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Latest Funding News

European Funding News: Horizon Europe

ERC Proof Concept: From war damage to heart repair: ERC grantees supported to turn their science into practice (27 January 2026)

The European Research Council (ERC) has published the outcomes of the last 2025 round of its Proof of Concept Grants. In this round, 136 grantees will each receive €150 000, supporting them in exploring how their scientific results can move towards practical application or early commercial use. With these awards, the total number of Proof of Concept Grants under the ERC 2025 Work Programme reached 300, representing an overall budget of €45 million. The scheme is funded under Horizon Europe, the EU's framework programme for research and innovation.



Challenges addressed by the new projects

In 2025, ERC Proof of Concept Grants supported a wide range of projects that show how frontier science can open new routes to innovation. They include using satellite images and artificial intelligence to assess damage caused by war, and developing new ultrasound techniques that allow doctors to see the smallest blood vessels in an entire human kidney in real time. Other projects explore affordable ways to protect buildings from earthquakes in vulnerable regions, regenerative treatments inspired by the unusual biology of the naked mole-rat to help repair damaged hearts, and new methods to reduce friction and wear in machines by creating protective carbon layers during normal use.

Read more about the [examples of the funded Proof of Content projects](#).

Proof of Concept Grants 2025 in numbers

The ERC's 2025 [Work Programme](#) included two rounds of the Proof of Concept call. In total, 879 proposals were evaluated. The 300 new grantees will work in 23 EU Member States and associated countries. The highest number of projects will be carried out in Germany (51 grants), Spain (42), Italy (33) and United Kingdom (31).

Wageningen received one PoC Grant

John van der Oost: Wageningen University Wageningen University NL DeLIVER: Epigenome-Sensitive CRISPR Therapy for Hepatocellular Carcinoma

List of all winning projects: [erc-2025-pocDL1-and-2-final-list.pdf](#)

European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare Launches Second Call for Proposals (27 January 2026)

Source: Website European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare [Second External Call of EUPAHW](#)

The European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare (EUPAHW) is a **seven-year European Partnership** [European Partnerships in Horizon Europe](#) launched under Horizon Europe in January 2024. The Partnership aims to boost research and facilitate cooperation in order to control infectious diseases of animals and promote animal welfare. The Partnership addresses infectious diseases in terrestrial and aquatic animals, as well as zoonotic risks such as bird flu, alongside research to improve animal welfare. The Partnership also focuses on the prudent use of antimicrobials and ensuring that a high level of animal welfare is provided in every phase of an animal's life.

EUPAHW has launched its second call for proposals titled '*Shaping the Future of Animal Health and Welfare EUPAHW: Call 2 PP*'. It aims to tackle critical challenges in the health and welfare of terrestrial and aquatic animals as part of a broader strategic effort to accelerate the transition towards sustainable, resilient, and ethically responsible livestock and aquaculture systems across Europe.

Proposals should primarily focus on livestock, including farmed or managed animals, both terrestrial and aquatic, as well as bees. Companion animals and wildlife may also be considered when they pose a potential threat to livestock and welfare health or public health.

The scope of pathogens covered by the call includes bacteria, viruses, parasites, fungi, and prions. Non-infectious animal diseases are also eligible when they have a significant impact on animal welfare.

Proposals must focus on one of two topics:

- Animal Welfare - Proposals in this area should aim to improve animal welfare throughout the production cycle, including birth, rearing, transport, and slaughter.
- Prevention & Control - Proposals under this topic should support the development of innovative therapeutics and vaccines to prevent and control animal infectious diseases, reduce antimicrobial use, and enhance livestock resilience.

Universities and other higher education institutions, public research institutions, non-profit organisations, civil society representatives and private companies can apply, subject to the national/regional regulations and eligibility criteria. Consortia must include a minimum of three partners from a minimum of three different eligible countries and a maximum of eight partners requesting funding. Total funding of partners in one country must not exceed 50% of the total funding budget of the proposal.

Where relevant, industrial involvement is strongly encouraged. Industrial partners may apply for funding through the call, provide self-funding or contribute in-kind resources.

The call will be supported by funding organisations across the following countries: Austria (FWF), Belgium (FRS-FNRS, FIO, FPS Health, FWO), Denmark (IFD), Estonia (ETAG), Finland (MMM), France (ANR), Germany (BMLEH/BLE), Ireland (DAFM), Italy (MoH), Latvia (LZP), Lithuania (LMT, ZUM), Netherlands (MINLVN), Norway (RCN), Romania (ANC, ANSVA), Slovakia (CVTISR), Spain (AEI, CDTI), Türkiye (TAGEM, TUBITAK), UK (BBSRC, DEFRA).

Individual groups are funded by their respective national funding organisations. Applications are therefore subject to eligibility criteria and regulations of the individual funding organisations. Applicants are strongly advised to contact their national representatives to confirm their eligibility.

Pre-proposals should be submitted by the 30 March 2026 (15:00 CEST) deadline.

For more information: [EUPAHW: Call 2 PP](#)

Overview Horizon Europe calls 2026-27 put online by RVO (23 January 2026)

Source: Website RVO [Structuur Horizon Europe | RVO.nl](#)

The calls and topics under the Horizon Europe programme 2026 and 2027 have been announced. The Dutch National Contact Point has created an interactive overview of all topics, **called the Horizon Europe Wegwijzer 2026-2027 Wegwijzer Horizon Europe 2026-2027**. Also included are Horizon partnerships and missions as well as some other EU-programmes. The link to the Wegwijzer can also be found through this [web page](#) under Orientation Phase. We hope you find this a useful overview.

European Commission to Launch 12 Topics in Support of Climate Change and Oceans Missions (23 January 2026)

Source: EC [EU Missions 2026-27 Work Programme published | EU Missions in HE | Horizon Europe NCP Portal](#)

The European Commission will shortly be launching 12 new call topics with an EU contribution of over €195 million to support the implementation of the [Restore our Ocean and Waters](#) and [Adaptation to Climate Change](#) Missions under Horizon Europe.

Missions are a novel instrument in Horizon Europe for the 2021-2027 programming period. They aim to tackle some of the world's greatest challenges with concrete solutions, leading to societal transformations and social impact. Missions will also help deliver key EU policy priorities such as the [European Green Deal](#), the [Climate Adaptation Strategy](#), Europe's [Beating Cancer Plan](#) and [A Europe fit for the Digital Age](#), among others.

The new call topics will launch across the following two Missions:

Adaptation to Climate Change

The [Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change](#) supports EU regions, cities and local authorities in building resilience against the impacts of climate change. It aims to lead 150 European regions and communities towards climate resilience by 2030.

The newly announced topics address measures to support this mission including: protecting cultural heritage from the impacts of climate change; improving climate resilience of navigable inland waterways and related infrastructure; facilitating the implementation of solutions for climate adaptation of regions and local authorities; and bridging the gap between disaster risk management and climate adaptation.

Restore our Ocean and Waters

The [Mission 'Restore our ocean and waters by 2030'](#) provides a systemic approach for the restoration, protection and preservation of Europe's ocean, seas and waters by 2030.

Five topics will launch to support this Mission, including measures to: improve the environmental sustainability of fisheries; address aquatic pollution and biodiversity loss through nature positive solutions from source to sea; and support a large-scale demonstration for mapping the distribution and condition of marine habitats.

All 12 topics will launch on 4 February 2026 with a deadline of 23 September 2026.

European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness Launches First Transnational Call for Proposals (22 January 2026)

Source: [Website BE READY NOW Call Announcement: First Joint Transnational Call - BE READY PLUS](#)

The European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness (BE READY NOW; [BE READY PLUS - BE READY PLUS](#)) is a 10-year [European Partnership](#) launched in January 2026 that aims to strengthen the EU's capacity to prevent and respond to infectious disease threats.

BE READY Now has launched its first joint transnational call for proposals (JTC) to support innovative, collaborative, interdisciplinary and transnational research projects that aim to deliver a better understanding of the pandemic potential of emerging pathogens, elucidating the pathophysiology induced by these pathogens, and developing innovative medical countermeasures. The ambition is to enable Europe to move from planning to action and become better equipped, better connected, and ready to respond quickly to future health threats to strengthen global pandemic preparedness.

The topic of the call is '*Advancing knowledge of host and pathogen dynamics to better combat emerging diseases.*' The aim is to increase scientific understanding and evidence-based knowledge on emerging and re-emerging pathogens with pandemic potential as well as on the host responses triggered by infection in order to improve capacity to anticipate, prevent and respond to infectious health threats through a multinational, collaborative and interdisciplinary approach that bridges research and development.

The funded projects are expected to generate scientific knowledge and innovative tools that strengthen European and global pandemic preparedness, inform evidence-based policy-making, and/or contribute to the development of novel countermeasures (diagnostics, therapeutics and preventive strategies) with a potential for rapid deployment during future health emergencies.

Proposals are expected to deliver results that are directed towards and contributing to at least one of the following expected outcomes:

- Identification of novel pathogen-specific molecular targets and mutation hotspots (ie discovery of critical proteins, enzymes or signalling molecules that play a central role in pathogen infectivity, survival and/or resistance).
- Improving the understanding of cross-species (zoonotic) aspects of host-pathogen interactions (in the context of the One Health approach).
- Application of the 'Pathogen X' approach to generate transferable knowledge that can then be applied to other threatening viruses of the same family.
- Identification, development and optimisation of (new) structures with optimal therapeutic activity and low toxicity that can be potential lead compounds (particularly for vulnerable groups).
- Identification and validation of targets, alongside data integration, interoperability and modelling efforts to demonstrate the potential of these targets, including antigenic structures suitable for vaccine development, for subsequent therapeutic development (ie proof-of-concept studies).
- Improving data integration and modelling to predict pathogen behaviour and therapeutic susceptibilities.
- Understanding the molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying host-pathogen interactions, in humans including host predisposing factors, to guide future diagnostic, therapeutic and vaccine development.
- Development and improvement of advanced immunological assays, experimental models and preclinical studies that link host genetics to disease outcomes.

Proposals should focus exclusively on one or multiple viruses belonging in the following families. Proposals addressing global approaches towards a whole family of these pathogens are also feasible: Arenaviridae, Coronaviridae, Filoviridae, Flaviviridae, Hantaviridae, Nairoviridae, Orthomyxoviridae, Paramyxoviridae, Phenuviridae, Poxviridae, Togaviridae, and 'Pathogen X'.

21 regional/national funding organisations are participating in this call. Individual groups are funded by their respective BE READY funding organisations, and applications are subject to eligibility criteria and regulations of the individual funding organisations. Applicants are therefore strongly advised to contact their national representatives to confirm their eligibility.

For the Netherlands ZonbMw is the funding organization.

Pre-proposals for the first JTC should be submitted by 13 April 2026 (13:00 CET).
Submission deadline for full proposals 20 August 2026

For more information: [Joint Transnational Calls - BE READY PLUS](#)

Interview: How EIT Water Will Strengthen Europe's Water Innovation Ecosystem (22 January 2026)

Source: *Newsletter EIT 22 January 2026*

Water is Europe's most critical resource – and one of its most vulnerable. From droughts and floods to pollution and ageing infrastructure, pressures on Europe's water systems are intensifying, with consequences for citizens, industry and ecosystems alike.



Meet Michelle H. Williams, Coordinator of EIT Water – the EIT's newly selected Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC), established to turn Europe's water challenges into solutions. How will the EIT's tenth KIC build a pan-European ecosystem and accelerate innovation where we need it most?

For people who have never heard of EIT Water, how would you describe your mission in the simplest and clearest terms?

Simply put, EIT Water exists to help Europe solve its water challenges faster and together. We bring people from education, research and business around the same table to turn good ideas into solutions that actually work in the real world – whether that's in our rivers, coastal areas or at sea. It's all about impact: building skills, backing innovation projects and helping new businesses grow, so that new water solutions can move from the lab to the market and make a difference all over Europe.

Europe already has many water initiatives. What makes EIT Water fundamentally different – what specific gap in the water landscape are you stepping in to fill?

Europe has no shortage of great water initiatives – the problem is they often work in parallel. EIT Water is here to connect the dots, bringing research, education and industry together across sectors. By building bridges between initiatives, we can amplify impact, unlock new ideas and make sure Europe's most valuable resource is protected and used sustainably.

People and organisations will want to get involved. What are the main ways they can join, collaborate or benefit from EIT Water's work?

2026 is about getting ready – and opening the doors. We'll be setting up EIT Water's operational organisation so we're ready to launch our activities and calls in 2027. At the same time, we'll put in place a transparent and open process for organisations that want to get involved. We're keen to grow a diverse EIT Water community, so in 2026 we'll be welcoming new members – and we encourage interested organisations to get in touch and register their interest.

Innovation only matters if it reaches everyone. How will you ensure that solutions emerging from EIT Water are scalable, affordable and accessible across all regions – not just well-resourced ones?

We would like to build a strong community across Europe. Through our eight regional Co-Location Centres, local actors – from small and medium-sized enterprises and startups to public authorities and organisations - can easily connect with us to take part in our activities. We've designed our innovation and business creation programmes to help ideas move beyond pilots, scale up and reach the market, tackling the typical barriers innovators face. And because strong innovation shouldn't be limited to a few regions, we'll put extra focus on areas where ecosystems are still emerging, including through the Regional Innovation Scheme.

If you had one message for people who feel 'water issues don't affect me', what would you say to make them stop and pay attention?

If you think water issues don't affect you, imagine a day without clean water from the tap. Securing safe drinking water, making sure there is enough water to go around, and protecting rivers, lakes and seas are not abstract challenges – they are here. Yet water is often taken for granted, despite the huge effort and infrastructure needed to clean it, transport it and keep ecosystems healthy. As climate extremes and pollution put growing pressure on our water systems, that reliability can no longer be assumed. This is already happening in parts of Europe, and it shows why we need to value water properly, protect clean and healthy waters, and invest now in resilient infrastructure that can stand the test of time.

Local research communities, farmers, utilities and citizens all experience water differently. How will they shape EIT Water's priorities and the development or testing of solutions?

At EIT Water, we're building a diverse network of partners from across Europe and across the knowledge triangle – business, education and research. Bringing these different perspectives together helps us better understand real market needs and spot gaps in skills and knowledge. Our partners don't just advise us; they help shape EIT Water's long-term direction and play an active role in delivering the priority activities we focus on each year.

European Funding News: FP10

Neth-ER reacts to the ERA Act consultation: set European standards and focus on alignment (29 January 2026)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > Neth-ER reacts to the ERA Act consultation: set European standards and focus on alignment](#)

The upcoming European Research Area (ERA) Act must set European framework conditions to advance the fifth freedom. Three guiding principles must be standardisation at the European level, flexibility through sector involvement, and respect for subsidiarity. Neth-ER emphasizes guaranteeing 3% investment, protecting academic freedom, and creating a level-playing field for research security.



Three key principles: alignment, flexibility and subsidiarity

Neth-ER, on behalf of the Dutch knowledge community, welcomes the upcoming European Research Area (ERA) Act as a valuable opportunity to set European standards for the fifth freedom in due course. [In our reaction Feedback from:](#) to the Commission's public consultation, we emphasise three key principles: alignment, flexibility and subsidiarity.

- **Alignment:** we urge that the Act focuses on standardisation and setting European norms in a fragmented European Research Area, in coherence with existing policy, the [ERA Actions](#) and the upcoming Innovation Act.
- **Flexibility:** it is essential that the Act tasks R&I stakeholders with defining the framework conditions in the Act, through comitology, thereby ensuring autonomy and sufficient flexibility for national and institutional initiatives.
- **Subsidiarity:** before introducing new EU laws, it must be absolutely clear that EU action is required. Future proposals must be supported by solid evidence that European legislation is effective and appropriate.

Strengthen public and private commitments to reach a binding 3% target

Neth-ER strongly urges that the ERA Act must enforce the EU-wide minimum 3% GDP target by 2030. To secure commitment, the Act should stimulate Member States to strengthen enabling conditions to increase both public and private R&D investments, with at least two-thirds from the private sector. The Act should require Member States to develop a roadmap with public investment commitments. Member States ought to integrate these into national and regional reform plans under the new Multiannual Financial Framework. We underline [Draghi's recommendation to monitor progress through the European Semester](#). Maintaining a balance between stronger European coordination of policy-relevant research, on the one hand, and space for bottom-up disruptive innovation, on the other, is essential.

Set standards to protect researchers' rights

The ERA Act must create the framework conditions to improve the protection of researchers' rights. The Act should prioritise setting standards for a European right to conduct research and share results across borders without restrictions. A necessary precondition is that the Commission invites Member States and stakeholders to develop flexible definitions for both the "freedom of scientific research" and "academic freedom". In this way, the Act would adequately involve stakeholders to lay the basis for a future, [separate resolution](#) for a European right to the freedom of scientific research that holds Member States accountable. Neth-ER also advocates for introducing secondary publication rights for researchers.

Establish a unified trust-based research security framework

The ERA Act shall set minimum [research security](#) requirements to guarantee a level-playing field for member states. Europe needs a unified approach to tackle insufficient security caused by fragmentation. Therefore, the Act should build a trust-based framework of positive measures to coordinate research security at the EU-level. The Commission must invite Member States and stakeholders to establish guidelines on the recruitment and selection of candidates in sensitive technology areas. This is a prerequisite to ensure that this framework respects autonomy and flexibility for institutions. It is essential that the Commission, together with the R&I sector, formulates and includes a European definition of dual-use research in this framework.

Equal access for the whole knowledge ecosystem

We advocate expanding the consultation's scope to build an effective and inclusive R&I ecosystem. Firstly, the ERA Act should concern research and technology infrastructures as a whole, beyond just the ERICs. Neth-ER urges that the ERA Act takes an inclusive ecosystem approach that explicitly includes the whole knowledge chain: research universities, universities of applied sciences, vocational institutions, university medical centres, Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs) & Research Performing Organisations (RPOs), and industry. Secondly, the ERA Act should include norms for equity, instead of merely gender equality, to better ensure equal opportunities. However, the Commission shall set only non-binding norms on equity, to respect the subsidiarity principle.

Where is sustainability?

Finally, sustainability is completely missing in the ERA Act, both as an overarching principle and a standalone theme. Including sustainability in the Act is essential to researching the impact of R&D policies and providing insight into long-term cost efficiency. In all policy areas of the Act, the Commission should adhere to the principle "as open as possible, as closed as necessary" and prevent regulatory fragmentation.

Neth-ER reaction: [EUSurvey - Survey X](#)

Germany focuses on excellence and innovation in new Horizon Europe proposal (28 January 2026)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Overige thema's > Duitsland zet in op excellentie en innovatie in nieuw Horizon Europe voorstel](#)

The German Federal Ministry for Research, Technology and Space has published a position paper on the next Horizon Europe program. Key priorities in the publication include making Europe attractive to international talent and simplifying European collaboration in research and innovation. The framework program should be as open as possible to researchers from third countries, but the rules on research security must be clear and reliable.



German priorities: bottom-up and independent research

The German federal government has taken a position [Postion Paper Horizon Europe 2028–2034](#) on the next Horizon Europe program. This is stated in a position paper from the German Federal Ministry for Research, Technology and Space. Germany advocates for bottom-up funding, support for the openness of the MSCA, and an independent position for the European Research Council (ERC). Regarding pillar two, the position paper calls for attention to the full range of Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) and for European funding spread across several major European themes.

Focus on the innovation chain and defense research

In pillar three, the German government advocates for support along the entire European innovation chain. Specific attention is paid to the innovative ARPA approach and the connection between the European Competitiveness Fund and the new Horizon Europe research program. The German government welcomes dual-use research in the EIC, but emphasizes that specific defense research should take place as much as possible within the designated defense

research program in the new European Competitiveness Fund. Finally, there is enthusiasm for the new fourth ERA pillar in the proposal. There is less German enthusiasm for the proposal to finance 20% of the construction costs of "world-class facilities" through the new framework program.

Similarities between Germany's and Neth-ER's positions

The German position broadly aligns with the Neth-ER's response regarding the next Horizon Europe program. Both position papers advocate for a simplification of Horizon Europe and better coordination between the EU and Member States. Excellence must remain at the core of the program, with specific attention to the ERC and the MSCA. Germany also argues that the new Horizon Europe program must be closely linked to the European Competitiveness Fund. There are also differences between the positions of Germany and Neth-ER. While Neth-ER advocates for a doubling of the Horizon Europe program and a budget of at least €200 billion, the German position paper does not contain a clear recommendation regarding the size of the budget for the next framework program.

CULT Committee EP Calls for Stronger Role for Higher Education and the European Innovation and Innovation Initiative (EIT) in FP10 (27 January 2026)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderwijs > CULT-commissie wil sterker rol voor hoger onderwijs en EIT in KP10](#)

In its advice to the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education (CULT) proposes to more explicitly link Horizon Europe to education, talent development, and innovation ecosystems. CULT therefore calls for a programmatic approach in which universities, universities of applied sciences, and CoVEs are structurally included in the implementation of the new framework program. This is all the more relevant for CULT because ITRE, as the leading committee, has a significant influence on the negotiations. The CULT Committee emphasizes that the future Horizon Europe is not just a research program, but a strategic instrument to bring the European Research and Education Area closer together.



Education and European Universities More Firmly Anchored

CULT argues [PA_Legam](#) that the next framework program should focus more explicitly on the integration of education and research. CULT proposes designating doctoral students as a target group, strengthening talent development, and formalizing the role of the European Universities Alliances within the program. According to CULT, these alliances should contribute to an integrated European Research and Education Area and thus to the EU's strategic autonomy. These proposals align with the Dutch commitment to structurally anchoring the alliances and emphasize the importance of sustainable collaboration between institutions.

EIT and knowledge triangle more prominent in innovation policy

CULT advocates for a clearer positioning of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) within Horizon Europe. According to the parliamentarians, the EIT should play a central role in strengthening innovation ecosystems, entrepreneurship, and the integration of the knowledge triangle. By explicitly mentioning the EIT in the articles on innovation ecosystems, CULT aims to strengthen the connection between higher education, research, and business. The Education Committee also calls for better alignment between EIT activities and the European Innovation Council, so that start-ups and scale-ups can more easily grow within the European innovation landscape.

Read full article here: [Neth-ER > Onderwijs > CULT-commissie wil sterker rol voor hoger onderwijs en EIT in KP10 \(in Dutch\)](#)

FP10 rapporteur suggests a greater EU role in science, with stricter boundaries (22 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 22 January 2026

The European Union must play a greater role in maintaining international scientific cooperation now that the US is withdrawing. This is the view of Member of the European Parliament and FP10 rapporteur Ehler. According to him, openness can no longer be unconditional, writes Science Business. In the European Parliament, Ehler warns that the Trump administration's policies are "step by step dismantling the global order that allows science to flourish." According to Ehler, science and innovation should henceforth be "as open as possible and as closed as necessary." He argues that **Horizon Europe should, in principle, remain open to third-country participation, while access to the European Competitiveness Fund should be more limited.**

Article Science Business: EU risks standing alone in defence of global scientific cooperation, says leading MEP | Science|Business

Other International funding

Call open: Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future (KIC) (29 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO New [Call open: Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future \(KIC\) | NWO](#)



With this recently opened call, NWO and Brazil's FAPESP aim to stimulate the transition from fossil raw materials to circular alternatives based on biomass within the chemical industry. A total of 3.84 million euros is available for public-private research consortia. The call focuses on joint research between researchers, companies and societal organisations from both the Netherlands and the Brazilian federal state of São Paulo.

Purpose of the call

The transition within the chemical industry from fossil raw materials to biobased materials involves technical, social, economic and legal changes. To find a solution to these problems, NWO is collaborating with the Brazilian FAPESP in this programme to connect researchers, industry, agricultural companies and social partners. The research should include multiple perspectives on biorefineries, such as chemical engineering, (business-)economics, sustainability/environment, social and legal aspects. In addition, the research focuses on two important sub-themes:

- bio-based raw materials;
- conversion processes.

Read call for proposals here: [KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future | NWO](#)

Budget and duration

NWO and FAPESP have made 3,840,000 euros available for this call. **The deadline for submitting a mandatory letter of intent is 23 June 2026: 14:00:00 CEST and 23 June 2026 23:59:59 BRT. The deadline for submitting a full application is 20 October 2026: 14:00:00 CEST and 20 October 23:59:59 BRT.**

Information and matchmaking meeting

On 26 March 2026 and 16 April 2026, NWO and FAPESP will organise two online matchmaking meetings for the call.

Register for the meetings here: [Matchmaking Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future \(KIC\) | NWO](#)

Pre-announcement: TRI-POLAR call expected to open in March (28 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO news [Pre-announcement: TRI-POLAR call expected to open in March | NWO](#)



NWO is expected to open the call 'Triple planetary crisis in the polar regions' (TRI-POLAR) in March 2026. Our world faces a triple planetary crisis: climate change, biodiversity change and pollution. These interconnected

problems are affecting the polar regions to an amplified extent, which are warming up to four times faster than average. This call for proposals of the Dutch Research Agenda (NWA) and the Netherlands Polar Programme (NPP) focuses on understanding the interaction and convergence of these three crises in the polar regions.

The aim of this call for proposals is to develop new insights and thereby contribute to integrated policy solutions that limit the combined effects and promote sustainable measures, both locally and regionally, as well as globally and in the Netherlands.

Budget and duration

The budget for this call for Proposals is approximately €9,500,000 for one full application. The maximum duration of the project is eight years. **The deadline for submitting the application is Thursday, 17 September 2026, before 14:00:00 CET.**

Information webinar

For this call, NWO is organising an information webinar on Tuesday 31 March 2026, during which more information about the call will be provided and participants will have the opportunity to ask questions. Participation is free of charge and you can register using the form on the meeting page.

Disclaimer

This is only an announcement of a proposed research programme by NWO. The possibility to apply for funding will be open after publication of a call for proposals in the Government Gazette.

Open: Hop-On Call for Ukrainian researchers (20 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Open: Hop-On Call for Ukrainian researchers | NWO](#)



The second funding round within the partnership initiative between NWO and the National Research Foundation Ukraine (NRFU) is now open. With a total budget of €480,000, this round can grant up to 16 proposals.

About the call

The 'NWO Hop-On Call for Researchers Based in Ukraine 2025' provides ongoing NWO projects the opportunity to add a qualified researcher from Ukraine to their project team. The aim of this call is to support Ukrainian researchers in expanding their professional network in The Netherlands and to stimulate knowledge exchange. Project teams offer guidance in the form of advice, mentorship and collaboration.

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

Planning and budget

This instrument operates on a *first come, first served* basis. **Applications can be submitted continuously until the deadline of Tuesday 23 June 2026 at 14:00:00 CE(S)T**, or until the budget has been exhausted. Applications can be submitted via the online application system ISAAC.

For more information: [Open: Hop-On Call for Ukrainian researchers | NWO](#) and [NWO-NRFU Partnership Initiative | NWO](#)

National funding

Faculty of Impact round 2026 now open: focus on all five themes (28 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Faculty of Impact round 2026 now open: focus on all five themes | NWO](#)



The Faculty of Impact 2026 call is now open for applications. This instrument gives talented researchers the opportunity and guidance to take their first steps towards entrepreneurship in two years' time. This enables them to generate impact with their research findings. The available budget for this round is over 2.7 million euros, and the budget per fellow has been increased to a maximum of €210,000.

Changes to Faculty of Impact 2026 compared to 2025

- The focus of this call is no longer on one or two specific themes. Within the 2026 call, equal attention is paid to all five substantive themes within the mission-driven innovation policy of the Ministry of Economic Affairs;
- The available budget per fellow has been increased from a maximum of €200,000 to a maximum of €210,000.

Themes

This call gives equal attention to the five themes of the mission-driven innovation policy of the Ministry of Economic Affairs:

- **Agriculture, water and food:** The Netherlands needs a vital rural area and resilient nature in a climate-resistant environment. Water and soil are a driving force, the agricultural and food system is sustainable and healthy and the delta is safe;
- **Circular economy:** The Netherlands economy is entirely circular by 2050;
- **Climate and energy:** The Netherlands is climate-neutral by 2050;
- **Health and care:** People in the Netherlands enjoy 5 extra years of good health with 30% less health discrepancy between socio-economic groups by 2040;
- **Safety:** The Netherlands is safe and resilient against external threats and undermining crime, both in the physical environment and the digital domain.

Budget and deadline

The total budget for this call is €2,730,000. Each fellow can apply for a maximum of €210,000. Thirteen fellows are expected to be able to participate.

The deadline for submitting proposals is **Tuesday 26 May 2026, 14:00:00 CET**.

During the application period, NWO and the Faculty of Impact will host several online webinars to provide more information about the programme and answer questions. Information about when these webinars will take place will be available on [the NWO website](#) and the [Faculty of Impact](#) website. This website also contains an [FAQ](#) about the application process and the programme.

Over 3.3 million granted to nine Earth observation and planetary research projects (26 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Over 3.3 million granted to nine Earth observation and planetary research projects | NWO](#)



Funding from the 2025 programme “Use of space infrastructure for Earth observation and planetary research (GO)” will be divided among nine research projects focusing on two themes: Earth observation research and research into planets and other objects within our solar system. The research proposals cover topics such as the atmosphere of Venus and seasonal cycles of regional sea level changes.

All researchers make substantial use of space infrastructure such as satellites for their projects. These facilities are developed and maintained by various national and international space agencies and institutions. The infrastructure, and the data and signals it produces, are available to scientists and other users. Together with the Netherlands Space Office (NSO), NWO encourages Dutch researchers to use this infrastructure within the framework of the accompanying space policy of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.

For information about the granted projects: [Over 3.3 million granted to nine Earth observation and planetary research projects | NWO](#)

PPs call ‘Innovation boost Agri&Food’ opened (22 January 2026)

Source: Website TKI Agri & Food [PPS-call ‘Innovatie-impuls Agri&Food’ geopend - Topsector Agri & Food](#)

Our food system is world-class. Dutch companies in the agri-food sector provide millions of people with safe and healthy food every day, contribute to solutions for societal challenges such as climate change and the raw materials transition, and are of great importance to regional, Dutch, and European development and employment. At the same time, the sector is facing major changes. Knowledge and innovation are essential for maintaining a sustainable economy and society in the long term.

TKI Agri & Food therefore encourages joint investment in research and innovation by businesses, government, and knowledge institutions, including through PPP subsidies: funds made available annually by the Ministry of Economic Affairs for public-private partnerships on research that is both socially and economically relevant.

With the "Innovation Boost Agri & Food" call, TKI Agri & Food is making a maximum of €2.5 million available for public-private partnership (PPP) projects aimed at technological and/or system breakthroughs, with a strong focus on impact. The research must relate to the agri-food domain and align with the Knowledge and Innovation Agenda for Agriculture, Water, and Food 2024–2027 (KIA-LWV [Home](#)).

The projects have a maximum duration of two years and are designed for disruptive innovations: from doing things differently to doing different things. Within those two years, the project will work towards proof of principle. If proven successful, the next step should be valorization and scale-up. Research with a strong fundamental character is less suitable for this call.

Among other topics, the call specifically allows for one proposal on the priority theme of "water availability in the agri-food sector." Water is a prerequisite for agriculture and food production, while sufficient and consistent availability will become less and less a given in the future. This systemic issue requires collaboration on new management strategies, with a focus on local water buffers and the smart (re)use of freshwater. To help parties connect and strengthen consortia, TKI Agri & Food is organizing a matchmaking session on February 9th on this priority topic.

Participate: Register your project

Proposals can be submitted until April 15, 2026. Pre-registration is mandatory and can be submitted until March 1, 2026. If approved, projects will start no later than October 1, 2026. Click here [PPS-Oproep innovatie-impuls agri&food - Topsector Agri & Food](#) for more information, required documents, and the link for pre-registration and/or matchmaking on February 9, 2026.

KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia -S 2026 (22 January 2026)

Source: Website NWO [KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia -S 2026 | NWO](#)

The aim of this programme is to stimulate demand-driven public-private partnerships that contribute to impact for the economy, people and planet. The focus is on the social challenges described in the mission-driven innovation policy of the Dutch government.

The knowledge and/or development needs of the consortium are central to the research project. The programme does not apply any disciplinary frameworks or predetermined themes: the research must be exclusively related to one or more KIAs. This gives consortia the freedom to design interdisciplinary research that suits their own specific issues and ambitions.

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

For more information: [Demand Driven Research By Consortia - S | NWO](#)

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NWO launches new funding line 'Innovation Accelerator' to bring knowledge faster to society (22 January 2026)

Source: Website WO News [NWO launches Innovation Accelerator to bring knowledge faster to society | NWO](#)



The Netherlands is full of ideas and knowledge, with lots of potential to innovate, but we are not always successful in translating this potential, and thus our leading position in science, into direct economic and/or social value. For example, our knowledge institutions produce a great deal of knowledge, but relatively few spin-offs. In this context, in a recent report Peter Wennink even refers to a kind of 'development aid' to the US and China, since they frequently run with new ideas. Furthermore, the Dutch Advisory council for science, technology and innovation states that also the social sciences and humanities should be more involved in innovation, since innovation always has social, legal, and cultural dimensions. To better support researchers, NWO is introducing a new funding line: the Innovation Accelerator.

More support for innovation is needed. Not only is our economic growth insufficient, but we are also facing a variety of challenges: from technological developments, geopolitical tensions to healthcare, and climate change. And the growth that is still evident is far too little reflected in innovative sectors that offer opportunities. Knowledge plays a crucial role in this. From, for example, non-profit services or products to deep tech start-ups. They have – in part because of their scale and flexibility – the potential to turn groundbreaking innovations into practice. This can drive our economic growth and plays a key role in tackling social challenges.

The long path from invention to society

But innovation is more than just scientific talent with a good idea. Take start-ups, for example. They need venture capital to try, fail, and adjust. However, entrepreneurial scientists are not always given the space they need and often get lost in a tangle of choices and unclear guidelines. Around 90% of start-ups do not survive the first five years and their growth into scale-ups stalls, with the Netherlands scoring 21.5% lower than the European average. Add to this a small internal market, extensive regulations, and low R&D investments, and researchers have to stand firm to bring knowledge to society and/or the market. The US has more money and can scale up faster, China has fewer regulations and can move faster, and we are stuck somewhere in between. But also researchers who want to use their research results in a different way for the benefit of society do not always succeed in translating their knowledge into direct impact.

NWO's Innovation Accelerator

That is why NWO is introducing a new funding line: the Innovation Accelerator. With this new line, NWO wants to make it easier for researchers to find funding to transfer knowledge into products or services. Several programmes are bundled in this. From the *Demonstrator* programme, in which researchers work on a proof-of-concept in order to attract investors, to feasibility studies or a start-up loan via *Take-off phase 1* and *Take-off phase 2*. Scientists can also explore unforeseen opportunities for impact arising from fundamental research through the *Impact Explorer* programme. NWO's Innovation Accelerator goes beyond funding. For example, the *Faculty of Impact* and *Venture Challenge* also offer coaching for researchers who want to develop their skills.

"The Netherlands has top-quality research institutions, yet we see that the translation of knowledge into products or services is still lagging behind," says NWO's Vice President Anka Mulder. *"This is partly due to a fragmented funding landscape for the transfer of knowledge. This often makes it difficult for researchers to find suitable funding. By opting for a clear, separate funding line, we are making the different options more accessible to researchers and more visible to them that they can turn to NWO for this."*

Innovations from medicines to lead poisoning

Because it is precisely new knowledge that can help the Netherlands move forward. From personalised medicines that can save society a lot of money and suffering – with far fewer lab animals – to the detection of toxic lead in the environment. Take Adrián Seijas-Gamardo, for example, who hopes to contribute to a faster development of such medicines through his organs-on-chips research via the *Faculty of Impact*. Another example is Professor Wim Noorduin of the NWO institute AMOLF, who accidentally discovered a practical test method for detecting lead during fundamental research, which he further developed with *Take-off* funding. In doing so, he suddenly gave society an important tool for solving a major health problem.

A first step

The introduction of the new funding line is a first step. NWO, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, and the Ministry of Economic Affairs will explore whether they can further optimise the programmes of the funding line.

For more information: [Innovation Accelerator | NWO](#)

Regional funding

Province of North Brabant aims to accelerate AI innovation (29 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 January 2026

The province of North Brabant is investing over €4 million in the Brabant AI Supercomputing initiative. In this joint initiative, the province, Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e), Tilburg University, and the Brabant Development Agency aim to accelerate AI innovation in the province. The initiative provides access to powerful computing and data capacity for AI and builds a support ecosystem. "With this investment, we ensure that Brabant entrepreneurs have easy access to the computing power and knowledge they need to grow. This is how we keep Brabant internationally competitive," says Provincial Executive Member Martijn van Gruijthuisen.

News item Province of North Brabant: [Brabant versnelt AI-innovatie voor bedrijven met toegang tot supercomputers | Brabant \(in Dutch\)](#)

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EU-India Strategic Agenda 2030: Research, Innovation and a Step towards Horizon Europe (28 January 2026)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > EU-India strategische agenda 2030: onderzoek, innovatie en een stap richting Horizon Europe](#)

The EU and India have developed their joint strategic agenda for 2030. The partners intend to collaborate in several key areas, including sustainability, technology, innovation, security, and global issues. Further exploratory discussions have also been held on India's association with Horizon Europe.



Together towards 2030: EU-India Strategic Agenda Sets Course

Building on more than twenty years of strategic cooperation, India and the EU have developed their **joint strategic agenda for 2030** [The EU-India trade agreement - European Commission](#). The aim is to strengthen cooperation between the EU and India and achieve concrete results for both sides. The strategic agenda focuses on several core areas, including prosperity, sustainability, technology, innovation, security and defense, and global issues. The new agreement is expected to have a positive impact on the EU economy. The EU is seeking closer cooperation with other countries, such as India, to strengthen its strategic autonomy in a world where partners like the United States are becoming more unpredictable.

EU-India Collaboration Boosts R&D and Potential Horizon Europe Joining

The EU and India are strengthening their collaboration in emerging critical technologies, innovation, and research. This will be achieved through initiatives such as EU-India Innovation Hubs and the launch of an EU-India Startup Partnership. Furthermore, the leaders are extending the EU-India Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation until 2030. This collaboration is supported by the previously established New Strategic EU-India Agenda (NSEIA), which aims to promote collaboration in R&D and education. It also builds on the exploratory talks on India's association with Horizon Europe. This follows an earlier invitation from Ekaterina Zaharieva <https://x.com/EZaharievaEU/status/1895126409397387760> regarding India's accession.

Context

On January 27, the European Union and India held their **16th EU-India Summit in New Delhi** [Joint Statement of the 16th EU-India Summit](#). They opened a new chapter in the EU-India strategic partnership. The India-EU Forum will follow on February 6-7, 2026, where policymakers, business leaders, experts, and think tanks from all 27 Member States and India will jointly discuss concrete initiatives and cooperation.

EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy – progress so far and challenges ahead (26 January 2026)

Source: Website EC Research and Innovation [EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy – progress so far and challenges ahead - Research and innovation](#)

Today, Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation, Ekaterina Zaharieva, hosted the third European Startup and Scaleup Forum in Brussels, bringing together founders, investors and other industry leaders from across Europe. Eight months after the **adoption of the EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy** [EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy - Research and innovation](#), the Forum provided an opportunity to take stock of implementation progress, assess early impact and identify priorities for the months ahead.

Commissioner Zaharieva said:

"Trust in Europe's ability to deliver for our startups and scaleups was fragile when we met last year. Since then, my focus has been clear: to act, to deliver, and to turn ambition into results. Because if we get this right, we can build the business environment you are asking for: one where founders and investors have the means, the opportunities and the support they deserve, and where their success becomes Europe's success."

Implementation milestones

Discussions focused on how key actions under the Strategy are translating into concrete results for startups and scaleups, including:

- the launch of the [European Business Wallet](#) in November 2025 simplifying cross-border business through a single digital identity
- the proposal for the next long-term budget, which foresees a tripling of the budget for the [European Innovation Council \(EIC\) budget](#)
- the call for proposals to establish a network of [European Startup & Scaleup Hubs](#), with the winning consortium expected to be announced at the EIC Summit in June 2026

Next steps

Looking ahead, upcoming initiatives under the Strategy were also presented, including the [European Innovation Act](#) and the **28th regime**, which will make it easier to start and scale across Europe, as well as the launch of the [Scaleup Europe Fund](#), a new, multi-billion fund to invest in the most promising European companies in strategic deep tech areas. Furthermore, the Commission will develop a **European Innovation Investment Pact** with institutional investors, and an **Action Plan for Women in Research, Innovation and Startups**, to address gender disparities in research and innovation.

Background

The EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy was adopted in May 2025 and includes a comprehensive set of actions to make the EU the best place in the world to launch and grow technology-driven innovative companies. Key actions are focused on fostering innovation-friendly regulation, improving access to finance, accelerating market uptake and expansion, attracting and retaining the best talent and facilitating access to infrastructure, networks and services.

The European Startup and Scaleup Forum was launched by Commissioner Zaharieva in February 2025, initially to support the development of the EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy and subsequently its implementation, by engaging founders, investors and other innovation stakeholders. The previous two meetings of the Forum, in February and in April 2025, were dedicated to addressing key issues affecting European startups and scaleups, such as access to finance, markets and talent, and regulatory framework and fragmentation issues, as well as to gathering feedback on the building blocks of the Strategy.

Contribute to the first EU Action Plan for Women in Research, Innovation and Startups (23 January 2026)

Source: website EC [Contribute to the first EU Action Plan for Women in Research, Innovation and Startups - Research and innovation](#)

The European Commission invites citizens, businesses, policymakers, academics, and NGOs to contribute to the Action Plan for Women in Research, Innovation, and Start-ups. The [call for evidence](#) will remain open for contributions until 23 February 2026. Announced by Commissioner Zaharieva during her European Parliament Hearings in November 2024, the Action Plan aims to establish the EU as the world's most attractive destination for women in these fields by 2030.

As emphasised by President von der Leyen in her recent State of the Union speech, "Science has no passport, gender, ethnicity, or political colour. It is one of the most valuable global goods." This action plan will tap into the EU's diverse

talent pool, driving sustainable competitiveness and innovation. It will address persisting challenges in achieving gender equality and propose actions to improve working conditions and career development perspectives for women in research, innovation and start-ups.

The Action Plan will echo the [Choose Europe initiative](#), which showcases Europe's excellent research conditions, high quality of life and strong commitment to diversity and inclusion, as it aims to establish the EU as the world's most attractive place for women in research and innovation by 2030.

Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation, Ekaterina Zaharieva said:

"We want women in research, innovation, and startups to see their future in Europe. That is why we are making Europe the place where their ambition is best supported. Our commitment to gender equality is not just a matter of fairness; it is essential to our competitiveness and to the excellence of our research."

Designing the strategy together

The call for evidence provides an opportunity for stakeholders, including experts and the general public, to share their views and help design this Action Plan.

The Commission is seeking for input related to women in research, innovation, and start-ups to understand:

- Barriers to women's participation in research and innovation
- Drivers for women to pursue STEM careers and/or in the innovation sector
- Consequences of underrepresentation and gender inequalities in the R&I sector
- Impact of strategies at EU, national, and institutional levels to promote gender equality

The Call for evidence call for evidence is available on the Commission's 'Have your Say' portal in all official EU languages **and will close on the 23 February 2026.**

More information

Gender equality in research and innovation: Gender equality in research and innovation - Research and innovation
SheFigures 2024: [SheFigures 2024 | Research and Innovation](#)

Provide your input here: Action plan for women in research, innovation and startups

EUIPO registers record number of intellectual property applications in 2025 (22 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 22 January 2026

In 2025, the European Union Intellectual Property Office received 327 735 new applications for EU trade marks and EU designs. It is the highest annual number of intellectual property (IP) applications since the Office began accepting filings in 1996. This record number indicates continued high activity among companies and designers seeking to protect their products and services in the European market, both within the European Union and internationally. According to the EUIPO, these figures confirm the continued confidence of companies and innovators in the European intellectual property system.

EUIPO News: [EUIPO records the highest number of applications in its history - EUIPO](#)

European Parliament votes for new EU business law for innovative companies; the '28th regime' moves closer (22 January 2026)

Source: Website Nweth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > Europees Parlement stemt voor nieuw EU-bedrijfsrecht voor innovatieve bedrijven; het '28e regime' komt dichterbij](#)

The European Parliament is advocating for a groundbreaking new European legal framework that will help innovative companies grow faster and implement a single set of rules applicable across the EU. With the so-called 28th regime, MEPs aim to achieve a breakthrough: a single, harmonized company law that will accelerate growth, remove administrative barriers, and simplify cross-border activities. The Parliament is calling on the European Commission to propose a legislative proposal by the first quarter of 2026.



A single set of rules for businesses in the EU

The European Parliament has voted in favor of a groundbreaking new EU legal framework [EU competitiveness: MEPs propose new legal framework for innovative companies | News | European Parliament](#) that stimulates innovation and cross-border growth, known as the 28th regime. With 492 votes in favor, 144 against, and 28 abstentions, the European Parliament adopted its recommendations for a single EU-wide set of business rules. Parliament aims to pave the way for the fully digital Unified European Company (S.EU), which can be established within 48 hours with one euro of start-up capital. Member States could introduce new legal forms or adapt existing ones for this purpose. Parliament also calls for a single multilingual digital portal, improved access to financing, measures to attract talent, and stronger cooperation between SMEs, start-ups, scale-ups, and research institutions, including expedited dispute resolution in English.

Context

The European Parliament's proposals are part of the broader discussion on strengthening the EU's competitiveness. With the 28th regime, Parliament aims to remove structural barriers for innovative companies, deepen the internal market, and make it easier for companies to do business across the EU. In a rapidly changing geopolitical environment, the EU sees strengthening its economic power as a strategic imperative. [In Davos, Ursula von der Leyen underscored this Special Address by the President von der Leyen: World Economic Forum](#) by saying that the Commission will "soon" present the 28th regime as the basis for a new European corporate structure, "EU Inc.", with a single, simple set of rules for the entire Union. The European Commission is expected to present a legislative proposal in the first quarter of 2026.

Global policy

Nature Maps the Impact of the Trump Administration on American Science (29 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 January 2026

Nature has published a series of articles on the impact of President Trump's policies on American science and international collaboration. The articles reveal that thousands of research grants have been terminated or frozen, that federal science agencies have been significantly reduced, and that the influx of young and international researchers is declining. Nature also describes the consequences of the US withdrawal from dozens of international organizations in the fields of climate, biodiversity, and sustainable development. The US Congress is attempting to block the most drastic proposed research cuts.

Article Nature (American science after one year of Trump): [US science after a year of Trump: what has been lost and what remains](#)

Article Nature (US leaves 66 international organizations): [The US is quitting 66 global agencies: what does it mean for science?](#)

Article Nature (Congress opposes science cuts): [US Congress set to reject Trump's sweeping science budget cuts](#)

Bruegel: Make the Emissions Trading System an Investment Engine for Clean Industry (29 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 January 2026

The EU Emissions Trading System has significantly reduced emissions in Europe without causing significant harm to businesses and jobs, writes Bruegel in an analysis. The think tank also states that the system could become an important instrument for clean industry when revised this year. The system covers approximately 40 percent of European emissions and achieved a reduction of 14 to 16 percent between 2005 and 2020. At the same time, Bruegel warns that the generous free allocation of emission allowances has primarily favored energy-intensive sectors, while their emissions have only decreased slightly. The think tank advocates reforming the system, with companies only qualifying if they demonstrably invest in greening, and revenues being used specifically to make the industry more sustainable and competitive.

Bruegel Analysis: [Europe's emissions trading system is an ally, not an enemy, of industrial competitiveness](#)

Climate monitoring must remain a global enterprise, experts say (22 January 2026)

Source: [Website Science|Business Climate monitoring must remain a global enterprise, experts say | Science|Business News](#)

Trump's assault on science has spread beyond US borders and is imperilling the international exchange of climate data



Sentinel-2A image of the southern-central edge of the Tibetan Plateau. Photo credits: Copernicus Sentinel data processed by the European Space Agency

The EU has been trying to step up and ensure continuous global climate and weather monitoring services after Donald Trump ordered US federal agencies to take down environmental databases in 2025. But experts point out that gathering reliable research data on the state of the planet should remain a global enterprise and the US still has a role to play.

As politicians around the world gathered in Davos to mourn the dismantling of a rules-based international order that has helped promote open scientific collaboration for decades, science stakeholders call for a continuation of global data sharing and monitoring.

"As we are all aware, the US contributes significantly to fundamental weather and climate research, as much as to the global observing system," said Harilaos Loukos, founder of the Climate Data Factory, a French commercial climate service provider. *"Any degradation in these contributions will most certainly affect the quality of global datasets that everyone relies on."*

That includes European services such as the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF). Florian Pappenberger, its new director-general, is concerned that the integrity of the system may be at risk. *"The issue is tomorrow's data,"* he told Science|Business on the sidelines of a press conference in Brussels.

"Are we going to fund these observing networks?" he continued. *"Are we going to fund these types of observations? Are we going to ensure these observations get recorded and stored appropriately for everyone to access? Do they get transmitted globally to the global observing systems?"*

"Data and observation are central to the global effort to confront climate change and air quality challenges," said Carlo Buontempo, director of the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S), in an emailed statement. *"These challenges know no borders, and nor should the knowledge, insights and data that define, measure and help us respond to them."* The concern is not limited to satellite observations. The Argo programme, for instance, has deployed some 4,000 drifting robotic floats to collect data such as seawater temperature and salinity. While 30 different countries contribute, the US provides roughly 50% of the global array.

"Having a programme such as Argo stopped could blind us for many, many years," Buontempo said. *"It's not just about historical data; it's very much about updating and ensuring that we keep record of what's happening."*

Data backup

Pappenberger is not so worried about historical data, given ongoing efforts to save them. He cited a recent pledge by Neil Jacobs, who took the helm of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in October, not to delete datasets. Meanwhile, US non-profit Climate Central is picking up NOAA's billion-dollar tracking of climate crisis-fuelled disasters, which was axed by Trump last May.

"My worry is about [...] the data which we're currently measuring," Pappenberger said. *"If I don't measure them now, they're gone."*

Loukos has a similar concern. *"The potential fragmentation of the global climate data ecosystem creates operational uncertainty precisely when climate adaptation investments are most needed,"* he said. *"Fortunately, climate data infrastructure is now distributed globally across many nations, but maintaining this network requires sustained international cooperation."*

The ECMWF, for example, has the advantage of partnering with the World Meteorological Organization, which has a legal framework that mandates the free and unrestricted exchange of earth system data among its 193 members. But whether the Trump administration will respect this framework remains to be seen.

Meanwhile, the EU is trying to reduce [its reliance on foreign-controlled databases](#) and develop independent, "Trump-proof" infrastructure to prevent its researchers and policymakers from being vulnerable to geopolitical shifts and commercial interests.

"We always need to have a backup of data. We should always have more than one organisation be the steward or the holder of those data," Pappenberger said. *"Irrespective of what any administration or government in the world does, there should be somebody else keeping or at least providing access to this type of data [...] because data gets corrupted."*

Read full article here: [Climate monitoring must remain a global enterprise, experts say | Science|Business](#)

SCIANCE to accelerate the use of AI in European research (22 January 2026)

Source: AWI e-mail alert 22 January 2026

The European SCIANCE project has officially launched and aims to make it easier for researchers to apply AI in scientific research. Coordinated by ESF, the SCIANCE project - AI in Science - will support the development of Resource for AI Science in Europe (RAISE) and coordinate AI-enabled scientific research across Europe through a bottom-up approach. The project mobilises leading European scientific organisations and research infrastructures across five pilot areas - fundamental physics and astronomy, materials science, life science, earth sciences, and social sciences

and humanities - together with AI research centres and e-infrastructures. SCIANCE will identify AI-in-science research and innovation priorities and pilot the structure of the RAISE Secretariat for AI in science.

Key outcomes

SCIANCE key outcomes include:

- a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) for AI in Science
- an implementation roadmap for infrastructure upgrades
- and the RAISE Secretariat for AI in science, to support long-term collaboration, capacity building, and alignment with European policy objectives.

Led by ESF, the SCIANCE consortium includes 13 leading European organisations and research infrastructures: [EGI Foundation](#), [OpenAIRE](#), [AMKE](#), [CNR](#), [Euro-BioImaging](#), [ERIC](#), [EMBL](#), [CU](#), [MU](#), [UT-ITC](#), [Nikhef](#), [DFKI](#), [SZTAKI](#), [BDVA](#)

Press release European Science Foundation: SCIANCE project kicks off: Shaping AI in Science, by Scientists, for Europe - ESF

Nature: Trump's Impact on Science Remains Unpredictable and Dire (22 January 2026)

Source: AWI e-mail alert 22 January 2026

In a background article, Nature looks ahead to American science in 2026. It argues that this year could be just as unpredictable and disruptive as last year. The article outlines President Trump's failed actions to decimate science, such as firing thousands of scientists, cutting grants, and blocking funding. Congress is obstructing efforts on many points. Nevertheless, experts in the article argue that Trump will push ahead next year, for example, by making political appointments to grants committees.

Nature article: US science in 2026: five themes that will dominate Trump's second year

National policy

The 30th of January the Coalition Akkoord Jetten 1 has been presented by D66, VVD and CDA (30 January)

Source: *coalition akkoord Presentatie coalitieakkoord D66, CDA en VVD | Kabinetformatie*

Some first impressions in domain WUR

Science and education

- The new government is allocating **additional funding for education**, increasing to €1.5 billion per year from 2031. This will begin with €1 billion this year.
- **Structural investment in science and research.** We are investing structurally in research and science and are moving towards the Lisbon target of 3% of GDP in public and private R&D investments. The government will also make a greater contribution through investments in science and innovation.
- **A talent strategy** will be developed to ensure that we select and retain the right talent in the Netherlands. This will ensure sufficient skilled professionals in the sectors facing the greatest challenges and **attract the top scientific** talent needed for groundbreaking research and innovation.
- Universities and universities of applied sciences will have more targeted opportunities to **attract top international talent and retain their own**.
- We are **strengthening campuses as engines for startups, scale-ups**, and collaboration between education, research, and business. Valorization will be given a more prominent place, so that knowledge is more often brought to the market in the form of new companies.
- **Universities will collaborate on the challenges of the future.** We are investing in research and innovation. In doing so, we are calling for more collaboration and specialization among universities and less competition on student numbers. During the periodic re-accreditation of universities of applied sciences and research universities, the extent to which programs are aligned with the labor market will be more rigorously assessed.
- **Knowledge must be secure.** Research funding from unfree countries can pose a risk to our knowledge security. Therefore, knowledge institutions, security services, and the government will collaborate to safeguard Dutch knowledge.

Agriculture

An investment of €20 billion will be made available for agriculture, nature, and nitrogen management. This amount will be distributed among various objectives and activities.

National Investment Institution (NII)

To strengthen the Dutch capital market, a National Investment Institution (NII) is being established. This investment institution will be politically independent, focused on private (co-)investments or loans, and will not crowd out private capital. The Investment Institution will operate with market-based return requirements and therefore focuses on projects with a positive business case that cannot secure market financing, for example due to higher risks or a lack of available venture capital. This occurs, for example, with larger financing rounds for start-ups and scale-ups. A component will be added to the NII that can serve as a successor to the current National Growth Fund.

National Agency for Disruptive Innovation (NADI)

€500 million will be reserved for a capital injection into the soon-to-be-established National Agency for Disruptive Innovation (NADI). This is a financial transaction that is not relevant to the EMU balance, but is relevant to the EMU debt.

Innovation Regional Campuses

For the implementation of the National Technology Strategy, regional innovation clusters, participation in European innovation programs, and public-private innovation programs, funds will be structurally added to the budget of the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Europe

- European co-financing and investment opportunities through the European Competitive Fund, Chips Act 2.0, and IPCEIs. With a national EU funding facility, we ensure predictability and access for Dutch companies and knowledge institutions to European innovation programs.

- The Netherlands stands for a strong MFF that contributes to Europe's strategic goals. We are reprioritizing resources towards investments in security, defense, and innovation (including research?)
- The Netherlands will play a driving role in the rapid implementation of the Draghi and Letta reports, aimed at reforming and strengthening our economy.
- We have a constructive attitude towards European defense investments. The European Defence Fund enables joint investments in the European defence industry using European resources.

Development Cooperation

Starting in 2027, an additional €257 million will be made available for development cooperation. These additional funds are intended for humanitarian aid, climate, education, women's rights, and strengthening civil society.

Significant attention to strategic autonomy in Economic Affairs budget debate (29 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 January 2026

During the debate on the Ministry of Economic Affairs' budget, the need to strengthen the Netherlands' strategic autonomy was discussed. The parties forming the coalition government emphasized the importance of innovation but did not want to preempt the coalition agreement. Many of the motions submitted were adopted, including a call to consider reducing fragmentation in the investment landscape and combating coordination failures when establishing a national investment bank. The House also wants the cabinet to explore the possibilities for preferential treatment for startups and scale-ups in European tenders. Based in part on the AWTI advisory report "Resilient and Future-Proof," several members of Parliament also advocated for a broader view of resilience than just future earning capacity.

Debate summary (part 1): Begroting Economische Zaken, eerste termijn Kamer | Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal

Debate summary (part 2): Begroting Economische Zaken afgerond | Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal

Overview of votes: Plenaire verslagen | Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal

National Technology Strategy Action Agendas Presented (29 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 January 2026

The Knowledge and Innovation Agenda for Key Enabling Technologies has presented the action agendas for the National Technology Strategy. These ten agendas elaborate on the ambitions of 53 large-scale, multi-year public-private innovation programs with a total investment volume of over €14 billion. "The action agendas are timely, during a period of geopolitical and economic pressure that necessitates targeted investments in innovation, technology, and strategic autonomy," responded Minister Karremans. "Because as a relatively small country, we have to make choices and build on our strengths, it is essential that investors also structurally engage with the innovation programs from these action agendas."

News item KIA ST: [Actieagenda's vertalen ambitie 2035 van Nationale Technologiestrategie naar 53 innovatieprogramma's - KIA Sleuteltechnologieën \(in Dutch\)](#)

Action Agendas: [Actieagenda's \(NTS\) - KIA Sleuteltechnologieën \(in Dutch\)](#)

Scientists and experts advocate for the establishment of an independent AI Council (29 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 January 2026

A collective of professors and experts is calling on the parties forming the coalition government to include the establishment of an independent AI Council in the new coalition agreement. This is stated in an open letter to informateur Letschert. The letter advocates for a Council with a legal mandate to provide structural advice on legislation and policy. The letter is signed by more than fifty professors and AI experts. The AWTI (Awti) is working on an advisory report on AI.

News item VU: [Brede groep experts roept informateur op tot oprichting onafhankelijke AI Raad - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam \(in Dutch\)](#)

News item TU Delft: [Brede groep experts roept informateur op tot oprichting onafhankelijke AI Raad \(in Dutch\)](#)

Open letter: [Brief informateur \(in Dutch\)](#)

AWTI advisory report on AI in preparation: [AI als kritieke infrastructuur | Adviesraad voor wetenschap, technologie en innovatie \(in Dutch\)](#)

The Netherlands Top-Scoring EU Country in Innovators Business Environment Index (29 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 29 January 2026

The Netherlands ranks 7th in StartupBlink's Innovators Business Environment Index 2026 and is the highest-scoring EU country. This ranking compares countries based on the quality of their business climate for innovative companies, including regulations, financing, digital infrastructure, and market access. The Netherlands scores highly on policies that stimulate entrepreneurship. The report cites its international orientation and collaboration between companies, investors, and knowledge institutions as strengths. However, the report does mention the relatively high tax burden in the Netherlands.

StartupBlink Report: startupblink.com/ibei-report

Parliamentary Committee for Economic Affairs receives briefing on Resilient and Future-Proof advice (22 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 22 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 for Innovation and Innovation) in its recently published report "Resilient and Future-Proof." Council members Marleen Stikker, Gerben Edelijn, and Jolanda Kluin gave a technical briefing on this recommendation to the Standing Parliamentary Committee for Economic Affairs.

Read more about the technical briefing: [Raadsleden geven technische briefing over Weerbaar en Toekomstbestendig | Adviesraad voor wetenschap, technologie en innovatie \(in Dutch\)](#)

Watch the technical briefing: [Briefing en kennismaking met de Adviesraad voor wetenschap, technologie en innovatie \(AWTI\) | Debat Direct \(in Dutch\)](#)

Rathenau Institute: Involve outsiders in research and innovation policy (22 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 22 January 2026

Don't just let the usual suspects contribute to the next generation of research and innovation policy; involve a broader group of stakeholders. This is the argument of researchers Chris Eveleens and Laurens Hessels of the Rathenau Institute. They emphasize the importance of socially responsible innovation, taking into account societal values and societal impact from the outset. "Properly embedding technology in society may seem complicated and time-consuming. At the same time, this effort could potentially prevent us from funding research for too long on a technology that will never be used or ultimately cause more harm than social benefit."

Rathenau Institute News: [Meerwaarde van technologie-investeringen staat of valt met betrekken van buitenstaanders bij onderzoek | Rathenau Instituut \(in Dutch\)](#)

Rathenau Institute publishes eight perspectives on science (22 January 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 22 January 2026

The Rathenau Institute has published a report with eight perspectives on science and science policy in times of geopolitical unrest. These perspectives examine the science system from the perspectives of strategic autonomy, academic freedom, competitiveness, and societal challenges. These different perspectives raise dilemmas, such as encouraging open science versus mobilizing science for military interests. The report aims to broaden and strengthen the discussion about dilemmas in science.

Rathenau Institute News: [Acht perspectieven helpen bij debat over wetenschap bij geopolitieke onrust | Rathenau Instituut \(in Dutch\)](#)

Rathenau Institute Publication: [Geopolitiek in wetenschapsbeleid | Rathenau Instituut \(in Dutch\)](#)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the foreseen HORIZON Europe deadline 30 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 (<i>ERC Advanced Grant</i>)
ERC-2026-PoC	17 March 2026 and 17 September 2026 17:00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Proof of Concept Grant</i>)
Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions	
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01	Opening 28 May 2026 and deadline 24 November 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01 Call - MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01 • TMA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates • TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01	Foreseen opening 26 May 2027 and foreseen deadline 23 November 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01 Call - MSCA Doctoral Networks 2027</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01 • TMA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates • TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-PF-01	Opening 9 April 2026 and deadline 9 November 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2026-PF-01 Call - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Fellowships • Global Fellowships
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-PF-01	Foreseen opening 7 April 2027 and foreseen deadline 8 September 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-PF-01 Call - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2027</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Fellowships • Global Fellowships
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01	16 April 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01: MSCA Staff Exchanges</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-SE-01	15 April 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-SE-01: MSCA Staff Exchanges</i>)
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-COFUND-01	8 April 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2026-COFUND-01: MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programme</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMA-Cofund-Doctoral • TMA-Cofund-Postdoctoral
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-01 MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programme	Foreseen opening 8 December 2026 and foreseen deadline 6 April 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-01: MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programme</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMA-Cofund-Doctoral • TMA-Cofund-Postdoctoral
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-02 MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2027	Foreseen opening 8 December 2026 and foreseen deadline 6 April 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-02-01: MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2027</i>)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMA-Cofund-Postdoctoral
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-CITIZENS-01	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 08 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-CITIZENS-01 Call - MSCA and Citizens 2027</i>)
Research Infrastructures	
<u>Destination 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>Cluster 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 30 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	2nd co-funded call for proposals of the European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare (EUPAHW) "Shaping the Future of Animal Health and Welfare"

Animal Health and Welfare https://www.eupahw.eu/	<p>NEW: The 2nd call for research projects is open since 26th January, 2026. Pre-Proposals must be submitted electronically via this EUPAHW submission tool.</p> <p>Submission deadline for pre-proposals: March 30th, 2026, 12:00 h (CEST) Deadline for full-proposals 16th September 2026, 12:00 CEST EUPAHW: Call 2 PP</p>
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 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) 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><u>Foreseen timeline and information day</u> 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.faccjpi.com/ • Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR): http://www.jpiamr.eu/ • Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU): http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home • Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans): http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/ • More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL): http://www.jp-demographic.eu/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neurodegenerative Disease/Alzheimer's (JPND): http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/ • Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions (Urban Europe): http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/ • Water challenges for a changing world (Water-JPI): http://www.waterjpi.eu/ • Cultural Heritage a Challenge for Europe (Cultural Heritage): http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/
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Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **30 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	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
From 20-01-2026 until 23-06-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission <u>proposals</u> for The second 'NWO Hop-On Call for Researchers Based in Ukraine 2025. Applications can be submitted continuously until the deadline of Tuesday 23 June 2026 at 14:00:00 CE(S)T, or until the budget has been exhausted. Open: Hop-On Call for Ukrainian researchers NWO and NWO-NRFU Partnership Initiative NWO and NWO-NRFU Partnership Initiative NWO
23-06-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission of the <u>mandatory Letter of intent</u> for KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future call with Brazil. Deadline for submission of the mandatory Letter of intent is 23 June 2026 14:00:00 CET (via e-mail) and 23 June 2026 23:59:59 BRT (SAGe) . Call open: Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future (KIC) NWO and KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future NWO and Call for Proposals - Integrated biorefineries for a circular future
03-10-2026	Deadline for submission <u>Full Proposals</u> 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 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
20-10-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission <u>Full proposals</u> for KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future call with Brazil. Deadline for submission of Proposals is 20 October 2026 14:00:00 CEST (ISAAC) and 20 October 2026 23:59:59 BRT (SAGe) . Call open: Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future (KIC) NWO and KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future NWO and Call for Proposals - Integrated biorefineries for a circular future

National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **30 January 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

From 15-01-2026 until 01-03-2026	NEW: Deadline for <u>pre-registration</u> for PPS-call Innovatie-Impuls Agri&Food. Pre-registration is required and can be done until March 1st via this button vooraanmelding . PPS-call 'Innovatie-impuls Agri&Food' geopend - Topsector Agri & Food and PPS-Oproep innovatie-impuls agri&food - Topsector Agri & Food
03-02-2026	Deadline submission <u>proposals</u> 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 <u>Full proposals</u> 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 <u>Full applications</u> 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 <u>full proposals</u> for SSH Open Competition L 2025. The full proposal deadline is 3 February 2026, at 14:00:00 CET: The dates of the collaborative workshops are 23 September 2025 and 7 October 2025 . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-l-2025 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20SSH%20OC%20L%202025%20EN.pdf
03-02-2026	Deadline for submission <u>pre-applications</u> 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 <u>full proposals</u> 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
From 15-01-2026 until 01-03-2026	NEW: Deadline for pre-registration for PPS-call Innovatie-Impuls Agri&Food . Pre-registration is required and can be done until March 1st via this button vooraanmelding . PPS-call 'Innovatie-impuls Agri&Food' geopend - Topsector Agri & Food and PPS-Oproep innovatie-impuls agri&food - Topsector Agri & Food
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/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	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	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 nominations for new NWO Tulip Fund for top international scientists . The deadline for submitting nominations is provisionally set at 31 March 2026, 14:00:00 CEST. Submissions are accepted continuously. Note PJ: Nominations for WUR will be done by RvB, max 2 nominations per University, NOW institute, KNAW institute and Medical Academic Centre . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/tulip-fund-opens-for-top-international-scientists and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/tulip-fund and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Tulip%20Fonds_EN%20%282%29.pdf

07-04-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2026 - round 2. Closing date full application Round 2: 7 April 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2026-round-1 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sgw_oc_xs_2026.pdf
09-04-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2025. The deadline for submitting full proposals is 9 april 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2025-now-open-for-pre-proposals and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Vidi%202025_EN.pdf
14-04-2026	Foreseen deadline Full proposals NWO-KIC call Fewer critical raw materials in the energy transition. Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/fewer-critical-raw-materials-in-the-energy-transition and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/knowledge-and-innovation-covenant
14-04-2026	Deadline for submission Full applications KIC Digital Twinning – Actual and accurate models for insight, optimisation, and decision-making. Closing date full application 14 April 2026 14:00 hrs. NWO makes 7 million euros available for research into Digital Twins NWO and KIC Digital Twinning – Actual and accurate models for insight, optimisation, and decision-making NWO and Call for Proposals - Digital Twinning
15-04-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Full proposals for PPS-call Innovatie-Impuls Agri&Food. Proposals can be submitted until April 15, 2026. Pre-registration is mandatory and can be submitted until March 1, 2026. PPS-call 'Innovatie-impuls Agri&Food' geopend - Topsector Agri & Food and PPS-Oproep innovatie-impuls agri&food - Topsector Agri & Food
07-05-2026	Deadline for submission full applications 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 Full applications for Perspectief round 2025-2026. The deadline for submitting proposals is Tuesday 19 May 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-perspectief-now-open-for-joint-research-proposals-on-technological-innovation and. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2025-2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20Proposals%20Perspectief%202025-2026_EN.pdf
26-05-2026	Deadline for submission of Full applications 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
26-05-2026	NEW: deadline for submission Full applications for Faculty of Impact round 2026. The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 26 May 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. Faculty of Impact round 2026 now open: focus on all five themes NWO and Faculty of Impact 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - Faculty of Impact
09-06-2026	Deadline for submission Full-proposals for Open Competition Domain Science-XL round 2025–2026. The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 9th June 2026, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026
09-06-2026	Deadline for submission of Full proposals 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 Full proposals KIC - Early detection and impact forecasting of (threatening) infectious diseases outbreaks. Closing date full application 16 June 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). KIC - Early detection and impact forecasting of (threatening) infectious diseases outbreaks NWO
16-06-2026	Deadline for submission of full applications 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
17-09-2026	NEW: Foreseen Deadline for The deadline for submitting the application is Thursday, 17 September 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. Pre-announcement: TRI-POLAR call expected to open in March 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
22-09-2026	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission full applications KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia -S 2026. Foreseen closing date full application: 22 September 2026 14:00 hrs. KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia -S 2026 NWO and Demand Driven Research By Consortia - S 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 **30 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 EFFO 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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