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European Funding News: Horizon Europe

MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025 receives 1616 proposals (27 November 2025)

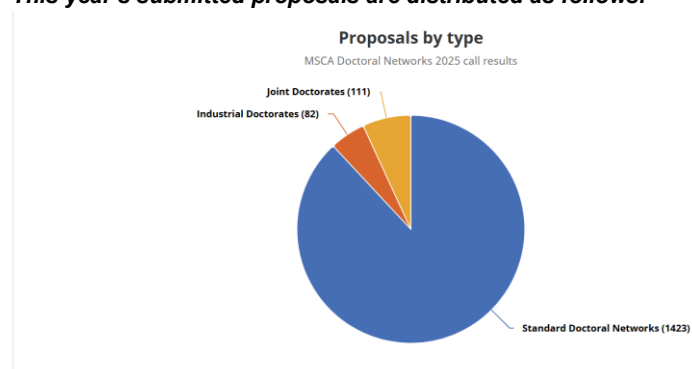
Source: Website EC MSCA [MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025 receives 1616 proposals](#) | [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)

This year's annual MSCA Doctoral Networks call has attracted considerable interest from the research community, with 1616 proposals submitted.



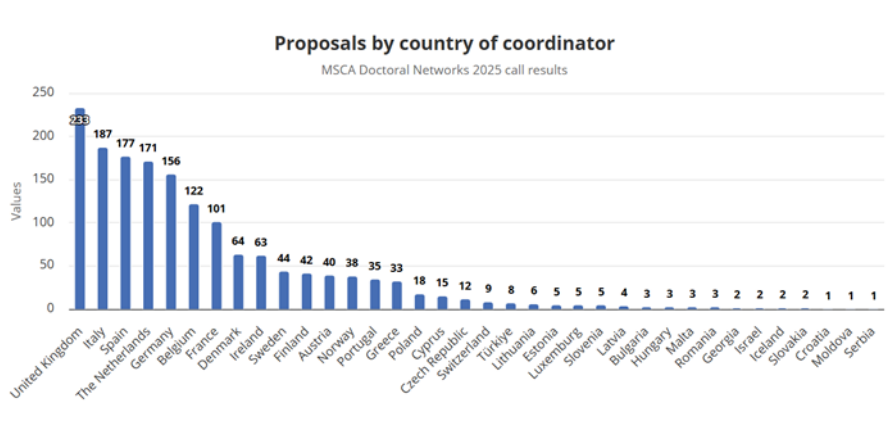
The fifth call of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions-funded [Doctoral Networks](#) scheme closed on 25 November 2025. The European Research Executive Agency received **1616 proposals**. By comparison, 1417 proposals were submitted in 2024 and **153 were eventually selected for funding**. This represents an **increase of 14%**, compared to the previous call for proposals.

This year's submitted proposals are distributed as follows.



Through this call, the European Union (EU) **is expected to fund over 150 projects**, with an indicative budget of €597.8 million.

The European Research Executive Agency (REA) received proposals from coordinators based in 36 countries.



NEW: ERC plus grants (26 November 2025)

Source: RVO Team IRIS

- ERC will soon publish an updated **version of the 2026 Work programme**, with information on the new ERC Plus Grants (previously announced as **ERC super grants**).
- The ERC Plus Grant supports outstanding Principal Investigators who address a major scientific challenge. Applications for ERC Plus Grants should be for projects that could not be carried out with a regular ERC grant. Applicants should explain how the proposed project aims go beyond those of a regular ERC project, for example, because they have a **vision to transform their field or open a new field of research**. Scholars at all career stages can apply for an ERC Plus Grant if they have an outstanding record of scientific achievement at the forefront of their field. Their intellectual leadership will be evaluated in comparison to peers at their own career stage. It is expected that a researcher may be the Principal Investigator of only one ERC Plus Grant in their lifetime.
- Applicants should be aware that every year, **only some 30 ERC Plus Grants can be awarded across all fields and all career stages**, compared to approximately 1000 Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grants. This level of competitiveness should be taken into account when considering whether to submit an application.
- Below you find the information we know so far:
 - Max grant duration: 84 months
 - Max grant amount: 7 million euro, no additional funding possible
 - Call opening: 2 June 2026
 - Call deadline: 2 September 2026
 - Total call budget: 210 million

High interest in first EIC Pre-Accelerator call underscores relevance of new instrument (25 November 2025)

Source: Website [EIC High interest in first EIC Pre-Accelerator call underscores relevance of new instrument - European Innovation Council](#)



The first EIC Pre-Accelerator call received 1 056 submissions from 30 Eligible Countries from the Horizon Europe widening and associated Countries and Outermost Regions *

Altogether, applicants sought €479.4 million in funding (averaging €454 000 per proposal). The call drew a gender mix of 74% men- and 26% of women-led companies.

This strong level of participation demonstrates the growing momentum of deep-tech innovation across widening countries, as well as the demand for targeted support to help early-stage companies scale and compete at European and global levels.

Next steps

The evaluation process is expected to be finalised in February 2026, with results communicated to applicants in late February–early March 2026.

About the EIC Pre-Accelerator

The EIC Pre-Accelerator aims to boost the capacity of SMEs and start-ups to successfully apply for EIC Accelerator funding, attract private investment, and access national or regional support schemes, including Seal of Excellence programmes. The programme is designed to unlock the innovation potential of early-stage deep-tech companies in widening countries.

The scheme offers:

- Up to €500 000 in funding per company
- Intensive support to strengthen business, investor, and technology readiness
- Tailored guidance to help start-ups secure follow-on funding

The call is a joint initiative between the European Innovation Council (EIC) and the Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area (WIDERA) programme, and is funded under the WIDERA Work Programme 2025.

European Funding News: FP10

Shared vision, unified voice: Universities and research institutes in Europe propose joint FP10 amendments (1 December 2025)

Source: Website [Shared vision, unified voice: Universities and research institutes in Europe propose joint FP10 amendments - The Guild](#)

Today, organisations representing Europe's research and innovation community present a coordinated set of amendments to the European Commission's proposals for the 10th EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (FP10).



Shared Vision, Unified Voice: Universities and Research Institutes in Europe Propose Joint FP10 Amendments



We are united by a simple, urgent call: enable Europe to move at the speed and scale that the moment demands. The decisions taken in the coming period must show that Europe is markedly stepping up its capacity to lead in cutting-edge research and innovation, in order to accelerate advanced technological and societal development underpinned by the latest scientific breakthroughs.

To this end, CESAER, the Coimbra Group, the European University Association (EUA), EU-LIFE, the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities, the League of European Research Universities (LERU) and the Young European Research Universities Network (YERUN) are pleased to share the following:

- A [cover note](#) that provides a concise overview of our shared objectives and key proposals for the future of Horizon Europe (2028-2034).
- A [full list of our jointly proposed amendments to the FP10 legal texts](#).

Together, representing more than 900 universities and research institutes, we call for an FP10 that strengthens Europe's capacity to generate excellent research, attract world-leading talent, and translate knowledge into real-world impact. Indeed, these proposed amendments are intended to help ensure that the final legal texts enable the programme to meet the needs of the R&I community and to maximise its contribution to Europe's resilience, competitiveness, and prosperity.

We stand ready to support the co-legislators by explaining our proposals in detail and by providing further input as negotiations progress. Horizon Europe's next chapter is a unique opportunity to reinforce Europe's scientific leadership and innovation potential, underpinned by the talent that makes it possible.

Read the cover note: [Read the cover note](#)

Full list of our jointly proposed amendments to the FP10 legal texts: [Read the full list of joint amendments](#)

The Guild Statement: R&I moonshots for a competitive and resilient society (27 November 2025)

Source: Website [The Guild R&I moonshots for a competitive and resilient society - The Guild](#)

R&I moonshots for a competitive and resilient society

In response to the Commission's proposal to launch moonshot projects for the next Horizon Europe programme (FP10), The Guild proposes four societal moonshots which address interdisciplinary challenges and align technological progress with societal welfare.



In its FP10 proposal, the European Commission plans to launch ambitious moonshots aimed at positioning Europe as a global leader across strategic domains. Yet the current draft places disproportionate emphasis on technological advancement while overlooking societal progress. For Europe to truly achieve global leadership, its R&I agenda must extend beyond technological breakthroughs, embedding innovation within broader socio-cultural contexts. The Guild proposes four moonshots; each aligned with a policy window proposed for the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) and FP10.

1. Ethical global leadership for climate resilience and competitive economies

Europe must lead the clean transition through socio-technical strategies that build public trust and manage disruptive change. We advocate for stronger collaboration among policymakers, researchers, industry, civil society and LMIC partners to design systemic, socially informed strategies for managing disruptive green transitions.

2. Building equitable healthcare for all

Europe must ensure its citizens benefit from sustainable, high-quality healthcare systems. This will demand building innovative healthcare governance by redesigning interfaces between care delivery, research, regulation and markets, with patient-led priorities, ethical AI, global collaboration and strong interdisciplinary partnerships.

3. Digital literacy for all

A competitive and democratic Europe calls for inclusive digital and AI skills frameworks that leave no community behind. We propose to mobilise multidisciplinary research and education strategies to build scalable pathways for digital skills across all ages and social groups.

4. Responsible management of change

Europe must strengthen its leadership in providing sustainable welfare systems, cultural cohesion and economic resilience. This moonshot will mobilise interdisciplinary research to strengthen trust, solidarity and social cohesion, and to design effective strategies for managing demographic change, migration and labour market transformation across Europe.

Read full statement here: [the-guild_moonshots_nov2025.pdf](#)

Other International funding

FutureFoodS Call 2025 is open for applications (3 December 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [FutureFoodS Call 2025 is open for applications | NWO](#)



The European Partnership FutureFoodS is opening its second Call to accelerate the transition to sustainable and resilient food systems. This Call contributes to the development of sustainable, healthy and safe diets, and promotes the sustainable management of food systems and food consumption in Europe. European Partnership for a Sustainable Future of Food Systems

FutureFoodS is an innovative European Partnership that focuses on transforming food production and consumption in Europe towards more sustainable and resilient systems. This partnership brings together leading experts, research institutions, businesses and policymakers to develop joint solutions to the complex challenges we face in our food systems, such as climate change, biodiversity loss and food security.

Want to know more about FutureFoodS click here: [FutureFoodS](#)

Topics of the second Call

This call for transnational research projects focuses on the theme of Sustainable Future of Food Systems. Transnational consortia consist of at least three different research institutions from three different countries affiliated with the Horizon Europe programme. This Call will be open to applications relating to one of the topics described below.

Topic 1: Domestic food practices enhancing sustainable and healthy diets

Topic 2: Towards diverse, sustainable and circular food processing systems

Topic 3: Trust and transparency in sustainable food systems

Please note that primary production activities such as the growing of food crops (including seafood), other elements of agricultural production and various specific aspects related to it, as well as nutrition- and lifestyle-related diseases are not in focus in this partnership. The focus of FutureFoodS is on issues post-harvest. Primary production aspects are covered in other Horizon Europe partnerships.

View call for proposals here: [FutureFoodS Call 2025 | NWO](#)

For more information: [FutureFoodS Call 2025 is open for applications | NWO](#)

BiodivTransform: 35 research projects funded for over €40 Million (1 December 2025)

Source: Website BioDiversa+ [BiodivTransform: 35 research projects funded for over €40 Million – Biodiversa +](#)



In September 2024, Biodiversa+ launched its **BiodivTransform** Call, inviting proposals for three-year research projects. The call supports interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and cross-sectoral research and innovation that will deepen our understanding of the **trade-offs and links between the global crises of biodiversity loss, climate change, and pollution**, and examine the **transformation processes needed** to safeguard biodiversity by mitigating threats and halting – or even reversing – its decline and the benefits it provides to people.

The response to the call was remarkable. Biodiversa+ received **269 pre-proposals and 105 eligible full proposals**. These were rigorously evaluated by an independent Evaluation Committee, which carefully assessed and ranked the submissions. Based on this ranking, the Biodiversa+ Call Steering Committee, composed of all participating funding organisations, selected **35 research projects** for funding. This represents a major investment of **more than €40 million**, including contributions from the European Commission.

The funded projects demonstrate strong scientific excellence and address urgent scientific and societal challenges. They bring together a diversity of disciplines and actively engage a wide range of stakeholders.

Explore and engage

- Discover the [list of 35 funded projects](#).
- Register for the [science–policy forum](#) (21 April 2026), an exploration of transformative change for biodiversity, from IPBES insights to practical levers for the KMGBF.
- Register for the [BiodivTransform kick-off event](#) (22 April 2026) to learn more about the 35 funded projects and meet the teams behind them.

Water4All Partnership: Ten projects with Dutch contribution granted in European call for circular water use (1 December 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [Ten projects with Dutch contribution granted in European call for circular water use | NWO](#)



The projects in this third round of the European Water4ALL Partnership “Water for a Circular Economy” will start soon. NWO has awarded the projects nearly 3.4 million euros.

Water security, including in the long term, is crucial to keeping the earth alive. Clean drinking water is a scarce commodity, but it is also used in industry and agriculture. This call focused on water use in the economy. For example, the Hanze University of Applied Sciences project looks at water use in the built environment. And one of the projects to which TU Delft is contributing concerns the reuse of water from the paper industry.

A total of 27 projects have been funded by Water4All, of which two projects have a Dutch main applicant and eight projects have a Dutch co-applicant. The projects are consortia with participants from several countries. See the full overview of the projects in this call on [the Water4ALL website](#).

WUR is involved in 4 Water4All projects

- **AQUAWISE:** Advanced Pollutant Tracking and Resource Circularity in Water Systems; **Dutch applicant: dr. Huu Loc Ho, Wageningen University & Research, dr. Gerald Corzo Perez, IHE Delft**
- **AquiCirc:** Managed Aquifer Recharge for a Circular Water Future; **Dutch main applicant: dr. Reynold Chow, Wageningen University & Research.**
- **C2C:** From Contaminant to Commodity: Toward a Circular Economy for Arsenic in Groundwater; **Dutch applicants: dr. Annemerel Mol, Wageningen University & Research, Ir. Tim van Dijk, Brabant water.**
- **SaltRec:** Integrated resource recovery from saline wastewaters in a circular context; **Dutch applicant: dr. Dainis Sudmalis, Wageningen University & Research.**

For more information about the granted projects: [Ten projects with Dutch contribution granted in European call for circular water use | NWO](#)

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.

Eight Dutch projects for FutureFoodS (2024) have been launched by NWO (27 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [Eight Dutch projects for FutureFoodS \(2024\) have been launched | NWO](#)



Within the first round of the European Partnership 'FutureFoodS', NWO has awarded funding to eight Dutch projects. These projects aim to accelerate the transition towards sustainable and resilient food systems.

This Call supports the development of sustainable, healthy, and safe diets and promotes the sustainable consumption and management of food systems in Europe. By providing new knowledge and insights, the Call helps governments, businesses, and citizens make significant changes to the food system. The vision of the FutureFoodS partnership is to collectively achieve environmentally friendly, socially safe and fair, economically viable, healthy, and secure food systems.

The goal of the FutureFoodS Call 2024 is to fund transnational research and innovation projects focused on the following Call topics:

1. The pathway to sustainable and resilient food systems.
2. New food – fostering innovations in food design, processing, and supply, driven by both demand and supply orientation.
3. Enabling sustainable food choices through environments and dietary changes.

Four projects with WUR PI's awarded

1. A system approach to reform the food information environment to support healthy, sustainable diets: mitigating harmful marketing and misinformation (FOOD-FRAMES): **Applicant NL: Dr. M. Poelman; Institution NL: Wageningen University** *Participating countries: NL, AT, BE, DK, DE, IR, IT, NO*
2. Tipping the protein transition: Leveraging consumption, distribution and policy dynamics for sustainable dietary shifts (TIPRO) **Applicant NL: Dr. J. Candel; Institution NL: Wageningen University;** *Participating countries: NL, BE, DK*
3. FUTURE-PROOF MICROALGAE-BASED FOODS (FAF): **Applicant NL: Prof. Dr. M. Barbosa; Institution NL: Wageningen University;** *Participating countries: NL, IR, IT, NO, PT, TR*
4. Accelerating plant-based protein emulsion design with microfluidics and intelligent software tools for sustainable foods (MIPRODESIGN): **Applicant NL: Prof. dr. K. Schroen; Institution NL: Wageningen University;** *Participating countries: NL, DE, NO, ES*

For more information about the eight awarded projects: [Eight Dutch projects for FutureFoodS \(2024\) have been launched | NWO](#)

Funding for three international research projects on the balance between economic activities and biodiversity conservation in the ocean (27 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [Funding for three international research projects on the balance between economic activities and biodiversity conservation in the ocean | NWO](#)



Oceans fulfil multiple roles: as habitats for biodiversity, for energy supply, fisheries, aquaculture, transport, tourism and various other industries. These different roles can result in conflicting interests regarding maritime space. Within the research programme “Blue economy: economic activities and healthy ecosystems in oceans”, three consortia will investigate exactly this balance between different marine activities.

All consortia consist of Indonesian and Dutch partners. Such kind of cooperation exploits expertise from both countries and makes for interesting comparisons. For example, one project looks at both the Makassar Strait in Indonesia and the North Sea in the Netherlands. Read more about the awarded projects in the project summaries below.

WUR involved in one project:

TIDE-MPAs: Tourism Impact Dashboard for Social-Ecological-System Resilience in Marine Protected Areas

- Main applicant The Netherlands): **Dr. L.E. (Leontine) Becking, Naturalis Biodiversity Center and Wageningen University & Research**
- Main applicant Indonesia: **Dr. D.B. (Beginer) Subhan, IPB University (Bogor Agricultural University)**

For more information about the awarded projects: [Funding for three international research projects on the balance between economic activities and biodiversity conservation in the ocean | NWO](#)

The 1st co-funded Call of the AgData partnership is now open! (26 November 2025)

Source: Website European partnership AgData [Agriculture of Data: Call 1](#)

The 1st co-funded Call of the AgData partnership is open for the submission of proposals addressing "EU-wide data-driven solutions to real problems".

A Call Announcement and supporting documents with further information of the call can be found under "Call Documents" in the download area on the left-hand side of this page.

- **The deadline for short proposals is January 21, 12:00h CET (noon).**
- **The deadline for full proposal submission is July 21, 12:00h CEST (noon).**

Note: There was a **webinar for applicants on 26th of November 2025, 9:30 CET**. Slides and recordings will be available shortly.

In order to access the submission tool, the coordinator must first register the project proposal (COORDINATOR LOGIN, left-hand side of the screen). **Registration is now open.** After registration of the coordinator, the coordinator can invite/add partners through the coordinator account.

For short proposal submission, please carefully read the “**Call Announcement**” and familiarise yourself with the supporting call documents. These documents can be found in the download area (left navigation bar under Call Documents). Only online applications via this submission tool will be accepted.

Please note that only the coordinator can carry out and complete short proposal submission on behalf of each applying research consortium.

For all partners of an applying consortium, it is strongly recommended to contact their respective National Contact Persons for national/regional funding regulations. The contact details can be found in the document **Funder regulations** (see Call Documents).

For all the information and forms see under call documents: [Agriculture of Data: Call 1](#)

For all questions related to the Call, please contact the **Call Office** of the 1st co-funded call at Project Management Jülich: **Josefine Kant, Petra E. Schulte, and Christian Breuer**
ptj-agdata-calls@fz-juelich.de

National funding

Hestia open for applications (4 December 2025)

Source: Website NWO news [Hestia open for applications | NWO](#)



The fifth and last round of the programme Hestia: Impulse for Refugees in Science is open for applications. Through this programme academics with a refugee status in the Kingdom of the Netherlands can establish or continue their academic careers by joining a NWO/ZonMw funded project. The deadline for applications is 3 March 2026, 14:00 CET.

About the programme

NWO introduced the 'Hestia – Impulse for Refugees in Science' Call to give researchers with a refugee status the chance to join ongoing Dutch research projects so they can build and expand their network. It is also an opportunity for them to actively share knowledge and expertise, to get to know the Dutch science system, with the aim of enabling them to establish or continue their careers/lines of research. These academics will also enrich Dutch science and society with their expertise. Project leaders and main applicants of a research project already funded by NWO or ZonMw can use this programme to apply for funding to enable an academic with a refugee status to join their project. The academics with a refugee status must have an academic background (a master or PhD degree). The academics with a refugee status must be appointed for a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 18 months on a full-time or no more than 24 months on a part-time basis (minimum 0.6 and maximum 0.8 FTE). A budget of EUR 1.2 million is available for this round. The programme was developed in consultation with The Young Academy, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and the Foundation for Refugee Students (UAF).

For more information about the call and the call for proposals: [Hestia - Impulse for Refugees in Science | NWO](#)

Interest form

Researchers who have a refugee status and fulfill the eligibility requirements can fill in an interest form. With their consent, NWO will share this data with the institutions and researchers interested in the call so they can search for suitable candidates for current research projects. Conversely, interested project leaders can post their current NWO or ZonMw project on the NWO website so academics with a refugee status can also search for a suitable project.

Interest form refugee academic: [Interest form refugee academic | NWO](#)

Interest form project leaders: [Interest form project leaders | NWO](#)

Information meeting

On Thursday 13 January 2026, from 1.30 PM till 2.30 PM, NWO will organise an online information meeting. NWO will provide more information about the Call. Needless to say, interested project leaders are also more than welcome to attend these sessions. The sessions will be conducted in English.

Register for Hestia information meeting: [Hestia information meeting | NWO](#)

The Off Road 2026 call will open at the end of January 2026 (4 December 2025)

Source: Website ZonMw [Off Road: subsidieronde opent naar verwachting 27 januari 2026](#)

ZonMw announces that the 2026 grant round for the Off Road program (ZONMW-OR) is expected to open on January 27, 2026. The deadline for submitting grant applications is March 24, 2026.

On February 11, 2026 (from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM), ZonMw will host an online information meeting about the grant. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the call for proposals and the grant application process. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions during the meeting.

The meeting will take place via Teams. An invitation to the meeting will be sent by email one day in advance. **You can register for the information meeting via:** [FO - informatiebijeenkomst Off Road](#) | [ZonMw](#)

For more information, see: [Off Road: subsidieronde opent naar verwachting 27 januari 2026](#) and [Off Road: onderzoek doen op niet gebaande paden](#) | [ZonMw](#)

One Project receives funding for knowledge development and application of KEMs for more effective policy (NWA) (1 December 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [One Project receives funding for knowledge development and application of KEMs for more effective policy \(NWA\)](#) | [NWO](#)



NWO has allocated project funding within the “NWA KEM” call. The project will receive €3.142.022. This programme focuses on developing knowledge about methods that support policymakers in successfully steering societal transitions.

The NWA Key Enabling Methodologies (KEMs) programme aims to develop knowledge and insight into the use of key methodologies, or KEMs, in solving major societal issues. KEMs are methods and instruments that help professionals and policymakers to structure the change process, formulate joint goals and develop effective frameworks. This programme investigates how KEMs contribute to a coherent policy approach and better transitions, such as in climate policy or healthcare.

The awarded project:

Urban Resilience through Responsive, Relational, Representative and Responsible Policymaking – Enabling Methods for Change; Main applicant: prof. dr. ir. M.C. van der Voort (University of Twente): **one of the co-applicants is prof. dr. E. de Vet (Wageningen University & Research)**

For more information: [One Project receives funding for knowledge development and application of KEMs for more effective policy \(NWA\)](#) | [NWO](#)

NWO makes 7 million euros available for research into Digital Twins (27 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [NWO makes 7 million euros available for research into Digital Twins](#) | [NWO](#)



The call 'Digital Twinning- Actual and accurate models for insight, optimisation, and decision-making' is now open for applications. This call focuses on the development of innovative knowledge for Digital Twins and its application in various social domains. Digital Twins, digital representations of systems or processes, make it possible to analyse, predict and improve complex situations. A total of 7,000,000 euros is available for this call.

Actual and reliable Digital Twins for societal impact

The call focuses on research that leads to up-to-date, accurate and applicable Digital Twins, which can be used to gain insight into complex processes, for structural optimisation and for well-considered decision-making. The areas of application can be broad: from healthcare and energy to agriculture, industry, safety and mobility. With this call, NWO aims to develop public-private consortia that advance both fundamental knowledge and concrete application scenarios. The call thus encourages interdisciplinary collaboration between technical, social and behavioural sciences, practical organisations and companies. In addition, the call focuses explicitly on issues such as the use of data, linking and integrating Digital Twins, autonomous decision-making using a Digital Twin, and the responsible use of Digital Twins.

Budget and conditions

NWO is making 7,000,000 euros available for this call. Proposals within this call can request between 1,500,000 and 2,200,000 euros in NWO funding, and four proposals are expected to be awarded. NWO will fund a maximum of 80% of the total project scope; the remaining funds will be contributed through mandatory co-funding.

A consortium must consist of at least one main applicant, one co-applicant and at least two co-funders, possibly supplemented by partners from academia and industry.

- The deadline for submitting a full proposal is **April 14th 2026**.
- The deadline for a request to review foreign organisations is **March 17th 2026**.

Matchmaking on 3 February 2026

To support the formation of strong consortia, NWO is organising a matchmaking event on 3 February 2026. Participation is not mandatory, but is strongly recommended. During the matchmaking event, participants can share ideas, identify missing expertise and meet potential partners. When registering for the matchmaking event, it is possible to submit a research idea in advance. **Register here:** [Matchmaking meeting Digital Twinning \(KIC\) | NWO](#)

This programme was developed in collaboration with the Knowledge and Innovation Agendas (KIA): [KIA Digitalisation](#) and [KIA Key Enabling Technologies](#).

Call for proposals: [KIC Digital Twinning – Actual and accurate models for insight, optimisation, and decision-making | NWO](#) and [Call for Proposals - Digital Twinning](#)

Twelve Perspectief projects to start through multi-million euro investment in technological innovation (27 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [Twelve Perspectief projects to start through multi-million euro investment in technological innovation | NWO](#)



As many as twelve consortia can start their research projects aimed at (further) developing technological innovations through the Perspectief programme. A crucial factor in these projects is their societal and economic impact. They receive a total of 46.4 million euros in funding from the Ministry of Economic Affairs and NWO. Industry and other partners add an additional backing of 19.6 million euros. The Perspectief programme hereby gives a major boost to the technological innovation power of the Netherlands.

Technological innovation is necessary to tackle the societal challenges facing the Netherlands. The Perspectief programme contributes to this by strengthening the Dutch knowledge and innovation system. This is done in part through a contribution to the mission-driven innovation policy of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the National Technology Strategy (NTS). The assigned Perspectief projects therefore focus on pressing issues: from improving

semiconductor chips to making Dutch food production more sustainable, and from developing new water purification techniques to personalised nanotherapies for cancer treatment.

Technological and social innovations go hand in hand. Combining technological solutions with insights from other disciplines can ensure actual application in practice. That is why Perspectief explicitly encourages interdisciplinary cooperation between researchers, companies, civil society organisations and other potential partners. To further increase this impact and provide space for a number of very well reviewed proposals, NWO has decided to allocate additional projects within this round. To this end, a one-off 20 million has been added to the available budget, taken from the 2025 KIC budget and from NWO's interest income. By deploying these funds in a targeted way, NWO gives a powerful boost to research that generates societal and economic impact on themes relevant to the Netherlands.

Two projects are led by WUR

BlueVantage – Transforming water treatment for future healthy and sustainable water provision: **Programme lead: dr. N.B. (Nora) Sutton – Wageningen University and Research** Knowledge institutes: Universiteit van Amsterdam, Wageningen University & Research, HZ University of Applied Sciences, Universiteit Utrecht, Universiteit Twente, Technische Universiteit Delft, Stichting Wageningen Research

GREENCONTROL: From climate control to plant control for sustainable food production: **Programme lead: prof. dr. ir. L.F.M. (Leo) Marcelis – Wageningen University and Research;** Knowledge institutes: Universiteit Twente, Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, Technische Universiteit Delft, Wageningen University & Research

For more information about the twelve awarded projects: [Twelve Perspectief projects to start through multi-million euro investment in technological innovation | NWO](#)

From natural-product inspired insecticides to improving the outcomes of fertility treatments: millions awarded for groundbreaking technological research (27 November 2025)

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New grants from NWO's Open Technology Programme (OTP) are enabling pioneering research that could fundamentally transform food security and health care. A total of six projects have received funding to tackle societal and scientific challenges with innovative technologies.

From developing natural-product inspired insecticides to improving the outcomes of fertility treatments through advanced microscopy technology: the awarded projects combine scientific excellence with tangible impact. Thanks to OTP funding, top researchers now have the opportunity to turn bold ideas into solutions that contribute to a sustainable, healthy, and innovative society.

Three grants are awarded to WUR

Improved immune competence of day-old chicks: a head start (I-COMP) - **dr. C.A. Jansen, Wageningen University & Research (22687);** Co-applicant(s): Utrecht University - *prof. dr. J.J. de Wit*

Unlock: exploring the potential of RDR-gamma in crop protection - **dr. ir. R.J.M. Kormelink, Wageningen University & Research (22690)**

Genetic variance Estimation Now (GEN): Estimating current genetic variance components in populations under selection - **dr. Y.C.J. Wientjes, Wageningen University & Research (22642);** Co-applicant(s): Wageningen University & Research - **Prof. dr. M.P.L. Calus**

An overview of all assigned projects can be found here: [From natural-product inspired insecticides to improving the outcomes of fertility treatments: millions awarded for groundbreaking technological research | NWO](#).

Eighteen researchers strengthen their entrepreneurial skills through the Faculty of Impact (27 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [Eighteen researchers strengthen their entrepreneurial skills through the Faculty of Impact | NWO](#)



From solutions for neurodegeneration and heart disease in women to a new approach to quantum computing and new solar energy technology: eighteen new fellows are starting at the Faculty of Impact. In this round, fellows have been appointed in the areas of Health and care, Climate and energy and Safety. The fellows will therefore be working on a wide range of topics within these themes.

Applying knowledge from research results is an important step in achieving societal impact. The Faculty of Impact therefore helps entrepreneurial researchers to take that step. In an intensive two-year programme, the fellows are coached and they develop important skills to transform their ideas into a scalable commercial or social start-up. To further increase this impact and accommodate a number of highly rated proposals, NWO has decided to grant additional projects within this round. A one-off amount of 0.6 million has been added to the available budget for this purpose, derived from NWO's interest income.

2026 round Faculty of Impact call

A new round of the Faculty of Impact program is expected to open at the end of January 2026. An important change compared to previous rounds is that this time, equal attention is given within the call to **all themes within the mission-driven innovation policy**. The themes will remain as follows: Safety, Climate and energy, Agriculture, Water and food, Circular economy and Health and care. Keep an eye on the NWO website in January for the official announcement and all the details.

Faculty of Impact

The Faculty of Impact programme (Fol programme) is funded by the Ministry for Education, Culture and Science. The programme is intended for scientific researchers who want to make an impact with their research and who are also interested in developing entrepreneurial skills in order to set up their own business. The Faculty of Impact contributes to the valorisation of scientific research and is a partnership between Universities of the Netherlands (UNL), the individual universities, Techleap.nl and NWO.

Read more about this collaboration and the entire programme on the website of the Faculty of Impact: [Faculty of Impact](#).

For more information about the funded projects: [Eighteen researchers strengthen their entrepreneurial skills through the Faculty of Impact | NWO](#)

Foreseen call: NWO-Talent Programme Vici SSH 2026 (27 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO [NWO-Talent Programme Vici SSH 2026 | NWO](#)

Vici is part of the NWO Talent programme. The Vici target group consists of researchers at the stage of consolidation and further development of their leadership/research group. The goal of the Vici grant is to contribute to the researcher's development in this area.

Closing date for pre-proposals: 10 March 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

Closing date full application: 8 September 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

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Foreseen opening NWO Call Scientific Meetings and Consultations (27 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO [Scientific Meetings and Consultations](#) | NWO

Full, associate and assistant professors, other researchers with a doctorate, postdocs and PhD candidates with an appointment for the duration of the meeting can submit an application for support for the organisation of scientific meetings or consultations. This funding instrument is open for applications with a research question within or that overlaps with the earth sciences, astronomy, chemistry, computer science, life sciences, physics and mathematics.

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KIC - Early detection and impact forecasting of (threatening) infectious diseases outbreaks (27 November 2025)

Source: website NWO [KIC - Early detection and impact forecasting of \(threatening\) infectious diseases outbreaks](#) | NWO

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

Closing date full application: 16 June 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)

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Meet the winners of the NWO Domain Science Awards 2025 (26 November 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [Meet the winners of the NWO Domain Science Awards 2025](#) | NWO



The winners of the NWO Domain Science Awards 2025 have been announced. For the sixth year in a row, the NWO Domain Science (ENW) is presenting five awards to scientists who excel in societal impact, team science, diversity & inclusion, science communication or as inspiring role models. With these awards, NWO aims to draw attention to scientists who, through their dedication and exemplary role, inspire others.

Watch the videos below, and get to know this year's inspiring winners: [Meet the winners of the NWO Domain Science Awards 2025](#) | NWO

Note PJ: for the WUR prof. dr. Marielos Peña-Claros won the Athena Award and dr. Cathelijne Stoof the Stairway to Impact Award

Athena Award

The [Athena Award](#) celebrates exceptional female researchers who serve as role models, demonstrating that a successful career in science is attainable. Winners of this award actively support other women following in their footsteps. This year, **two distinguished female scientists** are honoured with the Athena Award, each receiving €50,000 in prize money.

The 2025 winners are: dr. Aurélie Carlier (UM) & **prof. dr. Marielos Peña-Claros (WUR)**

Communication Initiative Award

The [Communication Initiative Award](#) honours outstanding science communication initiatives that successfully engage and inspire the public. One initiative receives €50,000, supporting activities that promote scientific understanding and outreach.

The winning initiative of 2025 is: **Rolling for Dementia** dr. Golnaz Atefi (RUMC)

Diversity & Inclusion Initiative Award

The [Diversity & Inclusion Initiative Award](#) puts a spotlight on initiatives that work hard on the improvement of Diversity and Inclusion on the work floor. The prize provides €50,000 to support their continued success and alignment with the award's objectives.

The winning initiative of 2025 is: **Steering Committee Alice & Eve**

Prof. dr. Marieke Huisman, dr. Cynthia Liem, dr. Sophie Lathouwers, dr. Alma Schaafstal, prof. dr. Alexander Serebrenik, prof. dr. Marielle Stoelinga (UT, TU Delft, TU/e/TNO)

Stairway to Impact Award

The [Stairway to Impact Award](#) acknowledges scientists who effectively translate their research findings into solutions for societal issues or economic benefits. **One recipient is awarded €50,000** to further their efforts in making a tangible impact on society.

The 2025 winner is: **dr. Cathelijne Stoof (WUR)**

Team Science Award

The [Team Science Award](#) recognises the most inspiring and effective research teams that tackle scientific challenges through interdisciplinary collaboration. Each year, one exemplary team is awarded €50,000 to further their collaborative efforts and related activities.

The winning team of 2025 is: **BIOS Lab on a Chip group**

Prof. dr. ir. Loes Segerink, dr. Sergii Pud, dr. Tim Segers, dr. rer. nat. Carsten Wloka, dr. ir. Jorien Berendsen, ing. Paul ter Braak (UT)

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European Policy

Commission welcomes provisional agreement on new genomic techniques for plants (4 December 2025)

Source: Website EC [Commission welcomes provisional agreement on new genomic techniques for plants](#)

The European Commission welcomes the provisional political agreement reached today by the European Parliament and the Council of the EU on new EU rules for plants obtained by using new genomic techniques (NGTs). The agreed measures will enable **more innovative plant breeding in the EU**, helping farmers to grow plants that are more resilient to climate change and making them more sustainable as producers will require less resources, fertilisers and pesticides to fight pests. This will allow breeders and farmers **to be more competitive by levelling the international playing field** with other producers. The news measures will significantly reduce the administrative burden too, while **ensuring high safety standards for NGT plants and products**.

New genomic techniques are innovative tools that can boost our agricultural and bioeconomy sectors through enabling faster, more targeted and more precise changes to plant varieties than conventional breeding techniques. Thanks to them, improved plant varieties can be developed, such as those that are climate resilient, pest resistant, or provide higher yields.

Once adopted and fully implemented, the measures agreed today will create two distinct pathways for NGT plants to be placed on the market:

- **NGT plants that could also occur naturally or by conventional breeding (so-called 'category 1 NGT plants')** will be subject to a **verification procedure**, based on set criteria. NGT plants that meet these criteria will be **treated like conventional plants and exempted from the requirements of the genetically modified organisms (GMO) legislation**;
- **For all other NGT plants ('category 2 NGT plants'), the requirements of the current GMO legislation would apply.** They will be subject to a risk assessment and authorisation procedure before they can be put on the market. They will have to be traceable and labelled as GMOs, with the possibility of a voluntary label to indicate the purpose of the genetic modification.
- The Commission will oversee **transparency and licencing practices related to patents**, and provide guidance where needed. It will also assess the impact of patents on breeders' access to genetic material and on farmers' access to plant varieties, with a view to proposing follow-up measures if necessary.

Next steps

The agreed Regulation must be formally adopted by the Council and the European Parliament. It will be published in the Official Journal in the course of 2026 and will start applying two years later.

The implementation of the Regulation will be supported by a robust **monitoring programme** of economic, environmental and social impacts of NGT products that will focus, inter alia, on aspects of sustainability and safety.

For more information

[New techniques in biotechnology](#)

[Factsheet: EU's rules New Genomic Techniques](#)

Council, Parliament agree on long-awaited regulation for new genomic techniques (4 December 2025)

MEPs concede on sustainability requirements and a full ban on patents for gene-edited plants

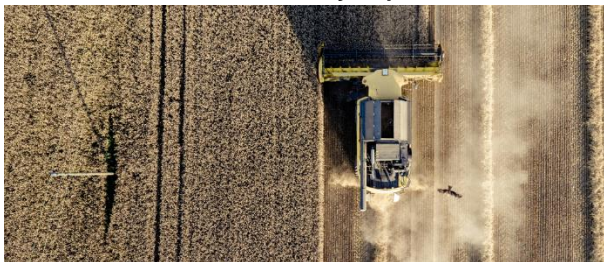


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The EU presidency and the European Parliament have reached a provisional agreement on a proposed regulation for new genomic techniques (NGTs) such as gene editing. After years of haggling over sustainability and patenting concerns, this promises a way forward for the use of NGTs in plant breeding.

“New genomic techniques can help us do more with less,” said Jacob Jensen, Denmark’s minister for food, agriculture and fisheries, in a statement from the Danish presidency. “The regulation will allow us to develop new plant varieties that are more resilient to climate change and require less fertilisers or pesticides.”

For Jessica Polfjård, MEP from the European People’s Party and rapporteur on the file, *“today’s agreement is a breakthrough that boosts not only our farmers’ competitiveness, but also Europe’s position in research and innovation.”* Tripartite discussions between the Danish presidency, the Parliament and the European Commission concluded during the night of December 3. The agreement must now be endorsed by the EU Council and the Parliament as a whole. Europe’s problem with NGTs dates back to a 2018 ruling by the Court of Justice of the EU that gene editing techniques should be covered by existing rules for genetically modified organisms (GMOs), designed to strictly control methods that move genes between different species. The result was effectively a ban on growing gene-edited crops in Europe and putting products derived from them onto the market.

Attempts to break the deadlock began in 2023, when the Commission proposed a relaxation of the rules in order to harness the benefits of gene editing for both competitiveness and food security. NGTs are used to design or enhance traits of interest in plant species that improve their nutritional profile or increase their resistance to disease and harsh climatic conditions.

From now on, genetically modified plants will be split into two categories. In Category 1, NGT plants are considered equivalent to plants produced by conventional breeding methods, and therefore exempt from the GMO legislation; in Category 2, plants with more complex or less “natural-equivalent” genomic modifications must stick to GMO rules, the Council said.

“The agreement generally preserves the original intent of the Commission proposal to provide an enabling framework for the development and growing of conventional-like NGT plants,” industry lobby group Euroseeds said in a statement.

“Yesterday is not a surprise, given the pressure that was put by the presidency, among others, to strike an agreement,” Eric Gall, deputy director of the organic food and farming lobby group IFOAM Organics Europe, said in a press briefing. *“But we really wonder to what extent it reflects the majorities of the different political parties in the European Parliament.”*

Labels and traits

MEPs went into the discussion asking for additional sustainability criteria through to the final product, in order to differentiate NGT plants from traditionally bred varieties and to allow operators to establish NGT-free food chains. This blanket requirement fell by the wayside, and the final agreement states that NGT-1 plants will not be labelled, except for seeds and other plant reproductive material.

However, there will be an exclusion list of intended traits. NGT plants that are tolerant to herbicides or produce known insecticidal effects will be excluded from Category 1 and classed as NGT-2. Just like transgenic GMOs, they will be subject to authorisation, traceability and labelling requirements, *“with the possibility of a voluntary label to indicate the purpose of the genetic modification,”* according to a statement by the Commission.

Meanwhile, member states will be allowed to opt out from the cultivation of NGT-2 plants on their territory.

Strong emphasis on competitiveness in the autumn package for the European Semester (4 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 December 2025

The European Commission has presented the autumn package for the 2026 European Semester. The package sets out the economic and labour market priorities for 2026, aimed at strengthening competitiveness, productivity, and economic resilience. According to the Commission, structural challenges are central, such as low productivity, demographic pressure, increased defense spending, and the green and digital transitions. The Commission encourages Member States, among other things, to promote investment in innovation and strategic sectors and to improve the internal market by simplifying regulations.

Press release European Commission: [2026 European Semester Autumn Package](#)

News release European Commission: [New economic guidance to boost EU competitiveness - European Commission](#)

Commission presents new Bioeconomy Strategy to drive green growth, competitiveness and resilience across Europe (27 November 2025)

Source: Website EC [IP_25_2819_EN.pdf](#)

Today, the Commission adopted a new Strategic Framework for a Competitive and Sustainable EU Bioeconomy, charting a way forward to build a clean, competitive and resilient European economy. By using renewable biological resources from land and sea and providing alternatives to critical raw materials, the EU will move forward towards a more circular and decarbonised economy and can decrease dependence on fossil imports.

The bioeconomy offers Europe a chance to strengthen its resilience, replace fossil-based materials and products, create jobs and lead the global shift to clean industries. With this new Strategy, the EU will support activities that provide sustainable practical solutions using our biological resources in sectors such as agriculture, forestry, fisheries, aquaculture, biomass processing, biomanufacturing and biotechnologies. It will harness the vast potential of these resources, scientific excellence and industrial base, and encourages innovations that benefit the climate, nature and society.

With a value of up to €2.7 trillion in 2023 and employing 17.1 million people (around 8% of EU jobs), the EU bioeconomy already contributes significantly to job creation and economic growth in Europe. Every job in the bioeconomy creates three indirect jobs in the EU. Examples of products are bio-based chemicals made from algae that are used to produce pharmaceuticals, personal care products and industrial applications. Bio-based plastics are increasingly used in packaging and automotive parts. Also bio-based construction productions, textile fibres and fertilisers are increasingly in demand. However, it still has a huge untapped potential.

The EU Bioeconomy Strategy aims to unlock this potential by scaling up innovation and investments, developing lead markets for bio-based materials and technologies, ensuring a sustainable supply of biomass, and harnessing global opportunities.

Making bio-based innovations a reality on the ground

To lead the bio-tech revolution, innovation and investment need to be scaled up, so that research does not remain in the labs. Scaling up bio-based innovations requires a combination of public and private investments, as well as a streamlined regulatory environment. The Commission will work to create a coherent and simplified regulatory framework that rewards circular and sustainable business models, while safeguarding EU safety standards. Faster, clearer and simpler approvals for innovative solutions will support companies to develop and grow in Europe, especially for SMEs. The Commission will also ensure that existing and future EU funding goes into bio-based technologies. And to stimulate private investment, the Commission proposes to convene a Bioeconomy Investment Deployment Group to create a pipeline of bankable projects, share risk more effectively, and crowd in private capital.

Developing lead markets for bio-based materials and technologies

To unlock investment and enable scale-up, the Commission identified innovative markets for biobased materials and technologies. These include bio-based sectors, such as plastics, fibres, textiles, chemicals, fertilisers, plant protection products, construction materials, biorefineries, advanced fermentation and permanent storage of biogenic carbon, which have high potential for both economic growth and environmental benefits. The Commission will boost demand for bio-based content in products, for example by setting targets in relevant legislation. The Strategy proposes to set up a Bio-based Europe Alliance, which will be gathering EU companies to collectively purchase bio-based solutions worth €10 billion by 2030.

Securing a sustainable use of biomass

While boosting today's competitiveness we need to build tomorrow's resilience. Europe is largely self sufficient in biomass, but we must make sure it stays that way.

The EU Bioeconomy Strategy therefore stresses the need for sourcing biomass responsibly, ensuring that forests, soils, water, and ecosystems are managed within their ecological limits. Promoting circularity and enhancing the value of secondary biomass – such as agricultural residues, by-products, and organic waste – is key. The Commission will set up initiatives rewarding farmers and foresters who protect soils, enhance carbon sinks and support sustainable biomass use.

Harnessing global opportunities

With its strong research base and innovative industries, Europe is well positioned to become a global leader in sustainable bio-based technologies, materials, products and expertise.

With this Strategy, the EU will support European industry in accessing global markets by securing partnerships that reduce vulnerability and ensuring that Europe is not dependent on a single region or a single resource. In the current fragile geopolitical climate, resource security enhances EU's competitiveness and resilience.

Background

The bioeconomy covers activities that use biological resources to create added value. It includes products, services, science and technologies benefitting a number of sectors ranging from agriculture and forestry to fisheries and aquaculture. Using biomass processing, biomanufacturing and biotechnologies, the bioeconomy supports food, health, energy, industry and ecosystem services.

The new Strategic Framework for a Competitive and Sustainable EU Bioeconomy builds on the 2012 Bioeconomy Strategy and the reviews carried out in 2018 and 2022, shifting the focus towards industrial deployment, market scale-up, competitiveness and resilience.

Bioeconomy Strategy: [dbf8d2ba-9332-4f7a-b336-f356fa4b7236_en](#)

Bioeconomy Strategy Staff Working Document: [1b42ec76-984d-4de1-a66c-f8b062058ad6_en](#)

Marc Lemaître Points to Regulatory Burden and Labor Law as a Barrier to European Innovation (27 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 27 November 2025

European Commission Director-General for Research and Innovation Marc Lemaître fears that complex EU regulations could slow down innovation. Lemaître made this statement during last week's European Business Summit, reports Science Business. Lemaître advocates for simpler, innovation-friendly regulations, allowing for anonymized data for AI. He also wants predictable targets and reduced reporting burdens to give companies room to invest. He also questions whether strict European labor laws are hindering disruptive innovation.

Article Science Business: [Commission hopes drive for simpler regulation will boost innovation | Science|Business](#)

Article Science Business: [Employment protection laws blamed for Europe's lack of innovation | Science|Business](#)

Viewpoint: The missing ingredient in Europe's innovation policy (27 November 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business [Viewpoint: The missing ingredient in Europe's innovation policy | Science|Business](#)

Europe's innovation engine runs on great research, but without the private sector fully engaged, it will never reach the market



Stefan Dobrev, chairman of the EIT governing board. Photo credits: EIT

Innovation is essential to the competitiveness that Europe needs to protect its prosperity and values. Yet despite years of ambitious public programmes, generous funding, and strong research institutions, Europe continues to fall short in translating scientific excellence into global commercial leadership. The gap between breakthrough research and market success remains wide.

The missing ingredient is systematic and sustained engagement from the private sector. Without it, even the most carefully designed innovation policies will fail to have an impact on citizens and the economy.

Innovation is a value chain. Knowledge, ideas and technologies created in universities and research teams need to be turned into applied innovations, often through start-up companies. They then need to be scaled up, transforming those early innovations into competitive businesses that can thrive globally and benefit society.

European policy has long focused on the first stage, funding research, supporting early-stage ventures and celebrating prototypes. But without a dynamic market for innovation, including buyers, investors and partners, early progress rarely leads to commercial impact.

The private sector plays a decisive role. Established companies create demand for new technologies and enable scaling up through integration into supply chains. They also contribute to the pipeline of innovation through spin-offs, research partnerships and new ventures. If these actors are absent, the cycle breaks down, and promising research remains underused.

As the Draghi report underlined, Europe's commercialisation gap remains persistent. Research alone cannot bring innovations to market. That requires investors, entrepreneurs, product developers, marketers, regulatory experts, and companies willing to take risks.

Public funding can support early development, but only the private sector can scale up innovations to market. Policies that treat businesses as passive recipients of support have proven ineffective in the past. Instead, companies must be partners in shaping and delivering innovation policy.

Moreover, there is a skills gap to close. Europe produces world-class talent. But purely academic training alone is insufficient for the evolving needs of industry. Companies struggle to recruit workers with the right expertise, while graduates face uncertain job prospects. This misalignment weakens both innovation capacity and competitiveness.

Feedback loops

Fixing this requires structured feedback loops between industry and academia. Businesses should play a direct role in shaping curricula, co-designing training programmes and creating clear pathways from education to employment. This is not about turning universities into training centres. It is about ensuring that research institutions equip graduates with the skills and experience needed in future industries.

Ensuring the private sector plays its role is not about top-down control, subsidies or even consultation. It requires bottom-up engagement through permanent, structured communities of trust between academia, entrepreneurs and industry, where each side feels empowered and motivated to collaborate and contribute.

Read full article here: [Viewpoint: The missing ingredient in Europe's innovation policy | Science|Business](#)

European Commission aims to simplify digital regulations to stimulate innovation (27 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 27 November 2025

The European Commission has presented the so-called Digital Omnibus package. The package aims to simplify regulations for AI, cybersecurity, and data. It also expands the framework for voluntary AI sandboxes and establishes a single European cyber incident reporting point. Furthermore, a Data Union Strategy will be launched to increase access to high-quality data for AI. Finally, the Commission is introducing a digital business portfolio that allows companies to securely sign, store, and exchange documents within all EU Member States. The package aims to stimulate innovation and reduce regulatory burden. However, there are also concerns about the package. For example, the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights fears a "worrying weakening of the protection of fundamental rights."

Press release European Commission: [Simpler EU digital rules and new digital wallets to save billions for businesses and boost innovation | Shaping Europe's digital future](#)

News release Netherlands Institute for Human Rights: [EU-wetswijzingen 'digitale omnibus' zorgelijk voor grondrechten | College voor de Rechten van de Mens \(in Dutch\)](#)

Agrifood coalition reject burdens on new genomic techniques (25 November 2025)

Source: Website Euroseeds [A coalition of 26 food and feed associations urge swift adoption of New Genomic Techniques and reject new burdens on operators - Euroseeds](#)

A coalition of 25 food and feed associations is urging the European Parliament to scrap additional restrictions and swiftly finalise a deal on new genomic techniques (NGTs) during trilogue negotiations.

New requirements include sustainability criteria and traceability and labelling obligations, which NGT supporters expect to create “unnecessary administrative complexity and burden” for the agri-food sector. Instead, they call for a “clear and enabling legislative framework.”

Read the full open letter here: [A coalition of 26 food and feed associations urge swift adoption of New Genomic Techniques and reject new burdens on operators - Euroseeds](#)

Global policy

Analysts see opportunities and threats in the US Genesis Mission (4 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 December 2025

In several articles, analysts outline the opportunities that US President Trump's large-scale AI research project, the Genesis Mission, offers for science. Genesis aims to have federal research institutions make AI systems and data available to conduct research faster and on a larger scale. This should enable faster progress on issues such as climate change, healthcare, and technological innovation. At the same time, there are also concerns, for example, about the power the US will gain in this area and the limited opportunities the plan offers for international collaboration. Science Business points to a blueprint that calls for international cooperation. Nature also discusses the opportunities and threats in detail in a background article. The Center for Data Innovation (part of the American think tank ITIF) sees Genesis as "a credible way" to accelerate its own scientific engine and thus compete with China.

Article ScienceBusiness: [New US plan for 'AI in science' could change how research is done, for better or worse | Science|Business](#)

Document: [A Blueprint for Multinational Advanced AI Development: A Blueprint for Multinational Advanced AI Development - Oxford Martin AI&I](#)

Article Nature: [Trump's AI 'Genesis Mission': what are the risks and opportunities?](#)

Statement ITIF: [The Genesis Mission Marks a Coherent National Push for Faster American Science | ITIF](#)

China forecast: high expectations for Chinese innovation and rising international tensions (4 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 December 2025

According to the latest China Forecast from think tank Merics, 2026 will be the year of major technological leaps for China, with intensified geopolitical relations. Progress is expected in AI, but breakthroughs are also expected in semiconductors, biotechnology, and green technology. At the same time, the outlook for international relations and geopolitical relations is much bleaker. Three-quarters of the China experts surveyed believe that tensions between China and the US will continue to escalate, particularly in the technological field, but also in defense and trade. Moreover, a large majority is skeptical about Europe's ability to reduce its dependence on China. Meanwhile, China's dependence on Western chips is actually decreasing. This creates opportunities for the Chinese to expand their global influence, including through Russia and the Global South.

Merics Analysis: [MERICS China Forecast 2026: High expectations for Chinese innovation, low expectations for relations with US and EU | Merics](#)

Opinion: The world must wake up to China's looming dominance in science (4 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 December 2025

The world must wake up to China's rapidly growing scientific dominance, warns Professor of Chinese Studies Kerry Brown in an opinion piece in Nature. In October, China announced that it would focus on "high-quality development" over the next five years, with innovation as the main driver. "This requires major improvements in scientific and technological strength and self-reliance," it stated. According to Brown, there are good reasons why policymakers should take this message seriously. After all, China is investing significantly in knowledge and talent.

Analysis in Nature: [Why the world must wake up to China's science leadership](#)

UK: To what extent does public R&D spending stimulate private investment? (4 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 December 2025

A new exploratory report from the UK government concludes that public R&D spending increases private capital investment. According to the report, a one-off 1% increase in public R&D leads to between 0.15% and 0.20% additional business investment in the same year, rising to around 0.6% over the longer term. The researchers emphasize the study's limitations but see tentative evidence of positive effects. "While exploratory, the findings support the view of R&D policy as a lever for both innovation and long-term growth," it states.

Report Department for Science, Innovation and Technology: [To what extent does public R&D leverage private capital investment? - GOV.UK](#)

White House Launches Genesis Mission for AI-Driven Research (27 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 27 November 2025

The United States is launching a new AI program for scientific research. President Trump has established the Genesis Mission for this purpose, which will make federal datasets and computing power widely available to researchers and companies. According to Politico, this is the largest pooling of federal research funds in decades. Axios reports that the Department of Energy is developing an AI platform to connect federal data with AI models to accelerate research in areas such as drug development, energy, and national security. The White House is positioning the mission as a nationwide effort to accelerate scientific breakthroughs and improve energy infrastructure.

White House Press Release: [Launching the Genesis Mission – The White House](#)

Axios Article: [Trump announces AI "Genesis Mission." Here's what it means for energy costs](#)

Politico Article: [Trump directs science agencies to embrace AI - POLITICO](#)

OECD: Start-ups offer better jobs than expected (27 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 27 November 2025

Recent OECD research in France and Portugal shows that start-ups often offer better jobs than expected: they pay more on average than older companies when comparing similar employees, and are more likely to offer permanent contracts. Furthermore, the gender pay gap in these young companies is smaller (0.3-0.7 percentage points), and start-ups play a key role in recruiting workers with a migration background. The OECD argues that policies that encourage entrepreneurship not only promote growth but can also improve the quality of work, and advocates for, among other things, improved access to financing, reduced administrative burdens, and enhanced skills for entrepreneurs.

OECD Blog: [Do start-ups provide better jobs? What new OECD evidence shows on wage gaps, contract security and opportunities](#)

Nature: Universities Worldwide Targeted by Hackers (27 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 27 November 2025

Cyberattacks on universities worldwide are increasing, increasingly disrupting education and research, writes Nature. Recent data breaches at Princeton and Harvard, among others, are part of this trend. According to experts, "things will get worse" and "prevention is no longer enough." Universities remain vulnerable due to a combination of valuable data and outdated systems. A British study reports that 91 percent of higher education institutions experienced a cyber incident in the past year.

Article Nature: [Cyberattacks' harm to universities is growing — and so are their effects on research](#)

Canada forgoes science cuts and focuses on international talent (27 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 27 November 2025

The Canadian budget plan provides additional funding for science and international research collaboration, Nature reports. This clearly positions Canada as a competitive research location compared to the United States. While there were previously concerns about potential cuts to the three main research funding agencies, it now appears that these have been partially averted. The budget plan also includes an action plan to attract top foreign scientists and strengthen Canada's position as a global innovation leader.

Nature article: [Budget release: Canada courts US researchers and signals wider commitment to science](#)

UK announces multi-billion pound package for targeted R&D investment (27 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 27 November 2025

The British government wants the UK to focus its public R&D investment more strongly on economic growth and strategic technologies. Science Minister Kendall argues that public research funding has been fragmented for too long and has announced a £38.6 billion investment package. Research funder UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) will largely allocate the funds to technologies in which the UK aims to excel, such as AI and quantum.

Attention will also be paid to research within government priorities and to innovative companies that can develop into future industry leaders. The British government is also increasing funding for curiosity-driven research to £14 billion.

Press release UK government: [More targeted R&D investment towards driving UK growth and jobs unveiled by Technology Secretary - GOV.UK](#)

OECD: How AI Helps Strategic Foresight (27 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 27 November 2025

A majority of stakeholders in the world of strategic foresight are now using AI, according to an OECD survey of 167 stakeholders from the worlds of science, policy, entrepreneurship, and civil society. According to the OECD report, these experts primarily use AI for trend analysis, scenario building, and identifying emerging themes, with the technology primarily saving time by taking over repetitive tasks and quickly analyzing large data sets. At the same time, concerns remain about AI's reliability: respondents point to hallucinatory output, lack of transparency, potential bias, and limited capacity for truly forward-looking reasoning. The report advocates for increased AI skills, clear frameworks, and room for experimentation. It states that AI can support, but not replace, this sector.

OECD Report: [AI in Strategic Foresight | OECD](#)

National policy

Interim report on the formation: D66 and CDA want to invest heavily in innovation, knowledge, and research (4 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 December 2025

D66 and CDA want to invest heavily in innovation, knowledge and research, digitalization, and new energy infrastructure. This is what the party leaders write in their substantive and ambitious agenda, which was presented Tuesday by informateur Buma. The parties want to increase public investment in R&D, work on a National Investment Agency, and enable research institutions to attract and retain top researchers from abroad. The agenda is an interim step in the formation process. This week, Buma will discuss the document with other parties. Next week, he will deliver his final report, with recommendations for the further formation process.

Interim report by informateur Buma with substantive agenda: [Tussenverslag informateur Buma met inhoudelijke agenda | Kabinetsformatie](#)

The Netherlands' top 50 most R&D-intensive companies mapped (4 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 December 2025

ASML was once again by far the largest R&D investor in the Netherlands in 2024. This is evident from the R&D Top 50 published by TNO Vector, Technisch Weekblad, and VNO-NCW. The company's R&D expenditure rose last year from €2.8 billion to €3 billion, roughly the same as the rest of the top 10 combined. Booking.com emerged as the fastest-growing R&D investor in the top 50. Although ASML's expenditure has grown strongly, the report warns that growth in R&D expenditure outside of ASML has fallen to 2.8%. Last year, it was 4.3%. Compared to inflation, R&D expenditure has shrunk in real terms. The report is a continuation and expansion of the R&D Top 30, published last year by the same organizations.

TNO Vector News: [R&D Top 50: uniek inzicht in ontwikkeling innovatie - TNO Vector \(in Dutch\)](#)

VNO-NCW News: [Top 50 meest R&D intensieve bedrijven van Nederland \(in Dutch\)](#)

TW Article: [R&D Top 50 van 2025: vertrouwde toppers blijven leidend, frisse spelers breken door - TW.nl \(in Dutch\)](#)

AWTI Recommendation: "Make society and the economy resilient: invest in research and innovation" (4 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 December 2025

Develop a large-scale, strategic, stable, collaborative investment instrument for research and innovation in a limited number of themes and reserve half a percent of national income annually for this purpose. This is the recommendation of the Netherlands Institute for War, Stability and Innovation (AWTI) in its report "Resilient and Future-Proof – The Power of Stable Large-Scale Investments in Research and Innovation." Stable investment in research and innovation is necessary because the Netherlands is at a tipping point: in a time of geopolitical tensions, healthcare, climate, mobility, equal opportunities, housing, energy, and infrastructure are reaching their limits. Research and innovation play a key role in solving these challenges, according to the AWTI. Secretary-General Sandor Gaastra received the recommendation this morning on behalf of Minister Karremans of Economic Affairs.

Read the recommendation here: [Nieuw advies: "Maak de samenleving en economie weerbaar: investeer in onderzoek en innovatie" | Adviesraad voor wetenschap, technologie en innovatie \(in Dutch\)](#)

Invest-NL Deep-Dive Study: The Netherlands Must Focus on Next-Generation and Energy-Efficient AI (4 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 December 2025

The Netherlands cannot and should not compete with the US and China in the race for ever-larger and more expensive AI language models. Instead, the Netherlands would be better off focusing on specific parts of the AI value chain. This is the conclusion of a deep-dive study by Invest-NL, in collaboration with ROM Nederland. "The next generation of AI isn't

about even larger language models, but about models that learn through sensors, robotics, and interaction with the real world. These models will have to be energy-efficient and privacy-friendly," says researcher Stefan Leijnen. According to the study, the Netherlands is strongly positioned where physical processes, high-quality data, and high adoption potential converge. The study advocates for an AI industry policy with targeted and strategic investments.

News item Invest-NL: [Nederland moet inzetten op next-gen en energie-efficiënte AI \(in Dutch\)](#)

Publication Invest-NL: [AI Deep Dive: Strategic investing in the age of intelligence \(in Dutch\)](#)

AI Coalition 4 NL advocates for billions in AI investments (4 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 4 December 2025

€5 billion in targeted investments are needed in AI infrastructure, the development of a Dutch AI industry, and the use of AI as an accelerator for major transitions in areas such as energy, health, nitrogen emissions, and food. This is stated in the AI investment agenda of AI Coalition 4 NL. The coalition calls on politicians and the business community to work together on these investments. "AI is an indispensable system technology with an impact on all aspects of society. Although this is recognized in the Netherlands, there is too little concrete action and too little investment to actually implement AI. As a result, the Netherlands is lagging behind in the European context," says Chairman Willem Jonker.

News item AIC4NL: [AI Coalitie 4 NL pleit voor €5 miljard aan AI-investeringen](#) • [AI Coalitie 4 NL](#)

AI experts present National AI Delta Plan (27 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 27 November 2025

A coalition of AI experts has presented the National AI Delta Plan to Minister Karremans. According to the coalition, AI will fundamentally transform our economy and society. The plan makes 52 recommendations to ensure the Netherlands can manage the risks of AI and maximize its opportunities. These include advocating for investments in sufficient computing power and renewable energy, encouraging broad AI adoption and literacy, and fostering a competitive AI ecosystem and projects that achieve breakthroughs with significant social and economic impact. Some notable recommendations include a dedicated State Secretary for AI and the establishment of a Dutch ELLIS Institute to attract top international researchers and become a European leader in AI research. The Delta Plan was commissioned by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and developed in consultation with more than sixty experts from academia, business, government, and civil society.

National AI Delta Plan: [Nationaal AI Deltaplan | AI Plan NL \(in Dutch\)](#)

Article iBestuur: [AI-experts pleiten voor staatssecretaris voor AI bij EZ \(in Dutch\)](#)

Article BNR: [Nationaal AI Deltaplan moet Nederland aan top van Europa brengen | BNR Nieuwsradio \(in Dutch\)](#)

CPB: The engine of economic growth in the Netherlands is faltering (27 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 27 November 2025

The process of economic renewal has clearly weakened since 2007. This is evident from new research by the Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (CPB). Underperforming companies are being replaced less quickly by new, innovative, and well-performing companies. The CPB warns that this so-called process of creative destruction is important for productivity growth. On average, companies are devoting more and more time to innovation, but this innovative power is increasingly concentrated in larger and older companies.

CPB press release: [De motor van economische groei in Nederland hapert | CPB Website \(in Dutch\)](#)

CPB: Higher defense spending has limited impact on economic growth (27 November 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 27 November 2025

The Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (CPB) expects that higher defense spending will have little effect on economic growth in the Netherlands. The CPB concludes this in an analysis based on findings from the academic literature and a translation to the Dutch context. For example, investments in defense contribute less to productivity growth than other public investments, and a large portion of defense equipment is imported. Defense-related R&D also has a smaller effect than other R&D, as it generally concerns specific military applications that have limited applicability in other sectors. However, European cooperation can lead to economies of scale. In the ESB, Rabobank economists respond that defense investments can indeed lead to a positive economic impact provided certain preconditions are met.

CPB Press Release: [Effect hogere defensie-uitgaven op economische groei is beperkt | CPB Website \(in Dutch\)](#)
ESB Publication: [Waarom defensie-investeringen meer kunnen zijn dan een kostenpost - ESB \(in Dutch\)](#)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 5 December 2025

Call identifier	Deadline
Pillar I Excellent Science	
ERC	
HORIZON-ERC-2026-CoG https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERC-2026-COG	13 January 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Consolidator Grant</i>)
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	
Research Infrastructures	
Cluster 1 HEALTH	
Destination - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-STAYHLTH-two-stage	18 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) (First Stage), 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-STAYHLTH	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Destination - Living and working in a health-promoting environment	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-ENVHLTH-two-stage	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) (First Stage), 16 April 2026 (Second Stage)

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-ENVHLTH single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Destination– Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden	
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-DISEASE-02-two-stage	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) (First Stage), 16 April 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE two-stage	Foreseen opening 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) , 22 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
Destination - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare	
Destination - Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL single stage	Foreseen opening: 3 June 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-TOOL-01-two-stage	Foreseen opening 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) , 22 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u>	
<u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u>	
Destination 1: CLIMATE NEUTRAL, CIRCULAR AND DIGITISED PRODUCTION	
Destination 2: INCREASED AUTONOMY IN KEY STRATEGIC VALUE CHAINS FOR RESILIENT INDUSTRY	

DESTINATION 3 - WORLD LEADING DATA AND COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES	
DESTINATION 4 – DIGITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND FIT FOR THE GREEN DEAL	
DESTINATION 5 – DESTINATION – OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN DEVELOPING, DEPLOYING AND USING GLOBAL SPACE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURES, SERVICES, APPLICATIONS AND DATA	
DESTINATION 6 – A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES	
CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility	
Destination - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-07-D1	Foreseen opening: 18 December 2025 and foreseen Deadline(s): 15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2026-08-Two-Stage-D1-06:	Foreseen opening: 18 December 2025 and foreseen Deadline(s): 15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) and 8 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1	Foreseen opening: 17 November 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 4 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Destination - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D2	Foreseen opening: 18 December 2025 and foreseen Deadline(s): 31 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2026-09-D2	Foreseen opening: 5 May 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 15 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D2	Foreseen opening: 3 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 31 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time

HORIZON-CL5-2027-04-Two-Stage-D2	Foreseen opening: 15 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) and 7 October 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3	Foreseen opening: 18 December 2025 and foreseen Deadline(s): 31 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) and 20 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3	Foreseen opening: 4 August 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 1 December 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2026-04-Two-Stage-D3-02	Foreseen opening: 18 December 2025 and foreseen Deadline(s): 31 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D4	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) Deadline(s) 20 January 2026 17.00 Brussels time
Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-05-D5-01	Foreseen opening: 18 December 2025 Deadline(s) 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
Destination: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D6	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) 20 January 2026 17.00 Brussels time
CLUSTER 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment	
Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV single stage	Foreseen opening: 17 April 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV two-stage	Foreseen opening: 12 February 2026; Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK single stage	Foreseen opening: 14 January 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time

HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK two-stage	Foreseen opening: 12 February 2026; Deadline(s): 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 15 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK two-stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
Destination 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO single stage	Foreseen opening: 17 April 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-CIRCBIO two-stage	Foreseen opening: 12 February 2026; Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CIRCBIO two-stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 16 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
Destination 4 – Clean environment and zero pollution	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01 ZEROPOLLUTION-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION single stage	Foreseen opening: 17 April 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-ZEROPOLLUTION two-stage	Foreseen opening: 12 February 2026; Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 5 - Land, ocean and water for climate action	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CLIMATE single stage	Foreseen opening: 14 January 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CLIMATE single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities	


HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-COMMUNITIES single stage	Foreseen opening: 14 January 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE single stage	Foreseen opening: 14 January 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-04-GOVERNANCE-01: Additional activities for the European Partnership of Agriculture of Data	Foreseen opening: 25 August and foreseen Deadline(s): 26 November 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE two-stage	Foreseen opening: 12 February 2026; Deadline(s): 15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 30 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE single stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 11 May 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Circular Biobased Europe	
CBE Circular Biobased Europe partnership https://www.cbe.europa.eu/	
Pillar III Innovative Europe	
Mission calls 2026-2026	
CLIMATE MISSION	
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA single stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-01-CLIMA single stage	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
CANCER MISSION	
HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 December 2025 and foreseen Deadline(s): 15 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time


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

Call identifier	Deadline

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 Call opening: 12 September 2025 Submission deadline of preproposals: 13 November 2025, 15:00 CET (CLOSED) Selection of preproposals: End of February 2026 Submission deadline of full proposals: 13 April 2026, 15:00 CEST Selection of funded proposals: September 2026 Projects start: End 2026/beginning 2027 Kick-off meeting of the funded projects: Spring 2027</p>
European Partnership FutureFoods https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/	<p>FutureFoodS hereby pre-announces the 2nd co-funded call for transnational research projects https://www.futurefoodpartnership.eu/news/pre-announcement and https://futurefoods.ptj.de.</p> <p>The call will follow a two-step procedure with the following important steps:]Call launch: Second half of November 2025 Deadline for pre-proposal submission: ~ end of January 2026 Deadline for full-proposal submission: ~ beginning of July 2026 (only by invitation)</p>
European Partnership Agroecology https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/	<p>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> 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</p> <p><u>Procedure</u></p>

	<p>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>
<p>European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://bluepartnership.eu/</p>	<p>Third Joint Transnational Call for R&I Funding Call launch (provisional): 15 September 2025, 15:00 CEST Deadline submission Pre-proposals 17 November 2025 Deadline submission Full proposals 17 June 2026</p>  <p>https://www.bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep</p>
<p>European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/</p>	<p>Pre-announcement: European funding opportunity for sustainable urban transitions https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-european-funding-opportunity-for-sustainable-urban-transitions-0 <u>Foreseen timeline and information day</u> The foreseen timeline for this call is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 September 2025: stage 1 opening • 9 September 2025: transnational info webinar (online) • 17 November 2025: stage 1 closing (Pre-Proposal submission deadline) • 20 February 2026: stage 2 opening • 23 April 2026: stage 2 closing (Full Proposal submission deadline) • Summer of 2026: decision-making <p>On 9 September 2025 (10:00–13:00) , DUT will host an online information meeting for those who are interested. More information and registration can be found here https://dutpartnership.eu/dut-call-2025-info-day/. NWO and SIA representatives will be available for your questions during a break-out session for The Netherlands.</p>
<p>European Partnership ERA4HEALTH ERA4Health The Partnership</p>	<p>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> <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>
<p>Joint Technology Initiatives</p>	

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 **5 December 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

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

	water-systems and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sep11_-_round_2.pdf
14-04-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals Biodiversity+ 2025-2026 Joint Call Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity, and connectivity . Submission deadline of full proposals: 13 April 2026, 15:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/rescuing-biodiversity-to-safeguard-life-on-earth and https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/
17-06-2025	Deadline submission Full proposals Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership third Joint Transnational Call, “Digitalisation and Innovation for Resilient Marine Ecosystems, Businesses, and Communities to Strengthen the EU Blue Economy’s Competitiveness . Full proposal submission deadline (Provisional): 17/06/2026, 15:00 CEST (Brussels Time). https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep and https://bluepartnership.eu/ and https://bluepartnership.eu/news/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-launches-its-3rd-joint-transnational-call

National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **5 December 2025**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

From 13-01-2025 until 12-12-2025	Deadline submission full proposals Open Technology Programme 2025 . Applications can be submitted on a continuous basis between 13 January 2025 until 12 December 2025, as long as the grant ceiling or the maximum number of applications submitted has not yet been reached.. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-opening-open-technology-programme-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-technology-programme-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/CfP_OTP_2025_EN.pdf
20-12-2025	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 20 December 2025 by 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
20-01-2026	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	Deadline for submission full proposals Doctoral Grant for Teachers, 1st round 2026 . The deadline for the submission of proposals is Tuesday 20 January 2026, 14:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/want-to-pursue-a-phd-alongside-your-teaching-career-apply-for-the-doctoral-grant-for-teachers and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/doctoral-grant-for-teachers-1st-round-2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-Doctorate-grant-for-teachers-2026-1.pdf
22-01-2026	Deadline submission proposals for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. January 22, 2026, before 2:00:00 PM CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation
27-01-2026	Deadline submission for Full applications for Veni round 2025 . The deadline for submitting full applications is 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme
27-01-2026	Deadline submission of Full Proposals for NWA call Opportunities and value chains for side streams in the protein transition . The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf
27-01-2026	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	Deadline submissions Full proposals for Transformative practices and processes for climate transitions . Proposals can be submitted until 27 January 2026 14:00:00 CET.

	https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-transformative-practices-and-processes-for-climate-transitions and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/transformative-practices-and-processes-for-climate-transitions and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call_Transformative_Practices_Processes_Climate_Transitions.pdf
29-01-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals for NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy . The deadline for submitting proposals is Thursday, 29 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET: Note PJ: The application procedure for this call consists of two phases: participating in collaborative workshops and submitting a proposal; NWO is organising two consecutive collaborative workshops on 8 and 29 October 2025 . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy
03-02-2026	Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2025 . 3 February 2026 by 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-impact-explorer-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer
03-02-2026	Deadline submission Full proposals Dutch Research Agenda - Research along Routes by Consortia 2025 (NWA-ORC 2025) . Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/dutch-research-agenda-research-along-routes-by-consortia-2025-nwa-orc-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWAORC2025_Call%20for%20Proposals_EN.pdf
03-02-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission Full applications for Call Open Competition L . Closing date full application 3 February 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-ssh-open-competition-l and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/sgw-open-competitie-l-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh
03-02-2026	Deadline submission full proposals for SSH Open Competition L 2025 . The full proposal deadline is 3 February 2026, at 14:00:00 CET: The dates of the collaborative workshops are 23 September 2025 and 7 October 2025 . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf
03-02-2026	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	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

10-03-2026	NEW: Foreseen Deadline for submission pre-proposals NWO-Talent Programme Vici SSH 2026. Closing date for pre-proposals 10 March 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). NWO-Talent Programme Vici SSH 2026 NWO and NWO Talent Programme 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 proposals is 9 april 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202025_EN.pdf
14-04-2026	Foreseen deadline Full proposals NWO-KIC call Fewer critical raw materials in the energy transition. Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/fewer-critical-raw-materials-in-the-energy-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant
14-04-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Full applications KIC Digital Twinning – Actual and accurate models for insight, optimisation, and decision-making. Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. NWO makes 7 million euros available for research into Digital Twins NWO and KIC Digital Twinning – Actual and accurate models for insight, optimisation, and decision-making NWO and Call for Proposals - Digital Twinning
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
16-06-2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission of 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.). KIC - Early detection and impact forecasting of (threatening) infectious diseases outbreaks NWO
15-09-2026	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	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
08-09-2026	NEW: Foreseen Deadline for submission Full proposals NWO-Talent Programme Vici SSH 2026. Closing date full application 8 September 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). NWO-Talent Programme Vici SSH 2026 NWO and NWO Talent Programme NWO
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 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 5 December 2025. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
From 01-03-2025 to 28-02-2026	Opening EFRO East Netherlands: Innovation projects priority 1 (a smarter East Netherlands): applications can be submitted from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. The

	subsidy ceiling is € 11.7 million, of which € 10 million for activities that benefit Gelderland and € 1.7 million for activities that benefit Overijssel;
From 01-03-2025 to 28-02-2026	Opening EFFO East Netherlands <u>Test and demonstration projects priority 1</u> (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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