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Latest Funding News

European Funding News: Horizon Europe

Evaluation results CL6 call 2025, CBE call 2025 and information from EC info Day for 2026 calls (19 January 2026)

Source: WGO

Last week, the evaluation results of the remaining 2025 calls for CL6 (GOVERNANCE, BIODIV, CIRCBIO, ZEROPOLLUTION) were received, as well as the evaluation results of the JU-CBE call.

We performed very well in CL6, despite the fierce competition and the resulting very high threshold for funding:

- Of the 152 proposals (1-step topics) with WU and/or WR participation, 43 advanced to GAP, and 19 proposals were placed on the Reserve List.
- Regarding the WUR coordination's: of the 22 submitted proposals, 8 proposals advanced to GAP, and 5 were placed on the Reserve List.

At JU-CBE, two of the 18 proposals with WU and/or WR participation advanced to GAP: PRO-SCALE (101288362) and BIOSPARK. One was placed on the Reserve List. BIOSPARK wasn't on my list in the EC database; perhaps the wrong PIC was used here?

We would like to receive the ESRs, if they haven't already, so we can use them in our tips and tricks for writing a successful proposal.

The EC Info Days for the Horizon 2026 calls will be held in the coming weeks (most are online); see the events page for the exact dates ([EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#))

Our advice to researchers who want to coordinate a proposal is to attend the session for their topic, also because this gives you the opportunity to ask questions. The slides and webinar can be viewed after the webinar.

This morning, there was an EC webinar about the template changes compared to the 2025 call. There are several changes to the proposal template. These concern the tags (removed), the page limit (40 pages for RIA/IA and 45 pages for lump sum topics), and section 2.1. (Scale & Significance section removed), section 2.3 (canvas table is now optional, no longer mandatory), section 3.1 (table 3.1.h only applies to equipment costs; tables 3.1.i and 3.1.j removed; it was noted this morning that this information is requested during GAP, but only applies to successful proposals).

Based on the information we received this morning, we will make a short note outlining all the changes.

Finally, please inform us about coordination efforts underway within your Science Group for topics in the 2026/2027 calls.

As WGO, we are also offering WUR coordinators the opportunity to provide feedback on project ideas and/or draft proposals in collaboration with the National Contact Points for upcoming calls.

We will also provide training on "how to write" and "impact."

Applications for ERC Consolidator Grants 2026: Facts and figures (16 January 2026)

Source: Website ERC [Applications for ERC Consolidator Grants 2026: Facts and figures](#)|ERC

The call for European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grants 2026 closed on 13 January 2026. The figures below present the preliminary data on submitted proposals.



The ERC received 3 060 applications, representing a 2% decrease compared to the 2025 call and a 32% increase compared to the 2024 call.

The Physical Sciences and Engineering domain attracted the highest number of applications, with 1 238 submissions (40.5%), followed by Social Sciences and Humanities with 1 086 submissions (35.5%), and Life Sciences with 736 submissions (24%).

Women submitted 38% of proposals, the same share as in 2025.

Under its Work Programme 2026 [wp_horizon-erc-2026_en.pdf](#), the ERC has earmarked €673 million to fund an estimated 328 grants. The evaluation of proposals is now under way, with the projects selected for funding expected to be announced in autumn 2026.

EU invests over €307 million into artificial intelligence and related technologies (15 January 2026)

Source: Website EC [Daily News 15 / 01 / 2026](#)

The European Commission has launched two new calls under the 'Digital, Industry and Space' cluster of the **Horizon Europe** Work Programme, allocating €307.3 million to bolster Europe's digital innovation and competitiveness.

A total of €221.8 million is dedicated to an **initiative** focusing on the **development of trustworthy artificial intelligence (AI) services, innovative data services, and securing of EU strategic autonomy**. The call will fund projects contributing to AI development, including actions supporting the [Apply AI Strategy](#), robotics, quantum technologies, photonics and virtual worlds. With over €40 million dedicated to the 'Open Internet Stack Initiative', both end-user applications and inside the stack technologies will be developed to support European sovereign digital commons.

An additional €85.5 million is available for the **second call**, which will support open strategic autonomy in digital and emerging technologies and raw materials. It will focus on topics like next-gen AI agents, robotics for industrial and service applications, and the development of new materials with enhanced sensing functionalities.

These calls drive sustainable innovation and European leadership in strategic digital technologies, aligning with the Commission's [Competitiveness Compass](#). Through this investment, the Commission aims to secure leadership in strategic technologies through sustainable, human-centric innovation.

Cluster four of the **Horizon Europe Work Programme**, 'Digital, Industry and Space' is strategically designed to accelerate Europe leadership and competitiveness in key strategic digital sectors such as AI, quantum, future digital networks, virtual worlds and other key technologies. These calls are open to businesses, public administrations, academia, and other entities from EU Member States and partner countries.

The application window remains open until 15 April 2026.

More information is available on the [Funding & Tenders portal](#).

What Japan's association means for Horizon Europe (8 January 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [What Japan's association means for Horizon Europe | Science|Business](#)

Tokyo has pledged €6.6 million to fund activities this year. But questions remain over participation levels and awareness of the programme in Japan



From left to right: António Costa, president of the European Council, Shigeru Ishiba, Japanese Prime Minister, Ursula Von der Leyen, president of the European Commission. Photo credits: European Union

Japan has become the latest and biggest non-European country to associate to the EU's €93.5 billion Horizon Europe research and innovation programme, making part of the programme truly global, at least in theory.

The deal, [announced in late December](#), crowns a successful run of negotiations by the European Commission to bring in countries from outside the European region, including New Zealand, South Korea and Canada. Australia and Singapore are also at the negotiating table to join.

As of January this year, Japanese researchers can win money from Brussels just like Europeans, stripping away the bureaucratic need to line up parallel domestic funding to cover their participation in Horizon Europe consortia. Like other associated countries, Japan will make a financial contribution to the EU to cover its researchers' participation.

But now, the question is whether association will boost Japanese involvement in the programme from its currently low level.

Japanese researchers have been involved in a "limited number" of consortia, according to Jean-Eric Paquet, the EU's ambassador to Japan and former head of the Commission's research and innovation directorate.

The need for Japanese researchers to line up their own funding to join consortia in so-called Pillar 2 of the programme proved "rather cumbersome" and scuppered some collaborations, he told Science|Business. But with association now agreed, "that obstacle is gone."

Since Horizon Europe began in 2021, Japanese organisations have participated in the programme 174 times, less than those from the US (1,399), Canada (325), Australia (248) and Brazil (177).

What's more, less than a third of these projects are Pillar 2 consortia, the part of the programme that Japan is joining. Two thirds are Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, supporting doctoral or postdoctoral training networks, which will not be covered by the new association deal.

This year's bill

This low participation rate in Pillar 2 is reflected in Japan's association bill for this year. A draft [2026 budget](#) shows that Tokyo plans to send the EU the equivalent of €6.6 million to cover the costs of its researchers joining the programme. That's just 0.05% of Horizon Europe's [expected budget](#) this year, and only three times [New Zealand's first-year bill](#) of €2.1 million, despite Japan having 23 times the population.

However, this €6.6 million contribution is only for 2026. In 2027 and 2028, as association makes it easier for Japanese researchers to win money, it should increase. New Zealand's second year association bill more than doubled to €5 million, although there's no word yet on what Japan expects to pay out in 2027 and 2028.

"The acceleration of Japan-EU cooperation is likely to influence Japan's future contributions," said a Japanese official who wished to remain anonymous.

Japanese awareness

One question is whether Japanese researchers are aware of Horizon Europe, and willing to put time and effort into the paperwork needed to join consortia.

Piero Carninci, an Italian geneticist who has participated in several EU research consortia while working for the Japanese research agency Riken, said it is unlikely there will be a surge of applications from Japan.

"Many Japanese colleagues are not aware of the possibility of joint research, although colleagues at Riken are definitely more aware, given the broad networks of international collaborations," he said.

"I do not expect that many colleagues from Japan will rush into this new area," he went on, given that many Japanese researchers will need the programme's complex rules explained in Japanese. However, Carninci expects the "elite of top researchers will definitely benefit" from association at first.

According to Paquet, however, Japanese university leaders are well aware of association, having been involved in negotiations, and it's often institutions, rather than individual researchers, that help put together consortia with Europeans.

"I think we've been to nearly all 47 prefectures of Japan," he said, helping to raise awareness of Horizon association.

Pillar 2 woes

Japanese association, like that of other distant countries such as Canada, New Zealand and South Korea, only applies to Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe, which funds big consortia of scientists and companies to tackle relatively applied problems.

The European Research Council (ERC), which funds individual scientists, and the European Innovation Council (EIC), which supports entrepreneurial academic teams and start-ups, are not part of the deal.

European Funding News: FP10

Cypriot EU presidency aims to deliver partial agreement on Horizon Europe (8 January 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [Cypriot EU presidency aims to deliver partial agreement on Horizon Europe | Science|Business](#)

Cyprus wants to reach a ‘partial general approach’ on the next Framework Programme by the end of June



European Council President António Costa (on the left), and President of Cyprus Nikos Christodoulides (on the right). Photo credits: European Union

Cyprus is hoping EU governments will reach an agreement on key elements of the 2028-34 Horizon Europe programme during its six-month presidency of the EU Council, which began on January 1.

By the end of June, the presidency expects to reach a “partial general approach” on Horizon Europe, a document which will outline the Council’s position on the main aspects of the programme. This will exclude budgets, monitoring and provisions that relate to the upcoming European Competitiveness Fund, a spokesperson for the Cypriot government told Science|Business.

The country holding the Council presidency has an important role to play in chairing meetings and steering negotiations, acting as an honest broker between the 27 member states.

Discussions on the research Framework Programme will continue alongside overall negotiations for the **next long-term EU budget**. According to its [programme](#), Cyprus hopes to deliver a “**well-developed, mature negotiating box with indicative figures.**” This document will guide negotiations between national leaders, and means we should get a first idea of the envelope EU governments want to allocate to Horizon Europe.

Innovation gap

According to its plan for the next six months, the Cypriot government will “strive to promote a balanced EU [research and innovation] landscape that fosters excellence, reduces innovation gaps across Member States, and supports deeper integration of the single market.”

The Danish presidency, which kicked off Horizon Europe negotiations last year, “bracketed” parts of the Horizon Europe proposal, including articles related to the Widening funding scheme, which aim to reduce the R&D performance gap between member states. The “bracketing” means parts of the proposal will be discussed by an “ad hoc working party” on the multiannual budget, effectively putting the future of Widening measures in the hands of finance ministries. This has prompted concerns the scheme could be used as a bargaining chip in broader negotiations.

Eszter Lakos, MEP for the European People’s Party and founder of an informal Widening task force within the Parliament, told Science|Business she hopes the Cypriot presidency will take Widening out of the brackets and put it on the agenda of the research working party, the Council body where issues related to Horizon Europe are usually discussed before being put to ministers.

Asked about the presidency's plans for the Widening talks, the spokesperson said, "It is currently at the ad hoc working party. The future remains to be seen."

Cyprus is one of 15 member states eligible to participate in Widening actions. However, under the Commission's proposal for the future programme, it would join a [new group of "transition" countries](#) that have demonstrated progress in research performance and participation in Horizon Europe. These countries would be excluded from future capacity-building measures.

Other files

Beyond Horizon Europe negotiations, Cyprus hopes to advance initiatives that will help innovative companies to scale up and enhance access to funding, including the [EU Innovation Act](#), which the Commission is due to present in the first quarter of the year.

"Emphasis will also be placed on the importance of international R&I partnerships, promoting science diplomacy in alignment with the EU Global Gateway and the Strategic Agenda 2024–2029," the Cypriot programme says.

Elsewhere, research and innovation actors should keep an eye on discussions between ministers responsible for trade and industry. Here, the Cypriot presidency is aiming to advance discussions on the European Competitiveness Fund, and to address barriers to the single market.

Cyprus will also kickstart the Council's work on the 28th regime, an upcoming plan by the Commission to roll out an EU-wide company status which would make it easier for start-ups and scale-ups to grow across borders. The Commission proposal is due in the first quarter of the year.

Other International funding

Call open: International Call for groundbreaking innovations to address global challenges (13 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Call open: International Call for groundbreaking innovations to address global challenges | NWO](#)



The Call '2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges' is now open for applications. This international partnership supports international, interdisciplinary, and transformative research that uses disruptive technologies to tackle major global societal challenges.

Research that uses disruptive technologies to tackle global challenges requires an interdisciplinary approach. This requires expertise from various disciplines, such as the natural sciences, engineering, health sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Collaboration between sectors is also essential, including academia, government, non-profit organizations, civil society organizations, and the private sector.

Aim of the Call

The objective of this Call is to harness the potential of disruptive technology to provide new solutions to global challenges and accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). More research is needed into how disruptive technologies can be used within appropriate interventions to create transformative economic or social impact and thus improve quality of life.

In this Call, disruptive technology is defined as 'an innovation whose application replaces or radically changes systems, processes, and/or behaviors to create transformative economic or societal impact. Disruptive technology can include groundbreaking and new innovations, or the application of an existing innovation in a new context, causing substantial changes or paradigm shifts.'

This interdisciplinary and stakeholder-oriented approach is crucial to stimulating change on an international scale and thus making progress in achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals** [THE 17 GOALS | Sustainable Development](#) (SDGs). Projects in this call must directly relate to at least one of the SDGs.

Please note! NWO funding can only be requested for projects that investigate one or more of the following SDGs:

- Zero Hunger (SDG 2)
- Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6)
- Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7)
- Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11)

You can find call for proposals here: [2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges | NWO](#)

Download call for proposals here: [Call-for-proposals-NFRR-221225_1.pdf](#)

Budget and deadlines

The total NWO budget for this Call is €3.8 million. **A maximum amount of €760,000** can be awarded per project.

When to apply

- **3 March 2026:** Deadline for **submission of the required Notice of Intent to apply (NOI)** in the portal of the NFRF. Please check the website of the NFRF for exact details.

Applicants (= co-PI(s) and co-applicant(s)) requesting funding from NWO are required to submit a mandatory signed letter from their organisation in which their position, tenured/tenure track or salaried position for the duration of the project is confirmed.

- **9 June 2026:** Deadline for **submission of the required Letter of Intent to apply (LOI)** in the portal of the NFRF. Please check the website of the NFRF for exact details.
- **3 November 2026:** Deadline for **submission of the full proposals in the portal of the NFRF**. Please check the website of the NFRF for exact details.

Note PJ: WU and WR can participate; but beware of tariffs most probably HOT tariffs for WR

Contact list for interested researchers

If you would like to get in touch with other researchers who are interested in this call, you can register for a contact list via the NFRF. Complete the survey before February 9, 2026, and you will be added to a list where your contact details will be shared with others who are interested in participating in this call, and their details will be shared with you. By completing the survey, you give your consent for the information you provide to be shared with other potential applicants.

Webinar

A webinar will be organized by the NFRF for this Call (see the NFRF website for more information). A webinar will also be organized for all parties interested in applying for a grant from NWO for this call on February 11, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CET. During this online meeting, interested parties can ask questions about matters such as the context of the call, the application process, and eligibility requirements. Are you interested? Then register via the button below.

Register here: [Information session: International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges | NWO](#)

National funding

Six new grants within the Open Technology Programme: a wide range of technical research (20 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Six new grants within the Open Technology Programme: a wide range of technical research | NWO](#)



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

From the development of automated detection systems that can identify hidden banknotes to the creation of a platform that enables the delivery of (experimental) drugs in myofibroblasts: the awarded projects combine scientific excellence with tangible impact. Thanks to OTP funding, top researchers now have the opportunity to turn bold ideas into solutions that contribute to a sustainable, healthy, and innovative society.

Automated detection systems for identifying concealed banknotes

Criminal networks in the Netherlands earn tens of billions of euros annually, largely in cash. The Dutch Ministry of Justice and Safety focuses on disrupting these networks by identifying their money flows. Because no methods yet exist to detect concealed banknotes without human intervention, the project 'Detection of Hidden Cash using Physics-Based AI' (Eindhoven University of Technology) develops an automated detection system that can identify banknotes hidden in envelopes. These solutions combine terahertz detection with autonomous signal processing based on 'physics-based AI' and paves the way for innovative AI-based object detection.

Optimisation of bio-electrochemical systems for the degradation of micropollutants and PFAS

Many hard-to-degrade chemicals from food, personal care products, and pharmaceuticals enter the water cycle, while waste water treatment plants cannot remove these micropollutants and PFAS. Therefore, the project 'Electricity Assisted Micropollutant Biodegradation' (Wageningen University & Research) optimises bio-electrochemical systems that combine sorption, chemical and microbial degradation, strengthened by electric charging and/or discharging, resulting in improved water quality and sustainable management of micropollutants.

WUR is main applicant in one of the funded Grants

- Electricity Assisted Micropollutant Biodegradation: - dr. ir. S.M. (Sanne) de Smit, Wageningen University & Research (22736); Co-applicant(s): Wageningen University & Research - dr. N.B. Sutton, prof. dr. ir. A. ter Heijne

WUR is Co-applicant in one of the funded projects

- MR imaging of ex vivo cultured hearts: a PARADigm Shift in studying cardiac diseasE (PARADISE) - dr. B.F. Coolen, Amsterdam UMC - Location AMC (22743) Co-applicant(s): Wageningen University & Research

An overview of all granted projects can be found here: [Six new grants within the Open Technology Programme: a wide range of technical research | NWO](#)

2026 call Take-off phase 1 now open and 34 granted feasibility studies in 2025 fall round (19 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO news [2026 call Take-off phase 1 now open and 34 granted feasibility studies in 2025 fall round | NWO](#)



The 2026 call for Take-off phase 1 Feasibility studies is open with a total budget of 4.5 million euros. 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. In addition to the opening of the 2026 round, 34 feasibility studies were granted in the 2025 fall round.

Changes Take-off phase 1 Feasibility studies 2026

For this round, there are changes to the application and assessment process compared to 2025.

- Unlike previous Take-off phase 1 rounds, this Call for proposals applies to the whole of 2026. No separate Call for proposals will be published for the spring and fall round. Applications can be submitted throughout the year.
- Applications will be assessed in batches of 40, with ~15 applications per batch being awarded funding, provided they meet the required quality standards. A maximum of five batches will be processed.
- As per the fall round of 2025, there is no longer a cluster classification; applications will be assessed by a broad committee. There are no more interviews, instead applicant may submit a written rebuttal to the comments of the committee.

34 granted projects within Take-off phase 1 Feasibility studies 2025 fall round

In the 2025 fall round of Take-off phase 1, 34 feasibility studies were granted. Feasibility studies enable researchers to assess the commercial applicability of their innovative ideas. If this proves to be the case, the feasibility report provides a basis for potentially starting a business.

View all granted projects here: [2025 | NWO](#)

Take-off

The science-wide grant instrument Take-off stimulates entrepreneurial activities based on innovative research results from Dutch knowledge institutions. Take-off is one of the instruments for knowledge valorisation that NWO implements together with ZonMw. The programme consists of two phases aimed at different stages of innovation: feasibility studies and early-stage trajectories.

Twenty innovative research projects launched through Open Competition Domain Science-M programme (19 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO news [Twenty innovative research projects launched through Open Competition Domain Science-M programme | NWO](#)



The NWO Science Board has approved twenty grant applications in the Open Competition Domain Science-M programme. The topics vary from aligning human-agent systems to increase the adoption and trustworthiness

of robot assistants, investigation into how transcription inhibition caused by DNA damage occurs, and studying past climate conditions to better understand how global warming influences extreme weather in the future. M-grants are intended for innovative, high-quality, fundamental research and/or studies involving matters of scientific urgency.

Two WUR applications are funded:

1. **From Sea to Cell: Marine Sponges for Drug Discovery;** *dr. ir. D. Sipkema (WUR)*
2. **PurpleSpark: Electron-driven steering of growth and biochemical composition of purple phototrophic bacteria using nitrogen gas and electrodes;** *prof. dr. ir. A. ter Heijne & prof. S. Vlaeminck (WUR/University of Antwerp)*

For more information about the applications which have been approved (in alphabetical order, by author):

[Twenty innovative research projects launched through Open Competition Domain Science-M programme | NWO](#)

About the NWO Open Competition Domain Science-M

M-grants are intended for realising curiosity-driven, fundamental research of high quality and/or scientific urgency. The M-grant offers researchers the possibility to elaborate creative and risky ideas and to realise scientific innovations that can form the basis for the research themes of the future. **There are three categories of M-grants: M-1** (one scientific position), **M-2** (two scientific positions in collaboration) and **M-invest** (investments) that are assessed in competition with each other.

In this M-round (package 24-4), a total of **84 grant applications were evaluated**, of which 40 M-1 proposals, 2 M-1-LUX proposals, 19 M-1-Weave proposals, 3 M-1-X proposals, 19 M-2 proposals, and 1 M-2-MfC proposal. The NWO Science Board decided to award ten M-1 proposals, five M-1-Weave proposals, four M-2 proposals, and one M-2-MfC proposal.

Twenty-four researchers broaden their horizons (16 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO news [Twenty-four researchers broaden their horizons | NWO](#)



Twenty-four talented and recently graduated researchers will have the opportunity to gain valuable research experience abroad. The Rubicon round 2025-2 organised by NWO had a budget of over 4.7 million euros. The twenty-four funded projects vary enormously. While C. Delecroix is conducting research into resilient poultry systems in France, M. Stoop is researching the properties of the fastest exploding stars in Germany. There are many more studies, but they all have one thing in common: the impact they make. **You can read the public summaries here: Awarded Rubicon grants 2025 | NWO**

Three recently graduated WUR researchers received a Rubican Grant in the 2025-2 call

1. **Unlocking Tick Adhesion: C. Chen, MSc.** -> Wageningen University & Research -> United Kingdom -> University of Cambridge -> 24 months
2. **Toward Resilient Poultry Systems: Impacts of species diversification on avian influenza epidemics** C. Delecroix, MSc. -> Wageningen University and Research -> France -> National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE) -> 24 months
3. **Host under construction: Nematode remodelling of plant cell architecture** Dr. V. Putker -> Wageningen University -> United States -> University of California Davis -> 18 months

One-time extra budget

'Following the recent release of extra budget, because NWO receives interest on amounts that are still awaiting final allocation in connection with, for example, assessment procedures, it was decided to invest this in the Talent Line, among other things. This decision was partly motivated by the abolition of the starter and incentive grants. By adding

more resources to, for example, the Rubicon we are creating extra opportunities for more talented researchers to develop, especially in times of cutbacks in research and science. The extra budget is only applicable to the 2025-2 round and not a structural investment in the Rubicon, which means it will have no effect on the upcoming rounds.

Features of the Rubicon programme

The grant enables young researchers to conduct research at a foreign institute that offers the best environment for their research. The amount of funding depends on the chosen destination and the duration of the stay. Each year, NWO and ZonMw can fund around sixty young researchers (for a total amount of around 9 million euros, spread over 3 rounds). The allocations in this Call relate to the second funding round of 2025.

The third funding round of 2025 is currently ongoing. The next opportunity to submit an application is for the **first funding round of 2026** [Rubicon 2026-1 | NWO](#), with a deadline of 24 March 2026 at 14:00.

From weight loss in the elderly to the children's perspective behind child influencing: Doctoral Grant for Teachers demonstrates broad scientific spectrum (15 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [From weight loss in the elderly to the children's perspective behind child influencing: Doctoral Grant for Teachers demonstrates broad scientific spectrum | NWO](#)



Twenty-four teachers have received the Doctoral Grant for Teachers. The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science makes 11 million euro available annually for PhD programmes until 2027. The grant gives teachers the opportunity to further develop themselves and strengthen the connection between universities and schools.

The allocations clearly reflect the science-wide nature of the programme. For example, there is research into the positive and negative influences that (former) child influencers experience in connection with child-influencing. Another good example is the research into the effects of a higher intake of plant-based proteins in energy-restricted diets among the elderly. The applicants for the awarded projects will conduct research over the next five years, which will ultimately lead to a PhD.

Two of the awarded Doctoral Grants for teachers are with WUR

A systems approach to design efficient aerobic CO₂ fixation pathways using mathematical modelling;

T.R.M. (Tim) van Mourik, Catholic Comprehensive School De Breul - Wageningen University & Research

Food Literacy with Fun for Families (FLFF); A.J. (Annelies) Verspeek - van der Stelt, HAS Green Academy - Wageningen University & Research

For more information about the awarded projects: [From weight loss in the elderly to the children's perspective behind child influencing: Doctoral Grant for Teachers demonstrates broad scientific spectrum | NWO](#)

Call "Use of space infrastructure for vegetation research" is open for submission (13 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Call "Use of space infrastructure for vegetation research" is open for submission | NWO](#)



This call for proposal is open to interdisciplinary scientific research focused on the use of space infrastructure for vegetation research. It focuses on the use of various types of satellite data, such as hyperspectral data and in-situ data, for research in the fields of biodiversity and ecosystems.

The deadline for submitting proposals is 7 May 2026 at 14:00 CEST.

The first phase of this call for proposal comprises two consecutive preparatory workshops on 13 and 27 February 2026 [Preparatory workshops: Use of space infrastructure for vegetation research | NWO](#) with the aim of promoting optimal networking around the theme and stimulating collaboration. The workshops offer the opportunity to combine ideas and form an innovative consortium, joining forces. Participation in both workshops is mandatory for the main applicant and strongly recommended for co-applicants, but not a requirement.

The GO programme

This call for proposal is part of the GO programme, Use of space infrastructure for Earth observation and planetary research. The overarching objective of the GO programme is to support researchers working in the Netherlands in the substantial use of space infrastructure for high-quality scientific research. Within this objective, the GO programme is open to scientific research in the fields of Earth observation and planets (and other objects) within our solar system.

Call for computing time on National Computer Facilities 2026 open for submission (13 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO news [Call for computing time on National Computer Facilities 2026 open for submission | NWO](#)



Researchers can once again apply for computing time on the national computer facilities and associated data services and expertise for their research. Proposals can be submitted to NWO on an ongoing basis.

The advanced national computer systems are used for technical-scientific research involving large-scale computing and/or data-intensive problems that cannot be solved using the computational facilities of individual institutions. In the Netherlands, various computer systems are available for national use and are managed by SURF.

Through the new computing time call, computing time with data storage can be requested on the following computer systems: Snellius supercomputer, Data Processing (Grid/Spider), Cloud Research Consultancy and HPC Cloud (via SURF Research Cloud). In addition, the Dutch allocation of the pre-exascale supercomputer LUMI also falls under this call. Allocated computing projects that require large amounts of computing time are awarded for a maximum project duration of two years per proposal. For projects that require limited amounts of computing time, as well as allocated computing time on LUMI (regular/pilot), the maximum project duration is one year per proposal.

Changes to the call for proposal

Compared to the previous call for proposal, a few changes have been made to the call. The most important changes are listed below:

- A data management plan must be submitted in advance together with the proposal itself, rather than afterwards.
- The totals for some of the available computing time and data storage have been adjusted. Cloud Research Consultancy has been removed from the call.
- There is a greater focus on sustainability, with researchers being asked to be mindful of computing capacity and storage in all phases of their proposal and research.

More information about the new computing time call for 2026 can be found on the call page: [Computing Time on National Computing Facilities | NWO](#)

Download call for proposals here: [Call for Proposals - Rekentijd Nationale Computerfaciliteiten](#)

You can submit your proposal at any time. There are no intermediate deadlines.

Open Technology Programmed 2026 kicks off: funding for impactful technology development (12 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Open Technology Programme 2026 kicks off: funding for impactful technology development | NWO](#)



NWO is opening the call for the Open Technology Programme (OTP) 2026. For the 45th year running, the OTP has been stimulating application-oriented technical-scientific research with societal impact, focusing on close collaboration with companies and other societal partners. With an available budget of €25.9 million, this new call will once again support a large number of free and unbound world-class research projects.

View call for proposals here: [Open Technology Programme 2026 | NWO](#)

Download call for proposals here: [Call for 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.

Innovative technological research across a broad spectrum

The OTP focuses on projects that are research-driven and that develop or further develop new technology for people, the planet and society.

The programme has no disciplinary boundaries and is open to all disciplines within the technical sciences, including application-oriented mathematics, natural sciences, earth sciences, medical and life sciences. Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary collaboration, including social sciences and humanities, is strongly encouraged.

In addition, collaboration with public and private knowledge users is an important starting point, as this increases the likelihood of research results being applied.

Key changes compared to 2025

Compared to the 2025 call, NWO has implemented the following changes, among others:

- The objective has been tightened, including the new assessment aspect “suitability within the OTP”;
- Foreign co-applicants must be assessed by NWO before submitting an application;
- Remuneration can now be claimed for experts participating in the user committee. The condition is that they do so in a personal capacity or as a representative of a foundation or association, and in an unpaid role.

Online information meeting

On 29 January 2026, NWO will organise an online information meeting for potential applicants and grant advisers.

During the meeting, more information will be provided about the details of the 2026 call and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Register here for online meeting: [Information meeting Open Technology Programme 2026 | NWO](#)

Demonstrator 2026 round open: marketing your own Demonstrator knowledge now also possible (12 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Demonstrator 2026 round open: marketing your own Demonstrator knowledge now also possible | NWO](#)



The Demonstrator 2026 call is now open for applications. This call offers researchers the opportunity to make the results of their research attractive to the market. With a developed demonstration model, the knowledge can ultimately find a place in society. A total of 1.2 million euros is available for this round, with a maximum of 200,000 euro per project.

View call for proposals here: [Demonstrator 2026 | NWO](#)

Changes to Demonstrator 2026

A number of changes have been made compared to the 2025 call. The most important of these are listed below:

- The scope of the call has been broadened: in addition to transferring Demonstrator knowledge to a third party, it is also possible to market the knowledge yourself after the Demonstrator project has ended.
- The subsidy ceiling has been increased to a maximum of €1,270,000.
- The budget per project has been increased to a maximum of €200,000.

Bringing knowledge to the market

The aim of the Demonstrator programme is to further develop knowledge developed at universities or colleges and to transfer it to a third party or to market it yourself (after the Demonstrator project has ended).

Minimum functional basic version

The Demonstrator call offers funding to further develop knowledge into a product or service at the level of a minimum functional basic version of the knowledge (development from TRL/SRL 4 to 5). Utilisation activities are also undertaken to increase the chances of market introduction.

If the TRL/SRL level is insufficient, further research will first be required to reach this level before a Demonstrator application can be awarded. **Please note: a different scheme applies to academic innovative start-ups: [Take-off](#)**

Demonstrator call structure

The Demonstrator call consists of one funding round per year, with over 1.2 million euros available. Within this Call for proposals, a maximum of six applications will be awarded and a maximum of 200,000 euros can be requested per project. A Demonstrator project has a maximum duration of 18 months and consists of the following two parallel components:

- **Demonstration:** creating a demonstration model at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 5 and Societal Readiness Level (SRL) 5. A Minimal Viable Product (MVP) will be delivered no later than 12 months after the start of the project.
- **Utilisation:** In this part, knowledge utilisation activities are carried out that lead to the use of the Demonstrator knowledge. This may involve the transfer of knowledge to a third party or increasing the chance of a successful market introduction after the Demonstrator has been completed.

The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday 19 March 2026, at 14:00:00 CET.

Regional funding

EFRO Eastern Netherlands: Innovation Projects (14 January 2026)

Source: Website EFRO Oost [Innovatieprojecten 2025](#)

Do you have a smart and sustainable idea? Would you like to collaborate with (other) SMEs, large companies, or knowledge institutions on an innovation within TRL levels 4-8? Then you can apply for a grant.

Available budget

Available funds are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note: The budget for Overijssel is fully allocated. **Sufficient funding is still available for projects in Gelderland.** Do you have a project idea and would you like to know if it qualifies for funding? Please feel free to contact [Ik heb een vraag](#) one of our program managers.

Application Period

Status: Open

When: You can submit your application from March 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026 (subject to availability).

For: General innovation projects (priority 1)

For: Partnerships between SMEs, or between SMEs and large companies and/or knowledge institutions.

For more information: [Innovatieprojecten 2025 \(in Dutch\)](#)

Webportal EFRO Oost: [EFRO Webportaal](#)

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

EU risks standing alone in defence of global scientific cooperation, says leading MEP (15 January 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [EU risks standing alone in defence of global scientific cooperation, says leading MEP | Science|Business](#)

But restrictions will still be needed, making science “as open as possible, as closed as necessary,” Ehler says



MEP Christian Ehler. Photo credits: European Union

As the US retreats from international science, the EU “will have an important role to play maintaining global cooperation,” according to MEP Christian Ehler. Speaking in the European Parliament on January 14, he characterised the Trump administration’s recent actions as “step by step breaking down the world order that allows science to thrive.”

Ehler, from the European People’s Party group, is a prominent voice on research policy within the Parliament, and lead rapporteur on legislation to establish the next Horizon Europe research and innovation programme. He is also co-rapporteur for the new European Competitiveness Fund (ECF).

The same geopolitical context that has pushed Europe to the forefront of global scientific cooperation means that it must reconsider its own openness, Ehler went on. While cooperation between scientists remains essential for innovation, he said, this principle must now be viewed “in the context of the world created by Trump.”

As a result, openness can no longer be unconditional. Science, he said, must be “as open as possible and as closed as necessary,” a logic that applies equally to innovation policy. In a world shaped by US protectionism, Chinese state subsidies and unfair competition, keeping European research and markets fully open could end up harming the EU rather than benefiting it, he said.

This shift is already influencing the EU’s research architecture. While Horizon Europe would remain open in principle to global participation, allowing researchers from third countries to take part, access under the ECF would be more limited. International association, he said, should no longer be seen as a purely technical instrument, but as an “instrument of international relations” that must now be managed with greater caution. As global conditions change, so too do the parameters for participation in Europe’s flagship research programmes.

Associated states voice concerns

Ehler was speaking at a meeting with representatives from states associated to Horizon Europe, including the UK, Switzerland, Japan and Norway. They shared some of his concerns, but were not ready to turn their backs on the US.

Asked by Science|Business how a US retreat from international research cooperation could affect Horizon Europe and Europe more broadly, Caroline Read, deputy ambassador at the UK Mission to the EU, said the EU would need to make a compelling case for openness.

"We need to demonstrate that open, collaborative research is beneficial to all," she said. Europe should also show US researchers who may disagree with current domestic policies that they would still find "welcoming arms" for their work in Europe, she added.

While acknowledging the US withdrawal from some multilateral research frameworks, Rahel Byland Skvarc, science counsellor at the Swiss Mission to the EU, said that cooperation with US researchers can and should continue through bilateral channels. They remain committed to international collaboration, despite political constraints, she said. For countries such as Japan and Norway, cooperation with the US remains a practical priority. Erik Yssen, counsellor for science and research at Norway's Mission to the EU, said the US continues to be among Norway's key bilateral partners.

From Japan's perspective, Toshiyasu Ichioka, director of the Riken Europe Office, also noted that ties with US partners remain strong. While the broader political context is evolving rapidly, day-to-day scientific collaboration, he said, has not yet been significantly affected.

Read full article here: [EU risks standing alone in defence of global scientific cooperation, says leading MEP | Science|Business](#)

EIB: European start-ups are relocating due to lack of growth capital and bureaucracy (15 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 January 2026

A study by the European Investment Bank (EIB) shows that start-ups and scale-ups are primarily establishing themselves outside Europe due to better access to growth capital, large markets, and simpler regulations. These companies are primarily located in the United States. Based on interviews with executives, the EIB concludes that companies rarely want to leave Europe entirely, but rather relocate because the European innovation climate is perceived as fragmented, bureaucratic, and risk-averse. Many companies are keeping their R&D activities within the European Union, while commercial and financial activities are being relocated. According to the EIB, relocation can be limited by modernizing and harmonizing regulations, improving access to financing, more flexible labor and migration rules, and better support for entrepreneurs.

EIB Report: [Drivers of relocation by innovative EU startups and scaleups](#)

JRC: European regions vary significantly in their competitiveness and level of sustainability (15 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 January 2026

European regions differ significantly in their progress toward a competitive and sustainable economy, according to a new study from the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC). The study introduces an Annual Competitiveness and Sustainability Index, which maps both competitiveness and sustainability. The analysis reveals significant sectoral and regional differences within Europe. Some regions score highly because they already have high employment levels in relatively clean and productive sectors, while others are making progress because productivity is rising and emissions are falling within existing sectors. Differences in human capital, R&D investments, and demographic dynamics play a decisive role in this.

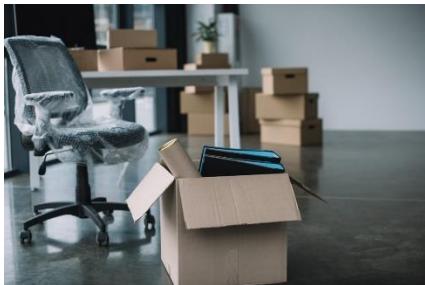
JRC Publication: [JRC Publications Repository - Measuring regional economic transformation: Which European regions are leading the competitiveness and sustainability challenge?](#)

See also article below

Why Europe is struggling to retain its startups and scale-ups (14 January 2026)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > Waarom Europa moeite heeft om haar startups en scale-ups te behouden](#)

The European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Commission have investigated why innovative startups and scale-ups are leaving Europe. The main reasons are a lack of access to markets and financing, rigid regulations, and limited ability to attract international talent. The EU must improve these points to safeguard its competitiveness and autonomy.



Why Innovative Startups and Scale-Ups Are Leaving the EU

The European Investment Bank (EIB), in collaboration with the European Commission, [has investigated Why innovative startups and scaleups relocate from the EU - Research and innovation](#) why innovative startups and scale-ups are choosing to leave the EU. The primary reason [Drivers of relocation by innovative EU startups and scaleups](#) is the lack of access to markets and financing that enable companies to scale effectively. Limited flexibility and a lack of innovation-friendly environment are also cited as important reasons for relocating. Furthermore, the ability to attract and retain international talent and stronger local support networks for globally oriented companies play a significant role. However, many startup and scale-up founders indicate that they would have preferred to remain in Europe if certain barriers within the European Union had been removed.

What is needed to keep startups and scale-ups in the EU?

The study also examined what startups and scale-ups need to stay in the EU. Regulations need to be modernized and better aligned, so that new technologies can be tested and implemented without regulatory bottlenecks. The Commission hopes to address this with the 28th regime and the upcoming Innovation Act. This should allow companies to establish a European legal entity with a European rulebook. Furthermore, the EU should increase funding and reduce early-stage costs, especially for deeptech, digital tech, biotech, and cleantech companies with long development paths. Labor and immigration policies also need to be improved to increase flexibility and accelerate cross-border recruitment. Finally, investment in education, mentoring, and support systems for founders is necessary so they can better operate in international markets from the outset.

Why strengthening startups and scale-ups is essential for the EU

Retaining startups and scale-ups is crucial for the EU. The new Startup and Scale-up Strategy, among other initiatives, aims to close the innovation gap between the EU and its global competitors and safeguard the EU's competitiveness and autonomy. This study contributes to the preparation of the upcoming European Innovation Act. The aforementioned European Innovation Act should, among other things, help streamline legal frameworks and improve venture capital. These are precisely the points highlighted in the study by the EIB and the Commission.

Where are private R&D investments? (14 January 2026)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > Waar blijven private O&I investeringen?](#)

In 2024, EU companies invested more in research and innovation. Despite this, private investment in research and innovation continues to lag behind China, Japan, and the US. EU companies primarily increased their investment in health research and components of the green transition. They, however, reduced their funding for research in the ICT sector. In the Netherlands, companies invest heavily in this sector. Nevertheless, Dutch companies overall invested 2.6% less in R&D compared to 2023.



European concerns about stagnation

The EU is lagging behind China, Japan, and the US in private investment in research and innovation (R&I), according to the EU Industrial R&I Investment Scoreboard [JRC Publications Repository - The 2025 EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard](#). In 2024, EU companies invested 2.9% more in R&I than in 2023. This is an increase, but the lowest increase since 2020. China (3.2%), Japan (7.1%), and the US (7.8%) all made larger strides. The largest private investor in R&I globally is Amazon, with 4.7% of all investments. The first European company is Volkswagen, in eighth place, with 1.5% of investments. However, the EU, with 11 companies, has the most companies in the global top 50, alongside the US (25 companies).

The EU is green, healthy, and loves cars.

Globally, most companies invest in ICT software, ICT hardware, the automotive industry, and healthcare. EU companies invest primarily in the healthcare and automotive sectors. Globally, the EU ranks second in automotive investments, but these are declining. The EU has increased its investment in healthcare research by 13%, a larger increase than China, Japan, and the US. EU companies also increased their investment in aerospace and defense by 4.8%. The energy sector stands out with a 19.8% increase. This is primarily due to investments in the green transition. Along with Japan, the EU has the most green patent applications. This makes the EU competitive in the areas of circularity, transport, and energy-intensive industries. Nevertheless, the EU lags far behind, especially China, in the twin transitions: the digital and green transitions. Investments in ICT software are also declining, causing many EU companies to drop out of the top 2000.

The Netherlands falters in fourth place

Although the Netherlands is performing relatively well in the rankings, the private sector has decreased its investment in R&D. The Netherlands ranks 4th in the EU. Twenty-four companies in the global top 2000 are located in the Netherlands. Last year, there were 19. These companies collectively spent €12.5 million on R&D. This represents 5.3% of all R&D expenditure in the EU. Adjusting for inflation, this represents a decrease of 2.6%. Companies in the industrial, healthcare, and chemical sectors spent less on R&D. In contrast, companies in the Dutch ICT sector, in particular, are investing heavily in R&D research.

STEP boosting investments for EU defence (9 January 2026)

Source: Website EC [STEP boosting investments for EU defence - Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform](#)



With the recent adoption of the [Defence mini-omnibus Regulation](#), the [Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform \(STEP\)](#), an EU initiative to fund critical technologies, can now support further investments in EU defence technologies.

This is the result of the entry into force on 23 December 2025 of the 'Defence mini-omnibus EU Regulation: incentivising defence-related investment in the EU budget to implement the ReArm Europe Plan'. This legal act extends the scope of STEP (now focusing on digital, clean and bio technologies) to a fourth sector, namely defence technologies. It is complemented by the recent mid-term review of the cohesion policy regulatory framework, aiming at funding in the EU selected priorities including competitiveness (with STEP) and defence

Taken together, these legal developments create new opportunities and incentives for the EU, for Member States and regions to support defence-related investments, including through the steering of EU cohesion policy funds. All funding calls available under STEP, including for defence technologies, is available on the [STEP Portal](#).

Since its entry into force in March 2024, close to EUR 24bn of EU funding has been channelled to strategic technologies under the STEP banner, across 8 EU funding programmes.

To help STEP stakeholders, the Commission also published on 23 December 2025 a [second STEP Guidance Note](#). The updated STEP guidance does not replace the [first STEP Guidance Note](#) (May 2024), which remains fully valid. Rather, it clarifies the scope of STEP as pertains to defence technologies as well as other elements relevant to STEP implementation. On the STEP portal you can find both the second STEP Guidance Note and the Defence Mini-Omnibus Regulation in the [24 EU official languages](#).

Global policy

Innovation and technology collaboration grows despite geopolitical tensions (15 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 January 2026

Global cooperation remains largely stable in scale, but is shifting from broad multilateral structures to smaller coalitions of like-minded countries, according to the World Economic Forum's Global Cooperation Barometer 2026. Traditional multilateral cooperation in trade, security, and conflict management, in particular, is under pressure. Instead of broad multilateral cooperation, new, smaller partnerships are emerging around AI, 5G, and other key technologies, aimed at strengthening strategic autonomy.

WEF Report: [The Global Cooperation Barometer 2026 – Third Edition | World Economic Forum](#)

WEF: Regulation should accelerate innovation, not slow it down (15 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 January 2026

Regulation must adapt more quickly and flexibly to technological innovation to strengthen competitiveness and trust, according to a new white paper by the World Economic Forum (WEF). According to the WEF, a growing gap between rapid technological development and slow-to-adapt policies is threatening investment, experimentation, and scaling up. Well-designed, adaptive regulations can actually facilitate innovation by providing clear rules of the game, opening markets to new players, and creating space for responsible experimentation. This makes regulation a strategic factor for economic growth and international standing, especially in fast-growing technologies like AI.

WEF White Paper: [The Regulatory Frontier: Designing the Rules that Shape Innovation 2025 | World Economic Forum](#)

Think Tank: US Must Sharpen Technology Policy in Rivalry with China (15 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 January 2026

The rivalry between the United States and China is increasingly focused on leadership in science and technology, according to the American think tank RAND in a new report. China sees science and technology as the key drivers of economic development and technological innovation and is investing heavily in them. The US has long largely left this competitive struggle to the market but now recognizes its importance for economic and national security. RAND argues that the country should not focus on incremental improvements, but on large-scale and risky experiments that should lead to technological breakthroughs. The think tank also emphasizes the importance of closer cooperation with like-minded countries to pool resources, talent, and influence.

RAND Report: [A Networked Leapfrog Strategy to Recapture Technology Leadership | RAND](#)

CIGI Outlines Governance Trends Around Technology and Geopolitics in 2026 (15 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 January 2026

In an analysis, the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) think tank predicts the key trends that will shape the debate around technology, economics, and security in 2026. The researchers examine how governments worldwide are addressing emerging technologies, the protection of critical digital infrastructure, and rising geopolitical tensions. The think tank identifies Africa as one of the key growth regions. It also warns that without coordinated international action, cyber and space infrastructure could become sources of instability rather than innovation.

CIGI Article: [Digital Governance in 2026: The Key Shifts Shaping Technology, Security and Global Power - Centre for International Governance Innovation](#)

US withdraws from multiple global research and technology organisations (8 January 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [US withdraws from multiple global research and technology organisations | Science|Business](#)

Donald Trump pulls the country out of climate bodies, history organisations, and even a roads research group



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US President Donald Trump has issued an [executive order](#) withdrawing the country from dozens of international bodies, including a number that focus on research and technology.

Although there are questions over whether Trump has the power to leave such bodies without Congressional backing, the move marks a further retreat by the country from global science, particularly on environmental issues.

Last month, the EU's outgoing chief science diplomat [said Washington](#) was "demolishing its scientific leadership with a wrecking ball."

Many of the withdrawals are from climate and renewable energy bodies, which tallies with broader US policy.

With the US having fallen behind China and [in some cases Europe](#) in the manufacture of solar panels, batteries and electric vehicles, Trump is doubling down on an attempt to exert "energy dominance" through the export of oil and gas, last week effectively taking over Venezuela's oil fields by seizing the country's president, Nicolás Maduro.

Some of the withdrawals also hint at the US's weakening security alliance with Europe. For example, Trump is pulling the US out of the European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats, which counters Chinese and Russian hybrid warfare.

The logic behind other withdrawals, for example from a research alliance on roads with Europe, or a history and geography union for the Americas, is unclear.

Here, Science|Business summarises some of the most relevant US exits for science and technology policy:

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

[US cutbacks](#) had already made it much more difficult for US scientists to contribute their expertise to the IPCC, the global body which issues definitive reports on the state of climate change. But this week's decision by Trump to fully withdraw from the panel marks a new step in the US's retreat from climate science.

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

The IUCN does for biodiversity and nature conservation what the IPCC does for climate. Working with extensive [independent scientific commissions](#), it compiles data, publishes research and establishes standards such as red lists of threatened species and at-risk ecosystems.

International Solar Alliance (ISA)

The ISA was set up in 2015 by India and France, and now has more than 100 members. Its goal is to unlock \$1 trillion in investment into solar energy by 2030. It publishes reports on themes such as [floating solar panels](#), and [runs projects](#) to try to scale up solar mini-grids in countries with weaker electricity networks.

International Renewable Energy Agency (IREA)

Composed of 170 countries plus the EU, the IREA acts as a kind of coordination body for cooperation of renewable energy, and says it provides state-of-the-art data and analyses on technology, innovation, policy, finance and investment. Headquartered in Abu Dhabi with a technology centre in Bonn, it was founded in 2009. [Responding](#) to the US decision to withdraw, IREA director general Francesco La Camera said that "renewables are not only a climate solution. Renewable energy is smart economics and will be the decisive factor in the competitiveness of economies."

Read full article here: [US withdraws from multiple global research and technology organisations | Science|Business](#)

National policy

ESB: Focus on Strategic Independence for Economic Resilience (15 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 January 2026

Due to globalization, digitalization, and efficiency-oriented thinking, economic threats are closely interlinked, meaning a single shock can more quickly trigger a crisis. In an analysis published in the economics journal ESB, Barbara Baarsma, Ruth Smalbraak, and Cascha van Wanrooij investigate how this can impact the economic system. They argue that more targeted investments in economic resilience can be made by anticipating cascading effects and focusing on strategic junctions, rather than relying on emergency measures or post-crisis recovery. Furthermore, they suggest approaching resilience broadly, in addition to increasing defense spending. For example, investments in digital resilience and climate adaptation should also be seen as investments in economic stability. At the end of last year, the AWTI (Awti Advisory Committee on Resilient and Future-Proof Economic Policy) also advised the government to take a broad view of resilience.

ESB Publication: [Focus bij economische weerbaarheid op strategische onafhankelijkheid - ESB](#) (in Dutch)

AWTI Advisory Opinion: Resilient and Future-Proof: [Nieuw advies: "Maak de samenleving en economie weerbaar: investeer in onderzoek en innovatie" | Adviesraad voor wetenschap, technologie en innovatie](#) (in Dutch)

TNO Vector researches the rise and impact of digital technologies (15 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 January 2026

Digital technologies such as agentic AI, digital twins, multiparty computing, and quantum-safe cryptography could impact a broad spectrum of societal domains in the relatively short term. This is predicted by TNO Vector in its report "Zicht op de digitale toekomst" (View on the Digital Future), which examines the rise and impact of fourteen digital technologies. The researchers emphasize that the societal effects depend heavily on how the technology is developed and applied. "Right now, the Netherlands can still influence how digital technologies are deployed. This requires conscious choices and a broad public discussion," says researcher Marianne Schoenmakers.

News item TNO Vector: [Digitale toekomst van Nederland in kaart - TNO Vector](#) (in Dutch)

Publication TNO Vector: [Zicht op de digitale toekomst](#) (in Dutch)

Parliamentary Committee for Economic Affairs to Receive Briefing on Resilient and Future-Proof Advice (15 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 January 2026

Develop a large-scale, strategic, stable, collaborative investment instrument for research and innovation in a limited number of societal challenges and reserve half a percent of national income annually for this purpose. This is the recommendation of the AWTI (Award-Winning Initiative for Innovation) in its recently published report "Resilient and Future-Proof." Council members Marleen Stikker, Gerben Edelijn, and Jolanda Kluin will visit the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Economic Affairs this afternoon. The program includes an introduction to the AWTI and a technical briefing, in which the council members will explain the advice.

Attend the technical briefing (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM): [Livestream: Aletta Jacobszaal | Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal](#) (in Dutch)

Read the Resilient and Future-Proof advice: [Weerbaar en toekomstbestendig - De kracht van stabiele grootschalige investeringen in onderzoek en innovatie | Adviesraad voor wetenschap, technologie en innovatie](#) (in Dutch)

Considerations for a Dutch DARPA (15 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 15 January 2026

It remains uncertain whether a Dutch government organization funding groundbreaking technological research based on the American DARPA model can be successful. In an analysis, Jasper H. van Dijk of the Institute for Public Economy

outlines five considerations that could increase the likelihood of success. For example, he advocates for an independent institute, with autonomously operating program managers. This would not be possible if a Dutch version of DARPA were combined with the National Growth Fund, as recommended in the Wennink report. According to Van Dijk, the organizations are fundamentally different in their goals and structure. He also advocates for sufficient time for the organization to experiment. At the end of last year, the Netherlands Institute for Applied Scientific Research (AWTI) recommended adopting the DARPA approach in the energy transition.

Publication: Institute for Public Economy: [Vijf aandachtspunten bij een Nederlandse DARPA — Instituut voor Publieke Economie \(in Dutch\)](#)

AWTI advisory report: Sustainable breakthroughs: 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 20 January 2026

Call identifier	Deadline
Pillar I Excellent Science	
ERC	
ERC-2026-AdG	Foreseen opening: 28 May 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 27 August 2026 17:00 Brussels time (ERC Advanced Grant)
ERC-2026-PoC	17 March 2026 and 17 September 2026 17:00 Brussels time (ERC Proof of Concept Grant)
Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions	
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01	Opening 28 May 2026 and deadline 24 November 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01 Call - MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026) <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 (HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01 Call - MSCA Doctoral Networks 2027) <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 (HORIZON-MSCA-2026-PF-01 Call - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026) <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 (HORIZON-MSCA-2027-PF-01 Call - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2027) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Fellowships • Global Fellowships
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01	16 April 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01: MSCA Staff Exchanges)
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-SE-01	15 April 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (HORIZON-MSCA-2027-SE-01: MSCA Staff Exchanges)
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-COFUND-01	8 April 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (HORIZON-MSCA-2026-COFUND-01: MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programme) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMA-Cofund-Doctoral • 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 (HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-01: MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programme) <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 (HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-02-01: MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2027)

	<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 INFRADEV - Consolidation and evolution of the European Research Infrastructure landscape (2026-27)</u>	
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 INFRAEOSC - Enabling an operational, open and FAIR EOSC ecosystem (2026-27)</u>	
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 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)</u>	
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 - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society</u>	
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 - Living and working in a health-promoting environment</u>	
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- Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden</u>	
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 - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare</u>	
<u>Destination - Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society</u>	
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: Leadership in materials and production for Europe</u>	
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: Open Strategic Autonomy in Developing, Deploying and Using Global Space-Based Infrastructure, Services, Applications and Data</u>	

HORIZON-CL4-2026-SPACE-03 single-stage	10 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2026-SPACE-03</i>)
HORIZON-CL4-2027-03 single stage	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 Foreseen deadline 2 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2027-03</i>)
<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 (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2026-DATA-04</i>)
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DATA single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2027-DATA-04</i>)
<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 (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING</i>)
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING</i>)
HORIZON-CL4-2026-05-DIGITAL-EMERGING single stage	15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2026-05-DIGITAL-EMERGING</i>)
<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 (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-HUMAN-EMERGING</i>)
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN</i>)
<u>CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility</u>	
<u>Destination - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality</u>	
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 - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition</u>	

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)
Destination: 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
Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-05-D5-01	14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
Destination: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D6	16 September 2025 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) 20 January 2026 17.00 Brussels time
CLUSTER 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment	
Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV single stage	Foreseen opening: 17 April 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV two-stage	Foreseen opening: 12 February 2026; Deadline(s): 16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time

<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 - Land, ocean and water for climate action</u>	
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE-two-stage	4 September 2025 (First Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (CLOSED) and 18 February 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CLIMATE single stage	Foreseen opening: 14 January 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CLIMATE single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-COMMUNITIES single stage	Foreseen opening: 14 January 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE single stage	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: Widening participation and spreading excellence</u>	
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: Reforming and enhancing the European research and innovation system</u>	
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 19 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</p> <p>Call opening: 12 September 2025</p> <p>Submission deadline of preproposals: 13 November 2025, 15:00 CET (CLOSED)</p> <p>Selection of preproposals: End of February 2026</p> <p>Submission deadline of full proposals: 13 April 2026, 15:00 CEST</p> <p>Selection of funded proposals: September 2026</p> <p>Projects start: End 2026/beginning 2027</p> <p>Kick-off meeting of the funded projects: Spring 2027</p>
European Partnership FutureFoods https://www.futurefoodspartnership.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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)
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</p> <p>Deadline for pre-proposal submission is 18 February 2026, 14:00 CET.</p> <p>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>Procedure</p> <p>Short proposal & full proposal step</p> <p>The deadline for short proposals is January 21, 12:00h CET (noon). (CLOSED)</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 Call launch (provisional): 15 September 2025, 15:00 CEST Deadline submission Pre-proposals 17 November 2025 (CLOSED) 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>Foreseen timeline and information day 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 (CLOSED) • 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.faccenpi.com/ • Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR): http://www.jpiamr.eu/ • Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU): http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home • Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans): http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/ • More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL): http://www.jpi-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/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 **20 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
03-03-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Notice of Intent to apply (NOI) in the portal of the NFRF Call '2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges' Deadline for submission of the required Notice of Intent to apply (NOI) in the portal of the NFRF. Please check the website of the NFRF for exact details. Call open: International Call for groundbreaking innovations to address global challenges NWO and 2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges NWO and Call-for-proposals-NFRF-221225_1.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/
09-06-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission required Letter of Intent to apply (LOI) in the portal of the NFRF Call '2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges' Deadline for submission of the required Letter of Intent to apply (LOI) in the portal of the NFRF. Please check the website of the NFRF for exact details. Call open: International Call for groundbreaking innovations to address global challenges NWO and 2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges NWO and Call-for-proposals-NFRF-221225_1.pdf
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

03-10-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission <u>Full Proposals in the portal of the NFRF Call '2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges'</u> Deadline for submission of the full proposals in the portal of the NFRF. Please check the website of the NFRF for exact details. Call open: International Call for groundbreaking innovations to address global challenges NWO and 2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges NWO and Call-for-proposals-NFRF-221225_1.pdf
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National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **20 January 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

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-1-2025 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	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	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
19-03-2026	NEW: Deadline submissions proposals The Demonstrator 2026 call . 19 March 2026 at 14:00:00 hours CET. Demonstrator 2026 round open: marketing your own Demonstrator knowledge now also possible NWO and Demonstrator 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	NEW: Deadline for Full proposals Rubicon call 1 2026 . The deadline for this round is Tuesday 24 March 2026 at 14:00:00 hours CET (2 PM sharp) . Rubicon 2026-1 NWO and Call for Proposals - Call for proposals SGW Rubicon 2025-2
24-03-2026	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/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Tulp%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	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	NEW: Deadline for submission <u>full applications</u> thematic Call Use of space infrastructure for vegetation research (Part of GO programme). The deadline for submitting proposals is 7 May 2026 at 14:00 CEST. Call “Use of space infrastructure for vegetation research” is open for submission NWO and Use of space infrastructure for Earth observation and planetary research NWO and Preparatory workshops: 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	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	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	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	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 **20 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 EFO East Netherlands Test and demonstration projects priority 1 (a smarter East Netherlands): applications can be submitted from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. The subsidy ceiling is €6.7 million, of which €5 million for activities that benefit Gelderland and €1.7 million for activities that benefit Overijssel.
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Eastern Netherlands: For overview calls go to EFRO Oost https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen
2023-2024	EFRO 2021 – 2027 Western Netherlands: For calls Kansen voor West III https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen-/
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Northern Netherlands: For calls Northern Netherlands go to Website SNN https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027
2023-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Southern Netherlands: For calls Southern Netherlands go to website Stimulus https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/
24-02-2025 to 04-04-2025	Foreseen deadline Spring call OP-Zuid 2025: from 24 February 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to April 4, 2025 (until 5 p.m.);
15-09-2025 to 24-10-2025	Foreseen opening Autumn call OP-Zuid 2025: from 15 September, 2025 (from 9 a.m.) to 24 October, 2025 (until 5 p.m.).

About the Wageningen Grant Office

Wageningen Grant Office

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

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

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

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