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Latest Funding News

European Funding News: Horizon Europe

The ERC awards €761m to the next generation of scientists in Europe (4 September 2025)

Source: Science|Business <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/erc-2025-starting-grants-results>

The European Research Council (ERC) has selected 478 early-career researchers across Europe to receive this year's Starting Grants. With a total funding of €761 million, these grants support excellent research across diverse fields, including physical sciences and engineering, life sciences, and social sciences and humanities. The backing will help researchers at the beginning of their careers to launch their own projects, build research teams and pursue their most promising ideas.



Projects selected for funding

As part of the EU's Horizon Europe programme, these ERC grants will help researchers make discoveries across a wide range of fields. The grantees include a researcher in the Netherlands exploring new ways to make artificial touch feel more natural and realistic; an Austria-based scientist investigating how aging reshapes human tissues and triggers disease; a researcher in Estonia studying whether attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in adults mirrors childhood ADHD; and another scientist, based in Spain, examining how plants protect themselves from excessive sun exposure.

These are just [some examples of the research](#) that the new grantees will conduct.

Facts and figures

The successful candidates plan to carry out their projects at universities and research centres across 25 countries, including Germany (99 grants), the UK (60), the Netherlands (44), and France (41). They come from Europe and beyond, with 51 different nationalities amongst the grantees, notably Germans (87 researchers), Italians (55), French (33), and UK and Spanish researchers (32 each).



This competition attracted 3 928 proposals, marking a 13% increase in demand from last year's Starting Grant call. Just over 12% of the proposals will be funded.



The number of women grantees remain fairly stable with 42% female winners in this year's Starting Grants, and 44% in 2024, and 43% in 2023.

A Starting Grant amounts to €1.5 million for a period of up to five years. However, additional funds can be made available to cover costs related to moving from a country outside the EU or associated countries, purchasing major equipment or the access to large facilities, or major experimental and fieldwork-related costs.

This round of grants is estimated to create some 3 000 jobs within the teams of the new grantees.

See more statistics <https://erc.europa.eu/system/files/2025-09/erc-2025-stg-statistics.pdf> and **the full list of winners** <https://erc.europa.eu/system/files/2025-09/erc-2025-stg-results-all-domains.pdf>

One grant awarded to WUR:

VAN DER SANDE Masha Wageningen University Wageningen University NL FiRes Fire resilience of Amazonian forests: past, present and future

Read full article: <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/erc-2025-starting-grants-results>

New versions of draft Cluster 5 and 6 work programmes for 2026-27 are out (1 September 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/new-versions-draft-cluster-5-and-6-work-programmes-2026-27-are-out>

Horizon Europe's funding for climate, energy and mobility shrinks by a third in latest draft



Two new versions of draft Horizon Europe work programmes are out, and they include a big decrease in funding for collaborative climate, energy and mobility research in 2026 and 2027.

The total direct funding for Horizon's Cluster 5, which covers big collaborative climate, energy and mobility projects, is down by about a third. Compared with the previous version from May, the draft budgets have shrunk from €1.759 billion to €1.218 billion in 2026, and from €1.296 billion to €862 million in 2027.

But not the entire decrease is money gone. Some of the funding has simply moved elsewhere in the Horizon budget, such as almost €500 million for Horizon Europe Missions and the €150 million for big climate-friendly tech demonstrator projects, which will be described in a separate annex.

The new draft budget lines are roughly in line with the previous years of Horizon Europe, such as €1,662 billion in 2023, €1,404 billion in 2024 and €1,231 billion in 2025.

Elsewhere, the strategic planning committee has cut the budgets for various topics as well as moved topics around the different calls. The total number of big calls falls from 18 to 16, but most of the topics have been reabsorbed by other calls.

This is likely not the last set of changes for the work programme, as the Commission and member states work towards finalising the plans for the last two years of Horizon Europe by the end of 2025. Up until then, anything can change. Similarly, over the summer the Commission published a leaner version of the work programme for Cluster 6, which covers research on food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment.

The budgets for both years are again down by about a third in the newest version, from around €900 million each year to just over €600 million. But in the case of Cluster 6, this is largely due to the money moving around the Horizon budgets, with much of the funding transferred to the work programmes for Horizon Europe Missions and the New European Bauhaus.

Find the **draft work programmes on our Horizon papers page** <https://sciencebusiness.net/horizon-papers>.

Editor's note: We think it is important to maintain a public record of how Horizon Europe evolves in successive rounds of drafting between the Commission and member states. This is why we publish analyses of draft Horizon Europe work programmes as they become available on our [Horizon Papers page](#).

Applications for ERC Advanced Grants 2025: Facts and figures (1 September 2025)

Source: Website ERC <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/applications-erc-advanced-grants-2025-facts-and-figures>



The ERC Advanced Grants 2025 call closed for applications on 28 August 2025. These are the preliminary data on the submitted proposals:

- The ERC received 3 329 proposals — **31% more** than last year and **82% more** than the year before that.
- The **highest number of applications** were submitted in **Physical Sciences and Engineering** (1 341), followed by Social Science and Humanities (1 013), and Life Sciences (975).
- **Women** submitted 840 proposals (25.2%), higher share than in the past two years.

In its **Work Programme 2025** https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2025/wp_horizon-erc-2025_en.pdf, the ERC earmarked €683 million for an estimated 276 Advanced Grants. The ERC is now starting the evaluation of the proposals. The selected projects will likely be announced in the spring of 2026. ERC Advanced Grants are designed to Support for excellent researchers at the career stage when they are already established leaders with a recognised track record of research achievements. The principal investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition, and feasibility of their research proposal.

RVO's Funding update Europe's digital transformation (29 August 2025)

Source: Mailing RVO team IRIS

- Several **key deadlines** are approaching for **EU funding opportunities in digital innovation**. The Horizon Europe Cluster 4 Digital Industry and Space calls close on 2 October 2025, and the first set of Digital Europe Programme calls close on 2 September 2025 and 2 October 2025. **Please note that the submission deadlines for the following calls under the Digital Europe Programme have been extended:**
 - **DIGITAL-2025-AI-08** – New deadline: **2 October** 2025 at 17:00 (C.E.S.T.)
 - **DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08** – New deadline: **2 October** 2025 at 17:00 (C.E.S.T.)

Please also note that the deadlines for the following calls remain unchanged:

- **DIGITAL-2025-BESTUSE-08** – Deadline: 2 September 2025 at 17:00 (C.E.S.T.)
- **DIGITAL-2025-EDIH-AC-08** – Deadline: 2 September 2025 at 17:00 (C.E.S.T.)

In addition, the EIC Accelerator Open 2025 provides funding for breakthrough deep-tech innovations, with a submission cut-off on 1 October 2025.

- The **Digital Europe Programme Matchmaking Platform** is a free online tool to help you connect with potential partners for upcoming Digital Europe calls. It complements the Horizon Europe brokerage and offers one to one meetings to explore ideas and build strong consortia. Create a profile, highlight your expertise or project idea, and book meetings directly through the platform. Join now to boost your chances of success in the Digital Europe Programme: [b2match Digital Europe matchmaking](#).
- Are you conducting research or developing **future computer technology**, like efficient AI, photonic computing and neuromorphic computing? Would you like to explore opportunities across borders? The UK has a strong academic and policy foundation when it comes to the future of energy-efficient AI computing. Explore your opportunities for collaboration during our **innovation mission to London** and the surrounding area from 10 to 13 November 2025. As part of the innovation mission the signing of the **UK-NL innovation pact** by the minister of Economic Affairs is foreseen. Discover opportunities for collaboration in research and business partnerships in this emerging field, where speed, energy efficiency, and security take center stage. [Sign up now](#) or contact [Ruben Wassink](#) for more information!
- We would like to inform you that, in line with the Commission's internal General Principles and Parameters for the Work Programme 2026–2027, **the third drafts of both the EIC 2026 Work Programme and the EIE**

2026–2027 Work Programme are now available in the [Comitology Register](#). In addition, the **third draft of the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Cluster 4** work programme is also available in the [Comitology Register](#).

- The European Commission has launched [a call for applications](#) to join the **Advisory Forum under the AI Act**, **inviting stakeholders from civil society, academia, industry, SMEs, and start-ups** to contribute to the responsible and effective implementation of the regulation. The forum will provide independent expertise on standardisation, implementation challenges, and broader aspects of the AI Act, while ensuring balanced representation across sectors, regions, and gender. Applications are open until 14 September 2025 to experts from organisations with a proven track record in AI-related fields.

Belgian universities renew call to suspend Israel from Horizon Europe (21 Aug 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/international-news/belgian-universities-renew-call-suspend-israel-horizon-europe>

Starvation in Gaza means Israel has broken its association agreement with the EU, they say. Ljubljana University has also joined their call



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Belgian university rectors have repeated their call to suspend Israel from the EU's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme. In its war in Gaza, Israel has failed to honour its association agreement with the EU, the rectors argue, which states that both parties must respect human rights.

"If this foundation is systematically undermined, consequences must follow. Otherwise, our European values risk becoming hollow words," **they said in a statement** <https://nieuws.kuleuven.be/en/content/2025/public-statement-by-university-rectors-on-the-situation-in-gaza> on August 9.

On August 18, the University of Ljubljana also called on the EU <https://www.uni-lj.si/en/news/2025-08-18-the-senate-of-the-university-of-ljubljana-deliberated-on-further-cooperation-with-israeli-universities-and-institutions> to suspend Israel from the programme, citing "reports of genocidal acts against the population" in Gaza. It said it would not join Horizon Europe project consortia with Israeli institutions.

Europe is currently mulling whether to launch scientific sanctions against Israel in response to the country's war on and blockade of Gaza. The EU-Israel association agreement underpins Israel's association to Horizon Europe, from which the country has received €856 million so far.

The World Health Organization has warned that starvation <https://www.who.int/news-room/speeches/item/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-media-briefing-23-july-2025> is unfolding in Gaza, and has documented 21 children under five dying of hunger so far this year. Israel is blocking food trucks from entering the territory, the <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/08/1165552> UN said earlier this month and, since May, at least 1,373 Palestinians have been killed while seeking food, largely by Israeli forces.

While EU leaders have upped their condemnation of Israel in recent months, this has not yet translated into any scientific sanctions, one tool the bloc can use to pressure Israel to change course.

Last month, the European Commission proposed excluding Israeli entities from receiving new European Innovation Council Accelerator grants, which typically fund start-ups. Israeli firms have already received €170 million in Accelerator grants, including for work in dual-use fields such as drones. But in discussions before the August break some EU countries, including Germany, [still blocked the proposed sanctions](#).

This latest call by Belgian rectors will increase pressure on EU states to act when officials return from their holidays next week.

"We cannot remain silent in the face of the inhumane conditions and deep humanitarian crisis in Gaza," say the rectors in their statement.

"What has been unfolding in Gaza over the past months violates every principle of human dignity: more than 60,000 civilian casualties, the blocking of humanitarian aid, and a worsening famine," they say.

Webinar on ERC Work Programme 2026 - Part 2 (21 August 2025)

Source: Website ERC <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/events/webinar-erc-work-programme-2026-part-2>

When

11 September 2025

15.00 - 16.30 CEST

Online



Save the date: a second ERC Work Programme 2026 webinar is coming up on 11 September at 15:00 CEST. This session is designed for those who already know the ERC application process and want to dive deeper into the specific changes, rules, and opportunities for 2026.

More details will be available soon

European Funding News: FP10

The road to FP10 is paved with missing details (4 September 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/planning-fp10/road-fp10-paved-missing-details>

Research lobbies join MEP Christian Ehler in calling for the Commission to fill gaps in its proposal for the new Horizon Europe



Ekaterina Zaharieva, the European commissioner in charge of start-ups, research and innovation (left), and MEP Christian Ehler (right). Photo credits: Geert Vanden Wijngaert

Brussels research lobbies, together with leading MEP Christian Ehler, are calling for more detail and clarity about the European Commission's €175 billion plan for the tenth Framework Programme (FP10).

Their comments came as research Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva asked the research community to continue its "support" for the Commission so that "we still have a really strong standalone [programme] with a doubled budget" when negotiations conclude in 2027.

When the Commission presented its proposal in July, the research community was thrilled to see Horizon Europe remain a standalone programme after months of uncertainty and intense haggling among the Commission's services over a plan to dismember the programme and incorporate it in a future European Competitiveness Fund (ECF).

The programme remained "standalone" with a budget nearly twice the size of the current programme, but a large chunk of that money is still slated to be spent under a joint jurisdiction with the ECF. Just how that will work has not yet been set out in detail by the Commission. It also promised to simplify the programme, allocate more money to fundamental research and boost the European Innovation Council.

Research stakeholders are now wondering how exactly the Commission will deliver on those promises, as MEPs and member states are gearing up for years of negotiation on a final budget, as well as the content and structure of the programme. An agreement is envisioned by the end of 2027.

Speaking on September 2 at an event organised by the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities and the League of European Research Universities (LERU), two of the most prominent research lobbies in Brussels, Zaharieva urged the audience to "continue to support" the Commission, but did not offer details about the gaps in the regulation. Research lobbies and MEPs alike are concerned about the lack of clarity in the regulation put forward by the Commission in July. Important details on how the Commission plans to simplify the programme and how defence research will be incorporated into a largely civilian programme are still missing.

"There are a lot of questions where the text is simply incomplete," said European People's Party MEP Christian Ehler, who has served as a co-rapporteur for Horizon Europe and a rapporteur for the rules of participation in Horizon 2020. "We have an interesting situation where the programme is entwined in the European budget with the European Competitiveness programme," but the Commission has yet to explain how it will "formulate that" in practice, he told delegates to the conference.

Then there is the issue of simplification. Zaharieva reiterated the need to streamline Horizon Europe to make it "easier to access, faster to manage and more flexible," so that researchers "focus on science, not on paperwork."

But the Commission's plans are too vague, Ehler said. "Beyond the disputed concept of lump sums, there is very little detail on how matters will be simplified."

Missing details

Kurt Deketelaere, secretary general of LERU, wants the Commission to make available a precise budgetary breakdown for Horizon Europe. This is currently missing in the Commission's proposal. "We need, in the FP10 text, in the European Competitiveness Fund text, in black and white, what every part of the programme is going to get," he said.

For example, the Commission intends to nearly double the budget for Pillar 1 in efforts to support the expansion of the European Research Council (ERC). But when looking at what this increase represents out of the total budget, the ERC is in fact receiving the same share as it currently has under Horizon Europe, Deketelaere said.

"For a number of those topics, even if they win cash-wise, it's a little bit disappointing percentage-wise," he added.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/planning-fp10/road-fp10-paved-missing-details>

Commission opens consultation on European Biotech Act (21 August 2025)

Source: Website EC https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14627-Biotech-Act/public-consultation_en

The European Commission has opened a public consultation on the upcoming European Biotech Act. The EU executive is seeking opinions from industry, researchers, investors and other stakeholders.

The consultation will close on 10 November 2025.

More details here: https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14627-Biotech-Act/public-consultation_en

Other International funding

Driving Urban Transitions Call 2025 open for applications (2 September 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/driving-urban-transitions-call-2025-open-for-applications>



The European initiative Driving Urban Transitions to a Sustainable Future (DUT) has opened its fourth Call for proposals. DUT is focused on promoting transnational projects that tackle urban challenges, aiming to assist cities in their shift toward a more sustainable future. Themes of this Call are about the urban energy transition, mobility and circular economy. Transnational interdisciplinary consortia from at least three participating countries are invited to apply. NWO invites Dutch researchers to apply for funding.




The DUT Partnership

The DUT Partnership <https://dutpartnership.eu/> aims at urban change in a global context. It focuses on sustainable urban development and aims to facilitate knowledge and impact by forming and expanding networks of societal and scientific partners. DUT wants to boost the urgently needed urban transformations towards a sustainable future with enhanced quality of life in cities.

Aim of the Call

Many complex challenges of today and the future must be addressed within cities and by urban communities. Urban areas are the places where transformations are required to secure a sustainable future. The purpose of this Call for proposals is thus to support transnational projects addressing these complex urban challenges to help cities in their transition towards a more sustainable economy and functioning.

In this Call for proposals these challenges are grouped into three Transition Pathways: Positive Energy Districts, the 15-minute City and Circular Urban Economies. NWO takes part in seven of the nine Call topics offered in this call for proposals, with funding available for *strategic research*:

	Circular Urban Economies (CUE) CUE topic 1 – Resilient green and social infrastructure CUE topic 3 – Public procurement to foster urban greening and circularity
	15-minute City (15mC) 15mC topic 2 – Reimagining parking – transforming urban parking policies 15mC topic 3 – Mobility policymaking in context of radical contestation
	Positive Energy Districts (PED) PED topic 1 - Driving a just transition: PED strategies in social and subsidised housing PED topic 2 – Ensuring positive socio-economic impact: PEDs in local economies and energy markets PED topic 3 – PEDs in urban heating and cooling strategies

Apply for funding

The application process consists of two stages. **The deadline for pre-proposals is 17 November 2025 (13:00 CET).**
The deadline for full proposals is 23 April 2026 (13:00 CEST).

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/driving-urban-transitions-call-2025-open-for-applications> and <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/driving-urban-transitions-to-a-sustainable-future-dut>

Call open for Senior Experts: transformation of global food, land, and water systems (21 August 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-for-senior-experts-transformation-of-global-food-land-and-water-systems>



The second round of the NL-CGIAR Senior Expert Programme II is now open for applications. This programme enables experienced researchers working at Dutch universities, universities of applied sciences and other research institutes to contribute to international research Programmes and Accelerators of CGIAR, the world's largest global organisation for agricultural research. The programme reimburses their personnel costs, thereby allowing them to engage with CGIAR (Science) Programs and/or Accelerators. The deadline for applications is 20 January 2026.

About this call

This call is the second round of the Senior Expert Programme, phase 2. The programme aims to promote knowledge and strengthen innovation in the field of global food and nutrition security through cooperation between the Netherlands and CGIAR. The call offers senior researchers from Dutch knowledge institutions the opportunity to spend part of their working time for a period of 1-3 years collaborating with one (or more) of the following CGIAR (Science) programs/accelerators:

CGIAR (Science) Programs

- [Climate Action](#)
 - [Food Frontiers and Security](#)
 - [Policy Innovation](#)
 - [Scaling for Impact](#)

CGIAR Accelerators

- [Capacity Sharing](#)
 - [Digital Transformation](#)
 - [Gender Equality and Inclusion](#)

Budget and matchmaking

The deadline for submitting a proposal is **20 January 2026**, before 14:00:00 CET. A Senior Expert can apply for 550.000 Euro for an appointment of maximum 3 years. A total of 3,9 Million Euro is available for this round.

NWO is organising an online matchmaking meeting about this **new round on 24 September 2025 from 12.00 to 16.00 h CEST**. Participants will receive more information about the call and the submission process, and there will be opportunities to meet with various CGIAR partners.

You can register for this meeting via this link: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/info/matchmaking-meeting-senior-expert-programme-nl-cgiar>. In the registration form, you can also indicate which CGIAR (Science) Programs/Accelerators you would like to speak to during this meeting.

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-for-senior-experts-transformation-of-global-food-land-and-water-systems> and <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/senior-expert-programme-sep-ii-round-2>

National funding

Eight consortia funded in NGF Big Chemistry (8 September 2025)

Source: website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/eight-consortia-funded-in-ngf-big-chemistry>



The projects range from research on paint to soap and from coatings to food. Using AI and high-throughput experiments, the projects will conduct research into a more sustainable and efficient chemical industry.

The aim of this call is to accelerate the search for chemicals with the right desirable properties. High-throughput experiments, in which many experiments are carried out simultaneously, enable large amounts of data to be collected. This data is analysed using artificial intelligence (AI) to identify patterns. These patterns can be used to predict all kinds of properties of new chemicals, such as taste, smell or solubility. Ultimately, this will be integrated into a fully automated RobotLab. The RobotLab itself is not part of this call.

This call was a collaboration between NWO and National Growth Fund project Big Chemistry. This ensures a good connection between scientific research and practical implementation.

A total of nearly 2.8 million euros in NWO funding has been granted, and the eight projects have jointly raised an additional 556,000 euros in co-funding. It is noteworthy that the consortium partners come from both the Netherlands and abroad.

For more information about the awarded projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/eight-consortia-funded-in-ngf-big-chemistry>

An additional 30 million euros available for Vidi grants in 2025 (5 September 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/an-additional-30-million-euros-available-for-vidi-grants-in-2025>



NWO is investing an additional 30 million euros in the NWO Talent Programme Vidi. Partly because the abolition of starter and incentive grants has left a gap in funding for this group of talented researchers. Stimulating scientific talent is one of NWO's priorities, and Vidi is an important part of the NWO Talent Programme.

The extra budget of 30 million euros will be added to the 2024 Vidi round, creating more scope for awarding grants. This amounts to just over 30 additional grants (of 850,000 euros) spread across all scientific disciplines. NWO will decide on the allocations this fall.

Vidi is a funding instrument from the NWO Talent Programme. The Vidi grants are aimed at researchers who are in the transition to leadership. They also have academic qualities that exceed the norm and demonstrate the development of leadership and mentoring skills. The Vidi grant funds innovative scientific research in all scientific fields and gives researchers the opportunity to set up or expand a research group.

Why is the extra budget going to the Vidi grants?

After extra budget was recently made available, because NWO receives interest on amounts that are still awaiting final allocation (for example because of assessment procedures that have to take place before we can distribute the budget) it was decided to invest this specifically in our Talent Programme. This decision was partly motivated by the abolition of the starter and incentive grants. By adding more resources to this programme, we are creating extra opportunities for more talented researchers to develop themselves, especially in times of cutbacks in research and science.

We prefer to use the freed-up budget for research as soon as possible. The Vidi decisions will be made this fall, so this is the first opportunity to put the extra funds to good use. It therefore only concerns the Vidi and is not a structural investment in the NWO Talent Programme, which means it will have no effect on the upcoming Veni, Vidi, and Vici rounds.

Six research projects awarded funding within the Open Technology Program: from windturbines to advanced quantum materials (2 September 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/six-research-projects-awarded-funding-within-the-open-technology-program-from-windturbines-to-advanced-quantum-materials>



Six application-oriented projects can start with funding from the Open Technology Programme from the NWO domain Applied and Engineering Sciences (AES). NWO is supporting these application-oriented projects with more than 5.5 million euros. Industry partners and other organisations are contributing another amount of over 885.880 euros.

The granted projects include topics such as:

- Expanding the electron microscope toolbox with novel microwave technology, enabling ultrashort exposure times to study extremely fast processes occurring in materials, while maintaining the state-of-the-art precision of imaging and spectroscopy. This will help to better understand and further develop advanced quantum materials (Project: Microwave-cavity-based ultrafast electron microscopy and spectroscopy)
- Development of time-scale-space adaptive meshfree method for urban wind simulation utilizing Dutch Airborne Laser Scanning open data. Given high detail in point clouds and adaptive nature of point distribution, the method is expected to be superior in quality (Project: POINT-TWINS: Point clOud-based dynamlc coNTinuous-scale adapTive urban WINd Simulat)
- Using flower pigmentation patterns as a model system to uncover the processes and genes involved in establishing and maintaining post-transcriptional gene silencing (PTGS) differently between neighbouring cells, enabling the application of such insights in crop breeding programs (Project: Precision Patterns in Petal Pigmentation: Genetic, sRNA, and Epigenetic Landscapes Shaping Flower Pigmentation Patterns)

One of the funded projects is led by WUR

Single-molecule Chemical Analysis to study Protein Interactions and Self-Assembly (Nano-Scope) - **dr. F.S.R. Ruggeri**, Wageningen University & Research

For more information about the funded projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/six-research-projects-awarded-funding-within-the-open-technology-program-from-windturbines-to-advanced-quantum-materials>

NWO: Choose knowledge for a resilient and future-proof Netherlands (1 September 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwo-choose-knowledge-for-a-resilient-and-future-proof-netherlands>



Choosing knowledge means choosing a resilient and future-proof Netherlands. That is the key message of NWO in its election pledge. It identifies three specific opportunities for NWO and politicians to work together to create a strong knowledge-based country. In addition, as a partner in the Knowledge Coalition, NWO emphatically endorses the call to the next cabinet to now work concretely toward the goal of spending 3% of our GDP on research and development (R&D) by 2030.

The three opportunities identified by NWO are: **knowledge for major societal issues**, **scientific talent**, and a **national digital infrastructure strategy**.

Knowledge for major societal issues

Because NWO is the party with an overview of the entire Dutch research field and has the expertise to bring parties together, NWO sees two new opportunities to contribute more to the major issues facing our country from this role. Firstly, the funder is asking for a coordinating role in addressing other societal issues (such as security and the energy transition) and in coordinating collaboration between science and practice. Secondly, NWO is offering to work on a new regional innovation program, bringing together all knowledge institutions in the area with all societal partners and the (regional) business community.

Proud of talent

Research is people work, and the Netherlands is fortunate to have a continuous stream of highly talented and highly educated young people with creative ideas and great research ambitions. However, for years there has been a *brain drain* from Europe to other countries, while talent that wants to work here is desperately needed. The bright minds of tomorrow must be trained here and retained for science and business. NWO's Talent Program offers researchers opportunities for further development. That is why NWO is requesting an extension of its mandate to review this Talent Program and make it future-proof, so that 1) talented practice-oriented and application-oriented researchers can also apply, and 2) the Talent Program is once again seamlessly aligned with its European equivalent.

National digital infrastructure strategy

Digitization has completely changed science, and there is no end in sight. AI is rapidly conquering the field of research and raising new questions. The day when quantum computers become a reality is fast approaching. At the same time, the national supercomputer Snellius is due for replacement, and we are increasingly realizing that we no longer want to be dependent on 'big tech'. Ideally, the Netherlands as a knowledge economy should be digitally autonomous (or within a European context), so that scientific values such as reliability, transparency, and security remain guaranteed.

Knowledge Coalition

As a partner in the partnership between knowledge institutions and the business community (the Knowledge Coalition), NWO wholeheartedly endorses the call to continue investing in knowledge and talent – the raw materials for a future-proof Netherlands – with the aim of spending 3% of GDP on R&D by 2030. According to the Knowledge Coalition, achieving this goal will require €2 billion annually, rising to €3.5 billion in 2029.

Specifically, the Knowledge Coalition makes the following recommendations to the next cabinet:

- A new instrument for strategic innovation programs;

- Better coordination and more resources in our instruments for EU funding of R&D, so that no EU budget remains unused due to a lack of co-funding or matching;
- Modernization of scientific infrastructure via OCW and NWO, and experimental and new valorization infrastructure at public knowledge institutions, such as TO2 institutions;
- Establishment of a national investment institution for start-ups and scale-ups (e.g. through the use of pension funds);
- Stable funding for scientific, applied research.

The election pledges of NWO and the Knowledge Coalition can be found below (**in Dutch**):

Kies voor Kennis: Verkiezingsinzet NWO 2025: https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/kies_voor_kennis._verkiezingsinzet_nwo_2025.pdf

Verkiezingsinzet Kenniscoalitie 2025: https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/verkiezingsinzet_kenniscoalitie_2025.pdf

Tulip Fund opens for top international scientists (20 August 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/tulip-fund-opens-for-top-international-scientists>



Starting today, knowledge institutions can submit nominations for the Tulip Fund, NWO's new instrument that enables universities to attract renowned international scientists from outside the EU. Nominations can be submitted until 31 March 2026.

Purpose of the call

The purpose of this call for proposals is to enable research organisations to appoint top researchers or talented individuals from abroad who wish to continue their research in the Netherlands due to growing threats to academic freedom.

The fund is intended for scientists with a proven track record who are among the best in their field worldwide. With this fund, NWO aims to contribute to strengthening the Netherlands' international research position and creating powerful, sustainable research groups around excellent scientists.

Scientific and societal reinforcement

This boost will strengthen the Netherlands' leading scientific position in the world. The research carried out by these researchers will strengthen the Netherlands and Europe scientifically and socially. It may involve fundamental or applied research. There are no restrictions on the content of the research. In addition, this boost contributes to academic freedom, international cooperation and the independence of researchers, not only in the Netherlands, but wherever our influence reaches.

More information

- Would you like to know more about the background and principles of the Tulip Fund? Then read the previously **published news item** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/update-on-the-fund-for-leading-international-scientists-advance-announcement-of-the-tulip-fund>.
- All information about the call, including the conditions and how you can submit a nomination as a knowledge institution, can be found **on the call page** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/tulip-fund>.

The deadline for submitting nominations is provisionally set at 31 March 2026, 14:00:00 CEST. Submissions are accepted continuously.

NOTE PJ: nominations will be done by the Executive Board of WUR, max 2 applications per eligible organization.

Regional funding

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

Study warns of populism's impact on science (4 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 September 2025

The rise of populist and anti-science parties is creating a "climate of fear" among researchers, according to a recent publication reported by Science Business. According to co-author Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, this leads to less research and innovation. Rodríguez-Pose warns that populism and low levels of research and innovation reinforce each other. "Support for extreme parties will likely lead to less innovation, as we demonstrate in our article. But as soon as there is less innovation, you create more economic decline, which will ultimately lead to anti-establishment positions."

Publication: Research Policy: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0048733325001362?via%3Dihub>

Article: Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/international-news/political-extremism-creates-climate-anxiety-scientists>

Science Business: Commission falls short in implementing Draghi Report (4 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 September 2025

The lessons from the Draghi Report are "even more urgent" now than a year ago, argued former European Central Bank President Mario Draghi during a panel discussion. In an analysis, Science Business examines the extent to which the European Commission has addressed its recommendations one year after its publication. The analysis concludes that the Commission has adopted some of its recommendations, but that many of its calls remain unanswered or are only partially implemented.

Science Business Analysis: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/planning-fp10/draghi-report-one-year-what-has-changed>

Draghi Report: https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/97e481fd-2dc3-412d-be4c-f152a8232961_en?filename=The%20future%20of%20European%20competitiveness%20_%20A%20competitiveness%20strategy%20for%20Europe.pdf

Bruegel: Investments in R&D Essential for Green Transition (28 August 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 28 August 2025

Green growth is impossible without active support for innovation. This is the argument of Bruegel in his policy paper "No Green Growth Without Innovation," an (updated) reissue celebrating the think tank's twentieth anniversary. Bruegel refers to a "green innovation machine": it is important not only to price CO₂, but also to publicly invest in green R&D to reduce mitigation costs and stimulate technological progress. "This perspective remains relevant, as governments still struggle with underinvestment in green innovation and an overreliance on fragmented CO₂ pricing," it states.

Bruegel Publication: <https://www.bruegel.org/policy-brief/no-green-growth-without-innovation-0>

Knowledge Field Calls for More Clarity on the Coherence between Horizon Europe and the Competitiveness Fund (28 August 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 28 August 2025

The European Association of Research and Technology Organisations (EARTO) welcomes the increased budget for the new Horizon Europe program, but points to uncertainties surrounding the relationship with the announced Competitiveness Fund. The umbrella organization writes this in an analysis. The European Association of Innovation Consultants (EAIC) also considers the proposal a strong signal that research, development, and innovation remain central to the EU's strategic agenda, but calls for more details on governance and budget allocation.

EARTO Publication: <https://www.earto.eu/wp-content/uploads/EARTO-Analysis-of-Horizon-Europe-2.0-Budget-Final.pdf>

EAIC Press Release: <https://www.eaic.eu/press-releases.html>

Global policy

China and the US dominate new WIPO innovation ranking (4 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 September 2025

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has published its latest ranking of global innovation clusters. For the first time, venture capital activity, or investments in young companies that bring scientific knowledge to market, is also included. China and the United States dominate the ranking, with both having multiple clusters in the top 10. The Netherlands is also represented. The Amsterdam–Rotterdam cluster ranks 22nd, driven by TNO, Shell, and Delft University of Technology. Eindhoven ends in 65th place, but achieves a global top ten ranking when its score is compared to population density. Companies such as Philips, Signify, and ASML contribute significantly to this ranking.

WIPO Press Release: https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2025/article_0008.html

Innovation Cluster Ranking 2025: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/global-innovation-index/2025/innovation-clusters>

Interview on the importance of a chief science advisor for governments (4 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 September 2025

Independent scientific advice is crucial for sound policy, as Canada's chief science advisor, Mona Nemer, emphasizes in an interview with the German newspaper Table Media. She therefore emphasizes the importance of her role for a government, which can compile scientific input and translate it into independent recommendations. According to Nemer, Germany demonstrates why this is necessary: despite strong researchers and institutions, advice to the government is fragmented. A national science advisor can bring together this diverse input. The interview also addresses themes such as science diplomacy and the importance of international cooperation.

Interview Table Media: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/germany-needs-chief-science-advisor-says-canadas-incumbent>

Draghi: EU urgently needs reform to address US wake-up call (28 August 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 28 August 2025

The European Union needs drastic reforms in the short term to play a key role in a new world dominated by war and ruthless geopolitics. This was the argument of the former ECB chief during a political meeting in Rimini, Italy. "For years, the European Union believed that its economic size, with 450 million consumers, entailed geopolitical power and influence in international trade relations. This year will be remembered as the year in which this illusion evaporated," Draghi said. According to Draghi, President Trump's US trade tariffs are "a very brutal wake-up call" for the EU. China, too, reportedly no longer sees the EU as a full partner. Draghi advocates for drastic reforms to strengthen the internal market, for example, by issuing common EU debt to increase investment in defense, R&D, common infrastructure, and disruptive technologies.

Politico article: <https://www.politico.eu/article/mario-draghi-eu-donald-trump-geopolitics-central-bank-power-influence/>

Trump Tightens Control Over Research Funding (28 August 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 28 August 2025

US President Trump has signed an executive order that aims to further tighten control over the process of distributing research grants. According to Nature, the executive order, "Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking," stipulates that each federal agency will appoint an official responsible for developing review processes that align with the president's wishes. Critics argue that this shifts the review of research funding from science to politics. For example, funding may not be allocated to promote "anti-American values." The measure takes effect immediately and has immediately raised concerns among experts and the scientific community.

White House Executive Order: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/08/improving-oversight-of-federal-grantmaking/>

Nature Article: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-02557-z>

OECD sees shift in innovation policy (21 August 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 21 August 2025

In a new report, the OECD signals a shift in innovation policy in many countries. The report examines the strategies of 24 OECD countries. While science, technology, and innovation (STI) policies used to focus primarily on competitiveness and productivity, societal goals such as sustainability and inclusivity are now increasingly central. Digital transformation and traditional economic goals remain important, but according to the OECD, they have become "clearly secondary" or are being pursued in conjunction with other goals.

OECD Publication: https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/innovation-policy-transformed_5ee60cb5-en.html

National policy

Knowledge Coalition Calls on Politicians to Achieve 3% Target by 2030 (4 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 September 2025

The Knowledge Coalition is urging political parties to continue investing in knowledge and talent, with the goal of allocating 3% of GDP to R&D expenditure by 2030. This is the argument made by the partnership of knowledge institutions and businesses in the run-up to the Dutch parliamentary elections. According to the Knowledge Coalition, investments in knowledge and talent are the essential raw materials for a future-proof Netherlands. The AWTI (Awareness Institute for Technology and Innovation) has also called on politicians to structurally invest in research and innovation.

Knowledge Coalition Press Release: <https://kenniscoalitie.nl/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Persbericht-KC-Verkiezingsinzet-2025.pdf> (in Dutch)

Knowledge Coalition Election Efforts: <https://kenniscoalitie.nl/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Verkiezingsinzet-Kenniscoalitie-2025.pdf> (in Dutch)

AWTI calls for structural investment in research and innovation:

<https://www.awti.nl/actueel/nieuws/2025/07/09/awti-roept-politiek-op-structureel-te-investeren-in-onderzoek-en-innovatie> (in Dutch)

ESB: Defense spending can strengthen the economy (1 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 September 2025

The economic journal Economisch Statistische Berichten (Economic Statistical Reports) has published an article on the potential economic effects of the NATO agreement to structurally spend 5% of GDP on defense.

According to the analysis, the economic return depends heavily on implementation. Investments in defense R&D, in particular, could generate broad economic added value in the long term. Four preconditions would be decisive for this: clear delivery obligations, earmarking funds for European defense companies, contextual coordination, and sound financing.

Article ESB: <https://esb.nu/of-defensie-uitgaven-economie-versterken-hangt-af-van-uitvoering/> (in Dutch)

Advice on the AWTI Knowledge Offensive for Defense: <https://www.awti.nl/documenten/2024/10/kennisoffensief-voor-defensie/kennisoffensief-voor-defensie> (in Dutch)

Research points to innovation gap between management and employees in the Dutch central government (28 August 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 28 August 2025

Managers and employees of the Dutch central government experience the innovation climate within the government in very different ways. This is evident from research by Venster (ICTU) among 4,800 civil servants, as part of a large-scale OECD study on job satisfaction among civil servants in eight EU countries. Civil servants rate the innovation climate an average of 3.1 on a scale of 1 to 5. It is striking that the perceptions of managers and employees vary considerably. For example, managers are predominantly positive about the innovation climate, while many employees experience less support and less room for error. The use of AI also remains limited: two-thirds of civil servants indicate they never use the technology.

Venster publication: <https://www.venster.nl/nieuws/innovatie-bij-het-rijk-onderzoek/> (in Dutch)

First parties present election manifestos (28 August 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 28 August 2025

In recent weeks, most political parties have presented their manifestos for the October 29th parliamentary elections. Science and innovation appear to have gained priority. Furthermore, artificial intelligence and digital strategic autonomy are receiving more attention than in 2023. For example, several parties advocate working towards the three percent of GDP target for research and development expenditure. HOP has written about the hot topics in higher education and

science within the manifestos. The AWTI (Awareness-Making Initiative for Research and Innovation) has called on all political parties to invest an additional 0.5 percent of national income annually in a targeted, long-term, large-scale, and strategic research and innovation facility.

AWTI Call: <https://www.awti.nl/actueel/nieuws/2025/07/09/awti-roept-politiek-op-structureel-te-investeren-in-onderzoek-en-innovatie> (in Dutch)

HOP Analysis (VVD, GL-PvdA, NSC, BBB, PvdD, SP, CU, and JA21): <https://www.utoday.nl/news/75861/hete-hangijzers-in-verkiezingsprogramma> (in Dutch)

HOP Analysis (CDA and PVV): <https://www.utoday.nl/news/75877/dit-willen-pvv-en-cda-met-het-hoger-onderwijs> (in Dutch)

PVV Election Platform: https://www.pvv.nl/images/2025/PVV_Programma_Digi_2025.pdf (in Dutch)

GL-PvdA Election Platform: <https://groenlinkspvda.nl/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Conceptverkiezingsprogramma-GroenLinks-PvdA-2025.pdf> (in Dutch)

VVD Election Platform: <https://www.vvd.nl/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Verkiezingsprogramma-TK-VVD-2025.pdf> (in Dutch)

NSC Election Platform: https://ams3.digitaloceanspaces.com/nsc-multisite/Nieuw_Sociaal_Contract_Concept_Verkiezingsprogramma_2025_16082025_5_e148e7b111.pdf (in Dutch)

BBB Election Platform: <https://dnpprepo.ub.rug.nl/88739/1/BBB%20Verkiezingsprogramma%20TK2025%20%28Concept%29.pdf> (in Dutch)

CDA Election Platform: <https://www.cda.nl/verkiezingsprogramma/> (in Dutch)

SP Election Platform: https://sp-mediabucket.s3.eu-north-1.amazonaws.com/2025/08/SP_Concept_Verkiezingsprogramma_TK25.pdf (in Dutch)

PvdD Election Platform: <https://assets.partijvoordedieren.nl/assets/algemeen/2.-Documenten/Congresstukken/07-09-2025/7.-Ontwerpverkiezingsprogramma-PvdD-TK25.pdf> (in Dutch)

Volt Election Platform: https://voltnederland.org/storage/doc/volt_concept_verkiezingsprogramma_2025.pdf (in Dutch)

CU Election Platform: <https://www.christenunie.nl/verkiezingsprogramma> (in Dutch)

JA21 Election Platform: https://ja21.nl/fileadmin/user_upload/CONCEPT_Verkiezingsprogramma_JA21_TK25.pdf (in Dutch)

Cabinet presents action plan to boost innovation (21 August 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 21 August 2025

Nine measures should ensure that the Netherlands invests 3% of GDP in research and development (R&D) by 2030. The cabinet presented these measures in the 3% R&D action plan in July. The Netherlands currently has a target of 2.2%. According to calculations by TNO and the Rathenau Institute, an additional public investment of an estimated 2 to 4 billion euros annually is needed. The cabinet wants to explore, among other things, the establishment of a National Agency for Disruptive Innovation (NADI), based on successful international examples such as DARPA in the US and SPRIND in Germany. Furthermore, the cabinet wants to mobilize 3 billion euros in capital for R&D-intensive scale-ups by entering into discussions with institutional investors such as pension funds.

In its response, the AWTI calls on politicians to invest an additional 0.5 percent of national income annually in a targeted, long-term, large-scale, and strategic research and innovation facility.

Press Release from the Dutch Government: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2025/07/11/kabinet-onderneemt-9-acties-om-haperende-innovatie-aan-te-pakken> (in Dutch)

Letter to Parliament from Minister Karremans:

<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/kamerstukken/2025/07/11/kamerbrief-3-rd-actieplan> (in Dutch)

Policy Interventions 3% Action Plan: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/rapporten/2025/07/11/overzichtstabel-beleidsinterventies-3-actieplan> (in Dutch)

AWTI Response: <https://www.awti.nl/actueel/nieuws/2025/07/09/awti-roept-politiek-op-structureel-te-investeren-in-onderzoek-en-innovatie> (in Dutch)

€50 million fund to attract top international scientists to the Netherlands (21 August 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 21 August 2025

The Dutch government and the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) have jointly allocated €50 million for a fund to attract top international scientists from outside the European Union to the Netherlands. Before the summer, Minister Bruins informed Parliament about the establishment of the Tulip Fund. In the Spring Memorandum, the government allocated €25 million for the fund. NWO has decided to double this amount. It is expected that approximately 50 top scientists can be attracted. The Young Academy has criticized the fund and calls for attention not only to scientific excellence but also to protect scientists who cannot perform their work safely.

Press release from the Dutch government: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2025/07/10/tulp-fonds-opent-deuren-voor-internationale-topwetenschappers-in-ons-land> (in Dutch)

Membership letter from Minister Bruins: <https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/2d3a8d6c-4faf-41a9-a9f1-e09f925afd82/file> (in Dutch)

News release from NWO: <https://www.nwo.nl/nieuws/update-fonds-internationale-topwetenschappers-vooraankondiging-tulp-fonds> (in Dutch)

News release from The Young Academy: <https://www.dejongeakademie.nl/nieuws/3091833.aspx?t=Oproep-Gebruik-het-Tulp-Fonds-alleen-voor-bedreigde-wetenschappers> (in Dutch)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 8 September 2025

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

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

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

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


HORIZON-CL6-2025-01 ZEROPOLLUTION	17 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01 ZEROPOLLUTION-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE- two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02 COMMUNITIES	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-03- GOVERNANCE	24 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time
Circular Biobased Europe	
CBE Circular Biobased Europe partnership https://www.cbe.europa.eu/	17 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time https://www.cbe.europa.eu/system/files/2024-12/cbeju_awp2025.pdf
Pillar III Innovative Europe	
EIC-Pathfinder-Challenges	29 October 2025 17.00 Brussels time
EIC Transition-2025	17 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time
EIC-Accelerator-2025	1 October 2025 17.00 Brussels time
EIC Accelerator Challenges 2025	Foreseen Deadline 1 October 2025 https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5e1eb75f-e437-477f-9ee9-ef54ff6387fd_en?filename=EIC%20Work%20Programme%202025.pdf
Mission calls 2025	
HORIZON-MISS-2025-CLIMA <i>Adaptation to Climate Change Mission</i>	24 September 2025 (HORIZON-MISS-2025-01-CLIMA <i>Adaptation to Climate Change Mission</i>)
HORIZON-MISS-2025-02-CANCER <i>Cancer: Supporting the implementation of the Cancer Mission</i>	16 September 2025 (HORIZON-MISS-2025-02-CANCER <i>Supporting the implementation of the Cancer Mission</i>)
HORIZON-MISS-2025-03-OCEAN <i>Supporting the implementation of</i>	24 September 2025 (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	
HORIZON-MISS-2025-05 Call - Supporting the implementation of the Soil Deal for Europe Mission	30 September 2025 (HORIZON-MISS-2025-05-SOIL Call - Supporting the implementation of the Soil Deal for Europe Mission)
WIDERA 2025	

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

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 8 September 2025 for more details; go to EC Funding and Tenders opportunity Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

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

<p>European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://bluepartnership.eu/</p>	<p>NEW: Third Joint Transnational Call for R&I Funding Call launch (provisional): 15 September 2025, 15:00 CEST Deadline submission Pre-proposals 17 November 2025 Deadline submission Full proposals 17 June 2026</p>  <p>https://www.bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call</p>
<p>European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/</p>	<p>Pre-announcement: European funding opportunity for sustainable urban transitions https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-european-funding-opportunity-for-sustainable-urban-transitions-0 <u>Foreseen timeline and information day</u> The foreseen timeline for this call is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 September 2025: stage 1 opening • 9 September 2025: transnational info webinar (online) • 17 November 2025: stage 1 closing (Pre-Proposal submission deadline) • 20 February 2026: stage 2 opening • 23 April 2026: stage 2 closing (Full Proposal submission deadline) • Summer of 2026: decision-making <p>On 9 September 2025 (10:00–13:00) , DUT will host an online information meeting for those who are interested. More information and registration can be found here https://dutpartnership.eu/dut-call-2025-info-day/. 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"> • A healthy diet for a healthy life (HDHL): http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/ • Agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE): http://www.faccejpi.com/ • Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR): http://www.jpiamr.eu/ • Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU): http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home • Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans): http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/ • More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL): http://www.jp-demographic.eu/ • Neurodegenerative Disease/Alzheimer's (JPND): http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/ • Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions (Urban Europe): http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/

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

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **8 September 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
09-09-2025	Foreseen Deadline for <u>Full Proposals</u> INT - Global programs NWO-JST Japan call 2025. Closing date full application 9 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/int-global-programs-nwo-jst-japan-call-2025 .
16-09-2025	Deadline for submission <u>Pre-proposals</u> for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers. The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 16 September 2025, before 17:00:00 AST/11:00:00 CEST.. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers-now-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/caribbean-research-phd-scholarships-2025
September 2025	Foreseen closing date 9th Call Eurostars. Follow information on https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/eurostars
30-10-2025	Foreseen deadline full proposals Biodiversity and agriculture in balance collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq. Closing date full application 30 October 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance ?
24-02-2026	Deadline for submission <u>Full-Proposals</u> for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers. The deadline for submitting full applications is 24 February 2026, before 17:00:00 AST/12:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers-now-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/caribbean-research-phd-scholarships-2025
01-12-2025 until 24 February 2026	Foreseen deadline for submission <u>proposals</u> for Weave with NWO as partner agency 2025/2026; NWO acts as partner agency when a Weave-proposal with Dutch co-applicant is submitted to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR) or the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO). You can submit your proposal for ENW -M-1 WEAVE proposal with FWO as partner agency at any moment from 1 December 2025 to 24 February 2026 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf
07-12-2025 until 31-07-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission <u>proposals</u> for Weave with NWO as partner agency 2025/2026; NWO acts as partner agency when a Weave-proposal with Dutch co-applicant is submitted to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR) or the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO). You can submit your proposal at any moment from 7 August 2025 up to and including 31 July 2026, 14:00:00 CEST, with the exception of ENW-M-1-Weave proposals with FWO as partner agency, which may be submitted from 1 December 2025 to 24 February 2026 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf
12-01-2026	Foreseen deadline for <u>full applications</u> for call Biodiversity and agriculture in balance; this Call for proposals is a collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq. Deadline 12 January 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance
20-01-2026	Deadline for <u>applications</u> NL-CGIAR Senior Expert Programme (SEP) II – round 2. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 20 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-for-senior-experts-transformation-of-global-food-land-and-water-systems and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sepII_-_round_2.pdf

National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **18 September 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

09-09-2025	Deadline for submitting full applications for second round of the 2025 Doctoral Grant for Teachers . The deadline for the submission of proposals is Tuesday 9 September 2025, 14:00 CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/doing-a-phd-while-teaching-apply-for-the-doctoral-grant-for-teachers and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/doctoral-grant-for-teachers-2nd-round-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20PvL%202025-II%20EN_0.pdf
09-09-2025	Deadline for submission pre-proposals for Call Open Competition L . The pre-proposal deadline is 9 September 2025, at 14:00:00 CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf
11-09-2025	Deadline Submitting Full Proposals for NWA call Knowledge development ecological effects of wind farms on sea . The deadline for submitting the proposal is Thursday 11 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-research-to-gain-knowledge-about-the-ecological-effects-of-offshore-wind-farms and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-development-ecological-effects-of-wind-farms-on-sea and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20WPE%20final%2026-2-2025%20ENG%20def%20%282%29.pdf
11-09-2025	Deadline submitting full proposals NGF: Strengthening the knowledge base for the high tech equipment sector: second call of the NXTGEN Hightech programme . The deadline for submitting proposals is 11 September 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ngf-strengthening-the-knowledge-base-for-the-high-tech-equipment-sector and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/2025-03-21%20NGF%20NXTGEN%202025%20ENV2.pdf
16-09-2025	Deadline for submission proposals for Open Competition Domain Science - XS 2025 . Deadline for submission of proposals round 2025-3 16 September 2025, at 14:00:00 CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-open-competition-domain-science-xs-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xs-package-25-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20ENW-XS%202025_ENG.pdf
16-09-2025	Deadline submission Full Proposals for call Future Plastics: Development of safe plastics for a sustainable future . Tuesday 16 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST Deadline proposals. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-plastics-development-of-safe-plastics-for-a-sustainable-future and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/20250305%20KIC%20KIC%20Future%20plastics_development%20of%20safe%20plastics%20for%20a%20sustainable%20future.pdf
16-09-2025	Deadline for submission pre-proposals for Open Competition Domain Science–XL round 2025–2026 . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 16th September 2025, before 14:00:00 hours CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026
16-09-2025	Deadline submission Pre-proposals for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 16 September 2025, before 17:00:00 CEST/11:00:00 AST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach
16-09-2025	Deadline submission of Research Ideas for NWA call Opportunities and value chains for side streams in the protein transition . The deadline for submitting research ideas is Tuesday 16 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST (The Matchmaking will take place on Thursday 2 October 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. The deadline for submitting a request for review of (foreign) organisations is 13 January 2026 before 14:00:00 CET. EN tekst). https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf
17-09-2025	Foreseen deadline for submission Full proposals KIC - Future Plastics 2024 . Closing date full application 17 September 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.) . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-future-plastics-2024

18-09-2025	Deadline for submission Full-proposals KIC Nature-inclusive decision making in business. The deadline for submitting full proposals is September 18, 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business-kic and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-nature-inclusive-decision-making-in-business and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%202024_def_EN.pdf
18-09-2025	Deadline submission full applications for SSH Open Competition XS round 3. Round 3: 18 September 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/third-round-of-ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-now-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2025-round-3 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20XS%202025-3%20-%20EN.pdf
23-09-2025	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. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain
30-09-2025	Deadline for submission of full proposal in the the ZonMw Microplastics & Health programme ZonMw invites prof. dr. ir. J. (Juliette) Legler (Utrecht University) – who is leading the collaboration between the ongoing projects – to initiate and submit a single grant application as main applicant on behalf of the ongoing research projects in the ZonMw Microplastics & Health programme. The partners in MOMENTUM-NL will form a new consortium, that may include current and new additional partners. Note PJ: WU is partner in current consortium. Deadline for submitting a detailed grant application: 30 September 2025. 14.00 CEST. https://www.zonmw.nl/en/news/new-call-proposals-advance-microplastics-research and https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidy/microplastics-health-continuation-momentum-nl and https://projecten.zonmw.nl/en/project/microplastics-health-expanding-momentum-momentum-20
07-10-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 7 October 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
07-10-2025	Deadline for submission letter of intent for Perspectief round 2025-2026. The deadline for submitting letters of intent is Tuesday, 7 October 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation and 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
07-10-2025	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. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain
14-10-2025	NEW: Deadline submission for proposals NWO call Knowledge in Action – Towards Collective Water Management in East Brabant. Proposals can be submitted until 14 October 2025 14:00:00 CET. 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
04-11-2025	Deadline for submission Pre proposals NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2025. The deadline for submitting preproposals is 4 november 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-health-research-and-development-zonmw-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202025_EN.pdf
11-11-2025	Deadline for submission Full applications NWA Call ‘Building blocks for integral policy on Planetary Health’. Closing date full application 11 November 2025 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-new-research-on-building-blocks-for-integral-policy-on-planetary-health and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/building-blocks-for-integrated-policy-on-planetary-health
11-11-2025	Deadline for submission Full proposals for NWO- KIC call Consumer behaviour for a circular system transition. The deadline for proposals is November 11th, 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Consumer%20Behaviour.pdf

12-11-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 12 November 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
13-11-2025	Deadline for submission of Full applications Call Cellular Agriculture - towards larger scale and lower cost . Deadline for submitting proposals: 13 November 2025, by 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NGF%20CA%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20EN.pdf
25-11-2025	Deadline for submission Pre-proposals for Perspectief round 2025-2026 . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 25 November 2025, before 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf
02-12-2025	Deadline for Full applications call KIC Reducing health inequalities - technology for people in a lower social economic position . Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-socioeconomic-position and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals_Reducing%20health%20inequalities_ENG_finaal_1.pdf
02-12-2025	Foreseen Deadline for Rubicon 2025 Round 3 . Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.) . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-3
02-12-2025	Foreseen Deadline for submission of letter of intent for Research Infrastructure (RI): national consortia 2025-2026 . Closing date for letter of intent 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.): this Call is coordinated for WUR by CVI Mascha Rasenberg. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026
From 13-01-2025 until 12-12-2025	Deadline submission full proposals Open Technology Programme 2025 . Applications can be submitted on a continuous basis between 13 January 2025 until 12 December 2025, as long as the grant ceiling or the maximum number of applications submitted has not yet been reached.. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf
20-12-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 20 December 2025 by 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
22-01-2026	Deadline submission proposals for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. January 22, 2026, before 2:00:00 PM CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation
27-01-2026	Deadline submission for Full applications for Veni round 2025 . The deadline for submitting full applications is 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme
27-01-2026	Deadline submission of Full Proposals for NWA call Opportunities and value chains for side streams in the protein transition . The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf
29-01-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Full proposals 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: Note PJ: 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 on 8 and 29 October 2025 . 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
03-02-2026	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 3 February 2026 by 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
03-02-2026	Deadline submission Full proposals Dutch Research Agenda - Research along Routes by Consortia 2025 (NWA-ORC 2025). Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2025-nwa-orc-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWAORC2025_Call%20for%20Proposals_EN.pdf
03-02-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission Full applications for Call Open Competition L. Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh
03-02-2026	Deadline submission full proposals for SSH Open Competition L 2025. The full proposal deadline is 3 February 2026, at 14:00:00 CET: The dates of the collaborative workshops are 23 September 2025 and 7 October 2025. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf
10-02-2026	Deadline for submission full proposals NWO-NWA Call Future proof large rivers in the Netherlands. Deadline proposals: 10 February 2026, 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwa-call-future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWA%20Rivieren_ENG_def.pdf
10-02-2025	NEW: Deadline submission of Full applications 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. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain
12-02-2026	Deadline for Full applications NWO KIC Call Biochemical diversity. Closing date full application 12 February 2026 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-biochemical-diversity and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20Biochem%20div_Call%20for%20proposals_EN.pdf
24-02-2026	Deadline submission Full proposals for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 24 February 2026, before 17:00:00 CET/12:00:00 AST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach
10-03-2026	Deadline for submission of pre-proposals for KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia – XL The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 10 March 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf
24-03-2026	Foreseen Deadline for submission of letter of intent for Research Infrastructure (RI): national consortia 2025-2026. Closing date full application 24 March 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.): this call is coordinated for WUR by CVI Mascha Rasenberg. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026
31-03-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission of nominations for new NOW Tulip Fund for top international scientists. The deadline for submitting nominations is provisionally set at 31 March 2026, 14:00:00 CEST. Submissions are accepted continuously. Note PJ: Nominations for WUR will be done by RvB, max 2 nominations per University, NOW institute, KNAW institute and Medical Academic Centre. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/tulip-fund-opens-for-top-international-scientists and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/tulip-fund and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Tulp%20Fonds_EN%20%282%29.pdf
09-04-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2025. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 9 april 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202025_EN.pdf
14-04-2026	Foreseen deadline Full proposals NWO-KIC call Fewer critical raw materials in the energy transition. Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.).

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

Regional calls

This list is a selection of regional calls. The list was compiled on **8 September 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
From 01-03-2025 to 28-02-2026	Opening EFRO East Netherlands: Innovation projects priority 1 (a smarter East Netherlands): applications can be submitted from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. The subsidy ceiling is € 11.7 million, of which € 10 million for activities that benefit Gelderland and € 1.7 million for activities that benefit Overijssel;
From 01-03-2025 to 28-02-2026	Opening EFFE East Netherlands Test and demonstration projects priority 1 (a smarter East Netherlands): applications can be submitted from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. The subsidy ceiling is €6.7 million, of which €5 million for activities that benefit Gelderland and €1.7 million for activities that benefit Overijssel.
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Eastern Netherlands: For for overview calls go to EFRO Oost https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen
2023-2024	EFRO 2021 – 2027 Western Netherlands: For calls Kansen voor West III https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen/
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Northern Netherlands: For calls Northern Netherlands go to Website SNN https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027

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

About the Wageningen Grant Office

Wageningen Grant Office

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

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

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

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

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