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Wageningen Grant Office (WGO) Newsletter for Wageningen University & Research on the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, other international Grants, national and regional Grants, and on relevant EU, Global and national R&D and innovation developments.

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## Latest Funding News

## European Funding News: Horizon Europe

### News on MSCA (16 September 2025)

Source: Mailing Team IRIS RVO

#### Information event Choose Europe for Science 2025 Call - 9 October

On the **9<sup>th</sup> October 2025**, the European Research Executive Agency is organising a virtual information event on the MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2025 Call.

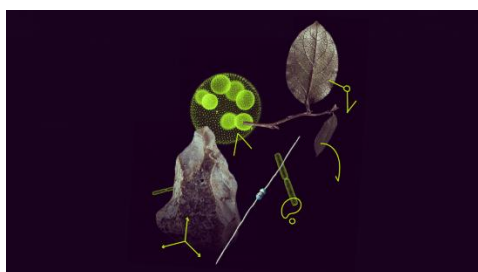
The target audience is all interested institutions and organisations supporting applications such as R&I offices. This session is **NOT** targeted to individual researchers. For more details on the programme, please consult the **MSCA Choose-europe-for-science-2025-call-info-session** <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/event/horizon-europe-marie-sklodowska-curie-actions-choose-europe-for-science-2025-call-info-session>. To attend this online event, **register here** <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/HE-MSCA-CEfS-2025-InfoSession>.

#### 30% tax ruling and MSCA secondments costs

SOFI-expertise has published an **article** <https://www.sofi-expertise.nl/news/#KI%201111> explaining the reimbursement of (extraterritorial) costs in relation to the Expat Ruling (30% tax ruling), explaining clearly what extraterritorial costs are (and what not). Fieldwork, duty trips and other costs related to the project are not extraterritorial costs and they can be reimbursed tax-free. Additionally, it is important to note that any costs related to short secondments (<6 months) in an MSCA project must not be paid for by the fellow, as stated in the Grant Agreement and additional documents. For more information, please see the **MSCA financial guide** [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/horizon-msca-financial-guide\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/horizon-msca-financial-guide_en.pdf) page 36.

#### MSCA PF 2025 applications

The MSCA Postdoctoral fellowship 2025 call closed on 10 September. Under this call, the European Commission has received **17,058 proposals** (**article on MSCA website** <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/msca-postdoctoral-fellowships-2025-proposals> ). This is an increase of 64.6% in comparison to the 10,360 proposals submitted in 2024 and the **highest number of proposals ever** received for any funding action in the 40 years of EU research and innovation framework programme. **Around 760 postdoctoral researchers applied with a host institute in the Netherlands.**



The fifth call of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) **Postdoctoral Fellowships**, part of the EU's research and innovation framework programme Horizon Europe, closed on 10 September 2025.

The European Research Executive Agency received **17,058 proposals**. This is the highest number of proposals ever for any funding action in the 40 years of EU research and innovation framework programme. By comparison, 10,360 proposals were submitted in 2024. This represents an increase of 64.6%.

Through this call, the European Commission is expected to fund about **1,650 projects**, with an **indicative budget of €404.3 million**.

This year's submitted proposals are distributed as follows

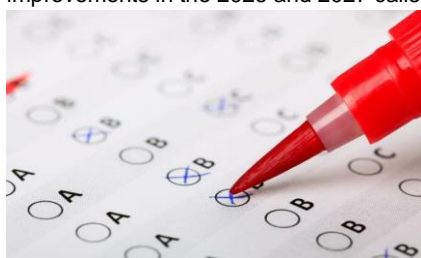
- **European Fellowships:** 15,820 proposals
- **Global Fellowships:** 1,238 proposals

**For more information:** <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/msca-postdoctoral-fellowships-2025-proposals>

## **ERC President explains changes in the ERC evaluation procedures (15 September 2025)**

Source: Website ERC <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/erc-president-explains-changes-erc-evaluation-procedures>

The ERC Scientific Council continuously monitors the quality of the submission and evaluation processes, ensuring they are optimised to serve the needs of the European research community. Drawing on feedback from applicants, panel members, and the broader research community, the ERC Scientific Council has decided to introduce a set of improvements in the 2026 and 2027 calls for proposals.



The changes focus on three main areas:

- the format of the scientific proposal, including the assessment of feasibility,
- measures to streamline the workload of evaluation panels,
- adjustments to the eligibility windows for Starting and Consolidator Grants.

**In a new document** [https://erc.europa.eu/system/files/2025-](https://erc.europa.eu/system/files/2025-09/Changes_to_ERC_evaluation_procedures_background_rationale.pdf)

[09/Changes\\_to\\_ERC\\_evaluation\\_procedures\\_background\\_rationale.pdf](https://erc.europa.eu/system/files/2025-09/Changes_to_ERC_evaluation_procedures_background_rationale.pdf) published today, ERC President Maria Leptin explains the changes, the reasoning behind them, and how they are designed to strengthen the ERC evaluation process.

The Scientific Council would welcome comments from the research community on these changes; these can be sent via the **ERC LinkedIn** <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/changes-erc-evaluation-procedures-background-zwbje>, **Bluesky** <https://bsky.app/profile/erc.europa.eu/post/3lyujok4jck2x> accounts or other social media.

**For more information:** [https://erc.europa.eu/system/files/2025-09/Changes\\_to\\_ERC\\_evaluation\\_procedures\\_background\\_rationale.pdf](https://erc.europa.eu/system/files/2025-09/Changes_to_ERC_evaluation_procedures_background_rationale.pdf)

## **EU and Australia open exploratory talks on association to Horizon Europe (10 September 2025)**

Source: Website EC [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/eu-and-australia-open-exploratory-talks-association-horizon-europe-2025-09-10\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/eu-and-australia-open-exploratory-talks-association-horizon-europe-2025-09-10_en)

The European Commission and the Australian Government have launched non-binding exploratory discussions in view of Australia's possible association to [Horizon Europe](#), the EU's flagship research and innovation programme.

These technical discussions will examine the details and principles of a possible association agreement and lay the foundations for potential negotiations.

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

*"Horizon Europe drives breakthroughs at a scale nobody can achieve alone. Association would enable Australia to take part directly in that effort and contribute its scientific excellence to global challenges."*

Australia R&I cooperation with Australia and the EU have a long history of productive research collaboration: the first treaty-level science and technology agreement signed by the EU with an industrialised country was the Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation signed with Australia in 1994 (and amended in 1999).

Bilateral research collaboration priorities are set, and cooperation is monitored under this Agreement at Australia-EU Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee (JSTCC) meetings. The last meeting took place in Brussels on 11 April 2024.

### ***Background***

Exploratory talks will focus on Australia's possible association to Pillar II of Horizon Europe – which includes research collaboration on key priorities such as industry, digital and space to enhance industrial competitiveness, renewables energy to promote the transition to net zero and health for the wellbeing of our citizens.

Association would allow Australian researchers access to receive funding directly from the programme and to lead projects. Australia would contribute financially to the programme.

Association to the EU's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation is the closest form of international cooperation in science and technology between the Union and a non-EU country. To date 20 non-EU countries are **associated to Horizon Europe** [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/europe-world/international-cooperation/association-horizon-europe\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/europe-world/international-cooperation/association-horizon-europe_en).

International cooperation in research and innovation is a strategic priority for the Commission. The association policy supports the '**Global Approach to Research and Innovation**' [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/europe-world/international-cooperation/global-approach-research-and-innovation\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/europe-world/international-cooperation/global-approach-research-and-innovation_en) and reconfirms Europe's commitment to a level of global openness needed to drive excellence, pool resources for faster scientific progress and develop vibrant innovation ecosystems.

### ***More information***

**International cooperation with Australia in research and innovation:** [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/europe-world/international-cooperation/bilateral-cooperation-science-and-technology-agreements-non-eu-countries/australia\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/europe-world/international-cooperation/bilateral-cooperation-science-and-technology-agreements-non-eu-countries/australia_en)

**Association to Horizon Europe:** [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/europe-world/international-cooperation/association-horizon-europe\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/europe-world/international-cooperation/association-horizon-europe_en)

## European Funding News: FP10

### *Single rulebook for EU research funding risks ‘death’ by inflexibility, warns ERC president (18 September 2025)*

Source: Website Science|business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/european-research-council/single-rulebook-eu-research-funding-risks-death-inflexibility-warns>

**Maria Leptin worries standardised processes will put the funder in an administrative straitjacket**



ERC President Maria Leptin. Photo credits: Jennifer Jacquemart / European Union

A European Commission plan to standardise administrative processes for EU research funding could spell “death,” the president of the European Research Council (ERC) has warned.

Maria Leptin said that different EU research bodies had different aims and so need flexibility. Standardising their contracts, for example, could put them in a straitjacket.

The “danger” of a common rulebook, **proposed by the Commission in July** <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0543&qid=1753802854776> in its plans for the next Framework Programme, is that it risks “death to all programmes,” she said at the Hamburg Science Summit on September 18.

The Commission’s logic is that a single rulebook of procedures will simplify access across a myriad of programmes. It “might look like a positive step,” Leptin told delegates during a panel discussion of the tenth Framework Programme (FP10), set to start in 2028.

But for EU research and innovation programmes, “it’s not, because we don’t have common aims.” The Framework Programme spans research missions, supporting SMEs, funding research consortia, and individual grants, she said. All these need “different tailor-made mechanisms made by experts in the field,” she went on. Leptin said she had raised the risks of a common rule book with Commission officials. The Commission has been asked for comment. The reason for the success of the ERC is that “we don’t use any of the mechanisms that are used elsewhere in the Commission. We have panels that are hand-picked by an independent scientific council,” she said.

Other parts of Horizon Europe, by contrast, used “volunteer” experts to judge proposals, she said. While this is “very democratic, very grassroots,” Leptin said, it makes them “unlikely” to be ERC grant holders, for example. A single common rulebook of processes could hit ERC panellists and applicants, she said later.

**Read full article here:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/european-research-council/single-rulebook-eu-research-funding-risks-death-inflexibility-warns>

### *EU research funding should focus on ‘sizeable priority programmes,’ Draghi says (18 September 2025)*

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/eu-budget/eu-research-funding-should-focus-sizeable-priority-programmes-draghi-says>

**In a demoralising speech, the godfather of the EU’s new competitiveness agenda calls for more ambition and faster reforms**



Former Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi. Photo credits: Dati Bendo / European Union

The €175 billion budget proposed by the European Commission for the next iteration of Horizon Europe “is welcome” but the funding could “fall short” of its goal to boost EU’s competitive advantage in advanced technologies, according to Mario Draghi, a former president of the European Central Bank and the godfather of the EU’s competitiveness agenda. Draghi made the comments on September 16, at an event marking one year since the publication of his 401-page report warning Europe that its global relevance is set to decline unless member states and Brussels agree to push through swift reforms and raise investments in cutting edge technologies.

The report prompted a flurry of proposals, including a future restructuring of the EU budget, which signalled that the Commission is indeed putting economic competitiveness at the top of its political agenda. However, Draghi said the Commission’s actions have not matched the ambitions his report set a year ago, as rapid geopolitical shifts since the start of Donald Trump’s second term in the White House are making his doomsday diagnosis even more acute.

In July, the Commission presented plans to almost double Horizon Europe’s budget to €175 billion as part of a wider €409 billion European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), which is set to be launched under the next long-term budget for 2028-34.

But, according to Draghi, doubling the budget will not help the EU close the innovation gap with China and the US “unless the additional resources are concentrated into sizeable priority programmes.”

In his speech, Draghi said that the EU executive, together with member states, should agree and implement faster the “28th regime” for start-ups, a new EU-wide incorporation method that would reduce administrative friction and allow innovative businesses to operate, trade and raise money across all 27 member states.

Draghi acknowledged that the Commission is already moving in this direction but pointed to “uncertain backing from member states” as the main reason for an underwhelming start. “The first step towards the 28th regime will likely be limited to a digital business identity,” he said.

#### ***Budget uncertainty***

Meanwhile, at another Brussels conference on September 16, research Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva did not seem confident that the €175 billion figure will survive two years of negotiations with national governments. “Hopefully, during the negotiations, we are going to keep this budget,” Zaharieva said.

However, she added that the Commission will not wait until 2028, when the next EU budget kicks in, to make changes to the way it coordinates its R&D. It is already allocating large chunks of R&D funding to industries that Draghi deemed existential for the competitiveness of the EU, with €1 billion going research and innovation projects in that would help Europe’s car manufacturers catch up with China on electric vehicles.

Zaharieva also urged the private sector to chip in more, as private R&D investment in Europe is much lower than in the US and China, while public investments are at comparable levels. The Commission will use its main tool for national financial reviews to give out advice to governments on how they could boost private R&D investments through tax exemptions, she said.

### ***Emerging Council plans could shake up FP10 (10 September 2025)***

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/research-and-innovation-gap/emerging-council-plans-could-shake-fp10>

**Council plan for the next iteration of Horizon Europe could see Widening programme and excellence principles negotiated by EU finance ministers**





*The Europa building, the seat of the European Council and Council of the European Union, in Brussels. Photo credits: European Union*

Just two months after the European Commission published its proposal for the next multiannual EU budget, which included the tenth Framework Programme for research and innovation (FP10) and a new European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), details are already changing.

Updates to the texts made by the Council of the EU on July 31 cast **doubt on the future of the Widening programme and of excellence as the main criterion for evaluating proposals for EU research funding**. The two relevant articles in the FP10 proposal have been bracketed, indicating that an “” on the next multiannual budget will examine them during high-stakes negotiations among member states. *ad hoc working party*

The document seen by Science|Business puts in brackets the parts of the Commission’s proposal which will be evaluated by representatives of national finance ministries, without necessarily consulting with the Brussels representatives of research ministries.

For the most part, legislative negotiations on the Framework Programme for research and innovation are usually settled in what the Council calls “the working party on research,” a preparatory body composed of specialised science diplomats representing research ministries from the EU’s 27 member states.

The ad hoc working party on the multiannual budget, which made up of diplomats working more closely with ministries of finance and foreign affairs, usually deals with articles that refer directly to budgets. But this time around it will also look at the contents of FP10.

In the document, the Council has bracketed articles 19 and 25 in the Commission’s FP10 proposal. Article 19 lays out the scope and updated rules for the Widening programme for member states and regions with poor research and innovation performance. Article 25 meanwhile is considered one of the cornerstones of the EU research programme, as it stipulates that the main evaluation criteria for awarding grants is scientific excellence.

The budget working party “will examine ‘bracketed’ parts of the proposals, while the relevant working parties will examine the remaining parts of these proposals,” the Council document reads.

***Research lobbies, as well as science diplomats in Brussels are already sounding the alarm.***

“We are extremely worried that Article 25 is fully bracketed,” said Julien Chicot, head of research and innovation policy at the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities. “We are also surprised that the provisions on Widening are bracketed.”

For Chicot, the excellence criterion in Horizon Europe evaluation means the programme can attract the best researchers working on cutting-edge projects. Tinkering with that principle would reduce the attractiveness of the programme for researchers with the brightest ideas. “Each party needs to understand that they need to safeguard scientific excellence and refrain from any policy steering there,” he said.

Chicot also hopes the ad hoc working party on the multiannual budget will not undermine the Widening programme, which is still needed to reduce disparities in R&D investments and outcomes in nearly half of EU member states. “The main question is whether they have the internal expertise to fully grasp the challenges confronting these countries and to design the most effective instruments to support capacity-building efforts,” Chicot said.

According to one EU diplomat, the composition of the ad hoc working party on the multiannual budget could mean that research will not be a top priority during negotiations. The interests of research will not be well-represented if decisions on critical components of FP10 are left to finance ministries, for example.

“When having to choose between more money to cohesion and more money for Widening, they will think with their wallets,” the diplomat said.



## Other International funding

### **11 Dutch projects for Driving Urban Transitions (2024) have been launched (19 September 2025)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/11-dutch-projects-for-driving-urban-transitions-2024-have-been-launched>



**Within the third round of the Call for Proposals for ‘Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT)’, NWO has awarded 11 Dutch projects on themes related to energy, mobility and the circular economy.**

DUT is a European partnership under Horizon Europe, the European Commission's ninth framework programme for research and innovation. It focuses on urban change in a global context and for a sustainable future. The aim of the partnership is to create attractive and (economically) sustainable urban areas in which European citizens, communities and their environment thrive.

Through annual calls, DUT supports dozens of transnational research and innovation projects focusing on urban challenges. The three thematic pillars (Transition Pathways) it focuses on are Positive Energy Districts (energy), 15-minute City (mobility) and Circular Urban Economies (circular economy). For the Dutch field, NWO and/or Taskforce for Applied Research SIA act as national funders.

**For information about the awarded projects:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/11-dutch-projects-for-driving-urban-transitions-2024-have-been-launched>

### **Call open: Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership 2025 (17 September 2025)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-2025>



**44 million euros has been made available for this European call on sustainable use of the sea in relation to economic activities. The full name of this call is: “Digitalisation and Innovation for Resilient Marine Ecosystems Businesses, and Communities to Strengthen the EU Blue Economy’s Competitiveness”**

<https://bluepartnership.eu/>

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

1. Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) at sub-basin scale
2. Priority area 2: Transitioning the blue economy sectors, and the development of the coexistence and the marine multi-use infrastructures
3. Climate-Smart Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level

4. Blue Bioresources: sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, and new bio-based products
5. Resilient Coastal Communities and Businesses

Proposals must relate to the following areas: Baltic Sea, Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, North Sea, Atlantic Ocean.

#### **Budget and deadlines**

In total, more than €44 million is available for research. Two million euro is available for Dutch participation. In addition to NWO, Rijkswaterstaat and the Ministries of Infrastructure and Water Management and Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality are also co-funding this call from the Netherlands. Per proposal, a maximum of 400,000 euro can be requested from NWO if there is one national main applicant, and a maximum of 600,000 euro if there is a national main applicant and co-applicant.

**Pre-proposal submission deadline: 17/11/2025, 15:00 CET** (Brussels Time)

**Full proposal submission deadline** (Provisional): **17/06/2026, 15:00 CEST** (Brussels Time) The deadline for. Applications are not submitted via ISAAC but via the online system of SBEP.

#### **Event / Webinar**

The European joint call secretariat is organising a webinar. This will take place on 24 September at 14:00 CEST.

**View webinar via this link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82233586939?pwd=oNnmBMnRUoAn4cXx82KnqDJ7YC5ugX.1>

**For more information:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-2025> and <https://bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call> and <https://bluepartnership.eu/>

## **Call open: Biodiversa+ call 'BiodivConnect' (11 September 2025)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-biodiversa-call-biodivconnect>



**The full name of this call is: 'Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity, and connectivity'. NWO participates in this transnational call and invites researchers to form consortium. A total of €40 million is available.**

The loss of ecosystems is a major problem. Because ecosystems transcend borders, transnational research into ecosystem restoration is important. Effective restoration of ecosystems requires insights from ecology, technology, economics, and culture, among other fields. That is why this call focuses on interdisciplinary research.

#### **Themes**

Projects may address one or more of the following themes:

- Setting restoration targets and measuring success
- Scaling and transferability of nature restoration efforts
- Long-term sustainability of restoration efforts

The call covers restoration efforts across all types of ecosystems and habitats, in all regions of the world, including the Caribbean.

#### **More information**

To participate, consortia must consist of partners from at least three of the participating countries. The Biodiversa+ website lists the participating countries and allows you to search for partners using the partner search tool. Biodiversa+ is organising an informative webinar on 11 September from 13:00 to 15:00 (7:00 to 9:00 AM AST). At the end of the webinar there is the possibility to ask questions to NWO directly.

#### **Budget and deadlines**

This call is a collaboration between more than 30 countries. A total of 40 million is available. On behalf of NWO, 3 million is available. A maximum of 325,000 euros can be requested per project.

**A two-step application procedure will apply, with a mandatory submission of pre-proposals at the first step and submission of full proposals at the second step, via the [Electronic Proposal Submission System \(EPSS\)](#).**

- Launch of the call: Tuesday 9 September 2025
- **Deadline for pre-proposals submission (mandatory): Friday 7 November 2025, 12:00 CET**
- Results of the evaluation of the first step: mid-February 2026
- **Deadline for full-proposals submission: Tuesday 14 of April 2026, 12:00 CEST**

***About European Partnerships***

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

**For more information:** <https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/>

## National funding

### ***Prinsjesdag 2025: Cherish our knowledge and choose a resilient and future-proof Netherlands (16 September 2025)***

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/prinsjesdag-2025-cherish-our-knowledge-and-choose-a-resilient-and-future-proof-netherlands>

**Today is Prinsjesdag: the start of the new parliamentary year. The outgoing cabinet presents the Budget Memorandum and National Budget for the coming year, and all political parties draw attention to what they believe should happen in the coming months. This year is particularly special in view of the upcoming elections. NWO calls for a commitment to knowledge and thus to nurturing Dutch research.**



*Every day, our scientists work at a high level on issues that have a direct impact on our lives and the future of the Netherlands. Marcel Levi, president NWO*

A stagnant housing market, an overburdened healthcare system, pressure on our security and questions about migration: knowledge is the foundation for new ideas, insights and applications, thereby contributing to tackling the major issues we face. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our researchers at Dutch knowledge institutions, new solutions and insights emerge every day that help us move forward.

Marcel Levi, chair of NWO: 'Every day, our scientists work at a high level on issues that have a direct impact on our lives and the future of the Netherlands. For example, they help us stay healthy for longer, contribute to a safer society, offer new insights into the migration issue and help devise sustainable solutions to the housing shortage in the Netherlands, as evidenced by the four stories from scientists that we are sharing here today on Prinsjesdag. Although this is only a selection of the many stories we could tell about scientists: researchers who contribute every day to our broad social prosperity, our strategic autonomy and the economy. Investing in this is investing in the future.'

#### ***Four researchers share their thoughts on the importance of research***

Especially for Prinsjesdag, NWO is giving four researchers the opportunity to talk about their projects. Each of them is building a better future with their research. Why is their research necessary? And how does it help the Dutch people, now and in the future? They will tell us today, on Prinsjesdag. After all, science always looks further ahead; not just on Prinsjesdag, but 365 days a year.



#### ***'All too often, the demand for harsher penalties drowns out the evidence'***

Crime researcher Veroni Eichelsheim is investigating what young people drives to become involved in organised crime. Which methods are truly effective in preventing youth crime?

**Read all prinsjesdag interviews here:** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/prinsjesdag>

## ***Netherlands Prize for ICT Research 2026: Nominate candidates now (16 September 2025)***

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/netherlands-prize-for-ict-research-2026-nominate-candidates-now>



The members of the ICT Research Platform Netherlands (IPN) annually award the Netherlands Prize for ICT Research\* to recognise outstanding research in computer science. Anyone active in this field can nominate candidates for the award, which consists of €50,000 euros to spend freely on ICT research plus a certificate and a sculpture. The ICT Prize is also made possible by generous grant from COMMIT.

The prize is intended for a scientific researcher who conducts innovative research or is responsible for a scientific breakthrough in the field of ICT. The prize is a tribute to the researcher as a person, and a promotion for the ICT field. As a rule, the prize is awarded to one person and is intended for Dutch nationals or foreign nationals who have conducted their research at Dutch educational and/or research institutions. In exceptional cases, the prize can be jointly awarded to several persons, if the scientific research has been conducted jointly by both.

In the selection, it is considered whether the researcher has shown that the researcher can communicate the results achieved to the public in understandable language. The winner of the prize will be involved in a publication to be published by NWO with an accessible explanation of the awarded work and its importance, which will be distributed digitally to schools and other institutions.

The Netherlands Prize for ICT Research is administered by the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities (KHMW). To nominate a candidate, please e-mail the society's secretary natural and medical sciences, Prof. A. P. IJzerman, at [secretaris@khw.nl](mailto:secretaris@khw.nl). The closing date to hand in nominations is **15 November 2025**. You will find all the necessary information to submit a nomination in the **Jury regulations** <https://ict-research.nl/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Jury-reglement-Nederlandse-Prijs-voor-ICT-onderzoek-DEF.pdf> (in Dutch) for the Dutch Prize for ICT research.

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/netherlands-prize-for-ict-research-2026-nominate-candidates-now>

## ***KIC Digital Twinning: multidisciplinary simulation for deep and actual insights (15 September 2025)***

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

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

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

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## **KIC - Early detection and impact forecasting of (threatening) infectious diseases outbreaks (15 September 2025)**

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

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

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## **Six research projects start with the development of a Demonstrator (9 September 2025)**

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/six-research-projects-start-with-the-development-of-a-demonstrator>



The board of NWO Domain Applied and Engineering Sciences (AES) has awarded funding to six Demonstrator projects. This will allow researchers to further develop their results to make them attractive to the market. The granted projects will receive EUR 1 million from NWO.

With funding for a Demonstrator project, researchers develop their results into a product or service at the level of a minimal functional basic version. Before third parties invest, they often want to see a demonstrator first to assess the (commercial) potential. Although the considerable demand for such a model is significant, many researchers lack the financial resources to develop it.

### **Showcase market introduction of technology**

Six projects were granted in the 2025 Demonstrator round. The programme provides funding to further develop knowledge into a product or service at the level of a 'Minimal Viable Product'. The model serves as a showcase to convince third parties to adopt the knowledge to enable a market introduction of that technology.

Demonstrator is one of the valorisation instruments of NWO. This funding instrument is open for applications annually. A maximum of 160 thousand euros can be applied for per project. The new round is expected to open at the end of December or the beginning of January 2026.

### **Two WUR projects are awarded:**

1. MicroAlgae Vaccine Expression (MAVE): Harnessing Microalgae for Next-Generation Subunit Vaccines (22643) - **dr. S. d' Adamo, Wageningen University and Research**
2. Demonstrating Fast Identification of Resistance Genes for Breeding Pathogen-Resistant Plants (22646) - **dr. ir. M.H.A.J. Joosten, Wageningen University and Research**

For more information about the six granted projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/six-research-projects-start-with-the-development-of-a-demonstrator>

## **Regional funding**



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

## Latest developments within R&I Policies

### European Policy

#### *Von der Leyen focuses on innovation in the State of the European Union address (18 September 2025)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 September 2025

In the annual State of the European Union address, Commission President von der Leyen presented the European Commission's plans to strengthen Europe's independence and competitiveness. She mentioned, among other things, the new Competitiveness Fund and the doubling of the budget for Horizon Europe. She also presented the Single Market Roadmap 2028, a new strategy to strengthen the internal market and remove barriers in finance, energy, and telecom. A Scaleup Europe Fund will also be established to support fast-growing companies in critical technologies. Finally, she introduced measures to stimulate the free movement of knowledge and innovation.

**State of the European Union Report:** [https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/state-union/state-union-2025\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/state-union/state-union-2025_en)

**Article: Science Business:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/planning-fp10/europes-independence-hinges-innovation-von-der-leyen-says>

#### *A Milestone for Europe's Industrial Competitiveness: The New EU Strategy on Research & Technology Infrastructures (18 September 2025)*

Source: Press release EARTO <https://www.earto.eu/our-publications/?search=technology+infrastructures>

EARTO warmly welcomes the European Commission's newly published **strategy** on Research and Technology Infrastructures (RTIs), marking a pivotal moment for Europe's RD&I ecosystem: it recognises the indispensable role of Technology Infrastructures (TIs) in bridging the gap between scientific research and industrial deployment.

"This announcement is a major step forward for Europe: Technology Infrastructures are where technology scaling-up becomes reality. They are strategic assets that empower Europe's industrial renewal and transformation, supporting industries' green and digital transitions, and ultimately creating high-quality jobs," said Jesús Valero, President of EARTO and Managing Director of **TECNALIA**, in the panel session on "Research and Technology Infrastructures as catalysts for European Startup and Scaleup" at the [European Research & Innovation Days](#).

##### **Why RTIs Matter?**

Europe's strength depends on a well-connected and resilient ecosystem of RTIs. These infrastructures unite a wide range of facilities, expertise, and stakeholders - including Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs) - across regions and sectors to support the entire RD&I continuum. When effectively integrated, they accelerate the transformation of scientific breakthroughs into industrial products and services, reinforcing EU's global competitiveness.

Within our RD&I ecosystem, Research Infrastructures are primarily focused on advancing scientific knowledge through long-term exploration. Technology Infrastructures, by contrast, are designed to bring technologies closer to market. They offer the critical environments where companies, especially SMEs, can test, validate, and scale up innovations. TIs are not just support structures; they are strategic enablers of Europe's industrial leadership, green and digital transitions, and job creation. **Without a strong and coherent Research & Technology Infrastructures ecosystem, Europe will fall further behind in the global tech race.**

### ***Strategic Investments in Technology Infrastructures in next MFF***

The new EC strategy on RTIs marks a turning point in how these infrastructures will be reinforced and coordinated across Europe. It will set out a framework for improving access, fostering collaboration between public and private actors, and enhancing integration across national and regional systems. Crucially, it recognises the unique operational role of RTOs in connecting research with industrial application and scaling-up. Looking ahead, Europe must make a bold and sustained commitment to investing in RTIs.

In this context, we see great advances in the current European Commission's [proposal](#) for the next EU Framework Programme: EARTO very much welcomes the proposal for a new RTIs programme. However, the currently proposed budget of 10.9 billion Euro to cover both type of infrastructures, research and technology ones, is too low. In the recently published [European Investment Bank \(EIB\) study](#) on Technology Infrastructures, the funding needs for Europe only for TIs is already estimated between €13 to €16 billion. Accordingly, EARTO calls on the EU Institutions to increase the budget of the future RTIs programmes to match current needs. Furthermore, effective collaboration and programming between the future TIs programme, the European Competitiveness Fund with its 4 sectorial windows and the Pillar II of Horizon Europe 2.0 should be further orchestrated to ensure a coherent set of investments aiming to create a strong, resilient, and leading-edge techno industrial base.

**EARTO stands ready to support the implementation of the new EC strategy on RTIs and calls on EU Institutions to continue join forces in building a coherent, well-funded, and impactful RTIs' ecosystem by mobilising strategic long-term investments in our tech capabilities within the next MFF.**

### ***Organizations Provide Input for ERA Act (18 September 2025)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 September 2025

Last week, several European knowledge organizations published their input for the European Research Area Act. They emphasized, among other things, the importance of increased investment in research and development, national commitments to achieving the 3% target, improved career conditions for researchers, and protection of academic freedom.

**Press release Science Europe:** <https://www.scienceeurope.org/our-resources/se-response-to-era-act-call-for-evidence/>

**Press release LERU:** <https://www.leru.org/news/leru-feedback-european-research-act-era-call-for-evidence-european-commission>

**Press release EUA:** <https://www.eua.eu/news/eua-news/euas-recommendations-to-increase-the-european-research-areas-impact-and-achieve-the-fifth-freedom.html>

**Press release EARTO:** <https://www.earto.eu/wp-content/uploads/EARTO-Response-to-EC-Call-for-Evidence-on-ERA-Act-Final.pdf>

**Press release ECIU:** <https://www.eciu.eu/news/eciu-underlines-potential-of-the-upcoming-first-ever-european-legislative-initiative-in-the-field-of-r-i-era-act>

### ***JRC Report on Defense Innovation and Strategic Autonomy (18 September 2025)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 September 2025

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre has published a report on strengthening defense research and innovation in the EU. The goal is to achieve open strategic autonomy and technological sovereignty. It compares the fragmented European policy with the American model, including DARPA. The report does not advocate copying that model, but rather building a European network of high-risk, high-reward programs.

**JRC Report:** <https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC142695>

### ***Brussels puts forward new agenda for EU-India cooperation in technology (17 September 2025)***

Source: Website EC [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_25\\_2116](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_2116)

The European Commission has published a joint communication with India, laying out plans to deepen technology cooperation and launch a potential start-up partnership, while also inviting India to associate to Horizon Europe.

"Now is the time to focus on reliable partners and double down on partnerships rooted in shared interests and guided by common values," Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said.

**More details here:** [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_25\\_2116](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_2116).

## ***European Commission unveils Europe's most powerful supercomputer (11 September 2025)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 September 2025*

**The European supercomputer JUPITER was inaugurated on Friday.** It is the first European system to reach the exascale threshold, meaning it performs more than one trillion (10<sup>18</sup>) operations per second. JUPITER is the fourth most powerful supercomputer in the world. "With Europe's first exascale supercomputer, we are opening a new chapter for science, AI, and innovation. JUPITER strengthens Europe's digital sovereignty, accelerates discoveries, and ensures our researchers, innovators, and industries have the most powerful and sustainable computing resources," said European Commissioner Zaharieva.

**Press release European Commission:** <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/europe-enters-exascale-supercomputing-league-jupiter>

## ***European Commission Proposes Co-financing for Research Infrastructures (11 September 2025)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 September 2025*

**The European Commission intends to co-finance up to 20% of the construction and modernization costs of European research infrastructures in the next Horizon Europe program.** Funding is, in principle, the responsibility of the host country, but many Member States struggle with tight budgets, high operating costs, and a lack of suitable funding instruments. The Commission hopes this will stimulate national investments and improve the alignment between European and national priorities. Responses from research infrastructures have been mixed, according to Science Business. While they are positive about the potential co-financing, it would do little to address their main concerns, such as high operating costs and a shortage of specialized personnel.

**Article Science Business:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/research-infrastructures/research-infrastructure-operators-voice-concerns-over-new-eu-co>

## ***European tech companies and federations sign European AI & Tech Declaration (11 September 2025)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 September 2025*

**In Strasbourg, 39 CEOs of European companies and industry associations signed the European AI & Tech Declaration.** They pledge to invest in digital technologies and advocate for a strong public-private partnership to make Europe more competitive. "We need to change the way we invest to create real market demand, reduce regulatory burdens, and complete the single market, in collaboration with our international partners," argues Cecilia Bonefeld-Dahl, director of the initiator DIGITALEUROPE.

**Digital Europe Declaration:** <https://www.digitaleurope.org/the-ceo-letter/>

## ***'Lack of direction weakens European industrial policy' (11 September 2025)***

*'Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 September 2025*

**European industrial policy lags behind that of China and the US due to a lack of direction and coherence, argues Wolfgang Polt in Social Europe.** While these countries are investing billions in key technologies, the EU remains stuck in a fragmented approach in which national and European priorities are insufficiently aligned. In an analysis, Polt advocates for stronger European coordination, more shared resources, and dedicated agencies for the implementation and distribution of funding.

**Opinion piece Social Europe:** <https://www.socialeurope.eu/the-eus-industrial-policy-needs-better-governance>

## ***UK Launches Horizon Europe Campaign Focused on Spain and Germany 911 September 2025)***

*'Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 September 2025*

**The United Kingdom is launching a campaign to stimulate collaborations through Horizon Europe with Spanish and German researchers and companies.** According to the British government, this should increase the visibility of British partners and support new research and innovation projects. Science Business reports that while the UK has

regained success with individual grants since its return in 2024, participation in large-scale consortia has lagged behind. The campaign is therefore also seen as an attempt to restore that position. "I want the UK to be the partner of choice for everyone involved in the program," says Lord Vallance, Minister for Science.

**Press release British government:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-horizon-campaign-to-push-uk-as-partner-of-choice-to-worlds-top-researchers>

**Article Science Business:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/uk-targets-spain-and-germany-new-horizon-europe-collaborations>

## ***New Swiss Association Agreement with Horizon Europe on the Way (11 September 2025)***

'Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 September 2025

**The EU and Switzerland are expected to officially sign the agreement on Switzerland's participation in Horizon Europe soon, according to Science Business.** This will end the exclusion that was in place between 2021 and 2024. According to Swiss State Secretary Hirayama, collaboration is "not a luxury, but a strategic necessity." At the same time, both parties are preparing to negotiate a broader package of bilateral agreements, which will be presented to the Swiss electorate. Simone de Montmollin, chair of the Committee on Science, Education and Culture in the Swiss Parliament, tells Science Business that it is crucial to inform the Swiss public about the impact of research collaboration with the EU. According to the European Commission, this is not just a return to Horizon Europe, but a new era of collaboration.

**Article Science Business:** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/switzerland-and-eu-insist-benefits-horizon-europe-association-potential-new>

## Global policy

### *ITIF: R&D cuts cost the US nearly \$1.5 trillion (18 September 2025)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 September 2025

**Cutting research and development investment by 20% would significantly harm the US economy in the long run, according to the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF).** The expected savings of \$620 billion over ten years would be offset by a contraction of nearly \$1.5 trillion in the economy due to lower productivity, reduced tax revenues, and a loss of technological competitiveness. Furthermore, the number of patents, startups, and exporting companies would decline. ITIF warns that such cuts could put the US behind China in strategic technologies.

**ITIF Article:** <https://itif.org/publications/2025/09/15/how-reducing-federal-rd-reduces-gdp-growth/>

### *US Considers Seizing Proceeds from Science Investments (18 September 2025)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 September 2025

**The US government is considering seizing patents and financial returns from scientific studies.** This was evident from statements made by Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick in an interview on the Axios Show. Lutnick believes the US government is not receiving sufficient returns for investments in universities. According to Axios, such an intervention would have a disruptive effect on the startup ecosystem, particularly in the biotech sector.

**Axios article:** <https://www.axios.com/2025/09/10/social-security-harvard-vc-lutnick-patents>

### *Nature: Countries Recruit PhD Students Avoiding the US 918 September 2025)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 September 2025

**Due to visa restrictions and funding uncertainties in the US, international PhD students are increasingly choosing alternatives.** The number of international students there fell by 30% in June compared to a year earlier. Universities in Canada, Europe, and Asia are now introducing new programs to attract these students and strengthen their position as research destinations. An article in Nature outlines the various initiatives by countries and universities.

**Nature article:** <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-02416-x>

### *LSE: China tightens grip on global cleantech production (18 September 2025)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 September 2025

**Countries would be wise to monitor China's foreign investment in cleantech production facilities.** This is according to the London School of Economics, following the publication "China's Green Leap Outward: The rapid scale-up of overseas Chinese clean-tech manufacturing investment." Since 2011, China has reportedly invested \$227 billion in such facilities abroad. Initially focused on Asian countries, the country has now expanded to the Middle East, North Africa, and Eastern Europe. According to LSE, international partners should monitor the geographical focus and timing, as these determine trade policy, climate financing, and the resilience of global supply chains. The full dataset will be made public in 2026 and should provide policymakers and researchers with better insight into the geopolitical impact of China's cleantech expansion.

**LSE News:** <https://www.lse.ac.uk/granthaminstitute/news/chinas-rapid-scale-up-of-investments-in-overseas-clean-tech-manufacturing/>

**Green Leap Publication:** <https://www.netzeropolicylab.com/china-green-leap>

### *Nature: New CRISPR application causes division (11 September 2025)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 September 2025

**The first horses bred using CRISPR technology have been born in Argentina, with their DNA modified to increase their muscle strength and speed.** The sport of polo has since banned the use of these animals. According to Nature, this demonstrates how genetically modified animals are divisive. At the same time, CRISPR is gaining ground worldwide, particularly in livestock farming. Researchers are developing animals that are more heat-resistant, resistant to viruses, or produce meat that does not trigger allergic reactions.

**Article Nature:** <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-02800-7>

## ***OECD: Collaboration is crucial for research infrastructures (11 September 2025)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 September 2025*

The OECD has published a report on research infrastructure ecosystems. Because individual facilities often lack the resources to address complex, interdisciplinary challenges, the OECD advocates for better integrated networks. This can increase impact and efficiency, provided sufficient incentives and appropriate policies are in place.

**OECD Report:** [https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/fostering-research-infrastructure-ecosystems-for-addressing-complex-scientific-and-societal-challenges\\_34797721-en.html](https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/fostering-research-infrastructure-ecosystems-for-addressing-complex-scientific-and-societal-challenges_34797721-en.html)



## National policy

### *More attention to innovation in election manifestos (18 September 2025)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 September 2025

**Political parties are devoting more attention to innovation in their election manifestos than two years ago, according to the TNO Innovation Monitor.** According to TNO, seven parties scored positively on the five innovation aspects outlined in the monitor, compared to four in the previous elections. Parties also have more concrete plans for R&D this year. At the same time, TNO warns that most programs still don't specify exactly how much funding is being allocated for innovation.

**News item TNO:** <https://www.tno.nl/nl/newsroom/2025/09/tno-innovatiemonitor-2025-innovatie/> (in Dutch)

### *Prinsjesdag 2025: University budget cuts continue to mount (16 September 2025)*

Source: Website UNL <https://www.universiteitenvannederland.nl/actueel/nieuws/bezuinigingen-op-universiteiten-lopen-verder-op>

While many political parties opt for investment in education and research in their election manifestos, the caretaker government today announced additional cuts to higher education and scientific research. The additional cuts are expected to amount to €25 million for universities. This cut comes on top of the already announced cuts of up to €300 million per year. This will cause investment in research and innovation to fall towards 2% of our national income, while a growing number of countries are investing 3% or more. Caspar van den Berg, chair of the Universities of the Netherlands, said: "It is incomprehensible that this government continues to cut back on knowledge and innovation, while these are essential for keeping our country safe, resilient, and healthy. The Council of State stated today that this could have fatal consequences for our earning capacity. We must invest now, otherwise the damage to science and education will be irreversible."

Higher education has already faced significant budget cuts over the past year. This has led to many universities announcing reorganizations and layoffs, halting important research, and threatening to eliminate degree programs. This worrying trend is expected to continue next year.

#### ***Innovation under pressure***

Education and research are not cost items. These investments ensure that we realize the essential innovations we need to overcome the nitrogen crisis, keep our healthcare affordable, and keep our society safe and resilient. Van den Berg: "Especially in the current geopolitical and economic climate, we must ensure we safeguard our strategic autonomy. Investments in knowledge are essential for this. In crucial areas such as quantum technology and semiconductor technologies, the Netherlands can lead the way, but that is not possible without public investment in universities and their fundamental research."

#### ***Other countries are investing, the Netherlands is cutting back***

Before the summer, the caretaker government indicated that it supports the European standard of investing three percent of gross domestic product in research and innovation. These additional cuts will push this goal even further out of reach. To achieve the 3% of GDP progress target, public investments of €2.6 billion per year are needed. The 3% progress target is included in many election manifestos.

#### ***Increasingly more tasks without budget***

This government is forcing universities to perform many tasks without allocating funds for them. Universities bring many innovations and practical applications to the market and society, and are encouraged to do so even more. But universities are not funded for this valorization. In fact, they are facing further cuts. This also applies to screening for knowledge security. Various organizations are receiving additional funding for this, except for the universities, which are seeing a significant increase in administrative and regulatory burden. Van den Berg: "It's striking that the government claims to want to reduce regulatory burden, while universities are actually being given additional rules and tasks, without funding."

## ***Prinsjesdag 2025: Most important subsidy news (16 September 2025)***

### ***WBSO budget to increase, rates unchanged***

The budget for the Research and Development Promotion Act (WBSO) will increase to €1.817 billion in 2026 (up from €1.6 billion). This budget provides sufficient room to maintain the higher deduction rates and bracket threshold introduced in 2025. The budget is expected to allow companies sufficient room to further intensify their R&D activities in the coming year, without this leading to a further reduction in rates in the long term, according to a separate letter to the **House of Representatives** <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/kamerstukken/2025/09/16/prinsjesdagbrief-wbso-in-2026>.

### ***IPCEI Advanced Semiconductor Technologies***

The Dutch government is making €230 million available for the Netherlands' participation in an Important Project of Common European Interest (IPCEI) in the field of Advanced Semiconductor Technologies (AST). This is done through the Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI) scheme. IPCEIs are large-scale European collaborations between companies and knowledge institutions focused on an innovative technology, production chain, or infrastructure that is considered strategically important to the EU. Member States are permitted to provide public funding for these initiatives—more than is normally permitted.

### ***Scaling up startups***

The growth of startups in Europe lags far behind that in the United States, partly due to a lack of available (venture) capital. Therefore, several countries have joined forces to pool funding for this purpose. Additional funding is available for Dutch startups with the potential to grow into scale-ups. The Ministry of Economic Affairs is contributing €200 million to the European Tech Champions Initiative (ETCI). This funding will also enable innovative Dutch companies to take steps forward.

### ***€2.6 billion extra for nitrogen follow-up package, more support for farmers and horticulturalists***

An additional €2.6 billion will be allocated on a one-off basis and €287.5 million on a structural basis for a follow-up package to help the Netherlands get off the nitrogen lock. This money will be used for, among other things, target-based management, innovations, and nature conservation measures. An additional €146 million will also be allocated annually for programs that help farmers and horticulturalists progress. These programs focus on innovation, business acquisitions, investments, and other support to prepare businesses for the future.

The package consists of various measures that build on the initial package. For example, the government wants to invest additional funds in target-based management. This is a system shift in which farmers can independently manage objectives, such as nitrogen reduction, based on their own expertise and entrepreneurial spirit. The binding, company-specific targets for agriculture will be established in 2026. Therefore, the government is now setting aside additional funds to establish the data and monitoring system, develop a supervisory and enforcement regime, and launch pilot projects.

The follow-up package also includes funding for innovations, and an additional annual budget for agri-environmental management, allowing the number of managed hectares to increase from 100,000 to approximately 280,000 hectares. Additional funding is also available for the voluntary cessation scheme, the Industrial Peak Load Management program, nature restoration measures, and an area-based approach in the regions around Rotterdam, Eindhoven, and the Groene Hart region.

### ***Maintaining the quality of education in the region***

The government wants all students throughout the Netherlands to have sufficient choice and for the range of programs to meet the needs of the labor market. Therefore, in 2026, the government will allocate €30 million to vocational education (MBO) in shrinking regions and €26 million to universities of applied sciences (HBO) in regions experiencing decline.

### ***Educational Opportunity Scheme Cuts Reversed***

The government is reversing the €177 million annual cut to the Education Opportunity Scheme. This scheme allows secondary schools to provide additional support to children at risk of educational disadvantage.

### ***Strong Education and Research Programs Extended***

To contribute to new, world-class research in the Netherlands and to strengthen education, three National Growth Fund programs are entering a new phase. These include the Ontwikkelkracht program (for sustainable educational improvements in primary and secondary education, as well as vocational education), the Npuls program (for future-proof

education with digitalization), and the National Growth Fund Biotech Booster program (for scientific breakthroughs in biotechnology). The 2026 budget includes €77 million for these programs.

### ***D66 and CDA advocate for a revision of budgetary policy to stimulate future-oriented investments (11 September 2025)***

*Source: AWTI e-mail alert 11 September 2025*

**The current budgetary system insufficiently considers the long-term benefits of investments in education, research, and climate, for example.** In the economics journal ESB, D66 members Joost Sneller, Hans Vijlbrief, and Gertjan Dordmond advocate for a serious revision of budgetary policy so that long-term investments are better recognized, weighted, and secured. In another publication in ESB, CDA members Inge van Dijk and Rosalinde Kranenburg make five recommendations to improve budgetary policy and stimulate investments in earning capacity.

**ESB Publication (D66):** <https://esb.nu/laat-het-begrotingsbeleid-toekomstgerichte-politiek-stimuleren/> (in Dutch)

**ESB Publication (CDA):** <https://esb.nu/meer-publieke-investeringen-vergen-aanpassing-van-het-begrotingsbeleid/> (in Dutch)

## Call deadlines

### *HORIZON Europe calls*

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 19 September 2025

Call identifier	Deadline
<b>Pillar I Excellent Science</b>	
<b>ERC</b>	
<b>Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions</b>	
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-DN-01 - Doctoral networks - Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates - TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates	<b>25 November 2025</b> (MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025, Industrial doctorates, Joint Doctorates)
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-PF - TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships - TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships	<b>10 November 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time (MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025)
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-SE-01	<b>8 October 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time (MSCA Staff Exchanges 2025)
<b>Research Infrastructures</b>	
HORIZON-INFRA-2025-01-TECH (4 topics)	<b>18 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Cluster 1 HEALTH</b>	
<b>Destination - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-STAYHLTH-two-stage	<b>18 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(CLOSED)</b> (First Stage), <b>16 April 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(Second Stage)</b>
<b>Destination - Living and working in a health-promoting environment</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-ENVHLTH-two-stage	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(CLOSED)</b> (First Stage), <b>16 April 2026</b> (Second Stage)

<b>Destination– Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-DISEASE-02-two-stage	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(CLOSED)</b> (First Stage), 16 April 2026 (Second Stage)
<b>Destination - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare</b>	
<b>Destination - Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society</b>	
<b><u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u></b>	
<b><u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u></b>	
<b>Destination 1: CLIMATE NEUTRAL, CIRCULAR AND DIGITISED PRODUCTION</b>	
<b>Destination 2: INCREASED AUTONOMY IN KEY STRATEGIC VALUE CHAINS FOR RESILIENT INDUSTRY</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 3 - WORLD LEADING DATA AND COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 4 – DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 5 – DESTINATION – OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN DEVELOPING, DEPLOYING AND USING GLOBAL SPACE-BASED</b>	

<b>INFRASTRUCTURES, SERVICES, APPLICATIONS AND DATA</b>	
<b>DESTINATION 6 – A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES</b>	
<b>CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility</b>	
<b>Destination - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-03-D1	<b>24 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D2	<b>17 February 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3	<b>17 February 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination: Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D4	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(CLOSED)</b> <b>Deadline(s) 20 January 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D5	<b>Foreseen opening: 16 September 2025 Deadline(s) 20 January 2026</b>
<b>Destination: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D6	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(CLOSED)</b> <b>20 January 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV-two-stage	<b>4 September 2025 (First Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(CLOSED)</b> <b>and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time


<b>Destination 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-two-stage	<b>4 September 2025 (First Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>CLOSED</b> ) and <b>18 February 2026 (Second Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO-two-stage	<b>4 September 2025 (First Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>CLOSED</b> ) and <b>18 February 2026 (Second Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination 4 – Clean environment and zero pollution</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-two-stage	<b>4 September 2025 (First Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>CLOSED</b> ) and <b>18 February 2026 (Second Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE	<b>16 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE-two-stage	<b>4 September 2025 (First Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <b>CLOSED</b> ) and <b>18 February 2026 (Second Stage)</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities</b>	
<b>Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal</b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-03-GOVERNANCE	<b>24 September 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Circular Biobased Europe</b>	
CBE Circular Biobased Europe partnership <a href="https://www.cbe.europa.eu/">https://www.cbe.europa.eu/</a>	
<b>Pillar III Innovative Europe</b>	
<b>EIC-Pathfinder-Challenges</b>	<b>29 October 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>EIC Transition-2025</b>	
<b>EIC-Accelerator-2025</b>	<b>1 October 2025</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>EIC Accelerator Challenges 2025</b>	<b>Foreseen Deadline 1 October 2025</b> <a href="https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5e1eb75f-e437-477f-9ee9-ef54ff6387fd_en?filename=EIC%20Work%20Programme%202025.pdf">https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5e1eb75f-e437-477f-9ee9-ef54ff6387fd_en?filename=EIC%20Work%20Programme%202025.pdf</a>




<b>Mission calls 2025</b>	
<b>HORIZON-MISS-2025-CLIMA</b> <i>Adaptation to Climate Change Mission</i>	<b>24 September 2025</b> ( <i>HORIZON-MISS-2025-01-CLIMA Adaptation to Climate Change Mission</i> )
<b>HORIZON-MISS-2025-03-OCEAN</b> <i>Supporting the implementation of the Restore our Ocean and Waters Mission</i>	<b>24 September 2025</b> ( <i>HORIZON-MISS-2025-03-OCEAN Supporting the implementation of the Restore our Ocean and Waters Mission</i> )
<b>HORIZON-MISS-2025-05</b> <i>Call - Supporting the implementation of the Soil Deal for Europe Mission</i>	<b>30 September 2025</b> ( <i>HORIZON-MISS-2025-05-SOIL Call - Supporting the implementation of the Soil Deal for Europe Mission</i> )
<b>WIDERA 2025</b>	

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

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 19 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
<b>European Partnerships / ERANET-COFUND</b>	
European Partnerships European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare <a href="https://www.eupahw.eu/">https://www.eupahw.eu/</a>	
European Partnership Biodiversa+ <a href="https://www.biodiversa.eu/">https://www.biodiversa.eu/</a>	<p><b>NEW:</b> A two-step application procedure will apply, with a mandatory submission of pre-proposals at the first step and submission of full proposals at the second step, via the <b>Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS)</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of the call: Tuesday 9 September 2025</li> <li>• Deadline for pre-proposals submission (mandatory): Friday 7 November 2025, 12:00 CET</li> <li>• Results of the evaluation of the first step: mid-February 2026</li> <li>• Deadline for full-proposals submission: Tuesday 14 of April 2026, 12:00 CEST</li> <li>• Recommendations for funding: late September 2026</li> <li>• Start of the projects: between 1st of December 2026 and 1st of April 2027</li> </ul>  <p>The timeline diagram consists of two identical rows of colored chevron boxes pointing right. The top row is for the Biodiversa+ call and the bottom row is for the ERA-Net COFUND call. The milestones are: Call launch (9 Sept. 2025, dark blue), Pre-proposal (7 Nov. 2025 12:00 CET, teal), Results step 1 (Mid Feb. 2026, light green), Full proposal (14 Apr. 2026 12:00 CEST, teal), Funding recommendations (Late Sept. 2026, light green), and Project start (1 Dec. 2026 – 1 Apr. 2027, dark blue).</p>

<p>European Partnership Water4All <a href="https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/">https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/">https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/</a>  <b>Water4All 2025 Joint Transnational Call Pre-Announcement</b>  <a href="https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement">https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call-pre-announcement</a>  Tentative timeline  Call opening: 12 September 2025  Submission deadline of preproposals: 13 November 2025, 15:00 CET  Selection of preproposals: End of February 2026  Submission deadline of full proposals: 13 April 2026, 15:00 CEST  Selection of funded proposals: September 2026  Projects start: End 2026/beginning 2027  Kick-off meeting of the funded projects: Spring 2027</p>
<p>European Partnership FutureFoods <a href="https://www.futurefoodspartner ship.eu/">https://www.futurefoodspartner ship.eu/</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.futurefoodspartner ship.eu/">https://www.futurefoodspartner ship.eu/</a></p>
<p>European Partnership Agroecology <a href="https://www.agroecologypartne rship.eu/">https://www.agroecologypartne rship.eu/</a></p>	
<p>European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy <a href="https://bluepartnership.eu/">https://bluepartnership.eu/</a></p>	<p><b>Third Joint Transnational Call for R&amp;I Funding</b>  Call launch (provisional): 15 September 2025, 15:00 CEST  Deadline submission Pre-proposals 17 November 2025  Deadline submission Full proposals 17 June 2026</p>  <p><a href="https://www.bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call">https://www.bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep</a></p>
<p>European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) <a href="https://dutpartnership.eu/">https://dutpartnership.eu/</a></p>	<p><b>Pre-announcement: European funding opportunity for sustainable urban transitions</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-european-funding-opportunity-for-sustainable-urban-transitions-0">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-european-funding-opportunity-for-sustainable-urban-transitions-0</a>  <b>Foreseen timeline and information day</b>  The foreseen timeline for this call is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 September 2025: stage 1 opening</li> <li>• 9 September 2025: transnational info webinar (online)</li> <li>• 17 November 2025: stage 1 closing (Pre-Proposal submission deadline)</li> <li>• 20 February 2026: stage 2 opening</li> <li>• 23 April 2026: stage 2 closing (Full Proposal submission deadline)</li> <li>• Summer of 2026: decision-making</li> </ul> <p>On 9 September 2025 (10:00–13:00) , DUT will host an online information meeting for those who are interested. More information and registration can be found here <a href="https://dutpartnership.eu/dut-call-2025-info-day/">https://dutpartnership.eu/dut-call-2025-info-day/</a>. NWO and SIA representatives will be available for your questions during a break-out session for The Netherlands.</p>

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

### Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **19 September 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Call</b>
30-10-2025	<b>Foreseen deadline full proposals Biodiversity and agriculture in balance collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq.</b> Closing date full application 30 October 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance</a> ?
07-11-2025	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline for submission <b>pre-proposals Biodiversity+ 2025-2026 Joint Call Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity, and connectivity.</b> Deadline for pre-proposals submission (mandatory): Friday 7 November 2025, 12:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/rescuing-biodiversity-to-safeguard-life-on-earth">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/rescuing-biodiversity-to-safeguard-life-on-earth</a> and <a href="https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/">https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/</a>
17-11-2025	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline submission <b>pre-proposals Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership third Joint Transnational Call, "Digitalisation and Innovation for Resilient Marine Ecosystems, Businesses, and Communities to Strengthen the EU Blue Economy's Competitiveness.</b> Pre-proposal submission deadline: 17 November 2025, 15:00 CET (Brussels Time). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep</a> and <a href="https://bluepartnership.eu/">https://bluepartnership.eu/</a> and <a href="https://bluepartnership.eu/news/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-launches-its-3rd-joint-transnational-call">https://bluepartnership.eu/news/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-launches-its-3rd-joint-transnational-call</a>
24-02-2026	Deadline for submission <b>Full-Proposals for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers.</b> The deadline for submitting full applications is 24 February 2026, before 17:00:00 AST/12:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers-now-open-for-applications">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers-now-open-for-applications</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/caribbean-research-phd-scholarships-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/caribbean-research-phd-scholarships-2025</a>
01-12-2025 until 24 February 2026	Foreseen deadline for submission <b>proposals for Weave with NWO as partner agency 2025/2026; NWO acts as partner agency when a Weave-proposal with Dutch co-applicant is submitted to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR) or the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO).</b> You can submit your proposal for ENW -M-1 WEAVE proposal with FWO as partner agency at any moment from 1 December 2025 to 24 February 2026

	14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf</a>
07-12-2025 until 31-07-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for submission <b>proposals</b> for Weave with NWO as partner agency 2025/2026; <b>NWO acts as partner agency when a Weave-proposal with Dutch co-applicant is submitted to the <u>Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)</u>, <u>Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR)</u> or the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO).</b> You can submit your proposal at any moment from 7 August 2025 up to and including 31 July 2026, 14:00:00 CEST, with the exception of ENW-M-1-Weave proposals with FWO as partner agency, which may be submitted from 1 December 2025 to 24 February 2026 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf</a>
12-01-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for <b>full applications</b> for call <b>Biodiversity and agriculture in balance</b> ; this <b>Call for proposals is a collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq.</b> <b>Deadline 12 January 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.).</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance</a>
20-01-2026	<b>Deadline for applications</b> <b>NL-CGIAR Senior Expert Programme (SEP) II – round 2.</b> <b>The deadline for submitting full proposals is 20 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-for-senior-experts-transformation-of-global-food-land-and-water-systems">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-for-senior-experts-transformation-of-global-food-land-and-water-systems</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sep_ii_-_round_2.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sep_ii_-_round_2.pdf</a>
14-04-2026	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline for submission <b>Full proposals Biodiversity+ 2025-2026 Joint Call Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity, and connectivity.</b> <b>Deadline for full-proposals submission: Tuesday 14 of April 2026, 12:00 CEST.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/rescuing-biodiversity-to-safeguard-life-on-earth">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/rescuing-biodiversity-to-safeguard-life-on-earth</a> and <a href="https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/">https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/</a>
17-06-2025	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline submission <b>Full proposals Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership third Joint Transnational Call, “Digitalisation and Innovation for Resilient Marine Ecosystems, Businesses, and Communities to Strengthen the EU Blue Economy’s Competitiveness.</b> <b>Full proposal submission deadline (Provisional): 17/06/2026, 15:00 CEST (Brussels Time).</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep</a> and <a href="https://bluepartnership.eu/">https://bluepartnership.eu/</a> and <a href="https://bluepartnership.eu/news/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-launches-its-3rd-joint-transnational-call">https://bluepartnership.eu/news/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-launches-its-3rd-joint-transnational-call</a>

## National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **19 September 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

23-09-2025	<b>NEW:</b> The dates of the <b>collaborative workshops are 23 September 2025 and 7 October 2025</b> for <b>KIC Medicines from medicines - knowledge development for circular redesign of the pharmaceutical supply chain.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain</a>
30-09-2025	Deadline for submission of <b>full proposal in the the ZonMw Microplastics &amp; Health programme</b> ZonMw invites prof. dr. ir. J. (Juliette) Legler (Utrecht University) – who is leading the collaboration between the ongoing projects – <b>to initiate and submit a single grant application as main applicant on behalf of the ongoing research projects in the ZonMw Microplastics &amp; Health programme.</b> The partners in MOMENTUM-NL will form a new consortium, that may include current and new additional partners. Note PJ: WU is partner in current consortium. <b>Deadline for submitting a detailed grant application: 30 September 2025. 14.00 CEST.</b> <a href="https://www.zonmw.nl/en/news/new-call-proposals-advance-microplastics-research">https://www.zonmw.nl/en/news/new-call-proposals-advance-microplastics-research</a> and <a href="https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidy/microplastics-health-continuation-momentum-nl">https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidy/microplastics-health-continuation-momentum-nl</a> and <a href="https://projecten.zonmw.nl/en/project/microplastics-health-expanding-momentum-momentum-20">https://projecten.zonmw.nl/en/project/microplastics-health-expanding-momentum-momentum-20</a>
07-10-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 7 October 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>

07-10-2025	Deadline for submission <b>letter of intent</b> for <b>Perspectief round 2025-2026</b> . The deadline for submitting letters of intent is <b>Tuesday, 7 October 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf</a>
07-10-2025	he dates of the <b>collaborative workshops</b> are <b>23 September 2025 and 7 October 2025</b> for <b>KIC Medicines from medicines - knowledge development for circular redesign of the pharmaceutical supply chain</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain</a>
14-10-2025	Deadline submission for <b>proposals</b> <b>NWO call Knowledge in Action – Towards Collective Water Management in East Brabant</b> . <b>Proposals can be submitted until 14 October 2025 14:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-in-action-towards-collective-water-management-in-east-brabant">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-in-action-towards-collective-water-management-in-east-brabant</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ENG_Subsidieoproep_KennisInActie_collectiefWaterbeheerOostBrab_DEF%20%281%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ENG_Subsidieoproep_KennisInActie_collectiefWaterbeheerOostBrab_DEF%20%281%29.pdf</a>
04-11-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Pre proposals</b> <b>NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2025</b> . The deadline for submitting preproposals is <b>4 november 2025, before 14:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-health-research-and-development-zonmw-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-health-research-and-development-zonmw-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202025_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202025_EN.pdf</a>
11-11-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full applications</b> <b>NWA Call ‘Building blocks for integral policy on Planetary Health’</b> . <b>Closing date full application 11 November 2025 14:00 hrs</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-new-research-on-building-blocks-for-integral-policy-on-planetary-health">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-new-research-on-building-blocks-for-integral-policy-on-planetary-health</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/building-blocks-for-integrated-policy-on-planetary-health">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/building-blocks-for-integrated-policy-on-planetary-health</a>
11-11-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Full proposals</b> for <b>NWO- KIC call Consumer behaviour for a circular system transition</b> . The deadline for proposals is <b>November 11th, 2025, before 14:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Consumer%20Behaviour.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Consumer%20Behaviour.pdf</a>
12-11-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> <b>NWO Impact Explorer 2025</b> . <b>12 November 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
13-11-2025	Deadline for submission of <b>Full applications</b> <b>Call Cellular Agriculture - towards larger scale and lower cost</b> . <b>Deadline for submitting proposals: 13 November 2025, by 14:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NGF%20CA%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NGF%20CA%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20EN.pdf</a>
25-11-2025	Deadline for submission <b>Pre-proposals</b> for <b>Perspectief round 2025-2026</b> . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is <b>Tuesday 25 November 2025, before 14:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf</a>
02-12-2025	Deadline for <b>Full applications</b> call <b>KIC Reducing health inequalities - technology for people in a lower social economic position</b> . <b>Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-socioeconomic-position">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-socioeconomic-position</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals_Reducing%20health%20inequalities_ENG_finaal_1.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals_Reducing%20health%20inequalities_ENG_finaal_1.pdf</a>
02-12-2025	<b>Foreseen Deadline for Rubicon 2025 Round 3</b> . <b>Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-3">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-3</a>
02-12-2025	<b>Foreseen Deadline for submission of letter of intent for Research Infrastructure (RI): national consortia 2025-2026</b> . <b>Closing date for letter of intent 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.): this Call is coordinated for WUR by CVI Mascha Rasenberg</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026</a>



From 13-01-2025 until 12-12-2025	Deadline submission <b>full proposals</b> <b>Open Technology Programme 2025</b> . Applications can be submitted on a continuous basis between 13 January 2025 until 12 December 2025, as long as the grant ceiling or the maximum number of applications submitted has not yet been reached.. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf</a>
20-12-2025	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> <b>NWO Impact Explorer 2025</b> . 20 December 2025 by 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
20-01-2026	<b>NEW:</b> Foreseen deadline for submission <b>Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2026 - round 1</b> . Closing date full application 20 January 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2026-round-1">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2026-round-1</a>
22-01-2026	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> for <b>KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation</b> This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. <b>January 22, 2026, before 2:00:00 PM CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation</a>
27-01-2026	Deadline submission for <b>Full applications for Veni round 2025</b> . The deadline for submitting full applications is 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme</a>
27-01-2026	Deadline submission of <b>Full Proposals</b> for <b>NWA call Opportunities and value chains for side streams in the protein transition</b> . The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf</a>
29-01-2026	<b>Deadline</b> for submission <b>Full proposals</b> for <b>NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy</b> . The deadline for submitting proposals is Thursday, 29 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET: <b>Note PJ:</b> The application procedure for this call consists of two phases: participating in collaborative workshops and submitting a proposal; NWO is organising two consecutive collaborative workshops <b>on 8 and 29 October 2025</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy</a>
03-02-2026	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> <b>NWO Impact Explorer 2025</b> . 3 February 2026 by 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</a>
03-02-2026	Deadline submission <b>Full proposals</b> <b>Dutch Research Agenda - Research along Routes by Consortia 2025 (NWA-ORC 2025)</b> . Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2025-nwa-orc-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2025-nwa-orc-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWAORC2025_Call%20for%20Proposals_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWAORC2025_Call%20for%20Proposals_EN.pdf</a>
03-02-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for submission <b>Full applications</b> for <b>Call Open Competition L</b> . Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh</a>
03-02-2026	Deadline submission <b>full proposals</b> for <b>SSH Open Competition L 2025</b> . The full proposal deadline is 3 February 2026, at 14:00:00 CET: <b>The dates of the collaborative workshops are 23 September 2025 and 7 October 2025</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf</a>
10-02-2026	Deadline for submission <b>full proposals</b> <b>NWO-NWA Call Future proof large rivers in the Netherlands</b> . Deadline proposals: 10 February 2026, 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwa-call-future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands-open-for-applications">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwa-call-future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands-open-for-applications</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWA%20Rivieren_ENG_def.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWA%20Rivieren_ENG_def.pdf</a>

10-02-2025	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline submission of <b>Full applications</b> for KIC Medicines from medicines - knowledge development for circular redesign of the pharmaceutical supply chain. The foreseen deadline for submission of full applications is 10 February , 2026, by 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain</a>
12-02-2026	Deadline for <b>Full applications</b> NWO KIC Call Biochemical diversity. Closing date full application 12 February 2026 14:00 hrs. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-biochemical-diversity">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-biochemical-diversity</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20Biochem%20div_Call%20for%20proposals_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20Biochem%20div_Call%20for%20proposals_EN.pdf</a>
24-02-2026	Deadline submission <b>Full proposals</b> for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 24 February 2026, before 17:00:00 CET/12:00:00 AST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach</a>
10-03-2026	Deadline for submission of <b>pre-proposals</b> for KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia – XL The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 10 March 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf</a>
24-03-2026	<b>Foreseen Deadline</b> for submission of <b>letter of intent</b> for Research Infrastructure (RI): national consortia 2025-2026. Closing date full application 24 March 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.): this call is coordinated for WUR by CVI Mascha Rasenberg. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026</a>
24-03-2026	<b>NEW:</b> Foreseen deadline for <b>Full proposals</b> Rubican call 1 2026. Closing date full application 24 March 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2026-1">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2026-1</a>
31-03-2026	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline for submission of <b>nominations</b> for new NWO 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. <b>Note PJ: Nominations for WUR will be done by RvB, max 2 nominations per University, NOW institute, KNAW institute and Medical Academic Centre.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/tulip-fund-opens-for-top-international-scientists">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/tulip-fund-opens-for-top-international-scientists</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/tulip-fund">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/tulip-fund</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Tulip%20Fonds_EN%20%282%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Tulip%20Fonds_EN%20%282%29.pdf</a>
09-04-2026	Deadline for submission <b>Full proposals</b> NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2025. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 9 april 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202025_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202025_EN.pdf</a>
14-04-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> <b>Full proposals</b> NWO-KIC call Fewer critical raw materials in the energy transition. Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/fewer-critical-raw-materials-in-the-energy-transition">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/fewer-critical-raw-materials-in-the-energy-transition</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant</a>
14-04-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for submission of <b>full proposals</b> KIC Digital Twinning: multidisciplinary simulation for deep and actual insights. Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-digital-twinning-multidisciplinary-simulation-for-deep-and-actual-insights">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-digital-twinning-multidisciplinary-simulation-for-deep-and-actual-insights</a>
19-05-2026	Deadline for submission <b>Full applications</b> for Perspectief round 2025-2026. The deadline for submitting proposals is Tuesday 19 May 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf</a>
02-06-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for submission <b>Full proposals</b> for KIC Adaptability in transitions. Foreseen closing date full application 2 June 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-adaptability-in-transitions">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-adaptability-in-transitions</a>
09-06-2026	Deadline for submission <b>Full-proposals</b> for Open Competition Domain Science–XL round 2025–2026. The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 9th June 2026, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026</a>
16-06-2026	<b>NEW:</b> Foreseen deadline for <b>Full proposals</b> KIC - Early detection and impact forecasting of (threatening) infectious diseases outbreaks. Closing date full application 16 June 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-early-detection-and-impact-forecasting-of-threatening-infectious-diseases-outbreaks">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-early-detection-and-impact-forecasting-of-threatening-infectious-diseases-outbreaks</a>



29-09-2026	<b>Foreseen Deadline</b> for submission <b>Full proposals</b> KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food. <b>Closing date full application 29 September 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.).</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-ai-for-agriculture-horticulture-water-and-food">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-ai-for-agriculture-horticulture-water-and-food</a>
12-11-2026	Deadline for <b>submission of Full-proposals</b> for KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia – XL The deadline for submitting full proposals is <b>Thursday 12 November 2026, before 14:00:00 CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf</a>
30-11-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for <b>full proposals</b> call NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy. <b>Closing date full application 30 November 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.).</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy</a>
21-01-2027	Deadline submission <b>proposals</b> for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. <b>January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation</a>
28-02-2027	<b>NEW:</b> Foreseen deadline for <b>full applications</b> Large Scale Research Infrastructure (LSRI) - National Roadmap consortia 2026. <b>Closing date full application 28 February 2027 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.).</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/large-scale-research-infrastructure-lsri-national-roadmap-consortia-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/large-scale-research-infrastructure-lsri-national-roadmap-consortia-2026</a>

## Regional calls

This list is a selection of regional calls. The list was compiled on **19 September 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
From 01-03-2025 to 28-02-2026	<b>Opening EFRO East Netherlands: Innovation projects priority 1</b> (a smarter East Netherlands): applications can be submitted from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. The subsidy ceiling is € 11.7 million, of which € 10 million for activities that benefit Gelderland and € 1.7 million for activities that benefit Overijssel;
From 01-03-2025 to 28-02-2026	<b>Opening EFFE East Netherlands Test and demonstration projects priority 1</b> (a smarter East Netherlands): applications can be submitted from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. The subsidy ceiling is €6.7 million, of which €5 million for activities that benefit Gelderland and €1.7 million for activities that benefit Overijssel.
2023-2024	<b>EFRO 2021-2027 Eastern Netherlands:</b> For for overview calls go to EFRO Oost <a href="https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen">https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen</a>
2023-2024	<b>EFRO 2021 – 2027 Western Netherlands:</b> For calls Kansen voor West III <a href="https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen-/">https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen-/</a>
2023-2024	<b>EFRO 2021-2027 Northern Netherlands:</b> For calls Northern Netherlands go to Website SNN <a href="https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027">https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027</a>
2023-2024	<b>EFRO 2021-2027 Southern Netherlands:</b> For calls Southern Netherlands go to website Stimulus <a href="https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/">https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/</a>
24-02-2025 to 04-04-2025	<b>Foreseen deadline Spring call OP-Zuid 2025:</b> from 24 February 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to April 4, 2025 (until 5 p.m.);
15-09-2025 to 24-10-2025	<b>Foreseen opening Autumn call OP-Zuid 2025:</b> from 15 September, 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to 24 October, 2025 (until 5 p.m.).

## About the Wageningen Grant Office

### Wageningen Grant Office

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

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

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

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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