Gelderland and €1.7 million for activities that benefit Overijssel.
2023-2024	<b>EFRO 2021-2027 Eastern Netherlands:</b> For for overview calls go to EFRO Oost <a href="https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen">https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen</a>

2023-2024	<b>EFRO 2021 – 2027 Western Netherlands:</b> For calls Kansen voor West III <a href="https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen/">https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen/</a>
2023-2024	<b>EFRO 2021-2027 Northern Netherlands:</b> For calls Northern Netherlands go to Website SNN <a href="https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027">https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027</a>
2023-2024	<b>EFRO 2021-2027 Southern Netherlands:</b> For calls Southern Netherlands go to website Stimulus <a href="https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/">https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/</a>
24-02-2025 to 04-04-2025	<b>Foreseen deadline Spring call OP-Zuid 2025:</b> from 24 February 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to April 4, 2025 (until 5 p.m.);
15-09-2025 to 24-10-2025	<b>Foreseen opening Autumn call OP-Zuid 2025:</b> from 15 September, 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to 24 October, 2025 (until 5 p.m.).

## About the Wageningen Grant Office

### Wageningen Grant Office

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

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

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