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Latest Funding News

European Funding News: Horizon Europe

€170.7 million to advance Europe's bio-based innovation! (6 January 2026)

Source: EC

CBE JU has published 2026 work programme, setting out a €170.7 million call for project proposals to support competitive and sustainable bio-based solutions across Europe.

The 2026 call will include 13 topics, ranging from flagship industrial biorefineries to research actions addressing feedstock diversification, circular design, biotechnology scale-up and market uptake.

The call for proposals will open **on 23 April 2026 and close on 22 September 2026**.

For more information: [CBE-JU-AWP-2026_0.pdf](#)

Update Horizon Health with European Partnership calls (23 December 2025)

Source: Mailing RVO team IRIS

WP 2026-27 HE Cluster Health and Cancer Mission published

The Cluster 1 Health work programme 2026 - 2027 and the work programme for the Mission on Cancer for 2026 - 2027 have been published on the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

Brokerage events Horizon Health and Missions

Are you planning to submit a proposal under the upcoming **Horizon Europe Cluster 1 Health** 2026 calls? Join the **online Brokerage Event** [Home | CLUSTER Health Horizon Europe Brokerage Event 2026](#), taking place January 26–30, 2026, dedicated to consortium building for Cluster 1 Health. The events features online bilateral meetings and pitching sessions. Registration is required and closes 21 January (pitch submission before 19-1).

The **Horizon Europe Missions** (including Mission Cancer) **online Brokerage Event** [Home | Horizon Europe Missions Brokerage Event 2026](#) is taking place on 28–29 January 2026. There is a plenary session on 28 January 10:00 with practical guidance on the calls and insights from an evaluator. Following this session, the platform is open to online bilateral meetings. Registration is required.

New HE RIA/IA template

In line with the Commission's approach on simplification, new proposal templates have also been **published** [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#). Please be aware that there are different versions for full proposals, stage 1 proposals and stage 1 blind evaluation proposals.

When writing proposals, always use the latest version of the template available on the Funding & Tenders portal after the calls open.

IHI call Days and brokerage platform

The **IHI Call Days** for **call 12 IHI Call Days - Call 12 | IHI Innovative Health Initiative** will take place online on 19 and 20 January 2026. These webinars will cover everything you need to know:

- Monday 19 January | 14:30–16:30: Financial aspects of the proposal
- Tuesday 20 January | 10:30–12:30: General information on call 12
- Tuesday 20 January | 14:30–16:30: Rules and procedures for single-stage calls

Each webinar will include a Q&A session - this is your chance to ask the experts all your burning questions.

Registration [Register Program - Webex Meetings IMI JU](#) required.

IHI call 12 has a broad scope and is applicant-driven, inviting to propose innovative projects that address Europe's health challenges and meet patients' needs. Proposals must be within the scope of IHI's Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda. The **final version of the call text** is now available through [this link IHI_Call12_CallText.pdf](#). It is a single-stage call containing 5 topics with submission **deadline on 21 April 2026**. In total there is up to €163.1 million IHI funding available for public entities and entities (eg. SMEs) that are not associated to IHI. At least 45% of the project costs should be covered by in-kind contributions from IHI's industry members (and IHI contributing partners if relevant) that take part in your project.

The slides and recordings of the presentations and pitches of the **Brokerage event IHI Brokerage Event 2025 | IHI Innovative Health Initiative** are still available. **Register here** [IHI Call 12- Brokerage Event and Platform | Registration](#) for the Brokerage Platform to find potential partners and/or showcase your expertise. The platform will remain open until the call deadline.

EDCTP3 Work Programme 2026 published

The Global Health EDCTP3 Work Programme 2026 [ac35d806-6ce5-4158-8486-9bfd9ae3275b_en](#) includes six call topics for a total indicative budget of €147 million.

The 2026 calls for proposals will support four research and innovation action (RIA) call topics, respectively focussing on the development of **TB** drugs, prevention and treatment of lower respiratory tract infections (**LRTIs**), better prevention, treatment and clinical management of **HIV** co-infections or co-morbidities and action on **climate** and health; **all with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa**.

In addition there are two coordination and support action (CSA) call topics:

- Training and innovation networks for sustained capacity building related to ethics, regulatory and pharmacovigilance, and related digital regulatory platforms.
- Enhancing integrated research and healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa through digital innovation and artificial intelligence.

The deadline for short proposals is 4 March 2026 and full proposals on 17 September 2026. **Register here** [Global Health EDCTP3 Info Day 2026 - Global Health EDCTP3 - European Union](#) for the online Info Day on 5 February 2026, 9:00-13:00 and the online networking meetings in the afternoon. **More info here** [€147 million available to fund global health research and innovation - Global Health EDCTP3](#).

EU and Japan successfully conclude Horizon Europe negotiations (22 December 2025)

Source: Website EC Press corner [EU and Japan successfully conclude Horizon Europe negotiations](#)

The European Commission and Japan have successfully concluded negotiations on Japan's association to [Horizon Europe](#), the EU's flagship €93.5 billion research and innovation funding programme. The agreement, expected to be signed in 2026, represents the closest form of collaboration offered by the EU to global partners in this field. It will enable Japanese researchers to lead and coordinate their own research and innovation projects under the programme, to apply and receive funding, and to seek closer collaboration with partners in the EU and other associated countries.

The agreement specifically targets Pillar II of Horizon Europe, which tackles societal challenges through multinational collaborative projects, such as the digital transition, food security, and climate-neutral energy. Under transitional arrangements, Japanese entities can apply to Horizon Europe calls starting in 2026 and will be treated as 'eligible entities' from an associated country.

This milestone follows the recent expansion of the programme to other major global partners and scientific powerhouses, including South Korea earlier this year and, most recently, Switzerland, Egypt, Canada, the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

Background

Japan is a key strategic partner for Europe. Bilateral relations in research and innovation have developed steadily over the past two decades, building on the [2011 Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement](#), a joint vision adopted in 2015, and a [Letter of Intent](#) signed in May 2020.

The conclusion of these talks — building on exploratory discussions — marks a major milestone and paves the way for strong ties in research and innovation.

For More Information

Horizon Europe: [Horizon Europe - Research and innovation - European Commission](#)

Global approach to research and innovation: [Global approach to research and innovation - Research and innovation](#)
International cooperation with Japan in research and innovation: [International cooperation with Japan in research and innovation](#)

Key updates for Cluster 6 Horizon Europe December 2025 (21 December 2025)

Source: Team IRIS RVO

With the year soon drawing to a close and the festive period around the corner we are happy to share important updates and events pertaining to Cluster 6 Work Programme, including its future calls, partnerships, and Missions.

Flashnews: 2026-2027 work programme's have been published

Last week the European Commission [published the main work programme of 2026-2027](#). The full press release can be found [here](#).

- The work programme 2026-2027 for **Cluster 6** can be found [here](#). In total for this two year period **€1.8 billion** will be available for **108 topics**. This includes €400 million for instalments of the partnerships in the 2025 Work Programme. The first round of calls will open on the 14th of January with deadlines in mid-April 2026.
- The work programme 2026-2027 for the **EU missions** can be found [here](#). The first round of calls will open on the 4th of February with deadlines in September/October 2026.

Flashnews: Info days and brokerage events

- On the **22 and 23rd of January 2026** the European Commission will organise **info days** for the upcoming **Cluster 6 calls**. All topics will be presented and there will be opportunities to ask question directly to the policy officers. It will be organised in hybrid-format; on-site in Brussels and online. Registration is possible via [this link](#).
- Prior to the info days, an on-site **brokerage event** will be organised by the Cluster 6 NCP project CARE4BIO on the **21st of January 2026**. The event will be held in Brussels and is dedicated to forming consortia. The objective is to bring together all the relevant stakeholders who intend to apply for funding in the Horizon Europe Cluster 6 Calls for 2026. Registration is possible via [this link](#).
- The infoday for the 2026 topics of the **EU Missions** will take place online on **20 and 21st of January 2026**. [Registration](#) will be possible soon.
- The **EU Missions Brokerage Event 2026**, organised by NCP4Missions, will take place online on **28–29 January 2026**. This international event will connect researchers, innovators, and organisations aiming to collaborate on new Horizon Europe funding opportunities within the five EU Missions. You can register via [this link](#).

Cluster 6 Partnerships

Partnership	Key Updates
Circular Bio-based Europe (CBE) Home Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)	€170 million will be available for the next new call which will be opened on the 23 rd of April 2026. The deadline will be on the 22 nd of September 2026. More information on the call can be found here .
Biodiversa+ Biodiversa +	The 6 th Biodiversa+ annual call will be on the topic of “Future sustainable socio-ecological systems: trajectories of change”(BiodivFuture). Pre-announcement of the call will be in Jun 2026.
Water4All Water Security for the Planet	On the 13 th of November the 4 th joint call on ‘ Water and Health ’ closed for preproposal submission. Selection of preproposals is expected at the end of February 2026. Deadline for the full proposals will be on the 13 th of April 2026.
Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) Homepage Bluepartnership	SBEP is hosting 19 R&I projects from its 1 st transnational Call (2023) and 24 from the 2 nd call (2024). Ongoing projects can be found here . Submission deadline for the 3 rd call was in November 2025.
AgroEcology Partnership Home - AGROECOLOGY Partnership	The 3 rd co-funded call “Fostering plant and animal genetic diversity and empowering farmers to accelerate the agroecological transition” is now open. Deadline for pre-proposal submission is 18 February 2026.
Animal Health and Welfare (EUPAHW) EUPAHW - Home	First call outcomes .

European Partnership for a Sustainable Future of Food Systems (FutureFoodS) FutureFoodS	The 2 nd joint transnational co-funded call " Accelerating Food Sustainability " is now open. Deadline for pre-proposal submission is 11 February 2026.
European Partnership 'Agriculture of Data'	The 1st co-funded Call is open for the submission of proposals addressing " EU-wide data-driven solutions to real problems ". Deadline for pre-proposals is 21 January 2026. There was a webinar for applicants on 26 November. Slides and recording can be watched here .

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

Future events

- [European Ocean Days](#), 2-6 March 2026, Brussels, Belgium
- [3rd European Carbon Farming Summit](#), 17-19 March 2026, Padova, Italy
- [CBE JU Stakeholder Forum 2026](#), 24 March 2026 in Brussels, Belgium

Other updates

- European Commission is preparing a **new EU Agricultural Research and Innovation (R&I) Strategic Approach**, planned for mid-2026. This Strategic Approach aims to secure the long-term competitiveness, sustainability and resilience of the EU's agri-food sector, forestry and rural areas, and contribute to the objectives of the [Vision for Agriculture and Food](#). Stakeholders from across the agricultural, forestry, and rural sectors are [invited to provide feedback](#) by filling in a short questionnaire. Sharing your reflections will contribute to designing the Strategic Approach. You can access the survey, open until 25 January 2026, [HERE](#).
- **New templates have been published** on the [Funding & Tenders portal](#) (version 15/12/2025). Please make use of the latest templates when writing a proposal. To help you along the way, we encourage you to make use of the [CARE4BIO Annotated Templates](#) that have been developed for all major project types. Annotation have been provided in the proposal templates to help applicants write strong proposals. Please note that the CARE4BIO annotated templates are based on the template version of 16/12/2024. The CARE4BIO project is in the process of making new ones based on the current versions, but for now you can still use the older versions as the vast majority of annotations are still valid.
- **RVO published a guide that gives insights into the risks when you use Generative AI while writing a project proposal**: [Horizon Europe & Eureka - How to \(not\) use AI in grant proposal writing](#)
- **NCP4Missions developed 3 e-learning**s: [An introduction to the EU Missions](#), [Financial Support to Third Parties](#) and [Aligning R&I projects with EU Policy Priorities](#)
- **Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)**, also known as cascade funding, is a mechanism that enables Horizon Europe consortia to redistribute part of their grant to external entities (third parties). [NCP4Missions](#) developed a [course](#) that describes rules and conditions of FSTP and experiences of projects that successfully implemented it.
- [SOILL](#) published the [Catalogue of Mission Soil Living Labs and Lighthouses](#).

European Funding News: FP10

Heidelberg Declaration: Innovation at the heart of future EU policy (23 December 2025)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > Heidelberg verklaring: innovatie centraal in toekomstig EU-beleid](#)

The European People's Party (EPP) has presented the Heidelberg Declaration on Innovation: a political action plan focused on innovation. The declaration focuses on increased investment in research and innovation, improved scaling opportunities for businesses, and reduced regulatory burden. The emphasis is on strengthening Europe's competitiveness and strategic autonomy.



Next Framework Programme Independent and Significantly Strengthened

The European People's Party (EPP) [EPP - European People's Party - Home](#) wants to give innovation and productivity a central and prominent place on the European policy agenda. In the **Heidelberg Declaration on Innovation** [The Heidelberg Declaration on Innovation – The EPP Group's Action Plan](#), the EPP advocates, among other things, for an independent and significantly strengthened **new framework programme** [Horizon Europe 2028 - 2034: twice bigger, simpler, faster and more impactful - Research and innovation](#) for research and innovation. Member States are advised to invest at least 3% of their GDP in research and innovation. Furthermore, there should be a stronger focus on scale-ups and increased capital available for scaling up good ideas. Horizon Europe's procedures must be faster and simpler. Excellence must remain the central principle, with the ERC and the EIC playing a central role within the EPP.

Context

The Heidelberg Declaration is being published as the EU is working on a new Multiannual Financial Framework. The declaration touches on many European policy plans related to European innovation and competitiveness, such as FP10, the Savings and Investment Union, and the broader European Strategic Autonomy Agenda. The proposals respond to concerns about the innovation and productivity gap with the United States and China, and to the much-cited Draghi report.

FP10: the story of 2025 (18 December 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business [FP10: the story of 2025 | Science|Business](#)

2025 was a pivotal year for the future of EU research and innovation funding, as formal negotiations on the future of Horizon Europe kicked off



Commissioner Stéphane Séjourné presented plans for a new European Competitiveness Fund in 2025. Photo credits: Jennifer Jacquemart / European Union

Twelve months is a long time in politics. This year, the research community has gone from worrying about whether there will be a dedicated Framework Programme at all beyond 2027, to haggling over budgets and who will make decisions. We will look back on 2025 as a crucial year in defining the long-term future of Horizon Europe and EU research and innovation funding. Here's how it all unfolded.

Push for a standalone programme

The start of the year was defined by concerns that there would no longer be a ringfenced budget for research and innovation in the future, as the European Commission considered dismantling the Framework Programme and rolling it into a broader European Competitiveness Fund (ECF).

These fears were compounded by concerns that the autonomy of the European Research Council (ERC) in funding bottom-up research would be undermined. Marc Lemaître, the Commission's director general for research and innovation, [told the annual Science|Business conference](#) in February that the ERC should contribute to the EU's economic competitiveness agenda.

The European Parliament [set out its stall in March](#), uniting behind a standalone research programme with a significantly larger budget. The same month, EU research ministers adopted the [Warsaw Declaration](#), calling for a "self-standing" Framework Programme.

The ERC and the European Innovation Council (EIC) united to call for [increased and ringfenced budgets](#), **but the main uncertainty surrounded the future of collaborative research**. Less than two weeks before the Commission published its proposal for the tenth Framework Programme, FP10, **nine research ministers made a final push to keep collaborative research at the heart of the programme**.

The wait is over

On July 16, the Commission finally presented [its €2 trillion proposal](#) for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), its long-term budget for 2028-34.

Research Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva [was praised](#) for securing a €175 billion standalone FP10, up from €93.5 billion under the current Horizon Europe programme, as the research community breathed a sigh of relief.

The programme, which retains the Horizon Europe name, will nevertheless sit inside a wider €451 billion ECF and the two will be "tightly connected," according to the plans. **The FP10 proposal is structured around four pillars:** excellent science, competitiveness and society, innovation, and the European Research Area. **Collaborative research for competitiveness will be most closely linked to the ECF and will fund the same priority areas.**

[Science|Business analysis](#) showed that **the EIC would be the big winner** compared to the current programme, if the Commission's proposal were to be adopted, **while the ERC is also in line for a significant budget increase**. [Here](#) is how the proposal compared to the recommendations of the Commission's advisory group.

In the days following the proposal, Zaharieva confirmed **the future Horizon Europe will be dual use by default, meaning all parts of the programme could support projects with potential civilian and defence applications**.

We also learned more about how the different instruments will be governed, with the Commission directorates responsible for research and for industrial policy [set to jointly manage the ECF](#).

Meanwhile, plans to halve the length of [the ERC president's mandate](#), and confirmation that the ECF [will not fund research activities](#), prompted concerns around ERC autonomy and the level of funding for basic research.

Parliament prepares to fight

The Commission's proposal, though, was only the first stage of the legislative process. Towards the end of the year, the European Parliament's industry, research and energy committee began preparations for its role in upcoming negotiations.

On November 5, German MEP Christian Ehler from the European People's Party (EPP) was confirmed as lead rapporteur for Horizon Europe, while René Repasi of the Socialists and Democrats (S&D) will be rapporteur for the specific programme, a separate piece of legislation covering implementation measures. However, MEPs from left and right-wing groups [protested](#) the way the files were allocated.

In an [interview with Science|Business](#), Ehler set out his priorities, **warning that top-down industrial policy should not dictate the research agenda**.

Ehler also joined Repasi and his EPP colleague Eszter Lakos in [contesting a decision](#) by the EU Council to give diplomats dealing with budget issues a heightened role in deciding on the Widening programme, the part of Horizon Europe that aims to boost the participation of countries with less advanced research systems. In the past, this has been left solely to representatives of research ministries. **Now, MEPs fear that finance ministers will treat the Widening programme as a bargaining chip in budget negotiations.**

Meanwhile, Parliament's budgets committee is currently studying a [draft report](#) that calls for a 10% increase to the next MFF compared to the Commission's proposal. The proposed €175 billion for Horizon Europe represents €155 billion when adjusted for inflation over the seven years, note rapporteurs Siegfried Mureşan (EPP) and Carla Tavares (S&D), who call for a budget equivalent to €173 billion once adjusted for inflation.

Council makes progress

EU governments are slightly further along in the process. Research ministers discussed the FP10 proposal at [an informal meeting](#) the day after it was presented, and have since held two [formal debates](#) on different aspects of the programme.

In December, Denmark rounded off the year and its six-month presidency of the Council by [presenting a progress report](#) on the negotiations between member states so far. Talks are advanced when it comes to the instruments that support fundamental research, **but there are still question marks over links between Horizon Europe and the ECF and the role of member states in strategic priority setting, points that will require further clarifications from the Commission.**

In January, Cyprus will kick off its six-month presidency. Sources in the Council expect a partial general approach to FP10, meaning an outline of the Council's position on the basic shape of the programme, to be agreed by June. When it comes to the broader MFF package, **several Widening member states have called for a similarly focused programme within the ECF. This is likely to become an important source of debate as talks continue next year.**

Pilots underway

While discussions over FP10 are still underway, the EU is already testing out some of the changes it plans to make in the programme.

In 2026, the EIC will pilot a new staged funding instrument called [advanced innovation challenges](#), based on the US Advanced Research Projects Agency (Arpa) model, ahead of a wider roll-out of Arpa-style mechanisms from 2028. The EIC [also wants to experiment](#) with giving programme managers the freedom to invite some projects to submit a proposal that can be assessed immediately and does not need to go through the usual EIC application process.

Lobbying continues

With many questions still to be answered, beneficiaries of Horizon Europe have stepped up their efforts to secure inclusion in the next programme.

This includes the collaborative research partnerships. The Commission is planning to reduce the number of partnerships, but has given little indication of which ones could be included in FP10. The existing partnerships have been asked to draw up [transition strategies](#) that should inform the decision process.

Meanwhile, policymakers have faced [calls to set up a stakeholder group](#) to advise on the direction of collaborative research, and [to increase the budget](#) of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions researcher training programme. These debates are only set to intensify in 2026 as more details emerge about the FP10 plans.

Other International funding

Four projects awarded to strengthen urban resilience between the Netherlands and China (NSFC) (18 December 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [Four projects awarded to strengthen urban resilience between the Netherlands and China \(NSFC\) | NWO](#)



NWO has awarded funding to four projects within the NSFC-call 'Cities Amidst Climate Change: Enhancing Physical and Social Resilience in Urban Areas'. Due to the increasing impact of climate change, cities face complex and interconnected challenges. To tackle these effectively, sustainable cooperation, flexibility and creativity are essential in developing impactful solutions. The awarded projects contribute to this.

The NSFC Call 'Cities Amidst Climate Change: Enhancing Physical and Social Resilience in Urban Areas' is now open for applications. With the increasing impact of climate change, cities are facing complex and interconnected challenges. To address these effectively, sustainable collaboration, flexibility, and creativity are crucial for developing impactful solutions.

The WUR is co-applicant in project *Coastal city climate resilient inclusive toolkit for urban regeneration and greening (ReSURE2)*: with **prof. dr. ir. E.S. van Leeuwen, dr. F. Rubiconto and dr. A.L. Zhu**

For more information about the awarded projects: [Four projects awarded to strengthen urban resilience between the Netherlands and China \(NSFC\) | NWO](#)

National funding

Over 14 million euros for development of new high-tech equipment (8 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Over 14 million euros for development of new high-tech equipment | NWO](#)



This funding comes from second call within the NGF programme NXTGEN Hightech. This will allow eight consortia to get started on their research projects. They focus on developing new extremely sensitive sensors, new kidney dialysis techniques and optical satellite communication, among others.

From the medical world to the agrifood sector, new high-tech equipment is essential for the Netherlands. Although the Netherlands is one of the frontrunners in this field, investing in new developments remains necessary to maintain and strengthen this position. This call hereby funds the development of the next generation high-tech equipment.

For more information about the awarded projects: [Over 14 million euros for development of new high-tech equipment | NWO](#)

NWO thematic teams up and running (7 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO news [NWO thematic teams up and running | NWO](#)



In the coming years, NWO will put extra effort into collaborating, connecting and sharing knowledge. This is why NWO thematic teams have been set up: multidisciplinary teams working within five broad themes. Their goal? More cohesion in research programming, better responsiveness to topical issues and active knowledge sharing with science, policy and society.

Why thematic teams?

The Netherlands has a rich research landscape with thousands of projects and proposals. From our position as a national research funder, NWO has a unique overview. For example:

- Where a lot of research is taking place and where little is still happening
- Societal issues and knowledge gaps
- Gaps in research programming.
- Our network; for example, of applicants, referees and committee members. We know the communities and their actors and where they are.

- With these insights, we can contribute to **stronger** research programmes, smarter cooperation and policies that meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Jan de Boer, Executive Board member NWO: "*NWO has a unique position in the knowledge ecosystem. With the thematic teams, we actively bring our knowledge together, make it accessible and strengthen cooperation between science, policy and society.*"

Five main themes

Thematic teams work within five broad themes, providing a broad intersection with most NWO funding activities:

- Climate and Sustainability
- Health, Care and Welfare
- Energy and Circularity
- Digitalisation and Technological Innovation
- Resilient Societies

Twelve sub-themes now fall under these themes, and that number is growing. All NWO domains participate, as do Taskforce for Applied Research SIA and National Taskforce for Educational Research. Where relevant, we refer to partners such as ZonMw.

An overview of the main and sub-themes can be found on the **page Research in themes: Onderzoek in thema's | NWO**

Themes, not funding lines

The five themes are not new funding lines. We still get this question sometimes. So for researchers, nothing actually changes in terms of all funding opportunities: the thematic teams are supportive, not restrictive. They operate alongside the existing instruments and open calls, which remain available. Because not all research in the Netherlands can easily be categorised under such a theme, so it does not mean that NWO will henceforth provide funding only within these themes. But they do help to better organise and link certain ongoing programmes and projects.

NWA call for Research along Routes by Consortia 2026 now open (6 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [NWA call for Research along Routes by Consortia 2026 now open | NWO](#)



The call for Research along Routes by Consortia (ORC) is now open. This annual funding instrument of the Dutch Research Agenda (NWA) finances research projects by knowledge-chain-wide, inter- and transdisciplinary consortia in which, in addition to social partners, citizens may also be represented.

The NWA ORC programme calls for research proposals on themes that elaborate on one or more of the cluster questions from the NWA. There are 12 themes in total for which proposals can be submitted in the 2026 round. For each theme, NWO organises collaborative workshops consisting of two meetings. During the workshops, you will be put in touch with other interested parties and supported in combining ideas and exploring opportunities for collaboration. To participate, you must register in advance.

Read the full call for proposals: [Research along Routes by Consortia 2026 | NWO](#)

Download call for proposals: [Call for Proposals - NWA ORC](#)

Participate in the NWA ORC 2026

- Explore the **themes of 2026** [Themes | NWO](#) and join one of them
- Get informed during the webinar on 9 January 2026 (11:00 - 12:15)
- Sign up for the collaborative workshops, preferably one week prior to the relevant workshop
- Take part in the collaborative workshops between 6 February and 17 March

- Consult all conditions in the [call for proposals](#)

These are the themes of the NWA ORC 2026 call

- [Agrivoltaics_NL: Advancing Multifunctional Solutions for Social Acceptance and Landscape Experience](#)
- [First 1000 days: Actionable research for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health in LMICs](#)
- [Evolution on Earth and beyond](#)
- [Cutting-edge measurement techniques designed to maximise the value retention of strategic and critical materials](#)
- [New types of symmetry](#)
- [Working together to achieve climate neutral mobility](#)
- [Collaboration of citizen and artificial intelligence for quantum technology](#)
- [Transdisciplinary Actionable Knowledge on the Water-Biodiversity Nexus in the Netherlands](#)
- [From gaps to bridges? Polarisation in the age of digitalisation](#)
- [Safe and Circular Design for Children's Toys: Materials and Behaviour](#)
- [Water system transition to ensure sufficient clean water for drinking and nature](#)
- [Don't sit still, people are designed to be active!](#)

Register for the events for this call

Collaborative workshops NWA ORC 2026 From 6 February to 17 March 2026: [Collaborative workshops NWA ORC 2026 | NWO](#)

Webinar about the NWA call Research along Routes by Consortia 2026 9 January 2026, 11:00 - 12:15: [Webinar about the NWA call Research along Routes by Consortia 2026 | NWO](#)

Changes compared to the 2025 round

- In this call for proposals, the Impact Plan approach is mandatory for all themes, as described in section 2.2 of the call for proposals. The Impact Outlook approach does not apply in this Call for Proposals.
- Participation in the collaborative workshops is mandatory for main applicants. If a substitute participates, they may replace a maximum of one main applicant at a time. The substitute must also register for the workshops.
- A request for assessment of (foreign) organisations must be submitted no later than 20 working days before the deadline for submitting proposals.

Take-off phase 2 spring round 2026 open for proposals, with new changes (6 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Take-off phase 2 spring round 2026 open for proposals, with new changes | NWO](#)



The new 2026 spring round of the Take-off call phase 2 Vroegefasetrajecten is now open for proposals. Through Take-off, NWO supports innovative business activity based on science, with funding from the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. Researchers and innovative starters can apply for funding to start a business and bring an innovative idea to market.

Please note that there have been changes to the registration and assessment procedure for phase 2 Vroegefasetrajecten.

View calls for proposals: [Take-off phase 2 - Vroegefasetrajecten WO/HBO/TO2 Spring 2026 | NWO](#)

Changes Take-off phase 2 Vroegefasetrajecten 2026 spring round

- The pre-registration step is no longer part of the procedure, instead the full proposal is submitted straight away;
- The time for corrections if an application is administratively inadmissible was previously 2 working days. This will be increased to 10 working days;
- A minimum qualification of at least an average total score of 4.0 and at least an average of 5.4 on each individual criterion will be introduced;
- Be aware of the mandatory appendices, both in the application form (i.e. cashflow prognosis, feasibility study, knowledge transfer agreement) and those that must be submitted separately (i.e. SME test, KvK Business Register Extract, GEBR declaration).

Information sessions Take-off 2026 phase 1 and phase 2 calls

On Wednesday 14 January 2026, NWO organises two online information sessions about the Take-off 2026 calls. The information session for Take-off phase 1 Feasibility studies 2026 will take place from 09:30 to 10:30 hrs. The information session for Take-off phase 2 Vroegefasetrajecten spring round 2026 will take place from 11:00 to 12:00 hrs. You can register for these information sessions via the links below.

The call for phase 1 take-off applications is expected to open in mid-January 2026.

Register for Information meeting Take-off phase 1 Feasibility studies WO 2026: [Information meeting Take-off phase 1 Feasibility studies WO 2026 | NWO](#)

Register for Information meeting Take-off phase 2 - Vroegefasetrajecten WO/HBO/TO2 spring round 2026: [Information meeting Take-off phase 2 - Vroegefasetrajecten WO/HBO/TO2 spring round 2026 | NWO](#)

For more information: [Take-off phase 2 - Vroegefasetrajecten WO/HBO/TO2 Spring 2026 | NWO](#)

About Take-off

The science-wide grant instrument Take-off stimulates activity and entrepreneurship from Dutch knowledge institutions. Academic entrepreneurs, but also start-ups from institutes of higher professional education and start-ups using knowledge from Applied Research Organisations (TO2) can use it to bring their innovative research results to the market. Take-off is one of the instruments for knowledge utilisation that NWO implements together with ZonMw. The programme consists of two phases aimed at different stages of innovation: feasibility studies and early-stage projects.

Vici round 2026 now open for pre-proposals (6 January 2026)



Talented and creative researchers who are in the stage of consolidation and further development of their leadership/research group can now apply for a Vici grant. This funding instrument of the NWO Talent Programme offers person-specific funding. The funding amounts to a maximum of €1,500,000 euros.

Vici: brief overview

The Vici target group consists of researchers at the stage of consolidation and further development of their leadership/research group. The Vici grant is intended to contribute to the researcher's development in this area. Researchers eligible for a Vici grant demonstrate academic excellence that clearly exceeds the norm, as well as established leadership- and mentorship skills.. The funding amounts to a maximum of €1,500,000 euros.

Who can apply

Applications can be submitted by researchers who have obtained their PhD, irrespective of whether they hold tenured positions and of whether they come from the Netherlands or abroad. Applicants may only submit an application if they have obtained their PhD in the fifteen years preceding the benchmark date of this round, 1 March 2026.

Mandatory pre-proposal phase

Applicants must submit a pre-proposal to be considered for a Vici. In the pre-proposal the 'quality of the researcher' (100%) is assessed. If a positive decision follows the pre-proposal, the applicant is invited to submit a full proposal. If a negative decision follows the pre-proposal, the applicant cannot submit a full proposal. In the proposal the assessment is based on the criteria 'Quality and innovative character of the research proposal' (75%) and the 'Scientific and/or societal impact' (25%).

Important dates

The planning for the 2026 Vici round is as follows:

- The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is **March 10, 2026, by 14:00:00 CET**.
- The deadline for submitting full applications is **September 8, 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST**.

Prepare well for submitting a Vici application

In preparation for a Vici application, it is important that you download the latest forms from the website. You should use the Vici pre-proposal form. If you wish to upload a literature list for external referees, you can also find the correct form on the website. It is also important that you read the call for proposals carefully.

The instruction for writing an EBCV can be found in the application form for the Vici. We would also like to draw your attention to the existence of an international digital platform to support narrative style CV writing ([PEP-CV](#)).

The Vici round 2026 has four submission windows, corresponding within NWO's four domains. Check the domain's funding page for the specification of the submission windows.

Calls per NWO-domain

- [Domain Science \(ENW\)](#)
- [Social Sciences and Humanities \(SSH\)](#)
- [Applied and Engineering Sciences \(AES\)](#)
- [Health Research and Development \(ZonMw\)](#)

For more information: [Vici round 2026 now open for pre-proposals | NWO](#)

KIC Call Adaptivity in transitions open (6 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Call open: Adaptivity in transitions | NWO](#)



The KIC call "Adaptivity in transitions" is open for applications. The aim of this call for proposals is to develop insights, perspectives for action and capacity for action to increase the adaptivity of systems and actors in transitions. €7,000,000 is available for this call.

About the call

Mission-driven innovation for transitions takes place in a dynamic, complex context. In order not to slow down transitions and preferably to accelerate them, the adaptivity of both systems and organisations as well as the individuals involved is required. Adaptivity contributes to the resilience needed to withstand disruptions, respond to opportunities, stimulate innovation and achieve long-term goals. It is not yet sufficiently known how adaptivity can be increased and used for sustainable transitions.

This call funds research into adaptivity in three specific transition contexts:

1. Transition of the food system
2. Transition to sustainable mobility
3. Transition of the energy system in the built environment.

Read the full call for proposals: [KIC Adaptivity in transitions | NWO](#)

Budget en deadlines

A total of €7,000,000 is available for this call. A maximum of four applications are expected to be awarded funding. For an application in this call, a minimum of €1,500,000 and a maximum of €2,000,000 can be requested from NWO funding. NWO will finance a maximum of 80% of the total project size; the rest of the project budget will be contributed through mandatory co-funding. NWO never funds less than 50% of the total project scope. The maximum duration of the proposed project is 6 years.

The deadline for submitting the full application is 9 June 2026 at 14:00 CEST.

Meetings

To encourage collaboration between interested parties and provide more information about this call, NWO is organising several meetings.

An online information meeting about this call for proposals will take place on 20 January from 14:00 to 15:00.

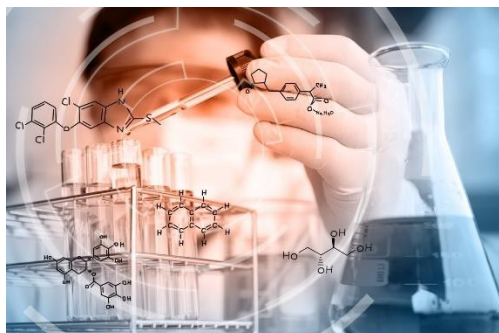
Participants will receive more information about the call and the submission process and will have the opportunity to ask questions. Attendance at this meeting is without obligation.

In addition to the information session, NWO is organising two collaborative workshops **on 2 February and 2 March at Antropia in Driebergen**. These workshops will provide an opportunity to get acquainted, exchange ideas and form consortia. Principal applicants must attend both workshops in order to submit an application.

For more information: [Call open: Adaptivity in transitions | NWO](#) and [KIC Adaptivity in transitions | NWO](#)

Full 2026 round of Venture Challenge open now (5 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO news [Full 2026 round of Venture Challenge open now | NWO](#)



NWO is expected to launch the fall round of the Venture Challenge program in January 2026. For the 2026-round, the Ministry of Economic Affairs (EZ) has set a budget of €200,000. NWO is publishing one Call for proposals for the 2026 round, containing information about both the spring and fall round.

Purpose of this call

With its mission-driven innovation policy, the Dutch Cabinet wants to use the innovation power of the top sectors to tackle major societal challenges. In doing so, the Dutch Cabinet also wants to strengthen the competitiveness of the Netherlands. One way to do this is to use scientific research to tackle societal issues. However, many scientific inventions do not make it to the market. This is due to the fact that researchers often lack the knowledge and experience to make their product marketable or to set up a commercial organization.

The Venture Challenge program offers a solution. In the program, researchers work together with professionals, such as business coaches and experts, to develop a well thought-out business case within 8 to 10 weeks. This way, the researchers are prepared for a successful start-up of their company.

View the Venture Challenge 2026 call here: [Venture Challenge Spring 2026 | NWO](#) and [Call for Proposals - Venture Challenge](#)

For whom

The Venture Challenge is aimed at teams of three or four people who have founded or are planning a new start-up in the field of Life Sciences & Health. The product, process or service must fall under medical devices, medicines or other innovations within these broad fields.

Six teams can participate in each round (the spring and fall round). The coaching programme for the spring round will take place between May and June 2026. The programme for the fall round will take place between November 2026 and February 2027.

Important changes this new round

Several important changes have been made compared to the previous round:

- This Call for Proposals covers all rounds in 2026. Separate Calls for Proposals will no longer be published for the spring and fall rounds.
- There is no separate round for medical devices, as there was in the 2025 fall round. Medical devices now fall under the general theme of Life Sciences & Health.

Budget

The Ministry of Economic Affairs has set the grant ceiling for this round at €200,000, divided between €100,000 for the spring round and €100,000 for the fall round. In this program, the grant covers the cost of participation minus the own contribution. The own contribution per team is:

- €2000,- in case of participation of 3 team members
- €2500,- for the participation of 4 team members.

Deadlines

The deadlines for submitting applications are as follows:

- Spring round, **3 February 2026, at 14:00:00 CET.**
- Fall round, **2 July 2026, at 14:00:00 CET.**

11 projects awarded in Take-off phase 2 fall round 2025 and Take-off 2026 calls expected to open in January (22 December 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [11 projects awarded in Take-off phase 2 fall round 2025 and Take-off 2026 calls expected to open in January | NWO](#)



11 vroegefasetrajecten (early-stage trajectories) receive funding in the 2025 fall round of Take-off phase 2. The Take-off programme gives researchers in phase 1 the opportunity to test whether commercialisation of an idea arising from innovative research results is feasible. In phase 2, innovative, knowledge-driven start-ups in the early stages of their development receive a loan to get their business off the ground.

News about the outcome of the Take-off phase 1 fall round 2025 is expected to be published early January.

Loans for vroegefasetrajecten (phase 2)

Within the early-stage trajectories, start-ups receive a cash loan to bring their business - based on innovative research results from Dutch research organisations - to market. This loan enables them to become commercially and technically viable. The aim is that, by the end of this programme, the innovative entrepreneurs will have taken the necessary steps to convince other public and/or private parties to invest.

Touchwaves is one of the projects that is starting an early-stage project and is addressing the billion-dollar crisis of cognitive overload in high-stress environments through its Spatial Awareness System. This wearable technology leverages the underutilized sense of touch, integrating flexible electronics into textiles to create intuitive haptic feedback systems. Unlike current visual-focused solutions, Touchwaves' technology operates on a different cognitive processing channel, providing spatial orientation without requiring visual attention. The aim of the project is to deliver a TRL 5 prototype, which has been tested in simulators and specialised environments.

In addition, the BOBBY (Breathing Operator for BaBY) project will focus on the breathing patterns of premature babies. Because almost all premature babies have difficulty maintaining a rhythmic breathing pattern, this often leads to apnea and irregular breathing, with the risk of long-term cognitive damage. Bobby Neonatal offers automated skin stimulation to stabilize breathing of the infant and improve outcomes while reducing nurse workload. The aim of the project is to eliminate apnea in clinical settings, reduce alarm burdens and revolutionize care for the 13.4 million premature babies born annually.

For overview of funded projects: [2025 | NWO](#)

Pre-announcement Take-off phase 1 2026 and phase 2 spring round 2026 calls

In addition to the granted early stage trajectories, there is more Take-off news. NWO expects to open the Take-off phase 1 call for applications in early to mid-January 2026. The spring round of Take-off phase 2 is expected to open early January 2026. There are important changes for both calls.

Changes Take-off phase 1 Feasibility studies 2026

- There will be only one Call for proposals for 2026. The spring and autumn rounds will be discontinued and applications can be submitted on an ongoing basis;
- The changes already introduced in the [fall round of 2025](#) will remain in force.

Changes to Take-off phase 2 Vroegefasetrajecten 2026

- The pre-registration step is no longer part of the procedure, instead the full proposal is submitted straight away;
- The time for corrections if an application is administratively inadmissible was previously 2 working days. This will be increased to 10 working days;
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Register for Information meeting Take-off phase 2 - Vroegefasetrajecten WO/HBO/TO2 spring round 2026: [Information meeting Take-off phase 2 - Vroegefasetrajecten WO/HBO/TO2 spring round 2026 | NWO](#)

Highly diverse grants within OTP 2025 and OTP 2026 call expected to open in early January 2026 (19 December 2025)

Source: Website NWO news [Highly diverse grants within OTP 2025 and OTP 2026 call expected to open in early January 2026 | NWO](#)



New grants within NWO's Open Technology Programme (OTP) are enabling groundbreaking research. Six projects are receiving funding to tackle societal and scientific challenges with innovative technologies.

The granted projects range from research in the field of cellular agriculture and sensory disorders to research into new knowledge about tire wear and the development of an advanced 3D model using organ-on-chip technology. Thanks to OTP funding, scientists can tackle these challenges and turn their ideas into solutions.

Gaining knowledge about the wear mechanisms of tires

Tire wear contributes approximately 25% to the overall environmental microplastic pollution. This is concerning since rubber particles have a long degradation time. Prof. M.B. de Rooij (University of Twente) will therefore set to work to gain insight into the mechanisms of tire wear.

This knowledge can be used to develop tires with reduced wear and to predict particle release. Together with industrial partners, this project is working on a significant reduction in tire wear and environmental load.

Developing and validating a new assessment method to determine iBCI eligibility

The field of implanted Brain-Computer Interfaces (iBCIs) is developing rapidly. This technology makes it possible to measure brain activity, digitise them and convert them into commands to control software or hardware. This enables people with severe motor impairments to communicate with their loved ones again and to operate devices such as computers or robotic arms (ed.). According to Dr M.J. Vansteensel (Utrecht University Medical Centre) of the ALPACA project, people with quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy (quadCP) are overlooked due to unverified assumptions that they are unable to generate usable brain signals. ALPACA aims to prove this wrong. To this end, they are developing and validating a non-invasive and easy-to-use EEG-based assessment method to determine iBCI eligibility.

One of the granted projects is led by WUR

Allrounder: Dissecting the genetic basis of natural variation in root and shoot architecture as basis for breeding climate-resilient barley - **prof. dr. V.A. Willemsen, Wageningen University & Research (22752)**

Co-applicants: Wageningen University & Research - **dr. ing. G.W. van Esse**, Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO-KNAW) - dr. K.J.F. Verhoeven

An overview of all granted projects can be found: [Highly diverse grants within OTP 2025 and OTP 2026 call expected to open in early January 2026 | NWO](#)

Pre-announcement OTP 2026 call

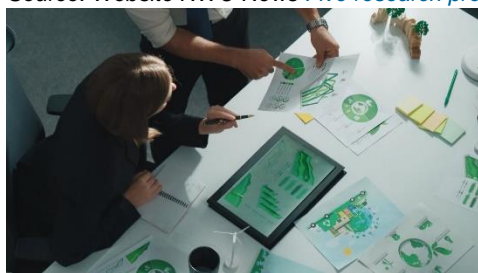
In addition to these granted projects, there is more news about the Open Technology Programme. NWO expects to open the OTP 2026 call for applications in early January. On 29 January 2026, NWO will organise an online information meeting for potential applicants and grant advisors. During the meeting, more information will be provided about the details of the 2026 call and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Disclaimer

This is solely an announcement of an intended NWO research programme. The possibility to apply for funding will open after the call for proposals has been published in the Staatscourant (Government Gazette).

Five research projects launched for nature-inclusive decision making (KIC) (18 December 2025)

Source: Website NWO News [Five research projects launched for nature-inclusive decision making \(KIC\) | NWO](#)



Within the KIC Mission Call 'Nature-inclusive decision making in business', five projects have been awarded 8.7 million euros in funding. Interdisciplinary consortia of knowledge institutions, private and public partners will conduct research into how companies can make better choices for their nature-inclusive business operations.

In the five projects, researchers, companies and social institutions are working on a variety of topics. One research project collects biodiversity data from various types of measurements (eDNA, acoustic, visual, physical) and translates this data into practical information about biodiversity. In another research project, researchers are working with growers to develop a decision-support system that focuses on soil life in order to reduce the pressure on lane tree cultivation.

Aim of the call

In order to work on restoring biodiversity, businesses in the Agriculture and Horticulture, Water and Food Sectors (LWV) need to know what the expected impact of measures will be. Because companies and researchers collaborate within the

assigned projects, higher quality data is produced that is practically applicable and enjoys greater confidence from all parties involved. Projects from this call can lead to a reduction in practices that have a negative impact on biodiversity and encourage biodiversity restoration.

WUR involved in three of the granted projects

As coordinator: DECISION (Dairy and Ecology: Co-Innovating buSiness Operations for Nature) – **Dr. Raimon Ripoll-Bosch (Wageningen University & Research centre)**

As co-applicant and collaboration partner: Resilient Integrated Systems for Ecosystem restoration (RISE) – Dr. Bob Walrave (Eindhoven University of Technology): Wageningen University & Research centre and Wageningen Marine Research

As co-applicant: Reefwatchers: Safe, Efficient and Scalable Biodiversity Monitoring for Biogenic and Artificial Reefs – Dr. Ir. Rudy Helmons (TU Delft); Wageningen University and Research centre

This call is in line with the [KIA Agriculture, water, food](#).

For more information about the granted projects: [Five research projects launched for nature-inclusive decision making \(KIC\) | NWO](#)

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

UK participation in Horizon Europe increases research impact (8 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 January 2026

UK research supported by Horizon Europe demonstrably has a greater scientific impact and more often leads to the completion of more ambitious projects. This is evident from a new analysis published by the UK Department for Science and Innovation to mark two years of UK participation in Horizon Europe. The analysis shows that publications with UK involvement are cited more frequently and that projects without Horizon Europe funding would often have been abandoned or significantly modified. In total, between 2014 and 2020, UK researchers secured approximately €7.8 billion for nearly 11,000 projects. The publication coincides with UK plans to further intensify collaboration within Horizon Europe in 2026, including with Spain and Germany.

Press release Department for Science, Innovation and Technology: [New analysis shows Britain's innovators are boosted by Horizon - GOV.UK](#)

Opinion: Make an exception for R&D in EU budget rules (8 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 January 2026

Current EU budget rules undermine innovation and long-term growth because Member States are allowed to deviate from deficit standards for defense spending, but not for R&D. This is argued by economist Paolo Surico in an opinion piece. According to Surico, the exemption leads to additional resources for relatively unproductive defense expenditures, such as personnel and equipment, while R&D itself offers the highest economic and strategic returns. He points out that a large portion of defense spending leaks away to imports, especially from the United States. As an alternative, Surico advocates for an exception in the Stability and Growth Pact, whereby public R&D expenditure falls outside the European budget rules. This, he argues, could be supported by instruments such as R&D bonds, a strengthened European Investment Fund, and better functioning venture capital markets.

VoxEU Column: [The EU fiscal framework undermines innovation and security | CEPR](#)

Joint statement from the higher education sector: A stronger Europe needs a properly funded Erasmus+ (7 January 2026)

Source: Website EUA [A_stronger_Europe_needs_a_properly_funded_ErasmusPlus.pdf](#)

In a joint statement with fellow European and national stakeholders from the higher education sector, the European University Association calls on policy makers to allocate at least €60 billion for Erasmus+ for the period 2028-2034.

As highlighted in the Draghi report in September 2024, Europe needs to significantly enhance its competitiveness and resilience. This requires investment in people, skills and talent, in particular through higher education exchange and collaboration. In this regard, investment in Erasmus+ is central to Europe's future prosperity, competitiveness and resilience. Indeed, underinvestment in this flagship programme would undermine the EU's own political objectives.

Erasmus+ is one of Europe's most tangible success stories. Few EU programmes combine such broad public support with such clear and measurable societal impact. At a time of heightened geopolitical tensions, Erasmus+ delivers long-term returns in skills, employability, innovation capacity and civic engagement. It contributes directly to developing a highly skilled, mobile and adaptable workforce, strengthens Europe's knowledge base and enhances societal cohesion

and democratic resilience. Its contribution to citizens' lives and to Europe's future needs investment that matches its proven impact.

Read the joint statement: [A stronger Europe needs a properly funded ErasmusPlus.pdf](#)

To build on the programme's success, the European Commission has proposed a number of ambitious actions for the next generation of the programme. However, the currently proposed budget of €40.8 billion will not be enough to fund them.

Europe can only achieve its ambitions in education, skills and talent if Erasmus+ is ambitiously resourced. Therefore, the statement's signatories, together representing thousands of higher education institutions, millions of students, and key stakeholders, stand ready to work constructively with the European institutions, provide evidence and data, and contribute to solutions that ensure a stronger Erasmus+, and by extension, a stronger Europe.

EU companies increase research and development investments in key sectors (23 December 2025)

Source: Website EC Presscorner [EU companies increase research and development investments in key sectors](#)

EU companies drove strong research and development (R&D) growth in energy, health, aerospace and defence in 2024, according to the **2025 EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard JRC Publications Repository - The 2025 EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard** published today.

While the report highlights Europe's leadership in key industries, it also underscores the intense pressure from global competition, particularly in the information and Communication technologies (ICT).

In 2024, the EU's leading industrial R&D investors in the electricity and renewable energy sectors increased their R&D investment by 19.8% and capital expenditure by 17.8%. This is a positive step toward achieving the goals of the [Clean Industrial Deal](#).

In the health sector, leading firms increased R&D investment by 13 % – a significantly higher growth rate than in other parts of the world. Additionally, European aerospace and defence firms are investing 4.8% more to increase Europe's defence readiness.

These results, published in today's scoreboard, offer key insights into global research and development dynamics.

Commission action to strengthen Europe's innovation capacity

To respond to global competition and reinforce Europe's innovation ecosystem, the Commission is advancing several initiatives aligned with the EU [Competitiveness Compass](#), including:

- The [EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy](#), to make Europe a top destination for launching and growing global tech companies;
- The [European Innovation Act](#) and the 28th Regime, expected in 2026;
- The [European Strategy on Research and Technology Infrastructures](#), improving companies' access to world-class infrastructures and R&D support;
- The [European AI in Science Strategy](#) with the [Resource for AI Science in Europe \(RAISE\)](#), equipping scientists with the resources to adopt AI for their research.

Accelerating these initiatives is essential to help innovative ventures scale up, particularly where Europe must bolster its sovereignty and technological leadership.

Key findings

- **EU strategic strengths:** EU companies sharply increased R&D in energy (19.8%), far exceeding growth in the US (6%), Japan (-14.2%) and China (3.8%). In health, EU growth (13%) significantly outpaced the US (7.1%), Japan (9.1%) and China (0.1%). Aerospace and defence also recorded a 4.8% rise.
- **Innovation hubs:** Most R&D investment by the top 800 EU companies occurs in countries classified as 'strong innovators' (Austria, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg). This highlights the potential of supportive ecosystems to grow R&D-intensive companies.
- **Global momentum is slowing down:** The world's top 2,000 companies invested €1,442.6 billion in R&D in 2024 (+6.3%). Growth was strongest in the US (+7.8%) and the rest of the world (+8.1%), followed by Japan (+7.1%). The EU (+2.9%) and China (+3.9%) saw more modest increases.
- **Sectorial focus:** Four sectors - ICT software, ICT hardware, health and automotive account for over 80% of the total investment. US firms lead in ICT and health; EU firms remain global leaders in automotive.

US is 'demolishing its scientific leadership with a wrecking ball,' says chief EU research diplomat (18 December 2025)

Source: Website Science|Business [US is 'demolishing its scientific leadership with a wrecking ball,' says chief EU research diplomat](#) | [Science|Business](#)

The EU must respond by strengthening scientific links with “like-minded” countries, Signe Ratso says



Signe Rasto, deputy director general of the European Commission's research and innovation directorate. Photo credits: [European Research & Innovation Days](#) / Flickr

In a parting shot before her retirement, the European Commission's top science diplomat has castigated the US for destroying its reputation as a global scientific leader.

Signe Ratso, who is in charge of negotiating global access to the EU's €93.5 billion Horizon Europe research and innovation programme, said on December 17 that the US was “still our most important research partner” but was “currently demolishing its scientific leadership with a wrecking ball.”

Ratso, who retires at the end of this year, is deputy director general of the Commission's research and innovation directorate, and has inked deals with South Korea, New Zealand and Canada to join parts of Horizon Europe in a bid to expand the programme's global reach.

Speaking at the European Science Diplomacy Conference in Copenhagen, she did not elaborate on exactly how the US was wrecking its reputation.

But since Donald Trump became president this year, the US government has [cut scientific grants](#) to academics working on diversity-related topics, [halted biomedical grants](#) to international partners, and [demanded universities](#) shut down academic units that “belittle” conservative ideas, or risk losing federal funding.

These efforts have in some cases been overturned by courts or faced opposition from universities. And huge proposed cuts in federal research funding may be blunted by Congress. But still, the reputational damage has led Europe to attempt a [poaching spree](#) of disillusioned US academics.

Ratso said that, with the US trashing its reputation, “Europe has had to learn the very hard way that we need to defend our strategic interests and our values ourselves, starting with freedom and freedom of scientific research.”

The “good news” is that “we are not alone in this point,” she said. There are “very many like-minded parties around the world supporting us.”

As well as associating [South Korea](#), [New Zealand](#) and [Canada](#) to Horizon Europe, [Singapore](#), [Australia](#) and [Japan](#) are also at the negotiating table to join. Ratso also presided over the [association of Egypt](#), despite human rights and academic freedom concerns. Meanwhile, the UK and Switzerland are also back in the programme after wider political wrangles delayed their association.

Global expansion

Under Ratso's tenure, Horizon Europe has grown from a primarily European programme to one that spans the globe.

“I'm really proud that we managed to do that,” she told the conference.

However, these non-European partners are only associated to the part of Horizon Europe that dishes out collaborative grants to consortia of academics. They are not part of the European Research Council. It will also likely take time before countries such as South Korea and Canada manage to learn the [complex procedures](#) of the programme and fully integrate.

Under plans for Horizon Europe's successor, the proportion of the budget dedicated to this part of the programme will fall to less than half.

The next programme, which starts in 2028, will also be more focused on European defence technology and industrial strength, raising questions over how welcome non-European partners will be, particularly in sensitive projects.

Ratso herself [has raised concerns](#) that allowing dual use research, which can be used for civilian and military purposes, could lock out associated countries.

AI can enhance disaster response, but humans remain the key (18 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 December 2025

AI can enable European emergency services to respond to disasters faster and more effectively, but only if humans remain in control and clear ethical preconditions are established. This is the conclusion of a study by the Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) in collaboration with the academic umbrella organization ALLEA. According to the researchers, AI is particularly effective in tasks such as early warning and damage assessment in common crises like floods and forest fires, but is unsuitable for new or morally complex situations. "The question is how we can harness the full potential of these technologies while simultaneously understanding and managing the risks," says ALLEA President Paweł Rowiński. The advice emphasizes that humans must always retain ultimate responsibility.

SAM Press Release: [Artificial Intelligence in Emergency and Crisis Management – Scientific Advice Mechanism](#)

ALLEA Press Release: [Academies Encourage the European Commission to Adopt a Careful and Ethical Approach to AI in European Crisis Management - ALLEA](#)

Elsevier: EU strong in science, weak in talent retention and innovation (18 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 December 2025

The European Union remains a global leader in scientific research, but is losing ground in talent and innovation, Elsevier concludes in a new report. Along with China and the United States, the EU is one of the largest research regions and scores highly in publication volume and international collaboration. At the same time, Europe struggles with a structurally negative migration balance of researchers, and the translation of research into patents and innovation lags behind the United States and China. According to the report, additional investment in research careers, mobility, and strategic key enabling technologies is needed to realize the ambitions of the European Research Area.

Elsevier Report: [EU as a science innovator](#)

European Parliament Calls for EU Legal Framework for Innovative Companies (18 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 December 2025

The European Parliament is advocating for a new EU framework for innovative companies to strengthen investment, scale, and talent retention. The Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI) argues that startups and scale-ups are currently hampered by fragmented national regulations. This makes cross-border growth within the internal market complex and costly. With the proposed Unified European Company, Parliament aims to remove these obstacles and prevent innovative companies from relocating to the United States or China.

Press release European Parliament: [MEPs' recommendations for a new EU framework for innovative companies | Nieuws | Europees Parlement](#)

The Guild: Stronger EU vision needed for the role of social sciences and humanities (18 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 December 2025

The Guild argues that the European Commission's proposals for the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028–2034 and FP10 fail to adequately clarify the role of social sciences, arts, and humanities (SSAH) in Europe's future. The Guild argues that the strong focus on competitiveness and STEM skills threatens to displace these disciplines, which are essential for societal cohesion, democracy, and support for technological change. The umbrella organization calls on the Commission to make it more explicit how these disciplines can contribute to European competitiveness and policy.

Blog The Guild: [We need a stronger vision for the contributions of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities for Europe's future - The Guild](#)

Global policy

Nature Previews the Future of Science (8 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 January 2026

Nature has published two articles looking ahead to future developments in scientific research. In a preview of 2026, the journal highlights the rapid rise of AI in research. It also mentions potential breakthroughs in gene therapy, large-scale clinical trials, and an increase in lunar and space missions as major developments. Looking ahead to 2050, Nature outlines a profound transformation of science, with AI potentially conducting the majority of research. According to Nature, the potential use of geoengineering aimed at climate change, geopolitical tensions, and declining public support could determine the scope and direction of scientific research.

Article Nature: [Science in 2026: the events to watch for in the coming year](#)

Article Nature: [Science in 2050: the future breakthroughs that will shape our world — and beyond](#)

Global R&D spending continues to grow towards \$3 trillion (8 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 January 2026

Global R&D spending rose again in 2024 to approximately \$2.87 trillion, according to new figures from the World Intellectual Property Organization. Global R&D intensity is around 2 percent of gross domestic product, a historic high. This growth is primarily driven by Asian countries, which collectively account for approximately 45 percent of global R&D spending. The share of the United States, Japan, and Europe has declined relatively. China and the United States were the largest R&D investors in 2024, each investing around \$780 billion.

World Intellectual Property Organization Blog: [End of Year Edition – Despite the Odds, Global R&D Spending Grew Again in 2024, Inching Closer to the USD 3 Trillion Mark](#)

WEF: Geopolitical Fragmentation and Technology Influence Business Strategies (8 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 January 2026

A world in which economic relations are increasingly organized along geopolitical lines, combined with rapid technological change, will shape business strategies over the next five years. In a new scenario report, the World Economic Forum (WEF) outlines four future scenarios for the global economy in 2030, based on different combinations of geopolitical stability and technological adoption. The report highlights the commercialization of AI, the reshaping of value chains, and divergent regulations between countries as key trends and emphasizes that companies must strategically prepare for these.

WEF Article: [How will geoeconomics and technology define the new economy? | World Economic Forum](#)

WEF Report: [Four Futures for the New Economy: Geoeconomics and Technology in 2030 | World Economic Forum](#)

WIPO: Nearly half of global patent applications originate from China (18 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 December 2025

Global intellectual property (IP) activity reached new heights in 2024, driven by strong growth in Asia. This is evident from the "WIPO IP Facts and Figures 2025" report. Global patent applications increased by 4.9%, with Asian offices accounting for more than 70% of global applications. China dominated, accounting for nearly half of all patent applications (49.1%). India also saw exceptional growth in both patents (+19.1%) and industrial designs (+44.9%). The global focus of patents was on computer technology and electrical machinery.

WIPO IP Facts and Figures 2025 Publication: [IP Facts and Figures 2025](#)

OECD Recommendations for Strengthening the Social Economy (18 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 December 2025

In two reports, the OECD makes several recommendations for policymakers to shape the social economy and cooperatives so that they can optimally play their role in addressing societal challenges from the bottom up.

The proposals focus, among other things, on adapting legislation to better recognize the role of cooperatives and optimizing access to financing. Furthermore, cooperatives could be given tax incentives, and the government could take on a facilitating role. According to the OECD, the strength of the social economy lies in its people-centered approach to tackling major social and societal challenges. Examples cited include healthcare and public housing. In the Netherlands, for example, there are housing cooperatives (not to be confused with housing associations) where groups of people organize housing together. Energy cooperatives also exist. The Collective Power platform monitors the growth of citizen collectives in the Netherlands.

OECD Publication: [Co-operatives in transition | OECD](#)

OECD Publication: [Social Economy in Europe | OECD](#)

Collective Power Monitor: [Burgercollectieven-monitor brengt ontwikkeling en knelpunten van Nederlandse initiatieven in kaart | Kennisplatform Collectieve Kracht \(in Dutch\)](#)

China dominates research on critical technologies (18 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 December 2025

China leads the world in research on strategically crucial technologies and is further expanding its lead, according to the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) Critical Technology Tracker. China now leads in 66 of the 74 technologies examined. Nature points out that this result marks a sharp reversal from the beginning of this century, when the United States still led in more than 90 percent of technologies. According to Nature, the analysis shows that democratic countries are at risk of losing their lead in key technologies. However, researchers note that dominance in scientific publications does not automatically lead to industrial or commercial superiority.

Article Nature: [China leads research in 90% of crucial technologies — a dramatic shift this century](#)

Report Australian Strategic Policy Institute: [ASPI's Critical Technology Tracker: 2025 updates and 10 new technologies - ASPI](#)

Singapore Launches Fund to Support Horizon Europe Researchers (18 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 December 2025

Singapore has launched a fund to provide financial support to researchers working in the city-state on Horizon Europe projects. Through this supplementary funding mechanism, Singapore will finance research or activities within Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe, with a specific focus on areas of Singapore's priority. The fund is part of the government's Horizon 2030 program, which envisions a total investment of \$37 billion over the next five years.

News item Singapore: [Singapore Horizon Europe Complementary Fund](#)

News item European Commission: [Singapore launches Horizon Europe Complementary Fund, strengthening research and innovation cooperation with the EU - Research and innovation](#)

US: NSF Launches Tech Labs for Breakthrough Research Outside of Universities (18 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 December 2025

The US National Science Foundation (NSF) is launching a new Tech Labs Initiative to establish independent research organizations outside of universities. The initiative aims to more quickly address persistent technological bottlenecks that existing labs struggle to address. "Tech Labs offer entrepreneurial teams of proven scientists the freedom and flexibility to pursue groundbreaking scientific research at breakneck speed, without having to apply for grants for each new idea or development," says Erwin Gianchandani of NSF Innovation and Partnerships.

Press Release US National Science Foundation: [NSF announces new initiative to launch and scale a new generation of transformative independent research organizations to advance breakthrough science | NSF - U.S. National Science Foundation](#)

National policy

First national Science for Policy Community meeting (8 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 January 2026

The first national Science for Policy Community meeting will take place on February 5th. The afternoon will focus on getting acquainted, exchanging ideas, and exploring potential collaborations, with the aim of better connecting science and policy and connecting existing initiatives. The meeting is organized by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science's Science for Policy team and the STEVIN project CoSPIRIT.

News item NWO: [Science for Policy community meeting | NWO](#)

Rathenau Institute: Beware of innovation oversimplification (8 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 January 2026

To harness innovation power for the benefit of society as a whole, more is needed than just investments focused on economic growth. This is the argument of Eefje Cuppen, Jasper Deuten, and Rinie van Est of the Rathenau Institute in response to the Wennink report. The researchers point out that, in addition to innovation serving the economy, the government has three other public innovation tasks: innovation for societal challenges, social embedding of innovation, and regulating the opportunities and risks of innovation. "These tasks should not be pitted against each other. Strengthening and utilizing innovation power for the public good requires attention to all four public innovation tasks, and especially coherence and synergy between them," they state.

Article Rathenau Institute: [Pas op voor innovatiesimplisme | Rathenau Instituut](#) (in Dutch)

ESB: "Innovation policy must pay more attention to private R&D"(8 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 January 2026

The government must focus more on targeted industrial policy to stimulate R&D investments in relevant private sectors. This is the argument of economists Thomas Grosfeld and Kasper Buiting in the economics journal ESB. The economists point out that Dutch private R&D expenditure as a percentage of GDP has barely increased for years. "This calls for a comprehensive industrial policy with instruments that are more comprehensive than the minister's three-percent letter," they state. The economists also advocate for further focus on digitalization policy and AI.

ESB Publication: [Innovatiebeleid moet meer oog hebben voor private R&D - ESB](#)

OECD: Use of practical knowledge in the Netherlands remains fragmented (8 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 8 January 2026

The Netherlands is taking steps to make greater use of practical and research-based knowledge, but its application remains insufficiently structurally anchored, according to a study by the OECD and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre. Knowledge and research are available, but are not consistently utilized due to a lack of skills, mandates, and coherent governance. The study outlines this as a broader European pattern. In other countries studied, there is also a lack of coordination between ministries, evaluations and impact analyses are often a "box-ticking exercise," and research insights are insufficiently translated into policy choices.

OECD Report: [Strengthening National Evidence-Informed Policymaking Ecosystems | OECD](#)

Knowledge Coalition: strengthen the chain of R&D, infrastructure, talent, valorisation, investment power and European cooperation (18 December 2025)

Source: Website NWO news [Knowledge Coalition: strengthen the chain of R&D, infrastructure, talent, valorisation, investment power and European cooperation | NWO](#)



The Knowledge Coalition calls on the political parties forming the new government to strengthen the chain of R&D, infrastructure, talent, valorisation, investment power and European cooperation in a targeted manner. These are not separate building blocks, but indispensable links that together form a chain. Only in this way can we build a resilient, robust and smart society and economy. This is what the partnership of knowledge institutions and entrepreneurs writes to the parties forming the new government.

The Knowledge Coalition makes various recommendations to the parties forming the new government. In order to keep the Netherlands economically strong, resilient and future-proof, it is necessary to achieve the Lisbon target of investing 3% of GDP in research and innovation. That is why, in line with Peter Wennink's advisory report, the Knowledge Coalition advocates a long-term R&D investment programme that bridges the gap between a strong scientific knowledge base and the valorisation of knowledge, through start-ups and scale-ups and the existing business community, including SMEs. Such an R&D programme can only succeed if the basic funding of knowledge institutions is in order and researchers and companies have access to modern research infrastructure.

Structural valorisation capacity and a national investment institution

The Knowledge Coalition also considers it important that ideas find their way into society more quickly. This requires structural valorisation capacity within innovative ecosystems, to which universities, university medical centres, UAS, vocational education institutions and TO2 institutes contribute. This ensures that innovations do not remain on the shelf but actually find their way into the business community (including SMEs) and contribute to social solutions. For companies that want to grow from start-up to scale-up, sufficient risk capital is also indispensable. A national investment institution can make a difference here by filling existing gaps and stimulating private investment.

Finally, the Netherlands must take advantage of more opportunities within Europe. This requires better coordination and more resources in our EU R&D funding instruments, so that no EU budget remains unused due to a lack of co-funding or matching.

The Knowledge Coalition looks forward to working with the future cabinet to maintain the Netherlands' position as a leader in knowledge and innovation.

Download paper here: [kenniscoalitie_formatiebrief_december_2025.pdf](#) (in Dutch)

About the Knowledge Coalition

The Knowledge Coalition is a partnership consisting of Universities of the Netherlands (UNL), the Netherlands Association of Universities of Applied Sciences (UASNL), the MBO Council, the Dutch Federation of University Medical Centres (UMCNL), KNAW, NWO, ZonMw, VNO-NCW, MKB-Nederland, ROM Nederland and the institutes for applied research (TO2 federation). The Knowledge Coalition jointly strives to create optimal conditions for research and innovation to flourish in the Netherlands and acts as a discussion partner for the government.

RaboResearch: How much can R&D expenditure still increase? (18 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 December 2025

It is very difficult for the Netherlands to achieve the 3% target for R&D. This is the conclusion of researchers at RaboResearch based on an analysis of the Netherlands' R&D gap compared to the top 10 countries with the highest private R&D intensity within the OECD. According to the researchers, the gap can be broken down into two components: the sector structure effect and the intrinsic effect. For example, the R&D-intensive sectors in the Netherlands are relatively small. Moreover, within sectors that are relatively large—with the exception of mechanical engineering by ASML and companies in the supply chain—investment is lower than in the top countries.

Publication RaboResearch: [Hoeveel kunnen de R&D-uitgaven nog stijgen? - Rabobank](#) (in Dutch)

Recommendation: "Accelerate breakthrough innovations in the energy transition" (18 December 2025)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 18 December 2025

Provide sustained and systematic support for breakthrough innovations in the energy transition, paying attention to strategic autonomy and the non-technological aspects of energy innovation. The Netherlands Institute for War, Safety and Environment (AWTI) makes these recommendations in its advisory report, "Sustainable breakthroughs - Towards system innovation in the energy transition." Breakthroughs in the energy transition are urgently needed because our country is currently heavily dependent on fossil fuels and the electricity grid is not yet sufficiently equipped for the increase in solar and wind energy. Moreover, the Netherlands has made international agreements to combat greenhouse gas emissions. Minister Hermans of Climate and Green Growth received the advisory report this morning.

Read the report here: [Nieuw advies: "Versnel doorbraakinnovaties in de energietransitie" | Adviesraad voor wetenschap, technologie en innovatie \(in Dutch\)](#)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 8 January 2026

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	Foreseen opening: 28 May 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 27 August 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Advanced Grant</i>)
ERC-2026-PoC	17 March 2026 and 17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Proof of Concept Grant</i>)
ERC-2026-PERA	15 January 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Public Engagement with Research Award (prize contest)</i>)
Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions	
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01	Opening 28 May 2026 and deadline 24 November 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01 Call - MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01 TMA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01	Foreseen opening 26 May 2027 and foreseen deadline 23 November 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01 Call - MSCA Doctoral Networks 2027</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01 TMA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-PF-01	Opening 9 April 2026 and deadline 9 November 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2026-PF-01 Call - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Fellowships Global Fellowships
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-PF-01	Foreseen opening 7 April 2027 and foreseen deadline 8 September 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-PF-01 Call - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2027</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Fellowships Global Fellowships
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01	16 April 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01: MSCA Staff Exchanges</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-SE-01	15 April 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-SE-01: MSCA Staff Exchanges</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-COFUND-01	8 April 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2026-COFUND-01: MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programme</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TMA-Cofund-Doctoral

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TMA-Cofund-Postdoctoral
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-01 MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programme	Foreseen opening 8 December 2026 and foreseen deadline 6 April 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-01: MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programme</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TMA-Cofund-Doctoral TMA-Cofund-Postdoctoral
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-02 MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2027	Foreseen opening 8 December 2026 and foreseen deadline 6 April 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-02-01: MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2027</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TMA-Cofund-Postdoctoral
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-CITIZENS-01	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 08 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-CITIZENS-01 Call - MSCA and Citizens 2027</i>)
Research Infrastructures	
<u>Destination</u> INFRADEV - Consolidation and evolution of the European Research Infrastructure landscape (2026-27)	
HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-DEV	Opening 10 March 2026 and deadline 16 June 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-DEV: call INFRADEV</i>)
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-DEV	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-DEV: call INFRADEV</i>)
<u>Destination</u> INFRAEOSC - Enabling an operational, open and FAIR EOSC ecosystem (2026-27)	
HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-EOSC	Opening 10 March 2026 and deadline 16 June 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-EOSC: call INFRAEOSC</i>)
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC: call INFRAEOSC</i>)
<u>Destination</u> INFRASERV - Research infrastructures services to support a healthier future, a global climate and energy vision, a circular and resilient economy, and to advance frontier knowledge (2026-27)	
HORIZON-INFRA-2026-SERV-01	Opening 10 March 2026 and deadline 16 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2026-SERV-01: call INFRASERV</i>)
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01: call INFRASERV</i>)
Cluster 1 HEALTH	
<u>Destination</u> - 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
<u>Destination</u> - 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
<u>Destination</u>– 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
<u>Destination</u> - 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>Custer 3 Civil Security for Society</u>	
<u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u>	
<u>Destination</u>: Leadership in materials and production for Europe	
HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD single stage	21 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD two-stage	17 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) , 13 October 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time

HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-MAT-PROD single stage	Foreseen opening 22 September 2026 and foreseen deadline 2 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-MAT-PROD two-stage	Foreseen opening 22 September 2026 and foreseen deadline 2 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 2 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-two-stage)
<u>Destination:</u> Open Strategic Autonomy in Developing, Deploying and Using Global Space-Based Infrastructure, Services, Applications and Data	
HORIZON-CL4-2026-SPACE-03 single-stage	10 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2026-SPACE-03)
HORIZON-CL4-2027-03 single stage	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 Foreseen deadline 2 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-03)
<u>Destination:</u> Developing an agile and secure single market and infrastructure for data-services and trustworthy artificial intelligence services	
HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-DATA single stage	15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2026-DATA-04)
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DATA single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-DATA-04)
<u>Destination:</u> Achieving open strategic autonomy in digital and emerging enabling technologies	
HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING single stage	15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING)
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING)
HORIZON-CL4-2026-05-DIGITAL-EMERGING single stage	15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2026-05-DIGITAL-EMERGING)
<u>Destination:</u> Digital and industrial technologies driving human-centric innovation	
HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-HUMAN single stage	15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-HUMAN-EMERGING)
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN)
<u>CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility</u>	
<u>Destination</u> - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-07-D1	15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time

HORIZON-CL5-2026-08-Two-Stage-D1-06:	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
<u>Destination</u> - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D2	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)
<u>Destination</u>: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3	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	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
<u>Destination</u>: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-05-D5-01	14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination</u>: 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
<u>CLUSTER 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment</u>	

<u>Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</u>	
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
<u>Destination 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption</u>	
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)
<u>Destination 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors</u>	
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)
<u>Destination 4 – Clean environment and zero pollution</u>	
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
<u>Destination 5</u> - 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)
<u>Destination 6</u> – 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
<u>Destination 7</u> – 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	

<u>Mission calls 2026-2026</u>	
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
<u>WIDERA 2026 - 2027</u>	
<u>Destination:</u> Widening participation and spreading excellence	
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01-WIDENING-01: Teaming Synergies	Foreseen opening Opening: 23 April 2026 and foreseen deadline(s): 24 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01 Call - Teaming Synergies)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-02-WIDENING-01: Twinning	Foreseen opening Opening: 8 January 2026 and foreseen deadline(s): 9 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-02 Call - Twinning)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-03: Hop-on Facility	Foreseen opening Opening: 13 January 2026 and foreseen deadline(s): 24 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-03 Call – Hop on Facility)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-05-WIDENING-01: ERA Fellowships	Foreseen opening Opening: 9 April 2026 and foreseen deadline(s): 9 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-05 Call – ERA Fellowships)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-01: ERA Chairs	Foreseen opening Opening: 6 April 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-01: ERA Chairs)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-02: ERA Research Managers	Foreseen opening Opening: 7 April 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-02: ERA Research Managers)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-03-WIDENING-01: ERA TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European	Foreseen opening Opening: 7 April 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 8 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-03-WIDENING-01: ERA TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-04-WIDENING-01: Excellence Hubs	Foreseen opening Opening: 2 September 2026 and foreseen deadline(s): 4 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-04-WIDENING-01: Excellence Hubs)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-01: Pillar I: Facilitating development of institutional open access policies through the retention of intellectual property rights	Foreseen opening Opening: 8 December 2026 and foreseen deadline(s): 11 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-01: Pillar I: Facilitating development of institutional open access policies through the retention of intellectual property rights)
<u>Destination:</u> Reforming and enhancing the European research and innovation system	
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-06-ERA (Enhancing the European R&I system)	12 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-05 Call – ERA Fellowships)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-01-WIDENING-01: EIC Pre-accelerator - Widening	Foreseen opening Opening: 5 May 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 18 November 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-01-WIDENING-01: EIC Pre-accelerator - Widening)

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 8 January 2026 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>NEW: FutureFoodS hereby pre-announces the 2nd co-funded call for transnational research projects Second Joint Transnational Co-funded Call — FutureFoodS and FutureFoodS: Call2</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: ~ 11 February 2026 Deadline for full-proposal submission: ~27 July 2026 (only by invitation)</p>
European Partnership Agroecology https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/	<p>NEW: Announcement 3rd call AGROECOLOGY partnership 3rd co-funded call — Agroecology Partnership and Agroecology: Call3</p> <p>Tentative timeline Deadline for pre-proposal submission is 18 February 2026, 14:00 CET. Deadline for full proposal submission is 08 July 2026, 14:00 CEST.</p>

European partnership Agriculture of Data	<p>The 1st co-funded Call of the AgData partnership is now open! 1st Co-funded Call for Transnational Research Projects “EU-wide data-driven solutions to real problems”</p> <p>Agriculture of Data: Call 1</p> <p><u>Procedure</u></p> <p>Short proposal & full proposal step</p> <p>The deadline for short proposals is January 21, 12:00h CET (noon).</p> <p>The deadline for full proposal submission is July 21, 12:00h CEST (noon).</p>
European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://bluepartnership.eu/	<p>Third Joint Transnational Call for R&I Funding</p> <p>Call launch (provisional): 15 September 2025, 15:00 CEST</p> <p>Deadline submission Pre-proposals 17 November 2025 (CLOSED)</p> <p>Deadline submission Full proposals 17 June 2026</p> <p>https://www.bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep</p>
European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/	<p>Pre-announcement: European funding opportunity for sustainable urban transitions https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-european-funding-opportunity-for-sustainable-urban-transitions-0</p> <p><u>Foreseen timeline and information day</u></p> <p>The timeline for this call is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 November 2025: stage 1 closing (Pre-Proposal submission deadline) (CLOSED) • 20 February 2026: stage 2 opening • 23 April 2026: stage 2 closing (Full Proposal submission deadline) • Summer of 2026: decision-making
European Partnership ERA4HEALTH ERA4Health The Partnership	<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>
Joint Technology Initiatives	
Joint Programming Initiatives	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A healthy diet for a healthy life (HDHL): http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/ • Agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE): http://www.faccejpi.com/ • Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR): http://www.jpiamr.eu/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU): http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home • Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans): http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/ • More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL): http://www.jp-demographic.eu/ • Neurodegenerative Disease/Alzheimer's (JPND): http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/ • Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions (Urban Europe): http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/ • Water challenges for a changing world (Water-JPI): http://www.waterjpi.eu/ • Cultural Heritage a Challenge for Europe (Cultural Heritage): http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/
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Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **8 January 2026**. 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_sep_ii_-_round_2.pdf
14-04-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals Biodiversity+ 2025-2026 Joint Call Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity, and connectivity. Submission deadline of full proposals: 13 April 2026, 15:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/rescuing-biodiversity-to-safeguard-life-on-earth and https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/09/09/2025-2026-joint-call/
17-06-2025	Deadline submission Full proposals Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership third Joint Transnational Call, “Digitalisation and Innovation for Resilient Marine Ecosystems, Businesses, and Communities to Strengthen the EU Blue Economy’s Competitiveness. Full proposal submission deadline (Provisional): 17/06/2026, 15:00 CEST (Brussels Time).

	https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep and https://bluepartnership.eu/ and https://bluepartnership.eu/news/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-launches-its-3rd-joint-transnational-call
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National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **8 January 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

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-l.pdf
22-01-2026	Deadline submission proposals for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. January 22, 2026, before 2:00:00 PM CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation
27-01-2026	Deadline submission for Full applications for Veni round 2025 . The deadline for submitting full applications is 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/veni-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme
27-01-2026	Deadline submission of Full Proposals for NWA call Opportunities and value chains for side streams in the protein transition . The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-residual-flows-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwa-opportunities-and-value-chains-for-side-streams-in-the-protein-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/NWA%20Eiwittransitie%20call%20EN%20DEF.pdf
27-01-2026	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 2026 spring call . Registration for the spring edition opens 1 January 2026 and closes on 3 February 2026 14:00:00 CET. Full 2026 round of Venture Challenge open now NWO and Venture Challenge Spring 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - Venture Challenge
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: Deadline for submission pre-proposals NWO-Talent Programme Vici 2026 . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is March 10, 2026, by 14:00:00 CET . Vici round 2026 now open for pre-proposals NWO and NWO Talent Programme NWO
From 06-02-2026 to 17-03-2026	NEW: Deadline for registration and participation in collaborative workshops NWA-ORC 2026 call . Registration for and participation in collaborative workshops (mandatory for main applicants) Between 6 February and 17 March 2026, NWO organizes collaborative workshops with the aim of bringing together interested parties (researchers and public and/or private social parties) around a specific theme, combining research ideas (joining forces) and forming broad innovative consortia. You can register for the workshops via this page: Collaborative workshops NWA ORC 2026 NWO. Research along Routes by Consortia 2026 NWO
24-03-2026	Deadline for submission of full applications for Research Infrastructure (RI): national consortia 2025-2026 . The deadline for applications is 24 March 2026, before 14:00:00 CET: this call is coordinated for WUR by CVI Mascha Rasenberg . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-30-million-available-for-research-infrastructure and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/research-infrastructure-ri-national-consortia
24-03-2026	Foreseen deadline for Full proposals Rubican call 1 2026 . Closing date full application 24 March 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.) . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/rubicon-2026-1
24-03-2026	NEW: deadline for submission of letters of intent KIC call “Collaborative business models for a circular economy” . The deadline for submitting letters of intent is 24 March 2026, before

	14:00:00. Call open: Collaborative business models NWO and KIC Collaborative business models for a circular economy NWO and Call for Proposals - Collaborative business models for a circular economy
31-03-2026	Deadline for submission of <u>nominations</u> 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%20Tulip%20Fonds_EN%20%282%29.pdf
07-04-2026	Deadline for submission <u>Full proposals</u> 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 <u>Full proposals</u> 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 <u>Full proposals</u> 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 <u>Full applications</u> 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 <u>full applications</u> 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 <u>Full applications</u> 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
26-05-2026	Deadline for submission of <u>Full applications</u> KIC call “Collaborative business models for a circular economy” . The deadline for submitting applications is 26 May 2026, before 14:00:00. Call open: Collaborative business models NWO and KIC Collaborative business models for a circular economy NWO and Call for Proposals - Collaborative business models for a circular economy
09-06-2026	Deadline for submission <u>Full-proposals</u> 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
09-06-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission of <u>Full proposals</u> for KIC call Adaptivity in transitions . The deadline for submitting the full application is 9 June 2026 at 14:00 CEST. Call open: Adaptivity in transitions NWO and KIC Adaptivity in transitions NWO and Call for Proposals - Adaptivity in transitions
16-06-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission of <u>Full proposals</u> 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
16-06-2026	Deadline for submission of <u>full applications</u> Call ‘The power of collaboration’ for or SSH researchers to further deepen consortia (NWA) . The deadline for submitting applications is June 16, 2026 ; The deadline for submitting a request for review by organizations based in the Netherlands is May 19, 2026. The deadline for submitting a request for review by foreign organizations is May 19, 2026. . New Call: Unique opportunity for SSH researchers to further deepen consortia (NWA) NWO and The power of collaboration 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
23-06-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission Letter of Intent KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future. Foreseen closing date for letter of intent 23 June 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future NWO
02-07-2026	NEW: Deadline submission proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2026 fall round. Deadline for submission proposals fall deadline 2 July 2026 14:00:00 CET. Full 2026 round of Venture Challenge open now NWO and Venture Challenge Spring 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - Venture Challenge
08-09-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Full proposals NWO-Talent Programme Vici 2026. The deadline for submitting full applications is September 8, 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. Vici round 2026 now open for pre-proposals 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
06-10-2026	NEW: Deadline submission of Full proposals for the NWA-ORC 2026 round. The deadline for submission of proposals via ISAAC is 6 October 2026, at 14:00:00 CEST. NWA call for Research along Routes by Consortia 2026 now open NWO and Research along Routes by Consortia 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - NWA ORC
20-10-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission Full applications KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future. Foreseen closing date Closing date full application 20 October 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.) KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future NWO
26-10-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission Full proposals NWA ORC Round 2026. The deadline for submission of proposals via ISAAC is 6 October 2026, at 14:00:00 CEST. Research along Routes by Consortia 2026 NWO and NWA ORC 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - NWA-ORC
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	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 **8 January 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

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

About the Wageningen Grant Office

Wageningen Grant Office

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

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

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

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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