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European Funding News: Horizon Europe

Key updates for Cluster 6 Horizon Europe October 2025 (3 October 2025)

Source: Mailing team IRIS RVO

The past month was busy month with numerous Cluster 6 deadlines. For those who have submitted a proposal, we hope that all went smooth and that the outcome will be successful. In this email, we're happy to share important updates and events pertaining to Cluster 6 Work Programme, including its future calls, partnerships, and Missions.

Flashnews update 2025 call

Last month all destinations within Cluster 6 had their deadlines for the 2025 call round. For the 72 topics that were open a grand total of 1054 proposals were submitted across Europe and beyond. Of this total, destination FARM2FORK had the most submissions with 262, followed by CIRCBIO (213) and BIODIV (169). COMMUNITIES-04 was the topic with the most amount of submissions with 45. The results are expected to be communicated in December 2025.

Cluster 6 Work Programme 2026-2027 update

- We share with you a link <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/comitology-register/screen/documents/107407/3/consult?lang=en>. to the comitology register where the latest (3rd) draft version of the 2026-2027 work programme has been uploaded (30/7). Please be aware that there are different call deadlines. Some topics have a deadline half of April, while other have a deadline in September.

Cluster 6 Partnerships

Partnership	Key Updates
Circular Bio-based Europe (CBE) https://www.cbe.europa.eu/	The CBE JU programme office received 248 project proposals by the 18 September deadline for the 2025 call, requesting over €1.42 billion in funding against a budget of €172 million. Proposal evaluation will take place in October–November 2025, with results expected in the second half of January 2026. For number of submissions by call topics, please see this link https://www.cbe.europa.eu/news/cbe-ju-call-closes-248-project-proposals-submitted .
Biodiversa+ https://www.biodiversa.eu/	The 5 th joint call on 'Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity, and connectivity' is now open' https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/ . Submission deadline for preproposals is on the 7 November 2025.
Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/	The 4 th joint call on 'Water and Health' https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call is now open. Submission deadline for preproposals is on the 13 November 2025.
Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) https://bluepartnership.eu/	The 3rd joint transnational call https://www.bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call is now open. The submission deadline for preproposals is on 17 November 2025.
AgroEcology Partnership https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/	Webinar Series Agroecology - CROPS 4! Is on 8 October 2025. Please register here https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/news/webinar-series-crops4 .
Animal Health and Welfare (EUPAHW) https://www.eupahw.eu/	First call outcomes https://www.eupahw.eu/open-calls/call-1 .

<p>European Partnership for a Sustainable Future of Food Systems (FutureFoods) https://www.futurefoodspartnership.eu/</p>	<p>One of the major goals of the FutureFoodS is the development of a European network of FutureFoodS Living Labs https://www.futurefoodspartnership.eu/news/a-knowledge-hub-of-futurefoods-living-labs to stimulate collaboration, to share working methods and to generate new ideas within the ecosystem of food systems transition.</p>
<p>European Partnership ‘Agriculture of Data’</p>	<p>No official website yet.</p>

Please kindly refer to the embedded links for more details on the Open and upcoming calls, the partnering tools, and eligibility conditions.

EU Missions work programme 2026-2027 update

- We also share with you a link <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/comitology-register/screen/documents/107712/2/consult?lang=en> to the (2nd) **draft version** of the 2026-2027 EU Missions work programme draft. Here in 2026, the opening for the Cluster 6 EU missions is anticipated to be in February/March with deadlines for September.
- Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP), also known as cascade funding, is a mechanism that enables Horizon Europe consortia to redistribute part of their grant to external entities (third parties). **NCP4Missions** <https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/eu-missions> developed a **course** <https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/academy/eu-missions-financial-support-third-parties> that describes rules and conditions of FSTP and experiences of projects that successfully implemented it.
- More information about the EU Missions:
 - **Mission Soil Platform** <https://mission-soil-platform.ec.europa.eu/>
 - Mission Ocean and Waters service portal <https://projects.research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/en/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe/restore-our-ocean-and-waters/mission-ocean-and-waters-service-portal>
 - **Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change Portal** <https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/en/mission>
 - **NetZeroCities** <https://netzerocities.eu/mission-cities/>

Future events

- The 1st Hackathon with **the RefreSCAR project** <https://scar-europe.org/home-scar/refrescar> on ‘Protein Value Chains: Global demand, Local challenges’ will take place on the 20-21 November in Vienna, Austria. More information on this event and how you can participate can **be found here** <https://scar-europe.org/home-scar/refrescar/1st-hackathon>. Deadline for hackathon team applications is on the 12th of October.
- **CARE4BIO 2026 Brokerage Event** <https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/stage/care4bio-2026-brokerage-event-brussels>, 21 January 2026, Brussels.
- **Horizon Europe Cluster 6 info days** <https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/stage/join-horizon-europe-cluster-6-info-days-22-and-23-january-2026>, 22 & 23 January 2026, Brussels or online.
- **CBE JU Stakeholder Forum 2026** <https://www.cbe.europa.eu/events/cbe-ju-stakeholder-forum-2026>, 24 March 2026 in Brussels.

Other updates

- RVO published a guide that gives inside into the risks when you use Generative AI while writing a project proposal: **Horizon Europe & Eureka - How to (not) use AI in grant proposal writing** <https://english.rvo.nl/topics/horizon-europe/how-use-ai-grant-proposal-writing>

Maria Leptin re-appointed as ERC President (2 October 2025)

Source: Website ERC <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/maria-leptin-re-appointed-erc-president>



Professor [Maria Leptin](#) has been re-appointed by the European Commission as President of the European Research Council (ERC) for another two years. After nearly four years in this role, her new mandate is starting today and will run until the end of September 2027.

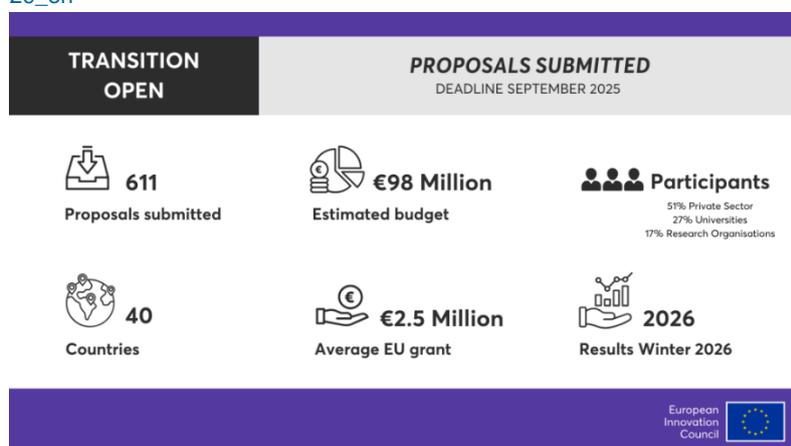
The current three ERC Vice-Presidents - Professors [Gerd Gigerenzer](#), [Eystein Jansen](#) [Jesper Q. Svejstrup](#) - commented in a statement:

This reappointment is excellent news and ensures continuity at a critical moment ahead of the next EU framework programme for R&I. On behalf of the ERC Scientific Council, our governing body, we would like to thank Maria Leptin for her leadership and strong commitment over the past four years, which has taken our organisation to new heights. She has our full trust to continue the ERC mission for science and for Europe.

Biography of Maria Leptin: <https://erc.europa.eu/erc-member/maria-leptin>

A record number of proposals submitted for the EIC Transition call (29 September 2025)

Source: Website EIC https://eic.ec.europa.eu/news/record-number-proposals-submitted-eic-transition-call-2025-09-29_en



European Union 2025

The Commission's European Innovation Council (EIC) received 611 proposals for the 17 September 2025 deadline of EIC Transition calls - the highest ever. The proposals involve participants from 40 countries, with the largest numbers coming from Italy, Germany, Spain and France. More than half of applicants (51%) are from the private sector, followed by universities (27%) and research organisations (17%).

EIC Transition projects build on results from EIC Pathfinder, Future and Emerging Technologies (FET), or European Research Council (ERC) Proof of Concept projects. Their aim is to mature technologies and develop a business case for concrete applications. Grants of up to €2.5 million are available to validate and demonstrate technology in an application-relevant environment and prepare for market entry.

The EIC Transition Open call has no predefined thematic priorities and is open to proposals across all fields of science, technology, and application.

Next steps

Proposals that pass the first evaluation stage will be invited for interviews between 1 and 5 December 2025. All applicants – successful or not – will be informed of the evaluation results in the course of January 2026. Projects selected for funding are expected to start in May-June 2026.

The next deadline for EIC Transition proposals will be announced in the EIC Work Programme 2026, to be published in November 2025.

MSCA4Ukraine webinar: Enhanced collaboration with the Ukrainian higher education sector (23 September 2025)

Source: Mailing EC

We are pleased to invite you to a webinar on ‘*Enhanced collaboration with the Ukrainian higher education sector through MSCA4Ukraine fellowships*’ <https://www.eua.eu/events/eua-events/enhanced-collaboration-with-the-ukrainian-higher-education-sector-through-msca4ukraine-fellowships.html>, **on 13 October 2025 at 14.00 CEST**.

The **MSCA4Ukraine scheme** <https://sareurope.eu/msca4ukraine/> supports 176 researchers displaced by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, enabling them to continue their research in 24 European countries. Beyond individual fellowships, the programme contributes to strengthening the Ukrainian university sector and its collaboration and exchange with the international community.

This webinar will showcase how MSCA4Ukraine fellows continuously engage with their home institutions, as well as how they have helped to establish new collaborations between their home and host institutions. The webinar will also discuss how MSCA4Ukraine fellows, alumni and hosts intend to support and contribute to rebuilding Ukrainian higher education and research.

Register here: <https://web-eur.cvent.com/event/749ad427-f41d-4bfb-9ff9-b218c9c7894a/regProcessStep1>

European Funding News: FP10

Only an excellence-driven Horizon Europe can attract the world's best scientists (3 October 2025)

Source: Based on article in Times higher education <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/opinion/only-excellence-driven-horizon-europe-can-attract-worlds-best>

The recent announcement that **Australia has joined Singapore in exploratory talks** <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/australia-reboots-talks-horizon-europe> to associate to Horizon Europe confirms that the programme's attractiveness extends far beyond Europe's borders. With New Zealand, South Korea and Canada already associated, and Japan in a process of accelerated negotiations, the current, ninth iteration of the European Union's "framework programme" is proving its capacity to attract leading nations in research and innovation (R&I).

But as discussions about FP9's successor programme begin, there are questions about whether FP10 will be similarly attractive to non-member states – near, as well as far. On the face of it, the EU is set to welcome international R&I collaboration with open arms when FP10 – which will retain the Horizon Europe name – begins in 2028. The commission's proposal pledges to balance the benefits of collaboration against its risks but recognises that international cooperation will "strengthen the Union's competitiveness and excellence in R&I". And in an explanatory memorandum, the commission emphasises that the value of international cooperation underwrites the whole of FP10.

The document envisages varying levels of association. While it is silent on which countries would have access to which parts of FP10, there is nothing to suggest that the UK and Switzerland would not continue to have full access to the European Research Council (ERC) and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), as well as the bottom-up instruments of the European Innovation Council (EIC). Given that a key argument for increasing funding to the ERC and MSCA has been their contribution to Europe's attractiveness to researchers, it is also likely that these instruments will remain closed to researchers from outside Europe and its neighbourhood.

What about FP10's second part, which will structure collaborative research? This is what all associate countries are most likely to have access to, and it will attract about 43 per cent of FP10 funding. Here the current relationship between the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) and FP10 **still leaves open many questions**.

The ECF lays down the four research areas ("policy windows") to be addressed – pledging a "seamless investment journey from idea to market" – with FP10 funding collaborative research at technology-readiness levels 1 ("basic principles observed") to 8 ("system complete and qualified"). Those themes are clean transition, health/biotech, digital, and defence industry and space. But while, apart from defence, these are hardly contentious, there are questions about how the commission's stated intention to push Europe's competitiveness will translate into a research programme that seeks to push scientific frontiers. The commission insists that it "should be possible" to fund large-scale product validation through FP10, for instance – but that activity has little to do with R&I.

Moreover, article 25 of the **proposed FP10 regulation** https://commission.europa.eu/publications/horizon-europe_en codifies excellence, impact and implementation as the (only) award criteria. But the Danish presidency of the council has put this up for discussion by the representatives from member-states' ministries of economics and foreign affairs, which are charged with looking at key issues across all parts of the EU's proposed Multiannual Financial Framework for 2028 to 2034.

EU science ministers had already declared their commitment to the excellence principle in FP10. Taking responsibility for finalising funding criteria away from them means that considerations of industrial priority might also be adopted by the council, in a desire to align FP10 even more closely to the ECF.

This would be completely at odds with the [stated wishes](#) of the UK, New Zealand and Switzerland that FP10 should prioritise "excellent scientific research, development and innovation as a foundation for addressing shared priorities and challenges in the long-term".

There are other questions about the place of excellence in FP10. In its implementation proposal, the commission is clear about the importance of scientific experts in the evaluation of proposals for the ERC. But this detail is completely missing in any provisions for collaborative research.

Instead, the proposal stipulates that evaluation committees for R&I projects need not be made up entirely of independent experts, leaving open the possibility that commission officials, for instance, could also play a significant role in both evaluating and ranking proposals. In a world-leading R&I programme, only independent experts should do the ranking; to proceed otherwise could risk, again, blurring the line between FP10 and the ECF.

Perhaps most strikingly, article 20 of the proposed FP10 regulation explicitly allows for the ECF's rules for "accelerated" and "targeted" selection procedures of grantees to apply. Accordingly, "imperative public interest" projects could be funded up to three months before (!) a final evaluation is complete and eligibility checks submitted. Whatever their justification within the ECF, such procedures have no place in a world-leading R&I programme, and policymakers must articulate this clearly.

Finally, whereas currently Horizon Europe explicitly excludes dual-use research, the proposed FP10 regulation allows it. But there is a frustrating lack of detail. For instance, will calls with explicit reference to dual use be subject to different stipulations around intellectual property, consortium partner choice or publication? And will associated countries at war be restricted from participating in explicitly dual-use calls?

As policymakers in Brussels negotiate FP10's shape, they must strengthen it vis-à-vis the ECF to ensure it is as attractive to the best researchers as it aspires to be. And that means ensuring that it pushes the boundaries of understanding across all its funds.

For all researchers, both in the EU and in associated countries, only an FP10 based on research excellence is worth having.

This article was originally published in Times Higher Education:

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/opinion/only-excellence-driven-horizon-europe-can-attract-worlds-best>

Research ministers confident of role in Horizon Europe negotiations (2 October 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/research-ministers-confident-role-horizon-europe-negotiations>

As discussions begin, Council plays down lead given to finance ministers in decisions over Widening and excellence



EU research Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva (left), and Danish Minister for Higher Education and Science Christina Egelund (right). Photo credits: European Union EU research ministers do not expect to have a reduced role during negotiations on the future Horizon Europe programme, despite Council plans to assign parts of it to finance ministers via the ad hoc working party on the next multiannual EU budget.

Science|Business recently reported <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/research-and-innovation-gap/emerging-council-plans-could-shake-fp10> that the working party, which usually deals with articles referring directly to budgets, would also examine parts of the Horizon Europe plans, including the Widening programme for member states with weaker innovation capacities and the use of excellence as the main criterion for evaluating proposals.

"Does that leave us as research ministers in a reduced role? No, I don't think that it does," said Denmark's science minister, Christina Egelund, in response to a question from Science|Business following a meeting of research ministers in Brussels on September 30.

"I think our role as research ministers is to make the most out of the frames under which we are working and make sure that, when it comes to investing in infrastructure, when it comes to being strategic in matters of critical technologies, AI, quantum computing, et cetera, we are the ones who are there to make things work," she went on.

In theory, coordination mechanisms at the member state level should mean that research ministries' priorities are taken into consideration during the overall discussions. However, there "is indeed a risk" that their role will be downgraded, one member state diplomat told Science|Business.

National science ministries "*will have to organise themselves very hard*" to ensure they have a say in decisions made by the ad hoc working party, said Joep Roet, deputy director of Neth-ER, which represents the Dutch research sector in Brussels.

However, Roet is not overly concerned about the excellence criterion being taken out of negotiations. "*I think this is such a fundamental point,*" he said. "*I have confidence in the ability of science ministries everywhere to talk to their finance ministers and make sure it remains in the Horizon Europe regulation.*"

Long road to a deal

During Tuesday's meeting, research ministers had their first official debate on the European Commission's proposal for the post-2027 Horizon Europe programme. The discussion focused on plans to open up funding to dual-use research, with both civil and military applications.

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has prompted a shift in attitudes across the continent and there was broad support for the inclusion of dual use research. However, member states want civil research to remain the primary focus of the programme, and for safeguards to be put in place concerning research security and the continuation of international collaboration. Several ministers also stressed the importance of continuing to award funding based on open competition.

Countries were more divided over the proposal to allow technologies with purely defence applications into the European Innovation Council's Accelerator programme. Austria, for example, argued that defence research should be limited to the European Competitiveness Fund.

The Danish presidency of the Council wants to make quick progress with the Horizon Europe negotiations. No agreement is expected before the end of the year, however, and negotiations will continue under the presidency of Cyprus from January 2026.

Budget uncertainty

The dual use debate followed an [informal meeting](#) of research ministers with research Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva on July 17, the day after the plans were presented. At the Copenhagen gathering, ministers welcomed the proposal to almost double Horizon Europe's budget from 2028. However, the overall envelope will ultimately be decided during negotiations on the EU budget by finance ministers and heads of state and government.

Those talks are likely to split member states into three broad camps. On one side, there are the countries which get back more from the EU budget than they put in and usually advocate higher levels of spending, particularly on cohesion policy.

On the other side are the **so-called frugal countries, including the Netherlands and Sweden**, which oppose increasing the EU budget. In the middle are countries such as France and Spain, which are net contributors but want to see higher levels of spending, financed in part by joint borrowing.

While every EU country is supportive of research and innovation, it is usually not the main issue, Roet said. Instead, they may prioritise cohesion funding, agriculture, or a smaller overall budget. "Everybody is always in favour of increasing funding for research, but for everyone it is always priority number two, and if push comes to shove, everybody goes for priority number one."

While the Netherlands supports focusing EU funds more on innovation, the Dutch government promptly rejected the Commission's €2 trillion proposal for the next EU budget. In a [letter](#) sent to the Dutch parliament last month, the country's foreign affairs and finance ministers warned that the proposal would mean the Dutch contribution would increase by around €5 billion per year. That is compared to the current EU budget and plans to reduce the Dutch contribution in the coming years.

In past negotiations, Germany, the largest contributor to the EU budget, has been willing to increase what it pays in, but this time the government has announced that it will oppose a substantial increase to EU spending. So, the country looks set to align itself more with the frugals than with neighbouring France.

"The German federal budget is already under considerable pressure and this strain is likely to intensify in the coming years," said Jan Wöpking, managing director of the U15 group of German universities. "If this doesn't change, then I don't see Germany increasing its contributions."

Investing in Europe's future: The Guild's reaction to the Commission's FP10 proposal (25 September 2025)

Source: Website The Guild <https://www.the-guild.eu/news-and-blog/news/2025/investing-in-europe-s-future-fp10.html>

The Guild welcomes <https://www.the-guild.eu/news-and-blog/news/2025/investing-in-europe-s-future-fp10.html> the Commission's proposal for a stand-alone Horizon Europe 2028-34 (FP10). Next week, the COMPET Council will address key questions raised by the proposal itself, and its relation to the European Competitiveness Fund. We assert six priority areas that the Members States and European Parliament must not compromise.

1. **Excellence:** The Guild reasserts that FP10 must focus first and foremost on research excellence to produce breakthrough knowledge and innovation and attract the brightest minds with the most promising ideas. It is essential that research excellence remains a core evaluation criterion across the programme and the unique award criterion for ERC and MSCA grants. We urge the Council and the Parliament to ensure research excellence is not undermined in any manner across FP10, including by provisions in the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF).
2. **Ambition:** We commend the proposed 80% increase in the FP10 budget, bringing it to €175 billion. Recalling that the research and innovation sector has consistently advocated for a minimum of €200 billion to fully meet the programme's ambitions, we echo Mario Draghi's concerns that the current budget proposal "will fall short" in supporting breakthrough research and in achieving Europe's goals for industrial competitiveness and societal resilience. Europe's policymakers must not lose sight of these ambitions as they seek to agree on FP10.
3. **Bottom-up curiosity-driven research:** The curiosity-driven nature of the ERC and the MSCA, which are essential to their success in fostering pioneering research and attracting and retaining research talents in Europe, are not sufficiently safeguarded. We call for better protecting the autonomy of the ERC Scientific Council and limiting the opportunities for directionality in MSCA calls. It is also important that calls across FP10 are less prescriptive than in FP9 to leverage better researchers' creativity.
4. **Better connect to FP10:** The ECF must be aligned with FP10. Horizon Europe must not be reduced to a tool for industrial policy alone. This means that Part 2 must finance competitiveness-oriented projects only if they are scientifically relevant. It also requires the optimal use of experts to translate political priorities to call texts at the frontiers of knowledge.
5. **Open to the world:** FP10 must preserve and promote scientific collaboration with institutions in third countries such as Norway, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom, especially through their association to FP10. It is critical to recognise the huge value of collaboration with trusted partners – in Europe, but also beyond – for Europe's strategic autonomy and scientific strength. We also call for maintaining the Africa Initiative under FP10 as a commendable example of research collaboration between the European Union and low- and middle-income countries.
6. **Civilian by default:** FP10 should be designed as a civilian programme by default, with carefully scoped provisions for dual-use applications where appropriate. Likewise, defence research must be strictly excluded from its scope.

Secretary-General **Jan Palmowski**: "For the EU to achieve a world-leading R&I programme, FP10 must fulfil six key criteria. These are essential for the programme to attract the world's best researchers and innovators and ensure that the EU punches above its weight in developing new ideas and innovations, including in key strategic areas. For all its political importance, FP10 but never lose its edge for researchers and innovators!"

Read full position paper here: https://www.the-guild.eu/publications/position-papers/the-guild-s-reaction-to-the-fp10-proposal_sept2025.pdf

ERC President Warns Against Uniform Research Funding Rules (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

ERC President Leptin warns that the European Commission's plans for a single, uniform set of rules for EU research funding threaten the flexibility of research programs, writes Science Business. According to her, each program has different goals and therefore requires a tailored approach. Leptin emphasizes that the European Research Council (ERC) must remain independent in both strategy and implementation. She also expressed concern that the ERC

will not receive a larger budget in the new Framework Programme. Furthermore, she warned that linking it to the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) could lead to increased political control.

Article Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/european-research-council/single-rulebook-eu-research-funding-risks-death-inflexibility-warns>

JRC examines differences in R&D costs per technology (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

A new study by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) shows that the cost per patent varies significantly between technologies and companies. The researchers developed a method to estimate technology-specific investments in R&D. The differences are related to sectoral characteristics, economies of scale in knowledge production, and choices in technological specialization.

JRC publication: <https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC121447>

Can Technology Readiness Levels help measure technological progress in Horizon Europe? (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

The use of Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) can help understand the strengths and weaknesses of Horizon Europe in supporting innovation processes. This is the conclusion of an analysis by the European Commission. According to the researchers, TRLs can be a useful policy tool for mapping technological progress. At the same time, the report acknowledges that TRLs also have limitations and are not always the best measure of innovation, for example in fields such as social sciences and humanities.

European Commission report: <https://euagenda.eu/publications/scaling-up-ideas-using-technology-readiness-levels-to-analyse-technology-progression-in-horizon-europe>

German science group calls for stronger investments, governance for FP10 (22 September 2025)

Source: Website Alliance of German Science Organisations <https://www.allianz-der-wissenschaftsorganisationen.de/en/topics-statements/recommendations-for-the-future-of-european-research-and-innovation-policy/>

In response to the European Commission's proposal for the successor to Horizon Europe, the Alliance of German Science Organisations is calling on the EU to boost R&I investments and strengthen FP10 governance at the interface with the European Competitiveness Fund.

When it comes to R&I investments, the alliance is urging the Commission to secure a budget of €200 billion and increase that of Erasmus+ to support student mobility across Europe. It also hopes to see the EU to better involve the R&I community in efforts to articulate FP10 and the new Competitiveness Fund.

More details here: <https://www.allianz-der-wissenschaftsorganisationen.de/en/topics-statements/recommendations-for-the-future-of-european-research-and-innovation-policy/>

Other International funding

Call open: Balancing agriculture and biodiversity in the Brazilian Cerrado (30 September 2025)

Source: Website NWO news <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-balancing-agriculture-and-biodiversity-in-the-brazilian-cerrado>



The call 'Balancing agriculture and biodiversity in the Brazilian Cerrado: an integrated socio-ecological approach' from the Dutch National Research Agenda (NWA) is now open for applications. What scenarios and practical solutions can safeguard agricultural production in the Cerrado, protect and promote biodiversity and mitigate climate change? That question is central to the new call 'Agriculture and biodiversity in balance' from the National Research Agenda (NWA).

Biodiversity in the Brazilian Cerrado is under pressure from increasing deforestation for agricultural production. The NWA call 'Balancing agriculture and biodiversity in the Brazilian Cerrado' aims to develop strategies that maintain agricultural productivity while preserving biodiversity and limiting climate change. The initial theme was provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN).

Aim of the call

This call involves a collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science funder CNPq. Dutch and Brazilian researchers are encouraged to submit interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary applications, together with civil society partners for research on balancing agriculture and conservation through sustainable land use solutions. It is vital that these projects address both the environmental and socio-economic aspects of sustainable land use. The programme focuses on four themes, two of which should be addressed in the application:

- integrative land use planning that supports biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- social, ecological and economic consequences of different land use practices;
- development of agricultural systems that are more resilient to climate change while protecting biodiversity; and
- the development of administrative approaches to support more sustainable land use practices.

Budget and duration

Approximately 3 million euros is available for this call, and 4 multidisciplinary consortia can be funded. The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, 13 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET.

Information and matchmaking meeting

On 26 November 2025, NWO will organise an (online) information and matchmaking meeting for the NWA call 'Balancing agriculture and biodiversity in the Brazilian Cerrado': <https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/information-and-matchmaking-meeting-balancing-agriculture-and-biodiversity-in-the-brazilian-cerrado-nwa>

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-balancing-agriculture-and-biodiversity-in-the-brazilian-cerrado>

28 million available for research into the interaction between water and health (24 September 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/28-million-available-for-research-into-the-interaction-between-water-and-health>



The European research programme Water4All has opened its new call for proposals: “Water and Health” <https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call> NWO is participating in this call and invites researchers to form consortia with European partners.

Clean water is important for human, animal and environmental health. In this new round of the European Water4All partnership, 30 countries are collaborating on research into this important topic. Research proposals must address at least one of the following topics:

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

Budget and deadlines

A total of 28 million euros has been made available by all European funding organisations. On behalf of NWO, 2 million euros is available, with a maximum of 325,000 euros per project.

Proposals are **not** submitted via ISAAC but via the Water4All online submission tool. Please note that the budget form for the full proposal must be sent to NWO.

The deadline for the mandatory pre-proposal is 13 November 2025, and the deadline for full proposals is 13 April 2026.

More information

To participate, consortia must consist of partners from at least three participating countries. You can find out which countries are participating and search for partners on the Water4All website. A webinar for interested parties will be held on 25 September from 13:30 to 15:30. You can register for this on the website.

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.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/water4all-water-security-for-the-planet> and <https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call>

IKEA Foundation's new Multi-Annual Strategy (22 September 2025)

Source: Mailing Wageningen University Fund

The new multi-annual strategy of Ikea Foundation (IF) is almost finalized, and we received some information I would like to share with you all. We do not have full details on especially the thematic focus and when exactly the strategy will be published. Below, I share all the information that we have received so far:

Overarching Goal:

Fight global warming with and for the many people.

Thematic Focus:

Help accelerate long-term change in high emitting systems with a direct impact on people's lives:

1. **Energy:** help emerging and developing economies grow and thrive without dependence on fossil fuels.
2. **Land, Food & Forests:** support locally led land and food stewardship as a greater force in fighting global warming.
3. **Buildings and Transport:** reduce emissions from buildings and transport.
4. **Emergency response:** provide rapid support to people impacted by humanitarian crisis. This is an independent standalone program.

Geographical focus: (the list could expand but this is what is known for now)

- IF will continue to work in India and East Africa (Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia).
- They will invest in Brazil and Indonesia

How IF seeks to make an impact:

- ***Increasing capital flows*** - ensuring transitions get the funding it needs
- ***Building markets:*** contributing to the growth of business and sectors that meet people and planetary needs
- ***Enabling policy and regulatory environment:*** supporting partners to design and monitor policies and regulations
- ***Building narratives:*** strengthening truth, combatting disinformation, and building trust
- ***Local coordination of actions:*** supporting entities that bring together knowledge, narratives, action, and resources

Shifts in IF's Strategy – what has changed?

IF will:

- Adopt a more explicit systems approach (move away from project-based funding).
- Give more emphasis on Placed-based development
- Make a strong commitment to locally led development and support proximate organizations
- Put more effort in becoming a learning organization
- Make major revisions to their current organization in line with the above shifts

Important to know in terms of new potential collaboration opportunities:

- Until the end of 2025, IF will be sharing info about the new strategy to existing partners. There will be no big launch event.
- 2026 is a transition phase for them, so no active grant making will happen. Active granting is envisaged around the end of /or after 2026.
- They will say goodbye to some partners and bring on-board new ones
- They are moving away from targeting the global north (*as the drivers for decision making*)

Next Steps we foresee:

Their new strategy is very well aligned with our work at WUR. They are a current donor, and we have a very well-established relationship. However, given the changes in the strategy, we need to critically think about how to stay relevant to them. We at UFW think that WUR will benefit more by taking an organizational wide (a one -WUR) approach, which we must think through. To do this better, we are waiting for some details, especially on the thematic focus. We do not know when exactly we can have this information because it is still an extremely busy period for them. Once we have details, we will share widely and probably contact you so we can collectively think through and work on an engagement strategy.

For more information: UFW Florence Taaka

National funding

Call open: Municipal policy for biodiversity restoration (29 September 2025)

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



The NWA Call 'Municipal policy for biodiversity restoration' is now open for applications. The degradation of living nature through human activities is leading to a reduction in biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystems. Combating biodiversity loss is a major challenge for both society and science. The knowledge development in this programme should contribute to this.

Biodiversity and ecosystems are crucial to our society, for example for healthy air quality, crop pollination, drinking water, soil and nutrients, recreation and quality of life. It is important to give biodiversity full consideration or even priority in policy and policy decisions at municipal level.

Aim of the Call

The Call focuses on developing knowledge for the transition to nature-inclusive municipal policy for biodiversity restoration in built-up areas. The programme operates at the intersection of knowledge and policy and aims to contribute, through living labs, to:

- action perspectives for nature-inclusive policy development, political decision-making and policy implementation at municipal level in the built environment;
- better utilisation of knowledge and knowledge exchange between research and municipalities, between municipalities themselves, and with other authorities;
- social insight and awareness within the municipal organisation itself that nature is of vital importance and of great value to society.

Research in living labs ensures that questions arising from municipal practice are given centre stage. The programme focuses on the built environment at municipal level.

Meetings

A matchmaking meeting will be organised for this Call on 6 November 2025, from 13:00 to 17:00 in Utrecht. Participation in this activity by a representative of the pre-registration is mandatory.

Budget and deadlines

The total funding ceiling for this Call for Proposals is €3,820,000. A maximum of one full application will be awarded under this Call for Proposals.

The deadline for **submitting pre-applications** is Tuesday, 3 February 2026, before 14:00:00 CET.

The deadline for **submitting applications** is Tuesday, 2 March 2027, before 14:00:00 CET.

The deadline for **submitting a request for assessment** of (foreign) organisations is 20 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET for pre-applications, and 16 February 2027 before 14:00:00 CET for applications.

The Open Technology Program awards six new projects ranging from clean energy storage and transport solutions to user-friendly sleep monitoring technologies (26 September 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/the-open-technology-program-awards-six-new-projects-ranging-from-clean-energy-storage-and-transport-solutions-to-user-friendly-sleep-monitoring-technologies>



Six application-oriented projects can start with funding from the Open Technology Programme from the NOW domain Applied and Engineering Sciences (AES). NWO is supporting these application-oriented projects with more than 5.6 million euros. Industry partners and other organisations are contributing another amount of over 500.000 euros.

The granted projects include topics such as:

- The development of sustainable composite materials for efficient thermal storage using waste-derived waxes and graphene. Waxes obtained from pyrolysis of waste streams are combined with a highly conductive graphene network. Through solid-liquid phase transitions and enhanced thermal conductivity, compact and rapid energy storage becomes possible (Project: Green Heat Revolution: Recycled Wax for Sustainable Thermal Storage using Designed Graphene Networks (Recywax+)).
- The creation of acoustic monitoring systems with ultra-low power consumption. Using innovative MEMS microphones and cochlea-inspired system optimization, power usage is drastically reduced. This paves the way for new applications such as medical monitoring and voice control in miniature devices (Project: Cochlea inspired Acoustic Monitoring).
- Investigating how vegetable crops can kill pest eggs and the genetic mechanisms involved. Insect eggs represent a vulnerable stage and are ideal targets for early intervention. These insights may lead to new crop defense strategies against insect damage (Project: Early Intervention Pest Resistance (EI-RESIST): Understanding and harnessing egg-killing traits for crop resistance breeding).

One of the granted projects is led by WUR

Early Intervention Pest Resistance (EI-RESIST): Understanding and harnessing egg-killing traits for crop resistance breeding - **dr. N.E. Fatouros, Wageningen University & Research (22494) and Co-applicant(s): Wageningen University & Research – dr. ir. Ing. K. Bouwmeester, dr. L. Caarles**

More information about the granted projects can be found here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/the-open-technology-program-awards-six-new-projects-ranging-from-clean-energy-storage-and-transport-solutions-to-user-friendly-sleep-monitoring-technologies>

Open Technology Programme

The Open Technology Programme provides funding for application-oriented technical-scientific research that is free and unrestricted and is not hindered by disciplinary boundaries. The programme offers companies and other organisations an accessible way to participate in scientific research that is intended to lead to societal and/or scientific impact.

Pre-announcement call for proposals NWA (25 September 2025)

Source: Website ZonMw <https://www.zonmw.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-call-proposals-nwa>



The NWA call for proposals for the further Development and Regulatory Acceptance of Chemical Test Models (Do-ReACT): animal-free test methods for the safety assessment of chemical substances is expected to open in November 2025.

Aim of the call for proposals

The safety assessment of chemical substances relies heavily on animal testing. Further development and validation of New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) is required to bridge the gap between research and implementation. Validation of NAMs is an important requirement before they can be used as standard methods for safety testing and in a regulatory context. The aim of the 'NWA Do-ReACT' Call for proposals is to contribute to the validation of existing non-animal methods (TRL 3-7) that focus on determining the hazards and/or risks of exposure to chemicals for humans, animals and the environment. This will promote the acceptance and use of these methods and the results obtained from them. These include plant protection products, food and feed additives, pharmaceutical ingredients, biocides and industrial chemicals.

The ultimate goal is to bring these NAMs as close as possible to achieving international regulatory acceptance. Gaining insights into the validation process is also an explicit part of this Call for Proposals.

What can be applied for?

Only consortia focused on the further development and validation of existing methods for the safety assessment of chemical substances can apply for funding within this Call for Proposals. These methods have been developed previously in research projects, which have already provided insight into their feasibility and potential impact. The Call for Proposals is aimed at funding a single project. A maximum grant of € 3,440,000 can be requested for the project. Various different methods can be further developed in the project. In this way, the project can be a learning community where knowledge is developed from different cases and where overarching research focused on generic insights and recommendations is also possible.

Collaborative workshops

This Call for Proposals supports the formation of consortia through a series of two collaborative workshops. The two consecutive workshops form a single session, focusing on the exchange of ideas, exploring collaboration in consortia with other participants, and making the first agreements for jointly elaborating the application. Following the workshops, the formed consortia will further develop the applications. Participation in both workshops is mandatory for lead applicants.

Workshop 1: Wednesday, 14 January 2026

Workshop 2: Wednesday, 4 February 2026

These dates are part of a provisional schedule and are subject to change depending on availability and circumstances.

Would you like to stay informed about this Call for proposals?

Send an email to doreact.nwa@zonmw.nl.

Biotech Booster Program 2026 round is open now (24 September 2025)

Source: Website Biotech Booster <https://www.biotechbooster.nl/2026round/>

Are you a biotech researcher, founder, startup, or scale-up? We are excited to announce that pre-application for the Biotech Booster program 2026 round is open now! The program provides the **funding, guidance, and network** you need to turn your ideas into real-world solutions. Join our community of 70+ project teams using biotechnology to drive positive impact for society, the economy, and the environment.

What can you apply for?

Level 1 - Proof-of-Principle: up to €200,000 per project

Level 2 - Proof-of-Concept: up to €1.9M per project

For those interested, we recommend registering for an upcoming info session and submitting your pre-application, so we can best support you through the process.

👉 Learn more & start your application here: <https://www.biotechbooster.nl/2026round/>

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The deadline for the (mandatory) pre-application is 30th November. You can find an example pre-application form here <https://www.biotechbooster.nl/wp-content/uploads/Example-pre-application-form.pdf>

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Regional funding

Auditors urge greater links between regional and EU innovation strategies (24 September 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/research-and-innovation-gap/auditors-urge-greater-links-between-regional-and-eu-innovation>

Cohesion funds are tied to regional smart specialisation strategies, but these are divorced from EU industrial priorities

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The European Commission should build more connections between its top-down innovation policy and bottom-up regional specialisation strategies, **according to a report** https://www.eca.europa.eu/ECAPublications/RV-2025-05/RV-2025-05_EN.pdf from the European Court of Auditors (ECA) published on September 23.

The EU's smart specialisation policy is meant to help regions focus on their unique strengths and potential so that cohesion policy funds are invested more efficiently. Regions are required to develop smart specialisation strategies as a condition of receiving research and innovation funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

"It is crucial to reconcile bottom-up and top-down approaches and to ensure that measures actually implemented in the regions are consistent with decisions taken at EU level," said Annemie Turtelboom, the ECA member responsible for the review. "Otherwise, we will simply fail to achieve a more strategic and effective use of EU funds."

The ERDF is one of the main instruments of the EU's cohesion policy and aims to reduce disparities between regions, including by developing research and innovation capacities.

The requirement for smart specialisation strategies was first introduced in the ERDF for 2014-21 and continued in the 2021-27 period. The cohesion funding guided by smart specialisation totals €73.8 billion over the two budget periods, but the Commission has no clear idea of whether this money is being invested in the right areas.

The EU executive's role is to check that the strategies comply with legal requirements, but it does not influence the priorities identified, which are selected by regional authorities in consultation with local businesses, researchers and communities. This means there is no process to ensure regional priorities are well chosen and aligned with EU industrial policy objectives.

"If you have such ambitious goals on microchips or hydrogen or everything else in the industrial policy strategies, then it's quite logical that you try to connect it to the regions," Turtelboom told Science|Business.

The auditors insist the top-down and bottom-up approaches can be mutually reinforcing. "If you have your priorities in agriculture, to suddenly turn them into defence or hydrogen will not work just because you decide to," said Jussi Bright, senior auditor at the ECA. "But the approach with smart specialisation is also to look at the future winners, the potential the region has, not only to focus on what it has at the moment."

The message already appears to have been received. At a conference held in Brussels in June, speakers from the Commission spoke of the need to improve the connection between bottom-up and top-down priority setting in the next budget period, according to Bright. Smart specialisation is expected to continue in some form beyond 2027.

Uncertain results

It is still unclear whether the smart specialisation concept, first announced in 2010, is achieving its goals of enabling more efficient spending and closing the innovation divide within Europe, the auditors conclude.

The policy was implemented from 2014 without being tested, and since then, the Commission has evaluated neither its impact nor the overall performance of research and innovation investments under the ERDF.

“After ten years, you would expect the Commission to have already done an evaluation,” Turtelboom said. It has, however, contracted an external study to assess the success of smart specialisation, with the results expected later this year.

The report does suggest that regions see the benefit of having a specialisation strategy. Eighty per cent of those surveyed suggested they would still prepare a similar document even if it was not a requirement of receiving EU funding. The regions themselves are required to monitor and evaluate the implementation of their strategies. However, authorities, particularly in less innovative regions, reported finding this difficult to put in place and called for more guidance from the Commission.

While less economically developed regions receive a large majority of cohesion funding, when it comes to smart specialisation strategies, more advanced regions often have better administrative capacity, which makes it easier to identify and monitor priorities.

Some regions identified a small number of targeted fields, while others listed multiple broad priorities in areas such as “energy,” which the ECA says could lead leading to scattered funding with no clear objectives. This lack of consistency across the different plans “somewhat undermines the purpose of prioritisation,” said Turtelboom.

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

Japan moving towards Horizon Europe association (2 October 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/japan-moving-towards-horizon-europe-association>

A senior science advisor to the country's government tells Science|Business why science relations with the US and China are now fraught



Takahiro Ueyama, special advisor to the Council for Science, Technology and Innovation in Japan's cabinet office. Photo credits: Tohoku University

Japan is edging closer to signing off on a deal to join the EU's €93.5 billion Horizon Europe research and innovation programme, with research Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva flying to the country on 2 October to continue talks. It would be the biggest country yet to associate to Horizon Europe, after Canada, South Korea and New Zealand joined the programme as part of an EU push to expand it globally.

"The government, including the MOF [Ministry of Finance] is now progressing Japan's association," Takahiro Ueyama, special advisor to the Council for Science, Technology and Innovation in Japan's cabinet office, told Science|Business. "It might take time but surely they are moving forward."

The EU has been [courting Japan for years](#), but formal negotiations only began in [November 2024](#). Since this summer, however, signs have picked up that association might be imminent. At a summit https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ac_25_1908 in July, Brussels and Tokyo said they hoped to complete negotiations "this year."

And in September, there were warm words about association from Japan's economic security minister Minoru Kiuchi. "Continuing constructive discussions and flexible approaches through ongoing cooperation" were needed to strike a deal, he said in a statement https://www.cao.go.jp/minister/2411_m_kiuchi/photo/2025_098.html.

However, Horizon Europe will only run until 2028, when it will be superseded by a new Framework Programme more heavily focused on European defence and technological autonomy. How collaboration on more [sensitive topics](#) with Japan and other countries outside the EU will work [remains unclear](#).

Still, negotiations to associate are continuing apace. Last month, Australia [launched exploratory talks](#) to join, after the US withdrew some funding to Australian universities, denting confidence in Washington as a science partner. Singapore is also [in talks](#) with Brussels.

Read full article: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/japan-moving-towards-horizon-europe-association>

Wealthy EU countries oppose regional distribution of industrial fund (2 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 2 October 2025

The Netherlands and other wealthier member states want the new European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) to be distributed based on project quality and not geographical distribution, reports Euractiv. Poorer member states, including Poland, the Czech Republic, and Portugal, advocate for a balanced distribution. "Funding is like a bloodstream. We must not limit it to certain parts of the body," says Latvian State Secretary Miezainis. According to Minister Karremans, exceptions to project-based allocation should be "strictly regulated, well-motivated, and kept to a minimum." **Euractiv article:** <https://www.euractiv.com/news/france-germany-on-defensive-over-industrial-fund-access-for-smaller-eu-states/>

Bruegel: Rapid action needed for Clean Industrial Deal success (2 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 2 October 2025

According to think tank Bruegel, the Clean Industrial Deal offers the EU the opportunity to combine climate neutrality with economic growth. This requires rapid action in four areas, according to Bruegel: sufficient public financing, the creation of leading markets for clean technology, further integration of the European energy market, and international agreements to ensure a level playing field.

Bruegel Publication: <https://www.bruegel.org/first-glance/europes-clean-industrial-deal-four-priorities-fulfil-its-promise>

JRC: Draghi Report Must Better Address Changing Economic Geography (2 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 2 October 2025

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) argues that the Draghi Report on European Competitiveness is based on an outdated growth model from the 1990s. Since then, the spatial distribution of economic growth in Europe has changed significantly. According to the JRC, the report's recommendations are relevant and urgent, but can only be implemented with transitional mechanisms that better account for regional disparities. Therefore, the authors argue, the Draghi and Letta reports should also be revised.

JRC Publication: <https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC142670>

EU, Latin America and the Caribbean adopt new agenda for R&I cooperation (30 September 2025)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/stronger-research-and-innovation-cooperation-between-europe-latin-america-and-caribbean-2025-09-29_en

The European Commission and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) have adopted a new agenda for cooperation in research and innovation, setting shared priorities and governance to guide collaboration. "Both sides of the Atlantic are facing similar challenges in climate, health and digital technologies," EU research Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva said. "With the details and the clear roadmap agreed today, we will support our scientists and researchers and turn this partnership into concrete results for our people and economies." Working groups on health, climate change, environmental sustainability and energy transition, and artificial intelligence are now expected to prepare 18-month action plans. These are open to voluntary participation from EU and CELAC countries.

More details here: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/stronger-research-and-innovation-cooperation-between-europe-latin-america-and-caribbean-2025-09-29_en

European Commission accelerates plans for ERA Act (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

European Commissioner Zaharieva intends to present a proposal for the European Research Area (ERA) Act in 2026, according to Science Business. The proposal was originally scheduled for 2027 but has been brought forward so that the law can be finalized within the current political mandate. This will replace voluntary agreements with binding obligations.

These relate to career development, knowledge mobility, and achieving the target of 3 percent of gross domestic product for investment in research and development (R&D). Interest groups are advocating for an exception to the European budget rules, allowing Member States to invest more in R&D.

Article Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/european-research-area/zaharieva-plans-ambitious-realistic-era-act>

New European Partnership on One Health AMR: €253 million for research and innovation against antimicrobial resistance (23 September 2025)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/new-european-partnership-one-health-amr-eu253-million-research-and-innovation-against-antimicrobial-2025-09-23_en

Today, the European Union has officially launched the [Partnership on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance \(OHAMR\)](#). Co-funded by [Horizon Europe](#) with €75 million, this ambitious 10-year programme tackles the urgent global health threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

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

“Europe is ready to lead in the global fight against antimicrobial resistance. This partnership embodies our commitment to step up, innovate, and protect the foundations of modern medicine.”

Next steps

AMR causes over 35,000 deaths annually in the EU and 1.27 million worldwide (2019), with projections of up to 10 million per year by 2050. It occurs when microbes like bacteria or viruses become resistant to treatments, driven by antimicrobial misuse, poor infection control, and limited diagnostics. AMR is a threat to modern medicine that strains health systems as well as economies.

Coordinated by the Swedish Research Council, OHAMR brings together 53 organisations from 30 countries, and it uses a One Health approach to connect sectors and accelerate solutions reducing antimicrobial use and resistance. Activities planned under the partnership include:

- Joint transnational calls for collaborative research and innovation projects;
- Strengthening research capacity in participating countries;
- Promoting the translation of knowledge into practice and policy;
- Supporting access to and better use of data on AMR;
- Increasing impact through coordination and alignment of national and European efforts.

Background

The EU has supported AMR research through its Framework Programmes. Funding from Horizon Europe and [Horizon 2020](#), in the period from 2014 until now, amounts to EUR 1.18 billion for 416 projects. It has supported projects, coordination actions, and partnerships to boost knowledge sharing, build capacity, and develop tools to detect, prevent, and treat resistant infections.

Building on the [Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance \(JPIAMR\)](#), which invested over €180 million since 2011, OHAMR responds to the objectives of the [2023 Council recommendation on AMR](#) with a One Health approach and will support the [2017 European One Health Action Plan against AMR](#).

This partnership will contribute to the implementation of the [Strategy for European Life Sciences](#) by promoting a One Health approach that recognizes the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health, a key principle outlined in the strategy. By supporting the development and market uptake of innovative tools to tackle AMR, this partnership will help achieve the strategy's objective to position the EU as the world's most attractive place for life sciences by 2030.

More information

[Research and innovation on antimicrobial resistance \(AMR\)](#)

New Study Highlights State of play in Digitalisation in EU Agriculture (19 September 2025)

Source: Website EC DG-AGRI https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/media/news/new-study-highlights-state-play-digitalisation-eu-agriculture-2025-09-19_en



A new report from the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre (JRC), “The state of digitalisation in EU agriculture: Insights from farm surveys”, has been published, offering insight into how technology is changing European farming.

The study shows an encouraging picture. Among farmers surveyed, 93% reported using at least one IT or software tool, with 79% deploying at least one crop-specific technology and 83% using at least one livestock-specific tool. Farmers are also mostly optimistic about the impact of digitalisation: 76% expect it will lead to economic benefits, 72% foresee environmental gains, and 67% anticipate positive social outcomes.

To support policymakers, managers and researchers, the study is accompanied by an **interactive dashboard** https://datam.jrc.ec.europa.eu/datam/mashup/DIGITALISATION_IN_EU_AGRICULTURE_DASHBOARDS/index.html. This tool visualises the data and highlights key trends, making it easier to identify where action is most needed. Despite the progress, **the report** <https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC141259> stresses that significant untapped potential remains. Improved data digitalisation and interoperability are seen as vital for reducing administrative burdens for the benefit of farmers and agricultural workers.

For more information: https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/media/news/new-study-highlights-state-play-digitalisation-eu-agriculture-2025-09-19_en

Global policy

G20 Launches Open Innovation Platform (2 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 2 October 2025

This week, the G20 launched an Open Innovation Platform. The platform brings together innovation activities and policies from participating countries and related organizations. The goal is to increase access to knowledge and initiatives and promote collaboration. There's also a page featuring Dutch initiatives and organizations, including TNO, KNAW, and AWTI.

G20 Open Innovation Platform: <https://innovationbridge.info/ibportal/g20-open-innovation-platform>

Dutch page: <https://innovationbridge.info/ibportal/g20-open-innovation-platform/netherlands>

Nature Explores the Future of Universities (2 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 2 October 2025

In a special issue, Nature explores the future of universities. A collection of articles and analyses addresses the challenges facing universities, including the rise of artificial intelligence, the globalization of higher education, tight research budgets, and increasing political pressure.

Article: Nature: <https://www.nature.com/immersive/d41586-025-03086-5/index.html>

China Announces New Climate Goals (2 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 2 October 2025

Chinese President Xi Jinping presented his climate ambitions in a speech at the UN summit. China aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 7 to 10 percent over the next ten years. It also aims to generate more than 30 percent of its energy from renewable sources such as wind and solar power by 2035. Experts say the plans are insufficient to limit global warming. They point out that China remains dependent on coal and that the reduction will fall short of the required 30 percent. At the same time, China is accelerating the global energy transition with major investments in clean energy.

Article: Politico: <https://www.politico.com/news/2025/09/24/china-doubles-down-on-climate-wind-and-solar-pledges-a-day-after-trump-called-them-a-scam-00579411>

Article: The Guardian: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/sep/24/chinas-plans-to-cut-emission-too-weak-to-stave-off-global-catastrophe-say-experts>

Trump presents R&D priorities for 2027 (2 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 2 October 2025

The Trump administration has established five R&D priorities in a memorandum for the 2027 budget year: emerging technologies, energy, national security, health and biotechnology, and space. The White House argues that U.S. R&D investments have been driven by "woke ideology" for too long. In addition, agencies should focus on training technical talent, strengthening research infrastructure, and applying the government's so-called "Gold Standard Science." Nextgov/FCW and FedScoop report on this.

Memorandum: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/M-25-34-NSTM-2-Fiscal-Year-FY-2027-Administration-Research-and-Development-Budget-Priorities-and-Cross-Cutting-Actions.pdf>

Nextgov article: <https://www.nextgov.com/emerging-tech/2025/09/white-house-instructs-agencies-prioritize-emerging-tech-and-gold-standard-science/408310/>

FedScoop article: <https://fedscoop.com/emerging-tech-energy-space-among-trump-administration-rd-priorities/>

What are the consequences of the large-scale budget cuts at the NIH? (2 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 2 October 2025

Two recent analyses demonstrate how much scientific and medical progress could be lost due to budget cuts at the US National Institutes of Health (NIH). Nature trained an AI model on characteristics of recently cut grants and applied it to data from 2014. This identified 1,287 projects worth \$1.9 billion that would likely have been lost, representing approximately 53,000 publications. The Good Science Project calculated that with a 40 percent reduction in the NIH budget in the past, 12 percent of the drugs approved since 2000 would likely not have been developed. Both studies demonstrate that budget cuts not only affect ideologically sensitive research but also threaten medical innovation and broader scientific progress.

Article: Nature: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-02748-8>

Article: The Good Science Project: <https://goodscience.substack.com/p/what-if-nih-had-been-40-smaller>

Mixed research teams promote disruptive and innovative research (2 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 2 October 2025

Research teams with a high percentage of early-career researchers are systematically more disruptive and innovative. This is the conclusion of a preprint study analyzing more than 28 million articles. The article was published in Nature. The researchers suspect that new researchers offer fresh perspectives because they are less attached to prior theories and knowledge than researchers with more experience.

Nature article: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-03117-1>

Preprint arXiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.10389>

OECD: Governments lagging behind in leveraging artificial intelligence (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

AI can help governments improve public services and decision-making. At the same time, it poses risks such as a lack of transparency and digital inequality, according to a new OECD report. Its use often remains in pilot phases and lags behind the private sector. Key obstacles include limited budgets, outdated IT systems, a lack of data and skills, and inadequate guidelines.

OECD Report: https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/governing-with-artificial-intelligence_795de142-en.html

UN Advisory Council Calls for Active Promotion of Open Science (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

The UN Science Advisory Council has adopted a statement urging countries to actively strengthen open science. According to the Council, open science is essential for the science-policy nexus and for reducing global inequality. However, its benefits are being compromised by growing barriers to international cooperation. The statement was prepared under the leadership of the International Science Council (ISC). Incoming ISC President Robbert Dijkgraaf emphasized during the meeting that scientific insights must not only be available but also usable and understandable for policymakers.

ISC Press Release: <https://council.science/news/un-scientific-advisory-board-adopts-landmark-statement-on-open-science/>

A group of scientists and politicians advocate for AI regulations (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

An international agreement on the "red lines for AI" must be reached by the end of 2026. This is the argument of a group of well-known politicians, organizations, and scientists, including ten Nobel Prize laureates. The call was presented at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly. De Ingenieur has written about this. The signatories advocate for clear and verifiable red lines for the development and use of AI, for example, in the areas of military applications, mass surveillance, and human imitation.

AI Red Lines: <https://red-lines.ai/>

Article De Ingenieur: <https://deingenieur.nl/artikelen/dringende-oproep-leg-ai-bedrijven-regels-op> (in Dutch)

WIPO: The Netherlands ranks 8th in the 2025 Global Innovation Index (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

According to the new Global Innovation Index (GII) from the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Switzerland, Sweden, the United States, South Korea, and Singapore are among the most innovative economies. The Netherlands ranks 8th this year, as it did in 2024. China has entered the top 10 for the first time. Our country scores particularly well on creative output, with high rankings in digital creativity and the economic value of intellectual property. The analysis also shows that the growth of innovation investment is slowing globally: R&D expenditure increased by only 2.9 percent in 2024, the lowest growth rate since 2010. A further decline is expected in 2025.

WIPO Press Release: https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2025/article_0009.html

Australia sets new climate target and launches Net Zero Fund (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

Australia aims to reduce emissions by 62 to 70 percent by 2035 compared to 2005 levels. Prime Minister Albanese presented the target as "responsible and based on proven technology," according to AP News, emphasizing that it aligns with the European Union's ambitions. A \$5 billion Net Zero Fund will also be established to help heavy industry invest in emissions reductions. Environmental organizations consider the target too low, while opposition parties call it unattainable.

Press release Australian Minister for Industry and Innovation:

<https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/timayres/media-releases/new-5-billion-net-zero-fund-will-accelerate-australias-industrial-decarbonisation>

AP News Article: <https://apnews.com/article/australia-greenhouse-gas-reduction-climate-change-b3f8f2236aea38e13f8d5695bf965407>

CSIS: China closes in on US in innovation race (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

China now spends more government money on R&D than the United States, according to new figures from the OECD. According to the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), this gives Beijing a strategic advantage, particularly in key technologies such as quantum and biotechnology. China is also rapidly catching up in the private sector, with companies investing almost as much as their American counterparts. US universities still invest more than their Chinese counterparts. China now boasts more top scientists and leads the way in the number of PhDs awarded in the sciences. The authors warn that this undermines the US's economic and security position. They call, among other things, for a structural increase in R&D budgets and a relaxation of immigration regulations to retain talent.

CSIS Analysis: <https://www.csis.org/analysis/competing-chinas-public-rd-model-lessons-and-risks-us-innovation-strategy>

Global research collaboration with Israel sharply down this year (25 September 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/international-news/global-research-collaboration-israel-sharply-down-year>

Preprint data suggests that boycotts over the country's war on Gaza are beginning to take effect

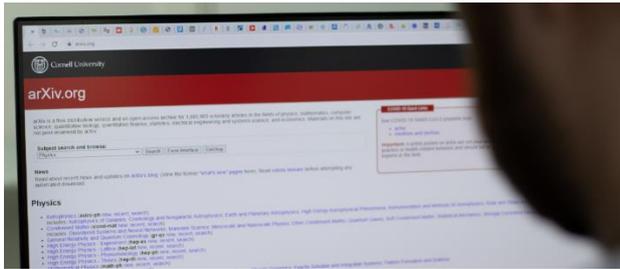


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Significantly fewer academics, particularly in Europe, are authoring preprints with researchers in Israel this year, a sign that academic boycotts could be starting to scientifically isolate the country.

Israel is facing a growing wave of academic boycotts over its war on and food blockade of Gaza. This latest data, analysed by Science|Business, appears to be the first evidence that the campaign is hurting its joint publications with the rest of the world, in particular with countries such as Spain and South Africa, where criticism of the Gaza war has been strongest.

Proportion of Israeli preprints with international co-authors

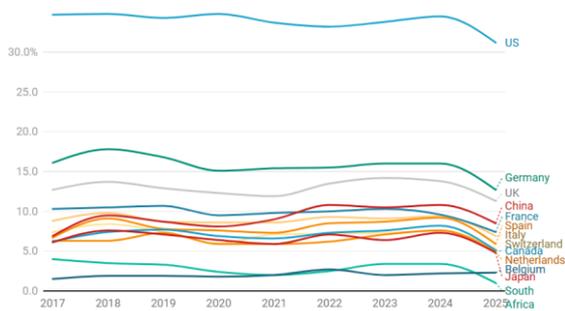


Chart: David Matthews • Source: Scopus data • Get the data • Created with Datawrapper

“We see a dramatic increase in the number and severity of boycott cases” this year, said Emmanuel Nahshon, who is in charge of combatting boycotts at Israel’s Association of University Heads. Preprints are a leading indicator of scientific trends, because they are posted immediately online by researchers, rather than having to wait months or years for publication in a journal. Data from the Scopus database shows a sharp fall this year in the proportion of Israeli preprints that have overseas co-authors.

For example, last year, 9.2% of Israeli preprints had a co-author based in Spain. But this year, that figure has dropped to 5.9%. Spain’s government has been one of the most critical of Israel’s Gaza war, and its universities **took a lead in 2024** <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/universities/academic-boycotts-over-gaza-war-jeopardise-israels-place-horizon-europe> in reviewing their ties.

Last year, 3.4% of Israel’s preprints were co-authored with South Africa. Now, the proportion is just 1%. South Africa was one of the earliest critics of the Gaza campaign, launching a genocide case against Israel in the International Court of Justice in December 2023.

But even in less outspoken countries, collaboration with Israel has seriously dipped this year. The proportion of Israeli preprints with co-authors based in the Netherlands, Canada and Japan has fallen by a third or more. There have also been significant dips in collaboration with the UK, France, Italy and Switzerland.

Read full article here: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/international-news/global-research-collaboration-israel-sharply-down-year>

National policy

Education umbrella organizations urge politicians to reverse budget cuts (2 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 2 October 2025

An alliance of education umbrella organizations and student organizations is calling on the Houses of Representatives and the Senate to reverse the cuts to secondary education and prevent further cuts. On Budget Day, it was announced that the government will not fully compensate secondary education for wage and price increases, while this is already the case for primary and secondary education. The umbrella organizations warn that this measure could amount to tens of millions per year, on top of the previous cuts.

News item UNL: <https://www.universiteitenvannederland.nl/actueel/nieuws/oproep-onderwijskoepels-en-studentenorganisaties-hol-het-onderwijs-niet-uit> (in Dutch)

News item VH: <https://www.vereniginghogescholen.nl/actueel/actualiteiten/oproep-onderwijskoepels-en-studentenorganisaties-hol-het-onderwijs-niet-uit> (in Dutch)

Dutch Code of Conduct for Research Integrity Expanded with AI (2 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 2 October 2025

A KNAW committee has published the draft version of the updated Dutch Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. A recent evaluation concluded that the 2018 code is well-regarded, but that it could be updated and strengthened, for example, by incorporating technologies in research, including AI. The committee has launched an online consultation to respond to the document. The consultation closes on Monday, October 20.

KNAW News: <https://www.knaw.nl/nieuws/denk-mee-over-wetenschappelijke-integriteit> (in Dutch)

NGWI Draft: <https://d2y7tnbi225lw.cloudfront.net/2025-09/Conceptversie-NGWI-2026-voor-raadpleging.pdf>

The Netherlands is a leader in digital agricultural technologies (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

A new report from the European Patent Office (EPO) shows that the Netherlands is among the leaders in digital agricultural innovations. Dutch patent applications are particularly numerous in the dairy farming sector. The report also shows that digital agricultural technologies are growing three times faster globally than the average across all technological domains. Key drivers include artificial intelligence, sensors, and automation.

Persbericht EPO: <https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/digital-agriculture-technologies-grow-three-times-faster-average-global-food>

Persbericht RVO: <https://www.rvo.nl/nieuws/studie-nederland-sterk-digitale-landbouwinnovaties>

PBL: Chances of achieving 2030 climate target very slim; robust, structural additional policies needed (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

It is highly unlikely that the Netherlands will achieve the statutory climate target of a 55 percent emission reduction by 2030, according to the Climate and Energy Outlook 2025. The PBL warns that the number of potential policy pathways to a 55 percent emission reduction by 2030 without significant economic pain or societal resistance is shrinking. It also warns that delaying the target will only make the future challenge greater and more expensive. "It is therefore crucial to take more robust measures that support a structural transition for the longer term," writes the PBL.

PBL News Release: <https://www.pbl.nl/actueel/nieuws/kans-op-halen-klimaatdoel-2030-heel-erg-klein-stevig-structureel-extra-beleid-nodig>

Cabinet Supports Ambitious Horizon Europe (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

The cabinet recently presented the Dutch position regarding negotiations on the next European Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (R&I). The cabinet responded positively to the proposal in broad terms and emphasized that R&I must be firmly anchored in the next EU multi-year budget. "The proposal is largely in line with the Dutch vision paper: an independent, coherent, and ambitious framework programme that supports the entire knowledge chain through the principles of excellence and impact," it states. At the same time, the cabinet highlights several key points, such as sufficient involvement of relevant stakeholders and ensuring transparent governance. The Netherlands supports the intention to allow dual-use R&I within the programme, but emphasizes the need for clear regulations. Neth-ER has also published a report on the Dutch position.

BNC Fact Sheet: <https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/f9289938-28bf-4571-b1c2-4cef1c5ff860/file>

Article Neth-ER: <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/nederlandse-kabinet-presenteert-scherpe-inzet-voor-het-nieuwe-horizon-europe-programma>

Cabinet can continue with cuts to education and research for the time being (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

During the General Political Debate, D66 leader Jetten and JA21 leader Eerdmans submitted a motion to refrain from taking any irreversible steps regarding cuts to education and innovation in the coming months, until the new House of Representatives can debate the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science budget. Jetten argues that with the new House, there will likely be a majority again in favor of scrapping the education cuts, while institutions are already forced to take measures due to the impending budget cuts. A narrow majority of the House rejected the motion. The GL-PvdA party has prepared an amendment to reverse the cuts to the ministry. A survey by the NOS revealed that universities are already cutting jobs and programs due to the cuts.

APB Report (Wednesday): https://www.tweedekamer.nl/kamerstukken/plenaire_verslagen/detail/2025-2026/2#746f376d (in Dutch)

APB Report (Thursday): https://www.tweedekamer.nl/kamerstukken/plenaire_verslagen/detail/2025-2026/3#b8883114 (in Dutch)

HOP/U-Today Article: <https://www.utoday.nl/news/75966/kabinet-mag-voorlopig-door-met-onderwijsbezuinigingen> (in Dutch)

NOS Article: <https://nos.nl/artikel/2582822-ontslagen-en-opleidingen-weg-op-universiteiten-boosheid-verdriet-en-berusting> (in Dutch)

Cabinet presents action agenda for startup and scale-up policy (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

Techleap will be extended by three years and can continue until 2029. This is one of the measures from the action agenda "Building the tech champions of tomorrow," presented by Minister Karremans this week. This agenda furthers the previously established ambitions in areas such as financing, talent, tech jobs, growth to scale-ups, and a focus on knowledge-intensive startups (deep tech). Among other things, a new tax scheme for employee participation will be introduced and more risk-bearing capital will be made available. The agenda builds on the National Technology Strategy launched last year.

News item: Central Government: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/regering/bewindspersonen/vincent-karremans/nieuws/2025/09/23/meer-groei-nederlandse-startups-en-scale-ups-door-meer-kapitaal-talent-en-verlenging-techleap> (in Dutch)

Letter to Parliament from Minister Karremans: <https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/e6ab975e-4124-40a4-9f5e-e6983911c164/file> (in Dutch)

Attachments: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/ministeries/ministerie-van-economische-zaken/documenten/kamerstukken/2025/09/23/bouwen-aan-de-tech-kampioenen-van-morgen-actieagenda-startup-en-scale-upbeleid> (in Dutch)

Broad alliance calls for new social agreement for a future-proof Netherlands (25 September 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 25 September 2025

A new social agreement is needed for a future-proof, resilient, and prosperous Netherlands. This is what a broad social alliance argues in a letter to the leading political parties. The letter is signed by 25 organizations, ranging from the business community to the environmental movement. The organizations emphasize the need for stable, predictable, and adequate government policy on energy and climate. The letter outlines ten key priorities, including restoring competitiveness with a vision for the future.

News item National Climate Platform: <https://nationaalklimaatplatform.nl/nieuws12/3122040.aspx?t=Oproep-aan-de-politiek-Maatschappelijk-akkoord-noodzakelijk-voor-toekomstbestendig-Nederland> (in Dutch)

Letter:

<https://nationaalklimaatplatform.nl/publicaties+nationaal+klimaat+platform/handlerdownloadfiles.ashx?idnv=3122140> (in Dutch)

Election debate for research and science (23 September 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/election-debate-for-research-and-science>



Knowledge, research, and innovation are important topics for the future of the Netherlands. Yet these themes are not often discussed during election campaigns. For this reason, the Knowledge Coalition is organizing an election debate on research and science on October 21.

The power of knowledge, choosing progress

During the debate, Luc Stultiens (GroenLinks/PvdA), Claire Martens-America (VVD), Jan Paternotte (D66) and Marcel Hanegraaff (CDA), among others, will discuss the future of knowledge, research and innovation in the Netherlands. Themes will be discussed that affect not only higher education and science, but also society and the economy as a whole. For example, there will be discussion of how research funding is organised and what choices need to be made in this regard. Another key question is how the Netherlands can strengthen its innovative capacity in order to achieve sustainable economic growth. In addition, attention will be paid to international competition and the question of how we can retain and attract talent, in conjunction with the European Multiannual Financial Framework. Finally, the value of research itself will be discussed, from fundamental and independent research to the protection of academic freedom. Marcel Levi, chair of the Knowledge Coalition, will welcome participants with a stimulating introduction. Under expert guidance, politicians from various parties will engage in discussion on Tuesday 21 October at Nieuwspoor.

View the programme and register: <https://www.nwo.nl/bijeenkomsten/verkiezingsdebat-voor-onderzoek-en-wetenschap>

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 6 Oktober 2025

Call identifier	Deadline
Pillar I Excellent Science	
ERC	
HORIZON-ERC-2026-CoG EU Funding & Tenders Portal	13 January 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Consolidator Grant</i>)
HORIZON-ERC-2026-StG https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERC-2026-STG	14 October 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Starting Grant</i>)
Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions	
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-DN-01 - Doctoral networks - Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates - TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates	25 November 2025 (<i>MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025, Industrial doctorates, Joint Doctorates</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-PF - TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships - TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships	10 November 2025 17.00 Brussels time (<i>MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-SE-01	8 October 2025 17.00 Brussels time (<i>MSCA Staff Exchanges 2025</i>)
Research Infrastructures	
HORIZON-INFRA-2025-01-TECH (4 topics)	18 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time
Cluster 1 HEALTH	
Destination - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-STAYHLTH-two-stage	18 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) (First Stage), 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)

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

DESTINATION 5 – DESTINATION – OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN DEVELOPING, DEPLOYING AND USING GLOBAL SPACE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURES, SERVICES, APPLICATIONS AND DATA	
DESTINATION 6 – A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES	
CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility	
Destination - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality	
HORIZON-CL5-2025-03-D1	24 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time
Destination - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D2	17 February 2026 17.00 Brussels time
Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3	17 February 2026 17.00 Brussels time
Destination: Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D4	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) Deadline(s) 20 January 2026 17.00 Brussels time
Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D5	Foreseen opening: 16 September 2025 Deadline(s) 20 January 2026
Destination: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods	

HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D6	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) 20 January 2026 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 4 – Clean environment and zero pollution	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities	
Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-03-GOVERNANCE	24 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time
Circular Biobased Europe	
CBE Circular Biobased Europe partnership https://www.cbe.europa.eu/	
Pillar III Innovative Europe	
EIC-Pathfinder-Challenges	29 October 2025 17.00 Brussels time
EIC Transition-2025	

EIC-Accelerator-2025	1 October 2025 17.00 Brussels time
Mission calls 2025	
WIDERA 2025	

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

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

Call identifier	Deadline
European Partnerships / ERANET-COFUND	
European Partnerships European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare https://www.eupahw.eu/	
European Partnership Biodiversa+ https://www.biodiversa.eu/	<p>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).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Recommendations for funding: late September 2026 • Start of the projects: between 1st of December 2026 and 1st of April 2027 <p>https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/</p>
European Partnership Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/	<p>Water4All 2025 Joint Transnational Call https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/28-million-available-for-research-into-the-interaction-between-water-and-health and https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call</p> <p>Tentative timeline Call opening: 12 September 2025 Submission deadline of preproposals: <u>13 November 2025, 15:00 CET</u></p>

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

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

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

Deadline	Call
30-10-2025	Foreseen deadline full proposals Biodiversity and agriculture in balance collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq. Closing date full application 30 October 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance ?
07-11-2025	Deadline for submission pre-proposals Biodiversity+ 2025-2026 Joint Call Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity, and connectivity. Deadline for pre-proposals submission (mandatory): Friday 7 November 2025, 12:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/rescuing-biodiversity-to-safeguard-life-on-earth and https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/
13-11-2025	Deadline submission pre-proposals Water4All 2025 Joint Transnational Call. Submission deadline of pre-proposals: 13 November 2025, 15:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/28-million-available-for-research-into-the-interaction-between-water-and-health and https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call
17-11-2025	Deadline submission 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. Pre-proposal submission deadline: 17 November 2025, 15:00 CET (Brussels Time). https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep and https://bluepartnership.eu/ and https://bluepartnership.eu/news/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-launches-its-3rd-joint-transnational-call
24-02-2026	Deadline for submission Full-Proposals for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers. The deadline for submitting full applications is 24 February 2026, before 17:00:00 AST/12:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers-now-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/caribbean-research-phd-scholarships-2025
01-12-2025 until 24 February 2026	Foreseen deadline for submission proposals for Weave with NWO as partner agency 2025/2026; NWO acts as partner agency when a Weave-proposal with Dutch co-applicant is submitted to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR) or the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO). You can submit your proposal for ENW -M-1 WEAVE proposal with FWO as partner agency at any moment from 1 December 2025 to 24 February 2026 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf

07-12-2025 until 31-07-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission proposals for Weave with NWO as partner agency 2025/2026; NWO acts as partner agency when a Weave-proposal with Dutch co-applicant is submitted to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR) or the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO). You can submit your proposal at any moment from 7 August 2025 up to and including 31 July 2026, 14:00:00 CEST, with the exception of ENW-M-1-Weave proposals with FWO as partner agency, which may be submitted from 1 December 2025 to 24 February 2026 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf
12-01-2026	Foreseen deadline for full applications for call Biodiversity and agriculture in balance; this Call for proposals is a collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq. Deadline 12 January 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance
20-01-2026	Deadline for applications NL-CGIAR Senior Expert Programme (SEP) II – round 2. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 20 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-for-senior-experts-transformation-of-global-food-land-and-water-systems and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sep_ii_-_round_2.pdf
14-04-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals Biodiversity+ 2025-2026 Joint Call Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity, and connectivity. Submission deadline of full proposals: 13 April 2026, 15:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/rescuing-biodiversity-to-safeguard-life-on-earth and https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/
17-06-2025	Deadline submission 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. Full proposal submission deadline (Provisional): 17/06/2026, 15:00 CEST (Brussels Time). https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep and https://bluepartnership.eu/ and https://bluepartnership.eu/news/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-launches-its-3rd-joint-transnational-call

National calls

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

07-10-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 7 October 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
07-10-2025	Deadline for submission letter of intent for Perspectief round 2025-2026. The deadline for submitting letters of intent is Tuesday, 7 October 2025, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf
07-10-2025	he dates of the collaborative workshops are 23 September 2025 and 7 October 2025 for KIC Medicines from medicines - knowledge development for circular redesign of the pharmaceutical supply chain. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain
14-10-2025	Deadline submission for proposals NWO call Knowledge in Action – Towards Collective Water Management in East Brabant. Proposals can be submitted until 14 October 2025 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-in-action-towards-collective-water-management-in-east-brabant and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/ENG_Subsidieoeprop_KennisInActie_collectiefWaterbeheerOostBrab_DEF%20%281%29.pdf
04-11-2025	Deadline for submission Pre proposals NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2025. The deadline for submitting preproposals is 4 november 2025, before 14:00:00 CET.

	<p>https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-health-research-and-development-zonmw-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202025_EN.pdf</p>
11-11-2025	<p>Deadline for submission Full applications NWA Call 'Building blocks for integral policy on Planetary Health'. Closing date full application 11 November 2025 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-new-research-on-building-blocks-for-integral-policy-on-planetary-health and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/building-blocks-for-integrated-policy-on-planetary-health</p>
11-11-2025	<p>Deadline for submission Full proposals for NWO- KIC call Consumer behaviour for a circular system transition. The deadline for proposals is November 11th, 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Consumer%20Behaviour.pdf</p>
12-11-2025	<p>Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 12 November 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</p>
13-11-2025	<p>Deadline for submission of Full applications Call Cellular Agriculture - towards larger scale and lower cost. Deadline for submitting proposals: 13 November 2025, by 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NGF%20CA%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20EN.pdf</p>
25-11-2025	<p>Deadline for submission Pre-proposals for Perspectief round 2025-2026. The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 25 November 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf</p>
30-11-2025	<p>NEW: Deadline for submission of pre-application Biotech Booster Program 2026. The deadline for the (mandatory) pre-application is 30th November. https://www.biotechbooster.nl/2026round/ and https://www.biotechbooster.nl/2026round/#GI-infosessions and https://www.biotechbooster.nl/wp-content/uploads/Example-pre-application-form.pdf</p>
02-12-2025	<p>Deadline for Full applications call KIC Reducing health inequalities - technology for people in a lower social economic position. Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-socioeconomic-position and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals_Reducing%20health%20inequalities_ENG_finaal_1.pdf</p>
02-12-2025	<p>Foreseen Deadline for Rubicon 2025 Round 3. Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-3</p>
02-12-2025	<p>Foreseen Deadline for submission of letter of intent for Research Infrastructure (RI): national consortia 2025-2026. Closing date for letter of intent 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.): this Call is coordinated for WUR by CVI Mascha Rasenberg. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026</p>
From 13-01-2025 until 12-12-2025	<p>Deadline submission full proposals Open Technology Programme 2025. Applications can be submitted on a continuous basis between 13 January 2025 until 12 December 2025, as long as the grant ceiling or the maximum number of applications submitted has not yet been reached. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf</p>
20-12-2025	<p>Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 20 December 2025 by 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer</p>
20-01-2026	<p>Foreseen deadline for submission Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2026 - round 1. Closing date full application 20 January 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2026-round-1</p>
22-01-2026	<p>Deadline submission proposals for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times</p>

	have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. January 22, 2026, before 2:00:00 PM CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation
27-01-2026	Deadline submission for Full applications for Veni round 2025. The deadline for submitting full applications is 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme
27-01-2026	Deadline submission of Full Proposals for NWA call Opportunities and value chains for side streams in the protein transition. The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf
29-01-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals for NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy. The deadline for submitting proposals is Thursday, 29 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET: Note PJ: The application procedure for this call consists of two phases: participating in collaborative workshops and submitting a proposal; NWO is organising two consecutive collaborative workshops on 8 and 29 October 2025. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy
03-02-2026	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 3 February 2026 by 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
03-02-2026	Deadline submission Full proposals Dutch Research Agenda - Research along Routes by Consortia 2025 (NWA-ORC 2025). Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2025-nwa-orc-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWAORC2025_Call%20for%20Proposals_EN.pdf
03-02-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission Full applications for Call Open Competition L. Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh
03-02-2026	Deadline submission full proposals for SSH Open Competition L 2025. The full proposal deadline is 3 February 2026, at 14:00:00 CET: The dates of the collaborative workshops are 23 September 2025 and 7 October 2025. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf
03-02-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission pre-applications NWA Call 'Municipal policy for biodiversity restoration'. The deadline for submitting pre-applications is Tuesday, 3 February 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-municipal-policy-for-biodiversity-restoration and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/municipal-policy-for-biodiversity-restoration
10-02-2026	Deadline for submission full proposals NWO-NWA Call Future proof large rivers in the Netherlands. Deadline proposals: 10 February 2026, 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwa-call-future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands-open-for-applications and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/future-proof-large-rivers-in-the-netherlands and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20NWA%20Rivieren_ENG_def.pdf
10-02-2025	Deadline submission of Full applications for KIC Medicines from medicines - knowledge development for circular redesign of the pharmaceutical supply chain. The foreseen deadline for submission of full applications is 10 February , 2026, by 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-medicines-from-medicines-knowledge-development-for-circular-redesign-of-the-pharmaceutical-supplychain
12-02-2026	Deadline for Full applications NWO KIC Call Biochemical diversity. Closing date full application 12 February 2026 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-biochemical-diversity and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20Biochem%20div_Call%20for%20proposals_EN.pdf

24-02-2026	Deadline submission Full proposals for PhD Scholarships for Caribbean Researchers . The deadline for submitting full proposals is 24 February 2026, before 17:00:00 CET/12:00:00 AST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-phd-scholarships-for-caribbean-researchers and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/caribbean-research-a-multidisciplinary-approach
10-03-2026	Deadline for submission of pre-proposals for KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia – XL The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 10 March 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf
24-03-2026	Foreseen Deadline for submission of letter of intent for Research Infrastructure (RI): national consortia 2025-2026 . Closing date full application 24 March 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.): this call is coordinated for WUR by CVI Mascha Rasenberg. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026
24-03-2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for Full proposals Rubican call 1 2026 . Closing date full application 24 March 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2026-1
31-03-2026	Deadline for submission of nominations 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. Note PJ: Nominations for WUR will be done by RvB, max 2 nominations per University, NOW institute, KNAW institute and Medical Academic Centre . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/tulip-fund-opens-for-top-international-scientists and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/tulip-fund and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Tulp%20Fonds_EN%20%282%29.pdf
09-04-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2025 . The deadline for submitting full proposals is 9 April 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202025_EN.pdf
14-04-2026	Foreseen deadline Full proposals NWO-KIC call Fewer critical raw materials in the energy transition . Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/fewer-critical-raw-materials-in-the-energy-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant
14-04-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission of full proposals KIC Digital Twinning: multidisciplinary simulation for deep and actual insights . Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-digital-twinning-multidisciplinary-simulation-for-deep-and-actual-insights
19-05-2026	Deadline for submission Full applications for Perspectief round 2025-2026 . The deadline for submitting proposals is Tuesday 19 May 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf
02-06-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission Full proposals for KIC Adaptability in transitions . Foreseen closing date full application 2 June 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-adaptability-in-transitions
09-06-2026	Deadline for submission Full-proposals for Open Competition Domain Science–XL round 2025–2026 . The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 9th June 2026, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026
16-06-2026	Foreseen deadline for Full proposals KIC - Early detection and impact forecasting of (threatening) infectious diseases outbreaks . Closing date full application 16 June 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-early-detection-and-impact-forecasting-of-threatening-infectious-diseases-outbreaks
29-09-2026	Foreseen Deadline for submission Full proposals KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food . Closing date full application 29 September 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-ai-for-agriculture-horticulture-water-and-food
12-11-2026	Deadline for submission of Full-proposals for KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia – XL The deadline for submitting full proposals is Thursday 12 November 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf

30-11-2026	Foreseen deadline for <u>full proposals</u> call NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy. Closing date full application 30 November 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy
21-01-2027	Deadline submission <u>proposals</u> for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation
28-02-2027	Foreseen deadline for <u>full applications</u> Large Scale Research Infrastructure (LSRI) - National Roadmap consortia 2026. Closing date full application 28 February 2027 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/large-scale-research-infrastructure-lsri-national-roadmap-consortia-2026
02-03-2027	NEW: Deadline for submission full applications NWA Call 'Municipal policy for biodiversity restoration' . The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, 2 March 2027, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-municipal-policy-for-biodiversity-restoration and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/municipal-policy-for-biodiversity-restoration

Regional calls

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

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

About the Wageningen Grant Office

Wageningen Grant Office

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

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

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

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