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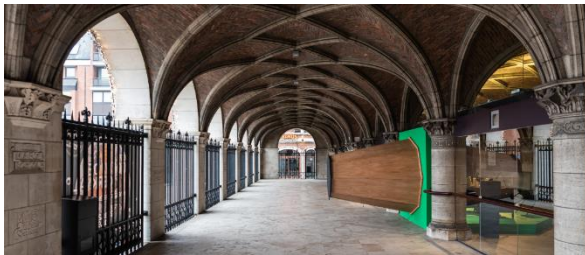
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European Funding News: Horizon Europe.

Data Corner: Top ten universities in Horizon Europe collaborative projects (21 July 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [Data Corner: Top ten universities in Horizon Europe collaborative projects | Science|Business](#)

Europe's leading universities have secured millions of euros in Pillar 2 funding



An arched hallway at the main library at KU Leuven which has received almost €148 million in funding through Horizon Europe's Pillar 2. Photo credits: [Werner Lerooy](#) / Big Stock

Five EU universities have managed to secure more than €100 million each from Horizon Europe's funding allocation for collaborative research and innovation projects.

The overall leader in Horizon Europe's Pillar 2 is KU Leuven in Belgium with 238 projects and almost €148 million in funding. The university is particularly strong in Pillar's 2 cluster for digital, industry and space projects, where it has participated in 82 projects, receiving €50 million in grants.

Many of the top ten universities in the list have a specific area of expertise. **For example, Wageningen University in the Netherlands focuses on agriculture and has almost exclusively participated in Cluster 6 for food, bioeconomy, nature resources agriculture and environment research, with 139 projects out of 166 total.**

By country, three EU member states have two universities each in the top ten: Belgium, Denmark and the Netherlands. Almost 2,000 universities have participated in Horizon Europe since 2021, yet most secure only one or two grants. But for Europe's leading research institutions it is a key source of funding.

The biggest beneficiary universities usually have dedicated EU grant teams that help researchers navigate complex project bureaucracy. Some, like KU Leuven, offer small bonus grants for researchers who manage to secure EU funding, in this case an additional €50,000 to spend on research as they see fit.

Collaborative research is also about who you know and building trust. This means that the more collaborative projects a university participates in, the more their network expands, helping them join more projects and so further increase their participation in Horizon Europe.

Top 10 Horizon Europe universities

These universities have managed to secure the most funding from Horizon Europe out of hundreds of institutions

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	University	Country	Horizon funding	Projects	As coordinator
1	KU Leuven	Belgium	€ 147,882,364.18	238	37
2	Delft University of Technology	Netherlands	€ 142,404,306.80	233	27
3	Technical University of Denmark	Denmark	€ 140,270,847.88	207	32
4	Aarhus University	Denmark	€ 116,409,720.42	176	29
5	University of Ghent	Belgium	€ 104,325,399.28	162	37
6	Polytechnic University of Milan	Italy	€ 94,602,424.33	205	33
7	National Technical University of Athens	Greece	€ 93,542,861.67	183	32
8	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	Norway	€ 88,696,304.03	141	26
9	Wageningen University	Netherlands	€ 87,315,104.61	166	17
10	University College Cork	Ireland	€ 74,647,747.28	104	19

Source: [European Commission](#) Created with [Datawrapper](#)

Council proposes €231M cut to 2027 Horizon Europe budget (16 July 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [Council proposes €231M cut to 2027 Horizon Europe budget](#) | Science|Business
[European Research Council](#)

EU governments say they want to reduce spending to be able to respond to emerging priorities



EU governments have proposed a €231.5 million cut to Horizon Europe next year, after [agreeing their position](#) on the 2027 EU budget on July 15. As negotiations continue over the next long-term EU budget, for 2028-34, this is the latest signal that national governments will resist any major increase to research and innovation spending at EU level.

The European Commission's budget proposal for 2027 allocated €12.8 billion to Horizon Europe, which falls to €12.6 billion under the Council's plans.

Under Pillar 1, the European Research Council budget would drop by €5.5 million compared to the Commission's proposal, and the budget for research infrastructures would fall by €10.4 million.

Proposed cuts to Pillar 2, which funds collaborative research, include €74.5 million to the health cluster; €10.4 million to culture, creativity and inclusive society; and €20 million to the climate, energy and mobility cluster.

Elsewhere in the budget, EU governments are proposing cuts of €10.7 million to the Euratom Research and Training Programme, €70 million to the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor, €55 million to the Digital Europe Programme, €10.3 million to the European Space Programme, and €159 million to the Erasmus+ higher education programme. Overall, the Council wants to cut the annual EU budget from €192.9 billion to €191.9 billion.

In a note published with the agreement, the Council's budget committee laid out three reasons for reducing spending: first, to ensure "an appropriate level for the implementation of programmes" that avoids "excessive increases" compared to 2026; second, to cope with current crises related to Ukraine, the Middle East and to "migratory pressures" on Europe; and third, to leave sufficient margin to respond to unforeseen circumstances.

Attention: The Health Deadlines 2027 have changed (16 July 2026)

Source: Mailing team IRIS RVO

The European Commission has moved the deadlines for the Horizon Health 2027 calls from April to February and two weeks earlier in September. This has been done in an effort to better manage the higher submission volumes of proposals by HaDEA. The new deadlines are as follows:

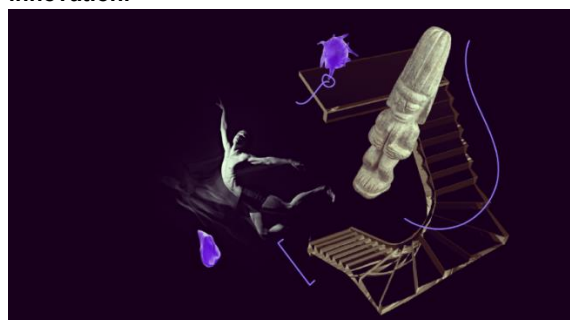
Call	Opening date	Submission deadline
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01	29 October 2026	17 February 2027
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02- two-stage (Stage 1)	29 October 2026	17 February 2027
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02- two-stage (Stage 2)		16 September 2027
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03	03 June 2027	16 September 2027

The amended Horizon Europe Health Work Programme 2026-2027 is expected to be published in early October. Please bear in mind that the deadlines have not yet been updated in the F&T Portal.

MSCA awards €97.9 million for international research cooperation projects (15 July 2026)

Source: Website MSCA [MSCA awards €97.9 million for international research cooperation projects](#) | Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

The European Commission will support 84 Staff Exchanges projects to boost knowledge transfer and innovation.



The European Commission has announced the results of the 2026 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) call for Staff Exchanges.

The Commission will allocate €97.9 million for a total of 84 projects, promoting cooperation between academic and non-academic organisations in the EU and around the globe, boosting innovation and knowledge transfer.

The European Research Executive Agency (REA) received [416 applications for this call for project proposals](#), of which 399 were eligible and were evaluated. 84 projects were selected. This result corresponds to a 21.05% success rate.

Frontier research in all fields

Selected projects span all scientific disciplines and research areas including

- advancing personalised healthcare through research on cancer, neuroscience, regenerative medicine and antimicrobial resistance
- developing explainable and trustworthy AI, robotics, digital twins and other cutting-edge digital technologies
- designing advanced materials, batteries, hydrogen technologies and other solutions for the clean energy transition
- addressing climate change, pollution, water management, the circular economy and sustainable urban development
- strengthening sustainable agriculture, food systems and bio-based innovation
- improving manufacturing, transport, infrastructure, governance, labour markets and social inclusion

International cooperation beyond academia

These collaborative projects are implemented by international partnerships, covering 861 organisations in 135 countries in the EU, countries associated to Horizon Europe and beyond, including 310 non-academic organisations and 135 small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

Selected projects are coordinated by organisations in 17 countries.

An overview of the evaluation results, cut-off scores and statistics has been published on the [MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026 call page](#).

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

Staff Exchanges calls are also open to organisations based outside the EU and countries associated to Horizon Europe.

For more information: [MSCA awards €97.9 million for international research cooperation projects | Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)

Prepared for career success: new findings on the MSCA Doctoral Networks (15 July 2026)

Source: Website Funding and Tenders Portal EC <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/news/40048>



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) [Doctoral Networks](#) go beyond training, helping researchers develop the skills, experience and networks needed for diverse career paths.

New findings highlight their impact:

- ◆ 9 in 10 doctoral researchers are employed within one year of finishing their PhD
- ◆ 3.5 x more likely to move into businesses and non-academic sectors
- ◆ Far greater international and intersectoral experience than their peers

The strength of MSCA lies in its broad approach to researcher development, preparing doctoral candidates for careers across academia, industry, policy and beyond, across borders, disciplines and sectors.

A [European Research Executive Agency \(REA\)](#) study provides new evidence on how MSCA Doctoral Networks contribute to researchers' career development and to research environments more broadly.

Read more: https://rea.ec.europa.eu/news/prepared-career-success-new-findings-msca-doctoral-networks-2026-06-24_en

Please find below an overview of the latest MSCA-related updates (14 July 2026)

Source: Mailing Team IRIS RVO

PART A – changes for PF and DN

The online submission form in the Funding & Tenders portal has changed and looks different. The NCP network has made a [PF Submission guide](#) that has been updated to the new part A, the DN Submission guide is still in the making. In addition, the GEP question has disappeared. Once an organisation completes the GEP questionnaire for a proposal, it is now recorded in the participant register under its PIC. The Portal retrieves the GEP status with the organisation's PIC in subsequent proposals and there's no need to declare it again.

DN 2026 call – updates

We also received some questions and updates on the DN call:

Tags: The tags have been removed from the template, but a few have remained in place. These can be deleted.

Font size: Tables now have to be in font size 11, apart from the table 'List of participating organisations' before the 'START PAGE COUNT' in B1. In the template this table is in 9 and can remain in 9.

Panel selection: The panel is no longer chosen directly in part A, but the proposal is evaluated by the panel linked to the first 'project descriptor' selected. This has been adjusted in the [Guide for Applicants](#).

European Funding News: FP10

New European Consultation: Horizon Europe – European Partnerships to be implemented as joint undertakings (11 July 2026)

Source: Website EC [Horizon Europe – European Partnerships to be implemented as joint undertakings](#)

The European Commission is opening a public consultation on the future of Joint Undertakings as partnerships in the next Framework Programme (FP10). In addition to the call for evidence, the Commission is asking, in a comprehensive survey, about experiences with current partnerships and future themes. The deadline is 16 October 2026.

Consultation period: 10 July 2026 - 16 October 2026 (midnight Brussels time)

This consultation targets: (i) relevant stakeholders from national and regional administrations, academia and research institutions; (ii) technology centres; (iii) representatives of industry associations; (iv) intermediaries for start-ups, scale-ups and SMEs; (v) representatives of research and technology infrastructures; (vi) other public bodies; (vii) non-governmental organisations representing civil society; and (viii) other stakeholders and the general public.

Why we are consulting

The consultation aims to collect general evidence, experience and views from stakeholders on the role and functioning of Treaty-based European Partnerships under Horizon Europe. While it will not constitute a formal assessment of how partnerships have performed under the previous framework programme, views on possible improvements to JUs (and Article 185 initiatives) that should increase the EU's competitiveness would be of particular interest to the Commission. The results of the consultation will help the Commission to address the problems identified on the basis of the evidence obtained and to duly consider the potential solutions when developing the initiative.

Responding to the questionnaire

You can contribute to this consultation by filling in the online questionnaire. If you are unable to use the online questionnaire, please contact us using the email address below.

Questionnaires are available in some or all official EU languages. You can submit your responses in any official EU language.

For reasons of transparency, organisations and businesses taking part in public consultations are asked to register in the [EU's Transparency Register](#).

In order to contribute you'll need to register or login using your existing social media account.

Respond to the questionnaire:

Registration for the Global Bioeconomy Summit 2026 (GBS-2026) in Dublin is now open (10 July 2026)

Source: website GBS <https://gbs2026.org/about>

Taking place in **Dublin, Ireland, on 20–21 October 2026**, the Summit will bring together policymakers, researchers, industry, investors and civil society from around the world to discuss how the bioeconomy can contribute to competitiveness, sustainability and international cooperation.



As the flagship international forum on the bioeconomy, GBS2026 provides a unique opportunity to exchange ideas, showcase innovative bio-based solutions and strengthen global partnerships.

Register here: <https://lnkd.in/ehKu-BTB>

More information on the Summit: <https://gbs2026.org/about>

#GBS2026 #Bioeconomy #Innovation #InternationalCooperation

EARTO Response to the EC Call for Evidence on the Single Basic Act for Joint Undertakings (10 July 2026)

Source: Website EARTO [EARTO-Response-to-EC-Call-for-Evidence-on-JUs-Final.pdf](#)

EARTO, the European Association of Research and Technology Organisations, welcomes the European Commission's [Call for Evidence](#) on the Single Basic Act (SBA) for Joint Undertakings. EARTO represents over 350 Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs) across more than 32 countries, employing 228,000 highly-skilled researchers and engineers. RTOs occupy a distinctive position in the EU R&I ecosystem: as non-profit organisations bridging fundamental science and industrial application, they are essential for making Joint Undertakings work.

This response draws on [EARTO's last position paper on EU Partnerships](#). EARTO supports a next generation of Joint Undertakings that is more strategic, more effective, and better equipped to advance EU competitiveness and technological sovereignty while still very much supporting to keep the model of EU Co-Programmed European RD&I Partnerships as well.

EARTO Members have documented the following **key contributions** of institutionalised partnerships to European RD&I:

- **Supporting and developing EU global leadership in key technologies.**
- **Accelerating the creation and upscaling of new solutions:** JUs foster pan-European collaborative RD&I within relevant ecosystems, valorise knowledge and help bridge the valley of death between research and market.
- **Designing RD&I activities on a European scale:** JUs structure RD&I communities and industrial value chains; align research priorities across EU borders and generate a coherent European logic that transcends isolated national agendas.
- **Sharing risks and optimising resources:** By mobilising entire industrial innovation value chains, JUs provide support that no single country, company or research actor can deliver alone.
- **Aligning national and EU research & development agendas with industry needs:** JUs ensure research and funding mechanisms are strategically directed and well-aligned with industry demands.
- **Proven instrument for aligning EU, national and private investments** – Especially relevant for strategic technologies and infrastructures.
- **Delivering the highest leverage in Horizon Europe:** Private contributions in institutionalised partnerships have more than doubled or tripled EU funding, making JUs the most financially leveraged instrument in the EU RD&I framework programme.

EARTO's five core asks for the new SBA:

1. **Co-design:** Develop the architecture and selection of new JUs in close consultation with industry and RTOs from the outset. Avoid fixed minimum budget thresholds; base selection on strategic added value.
2. **Preserve community coherence:** Avoid merging technologically distinct communities into jumbo JUs; strategic technology communities built over years are irreplaceable assets.
3. **Defend in-kind contributions:** Retain in-kind contributions as a valid and valued form of private co-funding; any shift to cash must be voluntary and evidence-based. Establish funding mechanisms that make participation attractive for non-profit actors (including RTOs), so they can engage as core partners.
4. **Simplify, harmonise and improve transparency:** Adopt the single SBA, harmonise rules across all JUs, eliminate unnecessary reporting, and apply the same participation conditions for associated countries. Promote more transparent governance by providing earlier visibility of strategic priorities, future roadmaps and upcoming funding opportunities.
5. **Recognise RTOs formally:** Establish explicit governance roles for RTOs in the new SBA, and protect funding rates for non-profit participants.

EARTO and its members remain fully available to engage in further consultation, expert group work, and targeted discussions with the European Commission services as the impact assessment process proceeds. We are committed to ensuring that the next generation of Joint Undertakings delivers maximum impact for European RD&I, competitiveness, and technological sovereignty.

ERC Scientific Council open to discussing proposed 'ERC for institutions' (10 July 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [ERC Scientific Council open to discussing proposed 'ERC for institutions' | Science|Business](#)

The European Research Council recognises the need, but questions the approach and budget implications



The European Research Council (ERC) has given its qualified backing to the suggestion that an EU programme be created to provide long-term funding for world-class European research units. But it has also expressed concerns about how such a scheme would be paid for and implemented. Informally dubbed the “ERC for institutions,” the idea is that the council would administer the programme alongside its current support for the best individual researchers.

First suggested in the influential [2024 report on EU competitiveness](#) by former Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi, the ERC for institutions is intended to provide long-term funding for high-quality research institutions to alleviate funding concerns among researchers who otherwise rely on shorter term project-specific funding.

According to an internal ERC memo, finalised earlier this year, “*the ERC Scientific Council recognises the strategic relevance of strengthening Europe’s research landscape, while noting that the implementation of such an initiative would raise important conceptual, governance, and operational questions.*”

Among the concerns cited are the need for additional funding beyond the ERC’s current budget, unresolved questions over the scale and set-up of the programme and the risk that investing in institutions located in only a few EU states could lead to national influence on the selection process.

But if those questions are answered, the ERC Scientific Council is ready to contribute its expertise in excellence-based selection and governance “*provided that the ERC core principles [of] investigator-driven [proposals], independence for researchers and selection based solely on excellence are fully respected.*”

Many models

The idea of an ERC for institutions echoes a [Franco-Polish proposal](#) presented ahead of the European Council meeting in June, which suggested funding a pan-European network of laboratories on themes in line with strategic priorities. It is also similar to a German proposal, [called Nexus](#), which was presented earlier this year by the German Research Foundation (DFG), the German Rectors’ Conference (HRK) and the German Science and Humanities Council. It suggests providing funding of €20 million per year over seven years for networks of at least three universities or research institutions. In the proposal, these grants would be distributed through the ERC.

Christian Rebhan, director for European science policy at the DFG, called Nexus a “further development” of the Draghi report’s original idea and said it would “enable the best researchers to work together on topics they consider relevant to European competitiveness.”

The ERC’s willingness to contribute its expertise to such an endeavour was welcome. “*It would be natural to draw on the ERC’s well-established evaluation structures and experience if possible,*” he told Science|Business.

In line with the ERC’s conditions, Nexus would focus on excellence and be driven by researcher curiosity. But alongside excellence, it would also take geographical distribution into consideration, with a requirement that at least three universities in each network would “ideally” be from different EU member states.

“The European Research Area is characterised by great diversity and the broad distribution of research excellence across its universities and their partners,” Rebhan said. “***The Nexus concept therefore focuses on connecting hubs of distributed research excellence across borders.***”

HRK said it considered the Nexus proposal “a concrete contribution” to the debate on the ERC for institutions. “Europe needs a genuinely new open-topic approach: connecting excellent researchers across borders, selecting them strictly on the basis of scientific excellence and giving them long-term support,” HRK president Walter Rosenthal told

Science|Business. “This is the idea behind Nexus. It would complement, not replace, the ERC’s outstanding support for individual researchers.”

The HRK view is that a contribution of expertise from ERC Scientific Council’s would be “highly valuable” to the Nexus project, if it could be designed in a way that safeguards the ERC’s independence.

Read full article here: [ERC Scientific Council open to discussing proposed ‘ERC for institutions’](#) | Science|Business

AGRI SECTOR DECLINES TO BECOME ‘SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY’ (9 July 2026)

Source: Politico

AGRI SECTOR DECLINES TO BECOME ‘SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY’: Before the Parliament empties out for the summer, Copa-Cogeca, FoodDrinkEurope and around 40 other farm and food groups spent Tuesday pressing lawmakers to keep agriculture a named priority in the [European Competitiveness Fund](#). That’s the roughly €234 billion pot meant to back strategic industries in the 2028 to 2034 EU budget.

The flashpoint: The Commission’s plan gave agriculture a named place in one of the fund’s four windows, alongside health, biotech and the bioeconomy. The [industry committee’s draft](#) strips the word from the title and rebrands it “Sustainable Prosperity.” Farm groups read that as a quiet demotion that leaves agriculture jostling with a bigger crowd for the same money.

They are not without friends: Lawmakers from the EPP, the Socialists and Democrats and Renew [have already filed amendments](#) to write agriculture back into the title, most of them tossing in food for good measure. Two amendments go further and [demand a farming window all its own](#). Meanwhile, co-rapporteurs Christian Ehler and Dan Nica insist agriculture is still in there, just under that roomier “Sustainable Prosperity” banner.

What’s next: None of this gets settled before the recess. The committee will vote on its position once everyone is back from the beach, no earlier than September. That leaves the agrifood lobbies all summer to make sure nobody forgets which word went missing.

THE NRPP TALKS BEGIN: MEPs from three committees kicked off their first official debate on the EU’s proposed €865 billion National and Regional Partnership Plans fund for 2028–2034 on Tuesday evening.

Overstuffed: More than 7,000 amendments are on the table. “We are trying to digest them all ... to ultimately reach a credible common agreement,” said budget committee rapporteur Karlo Ressler. “This will definitely be a true challenge.”

A warm-up round: The first exchange was less about final decisions and more about mapping out positions and seeing “what’s out there.” Whether the CAP be removed from the fund altogether was one of the big asks hanging over the session, particularly from members of The Left, Patriots for Europe and The European Conservatives and Reformists.

Keep it simple: For the regional development committee, one priority that stands out, and that is legislation that people can actually understand. “I think we should create legislation which is easy to read, like a newspaper. One of the main reasons to have that major reform of cohesion policy with NRPP is simplification,” said regional development’s committee rapporteur, the EPP’s Andrey Novakov. (Granted, [simplification does not have the best reputation](#) in Brussels lately.)

What won’t be discussed: Amendments concerning parts already transferred to the CAP should instead be proposed in the CAP file, said AGRI rapporteur Elsi Katainen, as they will no longer be discussed in the NRPP context.

The real battle? All of this is unfolding as the Council wrestles with the size of the next EU budget. For Hungarian Patriots for Europe MEP Tamás Deutsch, the debate over cuts is the central issue. Ministers pushing for tighter spending are, he argued, “attacking European agriculture,” and until that fight is settled, everything else is secondary. But in reality, both will be negotiated in parallel during the autumn.

No Christmas tree: Daniel Buda of the EPP warned against turning the policy into a “Christmas tree,” a system where funds are constantly being relocated.

Other International funding

Call for candidates to conduct a synthesis study of the NL-CGIAR research programme on global food security (20 July 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Call for candidates to conduct a synthesis study of the NL-CGIAR research programme on global food security | NWO](#)



NWO is seeking a team of experts to design and conduct a synthesis of the knowledge and learnings emerging from the second phase of the NL-CGIAR research programme. This programme contributes to transformational change in agriculture around the world by advancing food system knowledge and joint public and private innovation. The deadline for submitting an expression of interest is 7 September 2026.

The synthesis study will bring together, present and discuss the diverse insights, outcomes and learning experiences from the entire NL-CGIAR research programme. Such cross-project aggregation of knowledge and learnings and identification of patterns provide results that are more than the sum of the individual parts, allowing for deeper learning by all programme stakeholders.

Requirements and deliverables

The experts will

1. synthesise the knowledge and learning of the Senior Expert Programme Phase II (SEP II) and the Knowledge Provision Grants (KPGs);
2. connect the knowledge and learning of the SEP II and the KPGs with the [ongoing synthesis of the NL-CGIAR Water-Food Nexus call](#)
3. organise cross-learning and knowledge exchange among programme grantees to facilitate new knowledge generation and deep learning;
4. work on knowledge facilitation and outreach with diverse stakeholders in the food and nutrition security field.

Candidates should have (among others) verifiable sound knowledge of the food and nutrition security field in the Global South and proven experience in interpreting and synthesising research results. Aside from conducting the synthesis study, the team will also be working on an outreach programme that confers the research results to a diverse audience of researchers, policy makers and practitioners.

Budget and deadlines

Expressions of interest need to be submitted by 7 September 2026. NWO will select a minimum of three suitable applications and invite those to submit a full response to the Terms of Reference for the synthesis study and knowledge facilitation. The study is expected to run from 2027 to 2030. The available budget is 120.000 euros ex. VAT.

Read more about experts requirements, deliverables, expected formats of the expression of interest: [The Netherlands \(NL\) - CGIAR research programme | NWO](#)

New EFSA calls for Scientific Officers (15 July 2026)

Source: Website EFSA

We would like to inform you that EFSA has published new calls for Scientific Officers in the areas of 1. Food/Feed Microbiology & Industrial Biotechnology and 2. Chemistry, Exposure, Toxicology. We kindly invite you to further disseminate this message among your networks.

Career opportunities:

1. **Scientific Officers in Food/Feed Microbiology & Industrial Biotechnology:**
<https://careers.efsa.europa.eu/jobs/scientific-officers-food-feed-microbiology-industrial-biotechnology-463>
2. **Scientific Officers in Chemistry, Exposure, Toxicology:** <https://careers.efsa.europa.eu/jobs/scientific-officers-chemistry-exposure-toxicology-462>

The purpose of these calls is to establish a talent pool (reserve list) that may be used for the recruitment of staff when a position becomes available and will be valid until 31 December 2027. The validity of the talent pool may be extended.

The successful candidates will play a key role in EFSA's scientific activities by supporting risk assessment, scientific advice, stakeholder engagement and science communication.

Deadline: 20 August 2026 at 23:59 (local time)

Read more about the two calls here:

Call 1: <https://careers.efsa.europa.eu/jobs/scientific-officers-food-feed-microbiology-industrial-biotechnology-463>

Call 2: <https://careers.efsa.europa.eu/jobs/scientific-officers-chemistry-exposure-toxicology-462>

LIFE public dashboard now covers the full history of the programme (10 July 2026)

Source: Website LIFE [LIFE public dashboard now covers the full history of the programme](#)



The [LIFE public dashboard](#) has reached an important milestone: it now includes every LIFE project funded since the programme began in 1992, offering the most complete picture yet of more than three decades of EU investment in environmental and climate.

Previously, the public dashboard covered only LIFE projects funded from 2014 onwards. With the integration of the programme's earlier project portfolio, users can now explore the full history of LIFE from its creation in 1992, providing, for the first time, a comprehensive view of how the programme has evolved over more than 30 years.

The dashboard provides access to detailed information on all LIFE projects across the programme's four sub-programmes. Users can search, explore and download data on project financing and beneficiaries through an intuitive interface designed for both experts and newcomers.

More than a transparency tool, the dashboard enables users to analyse the programme's impact through interactive statistics, maps and visualisations that can be tailored to their needs.

For journalists, it offers a rich source of data to explore trends, identify stories and analyse how LIFE funding has supported projects across countries, regions and thematic areas. National Contact Points can monitor projects in their respective countries and gain a comprehensive overview of how LIFE contributes to Europe's environmental and climate objectives.

The [dashboard](#) is equally valuable for project coordinators, beneficiaries, researchers, policymakers, prospective applicants and anyone interested in understanding the programme's achievements over the past three decades.

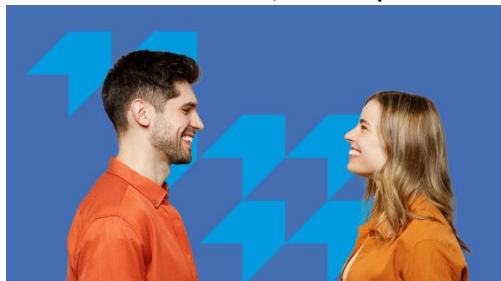
Updated daily, the dashboard features advanced search filters, allowing users to explore projects by sub-programme, country, city, beneficiary, habitat, species and Natura 2000 site, among many other criteria. A dedicated self-service area also enables users to create customised charts, graphics and analyses using data from the full project portfolio. By bringing together the complete history of more than 6 500 projects in one place, the dashboard makes it easier than ever to discover how the programme has evolved since 1992 and to better understand the long-term impact of LIFE funding across Europe.

Users interested in exploring other EU-funded programmes can also access the [European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency \(CINEA\) public dashboard](#), which provides up-to-date information on the projects funded by the EU and managed by CINEA through an intuitive and user-friendly interface.

20 European Universities alliances selected for Erasmus+ funding (10 July 2026)

Source: Website EC <https://education.ec.europa.eu/whats-new/news/20-european-universities-alliances-selected-for-erasmus-funding>

The European Commission has selected 20 new European Universities alliances under the 2026 Erasmus+ European Universities call to fund their activities until the next multiannual financial framework (MFF). With this latest selection, the European Universities initiative now supports 65 alliances across Europe.



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€145,6 million for the selected alliances

The 20 selected alliances bring together 190 higher education institutions and will receive support to mainstream and upscale their activities.

Amongst them, one previous Seal of Excellence holder will now receive funding as an European Universities alliance.

The 2026 Erasmus + call has a total budget of €145.6 million. Each of the selected alliances will receive up to €7.2 million in bridge funding over 2 years, with activities starting in autumn-winter 2026.

WUR is involved in one of the selected alliances

ELLS: EuroLeague of Life Science Universities:

- Czech University of Agriculture in Prague (CZ)
- Estonian University of Life Sciences (EE)
- Hohenheim University (DE)
- National Institute of Higher Education for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (FR)
- Norwegian University of Environment and Life Sciences (NO)
- Polish University of Agriculture and Rural Development (PL)
- Swedish University of Agriculture (SE)
- University of Lleida (ES)
- University of Tuscia (IT)
- Wageningen University (NL)

Read the full list of European Universities alliances selected for funding: <https://education.ec.europa.eu/whats-new/news/20-european-universities-alliances-selected-for-erasmus-funding#list>

About the European Universities initiative

The European Universities initiative supports deep, long-term and sustainable cooperation between higher education institutions across Europe.

The European Universities alliances aim to

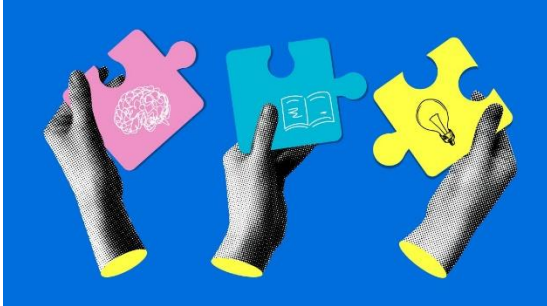
- improve the international competitiveness of higher education institutions in Europe
- promote European values and identity

- foster long-term structural, strategic, and sustainable cooperation between higher education institutions.

All Dutch universities represented in European Universities (10 July 2026)

Source: Website Neth-ER <https://www.neth-er.eu/onderwijs/alle-nederlandse-universiteiten-vertegenwoordigd-in-europese-universiteiten>

With the latest cohort of European University alliances, every Dutch university is now represented in a funded alliance. Wageningen University is joining for the first time, filling in the last blank spot on the Dutch map. The European Commission funds a total of twenty alliances, together amounting to 145.6 million euros.



The Netherlands fully represented

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From Seal of Excellence to funding

It is noteworthy that the alliance of which Wageningen is now a part previously received a Seal of Excellence.

This quality label is awarded to proposals that meet the quality threshold but could not be funded due to limited resources. With the current call, this alliance is now receiving funding after all. The twenty selected alliances bring together 190 higher education institutions and each receive up to 7.2 million euros in bridging funding for two years, allowing activities to start in the autumn and winter of 2026. With that money, the alliances develop concrete cooperation, such as joint degree programs and curricula, exchanges of students and lecturers, and shared research projects and facilities. Dutch universities of applied sciences are also increasingly represented in the alliance.

National funding

Perspectief round 2026-2027 (20 July 2026)

Source: Website NWO [Perspectief round 2026-2027 | NWO](#)

WO Domain AES invites researchers and users (companies, societal organisations) to jointly submit new, challenging research projects within the application-oriented and technical sciences that generate economic and societal impact in thematic areas relevant to the Netherlands.

Purpose

Innovation that has an economic and social impact often requires a large-scale approach. Developing new technology requires setting up new lines of research, transcending old networks and creating close collaboration between scientists and industry.

The funding instrument Perspectief focuses on stimulating this collaboration in order to solve innovation bottlenecks. Innovative knowledge takes shape in an application that contributes to technological innovation with potential economic and social impact for the Netherlands.

Submission	When to apply
Online information session	Tuesday September 1st, 2026 – 15:00-16:00, registration via ttw-perspectief@nwo.nl
Statement of intent	Tuesday October 6th, 2026 - 14:00:00 CEST
Pre-proposal	Tuesday November 24th, 2026 - 14:00:00 CET
Proposal	Tuesday May 25th, 2027 - 14:00:00 CEST

For more information: [Perspectief round 2026-2027 | NWO](#) and [Call for Proposals - Perspectief](#)

205 researchers receive Veni grants (16 July 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [205 researchers receive Veni grants | NWO](#)



From research into how to get the brain working again in Alzheimer's patients to the development of special molecules that convert plastic into soap. But this Veni round also addresses issues such as bridging the gap between AI theory and practice, or the protection of displaced cultural heritage under international law. These are just four of the 205 research projects by scientists who have been awarded a Veni grant. Each researcher receives up to 320,000 euros. The grant is designed to encourage adventurous, talented and pioneering researchers to further develop their own research ideas over the next three years.

The Veni is a personal scientific grant aimed at researchers who have recently obtained their PhD. The grant instrument allows recipients to conduct research of their own choosing. The projects that receive funding therefore cover a wide range of topics.

The 205 grants from the 2025 Veni round are divided between 59 in Science (ENW), 81 in Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH), 30 in Applied and Engineering Sciences (AES), and 35 grants at ZonMw.

The following 11 WUR researchers received a Veni grant

1. **Every farm a garden:** Dr. L.L.E. Ditzler, (Wageningen University & Research)

2. **From eggs to outbreaks: the role of insect egg-laying in pest evolution and plant defense** Dr. P.N. Karssemeijer, (Wageningen University & Research)
3. **Leveraging plant defences against insect vectors and plant viruses under drought** Dr. C.L. Lago, (Wageningen University & Research)
4. **Bacterial extracellular vesicles deliver health benefits** Dr. ir. Y. Liu, (Wageningen University & Research)
5. **Edit to Activate: Prodrug Activation through Skeletal Editing** Dr. E.J. Meeus, (Wageningen University & Research)
6. **How mobile DNA shapes fungal genomes in 3D and supports environmental adaptation in fungal pathogens** Dr. U. Oggenfuss, (Wageningen University & Research)
7. **Optimizing Protein Digestion and Peptide Absorption Through Protein Post-Translational Modifications for Healthier Food** Dr. Q. Ren, (Wageningen University & Research)
8. **Optimization under heterogeneous uncertainty: Improving humanitarian development decisions** Dr. M. Reusken, (Wageningen University & Research)
9. **Building trust in news together** Dr. S.L. Tamboer, (Wageningen University & Research)
10. **Discovering new medicines with a computer model of a bacterium** Dr. B.R. Terlouw, (Wageningen University & Research)
11. **Radiating clouds** Dr. M.A. Veerman, (Wageningen University & Research)

View all funded Veni grants here: [Veni 2025 | NWO](#)

Facts & figures

The Veni grants are awarded annually by NWO. A total of 1,392 pre-proposals were submitted (699 by women, 674 by men, 6 by gender X and 13 applicants whose gender was unknown). Of these, 448 proposals were submitted (227 by women, 214 by men, 6 by gender X and 1 applicants whose gender was unknown). Of the 205 grants awarded, 115 went to female candidates, 88 to male candidates and 2 to candidates with gender X, representing award percentages of 13, 16 and 33 per cent respectively. Additional funds are available to stimulate female researchers in the domains Science, Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH), and Applied and Engineering Sciences (AES). In these domains, this has led to the award of a total of ten additional Veni grants to female researchers.

For more information: [205 researchers receive Veni grants | NWO](#)

From indigenous climate adaptation to fussy eaters: a wide range of topics in 81 new studies (14 July 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [From indigenous climate adaptation to fussy eaters: a wide range of topics in 81 new studies | NWO](#)



The awarded projects for round[T[2.1] 2 of the SSH Open Competition XS 2026 have been announced. Of the 195 applications, no fewer than 81 researchers will be setting out to explore a promising idea. This paves the way for experimentation and innovation. The XS projects will last for a minimum of half a year and a maximum of two years. They can therefore contribute to scientific insights at an early stage.

The projects cover the entire breadth of the SSH research field. For example, research is set to begin into indigenous women and climate adaptation in the city of Santiago de Chile. Another project focuses on developing a toolkit to map the experiences of young children who are fussy eaters. Research is also set to begin into enslaved people in Roman curse tablets. Furthermore, research is being conducted into whether sanctions against Russia comply with international rules.

WUR is involved in two awarded projects

Reconfiguring wildfire governance: from reaction to prevention (PREFIRE): dr. R. Coates (M), Wageningen University & Research

Technological progress and social mobility: Schooling choices when wage-returns to education are convex
dr. E.I. Gehrke (F), Wageningen University & Research

View all awarded projects here: [Granted projects | NWO](#)

Third round of the SSH Open Competition XS 2026

The third round is open for applications <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-xs-2026-round-3>. SSH researchers who obtained their PhD at least five years ago and have a promising idea may submit an application. Following the final round of 2026, there will be three rounds in 2027 again. The Call for proposals of 2027 is expected to be published mid-September 2026 (with three rounds in 2027 and expected deadlines in January, April, and September).

In 2027, NWO will broaden access to the SSH Open Competition XS.

Read more about the changes in 2027: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/nwo-expands-access-to-the-ssh-open-competition>

Lowlands Science 2026 Selection: thirteen research projects to be carried out at Lowlands festival (14 July 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Lowlands Science 2026 Selection: thirteen research projects to be carried out at Lowlands festival | NWO](#)



Conducting research for three days amidst a vibrant festival crowd: for many researchers, this sounds like an exceptional opportunity. Thanks to the collaboration between the Dutch Research Agenda (NWA), Lowlands, scientists, artists and societal partners, this will once again become a reality during Lowlands Science 2026. From the open call, nine research projects with innovative and socially relevant ideas have been selected to carry out their studies at one of the largest and most influential festivals in the Netherlands. In addition, the NWA, in collaboration with various knowledge institutions, has developed four installations.

Science at the heart of the festival

Lowlands Science brings science to a wide audience by offering researchers the opportunity to carry out their research in a unique festival setting. Visitors can actively participate in real scientific studies, enabling valuable research data to be collected and science to be experienced in an accessible and interactive way.

Lowlands Science is a collaboration between NWA, MOJO, BKB | Het Campagnebureau, New Scientist and the University of the Netherlands.

One of the selected projects is led by WUR

Vet Verleidelijke Borrelplank: Smaak Onder Invloed – Wageningen University & Research

For more information about the selected research projects from the open call: [Lowlands Science 2026 Selection: thirteen research projects to be carried out at Lowlands festival | NWO](#)

Funding decision taken in the 'NWA Science for policy' Call for proposals (14 July 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Funding decision taken in the 'NWA Science for policy' Call for proposals | NWO](#)



Within the NWA ‘Science for policy’ call, funding has been awarded to a project that contributes to strengthening the use of knowledge by government organisations. The call focuses on improving forms of collaboration between researchers and policy officers in the field of research-based knowledge.

Research-based knowledge is a key building block for effective and reliable policy. However, experience shows that the systematic use of research-based knowledge in policy-making and the generation of new knowledge for policy purposes do not happen automatically. This NWA programme aims to contribute to improved interaction between the worlds of knowledge and policy, so that complex societal challenges can be better understood and tackled more effectively and efficiently. Central to this is strengthening interactions between knowledge and policy, as well as developing forms of collaboration that lead to more usable knowledge and better utilisation of that knowledge. The funded project, ‘Cocreating Research to Improve Science for Policy’ (CRISP), ties in directly with this by conducting research, in co-creation with the co-funding ministries, into knowledge-for-policy arrangements in relation to current government policy areas.

The following ministries are involved in this call as co-funders: the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, and the Ministry of Justice and Security.

For more information on funded project: [Funding decision taken in the ‘NWA Science for policy’ Call for proposals | NWO](#)

30.5 million euros granted for the upgrading of Large-scale Research Infrastructure (13 July 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [30.5 million euros granted for the upgrading of Large-scale Research Infrastructure | NWO](#)



This will enable ten consortia to modernise, strengthen or better interconnect existing research facilities. Examples include the upgrading of a research facility where scientists study how plants grow in relation to their environment, or investment in new, more powerful magnets that offer record-breaking magnetic fields and greater scope for experimentation.

This allocation will enable existing Large-scale Research Infrastructures (LSRI) to be modernised, strengthened or better interconnected to achieve (beyond) state-of-the-art standards. This will extend the operational lifetime of the research infrastructure and ensure they remain aligned with the latest scientific and technological developments. Greening of the LSRI can also be part of the investment.

About LSRI

LSRIs are facilities, resources and services used by a research community to carry out innovative and groundbreaking research in their field. Since 2016, NWO has been publishing the LSRI Roadmap, to which all these projects are linked. This ensures that the projects are firmly embedded within the Dutch research landscape and can be utilised over the long term. In addition to the funding allocated by NWO, the ten consortia have also raised approximately 15.7 million euros in investments themselves.

NWO invests in research infrastructure

This call is part of NWO's efforts on research infrastructure. Together with its partners, NWO works on broad accessibility, renewal and continuity of research infrastructure. This includes highly specialised equipment such as large telescopes or high field magnets, but also digital infrastructures, such as scientific computer networks and supercomputers, and data and sample collections or biobanks. Such facilities are essential for breakthroughs in all fields of science.

Thanks to its independent position and its overview of the science system, NWO can take the lead in developing a joint long-term strategy for research infrastructure. In addition, NWO takes a coordinating and important (co-)funding role in

the implementation of this strategy. The goal is a balanced and future-proof ecosystem of high-quality research infrastructure for all science domains.

WUR Main applicant in two LSRI applications

NPEC 2.0: The Netherlands Plant Eco-Phenotyping Centre 2.0: **Main applicant: prof. dr. ir. M.G.M. Aarts, Wageningen University & Research; Consortium partners: Jan IngenHousz Institute, Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO-KNAW), Utrecht University, Wageningen University & Research.**

ROVRE: Ruisdael Observatory Virtual Research Environment: **Main applicant: prof. dr. M.C. Krol, Wageningen University & Research; Consortium partners: TNO, Delft University of Technology, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute, University of Groningen, Utrecht University, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.**

WUR Consortium partner partner in one LSRI application

uNMR: State-of-the-art hardware to reinforce and advance the Dutch ultra-high field nuclear magnetic resonance infrastructure: **Main applicant: dr. H. van Ingen, Utrecht University**

Consortium partners: Leiden University, Radboud University, Wageningen University & Research.

For more information about the awarded projects: 30.5 million euros granted for the upgrading of Large-scale Research Infrastructure | NWO

Additional decision-making regarding 7 National Growth Fund projects (10 July 2026)

Source: Website National Growth Fund [Aanvullende besluitvorming over 7 Nationaal Groeifondsprojecten | Nationaal Groeifonds](#)

Additional decision-making has taken place regarding 7 National Growth Fund projects. 3 projects have submitted a conversion request and 4 projects have proposed a significant change. The National Growth Fund Advisory Committee has issued advice on this matter. The Cabinet is fully adopting this advice.

Advice on conversions

The Advisory Committee has issued a positive recommendation regarding the conversion requests for LLO-Katalysator and Toekomstbestendige Leefomgeving. A total of €175.1 million is being definitively allocated to these two projects.

For more information: [Aanvullende besluitvorming over 7 Nationaal Groeifondsprojecten | Nationaal Groeifonds](#) (in Dutch)

The advisory committee has issued a negative recommendation regarding the conversion request for BioBased Circular. The reservation of €236 million will not be granted. This amount lapses and becomes part of the National Growth Fund's unallocated funds.

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The budgetary processing of the conversions will take place in the 2027 Budget Memorandum.

Advice on significant changes

In addition to the conversion requests, the advisory committee also advised on proposed significant changes for 4 projects: Nieuwe Warmte Nu, POLARIS, SolarNL, and Zero Emission Services. **The full advice of the advisory committee is attached as an appendix to the letter <https://open.overheid.nl/details/aab7f9b3-73f3-4b3e-bcba-80c8eb31e967> (in Dutch) to Parliament.**

2025 Annual Report

The 2025 annual report of the National Growth Fund's advisory committee has also been submitted. The annual report provides insight into the progress of the 50 growth fund projects over the past year. 2025 was a year in which projects across the entire portfolio visibly gained momentum and their impact became increasingly clear. **Read the 2025 annual report here:** [Jaarverslag Adviescommissie Nationaal Groeifonds 2025 | Nationaal Groeifonds \(in Dutch\)](#)

For more information: <https://open.overheid.nl/details/f8f5d298-88be-42cf-a3dc-1b8b30dae267> and <https://open.overheid.nl/details/b1afcb1d-3e91-4e13-baae-3bfe2c0d1642>

Phase 2 funding for National Growth Fund BioBased Circular program not awarded (10 July 2026)

Source: News Flash Biobased Circular Program

The Cabinet decided today, July 10, following the advice of the National Growth Fund Committee, not to award funding for the second phase of the National Growth Fund BioBased Circular program. On December 1, BioBased Circular had submitted the plan for the follow-up phase of the program, running from 2027 to 2032, for an amount of 236 million euros. BioBased Circular notes this decision with great disappointment.

The committee questions the choice of biopolyesters and states that market prospects, policy, and industrial embedding are still insufficiently developed. We do not share that conclusion. The focus on biopolyesters formed the basis of the program from the start and was chosen because of the efficient use of bio-based raw materials, good recyclability, and the potential for a circular chemical industry, alongside recycling and other sustainability routes. Moreover, the committee is primarily assessing the current situation, whereas BioBased Circular was specifically established to prepare the Netherlands for the market and regulations of the coming decades. **Click here [advies-NGF-BioBased-reactie-BBC.pdf](#) for a summary of the committee's judgment and BioBased Circular's response to it.**

Over the past three years, BioBased Circular has successfully dedicated itself to developing a new biopolyester sector in the Netherlands. During this period, 140 companies launched approximately 200 projects, a broad community was built, and concrete steps were taken to remove hindering policies. This laid a solid foundation for the second phase of BioBased Circular, in which scaling up and market introduction were central.

The discontinuation of BioBased Circular does not mean that the development of biobased materials will stop, but it does mean that a key national driver for this transition is in danger of disappearing. Consequently, the Dutch business community loses a powerful impetus to capitalize on new economic opportunities, the sustainability of the chemical industry is slowed down, a promising future perspective for agriculture fades, and the Netherlands loses an important instrument to accelerate the climate and raw materials transition.

What next?

The loss of funding has no consequences for the year 2026. Funding is secured for the dozens of projects that have already started. Budget is also available for the current call for EKOO and DEI+ projects.

We continue to believe in the potential of biopolyesters and are using the summer period to reflect on the situation that has arisen. We will investigate how we can continue (part of) the activities. We expect to be able to provide more clarity on this in September.

For more information (in Dutch)

[Samenvatting beoordeling NGF-commissie en reactie BioBased Circular](#)
[Evaluatie van fase 1 BioBased Circular door Technopolis](#)

Take-off phase 2 Early-stage trajectories wo/hbo/TO2 autumn 2026 (9 July 2026)

Source: Website NWO [Take-off phase 2 Early-stage trajectories wo/hbo/TO2 autumn 2026 | NWO](#)

The Take-off program provides funding for loans in the early phase ('vroege fase financiering') of innovative, new businesses. This funding is for a proof-of-concept period, focusing on the validation of a commercial application of innovative knowledge from NWO-acknowledges research organisations (WO, TO2, HBO). This can be an innovative product/ platform/ service in the broadest sense, based on research results from any field, applied in any market (segment).

Take-off focuses on facilitating and stimulating activity and entrepreneurship from Dutch universities, NWO-acknowledged research institutes, universities of applied sciences and TO2 knowledge institutes. This involves the creation of innovative (commercial) activities based on knowledge from above described knowledge institutes, that are being exploited by innovative start-up companies/ entrepreneurs. This can involve product, process, care or service innovation, from all scientific fields (beta/technology, life sciences and alpha/gamma).

A **full proposal** must be submitted via our ISAAC system **before Tuesday 1st September 2026 14:00:00 CEST**. Please use the correct form (spring 2026, see tab 2 "Prepare"). In the ISAAC system, a pre-proposal can be converted into a full proposal.

NWO will inform potential applicants and grant advisors during an online information meeting on 25 August 2026.

Details about the 2026 autumn round will be explained by NWO during the information meeting. The online information meeting will take place on Tuesday 25 August 2026, from 10:00 to 11:00 CET.

You can register for information meeting here: [Information meeting #2 Take-off phase 2 - Vroegefasetrajecten wo/hbo/TO2 autumn 2026 | NWO](#)

For more information: [Take-off phase 2 Early-stage trajectories wo/hbo/TO2 autumn 2026 | NWO](#) and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-proposals-Take-off-phase-2-Early-stage-trajectories-autumn-2026_0.pdf

Take-off phase 1 – Feasibility studies WO 2026(9 July 2026)

Source: Website NWO [Take-off phase 1 – Feasibility studies WO 2026 | NWO](#)

Enterprising scientists who want to investigate whether it is feasible to commercially apply an innovative research result can apply for funding via Take-off phase 1 - Feasibility studies WO. This program is aimed at stimulating and supporting economic activity and entrepreneurship on the basis of science.

Take-off focuses on facilitating and stimulating activity and entrepreneurship from Dutch universities and research institutes recognized by NWO. This involves creating innovative new activities that follow knowledge development and utilization by researchers at these knowledge institutions. This may concern product, process, care or service innovation in the broadest sense of the word, within all scientific fields.

When to apply

Applications can be submitted continuously via ISAAC until **December 10, 2026, at 14:00:00 CET at the latest**.

Unlike previous Take-off Phase 1 rounds, this Call for Proposals applies to the whole of 2026. Separate Calls for Proposals will no longer be published for spring and fall rounds. Applications can be submitted on an ongoing basis. Applications will be assessed in batches of 40, with 15 applications per batch being awarded funding, provided they meet the required quality standards. A maximum of five batches will be considered. There will no longer be a cluster classification in the assessment; applications will be assessed by a broad committee. See the Call for Proposals for more information.

For more information: [Take-off phase 1 – Feasibility studies WO 2026 | NWO](#)

Guide for applicants: [Call for Proposals - Take-off fase 1 - Haalbaarheidsstudies WO](#)

Regional funding

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

Commission publishes new edition of European Innovation Scoreboard (15 July 2026)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > Commissie publiceert nieuwe editie European Innovation Scoreboard](#)

The Netherlands, together with Sweden and Denmark, is once again among the frontrunners in terms of innovation capacity within the EU. This is evident from the most recent edition of the European Commission's European Innovation Scoreboard.



The EU strengthens its competitiveness

The European Innovation Scoreboard (EIS) [European Innovation Scoreboard 2026 - Publications Office of the EU](#) annually assesses the innovation power of forty countries, including EU member states, neighbouring countries, and the Union's global competitors. This analysis examines 32 indicators, such as the number of international scientific co-publications, the number of people with more than basic general digital skills, the number of SMEs introducing product innovations, exports of medium- and high-tech products, and labour productivity. The 2026 edition of the analysis shows that the innovation power of the EU as a whole has increased by 1.7% compared to 2025.

The Netherlands once again 'Innovation Leader'

For the second year in a row, **the Netherlands** [ec_rtd_eis-country-profile-nl.pdf](#), **together with Denmark and Sweden, scores the highest among EU member states.** The Netherlands performs at 127.4% of the EU average and is therefore designated as an 'Innovation Leader'. Relative strengths of the Dutch innovation field include the high number of public-private co-publications, the proportion of foreign PhD candidates in the total number of PhD candidates, and the high participation of the population in lifelong learning (LLL). Conversely, the Netherlands scores weaker on revenue from innovations new to the market and on the export of medium- and high-tech products. Furthermore, the Netherlands has a relatively small total number of new PhD graduates compared to many other European countries.

Would you like to contribute to the development of the competency framework for knowledge valorization? (14 July 2026)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderzoek en innovatie > Denkt u mee over het competentieraamwerk voor kennisvalorisatie?](#)

The European Commission is seeking experts for the development of a competence framework for knowledge valorisation intermediaries. Interested parties from the knowledge field can apply for the new Community of Practice until 15 September.



Participating in a Community of Practice

The European Commission is calling for input [Join the Community of Practice for developing the competence framework for knowledge valorisation intermediaries - Research and innovation](#) on a competence framework for knowledge valorisation. The Directorate-General for Research and Innovation is launching a new Community of Practice (CoP) with the knowledge sector. The framework aims to strengthen the capacity of intermediaries, such as technology transfer offices (TTOs), innovation hubs, and research and innovation infrastructures. **The deadline for application EUSurvey - Survey is 15 September 2026.**

Context

This initiative falls under the European Research Area (ERA) via the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027. One of the actions within this agenda focuses on knowledge valorisation and strengthening ties between academic institutions, industry, and governments. Developing a competence framework for intermediaries is part of this. Knowledge valorisation is also expected to be included in the future ERA Act this year.

New report published: Building Food 2040: stakeholder input for the new EU Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda for Food Systems (13 July 2026)

Source: [Website EC New report published: Building Food 2040: stakeholder input for the new EU Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda for Food Systems - Research and innovation](#)

The Commission has published Building Food 2040: stakeholder input for the new EU Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda for Food Systems, a new report analysing the results of an EU-wide stakeholder consultation on the future of food-systems research and innovation.

The report draws on 631 survey responses and 63 written submissions, including position papers, policy briefs, roadmaps and vision statements. It brings together input from a wide range of food-system actors, including research and academia, farming organisations, industry, public authorities, NGOs, civil society organisations and citizens.

The findings confirm that stakeholders value the systems-thinking approach introduced by [Food 2030](#), which helped support a more integrated understanding of food-systems research and innovation. At the same time, stakeholders highlighted the opportunity for Food 2040 to build on this foundation by strengthening links between R&I priorities, implementation pathways, measurable impacts and the uptake of results in policy, practice and the market. Stakeholders identified several priorities for the future agenda, including reducing environmental and climate impacts across the food system, supporting healthier dietary habits, increasing resilience and preparedness, strengthening strategic autonomy, advancing circularity and resource efficiency, supporting protein diversification, reinforcing short supply chains and improving the scale-up of food-system innovation.

The report contributes to **the evidence base for Food 2040, the new EU Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for Food Systems**. Food 2040 will build on Food 2030 and support the development of competitive, sustainable and resilient food-system solutions that benefit citizens, the environment and climate.

Background

Food 2030 is the European Commission's research and innovation policy framework supporting the transition towards sustainable, healthy and inclusive food systems that respect planetary boundaries. It promotes a systemic and multi-actor approach to research and innovation, aiming to deliver co-benefits for people's health, climate, the planet and communities.

The Food 2040 stakeholder consultation was carried out to gather evidence and stakeholder perspectives for the next phase of EU food-systems R&I policy.

More information

Building Food 2040: stakeholder input for the new EU Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda for Food Systems: <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/388df32b-7cce-11f1-bf5e-01aa75ed71a1>
Food 2030 – Pathways for action 2.0: <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/abbb2634-9001-11ee-8aa6-01aa75ed71a1>

Commissioner Zaharieva leads dialogue on how to attract and retain research talent in Europe (10 July 2026)

Source: Website EC [Commissioner Zaharieva leads dialogue on how to attract and retain research talent in Europe - Research and innovation](#)

Today, Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation Ekaterina Zaharieva chaired an Implementation Dialogue on attracting and retaining research talent in Europe. The event brought together around 30 stakeholders from universities, research institutions, industry, trade unions as well as student and researcher associations.

The discussion focused on two main themes: making Europe the destination of choice for research talent, and preparing research careers for the future economy and society. Researchers play a central role in Europe's competitiveness. Their knowledge, talent and ideas are the foundation for innovation, resilience and the EU's long-term prosperity.

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

"The EU now counts more than 2.2 million researchers, over 700,000 more than a decade ago. We have strong tools to attract and support them. Now, we need to hear directly from researchers themselves — what is working, what is not, and what we need to do better."

Commissioner Zaharieva and participants discussed:

- *how existing tools and initiatives, including, among others, EURAXESS, and the ERA Policy Agenda 2025 to 2027, are shaping the daily experience of researchers and employers*
- *where further improvements are needed*
- *emerging challenges linked to new technologies such as artificial intelligence*
- *how career systems can better recognise mobility and experience across sectors and countries*

The dialogue is closely linked to the wider Choose Europe for Science initiative, which combines EU and national funding and non-funding measures to make Europe a leading destination for scientific careers. Since its first support package was adopted in May 2025, funding linked to the initiative has grown to almost EUR 1 billion. It covers measures such as the MSCA Choose Europe for Science pilot, ERC+ grants, ERA Chairs, and support for research infrastructures.

More than 100 complementary initiatives have also been put forward by Member States and regions as part of a joint Team Europe effort.

The feedback gathered today will feed into the implementation of ongoing initiatives, including the ERA Talent Platform and the forthcoming European Research Area Act, as well as future work under the Choose Europe initiative. The outcome of the dialogue will be summarised and made public, in line with the Commission's commitment to open and transparent policymaking.

Global policy

European researchers sound the alarm that Trump rule changes will hit cooperation (16 July 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [European researchers sound the alarm that Trump rule changes will hit cooperation | Science|Business](#)

New conditions on US federal research funding will make transatlantic projects less attractive, universities fear



US President Donald Trump with OMB director Russell Vought (far right). Photo credits: the White House

Controversial changes that give US political appointees more power over research funding will also hit transatlantic science cooperation, European universities and researchers have warned.

[Sweeping changes](#) to administrative rules, proposed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), include proposals that political appointees at US research funders should screen research grants to make sure they “advance the president’s policy priorities”.

Even by the standards of the second Donald Trump presidency, the proposals have caused unprecedented uproar among US scientists. Some fear they amount to the political takeover of a system that has been governed by merit-based peer review since the Second World War.

The US Congress may yet cancel the changes, as it has done to many of Trump’s science budget cuts. This becomes more likely if Democrats take control of the House of Representatives as expected in November, a month after the new OMB rules are expected to take effect. The courts may also intervene.

Still, the proposals have academics even beyond the US worried. In addition to their effect on US science funding, the rules also include provisions that could isolate US academics from the rest of the world, and make life much harder for European scientists who want to work with US colleagues.

“Short term, you’re looking at a broad-based decoupling of the US from the rest of the world in science, until [US researchers] hear otherwise,” said Cole Donovan, director of science policy at the campaigning group Stand Up for Science.

The OMB rules, which run to more than 100 pages and overhaul all federal funding, not just research, have already generated an enormous backlash in the US. Since being released at the end of May, the proposals have [generated](#) nearly half a million responses, the [vast majority negative](#), according to an [analysis](#) by researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

But the responses are no more than advisory, and the OMB has said it will implement the changes by October 1. It’s unclear if the office will significantly alter the proposals following the backlash.

Now, European science organisations are also sounding the alarm that the changes will make the US a much less attractive research partner.

The [League of European Research Universities](#) has said that the changes “may discourage leading researchers and institutions from participating in US-funded programmes.”

Allea, an umbrella body for European academics, [has said](#) that the OMB proposals could result in a “chilling effect on, or even the cessation of, international partnerships.”

And Britain’s [Royal Society](#) says it is “deeply concerned” by the proposals, warning that “scientific conclusions must continue to be guided by evidence rather than political or ideological preference.”

Read full article with more information on the main concerns: [European researchers sound the alarm that Trump rule changes will hit cooperation](#) | [Science|Business](#)

India starts formal talks on Horizon Europe association (16 July 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [India starts formal talks on Horizon Europe association](#) | [Science|Business](#)

The EU is working “flat out” to ratify a free trade agreement with India by 2027, says trade commissioner



EU and Indian officials at the Trade and Technology Council meeting in Brussels. Photo credits: European Commission

The EU and India have kicked off formal negotiations on association to Horizon Europe, hoping to reach a deal before the end of this year, the European Commission has announced.

“By bringing India closer to Horizon Europe and connecting nearly half a million start-ups, we are building a partnership designed to turn shared ambition into global impact,” said Ekaterina Zaharieva, the European commissioner for start-ups, research and innovation.

The two parties reached an agreement on moving forward with association talks during the third meeting of the EU-India Trade and Technology Council in Brussels on July 15.. The Horizon Europe deal has been rolled into a broader set of bilateral collaborations in research and innovation, which are part of political negotiations for a future free trade agreement between Europe and India.

“We are working flat out to ensure speedy ratification of our EU-India Free Trade Agreement, targeting entry into force in 2027,” said Maroš Šefčovič, the European commissioner responsible for trade.

The EU and India also agreed to establish a joint innovation hub on electric vehicle charging technologies and testing, to launch a deep-tech start-up partnership, and work on joint projects in AI and high-performance computing, including joint research on natural hazards, climate change and bioinformatics.

In the second half of 2026, the EU and India will also exchange expertise on Hydrogen Valleys, an EU initiative to accelerate the development of renewable hydrogen.

The road to Horizon Europe association

India was invited to associate to Horizon Europe in 2025, but talks were sped up after Commission President Ursula von der Leyen visited New Delhi in January 2026.

At an event organised on March 19 by the French Institute of International Relations in Paris, Suman Bery, vice chair of Niti Aayog, the Indian government's in-house policy think tank, said joining Horizon Europe was the best practical step to boost science and technology ties between Europe and India.

Indian researchers can already join Horizon Europe projects, but they are not eligible to receive EU funding, which means they have to find alternative funding sources to meet the cost of their participation.

Employment in engineering continues to grow worldwide (9 July 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 9 July 2026

Employment within so-called STEM fields—engineering, mathematics, or physics—continues to grow steadily.

This is evident from new figures from the Research and Innovation Careers Observatory, published by the OECD. Between 2017 and 2024, the share of STEM specialists within OECD countries rose from 3.2 to 3.7 percent. The technology sector experienced even stronger growth: from 2.0 to 3.1 percent. In countries such as the Netherlands,

Finland, and Sweden, the share of STEM professionals is above 10 percent, while in countries such as Mexico and Colombia, it remains below 3 percent.

OECD Article: [The research and innovation workforce continues to expand across the OECD](#)

National policy

Cabinet launches Talent Strategy for Future Prosperity (10 July 2026)

Source: Website Rijksoverheid [Kabinet lanceert Talentstrategie voor toekomstige welvaart | Rijksoverheid.nl](#)

Together with civil society organizations and the business community, the Cabinet plans to take measures to prepare the Netherlands for the future. The Cabinet aims to attract, train, and retain people for the most crucial domains of the Netherlands. This is for the future prosperity of the Netherlands, to address societal challenges, and to give as many people as possible a chance at meaningful work with future prospects. This is stated in the Talent Strategy adopted by the Council of Ministers today.

A strong economy and well-educated people form the foundation of our broad prosperity. This has placed the Netherlands at the top of international comparisons for years. To maintain our prosperity in the future as well, choices are needed now. Choices regarding which domains we want to grow economically and for which jobs we need people most urgently. The goal is for our economy to continue growing by 1.5% per year, thereby maintaining our public services and ensuring the Netherlands remains a pleasant country to live in.

Focus on 4 domains

The Cabinet has chosen to invest specifically in 4 domains. Domains where opportunities for the Netherlands to grow exist and where we need talent. These are: 1. Digitalization & AI, 2. Security & Resilience, 3. Energy & Climate Technology, and 4. Life Sciences & Biotechnology. These are areas where the Netherlands holds a strong position in innovation and research, and where we wish to strengthen our strategic autonomy. Moreover, they are crucial for the challenges of our time, such as climate change and healthy aging. This choice aligns with the recommendations of Mario Draghi and Peter Wennink regarding future prosperity and with the State Commission on Demographic Developments 2050. We are also ensuring that there are sufficient skilled professionals for indispensable public services: (basic) education, childcare, the social domain, primary and elderly care, and housing. These public services are essential for our broad prosperity. Investing in smarter and more innovative working methods is not enough for these sectors; additional skilled professionals will continue to be needed here.

Read full article here: [Kabinet lanceert Talentstrategie voor toekomstige welvaart | Rijksoverheid.nl](#) (in Dutch)

For more information: <https://open.overheid.nl/details/965701b2-b7de-45bc-bb38-3a570cfbf4e1> (in Dutch)

Letschert wants to reduce application pressure in science (9 July 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 9 July 2026

Minister Letschert has requested NWO and UNL to present a joint plan before the summer of 2027 to reduce the application pressure in science. The minister writes this in response to the NWO institutional evaluation. According to the minister, the pressure on research funding remains high, and consequently, success rates remain relatively low. Furthermore, Letschert responds positively to the evaluation and says he recognizes the positive developments outlined in the report.

Letter to Parliament from Minister Letschert:

<https://open.overheid.nl/overheid/openbaarmakingen/api/v0/attachment/543c992e-db8a-43f4-bc27-c7852b53a91a> (in Dutch)

NWO Institutional Evaluation: <https://open.overheid.nl/overheid/openbaarmakingen/api/v0/attachment/543c992e-db8a-43f4-bc27-c7852b53a91a>

Government-wide Trend Survey maps societal issues (9 July 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 9 July 2026

An interdepartmental working group has published the Government-wide Trend Survey 2026. This examines major issues that touch upon multiple policy areas, such as labor market shortages, digitalization and AI, geopolitical tensions, and climate. The report bundles existing national and international insights, translates them to the Dutch context, and organizes them into seven coherent trend clusters. It is being investigated whether the trend survey can be repeated periodically within a broader strategic cycle.

Cabinet allocates 102.5 million for medical technology (9 July 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 9 July 2026

The Ministries of Health and Economic Affairs are allocating a total of 102.5 million euros for medical technology through 2036. The intention is for private parties to match this with an amount at least as large. Philips has already announced it will invest 50 million euros. The public-private investment is a response to the MedTech Growth Plan, which is part of the Wennink report.

Government News Item: [Kabinet trekt € 102,5 miljoen uit voor versterking Nederlandse MedTech-sector](#) | [Rijksoverheid.nl](#) (in Dutch)

Letter to Parliament from Ministers Herbert and Hermans:

<https://open.overheid.nl/overheid/openbaarmakingen/api/v0/attachment/9ea6f9e5-37f3-479b-b581-7abde100ed2f> (in Dutch)

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Call identifier	Deadline
Pillar I Excellent Science	
ERC	
ERC-2026-AdG	27 August 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Advanced Grant</i>)
ERC-2026-PoC	17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Proof of Concept Grant</i>)
ERC-2027-StG	Foreseen Deadline 14 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Starting Grant</i>)
ERC-2027-CoG	Foreseen Deadline 12 January 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Consolidator Grant</i>)
ERC-2027-AdG	Foreseen Deadline 26 August 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Advanced Grant</i>)
ERC-2027-PLUS	Foreseen Deadline 1 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Plus Grant</i>)
ERC-2027-SyG	Foreseen Deadline 11 May 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Synergy Grant</i>)
Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions	
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01	24 November 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01 Call - MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026</i>) - HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01 - TMA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates - TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01	Foreseen opening 26 May 2027 and foreseen deadline 23 November 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01 Call - MSCA Doctoral Networks 2027</i>) - HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01 - TMA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates - TMA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-PF-01	9 November 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2026-PF-01 Call - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026</i>) - European Fellowships - Global Fellowships
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-PF-01	8 September 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-PF-01 Call - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2027</i>) - European Fellowships - Global Fellowships
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-01 MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programme	Foreseen opening 8 December 2026 and foreseen deadline 6 April 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-01: MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programme</i>) TMA-Cofund-Doctoral

	TMA-Cofund-Postdoctoral
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-CITIZENS-01	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 08 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-MSCA-2027-CITIZENS-01 Call - MSCA and Citizens 2027</i>)
Research Infrastructures	
<u>Destination</u> INFRADEV - Consolidation and evolution of the European Research Infrastructure landscape (2026-27)	
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-DEV	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-DEV: call INFRADEV</i>)
<u>Destination</u> INFRAEOSC - Enabling an operational, open and FAIR EOSC ecosystem (2026-27)	
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC: call INFRAEOSC</i>)
<u>Destination</u> INFRASERV - Research infrastructures services to support a healthier future, a global climate and energy vision, a circular and resilient economy, and to advance frontier knowledge (2026-27)	
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01: call INFRASERV</i>)
Cluster 1 HEALTH	NEW FORESEEN DEADLINES
<u>Destination</u> - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-STAYHLTH	Foreseen opening: 29 October 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 17 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination</u> - Living and working in a health-promoting environment	
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH single stage	Foreseen opening: 29 October 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 17 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination</u>– Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden	
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE single stage	Foreseen opening: 29 October 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 17 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE two-stage	Foreseen opening: 29 October 2026 and foreseen deadlines 17 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 16 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination</u> - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare	

Destination - Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society	
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL single stage	Foreseen opening: 3 June 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-TOOL-01-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 29 Oktober 2026 Foreseen Deadlines: 17 February 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 16 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Cluster 2 Culture Creativity and Inclusive Society</u>	
<u>Custer 3 Civil Security for Society</u>	
<u>Cluster 4 Digital - Industry - Space</u>	
Destination: Leadership in materials and production for Europe	
HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD two-stage	17 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED), 13 October 2026 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-MAT-PROD single stage	Foreseen opening 22 September 2026 and foreseen deadline 2 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-MAT-PROD two-stage	Foreseen opening 22 September 2026 and foreseen deadline 2 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage), 2 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-two-stage)
Destination: Open Strategic Autonomy in Developing, Deploying and Using Global Space-Based Infrastructure, Services, Applications and Data	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-03 single stage	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 Foreseen deadline 2 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-03)
Destination: Developing an agile and secure single market and infrastructure for data-services and trustworthy artificial intelligence services	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DATA single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-DATA-04)
Destination: Achieving open strategic autonomy in digital and emerging enabling technologies	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING)
Destination: Digital and industrial technologies driving human-centric innovation	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN)
<u>CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility</u>	

<u>Destination</u> - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-08-Two-Stage-D1-06:	15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) (CLOSED) and 8 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1	Foreseen opening: 17 November 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 4 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination</u> - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-09-D2	15 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D2	Foreseen opening: 3 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 31 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2027-04-Two-Stage-D2	Foreseen opening: 15 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) and 7 October 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
<u>Destination: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply</u>	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3	31 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) (CLOSED) and 20 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3	Foreseen opening: 4 August 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 1 December 2026 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes</u>	
<u>Destination: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods</u>	
<u>CLUSTER 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment</u>	
<u>Destination 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</u>	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV single stage	17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV two-stage	16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED) and 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time

<u>Destination 2: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption</u>	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK two-stage	14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED) and 15 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK two-stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
<u>Destination 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors</u>	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO single stage	Foreseen opening: 17 April 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-CIRCBIO two-stage	16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED) and 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CIRCBIO two-stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 16 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
<u>Destination 4 – Clean environment and zero pollution</u>	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION single stage	17 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-ZEROPOLLUTION two-stage	16 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED) and 23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination 5 - Land, ocean and water for climate action</u>	
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CLIMATE single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01-two-stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027; Deadline(s): 8 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
<u>Destination 6 – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities</u>	
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination 7 – Innovative governance, environmental</u>	

observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-04-GOVERNANCE-01: Additional activities for the European Partnership of Agriculture of Data	Foreseen opening: 25 August 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 26 November 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE two-stage	15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) (CLOSED) and 30 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE single stage	Foreseen opening: 4 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 11 May 2027 17.00 Brussels time
Circular Biobased Europe	
CBE Circular Biobased Europe partnership https://www.cbe.europa.eu/	
Pillar III Innovative Europe	
EIC Transition 2026	16 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Mission calls 2026-2026</u>	
CLIMATE MISSION	
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA single stage	23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-01-CLIMA single stage	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
CANCER MISSION	
HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER single stage	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2026-03-OCEAN single stage	23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN single stage	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
CITIES MISSION	
HORIZON-MISS-2026-04-CIT single stage	8 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-04-CIT single stage	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 7 October 2027 17.00 Brussels time

SOIL MISSION	
HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL	23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-two-stage	14 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 15 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL single stage	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-two-stage:	Foreseen opening: 10 November 2026; Deadline(s): 15 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) and 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
JOINT MISSION CALLS	
HORIZON-MISS-2026-06-CLIMA-SOIL joint call SOIL and CLIMATE missions	23 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-06-SOIL-CANCER Joint call SOIL and CANCER mission	Foreseen opening: 9 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 21 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-MISS-2027-07-CLIMA-CIT-NEB Joint Call between the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission and the Adaptation to Climate Change Mission	Foreseen opening: 9 February 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 16 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>WIDERA 2026 - 2027</u>	
<u>Destination:</u> Widening participation and spreading excellence	
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01-WIDENING-01: Teaming Synergies	24 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01 Call - Teaming Synergies</i>)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-03: Hop-on Facility	24 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-03 Call - Hop on Facility</i>)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-05-WIDENING-01: ERA Fellowships	9 September 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-05 Call - ERA Fellowships</i>)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-01: ERA Chairs	Foreseen opening Opening: 6 April 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-01: ERA Chairs</i>)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-02: ERA Research Managers	Foreseen opening Opening: 7 April 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-02: ERA Research Managers</i>)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-03-WIDENING-01: ERA TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European	Foreseen opening Opening: 7 April 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 8 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-03-WIDENING-01: ERA TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European</i>)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-04-WIDENING-01: Excellence Hubs	Foreseen opening Opening: 2 September 2026 and foreseen deadline(s): 4 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-04-WIDENING-01: Excellence Hubs</i>)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-01: Pillar I: Facilitating development of institutional open	Foreseen opening Opening: 8 December 2026 and foreseen deadline(s): 11 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-01:</i>

access policies through the retention of intellectual property rights	Pillar I: Facilitating development of institutional open access policies through the retention of intellectual property rights)
Destination: Reforming and enhancing the European research and innovation system	
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-01-WIDENING-01: EIC Pre-accelerator - Widening	Foreseen opening Opening: 5 May 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 18 November 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-01-WIDENING-01: EIC Pre-accelerator - Widening)

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

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 21 July 2026 for more details; go to EC Funding and Tenders opportunity Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Call identifier	Deadline
European Partnerships	
European Partnerships European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare https://www.eupahw.eu/	2 nd co-funded call for proposals of the European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare (EUPAHW) "Shaping the Future of Animal Health and Welfare" NEW: The 2 nd call for research projects is open since 26 th January, 2026. Pre-Proposals must be submitted electronically via this EUPAHW submission tool. Submission deadline for pre-proposals: March 30 th , 2026 (CLOSED), 12:00 h (CEST) Deadline for full-proposals 16th September 2026, 12:00 CEST EUPAHW: Call 2 PP
European Partnership Biodiversa+ https://www.biodiversa.eu/	
European Partnership Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/	
European Partnership FutureFoods https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/	FutureFoodS hereby pre-announces the 2nd co-funded call for transnational research projects Second Joint Transnational Co-funded Call — FutureFoodS and FutureFoodS: Call2 The call will follow a two-step procedure with the following important steps:]Call launch: Second half of November 2025 Deadline for pre-proposal submission: ~ 11 February 2026 (CLOSED) Deadline for full-proposal submission: ~27 July 2026 (only by invitation)
European Partnership Agroecology https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/	
European partnership Agriculture of Data	

European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://bluepartnership.eu/	
European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/	
European Partnership ERA4HEALTH ERA4Health The Partnership	
Joint Technology Initiatives	
Joint Programming Initiatives	
	• A healthy diet for a healthy life (HDHL): http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/ • Agriculture, food security and climate change (FACCE): http://www.faccejpi.com/ • Antimicrobial Resistance- The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health (JPI AMR): http://www.jpiamr.eu/ • Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU): http://www.jpi-climate.eu/home • Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI-Oceans): http://www.jpi-oceans.eu/ • More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change (JPI MYBL): http://www.jp-demographic.eu/ • Neurodegenerative Disease/Alzheimer's (JPND): http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/ • Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions (Urban Europe): http://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/ • Water challenges for a changing world (Water-JPI): http://www.waterjpi.eu/ • Cultural Heritage a Challenge for Europe (Cultural Heritage): http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/

Other international calls

This list is a SELECTION of other international calls. The list was compiled on **21 July 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
07-12-2025 until 31-07-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission <u>proposals</u> for Weave with NWO as partner agency 2025/2026; NWO acts as partner agency when a Weave-proposal with Dutch co-applicant is submitted to the <u>Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)</u> , <u>Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR)</u> or the <u>Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)</u> . You can submit your proposal at any moment from 7 August 2025 up to and including 31 July 2026, 14:00:00 CEST, with the exception of ENW-M-1-Weave proposals with FWO as partner agency, which may be submitted from 1 December 2025 to 24 February 2026 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/weave-with-nwo-as-partner-agency-2025/2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call%20for%20proposals%20OC%20ENW-M%20ronde%2025-26_EN%20%282%29.pdf
07-09-2026	NEW: Deadline for <u>expressions of interest</u> for call for candidates to conduct a synthesis study of the NL-CGIAR research programme on global food security. Expressions of interest need to be submitted by 7 September 2026. NWO will select a minimum of three suitable applications and invite those to submit a full response to the Terms of Reference for the synthesis study and knowledge

	facilitation. The study is expected to run from 2027 to 2030. The available budget is 120.000 euros ex. VAT. Call for candidates to conduct a synthesis study of the NL-CGIAR research programme on global food security NWO and The Netherlands (NL) - CGIAR research programme NWO
10-09-2026	Deadline for applications of OECD co-operative Research Programme for Funding for <u>Research Fellow Grants 2027</u> . The Co-operative Research Programme's call for applications for funding research fellowship grants in 2027 is now OPEN. The deadline to apply is <u>Thursday 10 September 2026, midnight, Paris time</u> . https://www.oecd.org/en/about/programmes/co-operative-research-programme/crp-applications-for-fellowships.html
10-09-2026	Deadline of OECD Co-operative research Programme for <u>funding international events (conference, workshop, symposium)</u> . The Co-operative Research Programme's call for applications for funding international events (conference, workshop, symposium) in 2027 is now OPEN. The deadline to apply is <u>Thursday 10 September 2026, midnight, Paris time</u> . CRP Applications for Events (Conferences, Workshops and Symposiums) OECD
03-10-2026	Deadline for submission Full Proposals in the portal of the NFRF Call '2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges' Deadline for submission of the full proposals in the portal of the NFRF. Please check the website of the NFRF for exact details. Call open: International Call for groundbreaking innovations to address global challenges NWO and 2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges NWO and Call-for-proposals-NFRF-221225_1.pdf
20-10-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals for KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future call with Brazil . Deadline for submission of Proposals is 20 October 2026 14:00:00 CEST (ISAAC) and 20 October 2026 23:59:59 BRT (SAGE) . Call open: Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future (KIC) NWO and KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future NWO and Call for Proposals - Integrated biorefineries for a circular future

National calls

This list is a selection of open national calls. The list was compiled on **21 July 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

01-09-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission Full proposals Take-off phase 2 Early-stage trajectories wo/hbo/TO2 autumn 2026 . A full proposal must be submitted via our ISAAC system before Tuesday 1st September 2026 14:00:00 CEST . Please use the correct form (spring 2026, see tab 2 "Prepare"). In the ISAAC system, a pre-proposal can be converted into a full proposal. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/take-off-phase-2-early-stage-trajectories-wo/hbo/to2-autumn-20 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-proposals-Take-off-phase-2-Early-stage-trajectories-autumn-2026_0.pdf
08-09-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals NWO-Talent Programme Vici 2026 . The deadline for submitting full applications is September 8, 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST. Vici round 2026 now open for pre-proposals NWO and NWO Talent Programme NWO
10-09-2026	Deadline for submission of proposals for Embassy Science Fellowship (ESF-NL) (2027) programme . Deadline for proposals 10 September 2026 before 14:00:00 CEST. Embassy Science Fellowship (ESF-NL) (2027) NWO and Call for Proposals - Embassy Science Fellowship
18-08-2026	Deadline for submission for a <u>request for assessment of organisations for phase 1</u> for the new NWA call 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' The deadline for submitting a request for assessment of <u>organisations based in the Netherlands for phase 1</u> (see section 3.1.1) is 18 August 2026 before 14:00:00 CEST / The deadline for submitting a request for assessment of <u>foreign organisations for phase 1</u> (see section 7.1.1) is 18 August 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST.. New NWA call opened: 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' NWO and Resilient Digital Ecosystems NWO
15-09-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals SSH Open Competition XS 2026 - round 3 . Closing date full application Round 3: 15 September 2026, before 14:00:00 CEST.. Second round of SSH Open Competition XS 2026 open for applications NWO and SSH Open Competition XS 2026 - round 2 NWO and Call for Proposals - SGW Open Competitie XS
15-09-2026	Deadline for submission Full applications for phase 1 of the new NWA call 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' The deadline for submitting applications in phase 1 is 15 September 2026, before

	14:00:00 CEST. New NWA call opened: 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' NWO and Resilient Digital Ecosystems NWO
17-09-2026	Deadline for submission pre-registration Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR) call Pre-registration: Thursday, 17 September 2026 at 14:00:00 CEST Call open: Triple planetary crisis in the polar regions (TRI-POLAR) NWO and Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions NWO and Call for Proposals - Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions
17-09-2026	Deadline for submission full proposals NWA Citizen Science 2026 call . Closing date full application 17 September 2026 14:00 hrs. 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 Full applications DeepNL Top-up Call "Opportunities for Integration and Impact" . Closing date full application 22 September 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). DeepNL Top-up Call: Opportunities for Integration and Impact NWO
22-09-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission Full applications KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia -S 2026 . Foreseen closing date full application: 22 September 2026 14:00 hrs. KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia -S 2026 NWO and Demand Driven Research By Consortia - S NWO
29-09-2026	Foreseen Deadline for submission Full proposals KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food . Closing date full application 29 September 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-ai-for-agriculture-horticulture-water-and-food
06-10-2026	Deadline submission of Full proposals for the NWA-ORC 2026 round . The deadline for submission of proposals via ISAAC is 6 October 2026, at 14:00:00 CEST. NWA call for Research along Routes by Consortia 2026 now open NWO and Research along Routes by Consortia 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - NWA ORC
06-10-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals KIC - Early detection of (emerging) outbreaks of infectious diseases . The deadline for submission of full applications is 6 October 2026, 14:00:00 CEST. KIC call opened: AI-driven early detection of (emerging) outbreaks of infectious diseases NWO and KIC - Early detection of (emerging) outbreaks of infectious diseases NWO and Call for Proposals - Early detection of (emerging) infectious disease outbreaks
06-10-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission of letter of intent for Perspectief round 2026-2027 . Closing date for letter of intent 6 October 2026 14:00 hrs. Perspectief round 2026-2027 NWO and Call for Proposals - Perspectief
13-10-2026	Deadline for submission of Full applications for KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food 2026 . Closing date full application 13 October 2026 14:00 hrs. 7 million euros available for research into AI applications in the agriculture, horticulture, water, and food sectors NWO and KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - KIC AI for agriculture, horticulture, water and food 2026
20-10-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission Full applications KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future . Foreseen closing date Closing date full application 20 October 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.) KIC Integrated Biorefineries for a Circular Future NWO
26-10-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission Full proposals NWA ORC Round 2026 . The deadline for submission of proposals via ISAAC is 6 October 2026, at 14:00:00 CEST. Research along Routes by Consortia 2026 NWO and NWA ORC 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - NWA-ORC
27-10-2026	Deadline for submission Full proposals call Holomicrobiome 2026 - Towards novel microbiome applications for the environment, food and health . 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. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/holomicrobiome-2026-towards-novel-microbiome-applications-for-the-environment-food-and-health and Call for Proposals - NGF Holomicrobiom
28-10-2026	Deadline for submission for Full applications for call Preparing for Tomorrow: Societies and Strategies in Times of Transition . The deadline for applicants to submit their full application is October 28, 2026, 23:59 CEST. Call open: Research on Future-Proof Strategies for Societies in Transition NWO and Preparing for Tomorrow: Societies and Strategies in Times of Transition NWO and Preparing-for-tomorrow-overview-of-the-call-application-form-and-instructions-and-assessment-procedure-30.03.2026-1.pdf
12-11-2026	Deadline for submission of Full-proposals for KIC Demand-driven Research by Consortia – XL The deadline for submitting full proposals is Thursday 12 November 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/funding-available-for-large-public-private-consortia-focused-on-societal-challenges and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-demand-driven-research-by-consortia-xl and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/KIC%20V4C-XL_CfP_EN.pdf

12-11-2026	Deadline submission full proposals Thematic Digital Competence Centers (TDCC) call . Applications can be submitted from 1 May 2026 until 12 November 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/tdcc-2026-call-for-proposals-open and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/thematic-digital-competence-centres-2026 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-TDCC-2026_UK.pdf and https://tdcc.nl/nwo-tdcc-call-for-proposals-2026/
24-11-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission for Pre-proposals for Perspectief round 2026-2027 . Closing date for pre-proposals 24 November 2026 14:00 hrs. Perspectief round 2026-2027 NWO and Call for Proposals - Perspectief
30-11-2026	Foreseen deadline for full proposals call NWA programme Knowledge about unprotected species for sustainable fisheries policy . Closing date full application 30 November 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/knowledge-about-unprotected-species-for-sustainable-fisheries-policy
30-11-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission full applications call Netherlands Polar programme The Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR) . Closing date full application 30 November 2026 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). The Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR) NWO
Until 10-12-2026	Deadline for submission applications for Take-off phase 1 – Feasibility studies WO 2026 . Applications can be submitted continuously via ISAAC until December 10, 2026, at 14:00:00 CET at the latest . Changes to the 2026 call Take-off phase 1 NWO and Take-off phase 1 – Feasibility studies WO 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - Take-off fase 1 - Haalbaarheidsstudies WO
From 12-01-2026 to 11-12-2026	Deadline for submission proposals Open Technology Programme 2026 . Applications can be submitted on a continuous basis between 12 January 2026 until 11 December 2026, as long as the grant ceiling or the maximum number of applications submitted has not yet been reached. Open Technology Programme 2026 NWO and Call for Proposals - Open Technology Programme 2026
15-12-2026	Foreseen deadline for submission proposals the Impact Explorer 2026 call . Foreseen deadline Tuesday 15 December 2026, before 14:00:00 CET. Pre-announcement: Impact Explorer 2026 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer and https://www.nwo.nl/en/overview-pages/innovation-accelerator
21-01-2027	Deadline submission proposals for KIC Societal Earning Capacity: Connection, Synthesis and Knowledge Utilisation This Call for proposals has a specific lead time during which applications can be submitted continuously. During the term, three deadlines/collection times have been determined when applications will be assessed. Applications can be submitted continuously until January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET. January 21, 2027, before 2:00:00 PM CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/kic-societal-earning-capacity-connection-synthesis-and-knowledge-utilisation
02-02-2027	Foreseen deadline for submission proposals the Impact Explorer 2026 call . Foreseen deadline Tuesday 2 February 2027, before 14:00:00 CET. Pre-announcement: Impact Explorer 2026 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer and https://www.nwo.nl/en/overview-pages/innovation-accelerator
28-02-2027	Foreseen deadline for full applications Large Scale Research Infrastructure (LSRI) - National Roadmap consortia 2026 . Closing date full application 28 February 2027 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/large-scale-research-infrastructure-lsri-national-roadmap-consortia-2026
02-03-2027	Deadline for submission full applications NWA Call 'Municipal policy for biodiversity restoration' . The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, 2 March 2027, before 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/call-open-municipal-policy-for-biodiversity-restoration and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/municipal-policy-for-biodiversity-restoration
16-03-2027	Foreseen deadline for submission proposals the Impact Explorer 2026 call . Foreseen deadline Tuesday 16 March 2027, before 14:00:00 CET. Pre-announcement: Impact Explorer 2026 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer and https://www.nwo.nl/en/overview-pages/innovation-accelerator
04-05-2027	Foreseen deadline for submission proposals the Impact Explorer 2026 call . Foreseen deadline Tuesday 4 May 2027, before 14:00:00 CET. Pre-announcement: Impact Explorer 2026 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer and https://www.nwo.nl/en/overview-pages/innovation-accelerator
25-05-2026	NEW: Deadline for submission for Full applications for Perspectief round 2026-2027 . Closing date full applications 25 May 2027 14:00 hrs. Perspectief round 2026-2027 NWO and Call for Proposals - Perspectief

15-06-2027	Foreseen deadline for submission proposals the Impact Explorer 2026 call . Foreseen deadline Tuesday 15 June 2027, before 14:00:00 CET. Pre-announcement: Impact Explorer 2026 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer and https://www.nwo.nl/en/overview-pages/innovation-accelerator
31-07-2027	Foreseen deadline for submission proposals for Open Competition Domain Science – M 2026/2027 . The current round (2026/2027) opens on 18 August 2026 and is closing: Once 420 (5x84) applications have been received or, No later than 31 July 2027. Note! ENW-M-1-Weave proposals with a Flemish co-applicant should be submitted no later than 24 November 2026, 14:00:00 CET. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-round-of-the-open-competition-enw-m and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/open-competition-domain-science-m-2026/2027 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-proposals-OC-ENW-M-round-26-27_EN.pdf
09-09-2027	Deadline for submission Full application for Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions (TRI-POLAR) call The deadline for submitting full application Thursday 9 September 2027 at 14:00:00 CEST. Call open: Triple planetary crisis in the polar regions (TRI-POLAR) NWO and Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions NWO and Call for Proposals - Triple Planetary Crisis in the Polar Regions
10-08-2027	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission proposals the Impact Explorer 2026 call . Foreseen deadline Tuesday 10 August 2027, before 14:00:00 CET. Pre-announcement: Impact Explorer 2026 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer and https://www.nwo.nl/en/overview-pages/innovation-accelerator
18-09-2029	Deadline for submission for a request for assessment of organisations for phase 2 for the new NWA call 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' The deadline for submitting a request for assessment of organisations based in the Netherlands for phase 2 (see section 3.1.1) is 18 September 2029 before 14:00:00 CEST / The deadline for submitting a request for assessment of foreign organisations for phase 2 (see section 7.1.1) is 18 September 2029, before 14:00:00 CEST.. New NWA call opened: 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' NWO and Resilient Digital Ecosystems NWO Note PJ: I wonder if 18-09-2029 is the right date
05-10-2027	Foreseen deadline for submission proposals the Impact Explorer 2026 call . Foreseen deadline Tuesday 5 October 2027, before 14:00:00 CET (also the deadline for closing the grant round). Pre-announcement: Impact Explorer 2026 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/impact-explorer and https://www.nwo.nl/en/overview-pages/innovation-accelerator
16-10-2029	Deadline for submission Full applications for phase 2 of the new NWA call 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' The deadline for submitting applications in phase 1 is 16 October 2029, before 14:00:00 CEST. New NWA call opened: 'Resilient Digital Ecosystems' NWO and Resilient Digital Ecosystems NWO Note PJ: I wonder if 16-10-2029 is the right date

Regional calls

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

About the Wageningen Grant Office

Wageningen Grant Office

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

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

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

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

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