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Latest Funding News

European Funding News: Horizon Europe

FutureFoodS second call - state of play (23 April 2026)

Source: FutureFoodS News Spring Edition 2026

The second co-funded call, “**Accelerating Food Sustainability - through Household Dietary Shifts, Trust and Transparency, and Innovations in Circular Food Processing Systems**” of the FutureFoodS Partnership has received an outstanding response! We received **224 pre-proposals** (186 exploratory research projects and 38 accelerating innovation projects) across the three call topics (71 pre-proposals for topic one, 129 pre-proposals for topic two and 24 pre-proposals for topic three). More than 1.400 actors - including 194 associated partners - have joined forces to develop innovative project ideas. This strong participation highlights the high level of engagement from the research and innovation community in accelerating the transition towards sustainable food systems.

The partnership sincerely **thanks all participating actors**, as well as the **national and regional funding agencies** for their guidance and support to the consortia. Special appreciation also goes to the dedicated **panel of experts** who are currently evaluating this impressive number of pre-proposals.

Around mid-May the Call Office will inform all project coordinators about the first step results. The **submission tool** for **submitting invited full proposals** will open at the **beginning of June**.

This second call brings together 33 funding organisations from 20 countries, in collaboration with the European Commission. Together, they are committing up to €39 million to support research and innovation projects that will contribute to a sustainable future.

CBE JU 2026 Call for Project Proposals Now Open (23 April 2026)

Source: Website Circular Biobased

Funding projects developing innovative and sustainable bio-based solutions in Europe.



The Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU) is a €2 billion partnership between the European Union and the Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC) that funds projects advancing competitive circular bio-based industries under Horizon Europe, the EU's research and innovation programme.

The CBE JU 2026 call for project proposals makes a total of €170.7 million available for projects advancing competitive circular bio-based industries in Europe.

CBE JU will fund four types of actions:

- Innovation Actions (IAs) scaling up activities from prototype to product validation and market replication.
- Innovation Flagships (IA-FLAGS) will deploy the first-of-its-kind industrial and commercial scale production plant in the European market.
- Research and Innovation Actions (RIAs) establishing new knowledge or explore the feasibility of new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution.
- Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs) structuring stakeholder communities, support technological visions and outreach, and disseminate and exploit research results, among other objectives.

CBE JU encourages the participation of a wide range of stakeholders including farmers, brand owners, companies, research organisations and local authorities to support the deployment of bio-based solutions.

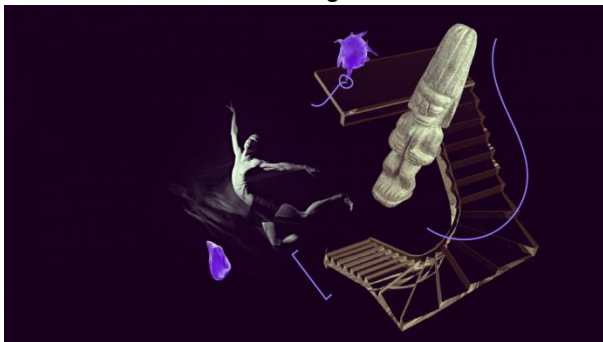
Applications must be submitted before 22 September 2026 (17:00).

For more information: [Home](#) | [Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking \(CBE JU\)](#)

MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026 call receives 416 proposals (20 April 2026)

Source: Website MSCA [MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026 call receives 416 proposals](#) | [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)

The call will fund collaborative research projects and support groundbreaking research through international and intersectoral staff exchanges.



The sixth Staff Exchanges call of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions funded under Horizon Europe closed on 16 April 2026.

The European Research Executive Agency received **416 proposals**. Applicants requested a total budget close to €482.4 million. By comparison, 363 proposals were submitted in 2025 and **81 were eventually selected for funding**. Through this call, the European Union is **expected to fund between 80 and 90 projects** with an indicative budget of around €97.9 million.

Proposals submitted include the participation of **3052 different organisations in 152 countries**, out of which around 13% are Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs).

Proposals are coordinated by organisations in **29 countries**.

[Skip chart\(MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026 call results - Proposals by country of coordinator - top 15 countries\)](#)

MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026 call results



A bar chart showing the number of proposals submitted by country of coordinator. The top countries are Spain with 72 proposals, Italy with 65, the United Kingdom with 55, Greece with 32, France with 27, and Poland with 25.

Supporting collaborative projects through exchanges

The [Staff Exchanges](#) scheme funds short-term international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary exchanges of staff members involved in research and innovation activities of participating organisations. Selected organisations will establish international research partnerships with leading institutions in the EU and beyond including the academic and non-academic sectors in particular small and medium-sized enterprises.

Exchanged staff benefit from new knowledge, skills and career development perspectives, while participating organisations increase their research and innovation capacities.

For more information: <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/whats-new/news/msca-staff-exchanges-2026-call-results>

European Funding News: FP10

European Parliament prepares for FP10 budget fight (23 April 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [European Parliament prepares for FP10 budget fight](#) | Science|Business

MEPs are calling for a Horizon Europe budget of at least €200 billion, but know this will be difficult to deliver without new sources of funding



MEP Carla Tavares, co-rapporteur on the next EU budget, backs a strong research programme. Photo credits: Johanna Geron / European Union

MEPs negotiating the next long-term EU budget want to secure strong funding for the next Horizon Europe, the tenth Framework Programme for research and innovation (FP10), but know they face an uphill battle to convince EU governments.

According to Carla Tavares, one of the MEPs leading on the long-term budget, FP10 is “a very important instrument” in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2028-34. “*FP10 is not one policy instrument among many. This is the foundational capability that makes the other instruments work,*” she said on April 20, at an event organised in the European Parliament by the Informal Group of Universities’ Networks.

She went on to highlight the importance of research for strategic autonomy, the green transition and a competitive industry. “*Cutting research does not save money, it creates costs in other areas. This is a clear position from the Parliament,*” she said, adding that FP10 is precisely the kind of programme that produces European added value that cannot be replicated at national level.

Last week, the Parliament’s budget committee endorsed its position on the MFF, for which Tavares of the Socialists and Democrats (S&D) group is co-rapporteur. It would see FP10’s budget rise from €175 billion under the European Commission’s proposal to €200 billion.

According to Tavares, the next Horizon Europe must be a priority during the budget negotiations, as Europe’s innovation gap represents “an existential challenge for our prosperity, our social model and our global standing.”

Council pushback

There are supportive noises coming from EU capitals on the importance of research and innovation, but they are also likely to resist a significant increase in EU spending. Reducing the overall EU budget during negotiations would be “*the greatest possible mistake we could make in this moment,*” Lina Gálvez, also of the S&D group, told the meeting. “The road of austerity is not the road that will bring us to be more competitive.”

When push comes to shove, it’s easier for governments to cut the EU research budget, which is based on open competition and therefore does not guarantee each country a return on their investment, than it is to cut funding for cohesion or agriculture.

“*We have to be very loud, and we have to have the society on our side,*” said Gálvez. “**We need to shift the narrative from abstract science [. . .] to this idea of tangible prosperity.**”

Horizon Europe should not be seen as being in opposition to the Common Agricultural Policy, she continued. “**The best way for [farmers] to be more productive is through innovation, through science.**”

René Repasi, Parliament’s lead rapporteur for the specific programme implementing FP10 and a further S&D voice, recommended realism when it comes to budgets. “*The €175 billion from the Commission is already quite something,*” while the Parliament’s €200 billion proposal is “quite daring,” he said.

“The €220 billion, which might be the absolute minimum, I totally agree, is not realistic,” he continued. “*We have to do our work in capitals to convince them even to agree to the €175 billion.*”

Policymakers are facing an “impossible equation,” said Hélder Sousa Silva, rapporteur for the budgetary assessment of FP10, who sits with the European People's Party group. “On the one hand, member states want to decrease their annual contribution. On the other hand, we are raising our level of ambition.”

The budget committee’s report sends a “strong message” that Horizon Europe is a key priority in the next MFF, he said. For Sousa Silva, it is also crucial to ensure the full envelope allocated to research and innovation is used for this purpose. That means, for example, that unspent money in the form of decommitments should be fully reused to support research, along with reflows from investments.

Own resources

The Parliament’s report suggests raising the overall EU budget by 10% compared to the Commission’s proposal. This should be financed partly by **at least €60 billion per year in new own resources**, which are revenues collected at EU level in contrast to national contributions to the EU budget.

Joint borrowing, which the EU previously used to finance its Covid recovery fund, is one option, but there is not currently a majority in Parliament for this, Tavares told Science|Business following the event. She suggested first looking at other possibilities such as a **tax on major digital platforms** or online gambling, or the extension of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism.

“For my political group [Socialists and Democrats], we think that we need to be prepared to use joint borrowing if we need it, not just for security and defence, but all areas, including competitiveness,” she said. “But at same time, we know that when we have joint borrowing, we need to pay the debt in the end.”

Read full article here: [European Parliament prepares for FP10 budget fight | Science|Business](#)

European Parliament Committee Backs Refocused European Competitiveness Fund (23 April 2026)

Source: European Parliament

Members of the European Parliament’s Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) have set out a revised vision for the proposed European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), arguing that Europe’s economic strength depends on clearer priorities, lower energy costs and stronger links between research, innovation and industrial deployment.



In a **draft report** https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/ITRE-PR-784506_EN.pdf on the Commission’s proposal, rapporteurs Christian Ehler and Dan Nica say the Fund should become a practical investment tool designed to mobilise private capital and address structural weaknesses that continue to undermine Europe’s industrial base.

The draft report proposes for the first time that the ECF regulation include a clear definition of competitiveness that is centred on productivity. Competitiveness is framed as the ability of European firms to succeed globally on a level playing field while sustaining long-term investment, affordable energy, innovation, skilled workforces and quality jobs across the Union. Public funding, the rapporteurs argue, should act as a catalyst for private investment rather than replacing it, and should be concentrated on areas where European-level action can deliver the greatest impact.

Industrial capability is placed at the core of the ECF. The committee calls for a stronger focus on innovation, scaling-up and industrial deployment, with funding directed towards reinforcing value chains, accelerating decarbonisation and ensuring that value creation remains in Europe. The report warns against spreading resources thinly across numerous objectives, stating that a sharper industrial dimension is needed to improve productivity and global competitiveness.

Energy policy features prominently, reflecting concerns that high and volatile prices continue to deter investment and weaken Europe's position. The draft highlights the need for secure and affordable energy through investment in infrastructure, efficiency, system integration and decarbonisation. Energy is presented as both a competitiveness issue and a pillar of industrial and climate policy.

Digital transformation is identified as another essential driver. The ECF would explicitly incorporate the former Connecting Europe Facility for Digital (CEF-Digital) and promote more agile financing tools to keep pace with fast innovation cycles. Additional focus is given to health, biotechnology and sustainable prosperity, alongside resilience and security priorities including defence, space and critical raw materials to tackle the strategic dependencies that expose Europe to external shocks.

Proposals in this regard include establishing a European DARPA alongside the continuation of conventional collaborative defence research, as well as a dedicated €10 billion approach for critical raw materials, implemented through an operationally independent centre, for which the report calls on the Commission to bring forward legislation.

The draft also seeks to improve coherence across EU funding by tightening links between the ECF and Horizon Europe. Crucially, this entails keeping Pillar II of Horizon Europe free of ECF Governance. Instead, it would support clear pathways from research excellence to market uptake, while preserving independent, expert-led governance for Horizon Europe's collaborative research pillar.

For research organisations, higher education institutions and innovation stakeholders, the proposals are intended to align funding more closely with industrial outcomes and scaling opportunities, while offering greater clarity on priorities and longer-term investment signals across Europe's research and innovation landscape.

Parliament shares alternative vision for ECF link with Horizon Europe (23 April 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [Parliament shares alternative vision for ECF link with Horizon Europe | Science|Business](#)

Draft negotiating position on €409 billion European Competitiveness Fund gets mixed reviews from industry and universities



Photo credits: Alain Rolland / European Union

The European Parliament's rapporteurs for the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) have published their draft vision for the proposed €409 billion fund, with an alternative model for its "tight" connection with the EU research programme Horizon Europe.

In their draft report, Christian Ehler for the European People's Party and Dan Nica for the Socialists and Democrats reject the European Commission's proposal of a single work programme to control the ECF and Horizon Europe's Pillar 2 for collaborative research. **Instead, they want to introduce bridge funding between the two funds.**

These Horizon Europe Pathway Actions, as the report calls them, would build exclusively on Horizon Europe project results, funding deployment, commercialisation, scaling, licensing, standardisation or other forms of knowledge translation. Ehler says they would serve "a simple funnel between the two programmes."

The rapporteurs say the grants would help bridge the gap between the programmes without tying Horizon Europe into the policy-guided ECF. Ehler believes this approach would also simplify management, even if it introduces a new type of funding.

"I strongly believe that if we have non-overlapping and purposeful instruments that offer applicants a clear picture of what is expected of them, [it] is much simpler for applicants than the vaguely defined options for instruments that the Commission gave itself under its proposal," Ehler told Science|Business.

According to the draft report, Pathway Actions calls should be defined by the same independent expert group that the Parliament wants the Commission to establish to advise on Horizon Europe. But the projects would be funded under the ECF.

In theory, these pathway actions would be similar to the European Innovation Council's Transition grants, which already offer funding to some Horizon Europe beneficiaries to develop business cases and turn research results into validated technology. But the exact shape, size and nature of the calls for projects would depend on the vastly different market needs across technologies and sectors they would support.

Mixed reaction

The proposal follows months of debate on how to link Horizon Europe and the ECF, which is one of the most controversial aspects of the Commission's proposal for the next EU budget period, due to start in 2028. Louise Drogoul, senior adviser for innovation and sustainability at the Cesaer university association, said the report moves the ECF debate in the right direction by suggesting that collaborative research in Horizon Europe's Pillar 2 should not be absorbed into a competitiveness governance framework.

If well designed, Horizon Pathway Actions "could provide a more structured bridge between Horizon-funded results and later-stage deployment, commercialisation, scale-up or uptake in Europe," she told Science|Business. But much will come down to implementation. "The concept will only be useful if it remains clearly downstream and does not become a back door for reshaping the purpose or governance of Pillar 2 itself," which should remain open and based on excellence, Drogoul said.

Pathway Actions should "address genuine deployment bottlenecks and market failures," recognise the role of universities and research organisations, and offer a simple and predictable mechanism, she added. "Otherwise, there is a risk of adding yet another layer of complexity between research and application."

Joep Roet, deputy director at the Netherlands House for Education and Research, also welcomed the Parliament's amendments, in particular because they reject steering research priorities and calls through the ECF, instead prioritising coordinated priority setting and delineating a pathway from research to deployment.

"Research and innovation are unpredictable by nature, so let researchers conduct research via [Horizon Europe], while scaling up promising results through the ECF, rather than doing things the other way around," he said. "The pathway from research to deployment is welcome, including these actions as well as [industrial partnerships]." Industry, meanwhile, prefers the Commission's approach. "Unlike the co-rapporteurs, BusinessEurope supports placing [Horizon Europe's collaborative research] in an integrated work programme," said the industry lobby group's chief economist, Lúcio Vinhas de Souza.

While the group welcomed the Parliament's push for stronger linkages between the programmes to support commercialisation, when it comes to the Pathway Actions, "the proposal still requires further detailed analysis and assessment," he said.

Budgets

The rapporteurs also propose increasing the ECF's budget, from €234.3 billion under the Commission's proposal to €257.7 billion. This is still lower than the €264.4 million figure adopted by the Parliament's budget committee last week in its draft report on the overall EU budget.

The report also introduces slight modifications to the names of the ECF's four policy areas and suggests a more detailed budget breakdown, including dedicated budgets for the InvestEU loan, equity and guarantee scheme. While the Commission proposal included the ECF InvestEU Instrument, the Parliament proposal goes further by assigning specific InvestEU amounts to each policy area. The headline figures are:

Energy infrastructure, industrial decarbonisation and clean technology

- InvestEU: €15 billion
- Energy infrastructure: €14.73 billion
- **Industrial decarbonisation and clean technology: €10 billion**

Biotechnology, health and sustainable prosperity

- InvestEU: €5 billion
- Health: €4 billion
- **Biotechnology: €3 billion**
- **Sustainable prosperity: €3 billion**

Digital infrastructure and agile digital leadership

- InvestEU: €15 billion
- Connectivity and digital public infrastructure: €15 billion

- **Technology infrastructure: €14 billion**
- **Agile digital leadership: €10 billion**

Security, critical raw materials, defence and space

- InvestEU: €5 billion
- Critical raw materials: €10 billion
- Defence industry and security: €54 billion
- Defence research and innovation: €13 billion
- Space: €50 billion

Read full article here: [Parliament shares alternative vision for ECF link with Horizon Europe | Science|Business](#)

Other International funding

Request for expressions of interest for a synthesis study of the NWO NL-CGIAR Water-Food Nexus research programme (24 April 2026)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/request-for-expressions-of-interest-for-a-synthesis-study-of-the-nwo-nl-cgiar-water-food-nexus-research-programme>



NWO is searching for an expert or a small team with expansive on knowledge of Water-Food nexus research in African smallholder farming settings to conduct a synthesis study of the NL-CGIAR Water-Food Nexus research programme. This study will be conducted alongside and together with the six awarded research projects within the programme, which start in 2026 and are expected to conclude in 2030. 50.000 euro is available to conduct the study. The deadline for submitting an expression of interest is 15 June 2026.

In 2025, NWO awarded funding for six research projects as part of the NL-CGIAR Water-Food Nexus research programme. These transnational and transdisciplinary research projects are conducted in Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. Their aims are to gain a better understanding of the socio-economic barriers and opportunities in the enabling environment for scaling of water retention practices and to provide options for governance functions and attributes that support scaling-up of moisture retention practices. This research can enable the scaling of soil moisture retention practices that make these systems more resilient to increasing severity of dry spells in a changing climate.

With this synthesis study, NWO aims to aggregate insights and outcomes from the six research projects, encourage knowledge exchanges amongst them and widen the outreach of these projects and the programme as a whole. The synthesis study will be executed alongside and together with the research projects themselves, allowing for reflection during and following the conducted research. Besides working on the synthesis study, the expert(s) will connect with the team conducting the wider synthesis of the NL-CGIAR research programme. A request for expressions of interest to conduct the wider NL-CGIAR synthesis study is expended later this year.

Requirements and responsibilities of the expert(s)

The expert(s) conducting the synergy study should have:

- Verifiable sound knowledge of Water-Food nexus research in an African smallholder farming setting, including related networks, policy fora and platforms, as well as insight in relevant events and meetings.
- Proven experience in interpreting and synthesising research results
- Experience in research communication, knowledge sharing & research uptake activities in different settings (including Low- and Middle-Income Countries)
- A scientific background

Responsibilities include (amongst others):

- Identifying cross-cutting knowledge and topics based on the theme of the call and the focus of the projects.
- Identifying the programme's emerging needs for deeper or broader learning.
- Further defining a WFN programme-level Theory of Change and Impact Pathway.
- Lead sessions, organise synthesis workshops, and present results at various meetings / conferences.
- Coordinating a final scientific publication or a special issue with output from the six projects.

- Co-organising (NWO-funded) knowledge exchange events in collaboration with NWO, Netherlands Food Partnership (NFP) and CGIAR partners to highlight how the programme results connect to (inter)national policy and academic debates.

The complete list of requirements, responsibilities and deliverables can be found in the Terms of Reference for the synergy study.

Read full terms of reference here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/the-netherlands-nl-cgiar-research-programme/water-food-nexus-nl-cgiar>

New funding opportunity alert: check out the call for proposals on “Agri-food Biotech Scaling-up” (23 April 2026)

Source: Mailing FOOD2030

This Single Market Programme call https://eisma.ec.europa.eu/funding-opportunities/calls-proposals/agri-food-biotech-scaling-smp-cosme-2026-bioagrifood_en will fund projects within the bioeconomy, with a special focus on biotech applied in the food sector. The projects aim at boosting collaboration between biotech clusters, creating a critical mass able to compete with global hubs. Projects will have to actively support their SMEs developing innovative products made with bio solutions, especially to scale-up from the laboratory to pilot- and commercial scale, and explore the best options to provide regulatory support to help bring those products to the market.

Projects should focus on the agri-food sector, and the use of fermentation technologies (such as biomass fermentation and precision fermentation) which already contribute to food sustainability and security and will increasingly do so..

Find out more in the [online information session](#) and apply on the [Funding & Tenders portal!](#)

 Deadline: 2 June 2026, 5:00 PM CEST

2026 LIFE Programme Calls Now Open (23 April 2026)

Source: website LIFE https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life-calls-proposals-2026_en

New round of Calls under LIFE programme open to applications.



With a total budget of €601.5 million, the LIFE 2026 Calls for Proposals support EU measures to increase competitiveness, close the innovation gap and decarbonise the economy. In addition, it will help reduce strategic dependencies - especially on fossil fuels - and enhance the overall resilience of energy systems. Applications are invited for innovative and best practice projects which demonstrate genuine potential to move from piloting and testing to practical, cost-effective application at scale.

Specifically, projects should seek to:

- Protect, conserve and restore Europe’s wildlife, biodiversity and natural spaces.
- Encourage individuals and businesses to rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Promote a sustainable, prosperous and competitive economy and quality of life.
- Cut harmful emissions, boost climate resilience and help to deal with extreme weather.
- Accelerate Europe’s transition to clean, renewable, self-sufficient energy supplies.
- Increase energy efficiency, flexibility and overall EU energy system resilience.
- Accelerate energy investments, and promote citizen engagement and support in the energy transition.

Any legal entity based in the European Union or in countries associated with the LIFE Programme can apply for a project grant. LIFE project applications can be submitted by a single organisation or by several entities working in collaboration with other partners, but not by individuals.

Note PJ: Please realize that tariffs are not very good: only 7% of indirect costs are covered

Registration is open for the **online EULIFE26 info days** taking place **28 to 30 April 2026**. This event is organised by the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) to inform and support potential applicants. Dedicated information sessions will provide insights into the four LIFE sub-programmes, highlight the Calls' priority topics for 2026 and give advice on how to prepare a good proposal.

Concept notes for Strategic Nature Projects and Strategic Nature and Integrated Projects must be submitted by 3 September 2026.

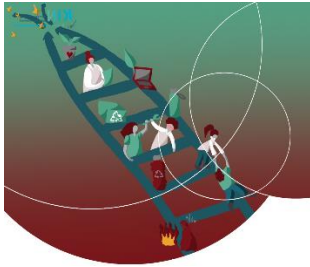
All other Calls have an application deadline of 22 September 2026.

Documents & links: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life-calls-proposals-2026_en

National funding

Sustainable Research Fund; 20 projects granted funding to make research practices more sustainable (29 April 2026)

Source: NWO News [Sustainable Research Fund; 20 projects granted funding to make research practices more sustainable | NWO](#)



Research contributes to knowledge about sustainability, but how do we make research practices themselves more sustainable? Funding has been awarded to twenty projects from the call launched in 2025 by NWO and the Dutch Climate Research Initiative (KIN) to stimulate sustainable research practices in science; ranging from ‘greener’ AI to more conscious academic travel (or none at all).

About the Sustainable Research Fund call

Developments such as climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution present our society with urgent challenges. Researchers and research organisations play an indispensable role in developing solutions to the major challenges surrounding climate, the environment and the living environment, and in understanding, preventing and addressing these sustainability issues. However, conducting research also has its own ecological footprint. Consider CO₂ emissions from travel, energy and data usage, or material consumption in laboratories.

NWO views sustainability as a shared responsibility of funders, research organisations, researchers and other partners in the knowledge chain. With this call, NWO aims to drive forward ecological sustainability and ensure that researchers can conduct their research with the least possible undesirable impact on the climate, environment and living environment. Sustainable research practices can contribute to future-proofing, risk mitigation, efficiency and cost savings. Furthermore, it is fitting for science to take on a leading role in societal transitions such as the climate transition, and to develop new knowledge and innovations that are widely applicable in society.

For an overview of the granted projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/sustainable-research-fund-20-projects-granted-funding-to-make-research-practices-more-sustainable>

The Climate Research Initiative (KIN)

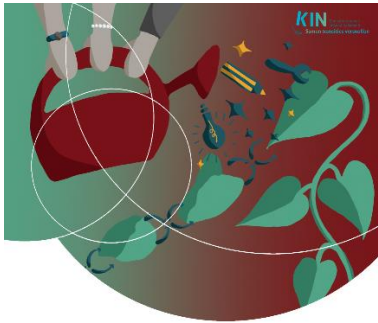
The [Dutch Climate Research Initiative \(KIN\)](#) is the hub within NWO where the knowledge needed for climate transitions flows, from science to practice and vice versa. To this end, KIN breaks down existing barriers within the (scientific) system where necessary and fosters collaboration. In this way, we can accelerate progress together, and knowledge is given the opportunity to make a difference in the transition to a climate-neutral and climate-resilient future.

Science in Transition

This call forms part of the ‘[Science in Transition](#)’ programme line. Through this programme line, NWO and KIN aim to encourage the scientific community to take steps towards just climate transitions by developing future-proof ways of collaborating, conducting research and providing funding. This programme line also includes the ‘Transformative working methods and processes’ grant call.

Transformative practices to climate transitions: science and practice join forces in 20 funded projects (29 April 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Transformative practices to climate transitions: science and practice join forces in 20 funded projects | NWO](#)



Knowledge for climate transitions is not always applicable in practice or sufficiently valued within the scientific community. Developing applicable knowledge requires the establishment of research practices in which science and practice jointly develop knowledge and determine the desired direction of climate transitions. With this grant, the Climate Research Initiative Netherlands (KIN) aims to stimulate the development, testing and upscaling of transformative practices and processes.

About the call:

There is no ready-made recipe for a successful climate transition. What is clear, however, is that science and practice must jointly determine the desired direction of transitions. Current research practice is often characterised by disciplinary specialisation, competition between consortia and fragmentation of knowledge, and therefore falls short when tackling complex societal challenges such as climate transitions.

With this [call](#), the Climate Research Initiative (KIN) is committed to a new scientific practice in which a transition mindset can take shape: an attitude and approach that prioritises collaboration between researchers and civil society organisations, values different forms of knowledge equally, and provides scope for transformative practices that contribute to just systemic change.

WUR is involved in two of the funded projects

- 1. Sounds like Trouble: Designing Loss-of-Control Experiences for Climate Transitions** *Dr W. Wiersma, Prof. Dr J. Wallinga (WUR), Dr J.M. Chambers (UU), M Van Ree (Wageningen Environmental Research Foundation, WENR)*
- 2. Water Playground**
M.R. Mandemakers (Myrthe Mandemakers), N.E. Hendriks (WUR), A. Stoop (Anne Stoop)

For overview of all the funded projects: [Sustainable Research Fund; 20 projects granted funding to make research practices more sustainable | NWO](#)

Science in Transition

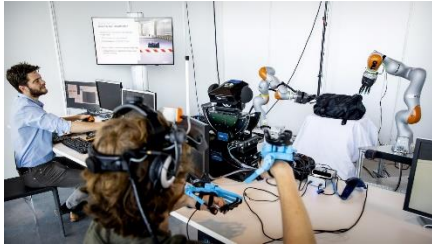
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Four consortia receive 65 million euro for long-term transdisciplinary research (29 April 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Four consortia receive 65 million euro for long-term transdisciplinary research | NWO](#)



This funding is part of the KIC programme line Strategy and offers researchers, businesses and civil society organisations the opportunity to collaborate on large-scale, long-term research projects. The selected projects will receive 65 million euros from NWO. Corporations and other organisations will contribute an additional 182 million euros.

Within this research programme, consortia were free to propose their own research topics, provided they aligned with one or more of the Dutch government's Knowledge and Innovation Agendas. As a result, the four awarded projects are very diverse. From the use of systems inspired by the efficiency of the human brain for ultra-fast, energy-efficient data processing and the effective deployment of new AI tools for the Dutch healthcare sector, to the development of a national centre for the robotisation of physical labour. These ten-year projects have the potential to make significant strides in their research fields and initiate new developments that will ultimately address urgent societal challenges. Through the KIC long-term programmes, NWO is providing a powerful boost to various fields of research, thereby stimulating economic and societal innovation across multiple sectors.

WUR is Co-applicant in one of the funded projects

AI4Health – led by Prof. Dr. Carl Moons UMC Utrecht: Co-Applicant **Dr. G. (Guido) Camps** - Wageningen University & Research

For more information about the funded projects: [Four consortia receive 65 million euro for long-term transdisciplinary research | NWO](#)

One project receives funding for research into the underexposed knock-on effects of the Dutch slavery past (29 April 2026)

Source: website NWO News [One project receives funding for research into the underexposed knock-on effects of the Dutch slavery past | NWO](#)



A project has been awarded funding under the NWA Call 'Slavery pasts: (understudied forms of) impacts and perspectives'. Colonial slavery has left a deep mark on world history. To this day, this past continues to have consequences in contemporary societies. The funded project aims to stimulate academic and applied research into the under-researched legacies of the Dutch colonial history of slavery.

The traces of the Dutch history of slavery and colonial past are still present in our contemporary society. Developing knowledge about the role and influence of the Dutch colonial history of slavery in our current society is a necessary prerequisite for gaining a better understanding of its long-lasting and often far-reaching effects.

The Call aims to stimulate research into the often lesser-known consequences of the Dutch history of slavery. The programme aims to contribute to the debate on how societies deal with past injustices and work towards a just future. It also aims to strengthen the development, sharing and preservation of knowledge on this subject within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

In this Cal for proposals, consortium formation was stimulated by deploying a Sandpit. For participation in the Sandpit, selection took place through an Expression of Interest. The aim of a Sandpit is to establish cooperation in new collaborations and joint research proposals.

This project is led by dr. A.E.G. (Alana) Helberg-Proctor (University of Amsterdam): **WUR is partner in consortium with:** dr. Emmanuel Akwasi Adu-Ampong, Nancy Jouwe, Claudia Kraan and Harro Maat

For more information: [One project receives funding for research into the underexposed knock-on effects of the Dutch slavery past | NWO](#)

Six versatile grants awarded under the Open Technology Programme (28 April 2026)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/six-versatile-grants-awarded-under-the-open-technology-programme>



Six promising research projects have once again been selected within the Open Technology Programme (OTP). With these grants, NWO is stimulating the development of new technologies that offer solutions to a wide range of social and scientific issues.

The research covers a wide range of topics, from nanomedicine and the development of 3D models for radiative transfer to the detection of specific DNA mutations in liquid biopsies. The funded projects combine scientific excellence with tangible impact. Thanks to OTP funding, top scientists are given the opportunity to turn their ideas into solutions that contribute to addressing various societal challenges.

Growing threat to residents from rising damp in buildings

One of the funded projects is the research by Dr. B.A. Lubelli, MSc, which focuses on rising damp in buildings. Chemical agents used to tackle this growing threat often prove to be ineffective. In this research, advanced cutting-edge technologies are employed, and new testing protocols are developed and validated. For the first time, the distribution of chemical damp proofing products within microscopic pores of building materials is visualized in real-time, while assessing their effectiveness at a larger scale.

Development of new MRI sequences and magnetic fixation systems

MRI is a crucial clinical tool for diagnosing diseases and monitoring treatment. However, there are an increasing number of patients, including children, with hearing implants, which means MRI scans are usually non-diagnostic and may not be available to them throughout their lives due to an implanted fixation magnet. This research by Prof. Dr. A.G. Webb focuses on the development of new MRI sequences and magnetic fixation systems that will ultimately make it possible to obtain diagnostic-quality images for all patients with implanted hearing devices.

WUR is leading one of the granted projects

ORCRIST: Optimized Ray-tracing for Cloud-Radiation Interaction Simulations in 3D using GPUs and Machine Learning - **dr. ir. C.C. van Heerwaarden**, Wageningen University & Research (22905): **Co-applicant(s):** Leiden University - dr. B.J.C. van Werkhoven

An overview of all granted projects can be found here: [Six versatile grants awarded under the Open Technology Programme | NWO](#)

Five new thematic calls in preparation for public-private partnerships (24 April 2026)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/five-new-thematic-calls-in-preparation-for-public-private-partnerships-0>



NWO is developing five new calls for proposals within the Mission line of the NWO-KIC programme. These calls will fund impact-driven research by consortia consisting of knowledge institutions, businesses and civil society organisations focused on various societal challenges. Themes such as energy storage and conversion, imaging technology in healthcare, and impact measurement in transitions are currently being developed into calls for proposals.

To inform potential applicants and other interested parties in good time, NWO publishes the themes on which funding will be allocated in advance. These calls are expected to be published in the autumn of 2026. 7 million euros in funding will be available per call. In addition, a percentage of co-funding (in-kind or in cash) will be required for each call. Further information will be available upon publication of individual calls.

The themes of the calls currently being prepared

- **New materials and manufacturing processes for large-scale energy storage and conversion**
- **Monitoring and impact assessment for societal impact and earning capacity**
- **Organising circular economy ecosystems**
- **Software sovereignty**
- **Mobile and modular imaging technology for a healthy and safe society**
- **Knowledge and Innovation Agendas**

Under the Mission programme line, NWO annually develops several thematic programmes for consortia working on innovative research to address societal challenges. The themes are derived from the Dutch government's mission-driven innovation policy, in particular the Knowledge and Innovation Agendas (KIAs) drawn up as part of this.

The eight KIAs are as follows:

1. Climate and Energy
2. Circular Economy
3. Agriculture, Water, Food
4. Health & Care
5. Seafafety
6. Key Enabling Technologies
7. Digitalisation
8. Societal earning Capacity

NWO-KIC: innovation programmes in the knowledge and innovation covenant

NWO develops innovation programmes that focus on societal challenges in the Netherlands. These programmes aim to have an impact on the economy, people and society. The focus is on cooperation between knowledge institutions, private parties and the government. The results thus contribute to the realisation of economic opportunities. It is therefore essential that companies invest in every research project.

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.

Nominate candidates now for the 2026 Leo Waaijers Open Science Award (21 April 2026)

Source: Website <https://www.openscience.nl/en/news/nominate-candidates-now-for-the-2026-leo-waaijers-open-science-award>



Starting from 2026, UKB and NWO will jointly present the annual NWO UKB Leo Waaijers Open Science Award. This award was established by UKB in 2024 to recognize individuals or teams who have made an exceptional contribution to open science. Starting now, you can nominate open science initiatives for this award. Who will you nominate?

Starting in 2026, NWO and UKB will jointly present the annual Leo Waaijers Open Science Award. With this award, UKB, NWO, and Open Science NL recognize and honor initiatives that make a significant, inspiring, and sustainable contribution to the open science movement. These are pioneers who have worked against the tide and thereby set real change in motion. The winner will receive a prize fund of €50,000. This fund can be used to further reinforce existing initiatives, expand them, or launch new ones.

The nomination process

The prize may be awarded to a single person or to multiple individuals who are jointly committed to open developments. [The conditions for nomination can be found in the Leo Waaijers Open Science Award brochure](#). A jury of open science experts will evaluate the submissions. The winner will be announced during the Open Science Festival on October 14, 2026 in Delft, where the award will be officially presented.

Nominations must be submitted by 2:00 PM CEST on June 23, 2026.

Send your nomination by e-mail: awards@nwo.nl

Call open: Triple planetary crisis in the polar regions (TRI-POLAR) (20 April 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Call open: Triple planetary crisis in the polar regions \(TRI-POLAR\) | NWO](#)



The NWA call 'Triple planetary crisis in the Polar regions' (TRI-POLAR) is now open for proposals. This call for proposal from the Dutch Research Agenda (NWA) and the Netherlands Polar Programme (NPP) focuses on increasing knowledge about the links between climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution in the polar regions, in order to support integrated and sustainable policy solutions.

Our world is facing a triple planetary crisis: climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. These interconnected problems are hitting the polar regions particularly hard, which are warming up to four times faster than average. This is leading to, among other things, loss of sea ice, thawing of permafrost, disruption of food webs and ecosystems, and an increase in pollution and human activity. This call for proposal focuses on understanding the interaction and convergence of these three crises in the polar regions.

Aim of the call

The aim of this call for proposal 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

The objectives of the programme are:

- To create new insights into the effects of the interactions between the three planetary crises, the accumulation of pressure factors and their consequences for life and the environment in the polar regions.
- These insights form the basis for the development of future scenarios and perspectives for action for informed and integrated policy that reduces and prevents the single and cumulative effects of pressure factors on the polar regions.

Look at the call for proposals here: [Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions | NWO](#)

Download call for proposals: [Call for Proposals - Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions](#)

Budget and duration

The budget for this call for proposal is approximately €9,500,000 for one full proposal. The project duration is a maximum of eight years.

When to apply

1. **Matchmaking workshop:** 2 June 2026, full day on [location](#) - mandatory for lead applicants
2. Pre-registration: Thursday, 17 September 2026 at 14:00:00 CEST
3. Synergy workshops: February-April 2027
4. Full application: Thursday 9 September 2027 at 14:00:00 CEST

Please note that co-applicants from “other organisations” and foreign organisations must check in advance whether the organisation is eligible to submit an application. The deadline for the assessment request is 20 August 2026 at 14:00:00 CEST for pre-applications.

Matchmaking

On Tuesday 2 June 2026, NWO will organise an matchmaking for the NWA call 'Triple planetary crisis in the Polar Regions' (TRI-POLAR). During the matchmaking, researchers and other interested parties will come together to explore possible collaborations.

Learn more and apply for matchmaking: [Matchmaking 'Triple planetary crisis in the Polar regions' \(NWA\) | NWO](#)

Regional funding

EFRO East Netherlands: some new opening of calls (20 April 2026)

Source: Website EFRO Oost <https://www.efro-oost.eu/aanvragen>

From May 18, 2026, at 9:00 AM, you can submit new applications. This applies to **Innovation projects, Test and Demonstration tracks**, as well as projects in the field of **Clean and Resource-Efficient Technologies**.

Which projects are eligible?

The call for proposals for this program concerns innovation projects, test and demonstration projects (combined budget of 4 million euros), and projects in the field of clean and resource-efficient technologies (budget of 5.45 million euros). With regard to technology development, the following requirements apply:

- innovation projects must have a TRL level of 4 to 8;
- test and demonstration projects must have a TRL level of 6 to 8.

In addition to regular innovation projects, there is therefore also a special 'clean and resource-efficient technologies' call for proposals for projects that contribute to a sustainable economy. This call is intended for projects that, among other things, help to operate more energy-efficiently, use sustainable energy (such as solar or wind energy), or reuse raw materials to reduce waste.

For these projects, **funding is available only for Gelderland**. The budget for Overijssel has been exhausted.

Please note: The available funds are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, ensure that your project plan reaches us as soon as possible.

For more information about the 2026 calls

- [Vinnovate 2026 \(in Dutch\)](#)
- [Innovatieprojecten \(in Dutch\)](#)
- [Test-en-demonstratieprojecten \(in Dutch\)](#)
- [Schone en hulpbronnefficiënte technologieën \(in Dutch\)](#)
- [ION+3 \(in Dutch\)](#)

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

Magyar's election victory fuels hope for restoration of Hungarian participation in Horizon Europe (23 April 2026)

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 23 April 2026*

Péter Magyar's election victory in Hungary fuels expectations that the exclusion of Hungarian institutions from Horizon Europe and Erasmus+ can be lifted. Both Science Business and Nature expect this. Since 2022, approximately 30 institutions have been excluded due to concerns about academic freedom and transparency under the policies of former Prime Minister Orbán. The new government wants to restore the autonomy of universities, which is a condition for renewed participation in EU programs. Researchers are cautiously optimistic but point out that recovery takes time and goes beyond merely reversing previous measures.

Article Science Business: [Orbán election defeat brings hope Hungary's Horizon Europe ban will be lifted | Science|Business](#)

Article Nature: [What Orbán's fall from power means for research](#)

Mark your calendars: the EU Green Week is coming soon! (23 April 2026)


Source: *FOOD2030 Newsletter Spring 2026*


This June, the 26th edition of EU Green Week puts the spotlight on the business case for nature, demonstrating that a nature-positive economy is essential for Europe's prosperity, resilience, and competitiveness.

The high-level conference in Brussels (3–4 June) breaks the mould with a dynamic programme combining panel discussions, TED-like talks, cinema nights, and a dedicated startup-investor matchmaking event. We will explore how nature-positive models work in practice, focusing on profitable farming, soil health, greening cities, and innovative financing to reverse rural flight.

Bringing together policymakers, investors, farmers and civil society, EU Green Week 2026 is where environmental ambition meets economic reality.

[Registrations are now open! Join in person or online.](#)

 When: 3-4 June 2026

 Where: Brussels

Israel's participation in Horizon Europe halved (23 April 2026)

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 23 April 2026*

Israel's participation in Horizon Europe has halved in recent years, reports Science Business. In 2025, only 2.5 percent of projects had an Israeli partner, compared to 5.4 percent in 2022. Funding received fell from 303 million euros to 119 million euros. According to those involved, this is due to multiple factors. European researchers have become more reluctant to collaborate, partly due to boycotts. In addition, the mobilization of Israeli researchers for military service and increased competition due to the return of the United Kingdom and Switzerland to Horizon Europe play a role.

Science Business Article: [Israeli participation in Horizon Europe halves as boycotts bite | Science|Business](#)

New Policy Briefs and report from the Danish EU Presidency Conference on Food Systems and Biodiversity Governance (23 April 2026)

Source: *FOOD2030 Newsletter Spring 2026*

Last December, the Danish EU Presidency, with the support of the European Commission, hosted a **high-level Conference on Transformative Governance for Food Systems and Biodiversity**

<https://bioeconomy.ku.dk/conference-3rd-december/recordings-from-the-conference/> . Three recent publications capture the conference's main outcomes and translate them into practical guidance for action:

- **Implementing Transformative Governance for Food Systems and Biodiversity**
- **R&I Flagships for Transformative Governance of the Agriculture and Food System**
- **Transformative Governance for Food Systems and Biodiversity**

The policy briefs and conference report were presented at the Food 2040 workshop in Brussels on 25 March, where they contributed to shaping **CLEVERFOOD's** <https://food2030.eu/> input to the discussions on what should be the priorities and pathways of Food 2040.

Taken together, the two policy briefs and the conference report offer a practical package for those working on the future of Europe's agriculture and food systems. They are intended for EU institutions, Member States, regions, cities and municipalities, as well as researchers, farmers, civil society and finance actors seeking to turn shared conference insights into coordinated implementation.

Universities call for more stable support for European partnerships (23 April 2026)

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 23 April 2026*

European university alliances need more stable and better aligned funding, states umbrella organization

CESAER. Universities view the alliances less and less as temporary projects and more often as long-term platforms for cooperation. Nevertheless, they state that they remain heavily dependent on Erasmus+ funding, and further development is hampered by fragmented programs and short funding cycles. According to CESAER, structural support and better linkages between education and R&D instruments are needed to sustainably anchor this cooperation.

CESAER Press Release: [Inside European University Alliances: institutional insights from universities of science and technology - CESAER](#)

CESAER White Paper: [20260420-cesaer-white-paper-inside-european-university-alliances.pdf](#)

Belgian competitiveness under pressure, innovation remains key strength (23 April 2026)

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 23 April 2026*

Belgian competitiveness is under pressure due to declining exports and growing import dependency. This is the conclusion of the Federal Public Service Economy in the first edition of the Belgian Competitiveness Overview. However, innovation remains a clear strength: the intensity of research and development (R&D) rose to 3.4 percent of gross domestic product, well above the average of neighboring countries. This is mainly due to technology-intensive sectors such as the pharmaceutical industry. The FPS Economy emphasizes that this strong innovation base can support competitiveness in the longer term.

Press release FPS Economy: [Belgisch concurrentievermogen onder druk | FOD Economie Newsroom \(in Dutch\)](#)

Belgian Competitiveness Overview: [Belgian Competitiveness Overview 2025 | FOD Economie \(in Dutch\)](#)

Experts call for EU policies on advanced materials to prioritise autonomy, safety, sustainability, and prosperity (21 April 2026)

Source: [Website EC Experts call for EU policies on advanced materials to prioritise autonomy, safety, sustainability, and prosperity - Research and innovation](#)

Today the Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) has released the Evidence Review Report and Scientific Opinion on Advanced Materials.

Advanced materials are crucial for Europe's autonomy, competitiveness, and resilience. However, even though Europe has a strong foundation in science and established regulatory practices, there are structural challenges that hinder the transition from materials discovery to their safe, sustainable, and competitive use.

In this context, following a request from Ekaterina Zaharieva, Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation, the Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) has published this Scientific Opinion, which emphasises that policies for advanced materials should focus on EU values like autonomy, safety, sustainability, and prosperity.

The key recommendations are:

- ensure that policies for advanced materials prioritise EU values related to autonomy, safety, sustainability, and prosperity
- support the creation of data spaces for Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR) data, digitalisation, AI and computational methods for accelerating safe-and-sustainable advanced materials research and commercialisation
- design standards for advanced materials to support safety and sustainability at every level of technology development and facilitate market access
- strengthen ecosystems that effectively develop, coordinate and support initiatives to accelerate R&D uptake by the market
- invest to expand EU strengths in research and innovation on advanced materials

Together, these recommendations will contribute to shaping the forthcoming Advanced Materials Act, the EU initiative designed to strengthen Europe's industrial leadership, strategic autonomy, and competitiveness in advanced materials.

Background

Advanced materials are designed to deliver superior performance for specific functionalities. They include, for example, superconducting materials for use in computers, biomaterials for drug delivery inside the human body, and materials that store or distribute energy in a far more efficient manner.

The [Scientific Advice Mechanism \(SAM\)](#) provides independent scientific evidence and policy recommendations to the College of European Commissioners on any subject, including on issues that the European Parliament and the Council consider to be of major importance. The SAM comprises the Science Advice for Policy by European Academies ([SAPEA](#)) which brings together Europe's academies and Academy Networks to review and synthesise evidence and the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors ([GCSA](#)), seven eminent scientists whose role is to make policy recommendations.

Franco-German AI Dialogue Sets Course For Europe's Sovereign Digital Future (20 April 2026)

Source: Website Fraunhofer [Franco-German AI Executives' Dialogue](#)

Affirmation of a shared European ambition and submission of a report to the French and German authorities

Seven key sectors, clear industrial policy priorities, and strategic recommendations for action: the Franco-German AI Dialogue sends a strong signal for sovereign, competitive, and trustworthy artificial intelligence in Europe. At the Franco-German Forum on Industrial AI, held at the French Ministry for the Economy and Finance, the final report [Inria_French-German-Report_GB_final.pdf](#) was officially handed over to representatives of both governments. It demonstrates how Germany and France aim to jointly advance the development of a high-performing European AI ecosystem—in close collaboration with industry, research, and policymaking.

On the occasion of the Franco-German Forum on Industrial AI, held at the Ministry of the Economy and Finance, the report of the Franco-German AI Industry Executives' Dialogue was formally submitted to Thomas Courbe, Director General for Enterprise, and Dr Beate Baron, Director General for Industrial Policy at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. Led by the French Embassy in Berlin and coordinated by Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, Inria and IMT, this report aims to propose concrete actions to build a sovereign, competitive and sustainable European AI ecosystem.

This submission marks the culmination of work initiated in January 2025, when the Dialogue was launched in Berlin. Initiated by the French Embassy in Germany and jointly led by Inria, IMT and the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, this initiative has brought together, within an open coalition framework, leading actors from industry, applied research and academia in both countries.

Shared priorities for a more sovereign European industrial AI

From its earliest stages, the Dialogue enabled the alignment of strategic priorities between the two countries. It identified a common set of challenges, ranging from simplifying the regulatory framework to strengthening AI infrastructures and computing capacities in Europe, as well as ensuring access to sustainable energy and developing talent. This convergence also includes a clear intention to focus efforts on strategic industrial sectors and to promote artificial intelligence that is both high-performing and trustworthy.

Seven areas for action to move from analysis to projects

In this context, more than one hundred economic and scientific stakeholders were mobilised through dedicated sectoral workshops. They identified concrete use cases and investment priorities across several key domains, including manufacturing, energy, healthcare, agrifood, as well as media and telecommunications. The proposals put forward are grounded in a detailed understanding of industrial needs and reflect a resolutely operational approach.

A structured overview of priorities for industrial AI in Europe

The report is structured around seven complementary areas of action, each providing a structured overview of needs, the levers to be activated at the European level, and putting forward recommendations.

1. Digital and computing infrastructures

Develop robust European infrastructures (cloud, networks, computing capacities, data spaces) capable of supporting the large-scale deployment of AI solutions, while ensuring interoperability and energy efficiency.

2. Sovereignty and regulatory framework

Clarify and adapt regulatory frameworks to reconcile innovation, competitiveness and sovereignty requirements, particularly in the implementation of European regulations on AI and data, and in extending the cloud cybersecurity label to data spaces.

3. Healthcare

Accelerate the adoption of AI in healthcare systems by facilitating access to data, improving interoperability and validating solutions, in order to enhance care pathways and system efficiency.

4. Manufacturing industry

Support the integration of AI into industrial processes, particularly within SMEs and mid-sized companies, to optimise production, strengthen resilience and enhance expertise. Reduce technical costs through the implementation of support mechanisms.

5. Media

Preserve information sovereignty and business models in the sector in the face of the rise of AI, while promoting content or data and regulating its use, particularly for AI training.

6. Energy

Leverage AI to optimise energy systems, improve their resilience and support the transition towards more sustainable and decarbonised models, for example through the deployment of dedicated LLMs.

7. Agrifood

Harness the potential of AI to improve performance, traceability and sustainability across agricultural and food value chains.

You can download the report here: https://www.imt.fr/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Inria_French-German-Report_GB_final.pdf

Global policy

OECD: Mission-driven innovation policy under pressure due to implementation problems (23 April 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 23 April 2026

Mission-driven innovation policy is growing globally, but suffers from clear shortcomings in its implementation.

This is the conclusion reached by the OECD in a report. High expectations and political and budgetary pressure are putting the approach under strain. According to the OECD, goals are often too broad or insufficiently detailed, there is a lack of coherence between policy and funding, and the deployment of private investments lags behind. Government implementation capacity is also insufficient, and short funding cycles hinder the scaling up of projects. The OECD formulates several recommendations, including sharper objectives, stronger coordination between policy domains, greater involvement of private parties, and better impact evaluation.

OECD Report: [Forging New Frontiers in Mission-Oriented Innovation Policies | OECD](#)

OECD: how horizon scans help policymakers anticipate technological developments (23 April 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 23 April 2026

Governments could gain a better grasp of the consequences of technological developments through horizon scanning. The OECD published a report on this last week. Such scans can identify new technologies at an early stage, allowing for policy anticipation regarding the risk of negative societal consequences or, conversely, enabling the stimulation of economic development. According to the OECD, however, there is room for improvement in quality to optimize the usability of horizon scanning.

OECD Publication: [Building capacity in technology horizon scanning | OECD](#)

OECD publications on reforms in STI policy systems (23 April 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 23 April 2026

Last week, the OECD published a report on the Transformative Agenda for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) systems. This agenda provides a framework for countries to reform their STI policy systems and offers guidelines with practical support in the areas of policy, funding, skills, and emerging technologies. The article announces ten key publications within this framework, the first of which has now been published. This relates to optimizing the use and governance of research and technology infrastructures.

OECD Publication: [Transforming science, technology and innovation systems | OECD](#)

New technologies spread faster via global innovative value chains (23 April 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 23 April 2026

Countries can benefit from emerging technologies and innovation if their companies are a full-fledged part of the global value chain. This is stated by World Bank researchers in an analysis on VoxEU. “The results suggest that promoting technology adoption requires more than just improving domestic capacities or lowering trade costs,” the report reads. “Policies that lower barriers to participation in global value chains, encourage cooperation with leading companies, and support cross-border innovation partnerships can strengthen the channels through which new technologies spread.”

VoxEU Analysis: <https://cepr.org/voxeu/columns/how-new-technologies-travel-evidence-global-firm-networks>

National policy

OCW Policy Letter: Cabinet invests in knowledge, basic skills, creativity, and critical thinking (24 April 2026)

Source: Website Rijksoverheid [Beleidsbrief OCW: Kabinet investeert in kennis, basisvaardigheden, creativiteit en kritisch denken](#) | [Rijksoverheid.nl](#)

Education and research, culture and media, and emancipation are the basis for a resilient and prosperous society. In the current era of global tensions, a stronger foundation is needed. Therefore, the Cabinet intends to invest in knowledge, (basic) skills, creativity, and critical thinking. This is stated in the Education, Culture and Science Policy Letter 2026–2030, in which Minister Letschert and State Secretary Tielen present proposals to the House of Representatives and the Senate regarding the implementation of the coalition agreement. The Council of Ministers has adopted these plans.

Education as the foundation for resilience, well-being, and prosperity

Education means progress. For the individual student and for society as a whole. At school, you get to know yourself and can develop your talents. Good education provides the foundation for participating in society. In our knowledge-based country, the Cabinet therefore aims for higher quality education across the board. Better performance in reading, writing, and arithmetic is a priority for this Cabinet. In addition, quality differences between schools must be reduced by raising more schools to a higher level.

Schools will get to work on a new educational program (curriculum), and starting in 2027, schools will receive structural funding for basic skills. This will allow schools to continue their focus on basic skills. With an eye on the future, State Secretary Tielen wants to strengthen technology education and introduce as many young people as possible to technology through education, for example by investigating whether the Strong Technology Education program can be structurally funded.

Research and innovation as the foundation for progress

Knowledge and innovation are the basis of our prosperity and well-being. For the future and autonomy of both the Netherlands and Europe, it is necessary to strengthen this foundation. The Cabinet therefore plans to make a total of an additional 428 million euros structurally in research and science. This involves reversing previous cuts and strengthening measures that have proven to work. For instance, Minister Letschert proposes to invest structurally in practice-oriented research, increased cooperation between universities, our access to European research and innovation programs, and top-tier scientific instruments domestically. This includes an investment of 185 million euros in the successor to the national supercomputer Snellius. There is also an additional 25 million euros for preparations for the arrival of the Einstein Telescope, in close cooperation with the Province of Limburg and (scientific) partners from Belgium and Germany.

Read full OCW Policy letter here: [Beleidsbrief OCW: Kabinet investeert in kennis, basisvaardigheden, creativiteit en kritisch denken](#) | [Rijksoverheid.nl](#) (in Dutch)

VH calls on politicians not to block doctoral degree in higher professional education (23 April 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 23 April 2026

Coalition party VVD calls on Minister Letschert to wait before legally anchoring the professional doctorate. In a motion, VVD MP De Beer suggests waiting for the ongoing pilot, which runs until 2029, to be completed first.

Markuszower Group MP Claassen and independent MP Keijzer proposed abandoning the bill and instead integrating practice-oriented research under university supervision. Minister Letschert has advised against both proposals. Letschert emphasizes that the pilot is already being evaluated and is showing positive results. She therefore considers it important to start the legislative process now, so that the candidates from the pilot can also be rewarded with the title upon completion. The Association of Universities of Applied Sciences (VH) calls on the House not to make hasty decisions. “It is unwise to close the debate already, while the Minister has just put a bill on the table and an online consultation is underway to gather broad substantive input from society,” responds VH Chairman Maurice Limmen.

Report of the plenary meeting: [Plenaire verslagen](#) | [Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal](#) (in Dutch)

News item Association of Universities of Applied Sciences: [Vereniging Hogescholen | “Geen overhaast oordeel over doctorsgraad in hbo”](#) (in Dutch)

CPB develops indicators for greater insight into long-term effects of education policy (23 April 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 23 April 2026

The Netherlands Central Planning Bureau (CPB) has developed the human capital model to provide greater insight into the effects of education policy on the knowledge and skills of the population. The model is based on the so-called lifetime income approach, which is applied by the United Nations and the World Bank, among others. This takes into account the fact that education policy only has an effect on the economy and broad prosperity after a long time, but subsequently has a long-lasting impact. The model is primarily intended to compare policy packages, such as the election manifestos of political parties.

CPB Press Release: <https://www.cpb.nl/persbericht/cpb-introduceert-human-capital-model-voor-inzicht-langetermijneffecten-onderwijsbeleid> (in Dutch)

Human capital model: <https://www.cpb.nl/publicatie/het-human-capital-model-van-het-cpb> (in Dutch)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

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 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Proof of Concept Grant</i>)
ERC-2027-StG	Foreseen Deadline 14 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Starting Grant</i>)
ERC-2027-CoG	Foreseen Deadline 12 January 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Consolidator Grant</i>)
ERC-2027-AdG	Foreseen Deadline 26 August 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Advanced Grant</i>)
ERC-2027-PLUS	Foreseen Deadline 1 Septem 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Plus Grant</i>)
ERC-2027-SyG	Foreseen Deadline 11 May 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Synergy 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	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	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-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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TMA-Cofund-Postdoctoral
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-02 MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2027	Foreseen opening 8 December 2026 and foreseen deadline 6 April 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-02-01: MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2027</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TMA-Cofund-Postdoctoral
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-CITIZENS-01	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 08 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-CITIZENS-01 Call - MSCA and Citizens 2027</i>)
Research Infrastructures	
<u>Destination</u> INFRADEV - Consolidation and evolution of the European Research Infrastructure landscape (2026-27)	
HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-DEV	16 June 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-DEV: call INFRADEV</i>)
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-DEV	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-DEV: call INFRADEV</i>)
<u>Destination</u> INFRAEOSC - Enabling an operational, open and FAIR EOSC ecosystem (2026-27)	
HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-EOSC	Opening 10 March 2026 and deadline 16 June 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-EOSC: call INFRAEOSC</i>)
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC: call INFRAEOSC</i>)
<u>Destination</u> INFRA SERV - Research infrastructures services to support a healthier future, a global climate and energy vision, a circular and resilient economy, and to advance frontier knowledge (2026-27)	
HORIZON-INFRA-2026-SERV-01	16 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2026-SERV-01: call INFRA SERV</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 INFRA SERV</i>)
Cluster 1 HEALTH	
<u>Destination</u> - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-STAYHLTH	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination</u> - Living and working in a health-promoting environment	
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination</u>– Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden	

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE single stage	Foreseen opening: 10 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE two-stage	Foreseen opening 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 22 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination</u> - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare	
<u>Destination</u> - Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL single stage	16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL single stage	Foreseen opening: 3 June 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-TOOL-01-two-stage	Foreseen opening 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 22 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u>	
<u>Custer 3 Civil Security for Society</u>	
<u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u>	
<u>Destination: Leadership in materials and production for Europe</u>	
HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD single stage	21 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD two-stage	17 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 13 October 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-MAT-PROD single stage	Foreseen opening 22 September 2026 and foreseen deadline 2 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-MAT-PROD two-stage	Foreseen opening 22 September 2026 and foreseen deadline 2 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 2 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time <i>(HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-two-stage)</i>
<u>Destination: Open Strategic Autonomy in Developing, Deploying and Using Global Space-Based Infrastructure, Services, Applications and Data</u>	
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: Developing an agile and secure single market and infrastructure for data-services and trustworthy artificial intelligence services</u>	
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-CL4-2027-04-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-CL4-2027-04-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</u> - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-08-Two-Stage-D1-06:	15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) (CLOSED) and 8 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1	Foreseen opening: 17 November 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 4 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination</u> - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-09-D2	Foreseen opening: 5 May 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 15 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D2	Foreseen opening: 3 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 31 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2027-04-Two-Stage-D2	Foreseen opening: 15 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) and 7 October 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
<u>Destination:</u> Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3	31 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) (CLOSED) 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
<u>Destination:</u> Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes	
<u>Destination:</u> Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods	

<u>CLUSTER 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment</u>	
<u>Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</u>	
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	16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED) 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-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK two-stage	14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED) 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-CL6-2026-01-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	16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED) 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-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION single stage	17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-ZEROPOLLUTION two-stage	16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED) 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-CL6-2027-01-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-CL6-2027-02-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-CL6-2026-04-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	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	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-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	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	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	23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-two-stage	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 2026; 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	23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-06-SOIL-CANCER Joint call SOIL and CANCER mission	Foreseen opening: 9 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-07-CLIMA-CIT-NEB Joint Call between the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission and the Adaptation to Climate Change Mission	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>WIDERA 2026 - 2027</u>	
<u>Destination:</u> Widening participation and spreading excellence	
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01-WIDENING-01: Teaming Synergies	Foreseen opening Opening: 23 April 2026 and foreseen deadline(s): 24 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01 Call - Teaming Synergies)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-03: Hop-on Facility	24 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-03 Call – Hop on Facility)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-05-WIDENING-01: ERA Fellowships	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)
Destination: Reforming and enhancing the European research and innovation system	
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 29 April 2026 for more details; go to EC Funding and Tenders opportunity Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Call identifier	Deadline
European Partnerships	
European Partnerships European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare https://www.eupahw.eu/	2 nd co-funded call for proposals of the European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare (EUPAHW) "Shaping the Future of Animal Health and Welfare" NEW: The 2 nd call for research projects is open since 26 th January, 2026. Pre-Proposals must be submitted electronically via this EUPAHW submission tool. Submission deadline for pre-proposals: March 30 th , 2026 (CLOSED), 12:00 h (CEST) Deadline for full-proposals 16th September 2026, 12:00 CEST EUPAHW: Call 2 PP
European Partnership Biodiversa+ https://www.biodiversa.eu/	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) . <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>
<p>European Partnership Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/</p>	<p>Water4All 2025 Joint Transnational Call https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/28-million-available-for-research-into-the-interaction-between-water-and-health and https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2025-joint-transnational-call</p> <p>Tentative timeline Call opening: 12 September 2025 Submission deadline of preproposals: <u>13 November 2025, 15:00 CET</u> (CLOSED) Selection of preproposals: End of February 2026 Submission deadline of full proposals: <u>13 April 2026, 15:00 CEST</u> Selection of funded proposals: September 2026 Projects start: End 2026/beginning 2027 Kick-off meeting of the funded projects: Spring 2027</p>
<p>European Partnership FutureFoods https://www.futurefoodspartner ship.eu/</p>	<p>FutureFoodS hereby pre-announces the 2nd co-funded call for transnational research projects Second Joint Transnational Co-funded Call — FutureFoodS and FutureFoodS: Call2</p> <p>The call will follow a two-step procedure with the following important steps:]Call launch: Second half of November 2025 Deadline for pre-proposal submission: ~ <u>11 February 2026</u> (CLOSED) Deadline for full-proposal submission: ~<u>27 July 2026</u> (only by invitation)</p>
<p>European Partnership Agroecology https://www.agroecologypartne rship.eu/</p>	<p>Announcement 3rd call AGROECOLOGY partnership 3rd co-funded call — Agroecology Partnership and Agroecology: Call3</p> <p>Tentative timeline Deadline for <u>pre-proposal submission</u> is 18 February 2026, 14:00 CET. (CLOSED) Deadline for <u>full proposal submission</u> is 08 July 2026, 14:00 CEST.</p>
<p>European partnership Agriculture of Data</p>	<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 Procedure Short proposal & full proposal step 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>
<p>European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://bluepartnership.eu/</p>	<p>Third Joint Transnational Call for R&I Funding Call launch (provisional): 15 September 2025, 15:00 CEST Deadline submission Pre-proposals 17 November 2025 (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>
<p>European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/</p>	<p>Pre-announcement: European funding opportunity for sustainable urban transitions https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-european-funding-opportunity-for-sustainable-urban-transitions-0</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)

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

Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on 29 April 2026. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
07-12-2025 until 31-07-2026	<p>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-</p>

	2025/2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%202025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf
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	Deadline for submission proposals 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	Deadline for submission of the mandatory Letter of intent 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 Full Proposals 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	Deadline for submission Full proposals 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 **29 April 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

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	: 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
30-06-2026	Deadline for submission of statement of intent for KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food 2026 . The deadline for submitting a statement of intent 30 June 2026. KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food 2026
08-07-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission letter of Intent for call Preparing for Tomorrow: Societies and Strategies in Times of Transition . The deadline for applicants to declare their Letter of Intent to Apply (LOI) is 8 July, 2026 23:59 CEST. Call open: Research on Future-Proof Strategies for Societies in Transition NWO and Preparing for Tomorrow: Societies and Strategies in Times of Transition NWO and Preparing-for-tomorrow-overview-of-the-call-application-form-and-instructions-and-assessment-procedure-30.03.2026-1.pdf
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
18-08-2026	Deadline for submission for a request for assessment of organisations for phase 1 for the new NWA call 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' The deadline for submitting a request for assessment of organisations based in the Netherlands for phase 1 (see section 3.1.1) is 18 August 2026 before 14:00:00 CEST / The deadline for submitting a request for assessment of foreign organisations for phase 1 (see section 7.1.1) is 18 August 2026, before 14:00:00

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15-09-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2026 - round 3 . Closing date full application Round 3: 15 September 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST.. Second round of SSH Open Competition XS 2026 open for applications NWO and SSH Open Competition XS 2026 - round 2 NWO and Call for Proposals - SGW Open Competitie XS
15-09-2026	Deadline for submission Full applications for phase 1 of the new NWA call 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' The deadline for submitting applications in phase 1 is 15 September 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. New NWA call opened: 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' NWO and Resilient Digital Ecosystems NWO
17-09-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission pre-registration Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR) call Pre-registration: Thursday, 17 September 2026 at 14:00:00 CEST Call open: Triple planetary crisis in the polar regions (TRI-POLAR) NWO and Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions NWO and Call for Proposals - Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions
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	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
06-10-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals KIC - Early detection of (emerging) outbreaks of infectious diseases . The deadline for submission of full applications is 6 October 2026, 14:00:00 CEST. KIC call opened: AI-driven early detection of (emerging) outbreaks of infectious diseases NWO and KIC - Early detection of (emerging) outbreaks of infectious diseases NWO and Call for Proposals - Early detection of (emerging) infectious disease outbreaks
13-10-2026	Deadline for submission of Full applications for KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food 2026 . Closing date full application 13 October 2026 14:00 hrs. 7 million euros available for research into AI applications in the agriculture, horticulture, water, and food sectors NWO and KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food 2026
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
28-10-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission for Full applications for call Preparing for Tomorrow: Societies and Strategies in Times of Transition . The deadline for applicants to submit their full application is October 28, 2026, 23:59 CEST. Call open: Research on Future-Proof Strategies for Societies in Transition NWO and Preparing for Tomorrow: Societies and Strategies in Times of Transition NWO and Preparing-for-tomorrow-overview-of-the-call-application-form-and-instructions-and-assessment-procedure-30.03.2026-1.pdf
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
09-09-2027	NEW: Deadline for submission Full application for Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR) call The deadline for submitting full application Thursday 9 September 2027 at 14:00:00 CEST. Call open: Triple planetary crisis in the polar regions (TRI-POLAR) NWO and Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions NWO and Call for Proposals - Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions
18-09-2029	Deadline for submission for a request for assessment of organisations for phase 2 for the new NWA call 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' The deadline for submitting a request for assessment of organisations based in the Netherlands for phase 2 (see section 3.1.1) is 18 September 2029 before 14:00:00 CEST / The deadline for submitting a request for assessment of foreign organisations for phase 2 (see section 7.1.1) is 18 September 2029, before 14:00:00 CEST.. New NWA call opened: 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' NWO and Resilient Digital Ecosystems NWO Note PJ: I wonder if 18-09-2029 is the right date
16-10-2029	Deadline for submission Full applications for phase 2 of the new NWA call 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' The deadline for submitting applications in phase 1 is 16 October 2029, before 14:00:00 CEST. New NWA call opened: 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' NWO and Resilient Digital Ecosystems NWO Note PJ: I wonder if 16-10-2029 is the right date

Regional calls

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Deadline	Call
2021-2027	EFRO 2021-2027 Eastern Netherlands: For for overview calls go to EFRO Oost https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen
18-05-2026 until 20-09-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission proposals in EFRO East Test- and demonstration projects (prioriteit 1). Opening from 18 may 2026 until September 30, 2026, 5:00 PM (as long as budget is available) Test- en Demonstratieprojecten 2026
18-05-2026 until 20-09-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission proposals in EFRO East Innovation projects. Opening from 18 may 2026 until September 30, 2026, 5:00 PM (as long as budget is available) Innovatieprojecten 2026
18-05-2026 until 20-09-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission proposals in EFRO East Clean and resource-efficient technologies projects. Opening from 18 may 2026 until September 30, 2026, 5:00 PM (as long as budget is available) Schone en hulpbronnenefficiënte technologieën
2021-2027	EFRO 2021 – 2027 Western Netherlands: For calls Kansen voor West III https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen/

2021-2027	EFRO 2021-2027 Northern Netherlands: For calls Northern Netherlands go to Website SNN https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027
2021-2074	EFRO 2021-2027 Southern Netherlands: For calls Southern Netherlands go to website Stimulus https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/

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Wageningen Grant Office

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

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