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Latest Funding News

European Funding News: Horizon Europe

New research funding opportunities opening soon! Join the WIDERA info day to learn more (24 November 2025)

Source: [Website Funders & Tenders Portal EC EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) | [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)



Want to shape a stronger, borderless European research and innovation landscape and boost the role of Widening Countries? Start by joining the upcoming Horizon Europe WIDERA Info Days - your first step to accessing EU funding! You will learn about the Work Programme objectives, funding topics and how to prepare a strong proposal.

The European Research Area (ERA) Info Day – 11 December 2025

Topics include:

1. Accelerating Open Access and research assessment reforms
2. Piloting innovative approaches to support academic startups & spinoffs
3. Fostering citizen engagement for more responsible and democratic R&I

The Info Day will be followed by an online [Brokerage event](#) on 17 December. Potential applicants will be able to exchange ideas and identify possible collaborations to apply for funding.

For more information about the European research Area Info Day 11 December: [Horizon Europe: Reforming and enhancing the European R&I system - European Research Executive Agency](#)

The Widening Info Day - 22 January 2026

The event will focus on the upcoming Widening calls which include well-established as well as new funding instruments. Among them:

1. Twinning, which enhances networking activities between research institutions in Widening countries and top-class leading counterparts in the EU and beyond
2. Hop-on Facility, which allows beneficiaries from Widening countries to join certain already ongoing R&I projects
3. Brand new instruments, such as Teaming Synergies, and the Research Management Facility, that aim to support implementation strategies for stronger research institutions, better access to talent, and a narrowing innovation divide.

For more information about the Widening Info Day 22 January 2026: [Horizon Europe: Widening participation and spreading excellence - European Research Executive Agency](#)

ERC President Warns of Curtailment of Academic Freedom (20 November 2025)

Source: [AWTI e-mail alert 20 November 2025](#)

European Research Council (ERC) President Maria Leptin warns that an increasing "web of incentives" and bureaucracy are restricting academic freedom. Leptin emphasizes that constant demands for societal impact, high pressure to

publish, and a lack of career prospects discourage researchers from undertaking risky, innovative work. She argues that this goes to the heart of scientific freedom. These remarks come as negotiations are underway in Brussels on the future of Horizon Europe and its link with the new European Competitiveness Fund. The European Commission says it wants to simplify procedures, but according to Science Business, concerns remain that administrative burdens will further undermine free research.

Article Science Business: [‘Web of incentives’ in research funding limit academic freedom | Science|Business](#)

MSCA co-funds 31 doctoral training and postdoctoral fellowship programmes with €105.6 million (18 November 2025)

Source: Website EC MSCA [MSCA co-funds 31 doctoral training and postdoctoral fellowship programmes with €105.6 million | Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)

The European Commission will provide co-funding for 14 doctoral training and 17 postdoctoral fellowship programmes.



The European Commission has announced the results of the 2025 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) call for Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND), part of the EU's key funding programme for research and innovation Horizon Europe.

The European Commission will provide €105.6 million to fund **31 projects – 14 doctoral training programmes and 17 post-doctoral fellowship programmes** of outstanding quality, subject to successful conclusion of the grant agreement preparation process.

Through COFUND, organisations can create or enhance their own doctoral training and postdoctoral fellowship programmes, with the goal of recruiting researchers and attracting international talent with MSCA co-funding a significant share of their costs. Institutions benefiting from such funding need to top it up with their own funding sources. This scheme spreads the MSCA's best practices by promoting high standards and excellent working conditions and allows organisations to increase their attractiveness and research and innovation capacities.

International cooperation

The European Research Executive Agency (REA) received [136 applications for this call](#), of which 134 were eligible and evaluated. With 31 selected projects, the success rate for this call is 23%.

These collaborative programmes are often implemented by international partnerships. They cover over **519 organisations in 47 countries** in the EU, countries associated to Horizon Europe and beyond, including 69 small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

For more information: [MSCA co-funds 31 doctoral training and postdoctoral fellowship programmes with €105.6 million | Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)

Commission hopes to open up Horizon Europe to more newcomers (17 November 2025)

Source: Website Scscience|Business [Commission hopes to open up Horizon Europe to more newcomers | Science|Business](#)

Other work programme novelties include fewer, broader call topics, lower application page-counts and more lump sum calls



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Topics designed to appeal to new applicants will be a feature of Horizon Europe in 2026 and 2027, according to a newly published [draft general introduction](#) to the Horizon Europe work programme for the next two years.

Newcomers that the European Commission hopes to attract include small and medium enterprises, start-ups, scale-ups, civil society organisations and small public administrations.

Among the topics designed to bring them in are open “fast track to research and innovation” calls for maturing new technologies and concepts. These calls will be fully open, inviting applicants to define their own impact and how they will achieve it, thus making it easier for less experienced Horizon applicants to draft proposals.

For example, a €20 million fast track call will fund eight industrial technology projects that fit within the frameworks of one of the following Horizon Europe partnerships: Made in Europe, Process4Planet, Clean Steel, Innovative Advanced Materials for the EU or Textiles for the Future. Another €15 million call will fund innovations for the chemical industry. There will also be more calls for projects that use [cascade funding](#) to trickle down Horizon money to smaller actions. The general introduction in which these and other novelties are spelled out was voted through by Horizon Europe’s strategic committee earlier in November and is set to be published officially in the coming weeks, along the rest of the work programme. These documents will set out the remaining topics and budgets for the last two years of the EU’s current €93.5 billion research programme. Among other novelties, the Commission promises that this final set of work programmes will be less prescriptive and shorter than the previous editions, in order to boost Horizon Europe’s agility and openness.

The programme’s Pillar 2, which covers large collaborative projects, will see a 35% reduction in the number of topics, compared to the work programme for 2023-24. But each topic will be broader and fund more projects, with the number of topics funding only one project decreasing by 50%.

This way, the Commission will focus resources on fewer but larger topics, which it hopes will increase the impact of its research and innovation funding. In the past, the Commission has received criticism for spreading research funding too thin and running overly prescriptive calls, turning its projects into box-ticking exercises.

The Commission will also run more two-stage calls, which allow it to weed out the poorest applications after the initial submission of a ten-page summary proposal, before the best applicants are invited to submit a full proposal. There will be 41 calls topics with two-stage evaluation in the next two years.

To avoid bias, the Commission plans to evaluate these short proposals blindly, without telling the evaluators who submitted the proposal. This move follows a [recent pilot](#) to test the effectiveness of this approach.

Application updates

In the last years of Horizon Europe, the Commission will also update the standard submission template with simpler requirements for impact and implementation sections, the details of which can be found in the 2026-27 [general annexes document](#).

This update will also mean a reduction in the allowable length of applications. The limit for a full application will decrease from 45 to 40 pages for research and innovation projects, and from 30 to 25 pages for coordination and support actions. For projects with lump sum funding, the limits will be reduced from 50 to 45 pages for most project, and from 33 to 28 pages for coordination and support projects.

Finally, the roll-out of lump sum funding will pick up pace, with 50% of the budget being distributed in lump sum tranches, especially in topics with grants below €10 million. The rest of the projects will have to stick to the old real-cost reporting method, which requires the grantees to keep receipts and report how the money is spent.

Three new programmes, one more partnership

Administrative changes are not the only novelties planned for the last two years of Horizon Europe.

The EU's latest green and industrial growth plan, the Clean Industrial Deal, has been embedded into the research programme, including a €600 million initiative to fund deployment-ready clean tech projects through a new "horizontal activities" [work programme](#).

Another new horizontal action is AI in science funding, which has a total of €100 million to create Raise, the Resource for AI Science in Europe, a virtual institute intended to fulfil the Commission's commitment to create a CERN for AI.

The Choose Europe pilot, designed to create long-term employment for researchers and so retain them in the EU, will turn into a full-fledged funding scheme with a budget of €50 million. The scheme, [trialled](#) in 2025, links Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions grants for researcher training with long-term positions in universities and research organisations.

Finally, the Commission is adding one more partnership to the mix to cover social transformations and resilience. This partnership will focus on social sciences and humanities projects exploring the future of work, modernisation of social protection and essential services, education and skills development and a fair transition towards climate neutrality.

Plans confirmed

The Commission is set to finalise the Horizon Europe work programme for its final two years in the coming weeks. But some parts of the work programme have already been voted through by the programme's strategic committee. These are:

- [Health](#)
- [Climate, energy, mobility](#)
- [Food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment](#)
- [Horizontal activities](#)
- [Widening](#)
- [Research infrastructures](#)
- [General introduction](#)
- [General annexes](#)
- [Missions](#)
- [New European Bauhaus facility](#)

EIT selects consortium for new Water KIC (17 November 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > EIT kiest consortium voor nieuwe Water KIC](#)

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) has selected the consortium that will lead the new knowledge and innovation community, EIT Water. Wageningen University & Research and Deltares are members of the winning consortium. EIT Water will be the tenth community within the EIT and will focus on challenges in the water, marine, and maritime sectors and ecosystems.



Consortium and Dutch Participation

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) has selected a consortium to lead EIT Water [EIT Water Launched: New Innovation Community to Tackle Europe's Water Challenges | EIT](#). **Wageningen University & Research (WUR) is participating as the Dutch partner, along with Deltares.** EIT Water is the tenth knowledge and innovation community. EIT Water focuses on three main themes: water scarcity, ecosystem degradation, and the development of a circular and sustainable blue economy. It is primarily aimed at addressing challenges in the water, marine, and maritime sectors and ecosystems. To support this, the community is establishing eight co-location centers, including one in Antwerp, to give partners better access to support and the EIT Water network.

Context

The EIT is an EU body within Horizon Europe. The EIT supports European partnerships, known as knowledge and innovation communities. This strengthens Europe's capacity to innovate and nurture entrepreneurial talent. Initially, there were nine such communities, such as EIT Digital [EIT](#) and Climate-KIC [EIT](#). In the summer of 2024, the EIT announced

the tenth knowledge and innovation community, EIT Water. The EIT also launches initiatives to address current challenges, including the European skills shortage.

Switzerland joins Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (14 November 2025)

Source: Website EC [Switzerland joins Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#) | [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)

Organisations based in Switzerland can now participate as beneficiaries under the same terms as those based in the European Union and other countries associated to Horizon Europe.



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Switzerland has become an associated country to Horizon Europe, including the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA).

Organisations based in Switzerland can apply to all MSCA 2025 calls for proposals as well as all future calls under Horizon Europe 2021-2027. This includes [all schemes under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#).

Researchers from Switzerland continue to be able to participate in the programme, which is open to top researchers from all over the world.

Before the association, Switzerland has participated in MSCA calls under Horizon Europe as a non-associated country. Between 2021 and 2024, nearly 190 Swiss organisations have participated in over 400 MSCA projects as associated partners. They have hosted 140 international MSCA researchers.

Over 50 Swiss researchers have been supported in MSCA projects, taking part mainly in MSCA Doctoral Networks and Postdoctoral Fellowships.

For more information: [Switzerland joins Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#) | [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)

EIC work programme 2026 introduces ambitious 'ARPA' pilot (13 November 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > EIC werkprogramma 2026 komt met ambitieuze 'ARPA'-pilot](#)

The European Commission is launching the Advanced Innovation Challenges pilot program in the European Innovation Council (EIC) 2026 work program. This pilot program is based on DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency). It supports projects in research areas where Europe excels and helps them translate ideas into concrete products more quickly.



ARPA pilot and support for defense innovation go live

The European Commission is launching the Advanced Innovation Challenges pilot in the **European Innovation Council (EIC) 2026 work program €1.4 billion: Commission adopts 2026 European Innovation Council work programme**. This pilot is based on DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency). It supports high-risk, promising projects in research areas where Europe excels, but where it often struggles to translate ideas into concrete products and companies. The pilot will be open to SMEs, universities, and research organizations, among others. In addition to the introduction of the Challenges, starting next year the EIC will also be allowed to fund defense-related innovations

through the EIC Accelerator. An amendment to this will be introduced later, after the Council and Parliament have reached an agreement on the **defense omnibus** [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > Parlement en Raad keuren dual-use in Horizon Europe goed \(in Dutch\)](#).

Background

The European Innovation Council (EIC) supports groundbreaking projects and helps them reach the market faster. The new work program allocates €1.4 billion to support deep-tech researchers to stimulate innovation. The work program also aligns with actions under the Startup and Scaleup strategy. **The EIC Advanced Innovation Challenges** [Advanced Innovation Challenges- Pilot - European Innovation Council](#) are based on the American DARPA model: projects first receive funding to test ideas and achieve goals, followed by additional funding for the most promising solutions. **The Scaleup Europe Fund** [Commission partners with private investors to set up multi-billion Scaleup Europe Fund](#), part of the EIC, aims to retain startups and scaleups in Europe and attract more venture capital. The EIC Accelerator helps promising European startups and SMEs with funding and support to bring their innovative technologies to market and grow.

EIC 2026 work programme (12 November 2025)

Source: Website EIC [EIC 2026 work programme - European Innovation Council](#)

The European Commission adopted the 2026 work programme of the European Innovation Council. It opens funding opportunities worth over €1.4 billion for strategic technologies and scaling up companies.

Funding and support in 2026

The EIC work programme 2026 details the funding in five main schemes:

- [EIC Pathfinder](#) (€262 million) for multi-disciplinary research teams to undertake visionary research with the potential to lead to technology breakthroughs (grants up to €4 million).
- [EIC Transition](#) (€100 million) to turn research results into innovation opportunities, following up on results generated by EIC Pathfinder, European Research Council Proof of Concept, Horizon Europe Pillar 2 (societal challenges) collaborative projects and Research Infrastructures projects (grants up to €2.5 million).
- [Advanced Innovation Challenges](#) (€6 million) to support high-risk, demand-driven deep tech innovation with transformative potential especially in areas where there is extensive research but lack of commercial uptake (€300,000 lump sum)
- [EIC Accelerator](#) (€634 million) for start-ups and SMEs to develop and scale up innovations with the potential to create new markets or disrupt existing ones (grants below €2.5 million, investments from €0.5 to €10 million).
- The EIC [Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform](#) (STEP) Scale Up (€300 million), which will provide additional equity funding to promising companies (SMEs, start-ups, spin-offs and small mid-caps) driving innovation in critical areas to help them secure larger private co-investment rounds of €50 million or above for further scaling their businesses (investments from €10 to €30 million).

In each case, the direct financial support to innovators is complemented with access to a wide range of Business Acceleration Services providing access to leading expertise, corporates, investors and ecosystem actors.

Some Highlights

Piloting EIC Advanced Innovation Challenges: a bridge to the next Horizon Europe Programme

The 2026 EIC work programme will test a new approach inspired by the US ARPA model: bold, challenge-driven funding for breakthrough technologies. The Advanced Innovation Challenges will support high-risk, high-reward projects in areas where Europe is strong in research, but too often slow to turn ideas into actual products and businesses.

Faster, simpler and more robust application process for the EIC Accelerator

From 2026, the application process will be simpler (for example reducing the application forms for full proposals from 50 to 20 pages), faster (e.g. evaluations every 2 months instead of every 6 months) and more robust (e.g. involving an in-depth assessment of the technology, anticipating the due diligence needed for investments).

Supporting the Startup and Scaleup Strategy

The 2026 work programme includes support to implement a number of actions set out under the [Startup and Scaleup Strategy](#). This includes support to the European Corporate Network, building on the successful EIC corporate days and strengthened services to support access to international markets and partners, and a Gender index to track the participation of women in the innovation ecosystem.

Horizon Europe applications are skyrocketing. Is AI to blame? (12 November 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business [Horizon Europe applications are skyrocketing. Is AI to blame? | Science|Business](#)
Surge in proposals coincides with rising use of generative AI tools. But other factors are also at play



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Horizon Europe has been bombarded with applications this year, with success rates for some calls falling as low as 2%. National research funders are experiencing similar pressures.

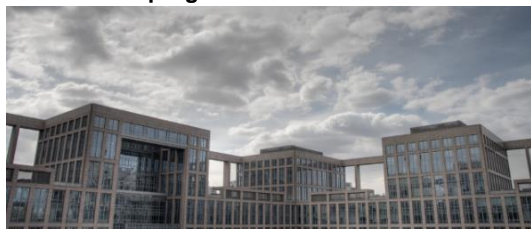
For Christina Egelund, Denmark's higher education and science minister, the cause is clear: artificial intelligence. "Our public research foundations are being run over with possibly AI-generated applications, which, of course, is irritating for them, and also causes difficulties on different levels," she told Science|Business on the margins of the EU's AI in science conference in Copenhagen last week.

Her country is already working on updating its code of research conduct to tackle the issue, she added, without expanding on how this might be achieved.

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EU plans to ban Chinese universities from half of Horizon Europe (12 November 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business [EU plans to ban Chinese universities from half of Horizon Europe | Science|Business](#)
Draft document shows Commission also aims to completely eject China's Seven Sons of National Defence from the research programme



Beihang University in Beijing, one of China's Seven Sons of National Defence universities that is set to be excluded from Horizon Europe. Photo credits: [Peiyu Liu](#) / Flickr

The European Commission plans to kick China out of half of its €93.5 billion Horizon Europe research and innovation programme, including prohibiting joint work with European scientists on health topics.

A draft of next year's work programme [Comitology Register](#), which sets out Horizon Europe calls for 2026-27, proposes excluding Chinese entities from Clusters 1, 3 and 4, covering health, civil security for society, and digital, industry and space.

China's Seven Sons of National Defence, a group of universities which focuses on the defence applications of science, will also be completely excluded from the programme.

LERU reacted as follows

The new exclusions "reflect the reality" of research cooperation with China, said [Kurt Deketelaere](#), secretary general of the [League of European Research Universities \(LERU\)](#).

Some of LERU's member universities have already had "bad experiences" with IP and data when cooperating with China in the areas now facing exclusion from Horizon Europe, he added.

(...)

Many universities have already stopped working with them (i.e. the Seven Sons), said Deketelaere, either on their own initiative, or due to orders from their governments or funders.

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European Funding News: FP10

Recommendations on Shaping the Close Connection Between Horizon Europe and the European Competitiveness Fund (14 November 2025)

Source: Website Science Europe [Recommendations on Shaping the Close Connection Between Horizon Europe and the European Competitiveness Fund - Science Europe](#)

Science Europe's new position statement outlines recommendations on how the proposed connection between the next Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (also known as Horizon Europe) and the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) should be designed to strengthen Europe's knowledge systems and long-term competitiveness.

The statement focuses on five key themes where the link between the programmes must be carefully designed:

- **Clear objectives:** The connection should create a continuous knowledge value chain and promote a broad, sustainable view of competitiveness that places research and innovation at its core.
- **Ambitious, protected budget:** Horizon Europe must retain an independent and predictable budget. Science Europe reiterates the importance of an investment of €200bn and the needs for safeguards to prevent diverting R&I funds to other EU priorities.
- **Excellence-driven governance:** Horizon Europe must remain self-standing, grounded in scientific excellence, and include strong protection for bottom-up instruments such as the European Research Council and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. Collaborative research under Pillar II should be balanced, interdisciplinary, and connected to societal needs, ensuring a joined-up approach that links competitiveness, societal challenges, and long-term scientific advancement.
- **Clarity for associated countries:** Association to Horizon Europe should remain independent from association to the ECF. Participation rules in areas linked to ECF "policy windows" must be transparent to avoid excluding excellent research partners from outside the EU.
- **Practical implementation:** Simplification should not compromise the programme's autonomy, nor its strategic depth and R&I focus. Legally binding guidance is needed to ensure clarity, uphold evaluation quality, and maintain a high level of trust across the system.

Download full statement here: [202511-se-statement-on-fp10-ecf.pdf](#)

EIC Board wants more clarity on the FP10 proposal (13 November 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > EIC-bestuur wil meer duidelijkheid over het KP10 voorstel](#)

The board of the European Innovation Council (EIC) is seeking clarification regarding the expansion of the EIC's functions in the new framework program. They welcome the increased budget but request clarification regarding the ARPA methodology, dual-use, and the capabilities of the transition instrument.



More money, but also more questions

The EIC Board [20251031_EIC_Board_Statement_on_FP10_proposal.pdf](#) sees room for improvement in the FP10 proposal. They want more attention to the use of the ARPA method and clarification regarding the role of defense and dual-use for the EIC. They also want to clarify the possibilities of the transition instrument, particularly regarding the use of this instrument and the collaboration with the European Research Council and Pillar 2. The EIC Board is pleased to see that the proposal incorporates many of their positions. For example, there is a separate pillar for the EIC and a more ambitious Challenge model. The EIC will also receive a 3.5-fold increase in budget under the new plans.

What is the ARPA method?

The ARPA method is a funding mechanism based on the American model of the same name, DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency). The method involves investing in high-risk projects where Europe already has a strong research base. ARPA funding operates in phases, with projects receiving funding in stages as they make technological progress. This is typically measured by achieving certain milestones within the project. If a project fails to achieve these milestones, funding can be discontinued.

Industrial policy can benefit from research, but should not dictate priorities, Ehler says (13 November 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business [Industrial policy can benefit from research, but should not dictate priorities, Ehler says | Science|Business](#)

In an interview with Science|Business, the Parliament's rapporteur shares his vision for FP10 and the ECF



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

Innovation is Europe's main competitive advantage, but industrial policy must not dictate research priorities, said Christian Ehler following his [confirmation](#) as lead rapporteur for the tenth EU research Framework Programme (FP10) and co-rapporteur for the new European Competitiveness Fund (ECF).

Ehler, a German member of the European People's Party who sits on the Parliament's research committee, told Science|Business that while research and industry should work closely together, especially given the strong link the European Commission envisions between FP10 and the ECF, science must remain independent. The research programme, he warned, should not become a reserve fund for other political goals.

"Industrial policy can't drive research because that limits its potential," he said. "There should be an interaction, but not a top-down Commission-driven approach that dictates the research agenda. We want to strengthen stakeholder participation, [. . .] looking more toward an ARPA-like model."

This refers to the approach employed by the US Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), which gives programme managers huge budgets and the freedom to make risky bets on radically new technologies. According to Ehler, innovation can make a substantial contribution to Europe's competitive edge, but he warned against a simplistic, stimulus-response approach in which merely injecting funds into industrial innovation is expected to deliver results. "We have to differentiate to what extent innovation can serve competitiveness," he said. This approach aligns with [recommendations in the Heitor report](#), which advocates deeper expert involvement in shaping EU research programmes.

On the budget

First elected to the European Parliament in 2004, Ehler is a veteran of EU research policy, serving as rapporteur for both Horizon 2020 (2014–20) and Horizon Europe (2021–27).

He noted that negotiations over FP10 will be "substantially different" from previous Frameworks, which followed a more predictable, incremental pattern. "Two weeks before the Commission actually announced the MFF [Multiannual Financial Framework] proposals, [the] Horizon [programme] was no longer existing," he recalled, referring to the uncertainty that surrounded the programme's future earlier this year.

Before the Commission formally presented its plans for the next MFF in July, [rumours had circulated](#) in Brussels that it was considering folding the research Framework Programme into the ECF, merging several existing initiatives under one umbrella.

The final proposal, however, suggests almost [doubling Horizon Europe's budget to €175 billion](#) and keeping FP10 a standalone component separate from the ECF. This outcome reflects months of intense debate between the Parliament and the Commission.

"This is the biggest jump we've ever had in the history of Framework Programmes in terms of the budget," Ehler said, adding that robust funding is essential to counter Europe's sluggish capital markets, particularly when it comes to investing in deep-tech innovation.

Dual-use research and security concerns

In July, research Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva [confirmed](#) that FP10 will include funding for dual-use projects, those with both civilian and military applications. According to Ehler, this will be one of the more delicate topics in the coming negotiations.

"I'm relatively sceptical," he said about merging civil and military research, arguing that defence-related work should primarily be funded under the European Defence Fund. At the same time, he recognised that some basic and advanced research may naturally have dual-use potential and should not be excluded outright.

Other International funding

Call open: One Health - Treatments and Adherence to Treatment Protocols (19 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [Call open: One Health - Treatments and Adherence to Treatment Protocols | NWO](#)



The European partnership One Health Antimicrobial Resistance (OH AMR) has just opened its first call. 28 million euro has been made available for research into antimicrobial resistance in humans, animals and the environment.

Resistant bacteria and fungi are responsible for an increasing number of hard-to-treat infections, higher mortality rates and lower food productivity. Incorrect use of antibiotics, such as poor compliance with prescriptions and overuse, are among the main causes of AMR and pose a risk of reducing the effectiveness of these medicines.

The aim of this first OHAMR call is to improve the success rates for treating bacterial and fungal infections through new treatments and to reduce the risk of resistance. This call focuses on three topics:

1. Identify and develop new combination treatments using existing or innovative antimicrobials or antimicrobial with adjunctive treatments to extend drug efficacy and combat resistance.
2. Develop tools and methods to improve adherence to treatment protocols.
3. Assess the impact of antimicrobials for veterinary and agricultural use on the risk of AMR transmission to humans and the environment to inform policies on the restriction of some antimicrobials for human use.

Consortium

Researchers must form a consortium with a minimum of three and a maximum of six partners from different participating countries. An online webinar will be held on 26 November 2025 from 14:00 to 16:00, during which a tool for finding international partners will also be presented. You can register for the webinar on the OHAMR website. Here you will also find the list of participating countries.

Budget and deadlines

A total of 28 million euro is available, with two million euro coming from NWO. A maximum of 400,000 euro can be requested per project. Proposals are not submitted via ISAAC, but via the OHAMR website. For more information, please contact ohamr@nwo.nl.

- The deadline for pre-proposals is **2 February 2026, 13:00 CET**.
- The deadline for full proposals is **17 June 2026, 13:00 CEST**.

About European Partnerships

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

ERA4Health: Call open for European research on the underlying causes of obesity (17 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO news [Call open for European research on the underlying causes of obesity | NWO](#)



A new call within the European Partnership ERA4Health to which NWO contributes is now open for pre-proposals. PREVENT-OO: Understanding and Preventing Overweight and Obesity focuses on funding international, transdisciplinary consortia conducting research into the underlying causes of overweight and obesity. NWO is providing 2,500,000 euros for Dutch researchers.

Overweight and obesity are major risk factors for various diseases such as diabetes, cancer and cardiovascular disease. More research into the underlying mechanisms of overweight and obesity can help achieve holistic approaches that enable people to live healthier lives. This call funds transdisciplinary research consortia that collaborate with researchers from multiple European countries to research this topic.

Specifically, this call focuses on two sub-themes, namely:

- 1. Understanding the causes of obesity and overweight and their complications through mechanistic research**
2. Prevention and public health strategies for critical transition periods in life

NWO only funds projects, with Dutch project activities **focusing on sub-theme 1**. More information and the full call for proposals can be found on **the Era4Health PREVENT-OO website** [Prevent-OO: Understanding and Preventing Overweight and Obesity](#).

Budget

NWO can allocate 2,500,000 euros for Dutch researchers. A maximum of 400,000 euros can be applied for per project. Only projects focused on subtheme 1 are eligible for NWO funding.

Deadlines and meetings

Era4Health is organising an online webinar for this call on 18 November 2025. Here, participants will get more information about the call, the application process, conditions and can ask questions. You can register via the Era4Health website.

Submission of a pre-proposal is mandatory in order to submit a full application. The template for this can be found on the Era4Health website. Submitting an application is not done through ISAAC but through the Era4Health website.

- The deadline for submitting a pre-proposal is 21 January 2026, 12:00 CET
- The deadline for submitting a full application is 11 June 2026, 12:00 CEST

For more information: [PREVENT-OO | NWO](#)

Call for proposals: [Prevent-OO: Understanding and Preventing Overweight and Obesity - Mechanisms of their onset and progression, neglected determinants and novel strategies for critical transitional periods in life](#)

National funding

Grants for twenty-one innovative research projects in the Open Competition Domain Science-M programme (24 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [Grants for twenty-one innovative research projects in the Open Competition Domain Science-M programme | NWO](#)



The NWO Science Board has approved twenty-one grant applications in the Open Competition Domain Science-M programme. The topics vary from the development of smarter tools for evolving networks, to redefine our understanding of *Legionella* pathogenicity, to gain new insights into quantum systems, and investigation of sediment production to quantify effects on debris flow. M-grants are intended for innovative, high-quality, fundamental research and/or studies involving matters of scientific urgency.

Two WUR applications granted

1. **Electricity, eukaryotes and ecosystems:** dr. ir. Martijn Diender (WUR)
2. **Seeds 4 success!:** prof. dr. ir. Lourens Poorter (WUR)

For an overview of the applications which have been approved (in alphabetical order, by author): [Grants for twenty-one innovative research projects in the Open Competition Domain Science-M programme | NWO](#)

About the NWO Open Competition Domain Science-M

M-grants are intended for realising curiosity-driven, fundamental research of high quality and/or scientific urgency. The M-grant offers researchers the possibility to elaborate creative and risky ideas and to realise scientific innovations that can form the basis for the research themes of the future. There are five categories of ENW-M grants: ENW-M-1 (1 scientific position), ENW-M-1-X (ENW-M-1 grant including investments), ENW-M-1-Weave (Dutch main applicant and one or more German or Flemish co-applicants), ENW-M-1-LUX (Dutch main applicant and one co-applicant from Luxembourg), ENW-M-2 (2 scientific positions in collaboration) that are assessed in competition with each other.

In this M-round (package 24-3), a total of 82 grant applications were evaluated, of which 59 M-1 proposals and 23 M-2 proposals. The NWO Science Board decided to award five M-2 proposals and sixteen M-1 proposals.

NWO and NRFU launch second funding round for Ukrainian researchers (20 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [NWO and NRFU launch second funding round for Ukrainian researchers | NWO](#)



Dutch and Ukrainian researchers will once again have the opportunity to collaborate with the 'NWO Hop-On Call for Researchers Based in Ukraine'. Following a successful first funding round, NWO and the National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU) will open a second funding round within their collaborative initiative in January

2026. With an increased budget of €480,000 this offers new opportunities for knowledge exchange and network strengthening.

About the call

The 'NWO Hop-On Call for Researchers Based in Ukraine 2025' offers ongoing NWO projects the opportunity to add a qualified researcher from Ukraine to their project team. The initiative is intended to support Ukrainian researchers in expanding their professional network within the Dutch academic world. Project teams can contribute with advice, mentorship and other forms of guidance.

As in the first round, the 'first come, first served' principle applies. **Applications can be submitted continuously from 20 January 2026 until the deadline of Tuesday 23 June 2026 at 14:00:00 CE(S)T, or until the budget has been exhausted.** This can be done via the online application system ISAAC.

Read call for proposals: [NWO Hop-On Call for Proposals for Researchers Based in Ukraine 2025 | NWO](#)

New in this round:

- The total budget for the call has been increased to €480,000.
- The maximum amount that can be requested per project has been increased to €30,000.

Online information meeting

An online information session will be held on **Tuesday 2 December 2025** to explain the call and answer questions. **Registration is required and can be done using the form on the NWO website** [Online information session 'NWO Hop-On Call for Researchers Based In Ukraine 2025' | NWO](#).

Open Mind 2026 now open for groundbreaking, outside-the-box ideas (19 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [Open Mind 2026 now open for groundbreaking, outside-the-box ideas | NWO](#)



The Open Mind 2026 call is now open for submissions. Researchers with dare and creativity are invited to submit their most original and bold ideas. With an increased budget of maximum €100,000 per project and for up to maximum of 10 winners, now is the time to submit your outside-the-box research idea with meaningful impact.

Dare to color outside the lines

Are you working on a wild idea that could change the world or a creative solution that breaks through existing frameworks? Then this is the stage for you. Open Mind is looking for bold, high-risk, high-gain research ideas that challenge conventional thinking and can bring about real change. Whether you are developing ways to generate sustainable energy (such as [Getting energy from concrete](#)) or want to improve mental health with technology (such as [Recognizing depression with speech analysis](#)), we want to hear from you! Open Mind calls on researchers to think outside the box and contribute original and creative ideas that can have a lasting and meaningful impact on society.

What's new in 2026: more budget, more opportunities

The Open Mind 2026 call has a total budget of €1,000,000 available. A maximum of ten grants will be awarded, with a maximum of €100,000 (including VAT) per grant. The funding can be used for personnel and materials for a period of maximum one year.

The emphasis remains on originality, creativity, quality, and societal impact.

Important dates

The deadline for submitting a research proposal is **Tuesday, March 10, 2026, before 14:00:00 CET.**

On **Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 14:00:00 CET**, NWO will host an online information session. During the session you will receive all the details about the call and have the opportunity to ask questions. **You can register here:** [Information session Open Mind 22 January 2026 | NWO](#)

Ready to make an impact?

The call is now open, so seize the opportunity, challenge the norm, and let your idea change the world!

View the open mind call here: [Open Mind 2026 | NWO](#)

Download call for proposals here: [Call for Proposals - Open Mind 2026](#)

Call open: Further development of animal-free testing methods (NWA Do-ReACT) (18 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO news [Call open: Further development of animal-free testing methods \(NWA Do-ReACT\) | NWO](#)



The NWA-Call 'Do-ReACT: Further Development and Regulatory Acceptance of Chemical Test Models' has opened for applications. This Call aims to contribute to the validation of methods that do not involve animals for the safety assessment of chemical substances. The ultimate goal is to bring these methods as close as possible to regulatory acceptance.

Currently, the safety assessment of chemical substances still relies heavily on animal testing. The validation of New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) is an important requirement before they can be used as standard methods for safety testing and in a regulatory context. Although many NAMs have been developed over the years, they are not yet widely used in regulation. The NWO Executive Board is the decision-making body for this NWA Call for Proposals. The Call procedure is being carried out by ZonMw.

Aim of the Call

The aim of this Call for proposals is to stimulate the further development and validation of NAMs aimed at identifying hazards and/or risks associated with exposure to chemical substances. The goal is to bridge the gap between research and implementation so that these NAMs can be brought as close as possible to regulatory acceptance.

Knowledge institutions and societal partners can submit a joint application. The interdisciplinary, knowledge-chain-wide consortium may consist of experts from the humanities and social sciences as well as exact sciences, experts in Dutch and/or European legislation, civil society organisations and experts from the industry. Collaborative workshops will bring together potential applicants and their ideas.

In the project a number of different methods can be further developed, while also focusing on improving insight into the validation process. This will enable the project to become a learning community, developing knowledge from different cases, while also facilitating overarching research aimed at achieving generic insights and recommendations.

Collaborative workshops

ZonMw is organising collaborative workshops on **Wednesday 14 January** and **Wednesday 4 February**. The two consecutive workshops focus on the exchange of ideas, exploring collaboration in consortia with other participants, and making the first agreements for jointly elaborating the application. After the workshops, the formed consortia will further develop the applications. Participation in both workshops is mandatory for main applicants. The deadline for registration is **7 January 2026**.

It is now possible to register for the collaborative workshops. [FO - collaborative workshops NWA Do-ReACT | ZonMw](#)

Budget and duration

The grant ceiling for this Call for Proposals is €3,440,000. Within this Call for Proposals, a maximum of one application is expected to be awarded, with a maximum duration of five years. The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, 12 May 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST.

Important dates

- Deadline for workshop applications: 7 January 2026
- Workshop 1: Wednesday 14 January 2026, 12:00–17:00h
- Workshop 2: Wednesday 4 February 2026, 12:00–17:00h
- Deadline for submitting applications: Tuesday 12 May 2026, 14:00h

Call open: Open Competition Domain Science - XS 2026 (14 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [Call open: Open Competition Domain Science - XS 2026 | NWO](#)



Researchers with a promising idea or an innovative and high-risk initiative can submit applications within the new call of the Open Competition Domain Science – XS 2026. The call has three deadlines, the first of which is 13 January 2026 at 14:00.

The Open Competition Domain Science (ENW) XS is specifically intended for promising ideas and innovative and high-risk initiatives within the seven Domain Science disciplines. Proposed research must be groundbreaking, and it does not have to be certain in advance that the intended objective will be achieved. What counts is that every result advances science, whether positive or negative. The Open Competition Domain Science-XS grants are a maximum of €50,000 per proposal for a research project with a maximum duration of one year.

At the end of an ENW-XS project, the researcher can use the results achieved to further develop the line of research. This can be done, for example, by submitting a proposal within the other forms of funding offered by the [Open Competition Domain Science](#) (ENW-M and ENW-XL) or outside it.

Additional budget for women in science and technology

Women are expressly invited to submit a proposal. The representation and advancement of women in science declines sharply with each successive job category (Monitor Vrouwelijke Hoogleraren 2024). In order to improve the gender balance in Science research fields, a total additional budget of €1,200,000 has been made available in ENW-XS 2026. These additional funds will make it possible to award 24 additional proposals from female researchers. This amounts to a maximum of eight additional proposals per package that could not be funded from the regular budget for this round.

The grant ceiling for the entire call is €8,400,000. This means that the total available budget per package is €2,800,000, which we expect to be able to allocate to 56 proposals per package.

More information

All information about the call can be found on the [funding page](#). The latest version of the application forms can also be found there.

€105 million for 11 innovative projects from Dutch research facilities (14 November 2025)

Source: Website Rijksoverheid [€105 miljoen voor 11 innovatieve projecten Nederlandse onderzoeksfaciliteiten | Nieuwsbericht | Rijksoverheid.nl](#)

The Ministry of Economic Affairs (EZ) has decided to award €105 million to eleven innovative projects from Dutch research facilities. These projects will lay the foundation for the development of new products, technologies, and services. The support will go towards projects including a new wind tunnel for military and civil aerospace, AI models for weather, climate, and water, and a facility to develop larger and more complex drones.

The 11 awarded projects

The funds from the FTO scheme will go to a new research aircraft (NLR), the Biospec facility for food processes and the biobased economy (WUR), and the Biobased Products Innovation Plant, where circular innovations and biorefinery are being developed. The Drone Facility (NLR) will be expanded to test larger and more complex drones. Naturalis will

further automate its biodiversity monitoring by applying AI. Deltares will use this support to upgrade its basins where research into flood risk management, energy, and climate adaptation takes place.

MARIN and Deltares will both receive support for innovative laboratories. The high-speed wind tunnels at NLR for military and civil aerospace will be updated. RIVM (National Institute for Public Health and the Environment) will establish a central sample bank. RCE (Research Centre for Cultural Heritage) will improve access to movable and built heritage data.

So two projects awarded to Wageningen Research

Biospec (WR): De BIO-SPEC (Bioprocess Innovation & Optimisation through Sensing, PAT, Engineering and Control) facility

BPIP (WR): The De Biobased Products Innovation Plant (BPIP)

For more information: [Faciliteiten Toegepast Onderzoek \(FTO\) | RVO.nl](#) (in Dutch)

Regional funding

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

A Call for Evidence on the Advanced Materials Act! (24 November 2025)

Source: Website EC [Towards the Advanced Materials Act - Research and innovation](#)



The European Commission has launched the call for evidence and public consultation on the forthcoming [Advanced Materials Act](#), a key initiative under the EU's Competitiveness Compass.

This initiative aims to boost EU competitiveness, promote a sustainable and circular economy and streamline administrative processes. Researchers, businesses, SMEs, and policymakers are invited to share their insights and help shape a robust framework for advanced materials innovation.

The consultation is open until **13 January 2026** via the ['Have Your Say' portal](#).

Your contribution is important to ensuring Europe's leadership in advanced material technologies.

Read more about it here: [Towards the Advanced Materials Act - Research and innovation](#).

Flanders: VARIO calls for a risk-tolerant research culture (20 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 20 November 2025

In its latest advisory report, the Flemish Advisory Council for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (VARIO) calls for a **focus on breakthrough science and technology in Flanders**. A healthy innovation economy relies on the interplay between breakthrough research that introduces radical new ideas and technologies, and incremental research to refine, implement, and scale up those ideas. Flemish scientific research is highly innovative and resonates internationally. However, international competition is increasing. A risk-tolerant research culture is necessary, and VARIO offers a number of recommendations to this end.

VARIO advisory report: [2025-NOVEMBER-RAPPORT-DOORBRAAKONDERZOEK-IN-VLAANDEREN.pdf](#) (in Dutch / Flemish)

VARIO study report: [VARIO ADVIES NR 45: Doorbraakwetenschap en -technologie](#) (in Dutch / Flemish)

Little progress for women in R&D (17 November 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > Weinig voortgang voor vrouwen in O&I](#)

Gender equality in the research and innovation sector has progressed only slowly or stalled completely over the past four years. Nowhere do women hold more than 48% of positions or contributions.



Significant room for improvement

Gender equality in the European R&D sector is making little progress, according to the **European Commission's She Figures Factsheet She figures 2025 - Publications Office of the EU**. In many places, women's representation remains stuck between 35% and 50% compared to men's. For example, 48% of PhD students and 41% of assistant professors are women. The representation of women in general management positions has grown most rapidly over the past four years, from 31% to 38%. Women hold the fewest management positions in engineering sciences, at around 20%. The percentage of patent applications by women has the most room for improvement, currently at 9%.

Context

The Commission has already presented several proposals to improve the role of women in R&D. For example, an **action plan for women in research, science, and innovation will be launched in early 2026** [Action plan for women in research, innovation and start-ups](#). The She Figures Factsheet uses data from the WiS database, Scopus, PATSTAT, and Eurostat. Earlier this year, Eurostat published its own survey on women in science and technology.

Commission seeks feedback on the future Charter of access for industrial users to research and technology infrastructures (13 November 2025)

Source: Website EC [Commission seeks feedback on the future Charter of access for industrial users to research and technology infrastructures - Research and innovation](#)

The Commission has launched a [public survey](#) to collect input from interested stakeholders on the forthcoming **Charter of access for industrial users to research and technology infrastructures**.

Building on the revised [Charter for access to research infrastructures](#), this new Charter will be specifically aimed at facilitating access of companies. **It will make it easier for companies, especially small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), startups and scaleups, to access Europe's world-class research and technology infrastructures.**

The Charter will help simplify access and contractual conditions of such infrastructures, ranging from advanced laboratories to large scientific instruments, pilot lines, testbeds, and more. As a result, companies will be able to test and validate their innovative solutions under the best conditions and bring them to the market more quickly. It will also contribute to Europe's vibrant and accessible ecosystem of research and technology infrastructures, a compelling reason for innovative companies to [Choose Europe](#).

The Charter is an action stemming from the [EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy](#) and aligns with the objectives of the [European strategy on research and technology infrastructures](#). Building on the Charter, the forthcoming European Innovation Act will promote the access of innovative companies to European research and technology infrastructures through legislative measures.

The Charter aims to improve access to infrastructures through **six proposed principles**:

1. Increased visibility and availability of services
2. Transparency and quality of services
3. Simplified contract and agreement procedures
4. Safe intellectual property management
5. Priority to companies in the EU
6. Cooperation between infrastructures and access to data

Stakeholders are invited to [provide their views on the design and content of the Charter](#) by **10 December 2025**. The final Charter is expected to be presented in 2026.

The survey was launched during the conference [“From knowledge to impact: Shaping Europe’s next innovation wave”](#) on 13 November 2025. The announcement was followed by a dedicated session on “Connecting innovative companies to research and technology infrastructures”, where industry, infrastructures and innovation agencies representatives shared their views on how to make access to infrastructures more transparent, efficient and fairer.

For more information: [Commission seeks feedback on the future Charter of access for industrial users to research and technology infrastructures - Research and innovation](#)

OECD: Implementation of European AI plans remains fragmented (13 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 13 November 2025

According to an OECD report, EU member states are making progress in implementing their national AI strategies, but policy and implementation remain highly fragmented. Only a minority have a dedicated budget or clear indicators to track AI policy, making collective progress difficult to measure. Almost all member states have AI strategies focused on data infrastructure, R&D, and skills, but cross-border collaboration remains limited. The potential of AI is still underutilized, particularly in healthcare, public administration, and SMEs. The OECD advocates for greater coordination, improved evaluation frameworks, and stronger data sharing within the European Union.

OECD Report: [Progress in Implementing the European Union Coordinated Plan on Artificial Intelligence \(Volume 1\)](#) | [OECD](#)

Criticism of EU Plan for AI in Science (13 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 13 November 2025

The new EU initiative, Resource for AI Science in Europe (RAISE), has received mixed reactions. According to Science Business, there is appreciation for the effort to more broadly deploy AI in scientific research. At the same time, universities and researchers find the program too slow, too small in scale, and insufficiently concrete. "I listened to three sessions on RAISE, and I still have no idea what it is concretely," said Nathan Benaich, author of the report *The State of AI 2025*. Critics warn that Horizon Europe is too slow and inflexible for this type of project. The European Commission wants to expand RAISE later in the next Framework Programme, with a so-called moonshot project for the next generation of AI.

Article Science Business: [The EU’s AI in science plan gets a mixed reception](#) | [Science|Business](#)

EU Innovation Act aims to remove barriers to innovation (13 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 13 November 2025

The European Commission intends to introduce a European framework for so-called regulatory sandboxes in 2026 with the EU Innovation Act, according to Science Business. These sandboxes are test environments where companies can test new technologies under the supervision of regulators, with temporary exemptions from certain rules. The Commission is considering an EU-wide definition and basic rules. This will reduce unequal access and disparities between Member States. The Commission also wants to improve access to research and technology infrastructures and address barriers to the commercialization of research results. The law is expected to be presented in the first quarter of 2026.

Article Science Business: [Commission sets out plan for EU Innovation Act](#) | [Science|Business](#)

European commitment to COP30: EU strengthens climate ambition and invests in new LIFE projects (13 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 13 November 2025

During the opening of the UN Climate Conference in Belém, Brazil, Commission President von der Leyen reaffirmed Europe’s commitment to climate neutrality by 2050. However, she emphasized that climate investments must be distributed more fairly. Simultaneously, the European Commission announced €358 million for new projects within the LIFE programme for the environment and climate action. These projects are intended to accelerate the transition to a clean economy.

European Commission Press Release: [EU supports the clean transition with over €358 million of investment](#)

European Commission Press Release: [President von der Leyen participates in the opening of the COP30](#)

Call for increased EU-Africa cooperation in education and research (13 November 2025)

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 13 November 2025*

The European University Association (EUA) and the Association of African Universities (AAU) are calling on the EU and the African Union to structurally invest in higher education and research cooperation. This is evident from a joint statement issued ahead of the EU-Africa Summit on November 24 and 25 in Angola. The organizations want university cooperation to become a pillar of the partnership between the two regions. They advocate for continued funding and stronger interregional exchange. According to AAU Secretary General Oyewole, education and research are "crucial to Africa's growth and development." EUA Secretary General Crowfoot states that "much more can be achieved" in cooperation between Africa and Europe.

EUA Press Release: [EU-Africa Summit: Universities call for emphasis on higher education and research](#)

Switzerland joins Horizon Europe and other key EU research and innovation programmes (11 November 2025)

Source: *Website EC* [Switzerland joins Horizon Europe](#)

The European Union and Switzerland have signed the agreement on Switzerland's participation in [Horizon Europe](#), [Digital Europe](#), and the [Euratom Research & Training \(R&T\) programme](#). The agreement places Swiss researchers and organisations on the same footing as those in EU Member States: they may lead consortia, receive direct EU funding, and access all thematic pillars and instruments of the programmes. It opens new capacity for pooling talent, research infrastructures and industrial capabilities across borders, accelerating progress on climate solutions, digital transformation, advanced manufacturing, health innovation and energy security. This step strengthens Europe's position as a global centre for high-impact scientific and technological development.

The agreement was signed today in Bern by Ekaterina **Zaharieva**, Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation, and Guy Parmelin, Swiss Federal Councillor and Head of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research, and takes effect retroactively as of 1 January 2025. It also establishes Switzerland as a member of [Fusion for Energy](#) starting in 2026, which will allow Swiss researchers and industry to contribute to ITER, the world's most significant international fusion energy project. Association to Erasmus+ is planned for 2027. In addition, once the Agreement on Health enters into force, Switzerland will be able to participate in the [EU4Health programme](#).

Background

The agreement on Switzerland's participation in European Union programmes is part of a broader package of instruments that aims to consolidate, deepen and expand the relationship between the EU and Switzerland. The European Commission and Switzerland negotiated this package between March and December 2024. Following the signature of the remaining agreements in the package, the EU and Switzerland will proceed with ratification of the entire package, including the Agreement on Switzerland's participation in European Union Programmes, in accordance with their respective procedures. The successful completion of the ratification process is essential to guarantee long-term cooperation in research and all other areas covered by the package, while modernising a foundational component of the strong EU-Switzerland relationship.

For more information: [Switzerland joins Horizon Europe](#)

Global policy

OECD: Broad and targeted support needed for 'upscalers' (20 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 20 November 2025

The OECD warns that the growth potential of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is being underutilized, even though these companies contribute significantly to job creation and economic growth. The impact would be greatest for fast-growing 'upscalers,' i.e., small businesses with at least 10 percent annual growth for three consecutive years. According to the OECD, these SMEs accounted for 41 to 62 percent of new jobs created between 2017 and 2020. The OECD therefore calls for improving access to finance, skills, and digitalization for these companies. Targeted measures could also be taken to support rapid scale-ups. To help countries identify policy options, the OECD has compiled a dashboard with more than 2,500 policy measures from 17 countries to support SMEs in five areas: access to finance, data management, trade and internationalization, innovation networks, and skills.

OECD Publication: [Unleashing SME Potential to Scale Up | OECD](#)

Scaling up tool: [SMEs scaling up Tool | OECD](#)

WIPO: Record Number of IP Applications in 2024 (20 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 20 November 2025

The number of global intellectual property applications reached a record high in 2024, according to WIPO's World Intellectual Property Indicators report. Patent applications rose 4.9% to 3.7 million, while applications for industrial designs increased 2.2%. "In today's competitive global economy, innovation is a key driver of growth, with intellectual property at the heart of many business strategies—whether it's protecting and promoting breakthrough technologies, trusted brands, or striking designs," said WIPO Director Daren Tang. "The continued growth in intellectual property applications also reflects strong confidence in the intellectual property system and governments' efforts to encourage and strengthen innovation."

WIPO Press Release: [World Intellectual Property Indicators: Global Patent and Design Filings Reach New Records in 2024, Trademarks Flat](#)

World Intellectual Property Indicators Report: [World Intellectual Property Indicators 2025](#)

CEPR: Publicly Funded Patents Contribute Significantly to US Productivity (20 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 20 November 2025

An analysis by the think tank CEPR shows that publicly funded, but privately exploited, patents play an exceptionally large role in US productivity growth. Based on digitized patent data since 1950, the authors show that these patents represent only 2 percent of the total, but explain around 20 percent of productivity and economic growth. CEPR emphasizes that this type of research creates significant spillovers and actually stimulates private R&D. The article warns that cuts to public research funding are putting pressure on this innovation model. CEPR concludes that the US technological position remains largely dependent on stable government support for basic research.

Column CEPR: [Public money, private innovation: How government funding built – and sustains – America's technological leadership | CEPR](#)

New Zealand Gives Researchers More Control Over Intellectual Property (20 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 20 November 2025

New Zealand has announced new intellectual property policies to give researchers more control over the commercialization of their inventions. "New rules for managing intellectual property will ensure our talent is encouraged and supported to turn ideas into impact," said Minister Reti. University researchers will have the first right to commercialize their inventions, either independently or with support from their institution. Public research organizations will still have the first right to decide whether to commercialize a discovery themselves. If they do not, they must explicitly

offer inventors the opportunity to lead the commercialization themselves, rather than the organization retaining ownership.

New Zealand Government Press Release: [New IP rules to boost research commercialisation | Beehive.govt.nz](#)

ITIF warns that the US risks rapidly losing high-tech industries to China (20 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 20 November 2025

In a new report, the American think tank ITIF warns that without a change of course, the United States risks losing key industrial and technological capabilities to China. The report states that sectors such as semiconductors, aerospace, biotechnology, and AI are key to economic and military power. ITIF concludes that China is actively trying to gain these positions through subsidies, market foreclosure, and technological coercion. According to the report, current US innovation and trade policies are insufficient to protect these strategic sectors. The think tank advocates for a new industrial policy with targeted government investments, protection of critical manufacturing capacity, and coordination with allies.

ITIF Report: [Marshaling National Power Industries to Preserve America's Strength and Thwart China's Bid for Global Dominance | ITIF](#)

OECD outlines key themes for COP30 climate summit in Brazil (13 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 13 November 2025

The OECD states in a new publication that this week's UN climate summit marks a turning point from negotiation to implementation. This year's focus is on climate adaptation, financing, and the implementation of new national climate plans. Countries must agree in Belém on indicators for the global adaptation target and make new agreements on climate financing. According to the OECD, well-designed indicators can accelerate implementation, and countries must better align their reporting systems. The organization also expects countries to better align their climate plans with national development goals and investment strategies.

OECD Report: [Counting down to Belém: What are some key issues on the table at COP30?](#)

China increasingly leads international research projects (13 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 13 November 2025

Chinese scientists are increasingly leading international projects. This is evident from an analysis of the authors of some six million publications reported last week in Nature. "They now lead more than half of all research projects with the United Kingdom and are expected to lead a similar number of projects with Europe and the United States in the coming years," it states. In some sensitive key technologies, such as AI, semiconductors, and energy, China lags even further behind.

PNAS Publication: [Shifting power asymmetries in scientific teams reveal China's rising leadership in global science | PNAS](#)

Nature Article: [Chinese scientists increasingly lead joint projects with the UK, US and Europe](#)

Concerns about publication pressure and available time for research (13 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 13 November 2025

Researchers feel that the pressure to publish is increasing, while at the same time there is less time available for research. This is evident from an Elsevier poll reported by Nature. Approximately 68 percent of respondents say the pressure is greater than two or three years ago, and only 45 percent feel they have sufficient time to conduct their research. Researchers are also concerned about funding. Only 33 percent expect funding to increase in the coming years. In North America, that percentage is even lower: 11 percent.

Nature article: [Pressure to publish is rising as research time shrinks, finds survey of scientists](#)

Report: UK in National Growth Crisis (13 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 13 November 2025

The United Kingdom is experiencing a "national growth crisis," with the science and technology sector in particular at serious risk of being left behind. This is the warning from a parliamentary inquiry committee in a report. The committee warns that, in the race for technological sovereignty, the country is increasingly failing to capitalize on the economic benefits of its strong research base. The core of the problem, they argue, is that many promising start-ups and spin-outs in the UK are failing to scale sufficiently and often relocate abroad, draining jobs, tax revenue, and intellectual property. The committee calls for drastic and rapid reforms, particularly through leadership from the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer. Proposals include: establishing a new National Council for Science, Technology and Growth, modeled on the National Security Council, for cohesive strategic governance; encouraging pension funds to become more closely linked to high-tech companies; and mandating public procurement for innovative companies.

UK Parliament Publication: [Bleeding to death: the science and technology growth emergency](#)

Article: Science Business: [Failure to scale-up innovation is causing UK economy to 'bleed to death,' Lords warn | Science|Business](#)

Article: Science.org: [U.K. science sector is 'bleeding to death,' lawmakers say in report | Science | AAAS](#)

Scaling Up Public Financial and Non-Financial Support for SME Sustainability (10 November 2025)

Source: Website OECD [Scaling Up Public Financial and Non-Financial Support for SME Sustainability | OECD](#)

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are central to the green transition. As innovators, they create new sustainable technologies and solutions. They also enable the dissemination of environmentally friendly products and practices throughout the economy and integrate cleaner practices into their own operations. However, many SMEs face persistent barriers to greening, such as limited access to external finance, insufficient internal capacity and perceived high risks of sustainability investments.



This report analyses how public financing instruments and non-financial support can facilitate SME green investments. Drawing on more than twenty case studies from OECD and emerging economies, the study identifies lessons learned for the effective design and implementation of such support. By showcasing good practices and innovative financing models, the report equips policymakers, financial institutions and ecosystem actors with scalable solutions to accelerate SME contributions to sustainability.

Read full report here: [Full Report: Scaling Up Public Financial and Non-Financial Support for SME Sustainability | OECD](#)

National policy

Universities see student intake decline, universities of applied sciences especially in technical programs (20 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 20 November 2025

Dutch universities have seen the intake of both Dutch and international students decrease by approximately 3.5 percent compared to last year. This is evident from figures from the Universities of the Netherlands (UNL). The umbrella organization finds the decline alarming and is concerned about the continued existence of small programs and the lack of talented students. "For all the ambitions we saw in the election manifestos, we need sufficient knowledge and talent. It is therefore urgent that a new cabinet develops a clear strategy on how we can continue to attract, train, and retain that talent," says UNL chairman Caspar van den Berg. The total intake of new students in universities of applied sciences remains stable, but there has been a 7.5% decline in technical programs. The chairman of the Association of Universities of Applied Sciences (VH) states that it is necessary to work together with a broad coalition of, among others, the government, the business community, and the education sector to increase the intake.

News item UNL: [Krimp universiteiten zet door | Universiteiten van Nederland \(in Dutch\)](#)

News item VH: [Vereniging Hogescholen | Instroom hbo stabiel: verdere groei lerarenopleidingen, dalend instroom technische opleidingen](#)

New standard for providing intellectual property (17 November 2025)

Source: Website UNL <https://www.universiteitenvannederland.nl/actueel/nieuws/nieuwe-standaard-voor-verstrekking-van-intellectueel-eigendom>

Clear and fair IP agreements should lead to more academic spin-offs



Dutch universities are today presenting a new national standard for agreements on the provision of intellectual property (IP) to academic spin-offs. With these National IP Deal Term Principles, we are accelerating the transition from groundbreaking research to innovation, business, and societal value. The new agreements provide clarity in the provision of IP and shares. The priority is to conclude a fair and market-based deal.

The Netherlands is among the world's leading academic research institutions, but the translation of promising research to society and the economy can be further strengthened. It is often too risky for companies to translate research into an application. Academic spin-offs can then form the bridge between the university and the market.

Margrethe Jonkman, chair of the board of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and portfolio manager for valorization at Universities of the Netherlands: "With these principles, we accelerate the spin-off process, so researchers, entrepreneurs, and investors can achieve results faster, both socially and financially. This strengthens the ability of universities and scientists to capitalize on the positive impact of their research and contribute to a more innovative Netherlands."

What is being agreed?

The National IP Deal Term Principles (2.0) build on the previous IP Deal Terms from 2023. Since then, experience has been gained with dozens of spin-offs. Based on these experiences and feedback from the field, the principles have been further refined. The IP Deal Terms consist of principles on which agreements are made regarding the transfer of intellectual property from research institutions to spin-offs. Maximizing the impact of research is central to this.

Furthermore, it is important that the agreements are transparent and consistent, and that research institutions receive fair compensation for their IP. For example, Dutch IP compensation is competitive compared to international standards. Furthermore, the scope of the IP Deal Terms has been broadened. Previously, they applied only to researchers who left their employment entirely. Now they are also more broadly applicable.

For more information: [Nieuwe standaard voor verstrekking van intellectueel eigendom | Universiteiten van Nederland](#) (in Dutch)

The Young Academy calls for greater ambition from universities in climate transition (13 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 13 November 2025

The Young Academy and the Green Young Academy are calling on knowledge institutions to accelerate the climate transition. In the manifesto "Sustainable Thinking, Sustainable Acting," institutional leaders are urged to commit to a number of actions, such as embedding sustainability in the curriculum and encouraging socially relevant science. The first signatories are the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), Utrecht University, the University of Twente, Eindhoven University of Technology, Amsterdam UMC, and the Society of Arts.

News item The Young Academy: [KNAW ondertekent 'Duurzaam denken, Duurzaam doen', een manifest van De Jonge Akademie - KNAW](#) (in Dutch)

News item KNAW: [KNAW ondertekent 'Duurzaam denken, Duurzaam doen', een manifest van De Jonge Akademie - KNAW](#) (in Dutch)

Defense makes an additional 35 million available for research programs (13 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 13 November 2025

The Ministry of Defence is allocating €35 million for research programs to reduce strategic dependencies. The programs are being funded through the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). This boost follows up on the recommendation of the Netherlands Institute for War, Safety and Environment (AWTI): to enhance our national security, it would be beneficial if educational and knowledge institutions and the Ministry of Defence collaborated more and more closely.

Defence News: [Extra 35 miljoen voor onderzoek om voorsprong in het gevecht te behouden | Nieuwsbericht | Defensie.nl](#) (in Dutch)

AWTI Advisory: Knowledge Offensive for Defence: [Advies: Kennisoffensief voor defensie – Onderzoek en innovatie voor een veilig Nederland | Adviesraad voor wetenschap, technologie en innovatie](#) (in Dutch)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 24 November 2025

| Call identifier | Deadline |
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| 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>) |
| ERC-2026-AdG | NEW: Foreseen opening: 28 May 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 27 August 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Advanced Grant</i>) |
| ERC-2026-PoC | 17 March 2026 and 17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Proof of Concept Grant</i>) |
| ERC-2026-PERA | 15 January 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Public Engagement with Research Award (prize contest)</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>) |
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| Research Infrastructures | |
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| 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 |

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| 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 | |
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| 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> | |
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| <u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u> | |
| Destination 1: CLIMATE NEUTRAL, CIRCULAR AND DIGITISED PRODUCTION | |
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| Destination 2: INCREASED AUTONOMY IN KEY STRATEGIC VALUE CHAINS FOR RESILIENT INDUSTRY | |
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| DESTINATION 3 - WORLD LEADING DATA AND COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES | |
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| DESTINATION 4 – DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 | |

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| 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 |


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| 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 |


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| 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 | |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |
| WIDERA 2025 | |

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

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 24 November 2025 for more details; go to EC Funding and Tenders opportunity Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

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| European Partnerships | |
| European Partnerships European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare https://www.eupahw.eu/ | |
| European Partnership Biodiversa+ https://www.biodiversa.eu/ | <p>A two-step application procedure will apply, with a mandatory submission of pre-proposals at the first step and submission of full proposals at the second step, via the Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for pre-proposals submission (mandatory): Friday 7 November 2025, 12:00 CET (CLOSED) • Results of the evaluation of the first step: mid-February 2026 • Deadline for full-proposals submission: Tuesday 14 of April 2026, 12:00 CEST • Recommendations for funding: late September 2026 • Start of the projects: between 1st of December 2026 and 1st of April 2027  <p>https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/</p> |
| European Partnership Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/ | <p>Water4All 2025 Joint Transnational Call https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/28-million-available-for-research-into-the-interaction-between-water-and-health and https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call</p> <p>Tentative timeline</p> <p>Call opening: 12 September 2025</p> <p>Submission deadline of preproposals: 13 November 2025, 15:00 CET (CLOSED)</p> <p>Selection of preproposals: End of February 2026</p> <p>Submission deadline of full proposals: 13 April 2026, 15:00 CEST</p> <p>Selection of funded proposals: September 2026</p> <p>Projects start: End 2026/beginning 2027</p> <p>Kick-off meeting of the funded projects: Spring 2027</p> |
| European Partnership FutureFoods https://www.futurefoodspartner ship.eu/ | <p>NEW: FutureFoodS hereby pre-announces the 2nd co-funded call for transnational research projects https://www.futurefoodspartner ship.eu/news/pre-announcement and https://futurefoods.ptj.de.</p> <p>The call will follow a two-step procedure with the following important steps:]Call launch: Second half of November 2025</p> <p>Deadline for pre-proposal submission: ~ end of January 2026</p> <p>Deadline for full-proposal submission: ~ beginning of July 2026 (only by invitation)</p> |
| European Partnership Agroecology https://www.agroecologypartne rship.eu/ | <p>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</p> <p><u>Tentative timeline</u></p> |

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| | <p>Launch: December 2025 Pre proposal submission: February 2026 Full proposal submission: July 2026</p> |
| European partnership Agriculture of Data | <p>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</p> |
| European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://bluepartnership.eu/ | <p>Third Joint Transnational Call for R&I Funding Call launch (provisional): 15 September 2025, 15:00 CEST Deadline submission Pre-proposals 17 November 2025 Deadline submission Full proposals 17 June 2026</p>  <p>https://www.bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep</p> |
| European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/ | <p>Pre-announcement: European funding opportunity for sustainable urban transitions https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-european-funding-opportunity-for-sustainable-urban-transitions-0 <u>Foreseen timeline and information day</u> The foreseen timeline for this call is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 September 2025: stage 1 opening • 9 September 2025: transnational info webinar (online) • 17 November 2025: stage 1 closing (Pre-Proposal submission deadline) • 20 February 2026: stage 2 opening • 23 April 2026: stage 2 closing (Full Proposal submission deadline) • Summer of 2026: decision-making <p>On 9 September 2025 (10:00–13:00) , DUT will host an online information meeting for those who are interested. More information and registration can be found here https://dutpartnership.eu/dut-call-2025-info-day/. NWO and SIA representatives will be available for your questions during a break-out session for The Netherlands.</p> |
| European Partnership ERA4HEALTH ERA4Health The Partnership | <p>NEW: A new call within the European Partnership ERA4Health to which NWO contributes is now open for pre-proposals. PREVENT-OO: Understanding and Preventing Overweight and Obesity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deadline for submitting a pre-proposal is 21 January 2026, 12:00 CET • The deadline for submitting a full application is 11 June 2026, 12:00 CEST <p>For more information website ERA4HEALTH: Prevent-OO: Understanding and Preventing Overweight and Obesity - Mechanisms of their onset and progression, neglected determinants and novel strategies for critical transitional periods in life</p> |

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| | <p>For information on NWO pages: Call open for European research on the underlying causes of obesity NWO and Prevent-OO: Understanding and Preventing Overweight and Obesity - Mechanisms of their onset and progression, neglected determinants and novel strategies for critical transitional periods in life</p> |
| Joint Technology Initiatives | |
| Joint Programming Initiatives | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A healthy diet for a healthy life (HDHL): http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/ • Agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE): http://www.faccejpi.com/ • Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR): http://www.jpiamr.eu/ • Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU): http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home • Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans): http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/ • More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL): http://www.jp-demographic.eu/ • Neurodegenerative Disease/Alzheimer's (JPND): http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/ • Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions (Urban Europe): http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/ • 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/ |

Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **24 November 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

| Deadline | Call |
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| 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 |

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| 12-01-2026 | Foreseen deadline for <u>full applications</u> for call Biodiversity and agriculture in balance; this Call for proposals is a collaboration between NWO and the Brazilian science council CNPq. Deadline 12 January 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/biodiversity-and-agriculture-in-balance |
| 20-01-2026 | Deadline for <u>applications</u> NL-CGIAR Senior Expert Programme (SEP) II – round 2. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 20 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-for-senior-experts-transformation-of-global-food-land-and-water-systems and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sepII_-_round_2.pdf |
| 14-04-2026 | Deadline for submission <u>Full proposals</u> 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 <u>Full proposals</u> 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 **24 November 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

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| 25-11-2025 | Deadline for submission <u>Pre-proposals</u> 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 <u>pre-application</u> 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 <u>Full applications</u> 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 <u>letter of intent</u> 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 <u>full proposals</u> 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 <u>proposals</u> 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 |

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| 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-l.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- |

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| 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 |
| 10-03-2026 | NEW: Deadline for submission research proposals for The Open Mind 2026 call . The deadline for submitting a research proposal is Tuesday, March 10, 2026, before 14:00:00 CET . Open Mind 2026 now open for groundbreaking, outside-the-box ideas NWO and Open Mind 2026 NWO |
| 24-03-2026 | 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/en/calls/tulip-fund 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 propoals 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.) . |

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| 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 | 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 |
| Until 23-06-2026 | NEW: Deadline for submission full applications for the 'NWO Hop-On Call for Researchers Based in Ukraine' . Closing date full application 23 June 2026 14:00 hrs NWO and NRFU launch second funding round for Ukrainian researchers NWO and NWO Hop-On Call for Proposals for Researchers Based in Ukraine 2025 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-2025---DEF.pdf |
| 22-09-2026 | 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 full proposals call NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy . Closing date full application 30 November 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.) . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy |
| 30-11-2026 | Foreseen deadline for submission full applications 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 |
| From 12-01-2026 to 11-12-2026 | NEW: Deadline for submission proposals Open Technology Programme 2026 . Applications can be submitted on a continuous basis between 12 January 2026 until 11 December 2026, as long as the grant ceiling or the maximum number of applications submitted has not yet been reached . Open Technology Programme 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - Open Technology Programme 2026 |
| 21-01-2027 | Deadline submission proposals for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which |

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| | 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 full applications 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 **24 November 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

| Deadline | Call |
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| 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.

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

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