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European Funding News: Horizon Europe

New partnership between African Academy of Sciences and the European Research Council to boost scientific collaboration (23 October 2025)

Source: Website ERC <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/new-partnership-between-african-academy-sciences-and-european-research-council>

A new initiative to encourage collaboration between leading African researchers and European Research Council (ERC) grantees was signed by the European Commission and the African Academy of Sciences (AAS) in Brussels on 23 October. It opens opportunities for researchers supported by the AAS to temporarily join teams led by ERC grantees in Europe.



The agreement encourages beneficiaries of the 'African Research Initiative for Scientific Excellence – Pilot Programme' (ARISE-PP) to pursue research collaborations with ERC-funded researchers. The ARISE-PP is founded on the AU-EU High-Level Policy Dialogue on Science, Technology, and Innovation, and the AU-EU Innovation Agenda. ARISE-PP provides a platform and pathway for R&I exchanges contributing to sustainable and inclusive development, economic growth, and job creation.

The new agreement was signed by Director-General Marc Lemaitre of the European Commission's Directorate General for Research and Innovation and AAS President Professor Lise Korsten, in the presence of Deputy Director-General Myriam Ferran of DG International Partnerships and ERC President Professor Maria Leptin.

With this new agreement, all partners committed to deepen the cooperation in frontier research between the EU and the African Union.

Background

This initiative, officially called an 'implementing arrangement' <https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/additional-opportunities#International-Arrangement-funding>, forms part of the ERC's global outreach strategy that aims to make Europe a hub for scientific talent. It follows a string of such initiatives that have been launched over the years since 2012.

The new agreement is based on the 'African Research Initiative for Scientific Excellence – Pilot Programme' (ARISE-PP) worth €25 million, provided by the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI – Global Europe). The ARISE-PP is an innovative research and innovation support programme of the AAS, implemented by the AAS in partnership with the African Union (AU) and the European Union (EU).

Egypt officially joins Horizon Europe (21 October 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/egypt-officially-joins-horizon-europe>

The EU and Egypt have formally signed a deal agreed in April that gives Egyptian researchers and innovators access to all parts of the programme



Egypt has officially joined the Horizon Europe, becoming the second African country associated to the EU's research and innovation programme after Tunisia, the European Commission announced on October 22.

The deal, signed at an EU-Egypt summit in Brussels, grants Egyptian research and innovation actors access to all parts of the programme on similar terms to those from EU member states.

Talks on Horizon association started in March 2024, immediately [attracting criticism](#) amid accusations of human rights violations in Egypt. There were also suspicions, denied by the Commission, that association talks were offered as part of a quid pro quo deal to stem illegal immigration.

Egypt is the most repressive country yet to associate to the programme, according to **a ranking of academic freedom** https://academic-freedom-index.net/research/Academic_Freedom_Index_Update_2025.pdf by the Friedrich-Alexander University in Germany. The country is thirteenth from bottom of the world rankings, between Cuba and Afghanistan. The next most repressive country associated to Horizon Europe is Turkey.

In a joint statement https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_25_2490 following Wednesday's summit, EU and Egyptian leaders affirmed a "shared commitment" to human rights and fundamental freedoms. Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said the association agreement would create opportunities for cutting-edge projects "in vital research areas like water management, sustainable farming and food security, bringing tangible benefits to our societies."

The agreement also extends Egypt's participation in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area, to enhance water management, farming systems and food value chains.

"Egypt's association to Horizon Europe opens a new chapter in our trusted partnership," said research Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva. "Our researchers will work side by side to develop solutions that advance science, innovation and shared progress across the Mediterranean region."

Council signs off on Swiss re-association to Horizon Europe (21 October 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/council-signs-swiss-re-association-horizon-europe>

New agreement between Brussels and Bern clears its latest hurdle



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The Council of the EU has signed off a deal allowing Switzerland to re-associate to the Horizon Europe research and innovation programme, taking a further step towards ending years of limbo for Swiss researchers.

Within the same package, the **Council green-lighted** <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/10/21/council-greenlights-switzerland-s-association-to-eu-programmes/> Switzerland joining a swathe of

other EU science and technology schemes, including the Euratom nuclear programme, the ITER prototype fusion reactor being built in France, the Erasmus+ student mobility scheme, as well as Digital Europe and EU4Health.

“In the current complex and evolving geopolitical context, our relationship needs to be expanded and modernised to be better fit for the future,” said Marie Bjerre, minister for European affairs in the government of Denmark, the EU country holding the rotating presidency of the Council until the end of the year.

“This is exactly what we achieved today with our decision on Switzerland’s association to EU research and innovation programmes as of the beginning of this year,” Bjerre said.

Under transitional measures, Swiss researchers have been allowed to apply for Horizon Europe funding since the beginning of the year after Brussels and Bern agreed to a wider package of deals last December. Today’s decision by the Council is the latest step towards the part of that deal covering association to EU programmes being fully ratified by various EU and Swiss institutions.

UK–Netherlands Horizon Europe Cluster 6 Brokerage Event 18-19 November, Jaarbeurs, Utrecht (21 October 2025)

Source: Website RVO <https://english.rvo.nl/events/uk-nl-horizon-europe-cluster-6-brokerage-event>

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) invites Dutch organizations to participate in a **joint UK–Netherlands brokerage and matchmaking event** <https://english.rvo.nl/events/uk-nl-horizon-europe-cluster-6-brokerage-event>, focusing on building high-quality consortia for selected call topics. This concerns the 'Farm to Fork' and 'Innovative Governance' destinations of the Horizon Europe Cluster 6: 2026 - 2027 Work Programme. The event takes place on 18 and 19 November 2025 in Utrecht.

This one-and-a-half-day matchmaking event will bring together UK and Dutch organizations active in research and innovation for sustainable food and agricultural production, plant breeding, and plant health. Participants will exchange project ideas, form partnerships, and prepare for the forthcoming Horizon Europe funding round. The event is jointly organized by RVO (Cluster 6 NCP for Horizon Europe) and Innovate UK Business Connect.

Who should apply

We are seeking Dutch organizations, research institutes, universities, start-ups, SMEs, larger companies, growers’ associations, and public bodies that:

- Are active in one or more of the selected topics (see registration form: <https://english.rvo.nl/topics/horizon-europe/registration-form-uk-netherlands-horizon-europe-cluster-6-brokerage-event>);
- Have a clear interest in and capacity to join Horizon Europe collaborative projects;
- Are ready to engage in meaningful, outcome-oriented matchmaking.

Why participate?

- Connect directly with UK research, innovation, and industry partners, preparing proposals for the selected topics;
- Exchange expertise, identify complementary skills, and form competitive consortia;
- Receive support from Dutch and UK NCPs on Horizon Europe participation, proposal development, and the pathway to impact;
- Gain early insight into 2026 – 2027 call expectations and collaboration opportunities.

Registration

The event is expected to take place at the Jaarbeurs in Utrecht. Participation is free of charge and will be confirmed upon selection. **Please complete the registration form** <https://english.rvo.nl/topics/horizon-europe/registration-form-uk-netherlands-horizon-europe-cluster-6-brokerage-event> to submit your application. The deadline for applications is **31 October 2025**.

Due to limited capacity, participation will be by selection made by RVO. Applications will be assessed based on thematic fit, motivation, and potential for collaboration with UK counterparts.

Strong interest in EIC Accelerator funding with 923 companies applying for the final 2025 cut-off (21 October 2025)

Source: Website EIC https://eic.ec.europa.eu/news/strong-interest-eic-accelerator-funding-923-companies-applying-final-2025-cut-2025-10-17_en



The European Innovation Council received 923 full applications from start-ups and SMEs for the EIC Accelerator 1 October 2025 cut-off. All together, they request almost €7 billion budget. Blended finance continues to be in high demand - 683 companies (74% of total applicants) requested grants combined with equity investments. 33% of the proposals were submitted by women-led companies (CEO, CTO or CSO). The applicants come from 32 different countries (including 12 widening countries), with the highest number of participants coming from Germany, Spain, and France.

Next steps

Proposals are now being evaluated by independent experts. The highest ranked companies will then be invited to pitch in front of a jury of investors and business experts between 19 and 23 January 2026. Final decisions on which companies will receive funding are expected by the end of February 2026 and those selected for equity support will be passed to the EIC Fund for investment decisions.

Funding opportunities in 2026

This was the last EIC Accelerator cut-off this year. New funding opportunities and the dates for Accelerator full applications will be announced in the 2026 EIC work programme that is expected to be adopted at the beginning of November 2025. Short applications (that give access to the full application stage) can be submitted at any time.

European Funding News: FP10

Innovation gap central in preparation for new European research program (30 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 30 October 2025

In the run-up to the Tenth Framework Programme and the new European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), the discussion about the innovation gap between EU member states is flaring up in Brussels. According to Science Business, MEPs believe that member states with low R&D investments should take more responsibility and make better use of EU structural funds. In another article, Science Business reports that member states disagree on the distribution of ECF resources. Countries such as the Czech Republic, Portugal, and Croatia advocate for geographical distribution. Germany, Sweden, and the European Commission, however, adhere to the principle of excellence. According to European Commissioner Serafin, the fund should remain focused on projects with the greatest impact on European competitiveness.

Article Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/planning-fp10/eu-countries-divided-over-geographical-rules-competitiveness-fund>

Article Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/research-and-innovation-gap/meps-put-europes-innovation-gap-fp10-agenda>

Parliament and Council approve dual-use research within Horizon Europe (30 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 30 October 2025

The European Parliament and the Council have approved the European Commission's proposal to allow research within Horizon Europe with both civil and military applications. This is evident from the adopted positions of both institutions. According to Neth-ER, Parliament wants to investigate how the so-called Joint Undertakings in the field of transport can contribute to dual-use innovation. The Council calls for clear funding rules and emphasizes that the civil objectives of Horizon Europe must be preserved.

Article by Neth-ER: <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderzoek/parlement-en-raad-keuren-dual-use-in-horizon-europe-goed> (in Dutch)

Ehler appointed rapporteur for FP10 and Competitiveness Fund (28 October 2025)

Source: Website [Ehler appointed rapporteur for FP10 and Competitiveness Fund | Science|Business](#)

The German MEP will lead Parliament's negotiations on the next EU research Framework Programme and the ECF



German MEP Christian Ehler. Photo credits: Fred Marvaux / European Union

Germany's Christian Ehler has been appointed lead rapporteur to steer the next EU research Framework Programme, FP10, through the European Parliament. The European People's Party (EPP) MEP will also serve as co-rapporteur for the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), reflecting the "tight connection" between the two programmes promised by the European Commission.

The Parliament's committee for industry, research and energy will lead on both legislative files, and on the Connecting Europe Facility.

According an EPP spokesperson, Ehler's appointments were decided on October 23, although it is not yet clear if they have been formally registered with the Parliament's secretariat. Ehler himself was not available for comment at the time of publication.

First elected to the Parliament in 2004, Ehler is considered one of its key figures the Parliament's handling of the EU's Framework Programmes. He previously served as a rapporteur for both Horizon 2020 (2014–20) and Horizon Europe (2021–27), and he chairs the Parliament's Panel for the Future of Science and Technology.

Ehler will act as lead rapporteur for FP10, while sharing the role for the ECF proposal with an as-yet unnamed MEP from the Socialists and Democrats (S&D) group.

This is not the first time the German MEP has worked with an S&D colleague, having shared the Horizon Europe file with Romania's Dan Nica.

As lead negotiator, Ehler will engage with fellow MEPs, member states, research stakeholders and Commission officials to bring the legislation to completion, a process that could take several months. For particularly contentious issues, MEPs are expected to hold hearings with experts before drafting a report that will go through amendments and debates ahead of a plenary vote.

Horizon Europe must remain civilian (23 October 2025)

Source: Article Jan Palmowski from The Guild <https://www.the-guild.eu/news-and-blog/blog/horizon-europe-must-remain-civilian.html>

The European Commission has proposed that from 2026 the European Innovation Council's Accelerator programme may fund defence technologies. This would end what has until now been a legally mandated focus on purely civilian research and innovation in 40 years of EU funding.

The move also foreshadows the Commission's proposal to open the whole of the next iteration of Horizon Europe—the 10th EU Framework Programme for research and innovation (FP10), beginning 2028—to dual-use and collaborative defence research. What will change if Horizon Europe is no longer a civilian-only research and innovation programme? There is wide agreement that even in a civilian programme such as Horizon Europe, much, possibly most, research already has dual-use potential. **Even so, the changes proposed raise five fundamental concerns.**

Budget drain

To begin with, applied dual-use and defence research and innovation may require bigger budgets, not least because such work is subject to more stringent regulations and security controls. Whatever the budget for the next Horizon Europe programme, adding defence and dual-use research would divert money from civilian research.

Second, the Commission already funds military research through the European Defence Fund. Rather than reorient the EIC Accelerator programme, the Commission could and should have changed the EDF's regulation to allow direct equity investment in scale-up companies.

Similarly, the planned European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) is set to spend €125 billion on defence industry research and development alone: that is clearly the place to fund defence research and scaleup, **not Horizon Europe**.

International exclusions

Third, many of the changes envisaged by the Commission for the immediate future of research and innovation policy concern the exclusion of third countries. It proposes to limit defence projects to entities in the EU, the European Economic Area and Ukraine, excluding other countries associated with Horizon Europe such as the UK. Exclusions could also apply to dual-use calls, and to private companies owned by entities outside the EU.

If in future, all of FP10 “may support dual-use actions”, as the current draft regulation proposes, how attractive will it be to third countries that have little idea of which parts of the programme they can access? How attractive will it be to top EU researchers if their peers in the UK or Switzerland might be excluded from calls in artificial intelligence or quantum computing?

Dual-use calls would impair the programme's openness in terms of publication as well as collaboration. Who will decide what data and results have the potential for military applications and are, therefore, exempt from open science mandates? Opening Horizon Europe to dual-use research could upend 10 years of the Commission-led drive towards open science.

Discovery deficit

Fourth, including dual-use calls in Horizon Europe has implications for the balance between fundamental and applied research. The current programme has already skewed towards the latter, despite the Commission's promise—and legal obligation—to balance fundamental and applied research in collaborative calls.

In the proposal for FP10, the Commission envisages funding research up to technology readiness level 8, far beyond discovery research (TRLs 1-3) and the validation of technology (TRLs 4-6). It also seeks the possibility of funding (expensive) large-scale product validation and market replication at still higher TRLs—which, again, should be the job of the European Competitiveness Fund. Since dual-use calls will likely operate mostly at higher technology readiness levels, they would tilt the balance yet further towards applied research.

Fifth, opening Horizon Europe to dual-use research would fundamentally affect researchers' self-understanding. How will they respond if the programme admits explicitly military applications?

Indeed, if the current, legally mandated civilian focus of Horizon Europe can be changed easily to admit military applications, it suggests that FP10 could also be further tailored to military uses, beyond what the Commission currently proposes. How would Europe's researchers feel about such a shift?

In the current geopolitical climate, we should not be surprised that the Commission might wish to articulate the military potential of Horizon Europe to underline the need for member-state investment. But why is the Commission not articulating the civilian value of Horizon Europe just as loudly? Research and innovation are bafflingly absent from Europe's discussions to develop global partnerships, for instance through the Global Gateway.

The implications of opening Horizon Europe to dual-use and military research are wide and deep. Researchers and their institutions need cast-iron assurances from the Commission that it will remain a civilian research programme. And for exceptional circumstances where dual-use research and innovation will be encouraged, we need an urgent debate about the implications for the sector.

Other International funding

Six international consortia receive funding to improve soil moisture retention in Sub-Saharan Africa (24 October 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/six-international-consortia-receive-funding-to-improve-soil-moisture-retention-in-sub-saharan-africa>



These grants are awarded as part of the NL-CGIAR Water-Food Nexus call. The transdisciplinary consortia will study the scaling of soil moisture retention practices for smallholder farmers in rainfed agri-food systems. With the increased severity of dry spells, increasing the moisture holding capacity of the soil works as a buffer against agricultural production losses. The research focuses specifically on socio-economic and governance aspects of scaling soil water retention practices. The research projects take place in Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger, Mali en Nigeria.

The NL-CGIAR water-food nexus call facilitates cooperation between researchers from CGIAR Research Centres, both Sub-Saharan African and Dutch knowledge institutes, as well as stakeholders from National Agricultural Research and Extension Services (NARES) and cooperation partners from local governments. The projects' summaries are available to read below. Projects will start in spring 2026.

WUR is main applicant in three projects

1. Taking integrated SOil and WATER Management to scale by addressing social and institutional challenges through experiential learning games (SOWAMA): **Main applicant: Dr. E. Speelman, Wageningen University**
2. Understanding scaling of soil moisture retention practices for climate-resilient food production in semi-arid Ethiopia and Kenya (SMARTSCALE) : **Main applicant: Dr. M. Pulleman, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT & Wageningen University; co-applicants: prof. dr. ir. E.H. Bulte (WUR) and dr. L. Fleskens PhD (WUR)**
3. Harvesting the Rain: The Adoption of RWH Techniques at Scale in the Sahel: **Main applicant: prof. J. Aker, Wageningen University and Research; co-applicants: Co-applicants: JC Aker (Wageningen University) Prof. and dr. ir. E.H. Bulte (Wageningen University)**

For more information about the funded projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/six-international-consortia-receive-funding-to-improve-soil-moisture-retention-in-sub-saharan-africa>

About the NL-CGIAR research programme

The **Water-Food Nexus call** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/the-netherlands-nl-cgiar-research-programme/water-food-nexus-nl-cgiar> is one of the instruments of the **NL-CGIAR research programme** <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/netherlands-cgiar-research-programme> phase II (2024-2030). The NL-CGIAR programme is part of the partnership between the Dutch government and CGIAR. The programme aims to promote knowledge, knowledge utilisation and innovation for global food and nutrition security (SDG2). This is achieved by strengthening cooperation between CGIAR, Dutch research and knowledge institutions, and stakeholders from National Agricultural Research and Extension Services (NARES), civil society organisations, the private sector and government organisations. The NL-CGIAR research programme is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented by NWO. In implementing the programme, NWO works closely with CGIAR and the **Netherlands Food Partnership** <https://www.nlfoodpartnership.com/food-systems-transformation/nl-cgiar-strategic-partnership/>, and coordinates with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature.

Pre-Announced 3rd co-funded call AGROECOLOGY Partnership (23 October 2025)

Source: Website European partnership AGROECOLOGY <https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/news/3rdco-fundedcall>

The AGROECOLOGY Partnership will soon launch the 3rd co-funded call: “Fostering plant and animal genetic diversity and empowering farmers to accelerate the agroecological transition”

This call focuses **on two key pillars** of the agroecological transition : the **genetic** and **social dimension**.

The first topic addresses **genetic diversity and variability** in crops and livestock, with the aim of laying the foundations for increasing the availability of species, varieties, and breeds that will support the development of agroecological farming systems.

The second topic addresses the **social challenges** of today’s agriculture with a particular focus on farmers' motivation, skills, and knowledge and the role of stakeholders in encouraging their engagement in the agroecological transition.

The partnership will fund R&I projects providing significant contributions to **either one of the following two topics**:

- **Topic 1** : Enhancing the genetic diversity and variability of crops and livestock for the agroecological transition
- **Topic 2** : Strengthening farmer’s involvement and empowerment in the agroecology transition

Who can apply?

- Universities and other higher education institutions;
- public research institutions;
- profit and non-profit organisations;
- consumers/citizens;
- civil society representatives;
- private companies;
- Living Labs with legal entity status.

Participation is subject **to specific funder regulations**. Applying consortia must include at least three eligible partners requesting funding from at least three different countries contributing funds to the call.

Tentative timeline

- Launch: December 2025
- Pre proposal submission: February 2026
- Full proposal submission: July 2026

Call office: ptj-agroecology-call-office@fz-juelich.de (Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH)

For more information: <https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/news/3rdco-fundedcall> and https://static1.squarespace.com/static/65c21789238d5029339b09bf/t/68f9f8263fc5381299cc4d07/1761212454409/2025-10-23+Pre-announcement_vf.pdf

Pre-Announcement: 1st Co-funded Call for Transnational Research Projects “EU-wide data-driven solutions to real problems” (21 October 2025)

Source: Website European Partnership AgData <https://agdata.ptj.de/call1>

AgData will be launched under Horizon Europe bringing together the European Commission and 56 partner organisations from 24 Member States and Associated Countries. The aim of the AgData Partnership is to enhance climate, environmental and socio-economic sustainability and productivity of agriculture by exploiting the potential offered by earth observation, environmental and agricultural data, and by using newly developed digital & data technologies to support the green transition.

Provisional list of countries providing funding Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, **The Netherlands**, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain and Türkiye

The 1st co-funded call aims for projects that contribute to the objectives of the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-08/AgData%20SRIA%20final_version.pdf of the AgData partnership.

The projects should address one of the following three main topics:

- **Topic 1 - Data technologies and data management** focused on identification, access, storage, integration and processing of FAIR data, tackling the diversity of relevant data to achieve:
 - *interoperability,*
 - *data sharing,*
 - *enable application of AI techniques to develop robust AI models for the sector.*
- **Topic 2 - Data-based solutions for sustainable agriculture** intended to strengthen capacities to adapt to climate change, enhancing functionality, performance assessment and decision making.
- **Topic 3 - Data-based solutions for policy-making** to provide reliable indicators that reflect effects of policies, in particular the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), and development of tools to strengthen policy performance assessment, by means of data gathering and analytical capabilities.

Furthermore, projects are expected to embed Use Cases in their proposed work for implementing the Core Research & Innovation Activities of the SRIA and for developing real-life applications for agriculture. Proposals should further follow a multiactor- and user-centric approach. Therefore, involvement/association of representatives of the targeted end-user groups and intermediaries, including farmers, advisors, and the administration as well as machinery providers should be considered.

Call launch planned in November 2025.

Further information on the 1st call will be available soon <https://agdata.ptj.de/call1>

Procedure

- Short proposal & full proposal step
- Call launch planned in November 2025
- Project start from January 2027, depending on grant negotiations with relevant funders; funding for 24 up to 36 months

Who can apply

- Universities, public research institutions, nonprofit organisations, and private companies
- at least 3 eligible partners requesting funding from at least 3 different funding countries

National funding

In preparation: thematic call Use of space infrastructure for vegetation research (31 October 2025)

Source: Website NWO [Use of space infrastructure for vegetation research | NWO](#)

This thematic Call is part of the GO programme and aims to promote the use of different types of satellite data for scientific research on vegetation. The approach requires interdisciplinary research into vegetation, ecosystems and biodiversity. Hyperspectral and other types of satellite data, combined with in-situ measurements for calibration and validation, are central to this.

Foreseen closing date full application: 7 May 2026 14:00 hrs.

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In preparation: DeepNL Top-up Call ‘Opportunities for Integration and Impact’ (31 October 2025)

Source: Website NWO [DeepNL Top-up Call: Opportunities for Integration and Impact | NWO](#)

The aim of this DeepNL Top-up Call “Opportunities for Integration and Impact” is to increase the scientific and societal impact of the DeepNL programme by exploiting the opportunities arising from the insights obtained in previously DeepNL-funded projects. Researchers that are involved in those projects, either finished or ongoing, are invited to propose small projects of high quality that build on and integrate the results and knowledge acquired in previous DeepNL projects. Applicants are encouraged to make targeted steps towards applications and deliverables aimed at making results accessible and usable for professional stakeholders and other knowledge users.

Foreseen closing date full application 22 September 2026 14:00 hrs.

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In preparation: Call The Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR) (31 October 2025)

Source: website NWO [The Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions \(TRI-POLAR\) | NWO](#)

The Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR)

Our world is facing a triple planetary crisis: climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. These interconnected challenges hit the polar regions especially hard, which are warming up to four times faster than the global average. This leads to, among other things, the loss of sea ice, thawing of permafrost, disruption of food webs and ecosystems, and an increase in pollution and human activity. Tri-Polar focuses on understanding the interaction and convergence of these three crises in the polar regions. By developing new insights, the program aims to contribute to integrated policy solutions that mitigate the combined effects and promote sustainable actions — locally and regionally, as well as globally and in the Netherlands.

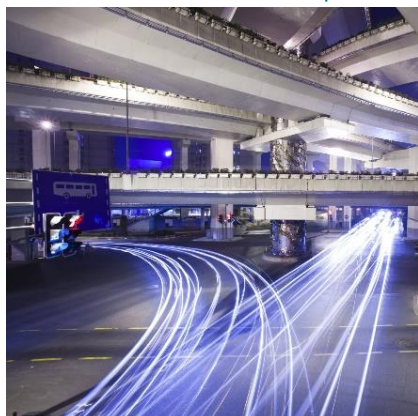
Foreseen Closing date full application: 30 November 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

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Call open: 30 million available for Research Infrastructure (30 October 2025)

Source: Website NWO news <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-30-million-available-for-research-infrastructure>



NWO has opened the call Research Infrastructure: national consortia 2025-2026 for proposals. Researchers from all disciplines are invited to form consortia for facilities that enable scientific breakthroughs. With the investments in this research programme, NWO is strengthening the research infrastructure that Dutch knowledge institutions make available to the entire research community.

Research infrastructure (RI) consists of facilities, resources and services that the Dutch research community can use to conduct groundbreaking scientific research. This call offers the opportunity to establish new lines of research or to deepen existing ones.

The aim of this call is to create a coherent package of investments, for example in the form of:

- an RI for a certain type of measuring device;
- an RI for developing or opening up a collection of data or samples.

Budget and deadlines

The grant ceiling is raised with 10 million euros compared to the previous round and set at 30 million euros for this Call for proposals. A minimum of 1.5 million and a maximum of 10 million euros can be requested per project. In addition, the consortium is required to fund at least 25% of the total project itself. Funding from (private) co-funders is not mandatory but is also not excluded.

The deadline for submitting a letter of intent (mandatory) is 2 December 2025. Full proposals must be submitted before 24 March 2026.

NWO invests in research infrastructure

This call is part of NWO's efforts on research infrastructure. Together with its partners, NWO works on broad accessibility, renewal and continuity of research infrastructure. This includes highly specialised equipment such as large telescopes or high field magnets, but also digital infrastructures, such as scientific computer networks and supercomputers, and data and sample collections or biobanks. Such facilities are essential for breakthroughs in all fields of science.

Only WU can participate as main or co-applicant in this call.

Internal WUR procedure

To obtain an overview of the proposals led by WU or in which WU participates, and to ensure that proposals are of the highest possible quality, an internal procedure has been established.

This procedure is intended to support applicants in both the writing and internal submission process. The internal procedure can be found in the attachment.

As part of this procedure, applicants are asked to **submit an abstract** (The format can be requested from Mascha Rasenberg mascha.rasenberg@wur.nl) outlining the idea of their proposal.

The deadline for submission of the abstract is 27 October.

Applicants are requested to obtain **prior approval** from their own management before submitting the abstract.

Own contribution

It is advised to discuss the mandatory own contribution with your management once you have plans to submit a proposal as main or co-applicant.

If you plan to submit a RI proposal or be co-applicant in one, please inform from Mascha Rasenberg mascha.rasenberg@wur.nl.

For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-30-million-available-for-research-infrastructure> and <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-0>

Doctoral grant for teachers receives two additional rounds in 2027 (29 October 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/doctoral-grant-for-teachers-receives-two-additional-rounds-in-2027>



Despite earlier reports that the Doctoral grant for teachers would end after 2026, it will continue after all. Two additional rounds will be organised in 2027. This opportunity has arisen due to, among other things, remaining funds from previous years.

The grant, which enables teachers to conduct PhD research alongside their work in education, was previously labelled by NWO and other parties involved as essential for the quality and depth of education. The announced discontinuation of the grant therefore led to concerns about the loss of scientific connection in the field of education.

Thanks to the financial resources that are now becoming available, NWO will be able to issue two more calls in 2027. This will give motivated teachers the opportunity to realise their research ambitions after all.

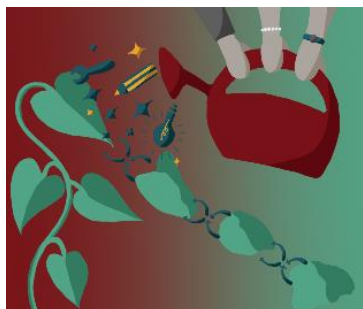
For the coming rounds, the deadlines for the spring rounds will be in January and for the autumn rounds in June. The next round will be the spring round of 2026, with a deadline of 20 January 2026.

Go to funding page: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/doctoral-grant-for-teachers-1st-round-2026>

For more information keep an eye on this website: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/doctoral-grant-for-teachers-receives-two-additional-rounds-in-2027> and <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/doctoral-grant-for-teachers>

Call open: Transformative Practices and Processes for Climate Transitions (29 October 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-transformative-practices-and-processes-for-climate-transitions>



There is no ready-made recipe for a successful climate transition. What is clear, however, is that science and practice must work together to determine the desired direction of transitions. The Climate Research Initiative Netherlands (KIN) subsidy call “Transformative Practices and Processes for Climate Transitions” invites societal organisations and knowledge institutions to further develop, test or scale up transformative practices and processes for just climate transitions.

About the call

Systemic change is necessary for the transition to make the Netherlands climate-neutral and climate-resilient. Knowledge can make a real difference in shaping the climate transition. However, the effective use of knowledge also requires a transition in how we do scientific research. Current research practice is often characterised by disciplinary specialisation, competition between consortia and fragmentation of knowledge, and falls short when it comes to tackling complex societal challenges such as climate transitions. With this call for proposals, KIN is focusing on a new scientific practice with a transition mindset: an attitude and way of working that prioritises collaboration between researchers and societal organisations, values different forms of knowledge equally, and offers space for transformative approaches that contribute to just system change.

This call for proposal invites anyone who wants to connect science and practice for just climate transitions to experiment and to develop, test or scale up transformative practices and processes for just climate transitions. From societal organisations, researchers and the creative sector that (want to) use facilitating working methods, processes and in-between spaces for system change and the development of a transition mindset to pioneers who are already working on (sustainable) alternatives for transformative social impact. It is important that practice forms the starting point and that methods are scalable and transferable. Individuals or consortia can apply for funding.

The programme supports projects that:

- promote transdisciplinary collaboration between practice and science,
- use facilitating practices, processes and spaces that contribute to systemic change,
- and strengthen the transition mindset among researchers and practice partners by supporting them and offering guidance.

Budget and duration

A budget of €500,000 is available for this call for proposals. A maximum of €50,000 can be requested per proposal. The deadline for submitting applications is **Tuesday, 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET**. For this call for proposals, we use a peer review principle, and the main applicants are also the assessors.

Submitting an application

Applications must be submitted via the online application system ISAAC. More information about this can be found on the funding page: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/transformative-practices-and-processes-for-climate-transitions>

Information meeting

On 25 November and 9 December, KIN is organising online information meetings about this call for proposals and the call 'Sustainable Science Fund' which also falls under the “Science in Transition” programme line. Do you have any questions? Attend one of the online information meetings or send an email to programmas@hetkin.nl.

The information sessions will take place on:

- 25 November from 13:00 to 14:00 via this [link](#)
- 9 December from 10:00 to 11:00 via this [link](#)

Download call for proposals here: https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call_Transformative_Practices_Processes_Climate_Transitions.pdf

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-transformative-practices-and-processes-for-climate-transitions>

149 Vidi applications granted to talented researchers (23 October 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/149-vidi-applications-granted-to-talented-researchers>



NWO has granted a maximum of 850.000 euros to 149 scientists from the domain Science (ENW), Applied and Engineering Sciences (AES) and Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) domains, as well as Health, Research and Development (ZonMw). With the help of the Vidi grant, the talented scientists can start their own line of research and further develop their talent.

The topics the scientists will research vary greatly. While one of the scientists will research the influence of old writers and artists on the queer community, the other will make AI more energy efficient by researching how our brains process videos. Another researcher will research certain brain- or mental health factors that influence the use of substances in adolescents and yet another will research how we can use swarms of robots to inspect constructions such as old bridges.

This is just a small sample of the innovative Vidi research project awarded in this round.

The following seven WUR researchers received a Vidi Grant

1. **Sharing immunity with friends: the role of collective parasite defence in animal societies;** *Dr. K. Bebbington, Wageningen University & Research*
2. **Plastid threshold effects: How plastid heteroplasmy shapes plant physiology;** *Dr. K.P. Chung, Wageningen University & Research*
3. **Future-proof flood prediction (FutureFlood);** *Dr. S. Fischer, Wageningen University & Research*
4. **The taste of diversity: How the evolution of taste has shaped the emergence of specialist insect-plant relationships;** *Dr. A.H. Haverkamp, Wageningen University & Research*
5. **Sprawling servers: Rural residents' engagements with hyperscale data centers and promised infrastructural integration;** *Dr. S. Ketterer, Wageningen University & Research*
6. **Transformation under pressure: Harnessing plural risk images for governing urban water crises (UnderPRESSURE);** *Dr. J.K.L. Koehler, Wageningen University & Research*
7. **GPS4FoodSafety;** *Dr. G.I.J. Salentijn, Wageningen University & Research*

For overview all granted Vidi Grants: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme/projects-vidi/vidi-2024>

Of the 149 projects that have been granted within the Vidi-round 2024, 57 were granted to projects belonging to ENW, 54 to SSH, 15 to AES and 23 to ZonMw.

Facts and figures

Vidis are awarded annually by NWO. Among the 778 preliminary applications, 149 are awarded. Of the 778 applications, 393 are men, and 377 are women. Of 8 applicants, the gender is unknown. Of the 149 awards, 70 male and 79 female applicants are awarded. The award rates are 17.8% en 21% respectively.

This round, NWO has been able to grant additional funds to honor more high-quality proposals. This enables NWO to give talented researchers a helping hand in times of cutbacks in research and science.

Online dashboard

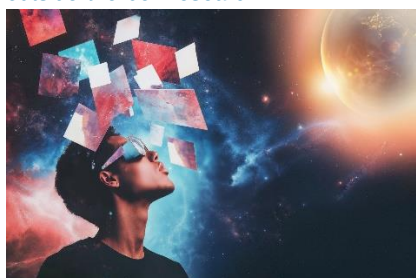
NWO wants to contribute to openness and transparency in and about publicly funded scientific research. That is why we have recently started publishing figures on gender and the disciplines of allocated research in an online dashboard. The dashboard will be further developed in the coming period, with ZonMw data being added in the future and an English version becoming available.

View Dashboard here: <https://data.nwo.nl/en/dashboards>

Read full article here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/149-vidi-applications-granted-to-talented-researchers>

Pre-announcement: Open Mind 2026 opening soon for outside-the-box research (21 October 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-open-mind-2026-opening-soon-for-outside-the-box-research>



Attention, everyone with an open mind! The 2026 Open Mind round is expected to open this fall. And there is good news: the maximum grant amount per application has been increased to €100,000, and the number of projects to be granted has been increased to a maximum of 10. Open Mind offers ample opportunity for researchers to come up with original, creative and daring ideas that contribute to solutions for global societal challenges.

Supporting bold ideas with real-world impact

NWO funds outside-the-box, innovative research ideas with societal and global impact. With the adjusted criteria introduced in the 2025 round, Open Mind places even greater emphasis on originality and creativity. Researchers with exciting, high-risk, high-gain ideas are invited to submit their proposals and compete for a chance to receive €100,000 to develop their research over the course of one year.

Outside-the-box thinking with impact

Open Mind funds innovative research proposals that break through conventional thinking frameworks and use technology for sustainable social impact. Think of ideas that, for example, transform education, promote inclusivity, tackle climate issues or enable new forms of communication. The call invites researchers from all disciplines who tackle global challenges with groundbreaking and creative solutions.

Key changes compared to 2025

Compared to the previous round, a number of important changes have been made:

- The maximum budget per application has been increased to €100,000.
- The number of projects to be awarded has been increased to a maximum of 10.

The assessment criteria continues to focus on originality, creativity, quality and impact.

Keep an eye on the website

The official opening of the call is expected later this year. Keep an eye on the NWO website for the exact date, the Call for proposals and information about the information meeting.

Regional funding

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

State of AI 2025: Europe lags behind the US and China in artificial intelligence (30 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 30 October 2025

Despite all efforts, the EU continues to largely lag behind the US and China in artificial intelligence. This is evident from Air Street Capital's annual State of AI report. The report shows that the US leads by a wide margin in private investment and AI supercomputers, while China performs best in open AI models. However, the EU has overtaken China in private investment. Furthermore, the report shows that AI has become mainstream and has also gained momentum commercially and industrially. However, geopolitical tensions between China, the US, and the EU are playing an increasingly important role in AI policy.

State of AI 2025 Report: <https://www.stateof.ai/>

Article Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/ai/state-ai-2025-five-key-charts-europeans>

European Commission presents defense roadmap (30 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 30 October 2025

The European Commission has presented the new European roadmap for defense. The plan focuses on joint investments, industrial collaboration, and technological innovation. The Commission aims to accelerate innovation through dual-use applications and so-called defense tech alliances, which connect technology companies with armed forces. According to Science Business, the plan contains few concrete measures or new R&D funding. **However, starting in 2028, dual-use projects will have access to the European Competitiveness Fund and Horizon Europe.** Subsequently, the European Parliament and the Council have expressed their support for the European Defence Industry Programme, which should support the implementation of the roadmap. This program includes a "buy European" principle to strengthen cooperation within the EU.

Press release European Commission: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_2396

Article Euractiv: <https://www.euractiv.com/news/whats-in-the-commissions-defence-readiness-roadmap/>

Article Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/commission-present-defence-transformation-plan-boost-innovation>

Article Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/parliament-council-agree-european-defence-industry-programme>

EPO sees strong growth in patent applications by public research organizations (30 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 30 October 2025

Public research organizations have almost doubled their number of European patent applications in twenty years. This is according to a study by the European Patent Office (EPO). According to the EPO, the figures show that public research organizations are increasingly able to valorize their knowledge. They now file patents themselves much more often than universities, which points to stronger technology transfer structures. Most applications come from a few large institutions, such as the French CNRS and the Fraunhofer Society in Germany. EPO President António Campinos states that the figures demonstrate that public research is "one of Europe's greatest strengths," but that more collaboration is needed to translate research results into technology more quickly.

EPO press release: <https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/study-shows-vital-role-public-research-organisations-european-competitiveness>

European Parliament Wants Stronger EU Budget for Research and Defense (30 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 30 October 2025

The European Parliament wants to increase the focus on competitiveness, research, and defense in the 2026 EU budget. In an adopted resolution, MEPs advocate for restoring previous budget cuts and additional investment in programs like Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, and EU4Health. Speaking to Science Business, MEP Matjaž Nemec called Horizon "one of the key programs to strengthen Europe's competitiveness and innovation." Negotiations with the Council on the final budget will begin on November 4. An agreement on the 2026 budget is expected before the end of the year.

Press Release European Parliament: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20251016IPR30950/2026-eu-budget-focus-on-competitiveness-preparedness-and-defence>

Article Science Business: <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/horizon-europe/parliament-seeks-eu60m-boost-horizon-europe-2026>

What are the Commission's plans for research, education and innovation in 2026? (23 October 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderwijs/wat-zijn-de-commissieplannen-voor-onderzoek-onderwijs-en-innovatie-in-2026>

The Commission sees a clear role for innovation and research in promoting European competitiveness and independence in the 2026 work programme. In the field of education, initiatives for digital skills and European school alliances are planned.



Plans for an independent Europe

Innovation must contribute to the EU's independence, according to the 2026 work programme

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_2414 and

https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/05d3777d-5d73-456d-bf56-38caa77d53c8_en?filename=2025-CWP_0.pdf . During the presentation https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_25_2462, Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, emphasized the importance of the Draghi Report. For example, the Commission will focus on simplifying legislation and developing critical technologies next year. To this end, the Commission will present the 28th regime and the Innovation Act in the first quarter of 2026. The "fifth freedom" also plays a critical role in promoting the Single Market and the European Research Area Act. In the field of education, initiatives for developing digital skills and European school alliances are on the agenda. It is striking that the work programme does not mention the announced vocational education strategy and the Lab to Unicorn Initiative.

Planning 2026

Initiative	Theme	Planning
28th Regime for Innovative Companies	Onderzoek & innovatie	Q1
European Innovation Act	Onderzoek & innovatie	Q1
Cloud and AI Development Act	Onderzoek & innovatie	Q1
Chips Act	Onderzoek & innovatie	Q1

Communication on the Defence Single Market: EU technological base fit for future	Onderzoek & innovatie	Q1
Quantum Act	Onderzoek & innovatie	Q2
Global Health resilience initiative	Onderzoek & innovatie	Q2
Public Procurement Act	Onderzoek & innovatie	Q2
Update of the European venture capital funds Regulation	Onderzoek & innovatie	Q3
Fair labour mobility package, inclusief Skills Portability Initiative	Onderwijs	Q3
European Research Area Act	Onderzoek & innovatie, onderwijs	Q3
European Biotech Act II	Onderzoek & innovatie	Q3
Education package, inclusief: - European school alliances and Basic Skills Support Scheme 2030 Roadmap on the future of digital education and skills	Onderwijs	Q3
Circular Economy Act	Onderzoek & innovatie	Q3
Advanced Materials Act	Onderzoek & innovatie	Q4

EU countries divided over geographical rules in Competitiveness Fund (23 October 2025)

Source: Website Scoence|Business <https://sciencebusiness.net/news/planning-fp10/eu-countries-divided-over-geographical-rules-competitiveness-fund>

Widening countries want dedicated support under the EU Competitiveness Fund. Others argue this is the role of cohesion funding



Photo credits: European Union

The geographical distribution of EU funding for innovative technologies is set to be debated at the highest political level, after it emerged as a possible source of disagreement during a meeting of European affairs ministers on October 21. The question of whether to include geographical criteria in the selection of projects is a long-standing debate when it comes to EU research funding, but the European Commission's plans to launch a €234 billion European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) have pushed those divisions to the fore during wider budget talks.

During Tuesday's meeting of the General Affairs Council, several European affairs ministers, mostly from countries that benefit from measures to widen participation in Horizon Europe, called for geographical balance in awarding ECF funding. Germany led the charge in opposition to this idea, warning that it would mean corresponding cuts in cohesion funds. These are the EU funds set aside to strengthen the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the Union. Supporters of geographical criteria argue that, without safeguards, the ECF risks further entrenching innovation and competitiveness gaps within the EU as applicants from more developed economies are better equipped to win funding. Opponents counter that to compete with the US and China, ECF funds must be directed where they will have the largest impact.

The issue came up during a debate on the Commission's 2028-34 EU budget proposal, focused on the second heading, which includes the Horizon Europe research and innovation programme and the ECF, which will invest in strategic technologies that are closer to the market.

The debate will inform a "negotiating box" document that the Danish presidency of the Council plans to submit to EU leaders ahead of the European Council meeting in December. The negotiating box will indicate progress on budget talks made at the technical level and identify elements that should be discussed at political level.

During the debate Inês Domingos, Portugal's secretary of state for European affairs, said the principle of excellence when awarding funds is "fundamental," but there should also be mechanisms "that allow the more peripheral member states and regions, and the ones that have particular constraints, to be able to fully participate in boosting European competitiveness."

Czech minister Martin Dvořák agreed that measures to broaden access to funds do not undermine excellence, but are a way to spread excellence. "Widening participating should be taken care of in Horizon Europe, but also in the Competitiveness Fund," he said.

"One of the proposals is to earmark part of the ECF funds for certain member states that are less experienced in direct governance, or to have additional measures focused on member states whose [gross national income, GNI] per capita is below the EU level," Dvořák said.

Croatia's state secretary Andreja Metelko-Zgombić likewise expressed support for the excellence principle, but called for mechanisms to ensure a geographical balance, "either including predefined allocations directly to entities from member states whose GNI per capita remains below the EU27 average, or through dedicated calls for proposals targeting those member states."

Germany and Sweden opposed

On the other hand, several member states argued that excellence should be the only criterion for awarding funding. Among the most vociferous opponents of replicating Widening measures in the ECF was Germany's ambassador to the EU, Thomas Ossowski.

"We can't be talking about geographical distribution, we are strongly against this," Ossowski said, adding that this was the purpose of the first heading of the Commission's proposal, which includes cohesion funds. "When the excellence principle is called into question in the Competitiveness Fund, then the resources under heading one would be called into question."

Sweden's minister, Jessica Rosencrantz, was similarly adamant that **both the ECF and Horizon Europe should be guided by excellence**. "Allocating money on grounds other than excellence will certainly not help to create European global champions. There is another, larger heading for cohesion. Let's not mix them up or blur objectives," she said. The issue is deeply connected to broader debates around EU spending. **The reason many member states are asking for fair geographical distribution in the ECF is likely that the first heading of the Commission's proposal foresees a reduction in the share of the EU budget that is pre-allocated at national level**, said Eulalia Rubio, senior research fellow at the Jacques Delors Institute.

Under the current long-term EU budget, **agriculture and cohesion policy account for 62% of all spending**, but their allocation in **the new proposal has dropped to 44%**

https://institutdelors.eu/content/uploads/2025/08/20250731_Policy_Brief_Ripe_for_Reform_Hansum_Lindner_Redeker_Rubio.pdf as the Commission looks to inject greater flexibility into the budget and to tie spending to national reforms.

While widening participation has always been a major topic in Horizon Europe negotiations, "I believe it's now much more important because there's an important cut in the pre-allocated spending," Rubio told Science|Business. "Since the pot of funds for heading two has increased, [member states] want to have more capacity to receive part of this pot." However, while Widening measures make sense in Horizon Europe, which has broad goals including building a unified European Research Area and supporting basic research, the ECF has different requirements as it is more focused on industrial policy, Rubio said.

She warned that including geographical distribution criteria could "kill the impact of the ECF." The EU must be able to select only the most excellent projects, "otherwise, you won't be able to compete with other industries in China or the US that have much more financing capacity," she said.

Upcoming conference “From Knowledge to Impact: Shaping Europe’s Next Innovation Wave (23 October 2025)

Source: DG-RTD EU Knowledge Valorisation Newsletter

DG-RTD warmly invite you to participate in our upcoming conference “**From Knowledge to Impact: Shaping Europe’s Next Innovation Wave**”, on **13 November 2025** at the Borschette Center of the European Commission in Brussels, with an option for live web streaming for remote audience.

We are honoured to announce that **Commissioner for Startups, Research, and Innovation, Ekaterina Zaharieva, will open the event** with a video message. The agenda addresses vital topics for knowledge valorisation, featuring sessions related to the Horizon Europe proposals, the EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy, and the recently adopted Research and Technology Infrastructures Strategy. **See the programme here** https://register.event-works.europa.eu/client/dgscic/_upload/files/Agenda%202025%20Knowledge%20Valorisation_20-10-2025.pdf.

This conference is a great opportunity for those involved in research and innovation to get together and learn about the latest policies and initiatives, and share perspectives on challenges and opportunities. The venue will host an exhibition space with booths presenting support services for research and innovation. It is an occasion not to be missed for networking with leading experts and stakeholders.

I highly encourage you to **join us**, whether in **Brussels or online**. Places are filling up fast **so register [register](#) now** to secure your spot.

Furthermore, I would like to invite you to take part in our short **Survey on Trainings for Knowledge Valorisation** which contributes to the ERA action 2025-2027 "Upscaling knowledge capacities and activities". The survey aims to gather your insights on relevant trainings for university students, researchers and innovators. By sharing your views, you can help shape future knowledge valorisation initiatives to strengthen the valorisation capacities and skills of R&I actors. **Access the survey here** <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/fe0cdd68-3bc6-98a7-e0fd-ad339c9f333b>.

Commission seeks feedback on the future Advanced Materials Act (21 October 2025)

Source: Website EC https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/commission-seeks-feedback-future-advanced-materials-act-2025-10-21_en?pk_campaign=rtd-mailings&pk_source=rtd_news

The Commission has launched **a call for evidence and a public consultation** https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14952-Advanced-Materials-Act_en, seeking input from all interested stakeholders to the **forthcoming Advanced Materials Act**. A key deliverable of the **Competitiveness Compass**, the Advanced Materials Act will aim at establishing a strategic framework for advanced materials that is crucial for industrial leadership, strategic autonomy and competitiveness in the EU. Advanced materials are intentionally designed and engineered materials with innovative properties and functionalities, which can be used in products from wearable electronic devices to electric vehicles.

The Act will support the research and innovation (R&I) process, from design and development to manufacturing and deployment, while at the same time addressing key issues, such as the lengthy time from the design until deployment and commercialisation, and the expansion of production capacities of advanced materials in the EU. It will streamline regulatory processes, boost EU competitiveness, and foster a more sustainable and circular economy.

The call for evidence and the public consultation **are open for contributions until 13 January 2026** on the Commission’s ‘**Have Your Say**’ portal. Everyone is encouraged to participate and contribute to the design of a legislative framework that will facilitate the seamless deployment of advanced materials across the EU. **The Advanced Materials Act is expected to be proposed in 2026.**

Background

Advanced materials are essential for the EU's transition to a sustainable and competitive economy. Characterised by new or enhanced properties and targeted structural features, they play an important role in sectors such as clean and deep tech, as well as defence and space. The Advanced Materials Act will build upon the [Communication on Advanced Materials for Industrial Leadership](#) of February 2024, which aimed to align EU and Member State R&I priorities and objectives for advanced materials, strengthening the European advanced materials ecosystem and increase investments.

More information

[Call for evidence and public consultation](#)

Building the future of EU agriculture with young farmers in focus (21 October 2025)

Source: Website EC https://commission.europa.eu/news-and-media/news/building-future-eu-agriculture-young-farmers-focus-2025-10-21_en



Agriculture in Europe is faced with a major challenge, an ageing population. And yet, young farmers are key to the EU's food security and to lively rural areas. To address this, the Commission has presented **a strategy for generational renewal in agriculture**. It aims **to support young farmers and attract more people to farming**.

Currently, the average age of an EU farmer is 57 and only 12% are under 40. To keep farming resilient and attractive, young people must have the right conditions to build their lives and careers in rural areas. This new strategy sets a clear roadmap for how to achieve this, aiming to **double the share of young farmers in Europe by 2040**.

The strategy identifies five key levers for action — access to land, finance, skills, fair living standards in rural areas, and support for succession.

Concrete initiatives include

- introducing a 'starter pack' for young farmers in the next common agricultural policy, including a lump sum of up to €300 000, to facilitate their entry and establishment in the sector
- better targeting of funds in favour of young farmers
- working with the European Investment Bank to facilitate access to finance
- making it easier for new entrants to start farming, thanks to a European Land Observatory, which will help farmers access available land, support farm succession, inform policy, and prevent land speculation
- inviting young farmers to participate in **Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs** <https://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/> so they can learn good farming practices abroad or diversify their revenue by learning from other sectors
- promoting good living conditions in rural areas while supporting local development and youth and women's involvement
- co-funding farm relief services that replace farmers during illness, holidays, or caregiving, to improve their work-life balance.

The strategy will be implemented at multiple levels: through the current and future common agricultural policy, complementary EU policies, initiatives by stakeholders, and national actions.

Efforts at the national level will be crucial for its success. That is why the Commission is also urging EU countries to invest at least 6% of agricultural spending into measures promoting generational renewal. On top of this, the strategy includes developing national strategies by 2028 that should address challenges and define support measures for young farmers.

For more information

Press release - Commission proposes measures to support generational renewal in agriculture to secure Europe's food, farming and rural future: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_2433

General renewal in Agriculture: https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/overview-vision-agriculture-food/generational-renewal_en

Global policy

WEF Toolkit to Help Policymakers with Innovation Ecosystems (30 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 30 October 2025

The World Economic Forum (WEF) has published a toolkit for innovation ecosystems, including several recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders to implement. According to the WEF, it's important for such ecosystems to look beyond hardware and capital, but economic vitality must be combined with sustainability, competitiveness, and societal inclusivity. Otherwise, the ecosystems risk becoming isolated islands without societal impact.

WEF Publication: <https://www.weforum.org/publications/innovation-ecosystems-a-toolkit-of-principles-and-best-practice/>

OECD: How to Anticipate Emerging Technologies? (30 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 30 October 2025

The OECD has published a report aimed at helping governments quickly anticipate emerging technologies and thus gain a head start on innovation. The report, "Steering the Future of Advanced Materials: Strategic Intelligence in Action," highlights, among other things, the need for capabilities such as route planning, stakeholder engagement, and upstream governance. Last week, the OECD also published its annual Science, Technology, and Innovation Outlook. In this report, the OECD analyzes how science, technology, and innovation can be used to support transformative change in the economy and society.

OECD Publication: [Steering the future of advanced materials | OECD](#)

OECD Publication: [OECD Science, Technology and Innovation Outlook 2025 | OECD](#)

Ukraine is working with partners on a science system rebuilding plan (30 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 30 October 2025

The Ukrainian government is working with the European Commission on a plan to rebuild the country's science and education system, with support from an international coalition of countries and organizations. This was announced by Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Education Denys Kurbatov, according to Science Business. According to Ukrainian data, more than €1.2 billion is needed to restore the lost research and education infrastructure. Of this, approximately €1 billion is earmarked for restoring buildings and acquiring new research equipment. The Ukrainian government plans to not only restore the lost infrastructure but also to establish new laboratories and facilities aligned with emerging scientific and technological priorities.

Article Science Business: [Ukraine mulls plan for rebuilding its science sector | Science|Business](#)

National policy

Caretaker Cabinet Wants Greater Focus in Industrial Policy (30 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 30 October 2025

Six of the most promising markets for the Netherlands: semiconductors, biotechnology, defense applications, digital services, mechanical engineering, and innovative chemistry. Before the autumn recess, the Cabinet approved the new industrial policy, which focuses on these markets. They were selected based on their economic potential, strategic economic positioning, and contribution to solving societal challenges. Minister Karremans wants to develop a program with concrete goals and actions in collaboration with the business community, modeled on the current approach to semiconductors, Project Beethoven. An independent advisory report from former ASML CEO Wennink on strengthening the Dutch investment climate and future earning capacity is expected by the end of 2025. The Netherlands Institute for War, Safety, and Innovation (AWTI) will issue an advisory report around that time on structural and targeted investments in research and innovation.

Member of Parliament: Minister Karremans (including appendices):

<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/kamerstukken/2025/10/17/kamerbrief-industriebeleid-met-focus> (in Dutch)

Press release: Central Government: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2025/10/17/wie-niet-kiest-verliest-nieuw-industriebeleid-met-focus> (in Dutch)

AWTI advisory report in preparation: <https://www.awti.nl/adviezen/adviezen-in-voorbereiding/stabiele-financiering-van-onderzoek-ontwikkeling-en-innovatie-ooi> (in Dutch)

Rathenau: Most scientists stay or return(30 October 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 30 October 2025

Most scientists stay in the Netherlands or return after a while. This is the conclusion of the Rathenau Institute in its report "Honkvast, uit of homerun," which examines the percentage of researchers who stay in the Netherlands and the percentage who leave or return. Between 2008 and 2023, only 14% of scientists left the Netherlands. During this period, a total of 11% more scientists arrived in the Netherlands than left. In the technical sciences, this percentage is 40%. According to the researchers, it is still too early to comment on recent developments, such as the Schoof government's budget cuts, the Balanced Internationalization Act, and geopolitical unrest.

Rathenau Institute Publication: <https://www.rathenau.nl/nl/werking-van-het-wetenschapssysteem/wetenschap-nederland/meeste-wetenschappers-blijven-komen-terug> (in Dutch)

Election debate on research and innovation: 'You have to dare to stand up for scientists' (22 October 2025)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/election-debate-on-research-and-innovation-you-have-to-dare-to-stand-up-for-scientists>



During election time, knowledge, research and innovation rarely top the list of debate topics. Yet they are crucial to solving societal challenges. How much extra should be invested in research and innovation, and to what extent should politics interfere with the system? These questions take centre stage in the election debate 'The power of knowledge: choosing progress', organised by the Kenniscoalitie on 21 October.

Under the eyes of both a live audience and online viewers, Luc Stultiens (GroenLinks-PvdA), Wendy van Eijk-Nagel (VVD), Jan Paternotte (D66) and Marcel Hanegraaff (CDA) debate the future of research and innovation at Nieuwspoor press centre.

Knowledge as the trump card of the Netherlands

Kenniscoalitie chair Marcel Levi underlines the importance of Dutch research as he opens the debate: 'Housing, energy, climate, healthcare, mobility – without knowledge and innovation, we simply won't solve any of these problems. Knowledge is the trump card of the Netherlands.'

All participants agree on this point, though they differ on implementation. Paternotte calls it 'the most important debate of these elections': 'It's about how we will earn our money in the future.' He argues that the Netherlands must once again become a leader in research and innovation. Hanegraaff warns that the country is falling behind in the rat race between China and the US. 'We want to invest heavily, but more is needed. We are regulating our economy to death.' Stultiens believes that additional investment in research and innovation is inevitable for a healthy economy. 'Economists and companies are saying it: invest in this. It's unbelievable how much has been cut from the budget this past year. We say: scrap all those budget cuts.'

Van Eijk-Nagel takes a somewhat more optimistic view of the Netherlands' current position. 'The biggest challenge is to keep it that way,' she says, stressing the importance of an attractive business climate and the growth of start-ups and scale-ups. 'On economic matters, we will absolutely find common ground.'

The Lisbon target

The first topic concerns the Lisbon target, the European goal for countries to spend 3% of GDP on research and development. In practice, this would mean an increase of 2 billion euros by 2026 and 3.5 billion by 2029 in additional public funding, according to the Kenniscoalitie's statement. Will parties reach that goal with their election plans? 'That's still not enough, it won't get us there,' argues Paternotte, whose party aims for around 10 billion euros per year. Stultiens also finds the proposed increase too modest.

Hanegraaff and Van Eijk-Nagel point to the role of the private sector in providing additional funding. 'Most investments should come from there,' says Hanegraaff. 'That's how you really create a catalytic effect.' Van Eijk-Nagel adds: 'You can't aim to meet the target and at the same time cut business incentives. That's contradictory.' 'But this debate is precisely about the public share,' Stultiens counters. 'We all share the same goal, but the question is: how much are you really willing to spend?'

Room for curiosity-driven research

Should research funding primarily go to areas that strengthen the Netherlands' earning capacity? The VVD thinks so. 'When it comes to public money, the priority should be the country's earning power – and more broadly, solving societal challenges,' says Van Eijk-Nagel. What about fundamental fields like literature, philosophy and archaeology? 'For us, those have less priority.'

D66 and CDA disagree. They point to ChatGPT, Silicon Valley and communications technology as innovations that originated from curiosity-driven research. 'If you only invest in research that delivers short-term results, you destroy science,' says Hanegraaff. 'There must always be room for research driven by curiosity. It's proven that this leads to major innovations in the long run.'

Paternotte is frustrated that parliament increasingly questions research without direct economic benefit. 'We must stop pitting research fields against each other.' GroenLinks-PvdA agrees. 'By only demanding economic returns, you turn universities into pre-training grounds for the corporate sector,' says Stultiens. 'That's selling them short.' He points to recent cuts proposed by the previous coalition, 'hardly opposed at the time – even though they came from the PVV. You have to dare to stand up for scientists whose work doesn't immediately make money.' Hanegraaff adds: 'The VVD's market-driven approach turns universities into companies expected to deliver output. That's a fundamentally wrong way to look at science.'

International talent

The parties diverge further on whether the Netherlands should continue to welcome international talent. The VVD is the only one opposed. 'International talent is welcome in the Netherlands, and we absolutely need it,' explains Van Eijk-Nagel. 'But we make more targeted choices. The link with the labour market is crucial. That means not everyone can study whatever they want, because that creates bottlenecks elsewhere.'

Paternotte criticises this position, recalling that calls to reduce international students began two years ago when VVD and CDA wanted to ban English-taught bachelor's programmes. 'Now the cuts are still here – just without a "how".' Hanegraaff adds nuance: the number of students, including international ones, is already declining, and he supports

making it easier for universities to introduce admission limits. 'But not in cities like Maastricht and Groningen, where they badly need those students.'

'In Groningen, hundreds of people have already been laid off,' Paternotte counters. The CDA's proposed cuts will only make that worse. 'If you mention Groningen and Maastricht – this will be a disaster there.'



Universities need to know what government policy will look like. They need predictability. Jan Paternotte, D66. He also stresses the importance of international talent for business. 'Eighty percent of companies and entrepreneurs have lost trust in government because of unpredictable policies. Companies like Shell and Unilever are cutting investments, ASML is asking for support to stay afloat. Saying "then no more expats" – that's a luxury we can't afford.' Stability also matters for education, he adds. 'Universities can already choose English-taught tracks, but they need to know what government policy will look like. They need predictability.'

Standing up for academic freedom

Finally, recent developments at home and abroad raise questions about how academic freedom is safeguarded. Governments worldwide are increasingly interfering with the content of education and research. Hanegraaff, who also works in academia, calls it a slippery slope. 'The pressure on scientists is really growing,' he says. He believes academic freedom is legally well protected, but the real issue lies in political norms: 'What kind of criticism of scientists is being fuelled in politics? That bar needs to be raised again.' He vows to act on this. 'The erosion of democracy always starts with the criticism of scientists, judges and the media. You have to do everything possible to prevent that.'

Paternotte shares this concern. 'It's become almost normal to call for the dismissal of a scientist after they say something controversial. Or to demand that a university board step down after a protest gone wrong.' He warns: 'That's already happening in the United States. If we don't put up a barrier here, things will go very wrong.' D66 therefore calls for constitutional protection of academic freedom.

Van Eijk-Nagel agrees on the importance of academic freedom but finds constitutional anchoring a step too far. 'If there's one place you should feel safe, it's at the university,' she says. 'But that freedom is best secured through dialogue and shared responsibility.'

GroenLinks-PvdA warns that academic freedom in the Netherlands has long been under pressure. 'It's code red. Coalition parties have undermined freedoms, questioned individual researchers and called for boards of trustees to be dismissed,' says Stultiens. He too advocates stronger constitutional safeguards and welcomes Van Eijk-Nagel's words. 'Let's agree to jointly call out any party that crosses that line. That's the only way to truly protect academic freedom.'

Watch full debate here: <https://www.nieuwspoort.nl/programma/verkiezingsdebat-de-kracht-van-kennis/livestream>

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 31 Oktober 2025

Call identifier	Deadline
Pillar I Excellent Science	
ERC	
HORIZON-ERC-2026-CoG https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERC-2026-COG	13 January 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Consolidator Grant</i>)
HORIZON-ERC-2026-SyG https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERC-2026-SyG	5 November 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Synergy 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>)
Research Infrastructures	
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)
HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-STAYHLTH	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time

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)
HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-ENVHLTH single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time
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) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE two-stage	Foreseen opening 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 22 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
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	
HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL single stage	Foreseen opening: 3 June 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-TOOL-01-two-stage	Foreseen opening 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 22 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u>	
<u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u>	
Destination 1: CLIMATE NEUTRAL, CIRCULAR AND DIGITISED PRODUCTION	

Destination 2: INCREASED AUTONOMY IN KEY STRATEGIC VALUE CHAINS FOR RESILIENT INDUSTRY	
DESTINATION 3 - WORLD LEADING DATA AND COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES	
DESTINATION 4 – DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL	
DESTINATION 5 – DESTINATION – OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN DEVELOPING, DEPLOYING AND USING GLOBAL SPACE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURES, SERVICES, APPLICATIONS AND DATA	
DESTINATION 6 – A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES	
CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility	
Destination - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-07-D1	Foreseen opening: 18 December 2025 and foreseen Deadline(s): 15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2026-08-Two-Stage-D1-06:	Foreseen opening: 18 December 2025 and foreseen Deadline(s): 15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) and 8 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1	Foreseen opening: 17 November 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 4 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Destination - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition	

HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D2	Foreseen opening: 18 December 2025 and foreseen Deadline(s): 31 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2026-09-D2	Foreseen opening: 5 May 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 15 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D2	Foreseen opening: 3 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 31 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2027-04-Two-Stage-D2	Foreseen opening: 15 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) and 7 October 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3	Foreseen opening: 18 December 2025 and foreseen Deadline(s): 31 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) and 20 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3	Foreseen opening: 4 August 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 1 December 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2026-04-Two-Stage-D3-02	Foreseen opening: 18 December 2025 and foreseen Deadline(s): 31 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time
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-CL5-2026-05-D5-01	Foreseen opening: 18 December 2025 Deadline(s) 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
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
CLUSTER 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment	
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
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV single stage	Foreseen opening: 17 April 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV two-stage	Foreseen opening: 12 February 2026; Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 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
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK single stage	Foreseen opening: 14 January 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK two-stage	Foreseen opening: 12 February 2026; Deadline(s): 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 15 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK two-stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
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
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO single stage	Foreseen opening: 17 April 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-CIRCBIO two-stage	Foreseen opening: 12 February 2026; Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CIRCBIO two-stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 16 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
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-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION single stage	Foreseen opening: 17 April 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-ZEROPOLLUTION two-stage	Foreseen opening: 12 February 2026; Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 5 - Land, ocean and water for climate action	
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
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CLIMATE single stage	Foreseen opening: 14 January 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CLIMATE single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-COMMUNITIES single stage	Foreseen opening: 14 January 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE single stage	Foreseen opening: 14 January 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-04-GOVERNANCE-01: Additional activities for the European Partnership of Agriculture of Data	Foreseen opening: 25 August and foreseen Deadline(s): 26 November 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE two-stage	Foreseen opening: 12 February 2026; Deadline(s): 15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 30 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE single stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 11 May 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Circular Biobased Europe	
CBE Circular Biobased Europe partnership https://www.cbe.europa.eu/	
Pillar III Innovative Europe	
Mission calls 2026-2026	
CLIMATE MISSION	
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA single stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time

HORIZON-MISS-2027-01-CLIMA single stage	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
CANCER MISSION	
HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 December 2025 and foreseen Deadline(s): 15 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER single stage	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2026-03-OCEAN single stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN single stage	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
CITIES MISSION	
HORIZON-MISS-2026-04-CIT single stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 8 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-04-CIT single stage	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 7 October 2027 17.00 Brussels time
SOIL MISSION	
HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL- two-stage	Foreseen opening: 9 December 2025; Deadline(s): 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 15 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL single stage	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL- two-stage:	Foreseen opening: 10 November 2025; Deadline(s): 15 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
JOINT MISSION CALLS	
HORIZON-MISS-2026-06-CLIMA- SOIL joint call SOIL and CLIMATE missions	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-06-SOIL- CANCER Joint call SOIL and CANCER mission	Foreseen opening: 9 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-07-CLIMA- CIT-NEB Joint Call between the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission and the Adaptation to Climate Change Mission	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
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Other related EC calls (European Partnerships, ERA-Net COFUNDS etc.)

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 31 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/	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). • 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  https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/
European Partnership Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/	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 Tentative timeline Call opening: 12 September 2025 Submission deadline of preproposals: 13 November 2025, 15:00 CET Selection of preproposals: End of February 2026 Submission deadline of full proposals: 13 April 2026, 15:00 CEST Selection of funded proposals: September 2026 Projects start: End 2026/beginning 2027 Kick-off meeting of the funded projects: Spring 2027
European Partnership FutureFoods https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/	NEW: FutureFoodS hereby pre-announces the 2nd co-funded call for transnational research projects https://www.futurefoodpartnership.eu/news/pre-announcement and https://futurefoods.ptj.de. The call will follow a two-step procedure with the following important steps:]Call launch: Second half of November 2025 Deadline for pre-proposal submission: ~ end of January 2026 Deadline for full-proposal submission: ~ beginning of July 2026 (only by invitation)
European Partnership Agroecology https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/	NEW: Pre-Announcement 3rd call AGROECOLOGY partnership https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/news/3rdco-fundedcall and https://static1.squarespace.com/static/65c21789238d5029339b09bf/t/68f9f8263fc5381299cc4d07/1761212454409/2025-10-23+Pre-announcement_vf.pdf

	<u>Tentative timeline</u> Launch: December 2025 Pre proposal submission: February 2026 Full proposal submission: July 2026
European partnership Agriculture of Data	NEW: Pre-Announcement: 1st Co-funded Call for Transnational Research Projects “EU-wide data-driven solutions to real problems” https://agdata.ptj.de/call1 <u>Procedure</u> Short proposal & full proposal step Call launch planned in November 2025 Project start from January 2027, depending on grant negotiations with relevant funders; funding for 24 up to 36 months
European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://bluepartnership.eu/	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  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
European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/	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: • 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 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.
Joint Technology Initiatives	
Joint Programming Initiatives	
	• A healthy diet for a healthy life (HDHL): http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/

	• Agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE): http://www.faccejpi.com/ • Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR): http://www.jpiamr.eu/ • Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU): http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home • Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans): http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/ • More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL): http://www.jp-demographic.eu/ • Neurodegenerative Disease/Alzheimer's (JPND): http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/ • Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions (Urban Europe): http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/ • Water challenges for a changing world (Water-JPI): http://www.waterjpi.eu/ • Cultural Heritage a Challenge for Europe (Cultural Heritage): http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/
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Other international calls

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

Deadline	Call
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 **31 October 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

04-11-2025	Deadline for submission Pre proposals NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2025. The deadline for submitting preproposals is 4 november 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme-vidi-health-research-and-development-zonmw-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202025_EN.pdf
11-11-2025	Deadline for submission Full applications NWA Call ‘Building blocks for integral policy on Planetary Health’. Closing date full application 11 November 2025 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-new-research-on-building-blocks-for-integral-policy-on-planetary-health and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/building-blocks-for-integrated-policy-on-planetary-health
11-11-2025	Deadline for submission Full proposals for NWO- KIC call Consumer behaviour for a circular system transition. The deadline for proposals is November 11th, 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-consumer-behaviour-for-a-circular-system-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20KIC%20Consumer%20Behaviour.pdf
12-11-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025. 12 November 2025 by 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
13-11-2025	Deadline for submission of Full applications Call Cellular Agriculture - towards larger scale and lower cost. Deadline for submitting proposals: 13 November 2025, by 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/cellular-agriculture-towards-larger-scale-and-lower-costs and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NGF%20CA%20Call%20for%20Proposals%20EN.pdf
25-11-2025	Deadline for submission Pre-proposals for Perspectief round 2025-2026. The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is Tuesday 25 November 2025, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026 and

	https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf
30-11-2025	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
02-12-2025	Deadline for Full applications call KIC Reducing health inequalities - technology for people in a lower social economic position . Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-reducing-health-inequalities-technology-for-people-in-a-lower-socioeconomic-position and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals_Reducing%20health%20inequalities_ENG_finaal_1.pdf
02-12-2025	Foreseen Deadline for Rubicon 2025 Round 3 . Closing date full application 2 December 2025 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2025-3
02-12-2025	NEW: 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. (this Call is coordinated for WUR by CVI Mascha Rasenberg). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia-2025-2026 https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia
From 13-01-2025 until 12-12-2025	Deadline submission full proposals Open Technology Programme 2025 . Applications can be submitted on a continuous basis between 13 January 2025 until 12 December 2025, as long as the grant ceiling or the maximum number of applications submitted has not yet been reached.. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf
20-12-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 20 December 2025 by 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
20-01-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2026 - round 1 . Closing date full application Round 1: 20 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2026-round-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sgw_oc_xs_2026.pdf
20-01-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission full proposals Doctoral Grant for Teachers, 1st round 2026 . The deadline for the submission of proposals is Tuesday 20 January 2026, 14:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/want-to-pursue-a-phd-alongside-your-teaching-career-apply-for-the-doctoral-grant-for-teachers and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/doctoral-grant-for-teachers-1st-round-2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-Doctorate-grant-for-teachers-2026-1.pdf
22-01-2026	Deadline submission proposals for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. January 22, 2026, before 2:00:00 PM CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation
27-01-2026	Deadline submission for Full applications for Veni round 2025 . The deadline for submitting full applications is 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme
27-01-2026	Deadline submission of Full Proposals for NWA call Opportunities and value chains for side streams in the protein transition . The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf
27-01-2026	NEW: Deadline submission Full Proposals Sustainable Science Fund . Closing date full application until 27 January 2026 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sustainable-science-fund
27-01-2026	NEW: Deadline submissions Full proposals for Transformative practices and processes for climate transitions . Proposals can be submitted until 27 January 2026 14:00:00 CET.

	https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-transformative-practices-and-processes-for-climate-transitions and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/transformative-practices-and-processes-for-climate-transitions and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call_Transformative_Practices_Processes_Climate_Transitions.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	NEW: Deadline for submission of full applications for Research Infrastructure (RI): national consortia 2025-2026. The deadline for applications is 24 March 2026, before 14:00:00 CET: this call is coordinated for WUR by CVI Mascha Rasenberg .

	https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-30-million-available-for-research-infrastructure and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia
24-03-2026	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/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Tulp%20Fonds_EN%20%282%29.pdf
07-04-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2026 - round 2 . Closing date full application Round 2: 7 April 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2026-round-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sgw_oc_xs_2026.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
07-05-2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission full applications thematic Call Use of space infrastructure for vegetation research (Part of GO programme) . Foreseen closing date full application 7 May 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). Use of space infrastructure for vegetation research NWO
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
15-09-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2026 - round 3 . Round 3: 15 September 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2026-round-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sgw_oc_xs_2026.pdf
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
22-09-2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission full applications DeepNL Top-up Call “Opportunities for Integration and Impact” . Closing date full application 22 September 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). DeepNL Top-up Call: Opportunities for Integration and Impact NWO
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
30-11-2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission <u>full applications</u> call Netherlands Polar programme The Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR). Closing date full application 30 November 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). The Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR) NWO
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	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 **31 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 EFRO East Netherlands Test and demonstration projects priority 1 (a smarter East Netherlands): applications can be submitted from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. The subsidy ceiling is €6.7 million, of which €5 million for activities that benefit Gelderland and €1.7 million for activities that benefit Overijssel.
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Eastern Netherlands: For for overview calls go to EFRO Oost https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen
2023-2024	EFRO 2021 – 2027 Western Netherlands: For calls Kansen voor West III https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen/
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Northern Netherlands: For calls Northern Netherlands go to Website SNN https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Southern Netherlands: For calls Southern Netherlands go to website Stimulus https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/
24-02-2025 to 04-04-2025	Foreseen deadline Spring call OP-Zuid 2025: from 24 February 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to April 4, 2025 (until 5 p.m.);
15-09-2025 to 24-10-2025	Foreseen opening Autumn call OP-Zuid 2025: from 15 September, 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to 24 October, 2025 (until 5 p.m.).

About the Wageningen Grant Office

Wageningen Grant Office

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

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

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

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