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Latest Funding News

European Funding News: Horizon Europe

First 2026 Horizon Europe Cluster 6 calls are now closed: 1132 Research Proposals are competing for €405.4 million! (5 May 2026)

Source: Website EC Funding & Tenders Portal News



We have received **1,132 research proposals** competing for up to **€405.4 million** in EU funding to support research in sustainable food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment under [Horizon Europe: Cluster 6](#).

Number of submitted proposals per research destination:

1. **Fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food systems from primary production to consumption** (single stage: **358 proposals** submitted; two-stage: **76 proposals** submitted in first stage)
2. **Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal** (single stage: **128 proposals** submitted; two-stage: **56 proposals** submitted in first stage)
3. **Land, oceans and water for climate action** (single stage): **58 proposals**
4. **Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities** (single stage): **75 proposals**
5. **Biodiversity and ecosystem services** (two-stage): **220 proposals** submitted in first stage
6. **Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors** (two-stage): **59 proposals** submitted in first stage
7. **Clean environment and zero pollution** (two-stage): **102 proposals** submitted in first stage

More funding opportunities are coming later this year.

EIC Transition Open: HORIZON-EIC-2026-TRANSITIONOPEN is open (5 May 2026)

Source: Website EC Funding & tenders Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-eic-2026-transitionopen>

EIC Transition funds innovation activities that go beyond the experimental proof of principle in laboratory (applications must have completed all elements of Technology Readiness Level 3). It supports both the maturation and validation of your novel technology from the lab to the relevant application environments (by making use of prototyping, formulation, models, user testing or other validation tests) as well as explorations and development of a sustainable business plan and business model towards commercialisation into high potential markets.

Your proposed activities must include further technology development on the results achieved in a previous project and follow user-centric methodologies to increase chances of the innovation's future commercial success in the market. EIC Transition projects should address, in a balanced way, both technology and market/business development, possibly including iterative learning processes based on early customer or user feedback. These activities should include, subject to the level of maturity of the technology, a suitable mix of technology development and validation activities to increase the maturity of the technology beyond proof of concept to viable demonstrators of the technology in the intended field of application (i.e., applications must have completed all elements of Technology Readiness Level 3 up to TRL 5 to 6 at the end of the project). The activities must in all cases address improving market readiness towards commercialisation and deployment (market research, value proposition, refine incipient business plan and validate incipient business model, intellectual property protection, etc.) and aspects of regulation, certification and standardisation (if relevant), aimed at getting both the technology and the business idea investment ready.

Deadline date: 16 September 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time

More information can be found in the European Innovation Council Work Programme 2026:

https://eic.ec.europa.eu/document/download/52598755-1351-4b54-b46b-e2682d0a3aec_en?filename=EIC-Work-Programme-2026.pdf

For more background information and all the needed documents: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-eic-2026-transitionopen>

Invitation online RVO info session: CBE-JU & HE cluster 6 CIRCBIO (27 May, 10:00 - 11:30) (30 April 2026)

Source: Mailing RVO Team IRIS, Cluster 6 national Contactpoint

We warmly invite you to a combined online information session on **2 complementary funding programmes** for bio-based and circular innovations: the new call from the **Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)** and the **single-stage topics** under the **CIRCBIO** strand within Horizon Europe Cluster 6.

When?

The online session will take place on Wednesday 27 May from 10:00 till 11:30.

For whom?

The webinar is open to all organisations based in the Netherlands within the business sector, academia, research institutions and government bodies.

Why take part?

By attending this information session, you will gain:

- Results from previous calls and insights from Dutch project participants.
- Understanding of the CBE JU 2026 call and the CIRCBIO single-stage topics under Horizon Europe Cluster 6.
- Explanation of the overlaps between the 2 programmes and which programme best suits your project.
- Practical tips for writing a strong proposal and navigating the evaluation process.

Register

This information session will be held in English. Participation is free of charge.

Please register via the [online registration form](#) by Tuesday 26 May 2026.

Suraj Jamge and Saske Hoving (RVO)

Cluster 6 National Contact Point, Horizon Europe

ERC Scientific Council readjusts rules for reapplication (29 April 2026)

Source: Website ERC <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/erc-scientific-council-readjusts-rules-reapplication>

Note PJ: In the WGO Newsletter of 17 April 2026 we wrote about planned significant changes in upcoming ERC WP2027 call. Following critical feedback about the changes announced for the WP 2027, the ERC scientific council has decided **not to change the rules** for resubmission **for the personal grants**. Only the **SyG-2027 call** will have additional restrictions to resubmission. This means that applicants that received a B score in step 1 in any of the StG, CoG or AdG 2025 calls **are allowed to resubmit for the upcoming 2027 calls after all**.

The ERC Scientific Council has listened to the concerns from members of the research community about the recent announcement on changes to the re-submission rules. The changes, intended to manage the surge in demand for ERC

grants, pertain to calls for proposals in the forthcoming 2027 ERC Work Programme. The Scientific Council has decided to readjust some of the announced changes. Its response to the community is set out in the letter below, signed by ERC President Maria Leptin on behalf of the Scientific Council.



Dear applicants, dear grantees, dear panel members,

Dear researchers and colleagues in the research community,

The Scientific Council (ScC) of the European Research Council (ERC) would like to thank the many members of the research community who have responded to the changes in the rules for re-submission, as announced on 16 April 2026. While the main feedback was concern about the change in the rules for re-submission, these responses also express a great deal of support for the ERC as an important funder for frontier research in Europe.

We value the useful and interesting suggestions in these responses. While many of the ideas had already been evaluated and considered by the ScC, we will carefully review the suggestions and continue to consider how we can work together to ensure a viable ERC into the future. It is vital that we address the increasing number of applications, while maintaining an assessment process of the very highest quality. This may include different measures, such as changes to the rules for re-submission. We will explain our thinking and responses to the proposals from the community in a separate document to be published on our website in due course.

The clear request from the community has been for the ERC to reconsider how we manage the growing demand with an unchanged total budget. In the 2027 Work Programme, we have thus decided **not to change the re-submission restrictions** for **Starting, Consolidator, Advanced** and **ERC Plus Grants** from those employed over the past years (see footnote). However, we will use wider restrictions when it comes to applications for Synergy Grants (see footnote).

footnote:

Eligibility for the 2027 StG, CoG and AdG calls will follow the same rules as in the past:

Applicants who received a C score at step 1 in the 2025 or 2026 StG/CoG/AdG call are not eligible.

Applicants who received a B score at step 1 in the 2026 StG/CoG/AdG call are not eligible.

Eligibility for the 2027 ERC Plus call will be as follows:

Applicants who received a C score at step 1 in the 2025 or 2026 StG/CoG/AdG call are not eligible.

Applicants who received a B score at step 1 in the 2026 StG/CoG/AdG call are not eligible.

Applicants who were not retained at step 1 in the 2026 ERC Plus call are not eligible.

Eligibility for the 2027 SyG call will be as follows:

Applicants who received a C score at step 1 in the 2025 or 2026 SyG/StG/CoG/AdG call are not eligible.

Applicants who received a B score at step 1 in the 2026 SyG/StG/CoG/AdG call are not eligible.

Note that eligibility of applicants for the 2028 calls will be determined only in the 2028 Work Programme

MSCA funds 16 projects to strengthen long-term research careers in Europe (29 April 2026)

Source: [Website MSCA MSCA funds 16 projects to strengthen long-term research careers in Europe | Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)

Improved working conditions and career prospects are the focus of this first "MSCA Choose Europe for Science" call.



A new model encouraging stable research careers

Choose Europe for Science builds on the MSCA's strengths in boosting the attractiveness of research careers. Through this pilot, host organisations will receive EU funding to select and recruit postdoctoral researchers. They will employ and train them throughout their project and offer **pathways to long-term prospects**.

The scheme also spreads MSCA best practices by promoting

- high standards in selection and recruitment
- excellent working conditions
- high-quality training

Results

The European Commission will fund 16 projects, subject to the successful conclusion of the grant agreement preparation process.

An overview of the evaluation results, cut-off scores and statistics has been published on the [MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2025 call page](#) of the Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal.

A [list with all funded projects and coordinating organisations](#) is available in CIRCABC. Please note that this list reflects the results of the evaluation before the Grant Agreement Preparation and formal selection decision.

Once grant agreements are finalised, the complete list of funded projects will be published on the same page and on [CORDIS](#).

Opportunities for researchers

The first positions funded under this call are expected to be published on [EURAXESS](#) from **September 2026 to early 2027**.

Researchers will be able to apply directly to recruiting institutions.

€22 million now available under three new Horizon Europe funding opportunities. Apply now! (27 April 2026)

Source: [Website EC EU Funding & tenders Portal](#) | [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) | [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) | [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)



The three calls for proposals are part of the 'Widening participation and spreading excellence' sub-programme, which aims at improving and harmonising research and innovation across Europe.

ERA Fellowships

Budget: €8 million, with around 50 projects expected to be funded

Deadline: 9 September 2026

Focus: the ERA Fellowships scheme builds on the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026 action. It targets host organisations in Widening countries with lower R&I performance. Fellowships are open to researchers of any nationality who wish to engage in projects by relocating to the EU or moving within the EU to a Widening country.

Teaming Synergies

Budget: €7 million, with one project expected to be funded

Deadline: 24 September 2026

Focus: Teaming Synergies fosters collaboration between existing and future Centres of Excellence, aiming to enhance their sustainability and impact at the regional, national and European levels.

Research Management Facility

Budget: €7 million, with one project expected to be funded

Deadline: 24 September 2026

Focus: this Facility provides tailored support to institutions in Widening countries looking to establish or upgrade their research management capacities.

Over 1900 proposals competing for €223 million under the Widening call 'Twinning'! (27 April 2026)

Source: [Website EC Funding & Tenders Portal](#) [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) | [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) | [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) | [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) | [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) | [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) | [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)



Great interest from research institutions in countries with lower R&I performance to team up with leading counterparts and contribute to solving Europe's most pressing challenges.

We received **over 1900 proposals competing for €223 million** of EU funding available under the Horizon Europe Widening call [Twinning](#).

Indicatively, 210 projects are expected to be funded, with EU contribution per project ranging from €0.8 to 1.5 million.

Stay tuned for the next steps:

1. External evaluators will soon start reviewing the proposals
2. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of July 2026
3. Grant agreement signature is expected by October 2026

Learn more about other [Widening funding opportunities](#) and subscribe to our dedicated [newsletter](#) to receive the news directly in your mailbox.

European Funding News: FP10

Science Business: EU Member States want influence on the course of Horizon Europe successor (7 May 2026)

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026*

EU Member States are working on plans to secure their influence on the strategic priorities of the next Horizon Europe program. Science Business reports this based on access to draft texts. They want to advise the European Commission on the direction of the program via an annual strategic committee and gain a greater role in the selection of partnerships and research infrastructure. Member States also propose that work programs cannot be adopted without their approval. In doing so, their position deviates from proposals in the European Parliament, which advocates a greater role for independent experts.

Science Business Article: [Exclusive: EU governments hatch plan to secure key role in next Horizon Europe | Science|Business](#)

Researchers: Utilize Horizon Europe as a strategic instrument for EU influence (7 May 2026)

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026*

Horizon Europe offers the EU an important strategic instrument to maintain international influence, provided the EU carefully considers the next Framework Programme (FP10). This is argued by researchers from the university alliance LERU in an opinion piece in Science Business. The authors advocate for deploying Horizon Europe more emphatically as an instrument for science diplomacy, particularly in a context of increasing geopolitical tensions. In doing so, they warn that new policy objectives, such as linking to the European Competitiveness Fund and security priorities, must not undermine the open and international character of the programme.

Science Business Opinion Piece: [Viewpoint: Europe holds a trump card, but must play it wisely | Science|Business](#)

ECF must focus limited budget on key priorities, lead MEPs warn (7 May 2026)

Source: *Website Science|Business* [ECF must focus limited budget on key priorities, lead MEPs warn | Science|Business](#)

Parliament committees fight to preserve sectoral funding in Competitiveness Fund, as rapporteurs brace for up to 15,000 amendments



MEP Dan Nica. Photo credits: [European Committee of the Regions](#) / Flickr

The European Parliament's co-rapporteurs for the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) have urged MEPs to provide the fund with a clear focus, as the budget to be negotiated with EU governments later this year will not be sufficient to cover all sectoral interests.

In a hearing in the Parliament's research and industry committee on May 6, Christian Ehler and Dan Nica both praised the European Commission for the initiative on principle, but also shared criticisms of how the ECF proposal had been made.

Dan Nica, of the Socialists and Democrats group, said that the Commission had promised too many stakeholders that their favoured programmes would be picked up by the ECF. This included continuing **the EU4Health programme**, and supporting sectors such as housing, agriculture and biotechnology. “They did that in 11 cases,” Nica said in his opening statement.

He had been “*ashamed*,” he said, to tell rapporteurs from other committees that the ECF would not be able to reserve money for their sectors, as the Commission had promised.

While the research and industry committee is leading the Parliament’s work on the ECF file, 11 other committees have also been asked to provide an opinion, reflecting the wide-ranging nature of the new fund and the broad interests at stake.

Defining competitiveness

In his opening statement, Ehler, of the European People’s Party, **emphasised the need to define competitiveness**. Without such a definition, there was a risk the ECF would “*permanently subsidise the cost gap between European industry and global competitors*.” Instead, competitiveness should be strictly focused on productivity, Ehler said.

The question of definitions was also picked up by members of other political groups. Rihards Kols of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group applauded the decision to add a clear definition of competitiveness, while Benedetta Scuderi of the Greens-European Free Alliance said that the definition should not be reduced to “*production and speed*” but should also include “*sustainability, resilience, work quality and independence from external shocks*.” The hope that the final definition would be broader and include sustainability was shared by Stine Bosse of Renew, ECF rapporteur for the Parliament’s environmental committee. Ehler did not rule out including the green transition in the final definition.

Amendment battle

Ehler urged his fellow MEPs not to weaken the Parliament’s negotiating position with EU governments by including too many priorities and creating unrealistic expectations.

The rapporteurs are willing to look closely at the opinions of other committees, Ehler said, but he did not want to see an “*amendment battle*” when the Parliament votes on the ECF in plenary. “*This is not our role in these severe times*,” he said.

The Parliament has a responsibility to make the Commission’s proposal more concise, with a clear focus and purpose, he went on. “Much beyond the actual funding, it’s the psychological signal that we did understand that the competitiveness of the European economy is under threat.”

MEPs have until May 11 to file amendments, and Nica said he expects to receive between 10,000 and 15,000 amendments.

The Commission wants to simplify funding and enhance flexibility by bringing 14 existing programmes together under the ECF, but the result in Parliament is likely to be a battle to protect various sectoral initiatives from falling by the wayside. The Greens, for example, are pushing to safeguard **the Life programme**, which supports biodiversity, the circular economy and climate action.

The Commission’s ECF proposal makes reference to Life activities, but in [the Parliament’s draft report](#) on the next long-term EU budget, the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), adopted last month, MEPs call for these to have a dedicated budget of €3.39 billion under the ECF.

Meanwhile, the Parliament’s public health committee is pushing for earmarked funding of €10.05 billion for actions currently funded under the EU4Health programme, which is also included in the MFF report.

Geographical balance

When it comes to the distribution of ECF funds, another key question raised during the debate was whether the EU should strive to achieve geographical balance, a topic that is currently [dividing EU governments](#).

In [its opinion](#) on the ECF, the budgetary control committee says the fund “*should address persistent innovation and digital divides and ensure the effective diffusion of innovation and the uptake of advanced technologies across all regions of the Union*,” and should monitor the geographical distribution of funding to prevent excessive concentration. It also suggests that the participation of partners from less developed innovation regions should come into consideration when weighing proposals of equal merit.

Ties to Horizon Europe

A last topic of discussion related to ties between the ECF and the Horizon Europe programme. In her comments, Jorna reiterated the Commission's position that Horizon Europe should be tightly linked to the ECF. This, the Commission hopes, will ensure "*a seamless investment journey from research to market.*"

The lead rapporteurs do not disagree on the goal, just on how it is best achieved. Where the Commission has proposed a single work programme to control the ECF and Horizon Europe's Pillar 2 for collaborative research, the MEPs [propose creating Horizon Europe Pathway Actions](#) in the ECF to build on the results of Horizon Europe projects. "**Synergies are not arriving from governance, synergies are arriving from practical instruments,**" said Ehler.

Other International funding

Co-operative Research Programme: Sustainable Agricultural and Food Systems (6 May 20256)

Source: Website OECD [Co-operative Research Programme: Sustainable Agricultural and Food Systems | OECD](#)

The OECD's Co-operative Research Programme: Sustainable Agricultural and Food Systems (CRP) exists to strengthen scientific knowledge and provide relevant scientific information and advice that will inform future policy decisions related to the sustainability of agriculture, food, fisheries and forests. It does this through facilitating international co-operation among research scientists and institutions, by sponsoring international events (conferences, workshops and symposiums) and individual research fellowships, placing a policy emphasis on all the activities it funds. It focuses on global issues such as food security, climate change, and the inter-connectedness of economies through trade and scientific co-operation.

The Call for Applications for International Conference Sponsorship and Individual Travel Fellowship Awards for Funding in 2027 is now OPEN

We welcome applications from anyone interested in organising an event (conference, workshop or symposium) on state-of-the-art research issues in **agriculture, food, fisheries or forests** or who would like to spend time working with researchers in another country.

See below the general information on our call for applications. You can also review previous events and fellowships for information on what we have sponsored in the past.

The deadline to apply is Thursday 10 September 2026, midnight, Paris time.

» Costa Rica is joining the CRP!

We are pleased to announce that Costa Rica becomes the 31st participating country in the CRP.

Download the CRP Flyer here: [co-operative-research-programme-flyer-2026-30.pdf](#)



Call for Applications

Fellowships

The CRP funds short-term research projects for individual scientists in CRP member countries. These individual travel bursary awards strengthen the exchange of ideas and increase international mobility and co-operation. More than 75% of fellowships result in long-term co-operation between fellows and their host institutes, a major goal of the programme.

Learn more: <https://www.oecd.org/en/about/programmes/co-operative-research-programme.html#Fellowships>

Application process for fellowships: <https://www.oecd.org/en/about/programmes/co-operative-research-programme/crp-applications-for-fellowships.html>

Events (Conferences, Workshops, Symposiums)

The CRP sponsors international events to inform policy makers, industry, and the academic world about innovative research, scientific developments, and new opportunities.

Learn more: <https://www.oecd.org/en/about/programmes/co-operative-research-programme.html#Events>

Application process for events: <https://www.oecd.org/en/about/programmes/co-operative-research-programme/crp-applications-for-conferences.html>

National funding

Now open: registration and call for contributions National Open Science Festival 2026 (7 May 2026)

Source: Website NWO News *Now open: registration and call for contributions National Open Science Festival 2026* | Open Science NL



Would you like to join the National Open Science Festival 2026 in Delft? Register now as a participant or submit a proposal for a workshop, lightening talk, networking sessions, poster sessions, information market or any other brilliant idea.

On Wednesday 14 October 2026, the annual National Open Science Festival will take place, this year at TU Delft. At this festival, researchers and other interested parties can learn more about open science, exchange experiences and find inspiration for applying open science in daily practice.

Register as a participant

From Thursday 7 May, you can register as a participant for free. Registration for participants will close once the maximum capacity has been reached. Thereafter, interested individuals may register for a place on the waiting list. **Please note:** we also ask those submitting a proposal for a contribution to register as a participant.

Note: the event is completely sold out every year. If you're unable to attend after all, please cancel your booking so we can make someone on the waiting list happy. To prevent no-shows as much as possible, we're using a no-show list this year. If you don't show up without cancelling, you won't be able to register for the next edition.

Call for contributions

From Thursday 7 May, it will also be possible to submit a proposal for a workshop, lightning talk, networking session, poster session, information stand or any other good idea. You can submit a proposal no later than 14 June 2026 by 23:59 CEST. The programme committee will review the proposals in July and notify applicants in August whether their contribution will be included in the festival.

Want to participate?

More information about the registration and submitting a proposal can be found on opensciencefestival.nl.

Register or submit a proposal: <https://opensciencefestival.nl/registration>

Rubicon to move from three to two rounds per year (7 May 2026)

Source: Website NWO News *Rubicon to move from three to two rounds per year* | NWO



NWO is introducing a change to the Rubicon programme from 2027. From that year onwards, there will be two application rounds per year instead of three. The new deadlines are in April and October. With this change, NWO aims to make the procedure more efficient, whilst continuing to meet the needs of researchers.

A more efficient procedure and less overlap

A key aim of the change is to reduce overlap between the assessment rounds. In the current situation, there are two deadlines in the autumn that are relatively close together. This overlap meant that the assessment procedure could not be carried out as efficiently as it might have been, leaving little scope for reflection and process improvements. Under the new system, with two rounds per year, the turnaround time for the rounds will remain at approximately three months. This means that the time between completing the PhD programme and submitting a Rubicon application will remain virtually unchanged. The Rubicon assessment procedure will therefore remain virtually the same as it is now. To compensate for the reduction in the number of rounds per year, NWO simultaneously investigated whether it was possible to shorten the call's processing time. However, the Rubicon procedure already operates at a fast pace. Further shortening therefore appears unfeasible, partly because NWO expects that, under the new system, approximately 1.5 times as many applications will be received per round.

Changes to submission deadlines for applicants

For applicants, the change means there will be one fewer submission window per year. The new deadlines in April and October have been chosen to maintain a balanced distribution of submission opportunities throughout the year. The choice of October was made to give applicants sufficient time to contact foreign host institutions outside the summer period. Furthermore, there are already deadlines in September for programmes with major rounds such as Veni and Open Competition.

Chances of funding remain unchanged

Analysis of previous rounds shows that the timing of an applicant's submission has no clear impact on the chances of success. For example, applicants who submit a proposal later after obtaining their PhD are no more likely to be successful than those who submit earlier. Applicants who have not yet obtained their PhD do not, on average, score any lower than those who have.

Planning

The change will take effect from the first round of 2027. The exact deadlines will be published in good time in the Rubicon call for proposals via [nwo.nl](https://www.nwo.nl).

Fall round Venture Challenge 2026 now open (6 May 2026)

Source: [Website NWO News Fall round Venture Challenge 2026 now open | NWO](#)



The fall 2026 round of the Venture Challenge programme is now open for applications. This round is open to all Life Sciences & Health fields. A total budget of €100,000 has been made available by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate (EZK).

With the opening of the 2026 spring round, NWO published the full Call for proposals for 2026 earlier this year. The 2026 fall round falls under this Call for proposals.

Venture Challenge Call for Proposals 2026: [Venture Challenge Fall 2026 | NWO](#) and [Call for Proposals - Venture Challenge](#)

Purpose of the call

Scientific research can contribute to solving major societal challenges while simultaneously strengthening the Netherlands' competitive position. However, many discoveries do not reach the market. This is often because researchers lack the knowledge and experience to turn their ideas into a market-ready product or to build a commercial organization.

The Venture Challenge program offers a solution. During the eight- to ten-week coaching program, researchers work with professionals, such as business coaches and experts, to develop a well-thought-out business case. This prepares the researchers for a successful launch of their company.

For whom

The Venture Challenge is aimed **at teams of three or four people who have founded a new startup in the field of Life Sciences & Health or plan to do so soon. The product, process or service has a medical application for humans and falls within the domain of medical devices, medicinal products or other innovations within these broad domains.**

Six teams can be selected for the fall round. The coaching programme will take place between November 2026 and February 2027, and consists of two three-day workshops (including overnight accommodation), one-to-one coaching and a final session featuring pitches to a jury of investors.

Budget

€100,000 is available for the fall round. In this program, the grant covers the costs of participation minus the team's own contribution. The own contribution per team is:

- €2,000 for teams with 3 members
- €2,500 for teams with 4 members

Deadlines and dates coaching programme fall round

The deadline for submitting applications for the fall round is **July 2, 2026, at 14:00:00 CET.**

Participants must be available **on all dates** of the coaching programme:

- 18–20 November 2026: first bootcamp
- 20–22 January 2027: second bootcamp
- 10 February 2027: pitches to the jury
- Between sessions: coaching and support

Partners

NWO is conducting this call on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate. NWO is also collaborating with Health~Holland on this call. More information about this collaboration can be found on the [programme page](#).

Eleven new collaborations between Dutch and Ukrainian researchers (6 May 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Eleven new collaborations between Dutch and Ukrainian researchers | NWO](#)



Dutch and Ukrainian researchers are set to collaborate once again through the second grant round of the 'NWO Hop-On Call for Researchers Based in Ukraine'. Eleven ongoing Dutch NWO projects are adding a researcher from Ukraine to their project team. In total, these awarded projects involve more than 270,000 euros.

About the call

'NWO Hop-On Call for Researchers Based in Ukraine 2025' offers ongoing NWO projects the opportunity to add a qualified researcher from Ukraine to their project team. The initiative is intended to support Ukrainian researchers in expanding their professional network within the Dutch academic world. Project teams can contribute through advice, mentoring and other forms of guidance.

This is the second grant round within the collaborative initiative between the National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU) and NWO. In the first grant round, thirteen projects were awarded a total of 250,000 euros. With an increased

budget of €480,000, this round offers new opportunities for knowledge exchange and network strengthening. At present, the maximum budget for this call has not yet been reached. Proposals can therefore still be submitted.

WUR is main applicant in one of the funded projects

Senior Expert Better Diets and Nutrition: Sociological consumption perspectives for inclusive sustainability governance: Main applicants: dr. S.C.O. Wertheim-Heck (Wageningen University & Research) & dr. M.V. Ruda (Department of Environmental Safety and Nature Protection, Lviv Polytechnic National University)

For more information about the funded projects: [Eleven new collaborations between Dutch and Ukrainian researchers | NWO](#)

Changes to the 2026 call Take-off phase 1 (1 May 2026)

Source: Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/changes-to-the-2026-call-take-off-phase-1>



NWO has made changes to the Call for proposal for the Take-off Phase 1 Feasibility Studies WO 2026 Call. These changes enable NWO to offer shorter processing times whilst allowing for the funding of a greater number of high-quality projects.

Earlier this year, NWO published the 2026 Call for proposal with details of the new continuous procedure. The changes apply to this entire Call for proposal.

Changes to the call for proposal

The following changes have been implemented in the Call for proposal 2026:

- Ten packages will be processed instead of a maximum of five.
 - The number of proposals per package has been reduced from forty to twenty in order to facilitate shorter processing times.
 - The awarding rate has been increased from 37.5% to 45% per package.
 - In order to create more room for awarding high-quality proposals, the grant ceiling has been raised to 5,400,000 euros.

Applicants may submit proposals throughout the year. Previous changes compared to the 2025 call remain in force:

- There is no longer a cluster classification and proposals are assessed by a broad committee.
 - To be eligible for a grant, the minimum qualification requirements are a total average score of 4.0 and an average score of 5.4 on each assessment criterion.
 - There are no more interviews, instead applicant may submit a written rebuttal to the written comments of the committee

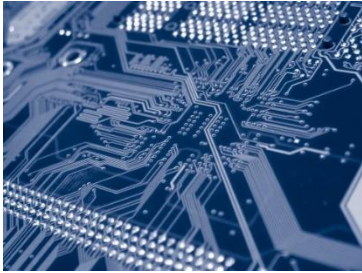
View the update call for proposals 2026: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/take-off-phase-1-feasibility-studies-wo-2026>

Take-off

The science-wide grant instrument Take-off stimulates entrepreneurial activities based on innovative research results from Dutch knowledge institutions. Take-off is one of the grant instruments within the *Innovation Accelerator* <https://www.nwo.nl/en/overview-pages/innovation-accelerator> . NWO implements Take-off in collaboration with ZonMw. The programme consists of two phases aimed at different stages of innovation: the feasibility studies and the loan for early-stage trajectories.

TDCC 2026 Call for Proposals Open (1 May 2026)

Source: Website NWO news <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/tdcc-2026-call-for-proposals-open>



Starting May 1, 2026, researchers can once again submit proposals for the Thematic Digital Competence Centers (TDCC) call. This call is intended to help realize the digitalisation ambitions of the TDCCs and the communities they serve. These ambitions relate to data, software, and computing. A total of 2.4 million euros is available.

The Call for Proposals <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/thematic-digital-competence-centres-2026> is designed to fund projects that enable the TDCCs to support the digitisation of science as a whole. The call is non-competitive because there is no comparison between applications, and the community-driven nature is ensured by each TDCC community determining for itself which applications are submitted within the available budget. The application must explain how the community-driven process is structured.

Preliminary Phase

Before a proposal can be submitted to NWO, there is a mandatory preliminary phase with the TDCCs themselves. For more information, visit the **TDCCs' website** <https://tdcc.nl/nwo-tdcc-call-for-proposals-2026/> and contact the relevant TDCC (LSH, NES, or SSH) before the preliminary phase deadline.

The deadline for full applications is November 12, 2026.

Changes compared to the previous Call for Proposals

- The material costs per project application have been adjusted to a fixed maximum amount instead of a percentage.
- Within the material costs, the maximum amount has been increased for the organisation of network meetings per project.

Download call for proposals here: https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-TDCC-2026_UK.pdf

Wide variety in 80 new research projects: from political correctness to female researchers (30 April 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Wide variety in 80 new research projects: from political correctness to female researchers | NWO](#)



The awarded projects for Round 1 of the SSH Open Competition XS 2026 have been announced. Of the 176 applications, no fewer than 80 researchers will be setting out with a promising idea. This means there will be plenty of scope for experimentation and innovation. The XS projects will last for a minimum of six months and a maximum of two years. They can therefore contribute to scientific insights relatively quickly. A striking feature of this round is the high proportion of work-related research and research in the political sphere.

The projects cover the entire breadth of the SSH research field. For example, research is starting into the opening of universities to women around 1900 and the following effects. Another project focuses on the consequences of

generative AI for the written Dutch language. Research is also starting into the meaning of political correctness. Furthermore, the influence of informal care on work and well-being will be examined.

Three WUR researchers are awarded

1. Why Here? Drivers of Marine Protection in the Coral Triangle: **dr. A.L. Abatayo (F), Wageningen University & Research**
2. From scrolling to snacking: Algorithm-like food exposure and eating norms in early adolescence: **dr. E. van Kleef (F), Wageningen University & Research**
3. Domination through Starvation: Hunger Politics and State of War on American Slave Plantations, 1776-1861: **dr. V.F. Müller (F), Wageningen University & Research**

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

Second and third rounds of the SSH Open Competition XS 2026

The second round of the SSH Open Competitions XS 2026 closed on 7 April. The third round opens in mid-July. SSH researchers who obtained their PhD at least five years ago and have a promising idea may submit an application.

For more information: [Open Competition SSH | NWO](#)

Three projects focus on finding effective ways to help people consume more sustainably (30 April 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Three projects focus on finding effective ways to help people consume more sustainably | NWO](#)



Three projects have been awarded funding under the KIC Call ‘Consumer Behaviour for a Circular System Transition’. The projects focus on finding effective ways to help people consume more sustainably. This is done by taking a broad view of the entire system, so that it contributes to the transition to a circular economy.

The transition to a circular economy requires a fundamental change in consumer behaviour. Although there is already broad support for a more sustainable society, targeted interventions are necessary to actually bring about behavioural change at the system level.

The aim of this Call for proposals is to gain insight into effective interventions, measures and strategies that promote circular consumer behaviour. This is based on state-of-the-art research on system transitions, behavioural change and the circular economy. This Call for proposals focuses on research that analyses, designs and applies interventions. The interaction between behavioural, systemic and cultural factors is central to this.

WUR is co-applicant in all three awarded projects

1. **CIVIC-4CE**: Circular Consumption through Value-Chain Integration and Co-Creation for the Circular Economy – A systemic approach to transforming consumer behaviour and value chains: **Main applicant**: Prof. dr. Cornelis Beyers (The Hague University of Applied Sciences); **Co-applicants**: **prof. dr. Alexander Klippel (Wageningen University)**
2. **R³CIRCLE**: Refuse, Reuse, Rethink: multifaceted Consumer Intervention strategies towards a Circular textile Economy:
3. **Main applicant**: Dr. ir. Lies H. Jacobs (University of Amsterdam); **Co-applicants**: **dr. Karin Peters (Wageningen University, Department of Environmental Sciences)**
4. Circular ecosystems: Enabling the Transition to reusable personal hygiene products (INTRINSIC): **Main applicant**: Dr. Arturo Castillo Castillo (Universiteit Utrecht); **Co-applicants**: **dr. Daniel Polman (Wageningen University)**

For more information about the Awarded projects: [Three projects focus on finding effective ways to help people consume more sustainably | NWO](#)

Regional funding

Action plan strengthens role of regions in European innovation (7 may 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026

The European Commission and the Committee of the Regions have presented a joint action plan to strengthen the role of cities and regions in research and innovation. The plan, which runs until 2029, aims to ensure that local authorities are no longer merely implementers, but active co-developers of innovation strategies. The plan focuses on building regional innovation ecosystems, supporting the green and digital transition, and making better use of European funds such as Horizon Europe at the local level.

European Commission Press Release: [EU to strengthen regional dimension of research and innovation](#)

EC and Committee of the Regions Action Plan: [Joint action plan for enhanced cooperation in research and innovation](#)
- [Publications Office of the EU](#)

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Seed Funding Call 2026 – Circular Co-Creation: EWUU invites researchers to accelerate circular transitions (6 May 2026)

Source: Website EWUU Seed Funding Call 2026 – Circular Co-Creation – institute 4 a Circular Society

The Institute for a Circular Society (i4CS), part of the EWUU alliance between Eindhoven University of Technology, Wageningen University & Research, Utrecht University and University Medical Center Utrecht, launches the Seed Funding Call 2026 – Circular Co-Creation.

Researchers are invited to co-create early-stage, transdisciplinary project ideas together with societal partners during the Circular Co-Creation Event on **8 June 2026** at Antropia (Driebergen). Proposals are developed collaboratively during the event and in the matchmaking session afterwards.

This call focuses on four societal challenges:

- Informed and Sustainable Decision Making in Surgery
- Lifecycle Choices for Medical Devices
- Tackling the Housing Crisis with Fast and Circular Concepts
- Mapping and Recovery of Critical Materials for Circular Construction

Key information

- Funding: up to €40,000 per project (total €160,000 available)
- Event: 8 June 2026
- Location: Antropia, Driebergen
- Deadline: 18 September 2026

Participation consists of two mandatory steps:

1. Register for the Circular Co-Creation Event (09:00–14:15)
2. Confirm participation in the Seed Call Afternoon Programme (14:30–17:30)

Both steps are required for eligibility to submit a proposal.

For more information and registration, please see the i4CS website: <https://circularsociety.ewuu.nl/2026/04/seed-funding-call-2026/>

Building a circular society together

The EWUU alliance brings together complementary expertise in science, engineering, health, and life sciences. Through i4CS, the alliance aims to strengthen long-term collaboration and accelerate the transition towards a circular society.

Researchers across TU/e, WUR, UU, and UMC Utrecht are warmly invited to participate and help shape the next generation of circular solutions.

For questions, contact: i4CS@EWUU.nl

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

European Council approves new rules for new genomic techniques (7 May 2026)

Source: [AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026](#)

The European Council has agreed to new rules for the use of new genomic techniques. The regulation introduces two categories of plants, whereby some genetically modified crops are considered equivalent to traditional varieties. The European Parliament still has to approve the proposal. A group of MEPs is concerned about ambiguities regarding intellectual property, writes Science Business. The European Commission has announced that a group of experts will be established to investigate the effect of patents on NGT crops.

European Council Press Release: [New genomic techniques: Council adopts new rules to boost sustainable and competitive EU food systems - Consilium](#)

Science Business Article: [Council adopts regulation on new genomic techniques | Science|Business](#)

OECD: EU lags behind in biotechnology start-ups (7 May 2026)

Source: [AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026](#)

The OECD notes that the EU lags behind other economies in the number of biotechnology start-ups, patents, and venture capital, despite strong scientific performance. For years, the EU has produced approximately half as many of these start-ups as the United States. Additionally, American start-ups filed up to four times more patents and raised up to ten times more venture capital in 2022. According to the OECD, this is due in part to complex and slow regulation within the EU. Limited access to financing in the early and scaling-up phases also poses a barrier for start-ups. The organization recommends, among other things, making regulations more flexible, for example through regulatory sandboxes.

OECD Blog: [Biotech start-ups in Europe: Why does the EU lag behind competitors and what can policymakers do about it?](#)

Information session Tuesday 26 May: The Africa-EU Partnership: What's in it for WUR (7 May 2026)

Save-the-date | Tuesday 26 May | 11:30-13:00hrs

Atlas Building, Atlas 2

We cordially invite you to attend an informative session on the Africa–EU partnership and the opportunities and challenges it presents for WUR.

**The Africa-EU Partnership:
What's in it for WUR?**



Communications by the European Commission often emphasize the billions of euros available for cooperation between the (member states of) European Union and Africa. During this meeting we will share the information we have gathered over the years about the instruments used by the EC and EU Delegations to fund Africa-EU cooperation, the underlying policies and roadmaps, and the resulting (im)possibilities for WUR to access funds and opportunities/limitations to influence policies.

There will be ample opportunity for a Q & A session.

We look forward to your participation: **Jennie van der Mheen, Jeroen Ouburg, and Abigail Muscat**

How to register

Kindly register for in-person or online participation through [this form](#).

Those who will participate online will receive a link upon registration.

Feel free to forward this invitation to WUR colleagues and ask them to also register through the above link.

Position paper: Turning ambition into reality: The Guild's vision for the ERA Act (5 May 2026)

Source: Website *The Guild* [The Guild shares its vision for the forthcoming ERA Act - The Guild](#)

The Guild [shares](#) its vision for the upcoming ERA Act, underlining that this first legally binding instrument must focus on addressing those barriers to the free circulation of knowledge that require legal redress.

In its position paper, The Guild highlights six priority areas that the ERA Act must address:

1. *Securing world-leading investment in Europe's future*

The Guild calls for legally binding spending targets to empower Europe to strengthen its scientific leadership, boost its industrial competitiveness, and consolidate its resilience. Member States should commit to investing at least 3% of GDP spending in R&D, with public investment accounting for a minimum of 1.25% of GDP.

2. *Coordinating R&I policy across Europe*

Member States should develop national R&I roadmaps to foster coordination and reduce fragmentation. Progress on the roadmaps should be monitored through the European Semester.

3. *Safeguarding the freedom of scientific research*

The Guild urges the EU to codify the Bonn Declaration's definition of the freedom of scientific research into EU law and establish a European Ombudsperson to monitor breaches to the freedom of scientific research to admonish corrective action where breaches have occurred.

4. *Ensuring the seamless mobility of researchers*

To realise the fifth freedom of movement for knowledge, research and researchers, The Guild supports the creation of an EU-level contract template that addresses specific blockages that arise from different employment conditions. This will be critical to strengthen the attractiveness of research careers across Europe and foster the excellence of European research.

5. *Mainstreaming open science*

The Guild calls for a European Secondary Publishing Rights framework to improve access to scientific outputs and enhance cross-border circulation of knowledge.

6. *Framing a common approach to research security*

Minimum EU-level standards should promote responsible internationalisation while safeguarding the freedom of scientific research. This is critical to foster a level playing field for internationalisation across Europe, and to support institutions to manage risks effectively.

Secretary-General **Jan Palmowski** said: “The world won’t wait for Europe. If we want to maximise the advantages of our diversity we must ensure seamless connections between our national systems. To overcome the inefficiencies that have resulted from the concrete barriers that continue to exist for people, policies and ideas, our national governments and research performing organisations must achieve an effective legal framework to ensure seamless mobility that will attract the world’s leading researchers to the European Research Area.”

Read position Guild paper here: [the-guild_era-act-position-paper_may2026.pdf](#)

The Guild and ERASuD respond to the Proposal for a Regulation establishing Global Europe (30 April 2026)

Source: Website *The Guild* [The Guild and ERASuD respond to the Proposal for a Regulation establishing Global Europe - The Guild](#)

The Guild and the European Research Alliance for Sustainable Development (ERASuD) welcome the EU’s ambition for the Global Europe Instrument and urge EU institutions to fully unlock the potential for research, innovation and higher education in Europe’s international partnerships.



The Guild and ERASuD call for Europe to fully seize the opportunity to integrate the Global Gateway strategy and the Team Europe approach into the legal basis of the implementation of the Global Europe Instrument from the start of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). It is critical that the EU’s international partnerships are strengthened through education and research, as articulated in the fifth pillar of the EU Global Gateway. To achieve this, references to the Global Gateway must go beyond the recitals and be embedded in the operative articles of the regulation, notably those concerning programme objectives, principles, geographic programming and implementation. This would provide a clear legal basis and align partner-country led investments with shared global challenges that have an impact on humanitarian needs and poverty reduction.

Brain circulation should be added as a principle of Global Europe, and knowledge-based collaboration with Global Europe partners should be mainstreamed through synergies with Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe. Education and research are a priority of Global Gateway that needs bottom-up funding to deliver quality and impact. Fostering a broad, multi-disciplinary knowledge exchange in our partnerships is needed to distinguish Europe as an international partner on the world stage. Without this underpinning, all other Global Gateway priorities will lose the important added value of connected Europe’s talent and cutting-edge to the rest of the world.

The regulation must directly address and leverage the capacity of research-performing organisations and higher education institutions, ensuring the meaningful engagement of universities in low- and middle-income countries and Europe in international partnerships, alongside the private sector, civil society and local authorities. Finally, long-term partnerships require predictability. Global Europe should avoid mechanisms that unilaterally reduce budget allocations or suspend partnerships and risk destabilising cooperation and should include research and higher education representatives as observers in relevant governance structures.

Read the joint paper: https://www.the-guild.eu/publications/position-papers/the-guild-and-erasud_reaction-to-global-europe_april2026.pdf

European Parliament calls for a larger EU budget (29 April 2026)

Source: Website Kenniscentrum Europa decentraal [Europees Parlement pleit voor een groter EU-budget - Europa decentraal](#)

The European Parliament EU long-term budget: MEPs want a 10% increase to support EU priorities | Nieuws | Europees Parlement wants the EU budget (the Multiannual Financial Framework, MFF) for the period 2028–2034 to be significantly increased. The MFF determines the maximum amount the EU may spend per policy area over several years and thus forms the basis for the annual budgets. Instead of the European Commission's budget proposal from July last year, the Parliament is advocating for a budget that is approximately 10% higher [EU long-term budget: MEPs want a 10% increase to support EU priorities | Nieuws | Europees Parlement](#). This amounts to a maximum of 1.27% of the combined gross national income (GNI) of all EU Member States, or the share of the total European economy that the EU is allowed to spend annually. In this context, the costs for repaying the joint coronavirus debts via the NextGenerationEU programme fall outside the MFF. These expenditures therefore constitute an additional burden on top of the regular EU budget.

Not an unnecessary luxury

According to the Parliament, this extra 10% is not a luxury, but a necessity. The EU must not only meet existing obligations and respond to citizens' expectations, but also face new challenges. Consider economic and social pressure in Member States, the war in Europe, the growing competitive gap with other major powers, and the escalating climate and biodiversity crises.

In the proposed MFF, many EU funds are bundled and distributed via national and regional partnership plans [Cohesiefondsen: De plannen van de Commissie uitgelegd - Europa decentraal](#). This gives Member States more influence over the spending of resources. MEPs warn that this shift towards national plans could weaken the joint EU approach to regional development and cohesion.

At the same time, Parliament emphasizes that a larger and more flexible budget must be accompanied by sufficient transparency and control to maintain public trust in the EU. This is especially important given the choices being made now that will impact the resources ultimately available at the local level.

Parliament wants, among other things, additional investments in the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the European Social Fund (ESF), cohesion policy (Structural and Cohesion Funds), and programmes such as Horizon Europe and Erasmus+. Expenditure on innovation, education, and regional development is also part of this broader investment agenda. An overview of the additions proposed by the EP (in current prices) can be found [here](#).

For more background information: [Europees Parlement pleit voor een groter EU-budget - Europa decentraal \(in Dutch\)](#)

One Europe, one market: plan for strengthened EU competitiveness (29 April 2026)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > Eén Europa, één markt: plan voor versterkt EU-concurrentievermogen](#)

The European Commission, the European Parliament, and the Cypriot Presidency of the Council have signed the joint plan, 'One Europe, One Market,' to strengthen the European internal market. With five strategic pillars, the plan aims to improve Europe's competitiveness.



Joint plan for enhanced competitiveness

The European Commission, the European Parliament, and the Cypriot Presidency have **signed a joint plan** [European Institutions agree Roadmap to achieve "One Europe, one Market" by end of 2027](#) to strengthen the European internal

market. This plan, entitled “**One Europe, One Market**” [5445de81-9481-4335-9902-9756159ba614_en](#), aims to strengthen the EU’s competitiveness through concrete actions and objectives based on five strategic pillars. These focus on simplifying rules, a more integrated market, reducing energy prices, strong trade, and strengthening digital transformation.

Five strategic pillars

The initiatives within the first pillar focus on simplifying rules and removing administrative burdens at European, national, and regional levels for innovative companies. The second pillar aims to tackle the ten biggest barriers to the internal market, enabling companies to do business and scale up more easily. The third pillar focuses on energy, particularly reducing energy prices and fossil fuels. The fourth pillar focuses on strong trade, and the final pillar on strengthening digital and AI transformation.

Give your opinion on the EU Biotech Act (29 April 2026)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > Geef uw mening over de EU Biotech Act](#) and Website EC [Biotech Act](#)

The European Commission is seeking your opinion on the European Biotech Act. The European Commission calls upon companies, researchers, and other stakeholders to share concerns and recommendations. This input will be used for an impact assessment of the proposed legislation. Feedback can be provided until 19 June 2026, after which the European Commission will submit the responses to the European Parliament and the Council as input for the further process.



European Commission asks for your opinion on the Biotech Act

The European Commission has opened a **feedback round** https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14627-Biotech-Act_en on the European Biotech Act [Proposal for a Regulation to establish measures to strengthen the Union's biotechnology and biomanufacturing sectors \(European Biotech Act\) - Public Health](#), which was proposed in December 2025. The aim of the Biotech Act is to make it easier to bring biotechnological research from the laboratory to the market. The Commission focuses on five themes: faster approval procedures, better access to venture capital, stronger cooperation between European biotech clusters, more qualified personnel, and smarter use of data and artificial intelligence. The feedback period on the Act runs until 19 June 2026.

Context

The European Commission announced the **European Biotech Act in its political agenda for 2024–2029** [e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en](#). The Biotech Act is an initiative to further develop Europe's biotechnological potential and is part of the proposal with new measures published in December. The biotech sector in Europe [Biotechnology - Public Health - European Commission](#) is large, growing rapidly, and is crucial for public health. Of the 67 European biotech companies that went public between 2019 and 2025, 66 chose a non-European exchange. With the Biotech Act, the European Commission aims to reverse this trend.

Global policy

OECD: Energy security requires structural investments in R&D (7 May 2026)

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026*

A structural, multi-year approach is essential to definitively break the dependency on fossil fuels. This is stated by the OECD following an analysis of its own data. This involves not only more investments, but also smarter and sustainable investments in the underlying science and innovation. In the past, governments increased their investments following an energy crisis, but that impetus often proves to be short-lived. The OECD warns that these temporary peaks are insufficient to achieve the long-term goals for the energy transition. The AWTI recently wrote an advisory report on investment in the energy transition and organized a meeting on this topic.

OECD Blog: [Energy security requires long-term R&D investment. Reacting to crises is not enough](#)

AWTI Advisory Report Sustainable Breakthroughs: [Duurzame doorbraken - Naar systeeminnovatie in de energietransitie | Adviesraad voor wetenschap, technologie en innovatie \(in Dutch\)](#)

Meeting Report Towards an Innovation Agenda for a Resilient Energy System: [Verslag bijeenkomst Naar een innovatieagenda voor een weerbaar energiesysteem | Adviesraad voor wetenschap, technologie en innovatie \(in Dutch\)](#)

US government fires entire NSF scientific advisory board (7 May 2026)

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026*

The Trump administration has fired all 22 members of the National Science Foundation's advisory board. The board advises on US research policy and plays a role in the organization's budget and strategic direction. In Nature, scientists call the decision unprecedented and fear that independent scientific advice will come under further pressure. According to those involved, the dismissal fits into a broader trend of interventions in scientific advisory structures and budget cuts at the NSF.

Nature article: [Entire NSF science advisory board fired by Trump administration](#)

China Accelerates Patent Commercialization Through Active Linkage with the Business Sector (7 May 2026)

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026*

The Chinese strategy to bring university patents to market faster is having an increasing effect, writes Nature. Through government mediation, innovators are being directly linked to the business sector on an increasingly large scale. Although China holds millions of patents, actual commercial application lagged behind until recently. In the past, patents were often applied for primarily for academic promotion rather than practical innovation. The national patent authority is therefore actively linking university patents to companies that can further develop and market them. Policy is also shifting from encouraging patent applications to rewarding the successful application of research.

Nature Article: [China's latest push to commercialize research: match 680,000 innovators with companies](#)

Canada Launches \$25 Billion State Fund for Strategic Sectors (7 May 2026)

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026*

Canada is launching a \$25 billion sovereign wealth fund to accelerate investments in strategic sectors. The so-called Canada Strong Fund will invest alongside private parties in energy, critical raw materials, agriculture, and infrastructure, among others. The fund is part of a broader strategy to make the economy less dependent on external markets and to strengthen domestic supply chains. The government also wants to give citizens the opportunity to invest directly via a new investment product.

President Carney Press Release: [Prime Minister Carney announces the Canada Strong Fund – Canada's first sovereign wealth fund | Prime Minister of Canada](#)

World Bank: Global investments focus on digital technology and energy transition (7 May 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026

Greenfield investments, in which companies establish new operations abroad, are shifting increasingly strongly worldwide towards digital technologies and the energy transition. This is stated by World Bank economists in an analysis. The share of these investments in climate and energy projects rose from 12 percent in 2016 to 42 percent in 2023, while digital investments grew from 9 percent to 38 percent in 2025. However, this shift is unevenly distributed: capital flows mainly to advanced economies, threatening to leave many developing countries behind.

World Bank Analysis: [Where global investment is headed: what the data say about digital innovation and the energy transition](#)

Opinion: Different science funding model needed for greater societal impact (7 May 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026

The current science funding system does not align sufficiently with societal goals and needs to be restructured, argues Heather Douglas in Issues in Science and Technology. According to her, the current model assumes that fundamental research automatically leads to applications, but in practice, this results in inefficiency, intense competition for resources, and limited societal impact. The system also favors established and less risky projects. She therefore proposes organizing funding by research type, with its own goals and evaluation criteria. Additionally, she advocates for a lottery system for fundamental research instead of selection based on the best proposal. According to Douglas, this could lead to a more effective use of public funds and greater societal value.

Opinion piece Issues: [A Science Funding System Beyond the Linear Model](#)

OECD: Process innovation the main driver of renewal (7 May 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026

Smarter business processes and digital adaptations are driving the growth of innovation, according to an analysis by the OECD. Process innovation (38%) is now more dominant than product innovation (26%). Notably, less than half of innovative companies engage in R&D. They innovate by implementing existing technologies or optimizing digital work processes. According to the OECD, this underscores the importance of an innovation policy that looks beyond laboratory research alone to support competitiveness and the green transition.

OECD Analysis: [OECD Business Innovation Statistics: Unpacking key trends and findings](#)

Brookings: Domestic talent base crucial in technology race (7 May 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026

The ability to train and retain talent is decisive in the technology race, states the American think tank Brookings in an analysis. While the discussion on technological dominance often revolves around chips and subsidies, according to Brookings, it is precisely the “human infrastructure” that is the underlying cause of China’s rise. Whereas the US relied on the influx of foreign talent for decades, China is now succeeding in developing groundbreaking AI models, such as DeepSeek, with teams trained entirely domestically. Brookings argues that the American model is under pressure due to restrictions on immigration and weaker performance in domestic education.

Brookings Analysis: [Why China is winning in tech—and what the US is overlooking | Brookings](#)

WEF: Scaling up is the biggest innovation bottleneck (7 May 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026

A new analysis by the World Economic Forum among 200 start-ups states that the biggest barrier to innovation has shifted from the laboratory to the market. According to the WEF, the necessary technological solutions for global challenges are largely already present, and their large-scale deployment constitutes the biggest bottleneck. Scaling up would primarily succeed if there is collaboration with companies and governments, there is demand from the market, and the solution offers clear economic benefits. The WEF states that policy should therefore not focus solely on financing, but rather on improving the preconditions for application.

WEF Article: [What helps purpose-driven, early-stage start-ups scale? | World Economic Forum](#)

National policy

The Netherlands and Germany are developing into European hubs for AI talent (7 May 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026

The Netherlands and Germany are developing into the most important European hubs for AI talent, according to an analysis by the European think tank Interface. According to the analysis, the Netherlands has the highest concentration of AI researchers and engineers per capita in the EU. Amsterdam and Rotterdam, in particular, appear to have a strong appeal to international talent. The think tank states that the Netherlands is the favorite destination for tech professionals leaving the US. In addition, the number of international graduates who stay to work in the Netherlands is nearly twice as high as the European average. However, this strong starting point is not yet leading to sufficient commercial growth, partly because the available venture capital for scaling up lags behind the European average.

Interface Report: [Talent in](#), [Talent out](#)

Universities working on plan to strengthen digital autonomy (7 May 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026

Dutch universities, together with the central government and ICT cooperative SURF, are going to draw up a plan to become more digitally autonomous. A committee of three university administrators, the Director of the Central Government CIO, and the Chair of the Executive Board of SURF will propose joint actions. A baseline assessment will also be conducted to determine where the greatest risks lie. Subsequently, the committee will work on a digital emergency package with short-term solutions and a joint long-term goal.

UNL News Report: [Universiteiten lanceren plan om digitaal autonomer te worden | Universiteiten van Nederland](#) (in Dutch)

Techleap continues with new public-private structure (7 May 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026

Techleap has a new organizational structure. The organization will continue as a public-private partnership with two independent entities. The publicly funded branch, Techleap Deeptech & Ecosystem, will focus on the development of deeptech start-ups and scale-ups in strategic sectors and valorization. The Techleap Foundation will continue as a fully private organization and will focus on the AI sector, among others.

Article iBestuur: [Techleap hervormt organisatie en krijgt publiek-private structuur](#) (in Dutch)

Article AG Connect: [Techleap gaat verder met grotere rol private sector](#) (in Dutch)

Rathenau Institute: steering innovation requires political choices (7 May 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026

The government wants to steer innovation in an increasingly targeted and selective manner. This more active role requires political choices regarding the direction and approach to innovation, the Rathenau Institute states in a message to the House of Representatives. The researchers outlined a number of political issues, including steering the ambition to invest 3% of GDP in R&D and whether innovation policy pays sufficient attention to the societal embedding of technology. The House was scheduled to debate innovation before the May recess, but this committee debate has been postponed due to overlap with the debate on Iran.

Rathenau Institute Publication: [Sturen op innovatie: 4 politieke vraagstukken | Rathenau Instituut](#) (in Dutch)

Innovatie300 maps out the Netherlands' most innovative organizations (7 May 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 7 May 2026

ASML remains the most innovative organization in the Netherlands. This is the conclusion of Innovatie300, a new annual reputation survey on innovation in the Netherlands by MT/Sprout and the Amsterdam Centre for Business Innovation at the University of Amsterdam. Furthermore, it is striking that the non-profit sector dominates the top 10, including three academic hospitals. The report points to several well-organized innovation ecosystems, with strong interplay between the government, knowledge institutions, and the business community. Although the Netherlands remains strong in scientific publications and knowledge sharing, it often fails to bring these ideas to market. Our country has many patents and start-ups, but relatively few fast-growing deep-tech scale-ups and unicorns. This is said to be due, among other things, to a lack of growth financing.

MT/Sprout Publication: [Nederland innovatieland: goed in ideeën, matig in doorpakken](#)

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-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	16 June 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-EOSC: call INFRAEOSC</i>)
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC: call INFRAEOSC</i>)
<u>Destination</u> INFRASERV - Research infrastructures services to support a healthier future, a global climate and energy vision, a circular and resilient economy, and to advance frontier knowledge (2026-27)	
HORIZON-INFRA-2026-SERV-01	16 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2026-SERV-01: call INFRASERV</i>)
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01: call INFRASERV</i>)
Cluster 1 HEALTH	
<u>Destination</u> - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society	
HORIZON-HLTH-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	
Destination - 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 two-stage	17 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED), 13 October 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-MAT-PROD single stage	Foreseen opening 22 September 2026 and foreseen deadline 2 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-MAT-PROD two-stage	Foreseen opening 22 September 2026 and foreseen deadline 2 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 2 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-two-stage)
<u>Destination: Open Strategic Autonomy in Developing, Deploying and Using Global Space-Based Infrastructure, Services, Applications and Data</u>	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-03 single stage	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 Foreseen deadline 2 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-03)
<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 (HORIZON-CL4-2027-DATA-04)
<u>Destination: Achieving open strategic autonomy in digital and emerging enabling technologies</u>	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING)

<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 (HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN)
<u>CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility</u>	
<u>Destination</u> - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-08-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:</u> Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	

HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV single stage	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)
<u>Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities</u>	

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal</u>	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-04-GOVERNANCE-01: Additional activities for the European Partnership of Agriculture of Data	Foreseen opening: 25 August 2026 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) (CLOSED) 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	24 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01 Call - Teaming Synergies</i>)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-03: Hop- on Facility	24 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-03 Call - Hop on Facility</i>)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-05- WIDENING-01: ERA Fellowships	9 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-05 Call - ERA Fellowships</i>)
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 (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02- WIDENING-01: ERA Chairs</i>)
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 (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02- WIDENING-02: ERA Research Managers</i>)
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 (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-03- WIDENING-01: ERA TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European</i>)

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 8 May 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/	
European Partnership Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/	
European Partnership FutureFoods https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/	FutureFoodS hereby pre-announces the 2nd co-funded call for transnational research projects Second Joint Transnational Co-funded Call — FutureFoodS and FutureFoodS: Call2 The call will follow a two-step procedure with the following important steps:]Call launch: Second half of November 2025 Deadline for pre-proposal submission: ~ 11 February 2026 (CLOSED) Deadline for full-proposal submission: ~27 July 2026 (only by invitation)
European Partnership Agroecology https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/	Announcement 3 rd call AGROECOLOGY partnership 3rd co-funded call — Agroecology Partnership and Agroecology: Call3 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.
European partnership Agriculture of Data	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” 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).
European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://bluepartnership.eu/	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 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
European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/	
European Partnership ERA4HEALTH ERA4Health The Partnership	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 <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 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 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
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.facejpi.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/

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

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **8 May 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
07-12-2025 until 31-07-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission <u>proposals</u> 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 <u>Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)</u>, <u>Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR)</u> or the <u>Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)</u>. You can submit your proposal at any moment from 7 August 2025 up to and including 31 July 2026, 14:00:00 CEST, with the exception of ENW-M-1-Weave proposals with FWO as partner agency, which may be submitted from 1 December 2025 to 24 February 2026 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%202025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf
09-06-2026	Deadline for submission <u>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’</u> 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 <u>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.</u> 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 <u>proposals for The second ‘NWO Hop-On Call for Researchers Based in Ukraine 2025.</u> 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 <u>mandatory Letter of intent for KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future call with Brazil.</u> 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
10-09-2026	NEW: Deadline for applications of <u>OECD co-operative Research Programme for Funding for Research Fellow Grants 2027.</u> The Co-operative Research Programme’s call for applications for funding research fellowship grants in 2027 is now OPEN. The deadline to apply is Thursday 10 September 2026, midnight, Paris time. https://www.oecd.org/en/about/programmes/co-operative-research-programme/crp-applications-for-fellowships.html
10-09-2026	NEW: Deadline of <u>OECD Co-operative research Programme for funding international events (conference, workshop, symposium).</u> The Co-operative Research Programme’s call for applications for funding international events (conference, workshop, symposium) in 2027 is now OPEN. The deadline to apply is Thursday 10 September 2026, midnight, Paris time. CRP Applications for Events (Conferences, Workshops and Symposiums) OECD

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 **8 May 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

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	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
02-07-2026	NEW: Deadline submission Full applications Venture Challenge Fall 2026 . Closing date full application 2 July 2026 14:00 hrs <i>Registration for the spring edition opens 5 May 2026 and closes on 2 July 2026 14:00:00 CET</i> . Fall round Venture Challenge 2026 now open NWO and Venture Challenge Fall 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 CEST.. New NWA call opened: 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' NWO and Resilient Digital Ecosystems NWO
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	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	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
12-11-2026	NEW: Deadline submission full proposals Thematic Digital Competence Centers (TDCC) call . Applications can be submitted from 1 May 2026 until 12 November 2026, before 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/tdcc-2026-call-for-proposals-open and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/thematic-digital-competence-centres-2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-TDCC-2026_UK.pdf and https://tdcc.nl/nwo-tdcc-call-for-proposals-2026/
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
Until 10-12-2026	Deadline for submission applications for Take-off phase 1 – Feasibility studies WO 2026 . Applications can be submitted continuously via ISAAC until December 10, 2026, at 14:00:00 CET at the latest . Changes to the 2026 call Take-off phase 1 NWO and Take-off phase 1 – Feasibility studies WO 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - Take-off fase 1 - Haalbaarheidsstudies WO
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	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
2021-2027	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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