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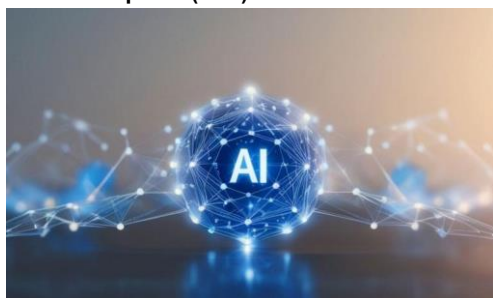
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ERC to introduce evaluation panel on the fundamentals of AI (29 September 2026)

Source: Website ERC [ERC to introduce evaluation panel on the fundamentals of AI|ERC](#)

Artificial intelligence (AI) has developed into a major and rapidly expanding area of computer science, with AI-related ERC project proposals representing a significant share of submissions to the current Computer Science evaluation panel (PE6).



To reflect this evolution and ensure that the growing volume of AI research proposals is evaluated in a dedicated scientific context, a new thematic evaluation panel on Fundamentals of AI (PE12) will be established, starting from the 2028 ERC calls under the EU's future R&I framework programme.

The new panel will cover fundamental and basic research aimed at advancing the foundations, methods, and theories of artificial intelligence - rather than applications of AI in specific domains, which can be submitted to other panels.

The new PE12 scope will include machine learning, reasoning, intelligent and autonomous systems, computer vision, natural language processing, generative and multimodal AI, and its mathematical and statistical foundations.

EU support to research and innovation increases with additional €500 million for research programme Horizon Europe (29 September 2026)

Source: Website EC [EU support to research and innovation increases with additional €500 million](#)

Today, the European Commission allocated an additional €500 million to [Horizon Europe](#), the EU's flagship research and innovation programme, for 2026 and 2027. With this additional amount, the total budget reaches now around €14.8 billion for the two years.

In addition, the Commission will also extend the scope of Horizon Europe by including two new cross-cutting calls to tackle major research and innovation challenges, such as next-generation AI-driven digital platforms for a more affordable, secure and sustainable European energy system; skills for innovative SMEs; addressing the biodiversity benefits and impacts of the clean and digital industries and accelerate transformative change for biodiversity. Horizon Europe helps researchers choose Europe, as confirmed by two monitoring reports published today by the Commission. They show that Horizon Europe remains highly attractive for researchers, innovators and companies from across Europe and beyond.

New funding opportunities

The two new horizontal calls are:

- Transformative Change Towards a **Nature-Positive Economy and Society**, with a budget of €237 million;
- **Bridging Actions 2027**, with a total financing of €260 million.

The Nature-Positive call **will fund 11 research and innovation actions supporting** the EU's biodiversity goals and help meet the 10% biodiversity spending target set out in the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027.

This call will drive the transition towards nature-positive economic models, supporting Europe's long-term competitiveness, economic and societal resilience and strategic autonomy. It will also contribute to key EU priorities including the [Ocean Pact](#) and the [EU Ocean Eye](#), [Nature Restoration Regulation](#), the [Clean Industrial Deal](#), the [European Water Resilience Strategy](#), and the [Communication on Integrated Wildfire Risk Management](#).

The **Bridging Actions 2027** call will prepare the ground for the EU's next research and innovation programme, [Horizon Europe 2028-2034](#), and its links with the future [European Competitiveness Fund](#). It introduces the 'innovation to investment journey' to better connect research with market deployment. Sixteen actions under this call will support advanced technologies with strong commercial potential, tackling topics such as EU AI Media Platform, a modular multilingual public-interest infrastructure for European news and audiovisual media. Autonomous Drive Ambition Cities; Research and technology infrastructures as strategic assets for talent to Choose Europe and Advanced scaling frameworks **New European Bauhaus**

In addition, the amended work programme will support the [New European Bauhaus Academy](#) including with the upskilling and reskilling of workers in the construction ecosystem. This support reflects the wider ambitions set out in the Commission's 2025 Communication on the [New European Bauhaus](#) contributing to the Clean Industrial Deal.

Horizon Europe continues to attract researchers

The two reports published today confirm the strong appeal of Horizon Europe with researchers, innovators and companies from across Europe and beyond.

The report Horizon Europe State of Play shows that the current programme, launched in 2021, has so far invested €61 billion in grants and a further €1.3 billion in equity in nearly 23,000 projects. These projects involve more than 34,000 organisations, including 20,000 companies. Most funding has gone to universities and research centres, while the private sector has also received over €11 billion.

Horizon Europe projects have so far produced over 32,300 peer-reviewed publications, most of them openly accessible. They are also supporting more than 151,000 early career researchers, including PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers.

The second report, Is Horizon Europe attractive for new participants?, shows that 55% of beneficiaries are newcomers to EU research and innovation programmes, with two-thirds being businesses. It also highlights a challenge: the average newcomer participates in only one project, compared with multiple grants for more experienced organisations.

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/nl/ip_26_2004

ERC Consolidator Grant call 2027 officially published (24 September 2026)

Source: Website [Consolidator Grant](#)|[ERC](#)

Are you a scientist who wants to consolidate your independence by establishing a research team and continuing to develop a success career in Europe? The ERC Consolidator Grant could be for you. You can also apply if you have recently created an independent, excellent research team and want to strengthen it.

Who can apply?

Researchers of any nationality with **5-15 years of experience since completion of PhD**, a scientific track record showing great promise and an excellent research proposal can apply.

What proposals are eligible?

Applications can be made in **any field of research**.

The ERC's grants operate on a 'bottom-up' basis without predetermined priorities.

Location

Research must be conducted in a **public or private research organisation** (known as a Host Institution/HI). It could be

the HI where the applicant already works, or any other HI located in one of **the EU Member States or associated countries**.

Host Institution

Applications for an ERC grant require a single Principal Investigator (PI) to submit the application on behalf of their host institution.

The host institution must offer suitable conditions for the PI to independently lead the research and manage funding. The PI can be hosted by any legal entity in an **EU Member State or associated country**.

The PI does not need to be employed by the host institution at the time of proposal submission, but a mutual agreement and commitment are necessary if the proposal is successful.

Team

ERC grants support projects carried out by **an individual researcher** who can employ researchers of any nationality as team members. It is also possible to have one or more team members located in a non-European country.

Consolidator Grant 2027

- Opening: 24 September 2026
- Deadline: 12 January 2027

See call details: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Timeframe ERC Consolidator Grant 2027 evaluation

Horizon Europe info day - Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility (24 September 2026)

Source: Website EC https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/horizon-europe-cluster-5-info-day-registration-open-2026-09-04_en



The event will provide prospective applicants with an opportunity to learn more about the 2027 call topics under the **Work Programme 2026-2027** (estimated budget of €873 million).

For more information, the full programme and registration link, visit the [event website](#)

The programme will include:

1. Insights into the policy context
2. A 'key-to-success' session offering guidance and practical tips for preparing high-quality proposals
3. Presentations of each topic in the Work Programme 2027 through interactive parallel sessions by thematic area

The parallel topic sessions are designed to encourage active participation through shorter presentations and extended discussion. Onsite participants will be able to ask questions directly to the speakers or via an interactive Slido Q&A, which will also be available to online participants. Questions may also be submitted in advance once the link becomes available.

Brokerage event

Following the info day, an onsite brokerage event will take place at the same venue from 16:00 to 19:00.

Organised by the **GREENET** project, the network of Cluster 5 National Contact Points (NCP), the brokerage event will provide networking opportunities for prospective project partners. Participants seeking partners will be able to present their organisation and project ideas at a plenary pitching session and in dedicated bilateral meetings organised by topic.

Important note: Participation in the brokerage event is limited to participants who register for and are accepted to attend the info day onsite. Details on how to register for the brokerage event will be included in the email confirming your participation in the info day.

For more information: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/horizon-europe-cluster-5-info-day-registration-open-2026-09-04_en

Horizon Europe info day 16 October 2026: Horizontal Activities Nature and Bridging calls (24 September 2026)

Source: Website EC Events | The research and innovation community platform

The session will provide participants with targeted guidance on the policy context, supporting applicants in understanding the objectives and opportunities of the Nature and Bridging calls.

When: 16 October 2026 start09:30 (GMT+02:00)

About the event

The European Commission invites prospective applicants to an information day dedicated to the **Nature and Bridging** calls under Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-2027.

The calls are relevant for all Clusters under pillar II.

The session will provide participants with targeted guidance on the policy context, supporting applicants in understanding the objectives and opportunities of the **Nature and Bridging calls**.

The info day will focus on **two parts** of the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-2027 under Horizontal Activities:

Nature

Acknowledging that humans are part of and fully dependent on nature, this call supports the EU Commission priorities 'Sustaining our quality of life: food security, water and nature' and 'A new plan for Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness'.

The call pursues the objective of increasing the biodiversity spending in Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-2027 by supporting additional R&I activities dedicated to biodiversity across pillar II of Horizon Europe.

The call covers:

- supporting protecting and restoring nature using living labs as open innovation ecosystems designed for real-world co-creation
- supporting the digital industry and sectors covered by the Clean Industrial Deal in better assessing their dependencies
- benefits and direct and indirect impacts on biodiversity, mobilising social sciences and humanities that are fundamental to successfully leverage action in a transdisciplinary approach for reaching a nature-positive society
- involving societal values and behaviours, has a strong focus on data collection, mobilisation and management and advantage should be taken of the use of advanced digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI) where appropriate to support the global ocean observation system (GOOS)
- data mobilisation to support policies involved in the One Health approach

Bridging

The call on bridging actions includes a series of topics aiming to facilitate a smooth transition between Horizon Europe 2021–2027 and the next EU R&I Framework Programme, Horizon Europe 2028–2034.

These actions will focus on the 'innovation to investment journey'. This concept reflects the tight links that will exist between Horizon Europe 2028-2034 and the future European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), introducing the 'innovation to investment journey', a seamless process from research to market deployment. A horizontal call has been envisaged to pave the way towards 'fit-for-deployment' projects, thereby creating a pipeline of innovations ready for market uptake. In addition, the call seeks to address a number of strategic priorities in a horizontal manner, notably in relation to the Apply AI Strategy and the European Strategy on Research and Technology Infrastructures, while also being relevant to sectoral frameworks such as the EU Adaptation Strategy and the EU Ports Strategy.

The call covers three main areas:

1. Knowledge valorisation and data access
2. Research infrastructures and data access
3. Artificial Intelligence (AI)

For more information: <https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/eugq0jjabLAe8efhoXQBd/overview>

The latest MSCA-related updates (21 September 2026)

Source: Team IRIS RVO

Doctoral Networks 2026 Panel selection

Those who already created a DN submission form have received the information that this year the panel selection will be different. Instead of a panel selection early in the submission process, the proposal is evaluated by the panel linked to the first "project descriptor" selected. Each descriptor is associated with a specific panel, and the first one you list determines the panel your proposal is submitted to. For more information, see also the [submission guide](#) page 31.

Doctoral Networks 2026 table font size 11

As you may have noticed there is still confusion about the font size of the tables in the B1 and B2 of the DN 2026 call. In the latest update we received REA stressed that all tables should be in size 11. This means:

- All tables need to be in size 11, thus including the tables in the B1 template now in 9. (Before the start page count)
- If the B2 tables in size 11 are slightly over the page limit (within reason), this will be tolerated.

This is good news for the B2 tables, but confusing for the B1 tables outside of the 'start page count'. We are in contact with our international NCP colleagues and with REA (the agency organizing the evaluation of the proposals), but we unfortunately cannot give you a clear answer.

GLOPOL

MSCA-GLOPOL is a Horizon Europe project dedicated to strengthening international cooperation in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. Through evidence-based policy support, strategic promotion, capacity-building and stakeholder engagement, the project contributes to increasing institutional participation in MSCA across 20 partner countries and 6 strategic regions worldwide, contributing to stronger international research collaboration and wider participation in Horizon Europe. More information and resources are also available on the [MSCA-GLOPOL website](#).

MSCA Guide for Businesses

A **new communication** tool designed to **help more businesses** discover how they can strengthen their research and innovation capacity through the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) is available. The **MSCA Guide for Businesses** explains, in simple terms, why companies should engage with MSCA and the different ways they can get involved. It is available both as a [webpage](#) and as [downloadable PDFs](#) for both print and web use (also attached).

European Research and Innovation Days 10-11 November in Brussels (18 September 2026)

Source: Website EC [European Research and Innovation Days - Research and innovation](#)

The Commission's flagship research and innovation event brings together policymakers, researchers, stakeholders and the public to debate and shape the future of research and innovation in Europe and beyond.

European Research & Innovation Days 2026

The seventh edition of the European Commission's flagship research and innovation event will take place on **10 and 11 November 2026 in Brussels and online**.

It brings together policymakers, researchers, innovators, business leaders and representatives of civil society to debate how research and innovation can strengthen Europe's competitiveness, resilience and technological sovereignty. Taking place at a decisive moment for Europe's research and innovation agenda, the 2026 edition will explore how Europe can:

- safeguard freedom of scientific research;
- attract, retain and support research talent;
- increase investment in research and development;
- turn research excellence into technological leadership;
- help innovative companies start and scale up;
- strengthen research and technology infrastructures;
- deepen open and secure international cooperation;
- better engage citizens with science; and
- align European and national research policies and investments.

Across two days, participants will be able to join high-level policy discussions, interactive breakout sessions, networking opportunities, award ceremonies and dedicated exchanges with EU Science Counselors from around the world.

The event will be opened by **Ekaterina Zaharieva, European Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation**.

Register here: https://register.event-works.europa.eu/dgscic/EuropeanResearch_InnovationDays/e/lk/k/

EU Agri-Food Days 2026: Save the date: 8-9 December in Brussels (18 September 2026)

Source: Website DG-Agri https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/eu-agri-food-days_en

Join us for the 4th edition of the flagship conference on EU agriculture. Save the date! Registration will open soon.

Practical information

When/Where: 8 - 9 December 2026, Brussels, Belgium

Live web stream available: 8 - 9 December 2026

Organisers: [Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development](#)

Social media: #EUAgrFoodDays

About the EU Agri-Food Days

The EU Agri-Food Days are the forum for stakeholders to discuss the outlook of European agriculture, agricultural market trends, food security, sustainability, digital technologies and data flows together with farmers, EU policy makers, civil society, business representatives, analysts and digital experts.

This annual conference also offers the opportunity to participants to reflect on current and upcoming challenges in the European agri-food sector.

For more information: https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/eu-agri-food-days_en

European Funding News: FP10

European Parliament to discuss moving 'sectoral plans' to Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe (24 September 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [EU science policy works debate prospect of stronger ties with Canada | Science|Business](#)

Budget pragmatism prompts shift of bottom-up funding for institutions to programme area devoted to collaborative research



MEP René Repasi, lead rapporteur for Horizon Europe's specific programme (in the centre). Photo credits: European Parliament

The push to create a funding instrument in the next Horizon Europe that allows research institutions to bid for long-term grants in areas of their own choosing is changing focus. Initially proposed by one of the European Parliament rapporteurs under Pillar 1 of Horizon Europe, which funds curiosity-driven programmes such as the European Research Council (ERC), the “sectoral plans” are now likely to appear under Pillar 2. This is the part of Horizon Europe that usually funds collaborative research addressing societal challenges, with topics set by the European Commission.

According to René Repasi, lead rapporteur for Horizon Europe's specific programme, this change is down to a lack of budget in the plans for Pillar 1. Trying to increase this budget was not “worth the fight,” he told an event in Brussels on September 22.

“[Placing it in] Pillar 2 is actually led by pure pragmatism,” he said. “This is where the money is available.”

Moving a bottom-up research initiative in a part of otherwise intended for top-down priorities is not necessarily a deal-breaker. The EU Council [negotiating position from June](#) says that “bottom-up actions may also be supported through large-scale and researcher-driven collaborative initiatives.”

Manuel Aleixo, a leading adviser to research Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva, has also welcomed the idea. “I do think we need more bottom-up [initiatives], generally speaking, in the future programme,” he said at the same Brussels event. “I also, of course, like the idea of having bottom-up collaborative initiatives.”

However, he also noted several concerns, including the risk that EU governments would use the additional funding to cut their own research budgets.

“I would ask the question: whose responsibility is it to fund institutions at the national level? And if we introduce the possibility of having that gap being addressed at the European level, would we not make it worse in terms of the level of national funding?”

Which version?

Repasi is not the only person to suggest the creation of a bottom-up EU funding instrument for research institutions. The idea first appeared in 2024 as an “ERC for institutions,” put forward by former Italian prime minister **Mario Draghi** in his influential report on EU competitiveness. Repasi's sectoral plans draw on [a Dutch initiative with the same name](#). In June 2026, the [French and Polish governments](#) floated a plan at an EU Council meeting to ensure significant long-term financing to “pan-European networks of laboratories” on themes in-line with strategic priorities.

Meanwhile, a third version of the idea, **named Nexus**, has been developed in parallel by the German Research Foundation, the German Rectors' Conference and the German Science and Humanities Council. This would see the ERC distribute €20 million over seven years to pan-European networks involving at least three institutions. When asked by Science|Business if these ideas were compatible, Repasi called the question “more than valid,” but said that they were similar in spirit.

"If you look at the essence, all these models have a lot in common," he said. "Namely, it is a shift of mindset. It is a bottom-up approach, and it is trusting research institutions to design the right programmes so that the most talented researchers at those institutions get the funding they need."

Nils Wörner, head of the German Rectors' Conference's Brussels office, agreed that the proposals shared much common ground. He said he was open to moving the Nexus proposal from Pillar 1 to Pillar 2, provided Brussels changed its approach to managing research. *"If we want to place it in the second pillar, we really need a shift in culture. We need to say that we're not going to micromanage from Brussels what everyone should be doing in every work package,"* he said.

Krzysztof Pyrc, president of the Foundation for Polish Science, was also positive about a possible convergence. *"If three countries, Poland, Germany and France, come to very similar conclusions and propose very similar programmes, maybe that's a signal that we should have a deep discussion about this and build one that will actually answer issues raised in the whole of Europe."*

University lobbies have also had mixed reactions to the idea.

In July, Kurt Deketeleare, secretary general of the League of European Research Universities, called it *"a false good idea"* that *"risks becoming a battlefield of member states in which excellence will be the first victim."*

Meanwhile, Mattias Björnmalm, secretary general of the Cesaer university group, said that the idea addressed a gap in research funding that was *"worth exploring."*

Julien Chicot, head of research and innovation policy at **the Guild university group**, who attended the Brussels event, questioned whether funding institutions directly was the best approach, but supported an exploration of the general idea. In particular, he supported the idea of adding a call for long-term funding under Pillar 2. *"This initiative could complement the other instruments under Pillar 2, which we expect to fund projects that will be shorter, narrower and more closely oriented by policymakers, because of the proposed links to the new European Competitiveness Fund,"* he told Science|Business.

EU science policy works debate prospect of stronger ties with Canada (24 September 2026)

Source: Website Science|Business [EU science policy works debate prospect of stronger ties with Canada | Science|Business](#)

Speculation starts around the scope of Canada's associate member status, and how universities could help shape it



Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney addressing the European Parliament in Strasbourg, on September 17. Photo credits: Alexis Haulot / European Union

Europe's research and innovation sector has started asking questions on how European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's offer to make Canada "the first associate member of the EU" would actually work in practice, and who will get to shape priorities in a transatlantic relationship that is getting stronger.

The Commission says it wants *"a new model of association"* under which the EU and Canada will aim to develop *"a shared space"* to face ongoing challenges. *"Working in close coordination with our member states and the European Parliament, we will aim to create a new form of partnership that has not existed until now, building the closest imaginable form of association with a partner outside Europe,"* a spokesperson told Science|Business.

Locked in an escalating trade war with US President Donald Trump, who has repeatedly talked of annexing Canada, Prime Minister Mark Carney has been looking east, but full EU membership was never in play. Taking the floor a day after von der Leyen's proposal, he agreed to strengthen ties under *"an alliance of the future"* but reined in enthusiasm on the new label.

He also suggested expanding Canada's involvement in the Erasmus+ student mobility scheme, to which it currently has limited access, and the next iteration of Horizon Europe. Canada joined the present Horizon Europe in 2024, but only contributes to collaborative projects.

Neither side has detailed the next practical steps in developing this new relationship. *"I think nobody at the moment truly knows how this will work,"* said Michael Browne, chief executive and founder of [CrowdHelix](#), a global collaborative network that connects players in research and innovation. *"It's more of a statement of intent for closer collaboration, which requires legislative frameworks and approval processes, which have not started."*

Kurt Deketelaere, secretary general of the **League of European Research Universities**, said von der Leyen's pitch to Canada is *"politically significant, but the legal content still has to be negotiated and constructed."*

Mattias Björnmalm, secretary general of **the Cesaer university group**, agreed that she had only opened *"a political door"* to Canada, as *"associate membership does not come with a predefined set of rights in the EU institutions."*

Not only does this status not currently exist as a legal category in the two treaties that set up how the EU functions, but the Commission president cannot unilaterally create a new category of EU membership.

According to Deketelaere, Article 217 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, which allows the bloc to make association deals with non-EU countries involving reciprocal rights and duties, is *"the most obvious existing legal basis for building a much deeper EU-Canada relationship."*

Getting universities involved

No matter how this new cooperation takes shape, Liviu Matei, who heads the School of Education, Communication and Society at King's College London, hopes to see universities involved in *discussions from an early stage*.

"Its primary motivations, entirely justifiably, are political and geopolitical," he said. *"In the area of higher education, however, restricting the initiative to political and geopolitical considerations would limit the scope of cooperation and lead to distorted frameworks and counterproductive implementation."*

It is all the more important since academic interests on the two sides of the Atlantic are *"neither identical nor fully aligned,"* Matei added. *"This is not insurmountable; it simply requires work to articulate the details of this privileged cooperation, including its governance and funding frameworks, as well as its substantive content in education and research."*

Canada might participate in **European Research Council schemes**, for example, which was not on offer in the present Horizon Europe association agreement. But *"there would have to be something in it for the EU,"* Browne said. *"They don't want to be funding projects outside of the EU where intellectual property is going to sit outside of the EU. There has to be some kind of transfer of knowledge."*

But access to funding will not by itself resolve all the practical difficulties of working together, said Björnmalm. *"For researchers and students, these include visas and residence arrangements, recognition of qualifications and study periods, and the conditions for pursuing a research career across borders,"* he said. *"For universities, there is scope for more predictable access to shared laboratories, computing and research data, and stronger support for joint doctoral training and long-term institutional partnerships."*

Linda Doyle, provost and president of Trinity College Dublin, said Europe should strive for the *"closest possible expression"* of this new political alliance. *"If Europe is serious about recovering its voice and its place in the world, it needs to be strongly allied with countries who share its values and its vision for a stable, rules-based, peaceful world."*

Statement The Guild: Investing in sustainability research for a competitive and resilient Europe (23 September 2026)

Source: Website The Guild <https://www.the-guild.eu/news-and-blog/news/2026/the-guild-urges-investment-in-sustainability-resea.html>

The Guild stresses that the EU's growing focus on prosperity, resilience and security must include continued investment in sustainability and climate research to address our urgent interconnected environmental, societal and economic challenges.

Discussions on the next Framework Programme for R&I (FP10) and the upcoming European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) increasingly emphasise competitiveness, resilience, preparedness and economic security at the centre of the EU policy agenda. While current debates are sometimes framed as requiring trade-offs between competitiveness,

sustainability and environmental protection, The Guild insists that the EU's long-term prosperity depends on its ability to address climate change, biodiversity loss, resource security and societal resilience together.

Continued investment in sustainability research is essential to generate the knowledge and evidence needed to tackle Europe's interconnected challenges. In particular, we highlight four main points:

1. **Climate research plays a critical role in saving lives and boosting the economy**
As extreme climate-related events, including wildfires, heatwaves and floods, occur with increasing frequency, climate research provides essential knowledge to anticipate, mitigate and respond to their impacts, including saving lives and reducing economic losses.
2. **Climate and sustainability research provides the knowledge needed not only to anticipate and respond to immediate risks, but also to address their structural causes**
While preparedness and adaptation are essential, sustainability research must also support preventive approaches that address the root causes of environmental degradation and climate change, reducing risks before they materialise.
3. **Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities (SSAH) play a fundamental role in supporting the transition**
Effective responses also depend on understanding societal, behavioural, economic, political and governance dimensions, generating the evidence needed to support a socially acceptable, economically viable and just transition.
4. **Climate research should be recognised as a key instrument of EU global cooperation**
Given the disproportionate impact of climate change on low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), climate research is a key instrument of EU global cooperation, including through the Global Gateway's focus on climate and energy (second pillar), and on education and research (fifth pillar). The EU should especially strengthen international research collaboration and equitable partnerships, with greater attention to climate justice as well as the needs and specific contexts of its partners.

SOTEU 2026, "Europe is warming at double the global rate". We need all hands on deck to address this, with climate research funded by FP10 as the linchpin of our collective societal responses to address climate change, not only in Europe. It is an even bigger concern to many countries in other continents, and Europe has a huge opportunity to join forces with them and, through the Global Europe programme, make the fight against climate change central to its international partnerships."

Read the statement here: https://www.the-guild.eu/publications/statements/the-guild_sustainability-statement_sept2026.pdf

Other International funding

EU launches €215 million Partnership to protect cultural heritage against climate change (29 September 2026)

Source: Website EC [EU launches €215 million Partnership to protect cultural heritage against climate change - Research and innovation](#)

A new co-funded European Partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage kicked off today in Marseille. With an overall budget of EUR 215 million - out of which a EUR 65 million contribution from Horizon Europe, it brings together 90 partners from 30 countries.

The Partnership aims to strengthen the preservation of Europe's cultural heritage against climate and environmental change, while at the same time introducing both traditional and innovative cultural heritage practices to contribute towards a climate neutral future. To achieve this, it will:

- increase collaboration across countries and regions
- improve the coordination of research at the intersection of cultural heritage and climate change
- integrate cultural heritage into mainstream climate change and environmental regulations, policies and adaptation strategies.

In this way it will contribute to the [European Green Deal](#), the [European Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage](#) and the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).

For the next 10 years, the Partnership will launch transnational joint calls for research projects, which will be accompanied by an ecosystem of activities to support and amplify the impact of the projects, such as capacity building, impact monitoring and networking opportunities.

More information

European Partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage kick-off event: <https://www.heritageresearch-hub.eu/event/european-partnership-for-resilient-cultural-heritage-to-have-its-kick-off-event-in-september-2026/>
European Partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage | Heritage Research Hub: <https://www.heritageresearch-hub.eu/european-partnership-for-resilient-cultural-heritage/>

European Partnerships in Horizon Europe: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/european-partnerships-horizon-europe_en

Call open: Water4All sustainable water management (24 September 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [Call open: Water4All sustainable water management | NWO](#)



The European water partnership 'Water4All' is launching its new call for proposals on sustainable water management. The focus is on river basins, groundwater, monitoring and data use, resilience and the integrated use of water resources. NWO is making funding available to researchers in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, within transnational consortia comprising at least three countries.

Sustainable water management is important because it helps to ensure that sufficient clean water remains available for people, nature and the economy. Particularly in the context of climate change, sustainable water management is important for a safe, healthy and liveable environment for current and future generations.

Research proposals must address at least one of the following topics:

1. Integrated monitoring and assessment for sustainable water management.
2. Nature-based approaches for resilient water management at the hydrological and hydrogeological system scale.
3. Smart, secure and adaptive water infrastructures.
4. Resilient water systems through systemic change, policy coherence and inclusive governance.

In this fifth call, dozens of countries are collaborating to facilitate research and innovation on this important topic. Proposals must contribute to the implementation of water policy and water strategy within European and national legal frameworks. Water circularity and extreme events are not part of this call.

International collaboration

Applicants in this call must collaborate within an international consortium comprising partners from at least three participating countries. [The Water4All website](#) provides information on the participating countries and offers the possibility to search for partners using the available partnering tool.

Budget and deadlines

The application procedure consists of two steps:

- The deadline for **the (mandatory) pre-proposal is 10 November 2026**
- The deadline for **full proposals is 6 April 2027**

NWO is making 2 million euros available for proposals in this call. A proposal to NWO has a maximum project budget of 400,000 euros.

Proposals must be submitted via the application system on the Water4All website, and not via ISAAC. The NWO's national conditions set out which (optional) documents must also be sent to NWO.

View the call for proposals here: [Partnership Water4All - Sustainable Water Management | NWO](#) and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call_Announcement_Water4All_JTC2026-with-NL-annex.pdf

About Water4All

Water4All is a European Partnership developed to concentrate research and innovation on water in Europe and beyond. Water security stands for the capacity of a population to safeguard sustainable access to adequate quantities of acceptable quality water. This is essential for sustaining livelihoods, human well-being and socio-economic development, for ensuring protection against water-borne pollution and water-related disasters, and for preserving ecosystems in a climate of peace and political stability.

National funding

National Thematic Committee on Biodiversity Research launched (30 September 2026)

Source: Website NWO news [National Thematic Committee on Biodiversity Research launched | NWO](#)



The National Thematic Committee on Biodiversity Research (NTBO) has been launched. The committee brings together researchers from various disciplines to strengthen the link between science, policy and practice in the field of biodiversity. The thirteen committee members will work on a national Roadmap for biodiversity research, which is intended to provide direction for future research priorities, collaboration and funding.

The committee's main task is to develop a national Roadmap for biodiversity research. This will link various research disciplines, knowledge questions arising from policy and practice, and national and international research agendas. The Caribbean part of the Kingdom will also be fully integrated into this process.

The Roadmap is intended to lead to a shared vision for biodiversity research and to provide direction for the organisation of the research field and future funding. To ensure the Roadmap enjoys broad support, the committee is involving researchers from various disciplines and knowledge institutions. It is also seeking to establish links with policymakers, civil society organisations, businesses and financial institutions. The Roadmap is due to be finalised in the autumn of 2027.

André van Lammeren Wageningen University & Research (WUR) is one of the three co-chairs of committee
Marjolijn Christianen Wageningen University & Research is one the committee members

For overview of members of the committee: [National Thematic Committee on Biodiversity Research launched | NWO](#)

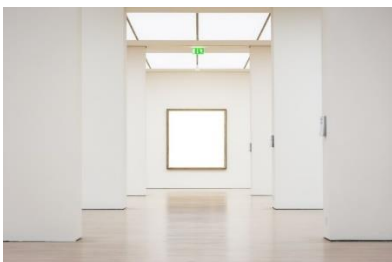
Further information

Read more about the remit, working methods and composition of the National Thematic Committee on Biodiversity Research on the [NTBO webpage](#).

For enquiries or further information, please contact us at biodiversiteit@nwo.nl

Pre-announcement: NWA Science Communication 2027 (24 September 2026)

Source: Website NWO news [Pre-announcement: NWA Science Communication 2027 | NWO](#)



NWO is expected to launch the NWA Science Communication 2027 (WECOM) call for proposals in November 2026. This call will provide funding for science communication initiatives that contribute to strengthening the link between science and society and that succeed in reaching new target groups in innovative ways. Professionals from knowledge institutions, museums and other research organisations may submit a proposal.

Objective

Science plays an important role in solving societal issues, but the knowledge generated by research does not always reach everyone. At a time of increasing disinformation and major societal challenges, it is important that people understand how science works and the contribution that research makes to society. NWO therefore encourages innovative and accessible science communication. The initiatives must focus on target groups who are less likely to come into contact with science. Through these initiatives, the target group learns how science works, how it contributes to everyone's lives and what it can mean for society.

Funding instruments

Two instruments are available under this call:

- **Pioneers:** small-scale funding for the development of new and innovative science communication activities.
- **Strengthening and consolidation:** funding for projects that have previously received funding under the WECOM call. This instrument provides scope to further develop successful initiatives, professionalise them or expand their reach.

Budget

Under 'Pioneers', the maximum project budget is €50,000, and under 'Strengthening and Consolidation', the maximum grant per project is €150,000.

Disclaimer

This is solely an announcement of an intended NWO research programme. The possibility to apply for funding will open after the call for proposals has been published in the Staatscourant (Government Gazette).

Six promising new grants under the Open Technology Programme (24 September 2026)

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



New grants from NWO's Open Technology Programme (OTP) are enabling pioneering research that could fundamentally transform food security and health care. A total of six projects have received funding to tackle societal and scientific challenges with innovative technologies.

From novel radar remote sensing to breast cancer screening: the awarded projects combine scientific excellence with tangible impact. Thanks to OTP funding, top researchers now have the opportunity to turn bold ideas into solutions that contribute to a sustainable, healthy, and innovative society.

- **WUR involved in three of the funded projects: two as main applicant and two as co-applicant**
Process Integration and control for the Valorization of algal and yeast biomass into sustainable prOtein: PIVOT - **dr. A.K. Kazbar, Wageningen University & Research: Co-applicant(s): dr. P. Kirst, dr. ir. P.M. Slegers, prof. dr. M.B. Barbosa, dr. ir. M.M.M. Bisschops, Wageningen University & Research**
- **Origin verification for tropical timber: quantifying and mitigating illegality risks - prof. dr. P.A. Zuidema, Wageningen University & Research**

- Biocontrol's best fit: Finding the perfect match - prof. dr. A.T. Groot, University of Amsterdam: **Co-applicant(s): Dr. ir. V.I.D. Ros, Wageningen University & Research**

For overview of and more information on the funded projects: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/six-promising-new-grants-under-the-open-technology-programme>

Open Technology Programme

The [Open Technology Programme](#) provides funding for application-oriented technical-scientific research that is free and unrestricted and is not hindered by disciplinary boundaries. The programme offers companies and other organisations an accessible way to participate in scientific research that is intended to lead to societal and/or scientific impact.

Open science call: FAIR Research Outputs (23 September 2026)

Source: Website [OpenScience.nl](#) [FAIR Research Outputs](#) | [Open Science NL](#)

This funding round supports making research output open and FAIR in order to maximise the impact of research. The focus is on non-traditional research outputs, as well as for activities that demonstrably contribute to this objective.

Purpose

In the transition to open science, it is important that research outputs are made available as openly and in accordance with the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) as possible, in order to maximise the impact of research. Research outputs include both interim and final products that arise directly from the research process and which other researchers can share, reuse or validate.

Traditional research outputs, such as journal articles, conference proceedings and books, have long been recognised and valued. In addition to these traditional research outcomes, other types of outcomes also make a significant contribution to the impact of research.

Therefore, this funding round offers applicants the opportunity to apply for funding to make these so-called non-traditional research outputs open and FAIR (objective 1). In addition, applicants may apply for funding for activities that demonstrably contribute to making research outputs open and FAIR available (objective 2).

Who can apply

Proposals may be submitted by professionals with a paid position at Dutch universities, universities of applied sciences, university medical centres, KNAW and NWO institutes, **and a number of specific research organisations**. The exact eligibility criteria are set out in **chapter 3 of the Call for proposals**

https://www.openscience.nl/sites/open_science/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-FAIR-Research-Outputs-2026-ENG-1.pdf.

Note PJ: WU can apply WR seems not eligible whereas TNO is eligible!

When to apply

Applications may be submitted until 23 February 2027 at 14:00:00 CET, provided the grant ceiling has not yet been reached. There is **one additional submission deadline within this period: 1 December 2026 at 14:00:00 CET**.

Citizen Science Hubs 2026 (23 September 2026)

Source: Website [OpenScience.nl](#) <https://www.openscience.nl/en/calls/citizen-science-hubs-2026>

Citizen science has the potential to open up the process of conducting scientific research to society. Citizen science involves scientific research in which people outside the academic world, namely citizens, are actively engaged. This may take place in partnership or collaboration with scientists or other professionals. This funding instrument is intended to support the development and consolidation of expertise in the fields of citizen science and societal engagement within Dutch research organisations.

Purpose

The aim of this call for proposals is to strengthen the knowledge, expertise, and support for citizen science (including science communication) within Dutch research organisations by establishing citizen science hubs. Citizen science hubs act as central points of contact where expertise, resources and infrastructure are centralised to effectively support and coordinate citizen science.

Closing date full application: 8 January 2027 14:00 hrs.

For more information: <https://www.openscience.nl/en/calls/citizen-science-hubs-2026>

First round of the SSH Open Competition Expand 2026 now open for proposals (22 September 2026)

Source: Website NWO News [First round of the SSH Open Competition Expand 2026 now open for proposals | NWO](#)



The first round of the renewed SSH Open Competition Expand 2026 is now open for proposals. Expand is the successor to the SSH Open Competition M and L, and supports innovative research in the social sciences and humanities. Researchers may submit a proposal immediately after obtaining their PhD, provided they hold a permanent post or a tenure-track contract.

Through Expand, NWO funds research projects that contribute to the development of knowledge within the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH). There are no restrictions on content or theme. Researchers must submit a project proposal with a clear research question, research design and research agenda.

The deadline for submitting a pre-proposal is 17 November 2026 at 14:00:00 CET.

View the Call for Proposals here: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/ssh-open-competition-expand-2026>

Aim and background

The Expand Open Competition is intended for researchers who wish to carry out a large-scale research project with clear scientific added value. The programme provides scope for innovative ideas across all disciplines within the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH).

New structure

Expand has emerged from the merger and renewal of the SSH Open Competition M and L. Researchers may submit a proposal as soon as they have obtained their PhD and meet the other conditions set out in the call. A permanent appointment or tenure-track contract is required.

Pre-proposals are assessed via distributed peer review. This means that applicants assess each other's proposals. No assessment by a committee takes place at this stage.

Assessment

In the pre-application phase, proposals are assessed on the basis of a single criterion: the quality of the proposal.

In the application phase, two assessment criteria apply:

- Research idea, research design and impact (75%)
- Team, budget and institutional embedding (25%)

Budget and duration

A grant of between €350,000 and €800,000 may be applied for per project. Applicants must justify the amount and breakdown of the budget in their proposal.

The duration of a project is a minimum of one year and a maximum of six years.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting a pre-proposal is **17 November 2026 at 14.00 CET**.

If you have any questions, researchers can contact Kira Nijland or Britt Veldman (see contact details opposite).

Webinar

Furthermore there will be a webinar about the renewed SSH Open Competition on 7 October.

For more information and registration Webinar <https://www.nwo.nl/en/meetings/webinar-ssh-open-competition-explore-and-expand>

Read full article here: [First round of the SSH Open Competition Expand 2026 now open for proposals | NWO](#)

Open Science Infrastructure (22 September 2026)

Source: Website <https://www.openscience.nl/en/calls/open-science-infrastructure>

This Call for proposals focuses on the improvement of existing digital infrastructures that support open science practices. It covers the entire spectrum of open science and is deliberately broad in scope to be inclusive of the community's diverse digital infrastructure needs.

The aim of this Call for proposals is to support the improvement and further development of existing open science infrastructures. This concerns digital facilities that support the practical application of open science. It covers the full spectrum of open science. The broad scope accommodates the diverse needs for digital infrastructure within the open science communities. Proposals may focus on specific types of infrastructure, research results or open science practices. Both generic (domain- and discipline-agnostic) and domain-specific proposals are eligible.

A proposal must be submitted by at least three applicants: the main applicant and two co-applicants. Applicants must be from at least three different organisations.

An applicant may only submit one proposal as a main applicant or co-applicant.

The main applicant (or representative) must have attended the preparatory workshop in order to submit a complete proposal.

Preparatory workshop 2 December 2026

On 2 December, a preparatory workshop will take place in Utrecht. The aim is to bring together potential applicants and their ideas, and to encourage collaboration within consortia. The programme of the workshop will be shaped based on the expected contribution of the participants to the open science infrastructure landscape. Open Science NL will facilitate and advise to explore collaboration opportunities, but participants will ultimately decide for themselves whether and with whom they wish to collaborate. During the workshop, ideas will be exchanged and the potential for forming consortia with other workshop participants will be explored. After the workshop, the consortia will further develop their applications.

Participation in the preparatory workshops is mandatory for all main applicants. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to keep the workshop date available.

Note PJ: Both and WU and WR are eligible to submit a proposal

When to apply

The compulsory preparatory workshop will take place on Wednesday 2 December. In preparation for the workshop, a letter of intent must be submitted in addition to a standard registration.

The deadline for the workshop registration and for the letter of intent is 3 November 2026, before 14:00:00 CET.

The deadline for submitting proposals is 13 April 2027, before 14:00:00 CEST.

Read full article here: [Call for Proposals - Open Science Infrastructure](#)

Download call for proposals here: https://www.openscience.nl/sites/open_science/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-OS-infra-2026-ENG.pdf

SSH Open Competition Explore 2027 – round 1 (18 September 2026)

Source: Website NWO [SSH Open Competition Explore 2027 – round 1 | NWO](#)

The SSH Open Competition Explore is intended for researchers who wish to investigate a groundbreaking idea in a relatively small-scale, rapidly launchable fundamental research project within the disciplines of the NWO-domain Social Sciences and Humanities. Thanks to a short turnaround time between proposal and commencement, researchers can respond quickly to new opportunities, current developments or insights. Applicants assess each other's proposal through anonymous distributed peer review.

SSH Open Competition Explore is the new name of the former SSH Open Competition XS programme. The Call for proposals of 2027 has 3 rounds. This information concerns the first round.

Purpose

Some research ideas are so innovative that they warrant investigation, even if the outcomes are still uncertain. These may include an innovative idea, a new method, an experimental approach or an ambitious research objective whose feasibility has not yet been established. NWO is seeking initiatives of this kind within the SSH Open Competition Explore. Well-developed ideas that build on previous insights also fit within Explore, provided the research is innovative in nature.

Explore offers scope to launch a new line of research, develop a method, carry out an initial empirical test, build on existing knowledge or lay the foundations for future collaboration. The research contributes to new and existing scientific insights and may also focus on societal impact. Precisely because this is pioneering research, it is not necessary to establish in advance that the intended results will be achieved. Unexpected outcomes can also yield valuable knowledge.

When to apply

For 2027, three deadlines for submitting applications are specified:

Round 1: 19 January 2027, before 14:00:00 CET

Round 2: 6 April 2027, before 14:00:00 CEST

Round 3: 14 September 2027, before 14:00:00 CEST

For more information: [SSH Open Competition Explore 2027 – round 1 | NWO](#) and

<https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-proposals-SSH-Open-Competitie-Explore-2027-EN.pdf>

Regional funding

ERT: European innovation clusters losing ground (24 September 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 September 2026

European innovation clusters are losing ground in the global race for investment and talent, the European Round Table for Industry warns. According to the study, Europe's share of global R&D investment is stagnating, while investment in the United States and East Asia is rising sharply. The organization calls on policymakers to focus on four priorities: further market integration, more capital for scale-ups, the freer movement of top talent, and prioritizing a limited number of clusters with long-term support.

Read more:

ERT press release: [Europe risks falling further behind in the race for innovation investment & talent, warns ERT - ERT](#)

ERT report: [2026-08-ERT-Study-Building-Flagship-Innovation-Clusters-to-Restore-Competitiveness.pdf](#)

Internal Wageningen University and Research calls

Latest developments within R&I Policies

European Policy

Five heads of government call for a smaller, more focused EU budget (24 September 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 September 2026

In an opinion piece for Politico, five European heads of government—including Prime Minister Jetten—advocate for a next EU budget that is substantially lower than the one proposed by the European Commission. They seek to cut several hundred billion euros from the budget relative to the proposed increase of approximately 60 percent. While the leaders want more funding for security, defense, and competitiveness, they do not wish to simply add new priorities to existing expenditure. Citing the Draghi report on European competitiveness, they argue that the upcoming multiannual budget will demonstrate whether Europe truly translates the report's recommendations into action.

Read more:

Politico article: <https://www.politico.eu/article/five-eu-leaders-europe-must-spend-better-not-just-more/>

Europe must make a choice in the AI race, experts warn (24 September)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 September 2026

Without a clear choice, Europe risks being left empty-handed in the race for the most advanced AI, a group of prominent economists and AI experts warns. Europe must choose between fully investing in its own advanced AI company and focusing primarily on leveraging bargaining power to secure access to foreign models. A half-hearted attempt would result in the worst of both worlds. The report advocates, above all, for increased European computing capacity and an alliance of countries—such as the Netherlands, Germany, and France—to build bargaining power.

Read more:

Press release: A Transformative AI Strategy for Europe: [A Transformative AI Strategy for Europe](#)

Science Business article: [Commit fully to developing frontier AI in Europe or focus on leverage, EU leaders told | Science|Business](#)

Open access to research remains unequal across the EU (24 September 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 September 2026

Despite progress, open access to scientific publications within the EU varies significantly by Member State. This is the conclusion of a new expert report from the European Commission. The report highlights major differences between Member States regarding policy instruments, embargo periods, copyright regulations, and funding models. Rising publication costs also pose a challenge, particularly for institutions with limited resources. The report recommends leveraging the upcoming European Research Area Act (ERA Act) to adopt a European approach.

Read more:

European Commission press release: [Open Access in the European Research Area: progress remains uneven as new report calls for more concerted action - Research and innovation](#)

Report: [Open access policies in EU Member States and beyond - Publications Office of the EU](#)

Commission proposes to unlock €4.2 billion in Cohesion funding for Hungary and restore full access to Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe (23 September 2026)

Source: Website EC [Commission proposes unlocking €4.2 billion for Hungary and Erasmus+/Horizon Europe](#)

Today the European Commission has proposed to the Council to lift the protective measures adopted in 2022 concerning Hungary under the Conditionality Regulation, as it considers that Hungary has addressed the rule of law breaches affecting the EU budget.

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the Commission: *"Hungary has taken important steps to strengthen the rule of law and protect the Union's financial interests. Today, we are proposing to unlock €4.2 billion and reopen the doors of Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe to Hungarian students and researchers. I am glad that they will once again fully benefit from the opportunities our Union creates. This shows that reforms deliver results."*

If adopted by the Council, the proposal would reinstate €4.2 billion in suspended cohesion policy commitments and restore access to Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe for students and researchers from universities maintained by Hungarian Public Interest Trusts.

The Commission has assessed the remedies notified by Hungary on 9 September 2026 and their implementation and concluded that Hungary has addressed the previously identified weaknesses and shortcomings in areas such as public procurement, the anti-corruption framework, risks of conflicts of interest, and the effectiveness of prosecutorial action. In particular, Hungary has reinforced the powers of the Integrity Authority and its access to necessary data; established a comprehensive asset declaration system; increased transparency and addressed conflict-of-interest risks related to Public Interest Trusts, pending their termination; extended judicial review of decisions by investigative and prosecution authorities; and significantly strengthened controls over EU funding, as well as transparency in public procurement and public spending more broadly.

Beyond the measures taken under the Conditionality Regulation, Hungary's accession to the European Public Prosecutor's Office, together with new rules on beneficial ownership and public procurement, further strengthens its fight against corruption and the prevention of conflicts of interest.

With today's proposal for a Council Implementing Decision, the Commission found that the conditions to apply measures under the Conditionality Regulation are no longer fulfilled. The Council has one month from the Commission Proposal to decide on the lifting of protective measures adopted in 2022.

Canada and the EU aim for closer cooperation on Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe (22 September 2026)

Source: Website Neth-ER [Neth-ER > Onderwijs > Canada en de EU streven naar intensievere samenwerking op Erasmus+ en Horizon Europe](#)

On September 17, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney addressed the European Parliament. The speech took place the day after the State of the European Union address, in which Ursula von der Leyen announced that Canada is set to become the EU's first "associate member." Canada and the EU aim to intensify cooperation across various areas in the future to strengthen the strategic autonomy of both parties. Carney cited Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe, among others, as opportunities to expand existing cooperation.



Canadian participation in Erasmus+

In his speech to the European Parliament [Prime Minister Carney delivers an address to the European Parliament | Prime Minister of Canada](#), Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney highlighted the desirability of stronger cooperation between the EU and Canada, particularly in areas such as AI, critical raw materials, technology, and defense. Canada and the EU also seek closer collaboration in the fields of knowledge and innovation. Consequently, during his speech, Carney

opened the door to Canadian participation in the Erasmus+ program; currently, Canada is classified as a "third country not associated with the program," meaning it can participate in only specific components. An associated status would grant access to all parts of the program.

Expansion of Horizon Europe association

In addition to Erasmus+ participation, the Canadian Prime Minister called for an expansion of Canada's association with Horizon Europe. Mark Carney emphasized that a broader association would further strengthen cooperation between Europe and Canada in research and innovation. In 2024, Canada became an associated member of Pillar 2 of the Horizon Europe program, enabling Canadian researchers to participate in calls for proposals; the Prime Minister is now hoping for an expansion of this association.

Context

In her annual State of the European Union speech, Ursula von der Leyen announced that Canada could become the EU's first "associate member." The exact nature of this new status is not yet clear. Ties between the EU and Canada have already been strengthened in recent years through intensified cooperation across various fields. The EU has also expanded its network with other countries during this period; for instance, South Korea became the first Asian associate member of Horizon in 2025, and negotiations with Japan are currently underway.

The European Water Academy for a water-resilient Europe (21 September 2026)

Source: Website JRC https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/jrc-news-and-updates/european-water-academy-water-resilient-europe-2026-09-21_en

New initiative will enhance knowledge-sharing in the water management sector.



Boosting skills, research, and collaboration essential to securing water resources in Europe
Europe is facing a water crisis. Climate change and pollution, along with mismanagement, an ageing infrastructure and the lack of relevant skills challenge Europe's water resources. This, in turn, has severe impacts on ecosystems, agriculture, industry, and energy.

Europe needs to build the appropriate know-how for better water management.

This is why the European Commission is launching today the [European Water Academy](#), with the goal of addressing capacity gaps in Europe's water sector and bringing together research and practice in support of a water-resilient future. It is a flagship action for water skills development under the remit of the [European Water Resilience Strategy](#).

The Academy links organisations that generate knowledge with those who apply it. It is designed as a network of networks, recognising that skills, expertise and innovation can only be strengthened through collaboration across sectors and borders. It brings together know-how, skills, and tools for improving European water resilience by engaging all key stakeholders. This collaboration encompasses public authorities, universities, water professionals, research and technology organisations, water utilities, industry, and professional associations to deliver truly holistic solutions.

The First Champions of the European Water Academy

Eight partner organisations committed from the outset to provide high-quality training activities in different languages. These will build knowledge and skills in areas such as wastewater treatment, leak detection, pipe installation, drinking water production, and more.

These pioneering organisations are the First Champions of the Academy, who stepped up to support its development with the shared mission to promote knowledge exchange among stakeholders across the entire water value chain — from research and innovation to planning, operation, regulation, and implementation.

Read full article here: https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/water-academy_en

ARUA-The Guild 'joint leaders' statement Transformative science relationships are indispensable to address common global challenges (18 September 2026)

Source: Website The Guild https://www.the-guild.eu/publications/statements/aru-guild-joint-leaders--statement_august2026.pdf

At the ARUA-The Guild Summit, held at the University of Glasgow 14-17 June 2026, Vice-Chancellors and Presidents of 46 leading universities in Africa and Europe resolved to redouble their efforts to address humanity's common challenges in health, digital transformation, environmental degradation, technological shifts, cultural tensions and geopolitical strife together.

To achieve this they will strengthen equitable, long-term collaboration through the Africa-Europe Clusters of Research Excellence (CoRE), which bring together more than 400 researchers from over 120 institutions across both continents and beyond. In this way, they confirm their commitment to implementing [the AU-EU Innovation Agenda](#), [the African Union's Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa \(STISA 2034\)](#) and [the European Union's Global Gateway strategy](#).

But more needs to be done, Africa's resources in talent, human development, and science requires systemic change to reach our aspirations. It is therefore an imperative that Africa's science capacity is strengthened through equitable partnerships that develop ideas and solutions that are scalable, inclusive, and transformative – not just for higher education and research, but for the societies they serve. To this end, we call on African and European policymakers, national and global research funders, and local and global industry partners committed to this transformation to work with us and all R&I stakeholders to:

- Encourage and incentivise excellent innovative models for R&I collaboration.
- Invest in addressing local phenomena of global societal challenges, in this way creating new solutions for all.
- Strengthen the human talent pipeline, including marginalised groups, through new pedagogical tools, by investing in higher education.
- Maximise return on investment by aligning development assistance with highly beneficial research infrastructures and R&I investment.
- Recognise the diversity of the African and European continents as opportunities, rather than obstacles, as research builds on the challenges and ideas of all.

At this time of geopolitical rupture, Universities must acknowledge that global science has also been predicated on power inequalities and it is by addressing this issue effectively that universities, funders and governments can build trust-based networks that provide a more effective response to the politics of division that characterises the present-day international order.

Read full statement here: [aru-guild-joint-leaders--statement_august2026.pdf](#)

Business Leaders Back Flagship Clusters as Key to Europe's Economic Renewal (18 September 2026)

Source: Website ERT [Europe risks falling further behind in the race for innovation investment & talent, warns ERT - ERT](#)
New study argues that Europe must focus investment, talent and policy support on a small number of world-leading innovation clusters to remain competitive with the US and China.

A new [report](#) from the European Round Table for Industry (ERT), produced in collaboration with the Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research, warns that Europe risks a long-term decline in industrial competitiveness unless it takes urgent action to strengthen innovation ecosystems and attract research and development investment. The study argues that innovation clusters remain a key driver of economic growth, industrial transformation and technological leadership. It highlights how strong clusters combine world-class research institutions, skilled talent, access to capital, global business networks and supportive regulation.

The report argues that Europe faces a range of structural weaknesses, including fragmented markets, limited growth capital, high energy costs, regulatory complexity, weak commercialisation of research and vulnerable supply chains.

These factors are encouraging companies to direct more R&D investment towards competing innovation centres in the United States, China, India and Gulf economies.

The authors call for policymakers to concentrate resources on a limited number of internationally competitive 'flagship clusters' rather than spreading support across a large number of regional initiatives. Recommended actions include creating a European 'Fifth Freedom' to enable the seamless movement of research, knowledge and talent, accelerating the Savings & Investment Union to unlock capital for scale-ups, simplifying market approval processes and strengthening intellectual property frameworks.

The study also proposes a unified EU talent visa, greater portability of social benefits and stronger public-private partnerships centred on major research campuses. Governments are urged to use public procurement more strategically to stimulate demand for innovative technologies and services.

You can find full report here: <https://ert.eu/documents/europe-risks-falling-further-behind-in-the-race-for-innovation-investment-talent-warns-ert/>

Commission welcomes the design of first Important Project of Common European Interest in AI (16 September 2026)

Source: Website EC [Commission welcomes the design of first Important Project of Common European Interest in AI | Shaping Europe's digital future](#)

The European Commission welcomes the initiative of 19 Member States to create and pre-notify under State aid rules the first Important Project of Common European Interest (IPCEI) in the field of artificial intelligence (AI).



The project aims at developing a range of decentralised and commonly accessible AI services. IPCEI AI covers the entire AI stack and aims to develop advanced and highly innovative AI and compute management technologies and applications, industrial products and services going beyond the state of the art in the sector concerned. It will also aim to drive technological advances while contributing to European digital sovereignty, thereby positioning Europe as a leader in AI innovation and reinforcing Europe's AI value chain from technological development to adoption. This aims at contributing to the target of the EU becoming a global leader in AI, as set out in the Commission's [AI Continent Action Plan](#), the [Apply AI Strategy](#) and the proposal for a [Cloud and AI Development Act](#).

The IPCEI AI has been jointly designed by 19 Member States (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden) and is coordinated by Germany. The Commission has facilitated this endeavour through the [IPCEI Design Support Hub](#), established in April 2025, in which Commission services help Member States to prepare State aid notification for the projects to ensure compliance with the EU rules from the outset. This should allow for a quicker processing of the State aid notification.

Read full article here: [Commission welcomes the design of first Important Project of Common European Interest in AI | Shaping Europe's digital future](#)

EARTO Calls for Dedicated EU Forum on Technology Infrastructures (18 September 2026)

Source: Website EARTO <https://www.earto.eu/wp-content/uploads/EARTO-Position-Paper-EU-Governance-for-TIs-Final.pdf>

Research and technology organisations have urged the European Commission to establish a dedicated governance framework for Technology Infrastructures to boost Europe's industrial competitiveness.

The European Association of Research and Technology Organisations (EARTO) has published a position paper outlining its vision for the future governance of Technology Infrastructures (TIs), welcoming plans in the [European Strategy on Research and Technology Infrastructures](#) to create an EU Forum on Technology Infrastructures. EARTO argues that TIs, which include pilot lines, testbeds, demonstration facilities and living labs, currently suffer from fragmented governance and funding arrangements across Europe.

The paper stresses that research and technology organisations (RTOs) are the principal operators, investors and innovators within the European TI ecosystem and should therefore play a central role in any future governance structure. EARTO advises against limiting participation to Member States and the European Commission, saying that industrial users and infrastructure operators must be directly involved in decision-making.

EARTO assesses three possible governance models: a fully-fledged forum inspired by the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI), a public-private partnership model based on a memorandum of understanding, and a lighter advisory network. **While it identifies the ESFRI-style model as the preferred long-term option**, the association recommends a phased approach beginning with an advisory structure that can be launched quickly and evolve into a formal governance body with an investment mandate.

The proposed forum would bring together RTOs, industry, Member States and the European Commission, supported by a permanent secretariat and sector-specific working groups covering areas such as advanced manufacturing, clean energy, AI, health technologies and quantum technologies. It would also be responsible for developing investment roadmaps, mapping European TI capacity and improving access for industrial users, particularly SMEs and start-ups. EARTO recommends launching a preparatory phase by early 2027, with a transition to a fully operational forum between 2028 and 2030. The organisation argues that governance of TIs should be closely linked to future EU funding instruments, including FP10 and the European Competitiveness Fund, to ensure infrastructure investments are aligned with industrial needs and strategic priorities.

You can read the full position paper here: <https://www.earto.eu/wp-content/uploads/EARTO-Position-Paper-EU-Governance-for-TIs-Final.pdf>

Global policy

Updated INNOTAX portal provides overview of R&D tax support (24 September 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 September 2026

The OECD has launched an updated version of the INNOTAX portal, featuring an overview of tax incentives for R&D and innovation across more than fifty countries. Previously, the portal only covered schemes such as tax deductions and credits for R&D expenditure. The update expands this scope to include measures that reduce taxes on income derived from innovation, such as patent boxes and innovation boxes.

Read more:

OECD announcement: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/manalcorwin_innotax-oecd-oecdshare-7505680068417953793-tTyP/

INNOTAX portal: [OECD | INNOTAX Portal](#)

Think tanks call for stronger international oversight of AI (24 September 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 September 2026

Two recent analyses question the pace, governance, and oversight of AI development. The think tank CIGI advocates for an international body modeled on the Financial Stability Board, in which governments, companies, and independent experts would develop joint evaluation methods. The Brookings think tank argues that self-regulation by AI companies is insufficient; according to Brookings, rules drafted by the sector itself primarily serve its own interests.

Read more:

CIGI analysis: [The World Needs an AI Stability Board - Centre for International Governance Innovation](#)

Brookings analysis: [Why AI safety requires more than industry self-regulation | Brookings](#)

Belmont Forum 2025 Annual Report: a year of collaboration, growth and transdisciplinary action (23 September 2026)

Source: Website Belmont Forum [Belmont Forum 2025 Annual Report: a year of collaboration, growth and transdisciplinary action - Belmont Forum](#)

The Belmont Forum 2025 Annual Report shows how the Belmont Forum expanded its global research community and strengthened international collaboration during 2025, with nearly 4,000 researchers and societal actors participating across 94 countries. The organisation launched two new Collaborative Research Actions (CRAs), Ocean 2 and Resilience, while also approving Biodiversity 3 and Arctic 3 for development, signalling continued investment in research addressing major environmental challenges.

According to the report, the Belmont Forum supported 192 projects and advanced seven active CRAs during the year. Ocean 2 received endorsement as an action under the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, while new biodiversity and Arctic initiatives are expected to enter scoping phases in 2026. The organisation also introduced an Advancing Leadership Program (ALP) aimed at strengthening leadership and collaboration skills among researchers and societal practitioners at all career stages.

A significant development was the establishment of the Belmont Forum Foundation (BFF), a non-profit entity created to diversify funding sources, support long-term research activities and increase opportunities for participation by researchers and societal actors from low and middle-income countries (LMICs). The Foundation is intended to complement existing funding mechanisms and help mobilise philanthropic and international partnerships.

The report highlights growing international engagement, including the addition of the Research Council of Zimbabwe as a member and new partnerships across Africa, Latin America and other regions. Participation from Global South organisations also increased, reflecting broader efforts to improve inclusivity within international sustainability research.

During the year, the Belmont Forum helped convene the Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress in Chicago, attracting more than 1,400 participants from over 80 countries. The organisation also reported a policy footprint of more than 16,000 policy documents across 95 countries, demonstrating its continued influence on evidence-informed policymaking.

Implications are likely to be significant for research funders, universities and innovation stakeholders as the Belmont Forum prepares new funding calls, develops its leadership programme, and broadens support for international and transdisciplinary research collaborations.

For more information: [Belmont Forum 2025 Annual Report: a year of collaboration, growth and transdisciplinary action - Belmont Forum](#)

Read the 2025 Annual Report here: <https://belmontforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Belmont-Forum-2025-Annual-Report.pdf?x41771>

National policy

Ministry of Defence and universities strengthen research collaboration (24 September 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 September 2026

Universities of the Netherlands (UNL) and the Ministry of Defence are set to strengthen their research collaboration. In a declaration of intent, the parties express their aim to work more closely together on research concerning peace, security, and resilience. Existing collaborations will be further developed, and new opportunities for joint research will be explored. The declaration emphasizes that academic freedom and scientific integrity are fundamental principles of this partnership. The AWTI previously issued advice regarding collaboration in the field of defence innovation.

Read more:

Ministry of Defence news item: [Universiteiten en Defensie versterken samenwerking in onderzoek | Defensie.nl](#) (in Dutch)

UNL news item: [Universiteiten en Defensie versterken samenwerking in onderzoek | Universiteiten van Nederland](#) (in Dutch)

Declaration of intent: [Microsoft Word - Letter of Intent Defensie en UNL def](#) (in Dutch)

AWTI advisory report: Knowledge Offensive for Defence: [Advies: Kennisoffensief voor defensie – Onderzoek en innovatie voor een veilig Nederland | Adviesraad voor wetenschap, technologie en innovatie](#) (in Dutch)

CPB: National Investment Institution offers most added value in business financing (24 September 2026)

Source: AWTI e-mail alert 24 September 2026

A National Investment Institution offers greater added value in improving access to finance than in achieving broader societal objectives. This is the conclusion reached by the CPB (Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis) in a report on the design of such an institution. According to the researchers, other government instruments are better suited to broader societal goals.

Read more:

CPB publication: <https://www.cpb.nl/publicatie/de-nationale-investeringsinstelling-doelen-en-keuzes>

Call deadlines

HORIZON Europe calls

Overview of the the upcoming Horizon Europe calls per 30 September 2026

Call identifier	Deadline
Pillar I Excellent Science	
ERC	
ERC-2027-StG	14 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (<i>ERC Starting Grant</i>)
ERC-2027-CoG	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	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-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> INFRA SERV - Research infrastructures services to support a healthier future, a global climate and energy vision, a circular and resilient economy, and to advance frontier knowledge (2026-27)	
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01	Foreseen opening 9 March 2027 and foreseen deadline 15 June 2027 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01: call INFRA SERV</i>)
Cluster 1 HEALTH	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	
<u>Destination</u> - 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 October 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>	
<u>Destination:</u> 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	2 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-MAT-PROD two-stage	2 February 2027 17.00 Brussels time (First Stage) , 2 September 2027 (Second Stage) 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-two-stage</i>)
<u>Destination:</u> 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 (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2027-03</i>)
<u>Destination:</u> Developing an agile and secure single market and infrastructure for data-services and trustworthy artificial intelligence services	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DATA single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2027-DATA-04</i>)
<u>Destination:</u> Achieving open strategic autonomy in digital and emerging enabling technologies	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING</i>)
<u>Destination:</u> Digital and industrial technologies driving human-centric innovation	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN single stage	Foreseen opening 17 November 2026 and foreseen deadline 18 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN</i>)
<u>CLUSTER 5 - Cluster 5: Climate - Energy - Mobility</u>	
<u>Destination</u> - Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-08-Two-Stage-D1-06:	15 April 2026 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) (CLOSED) and 8 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1	Foreseen opening: 17 November 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 4 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time

<u>Destination</u> - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition	
HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D2	Foreseen opening: 3 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 31 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time
HORIZON-CL5-2027-04-Two-Stage-D2	Foreseen opening: 15 December 2026 and foreseen Deadline(s): 14 April 2027 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) and 7 October 2027 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
<u>Destination:</u> Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply	
HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3	31 March 2026 17.00 Brussels time (first stage) (CLOSED) and 20 October 2026 17.00 Brussels time (Second Stage)
HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3	1 December 2026 17.00 Brussels time
Destination: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes	
<u>Destination:</u> Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods	
<u>CLUSTER 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment</u>	
<u>Destination 1:</u> Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination 2:</u> Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption	
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:</u> Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors	
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-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 22 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination 5</u> - Land, ocean and water for climate action	
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</u> – Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities	
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES single stage	Foreseen opening: 20 April 2027 and foreseen Deadline(s): 23 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time
<u>Destination 7</u> – Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	
HORIZON-CL6-2026-04-GOVERNANCE-01: Additional activities for the European Partnership of Agriculture of Data	Foreseen opening: 25 August 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 Pathfinder Challenges 2026 EIC Pathfinder Challenges 2026 - European Innovation Council	
Advanced Materials for Miniaturised Energy Harvesting Systems HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-01 EU Funding & Tenders Portal	28 October 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-01)
Biotechnology for Healthy Ageing HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-02 EU Funding & Tenders Portal	28 October 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-02)

DeepRAP: Deep Reasoning, Abstraction & Planning towards trustworthy Cognitive AI Systems HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-03 EU Funding & Tenders Portal	28 October 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time (<i>HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-03</i>)
<u>Mission calls 2026-2026</u>	
CLIMATE MISSION	
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-2027-03-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-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-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-2027-02-WIDENING-01: ERA Chairs	Foreseen opening Opening: 6 April 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-01: ERA Chairs)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-02: ERA Research Managers	Foreseen opening Opening: 7 April 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 14 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-02: ERA Research Managers)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-03-WIDENING-01: ERA TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European	Foreseen opening Opening: 7 April 2027 and foreseen deadline(s): 8 September 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-03-WIDENING-01: ERA TMA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-04-WIDENING-01: Excellence Hubs	4 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-04-WIDENING-01: Excellence Hubs)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-01: Pillar I: Facilitating development of institutional open access policies through the retention of intellectual property rights	Foreseen opening Opening: 8 December 2026 and foreseen deadline(s): 11 March 2027 17.00 Brussels time (HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-01: Pillar I: Facilitating development of institutional open access policies through the retention of intellectual property rights)
<u>Destination:</u> 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)

Deadlines other related EC calls (European Partnerships)

Overview of deadlines of most important public-public and public-private EC calls related to Horizon Europe based on information per 30 September 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/	
European Partnership Biodiversa+ https://www.biodiversa.eu/	6th annual Joint Call for transnational research projects BiodivFuture Deadline for pre-proposals submission (mandatory): 10 November 2026, 12:00 (noon) CET (11:00 UTC) Results of the evaluation of the first step: mid-February 2027 Deadline for full-proposals submission: 16 April 2027, 12:00 (noon) CEST (10:00 UTC) https://www.biodiversa.eu/2026/06/09/2026-2027-joint-call/
European Partnership Water4All https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/	Water4All 2026 Joint Transnational Call: "Sustainable Water Management" is open • Submission deadline <u>of preproposals</u>: 10 November 2026, 15:00 CET • Selection of preproposals: Early February 2027 • Submission deadline of full proposals: 6 April 2027, 15:00 CEST • Selection of funded proposals: September 2027 • Projects start: End 2027/beginning 2028

	For more information: https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/partnership-water4all-sustainable-water-management and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call_Announcement_Water4All_JTC2026-with-NL-annex.pdf
European Partnership FutureFoods https://www.futurefoodspartner-ship.eu/	
European Partnership Agroecology https://www.agroecologypartne-rship.eu/	
European partnership Agriculture of Data	
European partnership Sustainable Blue Economy https://bluepartnership.eu/	Applicants must submit their pre-proposals before 16 November (15:00 CET). A first evaluation of pre-proposals will be organised and the deadline to submit full proposals is foreseen for June 2027. More information: https://bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunity/sustainable-blue-economy-partnerships-fourth-joint-transnational-call
European partnerships Forestry ForestValue 2 https://forestvalue.org/forest-partnership/	NEW: FOREST Pathways pre-announcement https://forestvalue.org/forest-joint-call-2026-pre-announcement/ The first FOREST Partnership Joint Call: Building Knowledge and Solutions for Resilient Forests and Sustainable Forest-Based Futures Call opening: 15 th September 2026 (indicative) Information international webinar: 17 September at 10:00 CEST. Webinar information and registration - Dutch National Information Webinar: 21 September at 10:30 CEST. Registration - The FOREST Partnership is also recruiting independent experts to evaluate proposals. Become a FOREST Joint Call expert. For more information: https://forestvalue.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/260617_FOREST_JC2026_Pre-Announcement_FINALv3.pdf and https://forestvalue.org/forest-joint-call-2026-pre-announcement/
European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future (DUT) https://dutpartnership.eu/	NEW: Pre-announcement: New DUT call on sustainable European urban transitions opens on 1 September 2026 Expected timeline and information day 1 September 2026: launch of phase 1 9 September 2026: transnational information webinar (online) 17 November 2026: deadline for pre-applications (phase 1) 12 February 2027: opening of phase 2 15 April 2027: deadline for full proposals (phase 2) More information: https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/pre-announcement-new-dut-call-on-sustainable-european-urban-transitions-opens-on-1-september and https://dutpartnership.eu/calls/dut-call-2026
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	• 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 **30 September 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list

Deadline	Call
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 **30 September 2026**. Calls marked with **NEW** are newly included in the list:

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	Deadline for submission of letter of intent for Perspectief round 2026-2027 . The deadline for submitting letters of intent is 6 October 2026, by 14:00:00 CEST . Final round of the Perspectief programme open for research proposals NWO and The impact of Perspectief NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2026-2027

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
03-11-2026	Deadline for submission Pre-proposals Mosaic 3.0 call. The deadline for the pre-proposal is 3 November 2026, 14:00 CET . Foreseen closing date for pre-proposals 3. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/mosaic-30 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/mosaic_3.0_2026_pre-proposal_form.docx
03-11-2026	Deadline for submission pre-proposals Vidi round 2026 . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is November 3, 2026, by 14:00:00 CET . https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2026-now-open-for-pre-proposals and NWO Talent Programme NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme
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/
17-11-2026	Deadline for submission of Pre-proposals SSH Open Competition Expand 2026 . Deadline for Pre-proposals: 17 November 2026, 14:00:00 CET . SSH Open Competition Expand 2026 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-SSH-OC-Expand-EN.pdf
24-11-2026	Deadline for submission for Pre-proposals for Perspectief round 2026-2027 . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 24 November 2026, by 14:00:00 CET . Final round of the Perspectief programme open for research proposals NWO and The impact of Perspectief NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2026-2027
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
08-01-2027	NEW : Foreseen deadline for submission Citizen Science Hubs 2026 call. Closing date full application 8 January 2027 14:00 hrs. https://www.openscience.nl/en/calls/citizen-science-hubs-2026
19-01-2027	NEW : Foreseen deadline for submission proposals for SSH Open Competition Explore 2027 – round 1 Foreseen deadline Round 1 : 19 January 2027, before 14:00:00 CET. SSH Open Competition Explore 2027 – round 1 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-proposals-SSH-Open-Competitie-Explore-2027-EN.pdf
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
09-02-2027	Foreseen deadline Full applications call Use of space infrastructure for Earth observation and planetary research (GO) . Foreseen closing date full application 9 February 2027 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). Use of space infrastructure for Earth observation and planetary research (GO) NWO
16-02-2027	Foreseen deadline for Full proposals Antarctic research and Antarctica InSync call . Closing date full application 16 February 2027 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). Antarctic research and Antarctica InSync NWO
23-02-2027	NEW : Deadline for submission full proposals for Open Science call FAIR Research Outputs . Closing date full application 23 February 2027 14:00 hrs. https://www.openscience.nl/en/calls/fair-research-outputs and https://www.openscience.nl/sites/open_science/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-FAIR-Research-Outputs-2026-ENG-1.pdf
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
06-04-2027	Deadline for submission Full-applications Vidi round 2026 . The deadline for submitting full applications is April 6, 2027, before 14:00:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/vidi-round-2026-now-open-for-pre-proposals and NWO Talent Programme NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/nwo-talent-programme
06-04-2027	NEW : Foreseen deadline for submission proposals for SSH Open Competition Explore 2027 – round 2 Foreseen deadline Round 2 : 6 April 2027, before 14:00:00 CEST. SSH Open Competition Explore 2027 – round 1 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-proposals-SSH-Open-Competitie-Explore-2027-EN.pdf

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
04-05-2027	Deadline for submission Full-proposals Mosaic 3.0 call . Full proposals can be submitted until 4 May 2027, 14:00 CEST. https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/mosaic-30 and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/mosaic_3.0_2026_pre-proposal_form.docx
14-05-2027	Foreseen deadline for submission Full proposals KIC - Mobile and modular imaging technology for a healthy and safe society . Closing date full application 14 May 2027 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). KIC - Mobile and modular imaging technology for a healthy and safe society NWO
25-05-2027	Deadline for submission for Full applications for Perspectief round 2026-2027 . The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 24 November 2026, by 14:00:00 CET. Final round of the Perspectief programme open for research proposals NWO and The impact of Perspectief NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/perspectief-round-2026-2027
01-06-2027	Foreseen Deadline for Full applications Large Scale Research Infrastructure (LSRI) - National Roadmap consortia 2026 . Foreseen Closing date full application 1 June 2027 14:00 hrs. (s.t.c.). Large Scale Research Infrastructure (LSRI) - National Roadmap consortia 2026 NWO
10-06-2026	Deadline for submission of Full-proposals SSH Open Competition Expand 2026 . Deadline for Full proposals: 10 June 2027, 14:00:00 CEST. SSH Open Competition Expand 2026 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-Proposals-SSH-OC-Expand-EN.pdf
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
14-09-2027	NEW: Foreseen deadline for submission proposals for SSH Open Competition Explore 2027 – round 3 Foreseen deadline Round 3: 14 September 2027, before 14:00:00 CEST. SSH Open Competition Explore 2027 – round 1 NWO and https://www.nwo.nl/sites/nwo/files/media-files/Call-for-proposals-SSH-Open-Competitie-Explore-2027-EN.pdf
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
From 06010-2026 until 05-10-2027	NEW: Deadline for submission Full Applications the Impact Explorer 2026 call . Applications may be submitted to NWO on a continuous basis from Tuesday 6 October 2026 up to and including Tuesday 5 October 2027 before 14:00:00 CEST. Impact Explorer 2026 NWO
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 30-09-2026	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 30-09-2026	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) https://www.efro-oost.eu/innovatieprojecten-2026
18-05-2026 until 30-09-2026	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) https://www.efro-oost.eu/schone-en-hulpbronnenefficiënte-technologieen-2026
01-04-2026 until 10-10-2026	Deadline for submission proposals in EFRO Vinnovate 2026 For SMEs in the Eastern Netherlands looking for collaboration with companies from other European regions. https://www.efro-oost.eu/vinnovate-2026
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
2021-2024	EFRO 2021-2027 Southern Netherlands: For calls Southern Netherlands go to website Stimulus https://www.stimulus.nl/opzuid-2021-2027/openstellingen/

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Wageningen Grant Office

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