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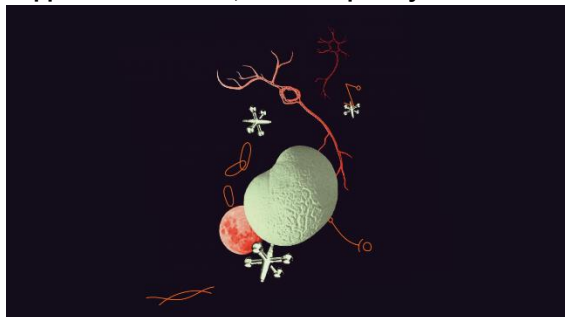
## Latest Funding News

## European Funding News: Horizon Europe.

### ***MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 Call Opens with €593 Million Investment (28 May 2026)***

Source: Website MSCA <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/whats-new/news/doctoral-networks-2026-call-opens-for-submission>

**The 2026 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Doctoral Networks call is now open, offering substantial funding to support international, interdisciplinary doctoral training across all research fields.**



The 2026 call for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks is now open for submissions. With a total budget of €593 million, the call is expected to fund more than 130 projects across all scientific disciplines and support the training and skills development of around 1,950 doctoral candidates.

MSCA Doctoral Networks deliver structured doctoral programmes through international consortia that bring together organisations from different sectors in Europe and beyond. Eligible partners include higher education institutions, research organisations and infrastructures, private sector bodies such as industry, businesses and SMEs, public sector organisations including government bodies and agencies, and other socio-economic actors.

The scheme is open to all areas of research and innovation, with a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary, international and intersectoral collaboration. Funded networks are designed to provide high-quality research training alongside the development of transferable skills that enhance innovation capacity and long-term employability, both within and outside academia. A key feature is the encouragement of cooperation between academic and non-academic sectors, enabling doctoral candidates to gain experience across different working environments.

Participating institutions benefit from funding to design and deliver excellent doctoral programmes, helping them to attract talented researchers, strengthen international visibility and build lasting partnerships across sectors and countries. Proposals are assessed on the quality and originality of the research and methodologies, the robustness of the training, supervision and career development offered, and the overall contribution to researcher development.

**For more details on the composition of the consortia applying check the [scheme's page](#) and the [MSCA Work Programme](#).**

#### ***Which types of consortia can apply***

MSCA Doctoral Networks implement doctoral programmes through consortia of organisations from different sectors across Europe and beyond, including

- higher education institutions
- research institutions and infrastructures

- private sector organisations, including industry, businesses and small and medium-sized enterprises
- public sector organisations, including national, regional, and local governments, agencies and museums
- other socio-economic actors

**For more details on the composition of the consortia applying check the [scheme's page](#) and the [MSCA Work Programme](#).**

#### **Features of the networks**

The MSCA are open to all domains of research and innovation, chosen freely by the applicants, and have a strong focus on interdisciplinary, international and intersectoral cooperation.

Doctoral Networks support programmes that address this triple dimension, spanning all research fields. They provide specific incentives to promote cooperation between academic and non-academic sectors.

Selected networks will enable their researchers to explore the academic and non-academic sectors, and offer them research training, as well as transferable skills and competences particularly relevant for innovation and their long-term employability.

#### **Benefits for institutions**

Participating institutions receive funding to develop excellent doctoral programmes allowing them to recruit talented researchers, boost their global visibility and foster cooperation with other sectors and countries.

#### **Award considerations**

Key award criteria include

- quality and novelty of the research and innovation methodologies applied
- research conducted
- training, supervision and career guidance provided to researchers

#### **Key novelty**

A new element is introduced through the [RAISE Doctoral Networks for AI in Science](#), a pilot initiative under Horizon Europe Cluster 4. **This provides additional opportunities for projects that integrate artificial intelligence into scientific research. Funding is available through Standard, Industrial and Joint Doctoral Networks, each offering distinct structures and incentives.**

**Applications must be submitted by 24 November 2026.**

**For more information:** <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/actions/doctoral-networks>

## **Call for Proposals for ERC Advanced Grant (ERC-2026-ADG) officially opened (28 May 2026)**

Source: *Funding and Tenders Portal EC EU Funding & Tenders Portal*

The call for proposals for ERV Advance Grant is open for submission.

Opening date: 28 May 2026

Deadline date: **27 August 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time**

#### **Expected Outcome:**

##### **Objectives and profile of the ERC Advanced Grant Principal Investigator**

The objective of the Advanced Grant is to support excellent Principal Investigators that are established research leaders. An ERC Advanced Grant Principal Investigator is expected to be an active researcher with a track record of significant research achievements.

##### **Size of ERC Advanced Grants**

Advanced Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of **EUR 2 500 000** for a period of **5 years**. The maximum amount of the grants is reduced pro rata temporis for projects of a shorter duration.

Additional funding up to **EUR 1 000 000** \* can be requested to cover further eligible costs (e.g. start-up costs, major equipment, access to large facilities, major experimental and field work costs) when these are necessary to carry out the proposed work. The requests for additional funding must be duly justified in the proposal. Additional funding is not subject to pro rata temporis reduction for projects of shorter duration.

\* *Except for Principal Investigators in Starting, Consolidator, or Advanced Grant re-locating to the EU or an Associated Country from elsewhere to take up their ERC grant. In this case, the maximum additional funding shall be EUR 2 000 000.*

The Advanced Grant is awarded as a single lump sum contribution for the entirety of the project (broken down by beneficiaries – where applicable) based on a realistic estimate of the actual cost of the project, and fully covering the work to be implemented in the proposed action.

For further information, please see the [ERC Work Programme 2026](#).

## **Warning: HE Health deadlines 2027 may change (26 May 2026)**

Source: Mailing team IRIS RVO

The European Commission is considering moving the deadlines for Horizon Health 2027 calls from April to February. The EC has observed and struggled with the higher submission volumes. This has now affected the timelines of their evaluation:

- The first stage for **HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-two-stage** deadline will probably move from 13 April 2027 to **17 February 2027**
- The second stage for **HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-two-stage** deadline will then go from 22 September 2027 to **16 September 2027**
- The deadlines for the single stage *HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01* calls **may** move to *17 February 2027*
- The deadlines for the single stage *HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03* calls **may** move to *16 September 2027*

The deadline change for the single-stage proposals has been suggested but not confirmed. However, we feel that it is important to share this with you now to assist in your preparation for the upcoming calls.

## **Invite Webinar : Funding opportunities in Horizon Europe Missions 2026 (22 May 2026)**

Do you work for a Dutch university, research institute, local/regional government, NGO or startup/SME and do you want to explore research and innovation funding opportunities in the field of Healthy Soils and Oceans, Climate Adaptation and Climate-Neutral Cities or Cancer?

Join us on **Monday June 15th from 15.30-17:00** to learn about 2026 funding opportunities of the Horizon Europe Missions.

**In the webinar, you will Explore how your ideas align with the 2026 calls on the five EU Missions:**

- Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030A Soil Deal for Europe
- Adaptation to Climate Change
- 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities
- Cancer
- Receive guidance on proposal preparation and submission and how to join consortia
- Learn about available support from the National Contact Point at Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland (RVO)
- Hear examples of success stories

### **Who Should Attend?**

Our webinars are open to all Dutch organisations, and we especially invite newcomers to Horizon Europe. Join us for a tailored discussion, experience sharing and answers to your questions. The webinar will be held in English and is exclusively meant for personnel from Dutch organisations.

### **About Horizon Europe & Missions calls:**

Horizon Europe is the European Union's €95 billion research and innovation Framework Programme, focusing on key sectors, global challenges, and international collaborations. The Missions are part of Horizon Europe and have time-bound ambitious and impact-driven goals to address major challenges.

### **Your EU Missions National Contact Point:**

RVO is the National Contact Point (NCP) for the Netherlands for the Horizon Europe programme. It is your compass for navigating the European Research & Innovation landscape.

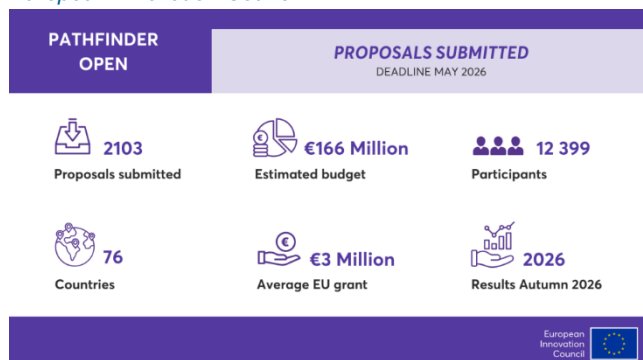
### **Registration:**

Register via our online form by June 14th **2026**. For questions and more information, contact us at [teamiris@rvo.nl](mailto:teamiris@rvo.nl)

**For more information about event and registration:** [Home](#) | [Webinar funding within Horizon Europe Missions 2026-2027](#)

## ***EIC Pathfinder Open 2026 call continues to attract strong interest from the research community (20 May 2026)***

Source: Website EIC *EIC Pathfinder Open 2026 call continues to attract strong interest from the research community - European Innovation Council*



**The European Innovation Council (EIC) has received 2103 project proposals under the EIC Pathfinder Open 2026 call, confirming the continued strong interest of the research and innovation community in breakthrough deep-tech funding opportunities.**

The call, which closed on 12 May 2026, attracted participants from 76 countries. Applicants collectively requested more than €8.2 billion in grant funding, reflecting the growing demand for support for ambitious, high-risk and potentially transformative research projects.

Compared to the previous year, the number of submitted proposals increased once again, continuing the upward trend observed in recent editions of the programme and underlining the strategic importance of the EIC Pathfinder instrument within the European innovation ecosystem.

The scale of participation also highlights the highly competitive nature of the programme. The call received:

- 12 399 beneficiary participations
- 4 633 unique beneficiary organisations

The sustained level of interest demonstrates that the EIC Pathfinder programme remains highly attractive to Europe's research community, despite the very competitive success rates of previous years. It also reflects the continued appetite for funding visionary research with the potential to create entirely new technological pathways. The EIC Pathfinder Open 2026 call has an indicative budget of €166 million.

## ***Talent Ecosystems: Building sustainable research careers. Join the event on 29 September! (18 May 2026)***

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

**Curious research minds need a stable career path to reach their full potential.**



If you are a researcher, policymaker or represent a research organisation, join the discussion on how to improve working conditions and career prospects for early-stage researchers in the European Research Area (ERA).

After a year of activities, 10 EU-supported projects - bringing together academia, industry and other sectors - will showcase their progress on how to improve researchers' employability, career development, skills and wellbeing.

These discussions will also provide insights for future applicants in view of the upcoming 2027 [ERA call for proposals](#), which aims to strengthen Research Careers in the EU.

The event will take place on **29 September in hybrid mode**. [Register now to join online!](#)

## Wanted: specialists to assess EU-funded research and innovation projects! (18 May 2026)

Source: Website Funding & Tenders Portal EC [Wanted: specialists to assess EU-funded research and innovation projects!](#) | [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Are you a specialist in **Social Sciences and Humanities**? We need experts in these areas:

1. Social innovation (e.g. educational strategies, open innovation, knowledge transfer, commercial take-up)
2. Sociological dimensions of technological and policy developments, including ethical, gender, cultural, governance aspects



**Your job will be:**

1. **Evaluating project proposals** applying for funding under Horizon Europe, the Promotion of Agricultural Products programme and the Research Fund for Coal and Steel.
2. **Monitoring the implementation** of EU-funded projects.

**What are the advantages?**

1. playing a key role in selecting the research and innovation ideas that can contribute to tackling key global challenges;
2. networking with other specialists;
3. a daily fee - also for accommodation and subsistence allowances, as well as the reimbursement of your travel costs.

**Register in the European Commission's experts database** <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert> . Already registered? Great! But here's a pro tip: **boost your visibility** by **regularly updating your CV**, and by using **specific keywords**.

The more precise your profile, the higher your chances of being selected for your next assignment!

**Ready to contribute? For more details:** [https://rea.ec.europa.eu/working-rea/work-expert\\_en](https://rea.ec.europa.eu/working-rea/work-expert_en)

## European Funding News: FP10

### *Horizon Europe negotiations shape up for October start (28 May2026)*

Source: Website Science|Business [Horizon Europe negotiations shape up for October start](#) | [Science|Business](#)  
**Discussions are running late compared to previous EU budget cycle, but there is still time to reach a deal**



*The European Parliament in Brussels. Photo credits: [VanderWolf Images](#) / Big Stock*

Negotiations on the next Horizon Europe programme look set to start in October, if both the European Parliament and EU Council hit their current markers. This is around 10 months later in the process than the 2018 negotiations for the present Horizon Europe, but not yet a reason to panic.

The Parliament's research committee plans to adopt its reports on the next Horizon Europe, also known as Framework Programme 10 (FP10), and the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) on September 10. Adoption in plenary should follow on October 5, which means that negotiations with the Council could begin in the middle of the month.

These talks are known as trilogues, because the European Commission assists discussions, without having a say in the outcome.

If the Council and Parliament start talking in October, they have 14 months to reach an agreement. Last time, the trilogues lasted three months, although the need to restructure the EU budget because of the Covid pandemic meant that the programme started with a considerable delay.

This time around, EU leaders are keen to avoid delays. In April, Council President António Costa told governments they have a "collective responsibility" to reach an agreement on the EU budget by the end of the year, so that the new budget can be ready from the beginning of 2028.

#### ***Parliament sorts amendments***

The Parliament's research committee will meet on June 3, June 24-25, July 13-14 and September 1 to sort through the thousands of amendments to the FP10 and [ECF](#) reports.

For the ECF these cover topics such as the definition of competitiveness, the flexibility of the budget and the geographical balance of allocations. For the FP10 proposal, issues include its formal ties to the ECF, new funding instruments and the size of research partnerships.

The committee will vote on its FP10 and ECF reports on September 10. The FP10 report is pencilled in for a first reading in plenary on October 5. No date has yet been formally set for the ECF. If these positions pass, trilogues can begin, but if they are sent back to the research committee for further amendment there will be a delay.

#### ***Council meetings in June***

Things are moving a little faster in the Council, although a plan to have a partial position on FP10 agreed this week [appears to be off](#). The ECF, meanwhile, is being handled by the general affairs council, which will discuss a position on June 16.

Heads of government meet in Brussels on June 18 and 19 to discuss the EU's long-term budget, after which the Cypriot presidency aims to have a "well-thought-out negotiating box" ready. This will be picked up in the Irish presidency in the second half of the year.

It is this financial negotiation that will determine what is possible in the next Horizon Europe, with both the Commission proposal and Parliament's initial response asking for more money than governments will want to pay. These budgetary questions are most likely to be resolved after the trilogues on individual programmes such as FP10 and the ECF have started, and risk obstructing the path to a final agreement.

## ***EU governments miss target for FP10 agreement (28 May 2026)***

Source: Website Science|Business [EU governments miss target for FP10 agreement](#) | Science|Business

**Research sector urges Council to consider Parliament's ideas for future research and innovation instruments as agreement is delayed**



*European Council buildings in Brussels, Belgium. Photo credits: European Council*

EU governments will miss their May 29 target for an agreement on the future Horizon Europe programme, and are now being urged to consider ideas from the European Parliament to avoid further delays once trilogue negotiations kick off later this year.

The EU Council had hoped that Friday's meeting of research ministers would result in a partial agreement on the European Commission's €175 billion proposal for the next Framework Programme for research and innovation, also known as FP10. This would have settled a position on the structure of FP10, but left out figures or other elements that depend on broader negotiations over the next EU budget.

However, that is no longer on the cards as insufficient progress has been made in negotiations. A compromise could still be found in June, since it does not need to be approved at a ministerial-level meeting.

In a [steering note](#) prepared ahead of Friday's meeting, the Cypriot presidency of the Council underlined four key issues that are still to be resolved: strategic priority setting, including the alignment between FP10 and the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF); partnerships; the Widening programme; and bottom-up collaborative research and innovation.

The Parliament's lead negotiators have already published their draft reports on FP10 and the ECF, but these still need to be amended and adopted. The research community has welcomed the Parliament's changes and is now calling on EU governments to take them seriously when drafting their own position.

*"Europe cannot afford prolonged divergence of positions between EU institutions,"* seven groups representing universities and research institutes wrote in a joint statement published on May 27, ahead of this week's Council meeting. *"Delayed progress would create uncertainty for researchers, institutions, companies and innovation ecosystems."*

**Read full article here:** [EU governments miss target for FP10 agreement](#) | Science|Business

## ***Nordic rectors' conferences publish joint paper on FP10 and ECF (28 May 2026)***

Source: Website Universities of Norway [Shaping FP10 and ECF: A joint Nordic perspective - Universitets- og høgskolerådet](#)

The rectors' conferences of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden have published a shared vision of the ongoing negotiations over the next European Framework Programme for research and innovation, FP10, and its links to the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF).

Many of their priorities reflect the views of the wider European university sector, including a €220 billion budget, avoiding any directionality in the European Research Council and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, and preserving support in Pillar 2 for collaborative research at low technology readiness levels.

The paper also highlights the importance of Arctic research, which is highly relevant to the Nordic countries, and suggests introducing an "Arctic partnership" in the future research programme.

**Read the full paper here:** <https://www.uhr.no/nyheter/aktuelt/shaping-fp10-and-ecf-a-joint-nordic-perspective.8359.aspx>

## Universities and research institutes call on Council to build on Parliament's momentum on FP10 and the ECF (27 May 2026)

Source: [Website Coimbra Group](#) *Universities and research institutes call on Council to build on Parliament's momentum on FP10 and the ECF* | Coimbra



### Universities and research institutes call on Council to build on Parliament's momentum on FP10 and the ECF



**The Coimbra Group and its partners from leading university and research networks invite the Council to consider the European's Parliaments proposals on Horizon Europe 2028-2034 (FP10) and the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), so to converge towards a coherent and ambitious framework.**

Coimbra Group and the partner organisations decided to publish a joint statement ahead of the Competitiveness Council meeting dedicated to research and space, which is taking place on 29 May 2026. Following the publication of the draft reports by the European Parliament in April and May, and the consequent start of discussions within the ITRE committee for a common position of the Parliament, it is now time for the Council to work towards a partial general approach. In our joint statement, we highlighted the importance of the convergence of positions between the EU institutions. As the European Parliament has suggested ambitious elements in its proposal, it is key that the debate on the FP10 and ECF is constructive and open. Also the Commission plays an important role in this convergence, supporting constructing compromises and taking into account the suggestions made by the Parliament, which cover many of the concerning points raised by the research and innovation community.

In line with the joint amendments the [joint amendments to the FP10 regulation proposal](#), published in December 2025, and the [joint statement on the design of the ECF](#) published in February 2026, the signatories of the statements support:

- A serious consideration by the Council of the European Parliament's approach and proposals,
- Concrete actions to facilitate the swift association of close partners, including Switzerland and United Kingdom, to FP10,
- A strong and well-balanced interface between FP10 and ECF, as for example proposed by the European Parliament through the Horizon Europe Pathway Actions, that we welcome,
- A strong involvement of independent experts operating at the forefront of research and innovation in the implementation of FP10 and ECF,
- A timely convergence between the positions of the European Parliament and the Council, based on the Commission's proposal, ensuring a timely adoption of the legislative acts, but keeping high their quality.

Download the full statement here: <https://www.coimbra-group.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026051.pdf>

## Research with Dual-Use Potential in FP10 (22 May 2026)

Source: [Website LERU](#) *LERU paper on Research with Dual-Use Potential in FP10* | LERU



The paper, "Research with Dual-Use Potential in FP10 – Strategy and Necessary Safeguards," begins by asking what 'research with dual-use potential' actually is. Is this research on items which are included on export control lists or is this research which could have both civil and military applications outside of the lists? We assume that it refers to the latter,

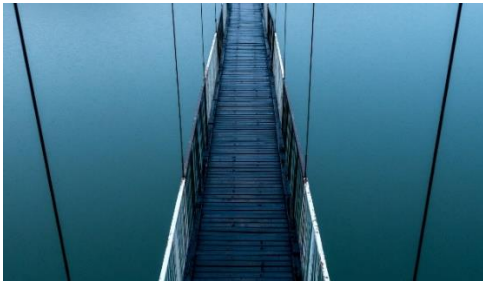
but we note that almost any research could have dual-use potential – from the more obvious AI and biotechnology areas to geography and communications. So, it is vital for the EC to urgently clarify what exactly they mean by ‘research with dual-use potential’ and how this links to the Dual Use Export Control Regulation, as it will have significant implications in terms of university governance, project development and implementation. We consider the safeguards and other measures which need to be put in place to ensure open and international research cooperations.

LERU reiterates that research with primarily military applications should remain outside of the Framework Programme, and only research with carefully considered potential dual-use applications should be included. A series of safeguards will be necessary to ensure that the inclusion of research with dual-use potential does not compromise the very nature of the Framework Programme, allowing safe and open collaboration despite strong geopolitical challenges.

**Read full LERU paper here:** [Research with dual-use potential in FP10 - Strategy and necessary safeguards](#)

## ***What is the vision for Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence in FP10? (22 May 2026)***

*Source: Website The Guild* [What is the vision for Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence in FP10? - The Guild](#)  
**The Guild member universities welcome the Commission’s continued commitment to strengthen R&I capacity across Europe and the allocation of 3,3% of the proposed FP10 budget to widening measures.**



Although participation of Widening countries in Horizon Europe has increased and average success rates of applications from Widening and non-Widening Member States are converging, underperformance remains striking in key parts of the programme, notably the European Research Council (ERC) and European Innovation Council (EIC). But what level of participation do we consider sufficient?

The most striking R&I gap is within the widening group itself. We welcome the distinction between Widening and Transition countries; however, the proposal does not offer a phase-out vision for Transition countries. At the same time, both country categories would benefit from measures that focus on building research excellence.

### ***The Guild shares its recommendations for Widening Participation in FP10, including European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Actions:***

1. Make explicit FP10’s commitment to Widening Participation
2. Conditionality to access widening funding should be clarified
3. Improve the indicators to determine Widening/Transition countries
4. Introduce a phase-out plan for Transition countries
5. Invest in instruments with proven added value
6. Mainstream examples of synergies with other funding instruments
7. Award the MSCA label to ERA Fellowships
8. Use widening budget to support excellent proposals under ERC and EIC
9. Strengthen COST to the benefit of researchers and improve funding rules
10. Align appointment rules and introduce evaluation for COST Management Committee members
11. Boost talent interaction through COST with researchers worldwide

**Read full paper here:** [the-guild\\_widening-participation-position-paper\\_may2026.pdf](#)

## ***Rumoured overhaul of Commission research directorate gets mixed response (21 May 2026)***

*Source: Website Science|Business* [Rumoured overhaul of Commission research directorate gets mixed response | Science|Business](#)

**Lobbies insist on need for R&D expertise inside European Commission, but disagree on threat of reshuffle**



*Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission. Photo credits: [Belish](#) / BigStock*

**Once more, the EU quarter in Brussels is alive with rumours. Earlier this week, Politico Europe reported that the European Commission is planning to centralise departments responsible for the direct allocation of EU funding ahead of the start of the next EU multiannual budget in 2028.**

According to reports, a potential overhaul could see the directorate-general for research and innovation (DG RTD) revamped or moved under a centralised “DG Invest,” an idea that has already been met with both scepticism and optimism from key research stakeholders.

University and research lobbies are taking the rumours seriously and fear of a loss of research expertise among key staff in DG RTD, the Commission body in charge of the Horizon Europe research and innovation programme.

*“This would be a disaster for [the next Horizon Europe],”* Jan Palmowski, secretary-general of the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities, told Science|Business, *“because to support it, and to ensure Europe’s science is cutting-edge against increasingly stiff global competition, you need a research directorate that understands how research works and how it is best funded in a fast-changing world.”*

A potential restructuring, Palmowski said, risks endangering DG RTD’s position as *“one of the world’s most prominent research funders,”* a function that cannot be sustained *“by bureaucrats who focus on centralised investment decisions for economic gain.”*

The potential restructuring is seen as a further example of Commission President Ursula von der Leyen’s push to centralise power, following last year’s rumours that Horizon Europe [would be integrated](#) into the upcoming European Competitiveness Fund (ECF).

A last-minute compromise ensured that Horizon Europe would continue to be a separate programme with a separate legislation. However, the ECF will be [tightly linked](#) to the research and innovation programme, a move which critics have described as a way for the Commission to redirect money to emerging priorities.

This push for centralisation has unnerved research lobby groups. Lidia Borrell-Damián, secretary-general of Science Europe, called the rumours, if true, *“unprecedented”* and *“somehow worrying.”* It is critical, she said, that research in Europe *“is not subordinated to purely economic objectives.”*

*“Research and the development of the EU’s scientific base is a strategic priority in itself, as research generates the necessary insightful knowledge that allows addressing societal challenges and follow-on technological developments,”* she told Science|Business.

Kurt Deketelaere secretary-general of the League of European Research Universities, echoed this view, calling the restructure *“a very bad idea.”* *“It shows that those who suggest this don’t know what the mission of DG RTD is: to develop policy on research and innovation issues in Europe, for and with the member states and the European Parliament. We witness on a daily basis the broad range of topics DG RTD is working on,”* Deketelaere told Science|Business.

### **Changes are a must**

But not everyone is worried. Manuel Heitor, former science minister of Portugal, who led the Commission’s expert group on Horizon Europe, welcomed the rumoured changes. He called the reorganisation of all Commission directorates general before the next EU budget *“a must,”* since most Commission services, including DG RTD, are *“overloaded with administrative staff, with no adequate skills.”* **Note PJ: I do not agree with Manuel Heitor in this!**

*“[The restructuring] should go beyond the overall architecture and the titles of the various DGs. It should include a serious consideration of a new career of ‘programme manager’ for skilled people, adequately paid, including adequate temporary contracts, promoting a brain circulation of experts throughout Europe,”* Heitor told Science|Business. In the future, the structure of the Commission research funding body should look more like the European Research Council (ERC), he said.

*“The current structure and skills in DG RTD do not make sense. In other words, the ERC model introduced 20 years ago has proven to be the most successful in Europe and worldwide and should be adopted and leveraged for the full governance of FP10,”* he said, referring to Framework Programme 10, as the next Horizon Europe is also known.

More specifically, he reference [a 2024 report](#) by an expert group which he steered, recommending that the FP10 should be led by four independent councils, covering frontier research, disruptive innovation, industrial competitiveness and addressing societal challenges.

**Read full article here:** [Rumoured overhaul of Commission research directorate gets mixed response | Science|Business](#)

## ***Associated country universities demand place at FP10 table (14 may 2026)***

Source: Website [Science|Business](#) [Associated country universities demand place at FP10 table | Science|Business](#)  
**Institutions from UK, New Zealand, Canada and Switzerland worry about being locked out of governance and sensitive calls**

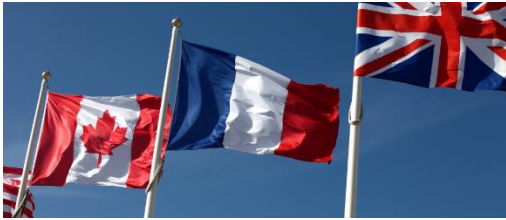


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**University associations from four countries associated to the EU's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme have banded together to warn that the programme needs to be “research-led” and include support for curiosity-driven science.**

In an open letter on May 13, the UK's Russell Group, U15 Canada, Swissuniversities, and Universities New Zealand suggest they are concerned that the next programme, known as FP10, could drift away from a research focus and exclude them from sensitive projects.

In Brussels, the European Commission and MEPs are [fighting over the extent](#) to which FP10's research areas will be controlled by a much broader instrument, the mooted €409 billion European Competitiveness Fund (ECF). The fear is that the ECF will be steered by the EU's needs of the day, be it semiconductor production or drones for defence, meaning FP10 becomes subsumed by big industrial or defence-related projects decided by Brussels. The details remain unclear, and the exact link between the programmes is up for grabs.

But the debate has spooked non-EU countries that pay to participate in Horizon Europe. They worry the research focus in FP10 could be diluted in favour of immediate technological needs, or there could be more defence-related projects that they are excluded from. At the beginning of the current programme in 2021, the Commission [initially excluded](#) the UK, Switzerland and Israel from quantum and space projects.

In their open letter, sent to the Cypriot presidency of the EU Council and the Commission, the university umbrella bodies say they want “curiosity-driven, fundamental research” protected in all parts of FP10. Collaborative grants in FP10 also need to remain “firmly research-led,” they add.

Topic exclusions, where some research projects are off limits to non-EU members, should be kept to a minimum, they write. Researchers from associated countries must be “treated equally in applications and collaborations,” they say. The ECF also throws open the question of FP10 governance. Currently, associated countries send observers to the meetings where research calls in Horizon Europe are decided. Although they don't get a formal vote, they do get a say. If the ECF steers parts of FP10, however, it's less clear how countries such as the UK or Canada will maintain their voice in the process. The letter asks that associated country observers “*retain their clear role, so they can feed into the governance of Pillar 2 as at present,*” referring to collaborative grants.

**Read full article here:** [Associated country universities demand place at FP10 table | Science|Business](#)

## Other International funding

### ***Funding for an overarching knowledge management project on adaptive delta management in Bangladesh (28 May 2026)***

Source: Website NWO News [Funding for an overarching knowledge management project on adaptive delta management in Bangladesh | NWO](#)



**A knowledge management project is set to commence for the four projects awarded funding under the NWA programme 'ADM-LAB: Living Labs for Adaptive Delta Management in Bangladesh'. This project is funded within the second phase of this research programme. It builds on the knowledge developed in the four projects and will, among other things, work towards further institutionalising living lab methodologies.**

Bangladesh's delta is facing increasing climate and development risks. Solutions exist, but the knowledge required for them is fragmented, difficult to access and insufficiently applicable. The KIND-BD project bridges this gap by strengthening knowledge management for adaptive delta management. This is achieved by systematically bringing together insights from the living labs, research projects, policy processes and local knowledge, and translating these into user-oriented applications. Through an open knowledge platform, decision-support tools and interaction between science, policy and practice, KIND-BD stimulates collaborative learning and enables the upscaling and embedding of effective, context-sensitive adaptation strategies in the Bangladesh delta.

**The main applicant for the KIND-BD** (Knowledge Integration for Navigating Adaptive Delta Management in Bangladesh) project is **Prof. Sara Nowreen** (Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology). The project is expected to run until 2030.

#### ***WUR is one of the Co-applicants***

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- Syed Mustafa PhD Wageningen University & Research
- ir. Terwisscha van Scheltinga Stichting Wageningen Research
- Huu (Josh) Ho PhD Wageningen University & Research
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**For more information:** [Funding for an overarching knowledge management project on adaptive delta management in Bangladesh | NWO](#)

### ***11th Eurostars call opening (27 May 2026)***

Source: Mailing Team IRIS RVO

The 11th call of the Eurostars program opens on July 9, 2026, and closes on September 10, 2026, at 14:00 CEST. The RVO website [Eurostars: internationale aanvraagprocedure | RVO](#) contains extensive information about the program and helpful videos that explain step-by-step how to successfully prepare, write, and evaluate an application.

***New word limits***

Please note that new word limits will be used in applications starting with this call. Especially when resubmitting, it is important to use the new template and not your old version. A new template will soon be available on the Eureka website.

***Optimal preparation of your application***

In the run-up to the new call, RVO is organizing a **Webinar on June 30, 2026, from 14:00 to 15:30**, providing further explanation of the submission and evaluation process.

You can register via this form: [Webinar Eurostars 11e internationale call | RVO.nl](#)

***Enterprise in Difficulty***

A new General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) will enter into force from 2027. An advanced draft version is currently ready. This appears to provide more flexibility specifically for innovative companies regarding the 'Enterprise in Difficulty' legislation, which we at Eurostars are required to adhere to. We will elaborate further on what this GBER amendment entails and how we will handle it for the next call during the Webinar on June 30.

## National funding

### ***NGF GroenvermogenNL – Research launched into new production methods for nitrogen-based chemicals (28 May 2026)***

Source: Website NWO News [NGF GroenvermogenNL – Research launched into new production methods for nitrogen-based chemicals | NWO](#)



**NWO and the National Growth Fund's GroenvermogenNL programme are making €20.3 million available to make the nitrogen-based chemical industry more sustainable. This will fund the scientific research required for the use of hydrogen and green electrons in the chemical sector.**

Nitrogen-based chemicals are essential in, among other things, fertilisers, refrigerants, medicines and plastics. The chemical industry is one of the largest users of fossil raw materials and accounts for a significant share of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. For example, the production of fertiliser from natural gas accounts for 5% of the Netherlands' demand for natural gas. Renewable hydrogen could replace this demand. This development will enable the Dutch chemical industry to become more sustainable, whilst also remaining competitive.

#### ***Funded project***

**HyNITROGEN - Green Nitrogen Valorisation Technologies for Sustainable Energy, Fertilisers, and Chemicals**

**Main applicant:** Prof. Jimmy Faria Albanese – University of Twente

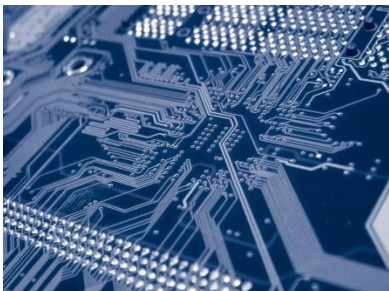
**Note PJ:** WUR is one of the consortium partners

#### ***About GroenvermogenNL***

The National Growth Fund Programme GroenvermogenNL is the investment programme for green assets for the Dutch economy and society. Through this programme, green hydrogen is intended to be the driving force behind the transition from a society and industry based on fossil fuels to a sustainable energy supply. This will enable the Netherlands to build a new industry and an attractive business climate. To make this transition possible, well-trained people and a strong knowledge-sharing structure are essential. The investment programme runs until 2030.

### ***Twelve successful projects can now get started on their digitalisation ambitions (28 May 2026)***

Source: Website NWO News [Twelve successful projects can now get started on their digitalisation ambitions | NWO](#)



Twelve applications have been approved by the NWO Executive Board, for a total of €3,093,416. The following amounts have been allocated to each Thematic Digital Competence Centre (TDCC):

- TDCC-LSH: €840,173
- TDCC-NES: €1,082,775
- TDCC-SSH: €1,170,468

**The awarded projects fall under the ‘Thematic Digital Competence Centres 2025’ call.**

The aim of this call was to fund projects that help realise the digitalisation ambitions of the TDCCs and the communities they serve. The call was designed to be non-competitive and community-driven.

#### **What exactly are the TDCCs?**

The Thematic Digital Competence Centres are network organisations. The TDCCs were established in 2022 with funding from NWO. There are three TDCCs in the Netherlands: one for Life Science & Health (LSH), one for Natural and Engineering Sciences (NES) and one for Social Sciences & Humanities (SSH). Their ambitions are described in the TDCC roadmaps <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/digital-competence-centres/roadmaps-from-the-three-thematic-dccs-digital-competence-centres> . For more information about the TDCCs, **read here** <https://tdcc.nl/> .

#### **Twelve grants**

Twelve projects have been awarded funding under the TDCC 2025 call. The projects cover various topics, such as developing a national digital ecosystem for FAIR fungal research, or identifying the top 10 best solutions for the secure sharing of health data collected by patients. **Read all the public summaries here:** [Twelve successful projects can now get started on their digitalisation ambitions | NWO](#)

## **Four projects started in Impact Explorer 2025 (27 May 2026)**

Source: *Website NWO News* [Four projects started in Impact Explorer 2025 | NWO](#)



**When conducting scientific research, you sometimes encounter unexpected results that were not taken into account beforehand. It is precisely these unexpected discoveries that can yield valuable new insights. The Impact Explorer call offers researchers the opportunity to explore the potential impact of these discoveries. four projects are now receiving a small top-up to further investigate unexpected discoveries. In total almost 119,000 euros has been granted.**

This top-up will also be useful in the research of Jan-Willem Beenakker: ‘Uveal melanoma is the most common form of eye cancer, but as a rare disease it is treated in only a few highly specialised centres, such as Leiden in the Netherlands. In my VIDI COMPOSE project, we developed new ways to combine MRI with optical images of the eye, opening the door to more precise treatment planning and better preservation of vision. During this project, major European centres have transitioned to the same treatment planning platform, creating a unique opportunity to exchange methods and compare practices. With this Impact Explorer, we will bring the COMPOSE methods to seven centres across Europe, assess their impact in ocular proton therapy planning, and build a shared understanding of how care can be further improved. Ultimately, this project is a step towards more personalised, vision preserving treatment for every patient.’

#### **About this call**

The grant is intended for activities to validate the potential societal impact of discoveries from more curiosity-driven research. Such as from the Talent Line and the Open Competitions of both NWO and ZonMw. And to explore a route to societal impact. A minimum of 20,000 and a maximum of 30,000 euro is available per proposal. The call is currently closed for new applications. A new round of Impact Explorer is expected to open in October 2026.

**For more information about the granted projects:** [Four projects started in Impact Explorer 2025 | NWO](#)

## **Three research consortia receive additional funding for knowledge exploitation in mission-driven innovation (27 May 2026)**

Source: [Website NWO News Three research consortia receive additional funding for knowledge exploitation in mission-driven innovation | NWO](#)



**Knowledge about mission-driven innovation is often still fragmented across individual consortia and ecosystems, whereas broader application offers opportunities for greater societal impact. To bring together and utilise the knowledge gained from three previous MV Mission calls, the KIC Societal Earning Capacity Top-up Call: connection, synthesis and knowledge utilisation is offering additional funding to previous consortia.**

The budget is used to leverage the knowledge gained during their research to accelerate mission-driven innovation and create Societal Earning Capacity. In doing so, the projects increase their societal impact and use their knowledge to support the thematic Knowledge and Innovation Agendas (KIAs).

The call was open to consortia from three previous MV Mission Calls. These are:

- KIC Mission-driven innovation systems in a regional context (2020);
- KIC Collaboration in mission-driven innovation (2021);
- KIC Realisation, acceleration and upscaling of mission-driven innovation (2022).

By building on these calls, the potential of previously funded research is further utilised and scaled up. Collaboration between knowledge institutions and societal partners is a key requirement within this call.

One of the outcomes of this call is that two consortia from the earlier mission programmes have joined forces to form a new consortium, which has been awarded a project. This project, called ENLITE, is developing educational models to train change agents capable of translating evidence-based insights into systemic change, thereby strengthening sustainable agri-food and energy systems.

### ***WUR is cooperation partner in of the awarded projects***

#### **Evidence-informed Learning for Impact through Education (ENLITE)**

**Main applicant:** Dr I. Wanzenböck (Utrecht University)

**Awarded budget:** Over €220,000

**Co-applicants:** dr. J.P.G. van der Pol (Universiteit Utrecht), prof. E. Stam (Universiteit Utrecht) en dr. F.J. van Rijnsoever (Universiteit Utrecht)

**Cooperation partners:** Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, **Wageningen University & Research**, Hogeschool Den Haag, Hogeschool InHolland, University of British Columbia, University of Wollongong

**New top-up projects are expected to start in 2027.**

**For more information about the awarded projects:** [Three research consortia receive additional funding for knowledge exploitation in mission-driven innovation | NWO](#)

## **Holomicrobiome 2026 - Towards novel microbiome applications for the environment, food and health (26 May 2026)**

Source: [Website NWO Holomicrobiome 2026 - Towards novel microbiome applications for the environment, food and health | NWO](#)

**Microbiomes, communities of organisms such as bacteria, fungi and viruses, greatly impact the health of humans, animals, plants and the environment. This call invites researchers to create consortia for research and development of innovative applications of microbiomes in areas such as agriculture, livestock farming, food production and health care.**

### ***Purpose***

Our society faces major challenges in the areas of climate, environmental quality, circularity, and animal and public health. Microbiomes have the potential to offer sustainable solutions, for example by reducing harmful emissions in agriculture and livestock farming, and by strengthening the resilience and health of humans and animals. Microbiomes can also play a role in preventing and combating antimicrobial resistance (AMR) or improving the quality of surface water. The knowledge gained through this programme therefore not only leads to the development of innovative solutions, but also helps to tackle these societal challenges.

#### **What to apply for**

The subsidy ceiling for this Call for proposals is € 26,000,000. In this Call for proposals there are two categories for which a grant can be applied for: 'Flagship projects' and 'Use Case projects'. For each of these categories, a maximum € 13,000,000 is available.

#### **Category 1**

Flagship projects Per project, a minimum of € 1,500,000 and maximum € 3,250,000 grant can be applied for. Maximum duration: 60 months. Each application requires at least 15% of the total project costs to be 'Non-NWO funding'.

#### **Category 2**

Use case projects Per project, a minimum of € 500,000 and maximum € 1,500,000 grant can be applied for. Maximum duration: 36 months. Each application requires at least 30% of the total project costs to be 'Non-NWO funding'.

#### **Both categories**

A minimum of 50% of the applied for grant should go to the research organisations listed as 'main applicant' in the call for proposals. The main applicant and co-applicants can apply for personnel, material, knowledge utilization and (only Flagship projects) investments.

#### **When to apply**

- **Deadline registration for matchmaking: 25 June 2026, 14:00:00 CEST.**
- **Matchmaking: 30 June 2026.**
- **Deadline request for assessment of organisations: 29 September 2026, 14:00:00 CEST.**
- **Deadline application: 27 October 2026, 14:00:00 CET.**

**For more information:** [Holomicrobiome 2026 - Towards novel microbiome applications for the environment, food and health | NWO](#) and [Call for Proposals - NGF Holomicrobiom \(in Dutch\)](#)

## ***Consortium receives NWA funding for research into the ecological impacts of offshore wind farms (22 May 2026)***

Source: Website NWO News [Consortium receives NWA funding for research into the ecological impacts of offshore wind farms | NWO](#)



**Offshore wind farms play a key role in making the Netherlands' energy supply more sustainable. However, the presence of these farms can affect the natural environment around them, both above and below the water. This consortium will receive over 5 million euros in funding from the Dutch Research Agenda to investigate the ecological impacts of offshore wind farms.**

More specifically, the approved project, North Sea POWER, will examine issues such as the potential deterrent effect of the wind farms on birds and bats, and the water and biomass flows around the turbines. The research will last six years. This funding stems from the NWA research programme 'Knowledge development on the ecological effects of offshore wind farms', developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy.

The consortium was formed during a so-called Sandpit procedure. In this process, interested parties meet over several days to draft a research proposal. This intensive process facilitated the formation of an inter- and transdisciplinary consortium

**About the awarded project (with WUR as coordinator)**

*North Sea Progress in Offshore Wind Ecological Research (North Sea POWER)*

**Main applicant: Dr. Reindert Nijland – Wageningen University and Research**

North Sea POWER studies how offshore wind farms affect life above and below the water in the Dutch North Sea. As wind energy expands, it is vital to understand and manage its ecological impacts. The project brings together experts to study water and biomass flow near turbines, track how birds and bats respond, and work with stakeholders to integrate new knowledge into planning and policy. By reducing uncertainty and identifying effective mitigation options, North Sea POWER supports the development of offshore wind in a way that protects marine nature while contributing to a sustainable energy future.

**Consortium**

TNO Rijswijk, Technische Universiteit Delft, Stichting Wageningen Research, Deltares, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, b Universiteit van Amsterdam, Universiteit Twente, NIOZ - Koninklijk Nederlands Instituut voor Onderzoek der Zee, Stichting Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Universiteit Leiden, Ørsted, Waardenburg Ecology, Bionet natuuronderzoek, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Ecowende, SOVON vogelonderzoek Nederland, NIOO, Shell SOSC NL, Rijkswaterstaat, TenneT TSO bv, Rotterdam Zoo.

## **Coordination and knowledge transfer project on research into the Wadden Sea gets underway (20 May 2026)**

Source: [Website NWO News Coordination and knowledge transfer project on research into the Wadden Sea gets underway | NWO](#)



**Within the thematic programme ‘Understanding complex pressures on the Wadden Sea and perspectives for action’ of the Dutch Research Agenda (NWA) , the Netherlands and Germany have jointly allocated 650,000 euros to a coordination and transfer project, which has recently been launched. In this project, the five ongoing projects within this programme are collaborating with one another.**

**About the research programme**

The aim of this research programme is to fund interdisciplinary, international research projects that strengthen our knowledge of the impact of pressure factors on the Wadden Sea caused by human activity: both the ‘triple planetary crisis’ of climate and biodiversity change and pollution, and local human activities. The research must contribute to practical solutions, whilst providing insight into the socio-economic consequences for local communities.

This research programme consists of two phases: Phase I comprised the general grant round for multiple scientific project consortia, through which [five projects](#) were funded:

**Read full article here:** [Coordination and knowledge transfer project on research into the Wadden Sea gets underway | NWO](#)

## **Citizens and researchers now able to join forces through the NWA Citizen Science call (13 May 2026)**

Source: [Website NWO News](#) [Citizens and researchers now able to join forces through the NWA Citizen Science call | NWO](#)



**How can citizens and researchers work together to investigate and solve societal issues? Through the newly launched 'NWA Citizen Science' call, NWO invites citizens' collectives and researchers to develop joint research projects within the themes of the Dutch Research Agenda (NWA). The call explicitly enables citizens within these collectives to set their own research priorities.**

This call focuses on collaboration with citizens' collectives. These are groups of engaged citizens who have organised themselves around a societal issue and possess valuable experiential knowledge and practical insights in that area. By combining this knowledge with scientific expertise, new perspectives emerge and research becomes more relevant to the concerns of society.

### ***About the call***

Through this call, NWO aims to strengthen collaboration between citizens' collectives and researchers within the [25 NWA routes](#). Citizens do not merely contribute as data collectors, but play an equal role in formulating the research question, carrying out the research and achieving societal impact. Funded projects contribute to the democratisation of science by giving citizens greater and fairer influence over knowledge production. The call falls under Programme Line 3: Innovations and Networks of the Dutch Research Agenda.

The initial research question must originate from a citizen collective and be developed and carried out in co-creation with researchers. Citizen science forms the basis for this. Each consortium must consist of at least one main applicant and one citizen collective. A maximum of two proposals may be submitted per route. In principle, one proposal per route will be funded.

**Read the full call for proposals here: [NWA Citizen Science 2026 | NWO](#)**

## Regional funding

### ***Report: Amsterdam-Eindhoven cooperation can strengthen Dutch tech sector's position in Europe (28 May 2026)***

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 28 May 2026

**A so-called tech corridor between the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area and Brainport Eindhoven can strengthen the position of the Dutch technology sector in Europe.** This is the conclusion of a study by the VU, commissioned by the Amsterdam Economic Board. Professor of Strategic Governance of Global Technologies Haroon Sheikh states that the Netherlands has many regional specializations, but that there is a lack of structural connection and programming between regions. Sheikh's report was published simultaneously with a report by RaboResearch, in which the Dutch regions were compared with similar European growth regions. RaboResearch concludes that both regions have an exceptionally strong starting position, but together could form a top European region.

**News item Amsterdam Metropolitan Area:** [Tech Corridor Brainport Amsterdam](#)

**News item Brainport Eindhoven:** [Metropoolregio Amsterdam wil krachten bundelen voor Nederlandse techsector – Metropoolregio Amsterdam](#)

**Study Amsterdam Economic Board:** [Tech corridor versterkt Nederlandse techpositie in Europa | Amsterdam Economic Board](#)

**Publication RaboResearch:** [Nederlandse topregio's in Europees perspectief - Groot-Amsterdam en Brainport Eindhoven vergeleken met Europese groeiregio's - Rabobank](#)

### ***Gelderland invested 65 million euros in research institute and now wants to open its purse again (27 May 2026)***

Source: AD/Algemeen Dagblad.nl

**Two million euros per year. That is the amount the province of Gelderland intends to allocate in the coming period for OnePlanet, a research institute that was already brought to Gelderland in 2019 with 65 million euros in government funding. OnePlanet relies on chip technology from the Belgian company Imec, which is also part of the project. Just like Wageningen University, Radboud University, and Radboudumc.**

In 2019, Gelderland decided to spend a record amount of subsidy to bring Imec to the province. "We see OnePlanet as a unique opportunity," said Gelderland Provincial Executive member Michiel Scheffer at the time. "OnePlanet strengthens our global position in the fields of food, health, and agriculture."

Seven years later, almost all of the 65 million euros has been spent. It is time for the province to take a look: what has the collaboration yielded? The conclusion: the province is very pleased with OnePlanet. According to Gelderland, OnePlanet has developed into an internationally distinctive innovation center. This increases the Netherlands' capacity to develop important technology domestically.

#### ***2,000 jobs***

Now for the figures: in addition to the 65 million euros from the province, another 60 million euros has been invested in the project by others. According to the province, nearly 2,000 jobs have been added due to the arrival of OnePlanet.

The researchers have registered more than 70 patents for innovative techniques. Well-known examples that the province often discusses include a sensor pill for intestinal research, a smart toilet seat, and devices that can measure nitrogen around the farm.

#### ***Technologies still not on the market***

The only problem with all these technologies is that they have been discussed for years, but they are still not commercially available. OnePlanet is not yet earning anything from them. That must change, and the province wants that too. In the coming years, OnePlanet must start generating its own revenue by selling inventions.

The province also stipulates as a condition that the four partners of OnePlanet—Imec, Wageningen University, Radboud University, and Radboudumc—jointly continue to invest two million euros annually in the project. They have since promised to do so.

OnePlanet is not yet able to stand entirely on its own two feet, the province states. "Provincial support is necessary to realize OnePlanet's current ambitions and planned activities."

***More money needed***

It turns out that even more money is needed. Gelderland is seeking even more funding for OnePlanet in the coming years, for example through European subsidies.

Ultimately, the Gelderland political leadership will decide whether the subsidy will actually be granted. They will discuss this in the coming months.

## **Internal Wageningen University and Research calls**

## Latest developments within R&I Policies

### European Policy

#### *Plea for stronger European innovation policy(28 May 2026)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 28 May 2026

**Europe must organize its research and innovation policy much more strongly on a European level to avoid falling further behind the United States and China**, argues two opinion pieces in *\*De Tijd\**. Luc Sels, President of Leiden University, points out that the EU already has strong programs with Horizon Europe, but that the budget of 95.5 billion euros for seven years remains limited compared to the investment power of the US and China. His conclusion is that the EU must invest more and strengthen the free movement of knowledge. Luc Soete, Emeritus Professor of International Economics, and Philippe Nys, economist at Voka, state that approximately 90 percent of public R&D investments in Europe remain organized nationally, resulting in fragmented budgets and strategic priorities. They advocate shifting large parts of innovation policy from member states to Europe, “both in terms of content and budget.”

**Opinion piece by Luc Soete and Philippe Nys:** [Verschuif het innovatiebeleid naar de Europese Unie | De Tijd \(in Dutch\)](#)

**Opinion piece by Luc Sels:** [Zonder inhaalbeweging in innovatie raakt Europa achterop | De Tijd \(in Dutch\)](#)

#### *Swedish investment company to manage Scaleup Europe Fund (28 May 2026)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 28 May 2026

**The European Innovation Council (EIC) has selected the Swedish investment company EQT as the intended manager of the Scaleup Europe Fund.** The €5 billion fund is intended to help European deep-tech companies grow with capital from Europe. This is meant to prevent promising European companies from turning to the United States for major investments. The fund is intended to provide access to growth financing of around €100 million per company. The first investments are expected this autumn.

**European Commission Press Release:** [European Innovation Council selects EQT to lead €5 Billion Scaleup Europe Fund](#)

**Science Business Article:** [Five things we know about the EU's new €5B Scaleup Europe Fund | Science|Business](#)

#### *EU and Vietnam deepen partnership in science, technology and innovation (27 May 2026)*

Source: [Website EC EU and Vietnam deepen partnership in science, technology and innovation - Research and innovation](#)

Today, the European Commission and Vietnam's Ministry of Science and Technology signed a letter of intent to strengthen cooperation in science, technology and innovation. It is expected to deepen collaboration between researchers, universities, startups, industry and public institutions.

Signed during Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva's mission to Hanoi, the letter of intent follows the recently concluded Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the European Union and Vietnam. This letter of intent also reflects a shared ambition to make science, technology and innovation a stronger pillar of cooperation and support future competitiveness, resilience and sustainable growth.

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

*Vietnam's scientific and engineering talent complements the EU's scientific excellence, innovation ecosystem, and research-to-market strengths, making it a mutually beneficial partnership. As we celebrate 35 years of EU–Vietnam relations, we look ahead to deepening strategic cooperation in AI, green technologies, and digital transformation.*

### **From cooperation to stronger innovation ecosystems**

Vietnam is already actively engaged in Horizon Europe, with researchers and organisations contributing to collaborative projects in areas including digital technologies, health and green innovation. The letter of intent aims to strengthen cooperation through increased researcher mobility, knowledge exchange, innovation partnerships and stronger links between research and industry.

### **Background**

The European Union and Vietnam recently upgraded their relationship to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, the first such partnership between the EU and an ASEAN country. Vietnam is the EU's largest trading partner in Southeast Asia and among the region's fastest-growing economies.

Vietnam is already participating in Horizon Europe, with 32 participations and 29 signed grants involving Vietnamese organisations and researchers

**For more Information:** [EU and Vietnam deepen partnership in science, technology and innovation - Research and innovation](#)

## **Call for EU to leverage academic freedom in global talent race (14 May 2026)**

Source: Website science|Business [Call for EU to leverage academic freedom in global talent race | Science|Business](#)  
**If not for money, disgruntled researchers from around the world might still come to Europe for a taste of academic freedom**



*Leaders of G6 alliance want the EU to improve protections for academic freedom. Photo credits: Ole Ellekrog*

The G6 alliance of Europe's largest research funders wants the EU to double down on protecting academic freedom and woo researchers from around the world who are looking for a safe haven.

As academic freedom is increasingly under threat across the world, the EU should try harder to attract and retain global talent that would contribute to the bloc's ambitious plan to revive the competitiveness of its economy, the G6 alliance said [in a joint statement](#).

G6 leaders say Donald Trump's attempts to politicise science by cutting the budgets of US science programmes should serve as both a warning and an opportunity for Europe.

The G6 alliance consists of the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), the National Research Council of Italy, the Spanish National Research Council, the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres, the Leibniz Association and the Max Planck Society.

"We argue that upholding academic freedom is absolutely essential. It's essential for Europe's competitiveness," Patrick Cramer, president of the Max Planck Society and the spokesperson of the G6, said in a speech in Brussels on 12 May. Antoine Petit, the outgoing chairman and CEO of CNRS, said that following the US budget cuts, countries like China are trying to attract top researchers. Europe is doing that also, but it should play its academic freedom card more strongly. "To be frank, we will not attract our colleagues from the US to our salaries," said Petit. "We have to attract them with other elements also. Research opportunities are clearly a magnet for talents, but academic freedom is as well."

The European Commission has already taken steps to attract talent from abroad. In October 2025 it launched a €22.5 million [pilot call](#) as part of the Choose Europe initiative, which is intended to make the continent a more attractive place to pursue a career in research. Draft plans show that the Commission [intends to more than double the budget](#) for this scheme starting in 2027.

While the G6 statement was hopeful that the US budget cuts could help Europe compete for research talent, it also cautioned EU member to see it as a warning. Threats to academic freedom come not only from outside Europe but also from within. The threats stem from "political, financial, and societal pressures that undermine the EU's knowledge base," the statement said.

**Read full article here:** [Call for EU to leverage academic freedom in global talent race | Science|Business](#)

## European Universities alliances welcome Council backing (13 May 2026)

Source: website Science|Business [European Universities alliances welcome Council backing](#) | Science|Business  
**Education ministers say the Competitiveness Fund should support university alliances, challenging position of Parliament's rapporteurs**



*Athena Michaelidou, Cyprus' minister for education. Photo credits: European Union*

European Universities alliances have welcomed a move by EU governments to ensure they can tap into the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), after the European Parliament's draft report on the ECF removed a reference to the alliances.

Education ministers linked the two initiatives in a [partial agreement](#) on their position on the 2028-34 Erasmus+ programme for education and training, youth and sport, reached on May 11.

"Support for all dimensions of the alliances, including research and innovation and their contribution to the competitiveness of the Union, should be pursued through synergies with other instruments, such as the European Competitiveness Fund and Horizon Europe," their stance reads.

This reference to all dimensions of the alliances is "politically very important," said Nicole Birkle, general secretary of the Forthem Alliance. "It reflects the reality of what alliances already are today and what Europe increasingly expects from them."

While set up and funded to work on student mobility and education, the alliances increasingly function as "integrated European knowledge ecosystems connecting education, research, innovation, skills development, regional ecosystems and societal engagement," Birkle told Science|Business.

There are currently 73 European Universities alliances, bringing together almost 650 higher education institutions. They are funded by Erasmus+, but links with other programmes could allow them to further develop their research, innovation and knowledge valorisation activities.

The Council position introduces a definition of European Universities alliances, as "a group of European higher education institutions that have entered into transnational long-term, structural cooperation that is confirmed in a joint mission statement, and which offer joint education provision, aiming at high-quality education, knowledge transfer, high levels of mobility, research and innovation where appropriate, and service to society."

Universities and alliances want the ECF to recognise the importance of higher education, research and talent development. "If Europe wants to stay competitive globally, then it must invest not only in technologies, but also in the people who later develop, implement, critically reflect and improve these technologies," Birkle said.

"We are pleased with references to synergies between the programmes, but it is much more important to focus on what rather than who," said Ivana Didak, head of higher education policy at the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities. "There are so many uncertainties around ECF, it will be a challenge for alliances to engage with the top-down priorities and pressures of the ECF."

As for Horizon Europe, alliances can already apply for funding, Didak pointed out. "The question is where does acting as an alliance add demonstrable value compared to other types of research consortia currently supported by Horizon Europe."

### **Parliament omission**

In a [joint statement on the ECF](#) published in February, several European university associations called for the new fund to support competitiveness and innovation by investing in skills development and talent mobility, including through the European Universities alliances.

But in the Parliament's [draft report on the ECF](#) presented in April, rapporteurs Christian Ehler and Dan Nica removed a line from the European Commission's proposal that stated that the ECF "could also support activities of university alliances."

Universities are also unhappy about the rapporteurs' decision to remove Article 30 of the proposal, which addresses skills development and calls for strong links between higher education, applied research and businesses. The MEPs propose dedicating 3% of the budget under each ECF policy area to skills development, but without a direct reference to higher education.

**Read full article here:** [European Universities alliances welcome Council backing | Science|Business](#)

## ***EU and Japan strengthen research cooperation (12 May 2026)***

Source: [Website Neth-ER](#) [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > EU en Japan versterken onderzoekssamenwerking](#)

**The EU and Japan are taking further steps to strengthen cooperation in the field of data sharing and complex technologies, such as artificial intelligence, semiconductors, and quantum technology. To this end, both parties aim to strengthen data sharing by establishing a strategic working group on this theme. Both parties agreed on this during the fourth meeting of the existing digital partnership between the two regions.**



### ***Strengthening joint research in complex technologies***

The EU and Japan are taking new steps to strengthen cooperation in core technological fields, such as artificial intelligence (AI) and quantum technologies. This was evident during **the fourth meeting Joint Statement of the fourth meeting of the European Union - Japan Digital Partnership Council | Shaping Europe's digital future** of the existing Digital Partnership between the two parties. Representatives from the EU and Japan introduced, among other things, the EU-Japan Data Strategy Working Group to facilitate data exchange. The EU and Japan will also further explore opportunities for joint research into semiconductor technologies. In addition, the parties launched the Q-Neko project. This project supports joint research into applications of quantum technology, including in the fields of communication networks and satellite image analysis. The provisional agreement on Japan's association with Horizon Europe was also mentioned as a positive development during the meeting.

### ***Context***

Since 2022, the EU has had a partnership with Japan in the field of digitalisation. This cooperation is part of the Commission's broad international digital strategy. The EU also carries out other digitalisation partnerships with third countries, including Canada, South Korea, and Singapore. The aim of the partnerships is to strengthen cooperation between the EU and like-minded countries.

## ***EU governments agree position on 2028-34 Erasmus+ programme (11 May 2026)***

Source: [Erasmus+](#): [Council agrees position on the EU's flagship programme for education and training, youth and sport - Consilium](#)

**The EU Council has agreed its position on the 2028-2034 Erasmus+ programme for education and training, youth and sport ahead of negotiations with the European Parliament.** EU governments notably want a greater say in governance, by reinstating the programme committee that exists under the current Erasmus+ programme.

"The Council's mandate strengthens the role of member states and ensures that all sectors – education and training, youth and sport – receive the visibility and support they deserve," said Athena Michaelidou, Cyprus's minister for education, youth and sport.

The Council's position also adds more details on the place of European Universities Alliances in the EU budget. "Support for all dimensions of the alliances, including research and innovation and their contribution to the competitiveness of the

Union, should be pursued through synergies with other instruments, such as the European Competitiveness Fund and Horizon Europe,” it says.

Meanwhile, EU governments clarify the conditions under which non-EU countries can qualify for partial association to Erasmus+, a new possibility introduced in the European Commission’s proposal.

The partial agreement does not include financial or horizontal issues, which are being discussed as part of broader negotiations on the next long-term EU budget.

**See details here:** [Erasmus+: Council agrees position on the EU’s flagship programme for education and training, youth and sport - Consilium](#)

## Global policy

### ***Growth Lab: Use tenders more often for innovation (28 May 2026)***

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 28 May 2026*

Governments can make better use of public tenders to stimulate innovation, researchers from the Growth Lab at the Harvard Kennedy School argue. In OECD countries, government procurement accounts for an average of no less than 13 percent of GDP, many times more than traditional innovation budgets. Yet this potential remains untapped because procurement systems are inherently designed for risk avoidance, strict specifications, and established suppliers. The researchers advocate viewing tenders not only as a procurement instrument but also as a way to responsibly bring promising innovations into practice.

**Growth Lab Publication:** [The Cube: A Lawful, Incremental Framework for Using Public Procurement to Pull Innovation](#) - Growth Lab

### ***OECD: Government support for industry often goes to less competitive sectors (28 May 2026)***

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 28 May 2026*

Government support for industry has increased in recent years, but often goes to sectors that are losing competitiveness. This is evident from an OECD analysis of 20 countries, including the Netherlands. It is also striking that support measures are rarely discontinued: 76 percent of the instruments from 2023 already existed in 2019. Because support measures often continue for years, money remains tied up in existing schemes. The OECD therefore advocates for better evaluation, so that governments can phase out or relocate support when it no longer aligns with their goals.

**OECD Analysis:** [Industrial policy spending across 20 countries: What governments actually fund](#)

**OECD Publication:** [Quantifying industrial strategies across 20 OECD countries](#) | OECD

### ***OECD: Countries must respond to synthetic biology faster (28 May 2026)***

Source: *AWTI e-mail alert 28 May 2026*

Countries must incorporate the risks and applications of synthetic biology into policy earlier, the OECD states. Synthetic biology can help with new medical, industrial, and environmental applications, but requires policy that identifies risks early on. The OECD observes that countries are already using ethical advisory boards, public consultations, and experimental spaces for regulation, but that this policy is still fragmented. The Netherlands is cited as an example of early societal dialogue: the Rathenau Institute organized a meeting on the societal consequences of synthetic biology as early as 2011.

**OECD Report:** [Anticipatory governance for responsible innovation in synthetic biology](#) | OECD

## National policy

### *Dutch Technological Industrial Base for Defence and Security growing strongly (28 May 2026)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 28 May 2026

**The Dutch Technological Industrial Base for Defence and Security (NLDTIB) is in a period of accelerated growth and diversification.** This is evident from the biennial study of the NLDTIB. The sector is investing structurally more in R&D than the industry average, particularly in AI applications, advanced technology, and new materials. At the same time, the report warns that innovation capacity remains vulnerable. Small companies, in particular, experience limited access to financing. Ministers Herbert and Yeşilgöz and State Secretary Boswijk write in their response that the study confirms the need for further intensification of the defence industry.

**Parliamentary Letter:** [c97fb2f5-4877-41b3-b006-49eea6295e49](#) (in Dutch)

**Berenschot Report:** [4adf3e80-17be-4eda-ab5d-6160bccca1395](#) (in Dutch)

### *Deeptech start-ups use policy instruments more frequently (28 May 2026)*

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 28 May 2026

**Public innovation and financing instruments are used more frequently than average by deeptech companies.**

This is evident from an analysis by researchers from the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy (EZK) and Statistics Netherlands (CBS) in the economics journal ESB. According to the researchers, the high usage fits the picture of a structural financing need and the increased necessity for public funding. In the analysis, deeptech start-ups and scale-ups were compared with non-deeptech start-ups and scale-ups and other innovative start-ups. The article refers, among other things, to the AWTI advice on the continued growth of knowledge-intensive start-ups.

**ESB Article:** [Deeptech-start-ups gebruiken vaker beleidsinstrumenten - ESB](#) (in Dutch)

**AWTI Advice: A Better Start - The Key to Continued Growth of Knowledge-Intensive Start-ups:** [Advies: Beter van start - De sleutel tot doorgroei van kennisintensieve start-ups | Adviesraad voor wetenschap, technologie en innovatie](#) (in Dutch)

### *Positive evaluation: NWO fulfils its role in the Dutch research system in an agile and strategic manner (11 May 2026)*

Source: [Website NWO News Positive evaluation: NWO fulfils its role in the Dutch research system in an agile and strategic manner | NWO](#)



**As one of the most important science funders in the Netherlands, NWO plays a vital role in ensuring the quality of Dutch research, with responsibilities spanning the entire science system. As an independent administrative body of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, NWO is evaluated by an external party every five years. Bureau Berenschot examined the period 2020–2024. The conclusion is that NWO plays a substantial and unique role in the Dutch scientific landscape and carries out that role in a highly professional manner.**

Marcel Levi, president of NWO. “We are proud of what NWO has achieved during the evaluation period. This has not been the easiest of times, with the coronavirus pandemic at the start and the cuts by the Schoof government at the end.

We are very pleased with the positive outcome of the evaluation, which concludes that NWO has demonstrated adaptability and managed to operate in an agile and strategic manner, whilst effectively and efficiently carrying out its statutory duties.”

#### ***Purpose of the evaluation and its design***

The evaluation examined NWO’s statutory tasks and how these reinforce the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science’s policy objectives for research and science. It assessed whether it is plausible that NWO’s activities have contributed to its role as a science funder and connector within the research field in terms of factors such as effectiveness, efficiency and governance. The third task, that of conductor of research through the NWO institutes\*, was not part of the evaluation, except where it relates to the NWO governance as a whole. The evaluators were able to draw on a self-evaluation, documents review and a series of (group) interviews, for example with institutions and applicants.

#### ***Role as science funder***

The evaluators conclude that, through its funding activities, NWO makes a substantial contribution to a robust research system and, through transparent and professional assessment procedures, promotes a healthy research culture – including playing a pioneering role in the fields of open science and inclusion. Stakeholders cite as positive points that NWO has a strong substantive focus and acts very professionally in its assessment procedures.

For instance, committee members and referees indicate that they are well supported and prepared, and applicants appreciate the variety of funding instruments and the meticulous procedures. According to the evaluation, points of attention are: better-tailored procedures for transdisciplinary collaboration; the balance between free and thematic research; application pressure and approval rates; and the impact of NWO policies, such as greater efficiency versus flexibility, on the entire research system. Importantly, the evaluators note that it is impossible for NWO to tailor its funding instruments to meet all the different requirements within the scientific community.

The conclusions of this evaluation, and the valuable recommendations, provide NWO with strong backing  
Marcel Levi, NWO’s president

#### ***Role as a connector***

In recent years, NWO has increasingly taken on a facilitating role within the Dutch research landscape; according to the evaluation report, this role is, in principle, well positioned and has partially been fulfilled. However, the report concludes that this role is not yet being fully utilised. The recommendation is to clearly define the role of connector; to ensure effective two-way communication with the field; and to encourage collaboration not merely as a condition for funding, but specifically to bring parties together so that they can develop initiatives themselves. This creates a broader scope, extending beyond the context of the funding lines, thereby fostering promising initiatives in the longer term.

#### ***Governance***

The evaluators note that the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and NWO enjoy an open and fruitful partnership. The evaluation also confirms that the governance changes between NWO-D and NWO-I have led to greater clarity and cohesion. Key areas for attention here are: the increased workload for the Executive Board given NWO’s expanding tasks; jointly considering, with both the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate, the substantive challenges that will arise in the coming years; connecting parties within the scientific community, such as the NWO and KNAW institutes; and embedding SIA structurally, so that practice-oriented research at universities of applied sciences is valued fully and equally alongside fundamental research at research universities.

**For more background information:** [Positive evaluation: NWO fulfils its role in the Dutch research system in an agile and strategic manner | NWO](#)

## ***Extra funding for Dutch participation in Horizon Europe (8 May 2026)***

*Source: Ministry OCW*

**The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) has made additional budget available for the Horizon Europe Matching Subsidy Scheme (SEO-HEU).**

With the extra budget, the subsidy ceiling for the calendar year 2026 is being raised on a one-off basis by € 2,902,244.18, and the subsidy ceilings for the calendar years 2027 through 2029 are being raised by € 1,056,836.84 per year.

As a result of the budget increase, a total amount of € 82,885,084.18 is available for 2026, and € 81,039,676.84 annually for the years 2027 through 2029.

#### ***About the scheme***

The aim of the scheme is to promote science and innovation by stimulating and facilitating the participation of publicly funded Dutch knowledge institutions in the European framework programme for research and innovation Horizon Europe.

## Call deadlines

### *HORIZON Europe calls*

Call identifier	Deadline
<b>Pillar I Excellent Science</b>	
<b>ERC</b>	
ERC-2026-AdG	<b>27 August 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <i>ERC Advanced Grant</i> )
ERC-2026-PoC	<b>17 September 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <i>ERC Proof of Concept Grant</i> )
ERC-2027-StG	<b>Foreseen Deadline 14 October 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <i>ERC Starting Grant</i> )
ERC-2027-CoG	<b>Foreseen Deadline 12 January 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <i>ERC Consolidator Grant</i> )
ERC-2027-AdG	<b>Foreseen Deadline 26 August 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <i>ERC Advanced Grant</i> )
ERC-2027-PLUS	<b>Foreseen Deadline 1 Septem 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <i>ERC Plus Grant</i> )
ERC-2027-SyG	<b>Foreseen Deadline 11 May 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time ( <i>ERC Synergy Grant</i> )
<b>Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions</b>	
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01	<b>24 November 2026</b> 17:00:00 Brussels time ( <i>HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01 Call - MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01</li> <li>• TMA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates</li> <li>• TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates</li> </ul>
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01	<b>Foreseen opening 26 May 2027 and foreseen deadline 23 November 2027</b> 17:00:00 Brussels time ( <i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01 Call - MSCA Doctoral Networks 2027</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01</li> <li>• TMA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates</li> <li>• TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates</li> </ul>
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-PF-01	<b>9 November 2026</b> 17:00:00 Brussels time ( <i>HORIZON-MSCA-2026-PF-01 Call - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Fellowships</li> <li>• Global Fellowships</li> </ul>
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-PF-01	<b>8 September 2027</b> 17:00:00 Brussels time ( <i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-PF-01 Call - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2027</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Fellowships</li> <li>• Global Fellowships</li> </ul>
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-01 MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programme	<b>Foreseen opening 8 December 2026 and foreseen deadline 6 April 2027</b> 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"> <li>• TMA-Cofund-Doctoral</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TMA-Cofund-Postdoctoral</li> </ul>
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-CITIZENS-01	<b>Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 08 June 2027</b> 17:00:00 Brussels time ( <i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-CITIZENS-01 Call - MSCA and Citizens 2027</i> )
<b>Research Infrastructures</b>	
<b><u>Destination</u> INFRADEV - Consolidation and evolution of the European Research Infrastructure landscape (2026-27)</b>	
HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-DEV	<b>16 June 2026</b> 17:00:00 Brussels time ( <i>HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-DEV: call INFRADEV</i> )
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-DEV	<b>Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027</b> 17:00:00 Brussels time ( <i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-DEV: call INFRADEV</i> )
<b><u>Destination</u> INFRAEOSC - Enabling an operational, open and FAIR EOSC ecosystem (2026-27)</b>	
HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-EOSC	<b>16 June 2026</b> 17:00:00 Brussels time ( <i>HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-EOSC: call INFRAEOSC</i> )
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC	<b>Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027</b> 17:00:00 Brussels time ( <i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC: call INFRAEOSC</i> )
<b><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)</b>	
HORIZON-INFRA-2026-SERV-01	<b>16 June 2027</b> 17:00:00 Brussels time ( <i>HORIZON-INFRA-2026-SERV-01: call INFRASERV</i> )
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01	<b>Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027</b> 17:00:00 Brussels time ( <i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01: call INFRASERV</i> )
<b>Cluster 1 HEALTH</b>	
<b><u>Destination</u> - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-STAYHLTH	<b>Foreseen opening: 10 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 13 April 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b><u>Destination</u> - Living and working in a health-promoting environment</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 10 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 13 April 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b><u>Destination</u>– Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 10 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 13 April 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE two-stage	<b>Foreseen opening 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 22 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time</b>
<b><u>Destination</u> - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare</b>	
<b>Destination - Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society</b>	
HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL single stage	<b>16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time</b>
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 3 June 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time</b>
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-TOOL-01-two-stage	<b>Foreseen opening 13 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 22 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time</b>
<b><u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u></b>	
<b><u>Custer 3 Civil Security for Society</u></b>	
<b><u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u></b>	
<b><u>Destination: Leadership in materials and production for Europe</u></b>	
HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD two-stage	<b>17 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED), 13 October 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time</b>
HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-MAT-PROD single stage	<b>Foreseen opening 22 September 2026 and foreseen deadline 2 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time</b>
HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-MAT-PROD two-stage	<b>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)</b>
<b><u>Destination: Open Strategic Autonomy in Developing, Deploying and Using Global Space-Based Infrastructure, Services, Applications and Data</u></b>	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-03 single stage	<b>Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 Foreseen deadline 2 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-03)</b>
<b><u>Destination: Developing an agile and secure single market and infrastructure for data-services and trustworthy artificial intelligence services</u></b>	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DATA single stage	<b>Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-DATA-04)</b>
<b><u>Destination: Achieving open strategic autonomy in digital and emerging enabling technologies</u></b>	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING single stage	<b>Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING)</b>

<b><u>Destination:</u> Digital and industrial technologies driving human-centric innovation</b>	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN single stage	<b>Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN)</b>
<b><u>CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility</u></b>	
<b><u>Destination</u> - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-08-Two-Stage-D1-06:	<b>15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) (CLOSED) and 8 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)</b>
HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1	<b>Foreseen opening: 17 November 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 4 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time</b>
<b><u>Destination</u> - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-09-D2	<b>15 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time</b>
HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D2	<b>Foreseen opening: 3 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 31 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time</b>
HORIZON-CL5-2027-04-Two-Stage-D2	<b>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)</b>
<b><u>Destination:</u> Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply</b>	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3	<b>31 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) (CLOSED) and 20 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)</b>
HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3	<b>Foreseen opening: 4 August 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 1 December 2026 17.00 Brussels time</b>
<b>Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes</b>	
<b><u>Destination:</u> Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods</b>	
<b><u>CLUSTER 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment</u></b>	
<b><u>Destination 1:</u> Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</b>	

HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV single stage	<b>17 September 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV two-stage	<b>16 April 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage) (CLOSED)</b> and <b>23 September 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(Second Stage)</b>
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b><u>Destination 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption</u></b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK two-stage	<b>14 April 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage) (CLOSED)</b> and <b>15 September 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(Second Stage)</b>
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK two-stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage)</b> and <b>14 September 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(Second Stage)</b>
<b><u>Destination 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors</u></b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 17 April 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 17 September 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-CIRCBIO two-stage	<b>16 April 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage) (CLOSED)</b> and <b>23 September 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(Second Stage)</b>
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CIRCBIO two-stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage)</b> and <b>16 September 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(Second Stage)</b>
<b><u>Destination 4 – Clean environment and zero pollution</u></b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION single stage	<b>17 September 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-ZEROPOLLUTION two-stage	<b>16 April 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage) (CLOSED)</b> and <b>23 September 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(Second Stage)</b>
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b><u>Destination 5 - Land, ocean and water for climate action</u></b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CLIMATE single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01-two-stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage)</b> and <b>14 September 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(Second Stage)</b>
<b><u>Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities</u></b>	

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b><u>Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal</u></b>	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-04-GOVERNANCE-01: Additional activities for the European Partnership of Agriculture of Data	<b>Foreseen opening: 25 August 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 26 November 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE two-stage	<b>15 April 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(First Stage) (CLOSED)</b> and <b>30 September 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time <b>(Second Stage)</b>
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 11 May 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>Circular Biobased Europe</b>	
CBE Circular Biobased Europe partnership <a href="https://www.cbe.europa.eu/">https://www.cbe.europa.eu/</a>	
<b>Pillar III Innovative Europe</b>	
<b><u>Mission calls 2026-2026</u></b>	
<b>CLIMATE MISSION</b>	
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA single stage	<b>23 September 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-01-CLIMA single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>CANCER MISSION</b>	
HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2026-03-OCEAN single stage	<b>23 September 2026</b> 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN single stage	<b>Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027</b> 17.00 Brussels time
<b>CITIES MISSION</b>	

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 (HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01 Call - Teaming Synergies)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-03: Hop-on Facility	24 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-03 Call - Hop on Facility)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-05-WIDENING-01: ERA Fellowships	9 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-05 Call - ERA Fellowships)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-01: ERA Chairs	Foreseen opening Opening: 6 April 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-01: ERA Chairs)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-02: ERA Research Managers	Foreseen opening Opening: 7 April 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-02: ERA Research Managers)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-03-WIDENING-01: ERA TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European	Foreseen opening Opening: 7 April 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 8 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-03-WIDENING-01: ERA TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European)

HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-04-WIDENING-01: Excellence Hubs	Foreseen opening Opening: 2 September 2026 and foreseen deadline(s): 4 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-04-WIDENING-01: Excellence Hubs)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-01: Pillar I: Facilitating development of institutional open access policies through the retention of intellectual property rights	Foreseen opening Opening: 8 December 2026 and foreseen deadline(s): 11 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-01: Pillar I: Facilitating development of institutional open access policies through the retention of intellectual property rights)
<b>Destination:</b> Reforming and enhancing the European research and innovation system	
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-01-WIDENING-01: EIC Pre-accelerator - Widening	Foreseen opening Opening: 5 May 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 18 November 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-01-WIDENING-01: EIC Pre-accelerator - Widening)

### Other related EC calls (European Partnerships, ERA-Net COFUNDS etc.)

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 29 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
<b>European Partnerships</b>	
European Partnerships European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare <a href="https://www.eupahw.eu/">https://www.eupahw.eu/</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> co-funded call for proposals of the European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare (EUPAHW) "Shaping the Future of Animal Health and Welfare" <b>NEW:</b> The 2 <sup>nd</sup> call for research projects is open since 26 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026. Pre-Proposals must be submitted electronically via this EUPAHW submission tool. Submission deadline for pre-proposals: March 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 ( <b>CLOSED</b> ), 12:00 h (CEST) <b>Deadline for full-proposals 16th September 2026, 12:00 CEST</b> <b>EUPAHW: Call 2 PP</b>
European Partnership Biodiversa+ <a href="https://www.biodiversa.eu/">https://www.biodiversa.eu/</a>	
European Partnership Water4All <a href="https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/">https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/</a>	
European Partnership FutureFoods <a href="https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/">https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/</a>	FutureFoodS hereby pre-announces the 2nd co-funded call for transnational research projects <b>Second Joint Transnational Co-funded Call — FutureFoodS and FutureFoodS: Call2</b> 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: ~ <b>11 February 2026 (CLOSED)</b> <b>Deadline for full-proposal submission: ~27 July 2026 (only by invitation)</b>
European Partnership Agroecology <a href="https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/">https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/</a>	Announcement 3 <sup>rd</sup> call AGROECOLOGY partnership <b>3rd co-funded call — Agroecology Partnership and and Agroecology: Call3</b> <b>Tentative timeline</b> Deadline for <u>pre-proposal submission</u> is 18 February 2026, 14:00 CET. <b>(CLOSED)</b>

	<b>Deadline for <u>full proposal submission</u> is 08 July 2026, 14:00 CEST.</b>
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” <a href="#">Agriculture of Data: Call 1</a> <b>Procedure</b> Short proposal & full proposal step The deadline for short proposals is January 21, 12:00h CET (noon). <b>(CLOSED)</b> <b>The deadline for full proposal submission is July 21, 12:00h CEST (noon).</b>
European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy <a href="https://bluepartnership.eu/">https://bluepartnership.eu/</a>	Third Joint Transnational Call for R&I Funding Call launch (provisional): 15 September 2025, 15:00 CEST Deadline submission Pre-proposals 17 November 2025 <b>(CLOSED)</b> <b>Deadline submission Full proposals 17 June 2026</b>  <a href="https://www.bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call">https://www.bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-third-joint-transnational-call</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep</a>
European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) <a href="https://dutpartnership.eu/">https://dutpartnership.eu/</a>	
European Partnership ERA4HEALTH <a href="#">ERA4Health The Partnership</a>	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"> <li>• The deadline for submitting a pre-proposal is 21 January 2026, 12:00 CET <b>(CLOSED)</b></li> <li>• <b>The deadline for submitting a full application is 11 June 2026, 12:00 CEST</b></li> </ul> For more information website <a href="#">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</a> For information on NWO pages: <a href="#">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</a>
Joint Technology Initiatives	
Joint Programming Initiatives	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A healthy diet for a healthy life (HDHL):</b> <a href="http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/">http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/</a></li> <li>• <b>Agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE):</b> <a href="http://www.facejpi.com/">http://www.facejpi.com/</a></li> <li>• <b>Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR):</b> <a href="http://www.jpiamr.eu/">http://www.jpiamr.eu/</a></li> <li>• <b>Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU):</b> <a href="http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home">http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home</a></li> <li>• <b>Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans):</b> <a href="http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/">http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/</a></li> </ul>

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

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

Deadline	Call
07-12-2025 until 31-07-2026	<b>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.</b> <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%202025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%202025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf</a>
09-06-2026	Deadline for submission <b><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></b> 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: <a href="#">International Call for groundbreaking innovations to address global challenges   NWO</a> and <a href="#">2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges   NWO</a> and <a href="#">Call-for-proposals-NFRF-221225_1.pdf</a>
17-06-2025	Deadline submission <b><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></b> Full proposal submission deadline (Provisional): 17/06/2026, 15:00 CEST (Brussels Time). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep">https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/international-programmes/european-partnerships/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep</a> and <a href="https://bluepartnership.eu/">https://bluepartnership.eu/</a> and <a href="https://bluepartnership.eu/news/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-launches-its-3rd-joint-transnational-call">https://bluepartnership.eu/news/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-launches-its-3rd-joint-transnational-call</a>
From 20-01-2026 until 23-06-2026	Deadline for submission <b><u>proposals for The second ‘NWO Hop-On Call for Researchers Based in Ukraine 2025.</u></b> 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: <a href="#">Hop-On Call for Ukrainian researchers   NWO</a> and <a href="#">NWO-NRFU Partnership Initiative   NWO</a> and <a href="#">NWO-NRFU Partnership Initiative   NWO</a>
23-06-2026	Deadline for submission of the <b><u>mandatory Letter of intent for KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future call with Brazil.</u></b> Deadline for submission of the mandatory Letter of intent is <b>23 June 2026 14:00:00 CET</b> (via e-mail) and <b>23 June 2026 23:59:59 BRT (SAGe)</b> . Call open: <a href="#">Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future (KIC)   NWO</a> and <a href="#">KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future   NWO</a> and <a href="#">Call for Proposals - Integrated biorefineries for a circular future</a>
10-09-2026	Deadline for applications of <b><u>OECD co-operative Research Programme for Funding for Research Fellow Grants 2027.</u></b> The Co-operative Research Programme’s call for applications for funding research fellowship grants in 2027 is now OPEN. The deadline to apply is <a href="#">Thursday 10 September 2026, midnight, Paris time.</a> <a href="https://www.oecd.org/en/about/programmes/co-operative-research-programme/crp-applications-for-fellowships.html">https://www.oecd.org/en/about/programmes/co-operative-research-programme/crp-applications-for-fellowships.html</a>
10-09-2026	Deadline of <b><u>OECD Co-operative research Programme for funding international events (conference, workshop, symposium).</u></b> 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 <a href="#">Thursday 10 September 2026, midnight, Paris time.</a> <a href="#">CRP Applications for Events (Conferences, Workshops and Symposiums)   OECD</a>

03-10-2026	Deadline for submission <b>Full Proposals in the portal of the NFRF Call '2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges'</b> 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 <b>Full proposals for KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future call with Brazil.</b> Deadline for submission of Proposals is <b>20 October 2026 14:00:00 CEST (ISAAC)</b> and <b>20 October 2026 23:59:59 BRT (SAGe)</b> . Call open: Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future (KIC)   NWO and KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future   NWO and Call for Proposals - Integrated biorefineries for a circular future

## National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **29 May 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

09-06-2026	Deadline for submission <b>Full-proposals for Open Competition Domain Science–XL round 2025–2026.</b> The deadline for submitting full proposals is Tuesday 9th June 2026, before 14:00:00 hours CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-xl-round-2025-2026</a>
09-06-2026	Deadline for submission of <b>Full proposals for KIC call Adaptivity in transitions.</b> 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	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for submission of <b>Full proposals KIC - Early detection and impact forecasting of (threatening) infectious diseases outbreaks.</b> 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 <b>full applications</b> Call 'The power of collaboration' for or SSH researchers to further deepen consortia (NWA). The deadline for submitting applications is <b>June 16, 2026</b> ; 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 <b>statement of intent</b> for <b>KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food 2026.</b> 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 <b>letter of Intent</b> for call <b>Preparing for Tomorrow: Societies and Strategies in Times of Transition.</b> 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 <b>Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2026 - round 3.</b> Round 3: 15 September 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2026-round-1">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2026-round-1</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sgw_oc_xs_2026.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/call_for_proposals_sgw_oc_xs_2026.pdf</a>
16-06-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for <b>Full proposals KIC - Early detection and impact forecasting of (threatening) infectious diseases outbreaks.</b> Closing date full application 16 June 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-early-detection-and-impact-forecasting-of-threatening-infectious-diseases-outbreaks">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-early-detection-and-impact-forecasting-of-threatening-infectious-diseases-outbreaks</a>
Until 23-06-2026	Deadline for submission <b>full applications</b> for the 'NWO Hop-On Call for Researchers Based in Ukraine'. <b>Closing date full application 23 June 2026 14:00 hrs</b> 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 <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-2025---DEF.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-2025---DEF.pdf</a>
23-06-2026	<b>Foreseen deadline</b> for submission <b>Letter of Intent KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future.</b> 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 <b>proposals NWO Impact Explorer 2026 fall round</b> . <b>Deadline for submission proposals fall deadline 2 July 2026 14:00:00 CET</b> . Full 2026 round of Venture Challenge open now   NWO and Venture Challenge Spring 2026   NWO and Call for Proposals - Venture Challenge
02-07-2026	<b>NEW</b> : Deadline submission <b>Full applications Venture Challenge Fall 2026</b> . <b>Closing date full application 2 July 2026 14:00 hrs</b> <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 <b>Full proposals NWO-Talent Programme Vici 2026</b> . <b>The deadline for submitting full applications is September 8, 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST</b> . Vici round 2026 now open for pre-proposals   NWO and NWO Talent Programme   NWO
18-08-2026	Deadline for submission for a <b>request for assessment of organisations for phase 1 for the new NWA call 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems'</b> The deadline for submitting a request for assessment of <b>organisations based in the Netherlands for phase 1</b> (see section 3.1.1) is 18 August 2026 before 14:00:00 CEST / The deadline for submitting a request for assessment of <b>foreign organisations for phase 1</b> (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 <b>Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2026 - round 3</b> . <b>Closing date full application Round 3: 15 September 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST</b> .. 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 <b>Full applications for phase 1 of the new NWA call 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems'</b> 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 <b>pre-registration Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR) call</b> <b>Pre-registration: Thursday, 17 September 2026 at 14:00:00 CEST</b> 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
17-09-2026	<b>NEW</b> : Deadline for submission full proposals NWA Citizen Science 2026 call. <b>Closing date full application 17 September 2026 14:00 hrs</b> . Citizens and researchers now able to join forces through the NWA Citizen Science call   NWO and NWA Citizen Science 2026   NWO
22-09-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission <b>Full applications DeepNL Top-up Call "Opportunities for Integration and Impact"</b> . <b>Closing date full application 22 September 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . DeepNL Top-up Call: Opportunities for Integration and Impact   NWO
22-09-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission <b>Full applications KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia -S 2026</b> . <b>Foreseen closing date full application: 22 September 2026 14:00 hrs</b> . KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia -S 2026   NWO and Demand Driven Research By Consortia - S   NWO
29-09-2026	<b>Foreseen Deadline</b> for submission <b>Full proposals KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food</b> . <b>Closing date full application 29 September 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-ai-for-agriculture-horticulture-water-and-food">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-ai-for-agriculture-horticulture-water-and-food</a>
06-10-2026	Deadline submission of <b>Full proposals for the NWA-ORC 2026 round</b> . <b>The deadline for submission of proposals via ISAAC is 6 October 2026, at 14:00:00 CEST</b> . 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 <b>Full proposals KIC - Early detection of (emerging) outbreaks of infectious diseases</b> . <b>The deadline for submission of full applications is 6 October 2026, 14:00:00 CEST</b> . 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 <b>Full applications for KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food 2026</b> . <b>Closing date full application 13 October 2026 14:00 hrs</b> . 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	<b>Foreseen deadline for submission Full applications KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future</b> . <b>Foreseen closing date Closing date full application 20 October 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future   NWO

26-10-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission <b>Full proposals</b> NWA ORC Round 2026. The deadline for submission of proposals via ISAAC is <b>6 October 2026, at 14:00:00 CEST</b> . Research along Routes by Consortia 2026   NWO and NWA ORC 2026   NWO and Call for Proposals - NWA-ORC
27-10-2026	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline for submission <b>Full proposals</b> call <b>Holomicrobiome 2026 - Towards novel microbiome applications for the environment, food and health</b> . Closing date full application 27 October 2026 14:00 hr, Deadline registration for matchmaking: 25 June 2026, 14:00:00 CEST. Matchmaking: 30 June 2026. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/holomicrobiome-2026-towards-novel-microbiome-applications-for-the-environment-food-and-health">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/holomicrobiome-2026-towards-novel-microbiome-applications-for-the-environment-food-and-health</a> and Call for Proposals - NGF Holomicrobiom
28-10-2026	Deadline for submission for <b>Full applications</b> for call <b>Preparing for Tomorrow: Societies and Strategies in Times of Transition</b> . The deadline for applicants to submit their full application is <b>October 28, 2026, 23:59 CEST</b> . 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 <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/preparing-for-tomorrow-overview-of-the-call-application-form-and-instructions-and-assessment-procedure-30.03.2026-1.pdf">Preparing-for-tomorrow-overview-of-the-call-application-form-and-instructions-and-assessment-procedure-30.03.2026-1.pdf</a>
12-11-2026	Deadline for <b>submission of Full-proposals</b> for <b>KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia – XL</b> The deadline for submitting full proposals is <b>Thursday 12 November 2026, before 14:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf</a>
12-11-2026	<b>NEW:</b> Deadline submission <b>full proposals</b> <b>Thematic Digital Competence Centers (TDCC) call</b> . Applications can be submitted from 1 May 2026 until 12 November 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/tdcc-2026-call-for-proposals-open">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/tdcc-2026-call-for-proposals-open</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/thematic-digital-competence-centres-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/thematic-digital-competence-centres-2026</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-TDCC-2026_UK.pdf">https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-TDCC-2026_UK.pdf</a> and <a href="https://tdcc.nl/nwo-tdcc-call-for-proposals-2026/">https://tdcc.nl/nwo-tdcc-call-for-proposals-2026/</a>
30-11-2026	Foreseen deadline for <b>full proposals</b> call <b>NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy</b> . Closing date full application <b>30 November 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy</a>
30-11-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission <b>full applications</b> call <b>Netherlands Polar programme The Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR)</b> . Closing date full application <b>30 November 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . The Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR)   NWO
Until 10-12-2026	Deadline for submission <b>applications</b> for <b>Take-off phase 1 – Feasibility studies WO 2026</b> . Applications can be submitted continuously via ISAAC until <b>December 10, 2026, at 14:00:00 CET at the latest</b> . 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 <b>proposals</b> <b>Open Technology Programme 2026</b> . 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 <b>proposals</b> for <b>KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation</b> 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. <b>January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation</a>
28-02-2027	Foreseen deadline for <b>full applications</b> <b>Large Scale Research Infrastructure (LSRI) - National Roadmap consortia 2026</b> . Closing date full application <b>28 February 2027 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.)</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/large-scale-research-infrastructure-lsri-national-roadmap-consortia-2026">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/large-scale-research-infrastructure-lsri-national-roadmap-consortia-2026</a>
02-03-2027	Deadline for <b>submission full applications</b> <b>NWA Call 'Municipal policy for biodiversity restoration'</b> . The deadline for submitting applications is <b>Tuesday, 2 March 2027, before 14:00:00 CET</b> . <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-municipal-policy-for-biodiversity-restoration">https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-municipal-policy-for-biodiversity-restoration</a> and <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/municipal-policy-for-biodiversity-restoration">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/municipal-policy-for-biodiversity-restoration</a>

09-09-2027	Deadline for submission <b>Full application for Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR) call</b> 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 <b>request for assessment of organisations for phase 2 for the new NWA call 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems'</b> The deadline for submitting a request for assessment of <b>organisations based in the Netherlands for phase 2</b> (see section 3.1.1) is 18 September 2029 before 14:00:00 CEST / The deadline for submitting a request for assessment of <b>foreign organisations for phase 2</b> (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 <b>Note PJ: I wonder if 18-09-2029 is the right date</b>
16-10-2029	Deadline for submission <b>Full applications for phase 2 of the new NWA call 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems'</b> 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 <b>Note PJ: I wonder if 16-10-2029 is the right date</b>

## Regional calls

This list is a selection of regional calls. The list was compiled on **29 May 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
2021-2027	<b>EFRO 2021-2027 Eastern Netherlands:</b> For for overview calls go to EFRO Oost <a href="https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen">https://www.efro-oost.eu/geplande-openstellingen</a>
18-05-2026 until 20-09-2026	<b>NEW: Deadline for submission proposals in EFRO East Test- and demonstration projects (prioriteit 1).</b> Opening from 18 may 2026 until September 30, 2026, 5:00 PM (as long as budget is available) <a href="#">Test- en Demonstratieprojecten 2026</a>
18-05-2026 until 20-09-2026	<b>NEW: Deadline for submission proposals in EFRO East Innovation projects.</b> Opening from 18 may 2026 until September 30, 2026, 5:00 PM (as long as budget is available) <a href="#">Innovatieprojecten 2026</a>
18-05-2026 until 20-09-2026	<b>NEW: Deadline for submission proposals in EFRO East Clean and resource-efficient technologies projects.</b> Opening from 18 may 2026 until September 30, 2026, 5:00 PM (as long as budget is available) <a href="#">Schone en hulpbronnefficiënte technologieën</a>
2021-2027	<b>EFRO 2021 – 2027 Western Netherlands:</b> For calls Kansen voor West III <a href="https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen/">https://kvw3.kansenvoorwest.nl/openstellingen/openstellingen/</a>
2021-2027	<b>EFRO 2021-2027 Northern Netherlands:</b> For calls Northern Netherlands go to Website SNN <a href="https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027">https://www.snn.nl/programmas/efro-2021-2027</a>
2021-2027	<b>EFRO 2021-2027 Southern Netherlands:</b> For calls Southern Netherlands go to website Stimulus <a href="https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/">https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/</a>

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### Wageningen Grant Office

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