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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

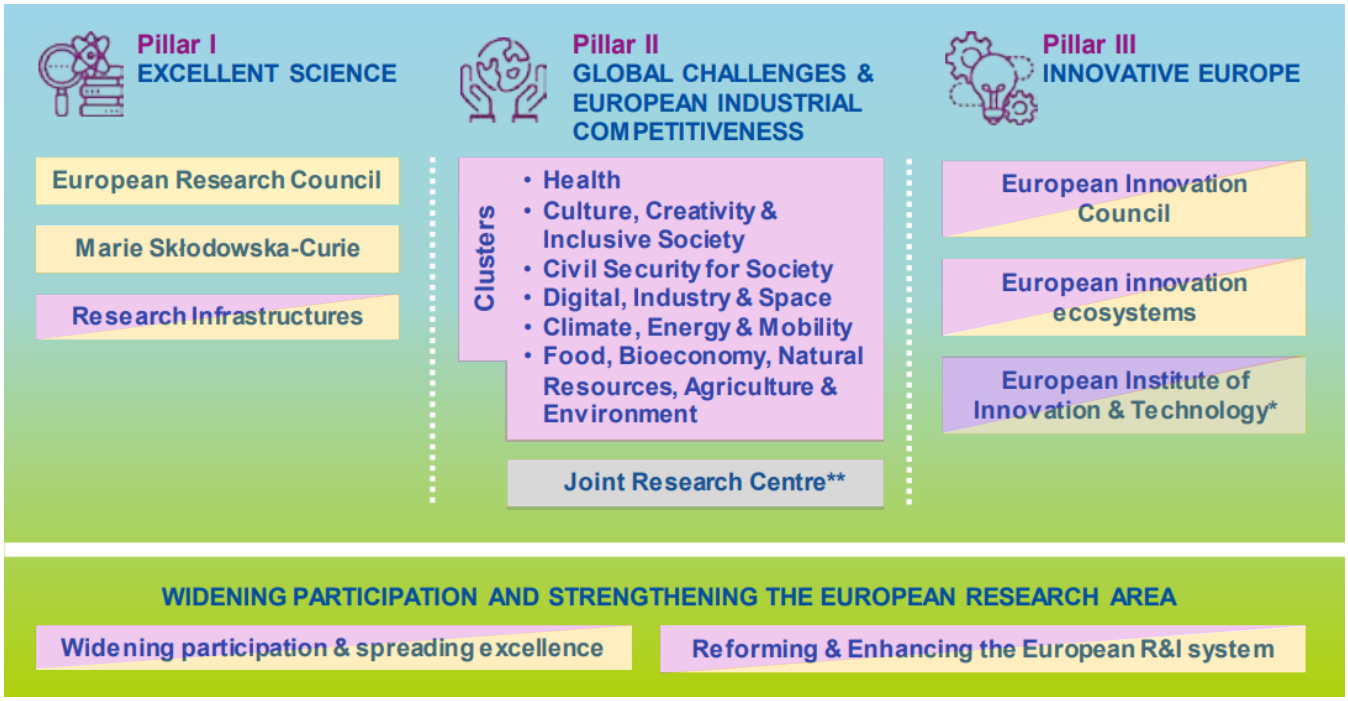
This document aims to give an overview of health-related funding opportunities across Horizon Europe, the EU's Research and innovation funding programme 2021-2027. Horizon Europe is worth €95.5 Billion.

Horizon Europe funds all types of organisations[1] including academia, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), large companies, charities, hospitals, patient groups, regulators, government department and any other type of organisation.

Horizon Europe funds all research and innovation sectors and has two main types of funding calls:

- **Open calls** that leave it up to the applicants to decide the Research and Innovation area; and
- **Challenge driven calls** that specify the Research and Innovation area to be done.

Horizon Europe consists of 3 Pillars, as shown in the diagram below:



Each part of Horizon Europe has a Work Programme which lists the funding opportunities and calls for proposals. Most parts of Horizon Europe have two-year Work Programmes covering 2026-2027, apart from the European Research Council (ERC) and the European Innovation Council (EIC), which have annual Work Programmes. The 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Work Programmes total over 2700 pages - so **the aim of this document is to highlight the health funding opportunities across Horizon Europe with deadlines in 2027** – not only in the Health Work Programme (Pillar II, Cluster 1) but also the many opportunities across the rest of the programme. We hope that you find this document useful.

[1] Unless otherwise specified in the call text.

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Colour Code Throughout the Document

In this document, tables with yellow headers have mostly open calls, tables with pink headers have mostly challenge driven calls, and tables with grey headers have a mixture of both. Text in **red** highlights the relevance to the health sector. We have used these colour codes throughout this document.

Work Programmes

- **This document covers relevant calls with deadlines in 2027 from the updated 2026-2027 Work Programmes published on 29 Sept 2026.**
- If you are interested in calls from the 2026-2027 Work Programmes with deadlines in 2026, please see our previous document Health Research and Innovation Funding Opportunities across Horizon Europe with Deadlines Sept-Dec 2026.
- If there are any calls open from older Work Programmes, then we have not included these.

The 2026-2027 Work Programmes will be the last Work Programmes under the current Horizon Europe Research and Innovation funding programme (2021-2027).

Types of Project

The main types of projects in Horizon Europe are listed below, and we have used the abbreviations for these project types throughout this document. These project types are explained further on page 14 of the General Annexes to the 2026-2027 Work Programme. The most common project types are:

- Research and Innovation Actions (RIAs)
- Innovation Actions (IAs)
- Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)

Some parts of Horizon Europe also have other project types, and where that is the case (for example for the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions and the European Innovation Council) we have explained this in the relevant section of this document.

Did you know?

- Most (but not all) parts of Horizon Europe need a consortium involving different countries. We have tried to highlight whether a consortium is needed or not in the introduction to each section of this document.
- Horizon Europe allows you to work many countries around the world, and many countries are eligible for funding including Horizon Europe Associated Countries and a large number of low- and middle-income countries. For further information, see the list of participating countries in Horizon Europe.

PILLAR I (EXCELLENT SCIENCE)

PILLAR I - OVERVIEW

Pillar I of Horizon Europe (Excellent Science) has three Work Programmes, each of which contains a variety of funding opportunities summarised below, and then explained in more detail further on in this document.

- European Research Council (ERC): **The ERC funds all fields of research.** It provides long-term funding for ground-breaking frontier research, and funds a Principal Investigator (PI) or PIs and their team(s). The PI and team can be at the same Host Institution, but this is not a requirement and PIs/team members can also be other organisations in the same country or different countries.

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCAs): **The MSCAs fund all fields of research and innovation.** The MSCAs are the EU's flagship programme for doctoral education and postdoctoral training. MSCAs fund excellent research and innovation to equip researchers at all career stages with new knowledge and skills, through mobility across borders and exposure to different sectors and

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disciplines. Some funding calls require a consortium of organisations in different countries, whilst other funding calls can fund a single organisation or single postdoctoral fellow.

- Research Infrastructures: **Some funding opportunities are open to research infrastructures relating to all fields of research and innovation, whilst others are focussed on research infrastructures in specific research and innovation areas (for example health).** Research Infrastructures are facilities, resources and services that allow researchers and innovators to conduct ground-breaking research. They include research laboratories, scientific instrumentation and technologies, data resources, computational tools, and communication networks. Funding calls in the Research Infrastructures Work Programme typically require a consortium of organisations in three different countries.

PILLAR I - EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ERC)

ERC Overview:

The European Research Council's (ERC's) mission is to encourage the highest quality research in Europe through competitive funding and to support **investigator-driven frontier research across all fields**, based on scientific excellence. **The ERC provides long-term funding for ground-breaking research and its main grant schemes fund a Principal Investigator (PI) or PIs and their team.**

During an ERC grant, the PI (or PIs) are based at a Host Institution(s) which is typically (but does not have to be) a university or public research institution. The PI(s) do not have to be based at the Host Institution at the time of the ERC application. The team members can be at the same Host Institution as the PI(s) but can also be at other organisations in the same or different countries – see the information in the tables below, the ERC website, ERC Work Programme and call documents for full information.

On 20 July 2026, the 2027 ERC Work Programme was published. The calls in this Work Programme which have deadlines in 2027 are listed below. If you are interested in these calls, please also see the ERC press release "Applying for an ERC grant in the 2027 competitions: what you need to know.

- **ERC Consolidator Grants (deadline 12 January 2027)**
- **ERC Advanced Grants (deadline 26 August 2027)**
- **ERC Synergy Grants (deadline 11 May 2027)**
- **ERC Plus Grant (deadline 1 September 2027)**
- **ERC Proof of Concept Grants (deadlines 10 March 2027 and 16 September 2027)**

The ERC press release with information on 'applying for an ERC grant in 2027 competitions; what you need to know' which includes changes on the eligibility windows for Starting and Consolidator Grants for the 2027 calls:

> "To be eligible for an ERC Starting Grant in the 2027 call for proposals, the applicant must have defended their PhD no more than 10 years before 1 January 2027. For a Consolidator Grant in the 2027 call, the thesis defence must have been between 5 and 15 years before 1 January 2027. The eligibility period may be extended in duly documented cases, such as parental leave or clinical training. Researchers will be awarded at most one Starting Grant and one Consolidator Grant during their career."

Please check the Work Programme and Call Documents for full details of each funding opportunity.

The ERC 2027 Work Programme is the final ERC Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme (2021-2027).

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Useful ERC links:

- ERC Website which includes a **newsletter sign-up** box at the bottom of the ERC homepage and a page aimed at non-European researchers. The events page is also useful and includes a webinar on the 2027 ERC Work Programme.
- Horizon Europe European Research Council (ERC) 2027 Work Programme
- ERC press release with information on 'applying for an ERC grant in 2027 competitions; what you need to know'.
- ERC National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage).
- The mERCury project facilitates the cooperation between ERC NCPs. It will be useful both to NCPs and to those interested in applying for ERC funding.
- ERC Contact Information
- Vacancies for team members interested in joining an ERC led research project might be published on the Euraxess-Jobs portal, but this is not a requirement.

Grant Scheme	Key Information
ERC Consolidator Grant **ERC-2027-CoG** **Deadline: 12 Jan 2027**	**ERC Consolidator Grants are for researchers who want to consolidate their independence by establishing a research team and continuing to develop a successful career in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. You can also apply if you have recently created an independent, excellent research team and want to strengthen it.** **Who can apply: The ERC has updated the eligibility window for the 2027 Starting Grant Call and published a press release with information on 'applying for an ERC grant in 2027 competitions; what you need to know'** which includes that "**For a Consolidator Grant in the 2027 call, the thesis defence must have been between 5 and 15 years before 1 January 2027" and "The eligibility period may be extended in duly documented cases, such as parental leave or clinical training**." Applicants can be any nationality. **Criteria: 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 legal entity (known as a host institution, HI). The HI could be where the applicant already works, or any other HI located in one of the EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries. The PI does not need to be employed by the HI at the time of ERC proposal submission. **Team:** ERC grants support projects carried out by an individual researcher (Principal Investigator, PI) 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. **Funding:** Up to €2 million for a period of 5 years (pro rata for shorter projects). An additional €2 million funding is available in certain cases. **Please check the European Research Council (ERC) 2027 Work Programme and Call Documents for full details.**
ERC Advanced Grant **ERC-2027-AdG** **Deadline: 26 Aug 2027**	**For established, leading Principal Investigators (PIs) who want long-term funding to pursue a ground-breaking, ambitious project.** **Who can apply:** An ERC Advanced Grant Principal Investigator is expected to be an active researcher with a track record of significant research achievements.

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	Criteria: 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 at a legal entity (known as a host institution, HI). The HI could be where the applicant already works, or any other HI located in one of the EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries. The PI does not need to be employed by the HI at the time of ERC proposal submission. **Team:** ERC grants support projects carried out by an individual researcher (Principal Investigator, PI) 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. **Funding:** Normally up to €2.5 million for a period of 5 years (pro rata for projects of shorter duration). An additional €2 million funding is available in certain cases. **Please check the European Research Council (ERC) 2027 Work Programme and Call Documents for full details.**
ERC Synergy Grant **ERC-2027-SyG** **Deadline: 11 May 2027**	**For researchers that want to address a research problem so ambitious, that cannot be dealt with one person and their team alone.** **Who can apply:** A group of two to four Principal Investigators (PIs) working together and bringing different skills and resources to tackle ambitious research problems. No specific eligibility criteria regarding the academic training are foreseen for ERC Synergy Grants. PIs must present a competitive track record as appropriate to their career stage. Proposals are evaluated on the sole criterion of scientific excellence which takes on the additional meaning of outstanding intrinsic synergetic effect. **Criteria: Applications can be made in any field of research. The ERC's grants operate on a 'bottom-up' basis without predetermined priorities.** For ERC Synergy Grants, applications must demonstrate that the proposed research cannot be carried out by a single PI and their team working alone. **Location:** Research must be conducted in a legal entity (known as a host institution, HI). The HI could be where the applicant already works, or any other HI located in one of the EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries. The PI does not need to be employed by the HI at the time of ERC proposal submission. PIs can apply within the same HI or through different HIs. One PI per Synergy Grant group at any time can be hosted or engaged by an institution outside of the EU or Associated Countries. **Team:** ERC Synergy grants support projects carried out by a group of 2-4 PIs who can employ researchers of any nationality as team members. It is also possible to have one or more team members located in a third country (a third country is a country that is not an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country).

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	Funding: Up to a maximum of €10 million for a period of 6 years (pro rata for shorter projects). An additional €4 million can be requested in certain cases. **Please check the European Research Council (ERC) 2027 Work Programme and Call Documents for full details.**
ERC Plus Grant **ERC-2027-PLUS** **Deadline: 1 Sept 2027**	**This fairly new funding scheme, ERC Plus Grants, aims to support outstanding researchers from Europe and anywhere in the world with bold ideas and a vision for transformative research that goes beyond the scope of existing ERC programmes.** **Who can apply:** ERC grant schemes are open to researchers of any age and nationality, residing anywhere in the world at the time of application, and wishing to carry out their research in Host Institutions based in the EU or associated country. Scholars at all career stages can apply for an ERC Plus Grant if they have an outstanding record of scientific achievement at the forefront of their field. Their intellectual leadership will be evaluated in accordance with their career stage. A researcher will be allowed to hold only one ERC Plus Grant in their lifetime. **Criteria: 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 at a legal entity (known as a host institution, HI). The HI could be where the applicant already works, or any other HI located in one of the EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries. The PI does not need to be employed by the HI at the time of ERC proposal submission. **Team:** ERC grants support projects carried out by an individual researcher (Principal Investigator, PI) 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. **Funding:** Up to €7 million for a period of 4 to 7 years. Full information: ERC website, Work Programme and Call Documents. **Please check the European Research Council (ERC) 2027 Work Programme and Call Documents for full details.**
ERC Proof of Concept Grant **ERC-2027-PoC** **Deadlines: 10 Mar 2027 and 16 Sept 2027**	**For researchers who have already received an ERC grant for their frontier research project and now want to explore the commercial or societal potential of their work.** **Who can apply:** All Principal Investigators (PIs) in one of the ERC frontier research main grants (Starting, Consolidator, Advanced or Synergy) are eligible to participate and apply for an ERC Proof of Concept (PoC) Grant. PIs in an ongoing main grant, or PIs in a main grant that has ended after 1 January 2026, are eligible to apply (subject to certain restrictions outlined in the Work Programme). **Criteria: The ERC PoC funding is only for those who already have an ERC award, and is to establish proof of concept of an idea that was generated**

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	during their ERC-funded projects. **Funding:** A lump sum of €150 thousand for a period of 18 months. Full information: ERC website, Work Programme and Call Documents. **Please check the European Research Council (ERC) 2027 Work Programme and Call Documents for full details.** UK applicants: please note that ERC frontier grants (Starting, Consolidator, Advanced and Synergy Grants) that were evaluated by the ERC but funded by the UK/UKRI Horizon Europe Guarantee are not eligible to apply to ERC Proof of Concept. Swiss applicants: please contact the Swiss ERC National Contact Point for advice.

PILLAR I - MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS (MSCA)

MSCA Overview:

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are the EU's flagship programme for doctoral education and postdoctoral training and are open to **all domains of research and innovation.**

The MSCAs fund excellent research and innovation to equip researchers at all career stages with new knowledge and skills, through mobility across borders and exposure to different sectors and disciplines. The MSCA help build Europe's capacity for research and innovation by investing in the long-term careers of excellent researchers.

The MSCA also fund the development of excellent doctoral and postdoctoral training programmes and collaborative research projects worldwide. By doing so, they achieve a structuring impact on higher education institutions, research centres and non-academic organisations.

Some MSCA funding calls require a consortium of organisations in different countries, whilst other funding calls can fund a single organisation or single postdoctoral fellow.

The most recently published MSCA Work Programme is the 2026-2027 MSCA Work Programme. The calls for proposals are listed below and then explained in more detail in the tables further on in this document.

- MSCA Doctoral Networks (DN)
- MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)
- MSCA Staff Exchanges (SE)
- MSCA COFUND
- MSCA and Citizens
- Choose Europe for Science

The 2026-2027 MSCA Work Programme is the last MSCA Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme (2021-2027).

Useful MSCA links:

- European Commission MSCA Website
- Subscribe to the European Commission's MSCA Newsletter
- Horizon Europe 2026-2027 MSCA Work Programme
- MSCA Guide for Businesses

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- MSCA Guidelines on supervision
- There will be Infodays on the different MSCA funding schemes which will be listed on this webpage with all European Commission Horizon Europe Infodays.
- MSCA National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage)
- The RADIANCE project facilitates the transnational cooperation between MSCA NCPs. It provides documents and information that are useful both to NCPs and MSCA applicants.
- **MSCA PhD vacancies:** If you are an individual researcher looking for a PhD position funded by the MSCA, look at the list of vacancies published on EURAXESS, which is updated daily.
- **MSCA Postdoctoral vacancies** are also listed on EURAXESS, and on the RADIANCE Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Matchmaking Platform.

Grant Scheme	Key Information
MSCA Doctoral Networks (DN) HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01: **MSCA Doctoral Networks 2027** **Deadline: 23 Nov 2027**	**MSCA Doctoral Networks fund a consortium to train doctoral candidates in academic and non-academic organisations.** **The call is open to all areas of Research and Innovation.** **Types of Doctoral Networks:** Doctoral Networks implement doctoral programmes, by partnerships of universities, research institutions and infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across EU Member States, Horizon Europe Associated Countries and beyond. These doctoral programmes will respond to well-identified needs in various research and innovation areas, expose the researchers to the academic and non-academic sectors, and offer research training, as well as transferable skills and competences relevant for innovation and long-term employability. • **Standard MSCA Doctoral Networks** • **MSCA Doctoral Network - Industrial Doctorates**: train PhD candidates who wish to develop their skills and step outside academia, in particular in industry and business. Individual participants must be enrolled in a doctoral programme and jointly supervised by the academic and non-academic partners. • **MSCA Doctoral Network - Joint Doctorates**: provide a highly integrated type of international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration in doctoral training leading to a joint doctoral degree or multiple doctoral degrees awarded by the participating institutions. PhD candidates must be enrolled in a joint programme and be jointly supervised. **Who can apply:** Doctoral Networks are open to international consortia of universities, research institutions, businesses, SMEs and other non-academic organisations. They should include: • at least three independent legal entities, each established in different EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country and with at least one of them established in an EU Member State • on top of this minimum, other organisations from any country in the world can also join • specific conditions apply to Industrial and Joint Doctorates. **Candidates wishing to apply for PhD positions under Doctoral Networks** should apply to funded Doctoral Network projects by consulting their open vacancies advertised internationally, including on the EURAXESS portal. Full information: MSCA website, Work Programme and Call Documents.

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MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) HORIZON-MSCA-2027-PF-01: **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2027** **Deadline: 8 Sept 2027**	**MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PFs) support researchers' careers and foster excellence in research.** **Objective:** PFs are for researchers holding a PhD who wish to carry out their research activities abroad, acquire new skills and develop their careers. PFs help researchers gain experience in other countries, disciplines and non-academic sectors. **There are 2 types of Postdoctoral Fellowships:** • **European PFs**: open to researchers moving within Europe or coming to Europe from another part of the world to pursue their research career. These fellowships take place in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country and can last between 1 and 2 years. Researchers of any nationality can apply. • **Global PFs**: fund the mobility of researchers outside Europe. The fellowship lasts between 2 to 3 years, of which the first 1 to 2 years will be spent in a non-associated Third Country, followed by a mandatory return phase of 1 year to an organisation based in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. Only nationals or long-term residents of EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries can apply. Both types of fellowships may also include short-term secondments anywhere in the world during the fellowship (except during the return phase of a Global Fellowship). To build bridges between the academic and non-academic sector, **researchers can receive additional support to carry out a placement at the end of their fellowship for up to 6 months in a non-academic organisation** based in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. **Who can apply**: PFs are **open to all disciplines.** Researchers interested in PFs: • Should have a PhD degree at the time of the deadline for applications. Applicants who have successfully defended their doctoral thesis but who have not yet formally been awarded the doctoral degree will also be considered eligible to apply. • Must have a maximum of eight years' experience in research, from the date of the award of their PhD degree. Years of experience outside research and career breaks will not count towards the above maximum, nor will years of experience in research in third countries, for nationals or long-term residents of EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries who wish to reintegrate to Europe. • Should comply with mobility rules: they must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary (for European PFs), or the host organisation for the outgoing phase (for Global PFs) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline. Full information: MSCA website, Work Programme and Call Documents.

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MSCA Staff Exchanges (SE) HORIZON-MSCA-2027-SE-01: **MSCA Staff Exchanges 2027** **Deadline: 15 Apr 2027**	**MSCA Staff Exchanges (SE) encourage collaborations between organisations through staff exchanges.** **The call is open to all areas of Research and Innovation.** **Objectives:** • To fund short-term international and inter-sectoral exchanges of staff members involved in research and innovation activities of participating organisations. • The aim is to develop sustainable collaborative projects between different organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe and beyond. • Exchanged staff benefit from new knowledge, skills and career development perspectives, while participating organisations increase their research and innovation capacities. **Who can apply**: Staff Exchanges are open to international consortia of universities, research institutions, businesses, SMEs and other non-academic organisations. They need to include: • at least three organisations in three different countries, two of which need to be located in a different EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country • above this minimum, the participation of organisations from any country is possible • the consortium must include participating organisations from both academic and non-academic sectors • participation of organisations from non-associated third countries is strongly encouraged Individual staff members are selected by their sending organisations to take part in the planned exchanges. Full information: MSCA website, Work Programme and Call Documents.
MSCA COFUND HORIZON-MSCA-2027 COFUND-01: **MSCA COFUND 2027** **Deadline: 6 Apr 2027**	**Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes for training and career development.** COFUND promotes sustainable training and international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility. **The call is open to all areas of Research and Innovation.** There are two types of COFUND: • **Doctoral Programmes**: offer research training activities to allow doctoral candidates to develop and broaden their skills and competences. They will lead to the award of a doctoral degree. • **Postdoctoral Programmes:** fund individual advanced research training and career development fellowships for postdoctoral researchers. **Please note that the 2027 call only covers the Doctoral type of COFUND.** **Who can apply**: A single legal entity in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country. Additional partners can be included in the project. The types of organisations COFUND may work with include: government entities; regional authorities; funding agencies; universities; research organisations; and enterprises. **Candidates wishing to apply for PhD and postdoctoral positions under COFUND** should apply to funded COFUND projects by consulting their

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	open vacancies advertised internationally, including on the EURAXESS portal. Full information: MSCA website, Work Programme and Call Documents.
MSCA Choose Europe for Science HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-02: **MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2027** **Deadline: 6 Apr 2027**	**The MSCA Choose Europe for Science action aims to:** • **increase the attractiveness of European research careers by addressing the issue of precarity.** • **offer excellent working conditions, turning the current challenge of brain drain in the research and innovation sector into brain gain.** **The action supports projects in which academic and non-academic organisations recruit postdoctoral researchers, with a view to offering longer-term employment beyond the project period. The call is open to all areas of Research and Innovation.** The main novelty of the initiative is that organisations will be selected also based on their offers of longer-term professional perspectives. **Who can apply:** A single legal entity in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country applies and is responsible for recruiting the researchers. Additional associated partners can be included in the project. Projects should recruit at least 3 researchers for up to 5 years, with MSCA co-funding 2 to 3 years and the institutions providing the funding (with internal or external funds) for an additional 2 years. **If you are a researcher looking for a position funded by MSCA Choose Europe for Science projects**, keep an eye on the list of vacancies published on EURAXESS where projects are expected to start publishing positions from the second half of 2026. Full information: MSCA website, Work Programme and Call Documents.
MSCA and Citizens HORIZON-MSCA-2027-CITIZENS-01: **MSCA and Citizens 2027** **Deadline: 8 Jun 2027**	**Bringing research and researchers closer to the public at large, with a focus notably on families, pupils and students.** It does so through the organisation of the **European Researchers' Night,** a research communication and promotion event taking place across EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries which aims to: • contribute to promoting excellence research projects across Europe and beyond • increase awareness among the general public of the importance and benefits of research and innovation and showcase its concrete impact on citizens' daily life • heighten young people's interest in science and research careers Every year on the last Friday of September, the European Researchers' Night makes science accessible to all through activities which combine education with entertainment, such as exhibitions, hands-on experiments, science shows, games, competitions, quizzes and more. Since 2022, the European Researchers' Night also promotes **Researchers at Schools** activities throughout the year by bringing top researchers to schools.

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	The European Researchers' Night attracted more than 1.3 million visitors in 2022. **Who can apply:** either one single beneficiary or several organisations constituting a partnership at regional, national or international level. Legal entities eligible for EU funding (i.e. for being beneficiaries) are those established in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. Typical profiles of participating organisations include: research organisations (public/private); companies; public authorities; science museums; foundations and media organisations. Full information: MSCA website, Work Programme and Call Documents.

PILLAR I - RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES (RI)

Research Infrastructures Overview:
Research Infrastructures (RI) are facilities, resources and services that allow researchers and innovators to conduct ground-breaking research. They include research laboratories, scientific instrumentation and technologies, data resources, computational tools, and communication networks. Research infrastructures are open and accessible to the best researchers from Europe and beyond to foster ground-breaking innovation for the benefit citizens and society.

The 2026-2027 Research Infrastructures (RI) Work Programme has 5 destinations (subareas):

- Destination: INFRADEV - Consolidation and evolution of the European Research Infrastructure landscape (2026-27)
- Destination: INFRAEOSC - Enabling an operational, open and FAIR EOSC ecosystem (2026-27)
- Destination: INFRASERV - Research infrastructures services to support a **healthier future**, a global climate and energy vision, a circular and resilient economy, and to advance frontier knowledge (2026-27)
- Destination INFRATECH - Next generation of scientific instrumentation, tools, methods, and advanced digital solutions of research infrastructures and fostering innovation and co-creation with industry (2026-27)
- Destination: INFRANET – Network connectivity in research and education - enabling collaboration without boundaries (although there are no call topics under this destination in the 2026-2027 Work Programme).

There are two main types of funding opportunities in the Research Infrastructures Work Programme:

- **curiosity driven** - where the call topic is open to **all research fields** or
- **challenge driven** - where the call topic is open to certain research and innovation fields (for example **health**), which sometimes also relate to the development of new or customised services, to better serve interdisciplinary approaches.

Funding calls in the RI Work Programme typically require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

The RI call topics which are open to all fields or (may) have specific health related aspects are listed in the tables below. Whilst we have done our best to include call topics related to health in our sections on each destination below, please see the 2026-2027 Research Infrastructures (RI) Work Programme for full information on the funding opportunities available.

If you decide to apply to a call under the 2026-2027 Horizon Europe RI Work Programme, please note the section on "Special Features for Research Infrastructure" on page 116 of the Work Programme about trans-

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national and/or virtual access activities.

Please note that many of the Research Infrastructures call topics require specific organisation types to be beneficiaries in the grant application, such as ESFRI Landmarks and projects (ESFRI is the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures), ERICs (European Research Infrastructure Consortiums) or other research infrastructures that are international European research organisations - this has to been considered at the point of consortium formation.

The 2026-2027 Research Infrastructures Work Programme is the last Research Infrastructures Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme (2021-2027).

Useful Research Infrastructure links:

- European Research Executive Agency (EREA) Website on Horizon Europe Research Infrastructures
- European Commission Website on Research Infrastructures
- Subscribe to the European Commission's Research Infrastructures Newsletter
- Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Research Infrastructures (RI) Work Programme
- There is likely to be a Europe Commission Infoday on the 2027 Research Infrastructures calls.
- Research Infrastructures National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage).
- Guide on How to leverage health-relevant European Research Infrastructures in a proposal
- The RICH project brings together RI NCPs in different countries and their website contains useful information and training materials related to the RI part of Horizon Europe, for example on projects, transnational access opportunities, policy issues, stakeholders, national and regional initiatives on RIs, news and more.
- Not specifically related to the 2026-27 Horizon RI Work Programme, but also of potential interest: **Research Infrastructures with Horizon funding to allow transnational/virtual access**. For each project, a short description of the transnational/virtual activities is given as well as the deadline. The opportunities can be filtered by scientific domain and type of access (transnational or virtual), and some of them are **health related.**
- European Research Infrastructure Consortiums (ERICs): there is a list of active ERICs available. Those on **health research** and innovation are listed below. **The costs for using these RIs is often an eligible cost within a Horizon Europe proposal across most of Horizon Europe and can improve an application, including its impact.** ERICs are also explicitly mentioned in some of the call topics under the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 RI Work Programme.
    - **BBMRI, the pan-European Biobanking and Biomolecular Resources Research Infrastructure**, improves the accessibility and interoperability of existing comprehensive collections of biological samples from different (sub)populations of Europe.
    - **CERIC ERIC**, the Central European Research Infrastructure Consortium integrating and providing open access to some of the most advanced analytical facilities in Europe to help science and industry advance in all fields of materials, **biomaterials** and nanotechnology, with a focus on energy materials and **life sciences**.
    - **EATRIS-ERIC, the European Infrastructure for translational medicine**, will accelerate the development process for drugs and diagnostics with an unmet medical need and raise the quality of life for Europeans.
    - **ECRIN-ERIC, the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network is a non-profit organisation to develop and implement multinational clinical trials in Europe**. ECRIN-ERIC provides services to multinational clinical research, in any medical field and for any category of clinical research to strengthen the capacity of the EU to explore the determinants of diseases and optimise the use of diagnostics, prevention and treatment strategies. It includes freely accessible tools to facilitate research.
    - **EU-OPENSCREEN, the European Infrastructure of Open Screening Platforms for Chemical Biology**, which includes services for **Medicinal Chemistry**.

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  - **Euro-Bioimaging ERIC, the European landmark research infrastructure for biological and biomedical imaging**. Life scientists can access imaging instruments, expertise, training opportunities and data management services that they might not find at their home institutions or among their collaboration partners. All scientists, regardless of their affiliation, area of expertise or field of activity can benefit from these pan-European open access services.
  - **INFRAFRONTIER ERIC, the European RI for Modelling Human Diseases, including the generation, phenotyping, archiving and distribution of in vivo/in vitro model systems and related data.** The website has info on services and training available.
  - **INSTRUCT ERIC, a pan-European distributed research infrastructure making high-end technologies and methods in structural biology available to users.** It provides open access to cutting edge structural biology, specifically supporting research that uses integrated approaches and technologies. Through its specialist research centres in Europe, it offers funded research visits, training, internships and R&D awards. See the INSTRUCT-ERIC catalogue of services.
  - **MIRRI, the Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure, a pan-European Research Infrastructure for making microbial science and innovation happen, including in the Health Domain.** Offers access to a wide array of harmonised, high-quality microbial resources, data, and services in full legal compliance
  - **SHARE-ERIC, the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE),** is a research infrastructure for studying the effects of **health**, social, economic and environmental policies over the life-course of European citizens and beyond**.** is a multidisciplinary and cross-national panel database of micro data on health, socio-economic status and social and family networks of about 140,000 people aged 50+ (~380,000 interviews) across 28 European countries and Israel.
- The HNN3.0 network of Health NCPs have created a guide on how to leverage European Research Infrastructures in a proposal. The aim of this guide is to help applicants to Horizon Europe calls (for example calls under Cluster 1 Health and the Cancer Mission) better understand how they can engage with Research Infrastructures and to give an overview of the Research Infrastructures in the health domain. It also includes information on some extra infrastructure not listed above, such as:
  - **ELIXIR** is the **distributed infrastructure for life-science data and bioinformatics**. It coordinates and develops life science resources across Europe so that researchers can more easily find, analyse and share data, exchange expertise, and implement best practices.
  - **EIRENE (European InfrastRucturE for humaN Exposome)** on the **human exposome and the environmental determinants of health**. It is a distributed infrastructure intended to support large-scale interdisciplinary research on how indoor and outdoor environmental factors, lifestyle, socio-economic conditions, and other stressors shape health.
  - **EBRAINS**, Europe's digital infrastructure for **brain research** provides data, tools and services for brain-related research – from the molecular and cellular levels to the whole organ.
  - **EU-IBISBA**, a pan-European RI dedicated to industrial **biotechnology**.
- The **European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)** is a strategic instrument to develop the scientific integration of Europe and to strengthen its international outreach. ESFRI is mentioned in some places in the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 RIs Work Programme. ESFRI publishes a list of critical European RIs, classified as landmarks or projects (ERICs are included on the ESFRI list among other organisations). Also, ESFRI prepares roadmaps for RIs (new and major upgrades, pan-European interest) for the next 10-20 years, stimulates the implementation of these facilities, and updates the roadmap as needed. The new edition of ESFRI roadmap is expected to be published in 2026.

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Destination: INFRADEV - Consolidation and evolution of the European Research Infrastructure landscape (2026-2027)

This destination aims to develop an integrated European ecosystem of research infrastructures, including single-sited facilities, distributed facilities and networks of facilities providing joint services.

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-DEV-01-02: **Consolidation of the research infrastructure landscape – development of complementarities, synergies and/or integration between a set of pan-European research infrastructures** **RIA. Deadline: 15 Jun 2027**	**Eligibility:** "must include at least one… ESFRI Landmarks or ERIC as beneficiaries." **Scope:** **"**consolidation and improved functioning of the EU RI landscape through the support to the development of complementarities, synergies and/**or integration between a set (two or more) of ESFRI Landmarks and/or other European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERICs)** or, if duly justified, between one ESFRI Landmark or ERIC and other European research infrastructures of European interest"
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-DEV-01-03: **Consolidation of the research infrastructure landscape – individual support for evolution, long-term sustainability and emerging needs of pan-European research infrastructures** **RIA. Deadline: 15 Jun 2027**	**Eligibility:** "must include at least one… ESFRI Landmarks or ERIC as beneficiaries." **Scope:** "consolidation of the EU research infrastructures landscape through the support, together with the countries that are members of the research infrastructures, to the **strengthening, long-term sustainability, reorientation or evolution of ESFRI Landmarks or European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERICs)**."

Destination: INFRAEOSC - Enabling an operational, open and FAIR EOSC ecosystem (2026-2027)

This destination contributes to a web of FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) research data and provide a trusted and secure federated system of research data and services (EOSC Federation) for researchers in the EU and Associated Countries to store, share, process and reuse within and across disciplines and borders FAIR research outputs and tools for research, innovation and educational purposes.

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC-01: **Expanding and deepening the EOSC Federation (EOSC Partnership)** **COFUND. Deadline: 15 Jun 2027**	**Scope:** "The aim of the topic is to set up an **EOSC Federation-wide mechanism that enables multiple organisations to seamlessly offer such digital services**, and to support the sustained provision of these services to EOSC users. It also aims to **enlarge the EOSC Federation by supporting the expansion of Nodes as gateways** through which multiple organisations can offer their resources, such as data and services, to EOSC users."
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC-02: **Strengthening the potential of the EOSC for knowledge valorisation and industry-academia collaboration (EOSC Partnership)**	**Scope:** **"**This topic aims to support increasing and exploiting the potential of EOSC as a driver of innovation and a platform for researchers to **develop new technologies and solutions that can be brought to the market."**

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CSA. Deadline: 15 Jun 2027	

Destination INFRASERV - Research infrastructures services to support a **healthier future**, a global climate and energy vision, a circular and resilient economy, and to advance frontier knowledge (2026-27)

This destination supports transnational access to state-of-the-art facilities for researchers and innovators, relevant for a large research domain or in support of societal challenge and EU priorities, **including Health.** If you apply for a call topic in this destination, please also see the extra info on pages 116-118 of the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Research Infrastructures (RI) Work Programme.

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01-01: **Access to research infrastructures, their resources and services: large-scale pilots for more integrated scheme across (sub)domains** **RIA. Deadline: 15 Jun 2027**	**Eligibility conditions** "legal entities established in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, India, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, and USA, which provide, under the grant, access to their state-of-the-art research infrastructures to researchers from Member States and Associated Countries, are exceptionally eligible for funding" **Scope:** "aims at testing 'access programme like' projects **providing trans-national access (on-site or remote) and/or virtual access to integrated and customised research infrastructure installations and services for excellent research**, from frontier and curiosity driven to applied research, offered by a wide range of complementary and interdisciplinary research infrastructures with experience in transnational access. … Proposals are expected to address one of the **following areas, based on 'ESFRI scientific domains**, and must explicitly state which area they address: Area 1…: **Physical Sciences and Engineering; Data, Computing and Digital Research Infrastructures** Area 2…: **Health & Food; Social Sciences and Humanities** Area 3…: covering the following domains: **Environment; Energy**. Proposals should make available to researchers and innovators **a wide, inclusive and comprehensive portfolio of complementary research infrastructure services of European interest**, including data services. Proposals should include **at least two ESFRI Landmark and/or European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC)** as beneficiary."
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01-02: **Access to research infrastructure services to enable R&I addressing EU priorities and emerging challenges** **RIA. Deadline: 15 Jun 2027**	**Eligibility conditions:** "legal entities established in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, India, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, and USA, which provide, under the grant, access to their state-of-the-art research infrastructures to researchers from Member States and Associated Countries, are exceptionally eligible for funding" **Scope:** "…**providing trans-national access (on-site or remote) and/or virtual access to integrated and customised research infrastructure services for challenge-driven research and innovation** in each of the areas listed below… Proposals should include at least one **ESFRI Landmark or European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC)** as beneficiary.

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	Area 1: Advancing cancer research through integrated biomedical infrastructures Actions should **bring together several complementary and interdisciplinary key research infrastructures relevant for supporting the full cancer research lifecycle, facilitating the development of innovative treatments, including immunotherapies and personalized medicine. Services should include advanced imaging, genomics, and proteomics platforms, as well as clinical trials management, addressing cancer heterogeneity and epigenetics.** **Proposals should integrate and enable the reuse and sharing of data, samples, and services, and promote the use of artificial intelligence and digital technologies to analyse large datasets and develop predictive models of cancer biology and treatments.** Appropriate links and complementarities will be ensured with **the HE Mission on cancer, EU4Health,** and other key European and international initiatives… **Area 2: Sustainable and resilient agrifood systems and agroecological transitions contributing to EU policies with a One Health approach and fostering EU competitiveness** Actions should **bring together complementary key research infrastructures for enhancing R&I in sustainable agrifood systems and agroecological transitions, consistent with the One Health approach and supporting relevant EU policies and competitiveness. Proposals should encourage big data approaches by promoting trans-national access to similar or complementary genetic resources across several installations,** adhering to FAIR principles, developing and applying AI and statistical applications and techniques…"
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01-03: Connecting research infrastructures and a wider user community across the European Research Area through access to advanced research infrastructure services **RIA. Deadline: 15 Jun 2027**	**Eligibility:** "must include at least two… ESFRI Landmarks or ERIC as beneficiaries." **Scope:** "… **The proposed action should provide trans-national access (on-site or remote) and/or virtual access to services offered by a set of similar or complementary advanced national or pan-European research infrastructures**, to enable curiosity-driven excellent interdisciplinary research."

Destination INFRATECH - Next generation of scientific instrumentation, tools, methods, and advanced digital solutions of research infrastructures and fostering innovation and co-creation with industry (2026-27)

This destination supports research infrastructure needs for technology development to maintain and upgrade their services and to create new ones, and to support the Destination Earth initiative.

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-TECH-01-01: Testing and optimising models of co-creation of advanced	**Eligibility criteria:** "consortia must include at least two different research infrastructures as beneficiaries, each of them being an ESFRI infrastructure, and/or a

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research infrastructure technologies **RIA. Deadline: 15 Jun 2027**	European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) or another research infrastructure that is an international European research organisation" **Scope:** "The topic focuses on **supporting research infrastructures in developing and implementing innovative technologies and solutions improving the performance of their scientific services**, while fostering cooperation with other research organisations, industry, and start-ups and scaleups to maximise the spillover effects of new RI technologies. Proposals should address all of the following aspects: • **Co-creation of advanced technologies that address research infrastructures needs**, considering resource efficiency and environmental impacts as well as technological sovereignty. • Development of partnerships and **collaborations between research infrastructures and different types of research performing organisations including industry**, to co-create technological solutions and promote their uptake and exploitation outside of the science market. • **Shared understanding of the commercial potential of innovative technologies, and support from RI technology transfer teams as early as necessary**."
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-TECH-01-02: Pioneering Destination Earth for a Sustainable Future: Large-Scale Pilots and Demonstrators **RIA. Deadline: 15 Jun 2027**	**Eligibility criteria:** "Beneficiaries must make use of the European Commission's Destination Earth system." **Expected Outcome:** "• Actionable and widely tested research-to-action **pilot solutions in addressing complex cross-sectoral problems caused and/or exacerbated by climate change in key socio environmental and socio-economic sectors**. • **Innovative use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by further development of the data lab infrastructure around Destination Earth** in line with the AI continent Action Plan. • Multi-country approach with real end user engagement…" **Scope:** "large-scale pilots and demonstrators to enable researchers, expert and non-expert users, including decision-makers, to experiment with and through the existing Destination Earth system and harness it to widespread cross-societal use through new innovative methods, practices, tools and services. It will also leverage on the recent AI Continent Action Plan…, linking to the corresponding Common European Data Spaces and making this data available to AI developers and ensuring their access to large volumes of high-quality data."

PILLAR II (GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS)

PILLAR II - OVERVIEW

Horizon Europe Pillar II is Global Challenges and Industrial Competitiveness.

Pillar II consists of six "Clusters":

- **Cluster 1 – Health**
- Cluster 2 – Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

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- Cluster 3 – Civil Security for Society
- Cluster 4 – Digital, Industry and Space
- Cluster 5 – Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Cluster 6 – Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

There are also five 'Missions' in Pillar II (listed below), as well as the New European Bauhaus Facility (NEB).

- Adaptation to Climate Change
- **Cancer**
- Restore our Ocean and Waters
- Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities
- Soil Deal for Europe

There is also a **Joint Call between Cities and Cancer Missions**.

Pillar II also contains the New European Bauhaus (NEB).

There are many **health-related funding opportunities** across Pillar II, and these are detailed in this document.

Nearly all call topics in Pillar II are **challenge driven** where the European Commission specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

Funding calls in Pillar II also nearly always require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

PILLAR II - CLUSTER 1: HEALTH

The aims of this cluster include improving and protecting the health and well-being of citizens of all ages by generating new knowledge, developing innovative solutions and integrating where relevant a gender perspective to prevent, diagnose, monitor, treat and cure diseases.

Further aims include developing health technologies, mitigating health risks, protecting populations and promoting good health and well-being in general and at work.

Finally, this cluster also aims to make public health systems more cost-effective, equitable and sustainable, prevent and tackle poverty-related diseases and support and enable patients' participation and self-management.

The Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Health (Cluster 1) has 6 destinations (subareas):

- Destination 1 - **Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society**
- Destination 2 - **Living and working in a health-promoting environment**
- Destination 3 - **Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden**
- Destination 4 - **Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare**
- Destination 5 - **Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society**
- Destination 6 - **Maintaining an innovative, sustainable, and competitive EU health industry**

These destinations contain call topics which are **challenge driven** where the European Commission specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

Funding calls in the Cluster 1 Work Programme nearly always require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

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Useful Cluster 1 links:

- Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Health Work Programme (Cluster 1)
- European Commission Infoday on the 2027 call topics in the 2026-2027 Health Work Programme
- Cluster Health Horizon Europe Brokerage Event 2027 on 24-25 November 2027 (recordings of the pitching session will be published and the Brokerage Platform (which is the main EC/NCP/EEN platform) will open for long-term matchmaking after the event and until the call deadlines.
- Brokerage event on 28 September which covered some of the Cancer Mission Call topics (from the 2027 Horizon Europe Missions Work Programme) and Cluster 1 Health Call topics (from the 2027 Horizon Europe Health Work Programme). Info on organisations seeking partner is still online.
- Brokerage Event - Interdisciplinary Pathways towards Green Transition & Resilient Societies, 1 Dec 2026 organised by NET4Society – this covers 2 of the Cluster Health call topics where collaboration with Social Sciences and Humanities is key to success:
    - HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH-02: Integrating climate-related exposures into the human exposome and characterising its changes in response to climate change (RIA)
    - HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH-MISSCLIMA-03: Tools and technologies to support health adaptation to climate change (PCP)
- European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HADEA) Website on Cluster 1
- European Commission Website on Cluster 1
- Cluster 1 National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage)
- The HNN 3.0 project facilitates the transnational cooperation between Cluster 1 NCPs. It provides documents and information that are useful both to NCPs and to researchers and innovators interested in funding. For example, you can sign up for the HNN Newsletter (near the bottom of this page) and the website also contains useful tools. **This document is produced by HNN 3.0.**
- The HNN3.0 network of Health NCPs have created a guide on how to leverage European Research Infrastructures in a proposal. The aim of this guide is to help applicants to Horizon Europe calls (for example calls under Cluster 1 Health and the Cancer Mission) better understand how they can engage with Research Infrastructures and to give an overview of the Research Infrastructures in the health domain.
- Strategy for European Life Sciences to position Europe as the world's most attractive place for life sciences by 2030.

Destination - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society

Topic
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-STAYHLTH-01: **Addressing disabilities through the life course to support independent living and inclusion** (See page 36 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 17 Feb 2027**

Destination - Living and working in a health-promoting environment

Topic
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH-02: **Integrating climate-related exposures into the human exposome and characterising its changes in response to climate change** (See page 54 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 17 Feb 2027**

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HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH-MISSCLIMA-03: **Tools and technologies to support health adaptation to climate change** (See page 59 of the Work Programme for further details) **PCP. Deadline: 17 Feb 2027**

Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden

Topic
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE-01-two-stage: **Innovative healthcare interventions for non-communicable diseases** (See page 99 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline (first stage): 17 Feb 2027**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-05: **Development of novel small molecule antiviral therapeutics for pathogens with epidemic potential** (See page 104 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 17 Feb 2027**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-06: **Development of monoclonal antibodies to prevent and treat infections from Flaviviruses** (See page 107 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 17 Feb 2027**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-07: **Development of monoclonal antibodies to prevent and treat infections from Filo-, Nairo-, Phenui-, Picorna- and Toga viruses** (See page 110 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 17 Feb 2027**.
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-08: **Development of innovative antimicrobials against pathogens resistant to antimicrobials** (See page 113 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 17 Feb 2027**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-10: **Prevention and management of chronic non-communicable diseases in children and young people (GACD)** (See page 116 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 17 Feb 2027**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE-14-two-stage: **Clinical trials for advancing innovative interventions for neurodegenerative diseases** (See page 121 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline (first stage): 17 Feb 2027**

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Destination - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare

Topic
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-CARE-02: **Personalised approaches to reduce risks from Adverse Drug Reactions due to administration of multiple medications** (See page 140 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 17 Feb 2027**

Destination - Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society

Topic
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-TOOL-01-two-stage: **Development of predictive biomarkers of disease progression and treatment response by using AI methodologies for chronic non-communicable diseases** (See page 162 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline (first stage): 17 Feb 2027**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-02: **Advancing bio-printing of living cells for regenerative medicine** (See page 166 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 16 Sept 2027**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-04: **Virtual Human Twins (VHTs) for integrated clinical decision support in prevention and diagnosis** (See page 169 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 16 Sept 2027**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-08: **Towards the next generation of frontier Artificial Intelligence models for healthcare** (See page 173 of the Work Programme for further details) **CSA. Deadline: 16 Sept 2027**

Destination - Maintaining an innovative, sustainable, and competitive EU health industry

Topic
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-IND-01: **Development of cell-free protein synthesis platforms for discovery and/or production of biologicals** (See page 184 of the Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 17 Feb 2027**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-IND-02-two-stage: **Portable and versatile Point-of-care diagnostics** (See page 187 of the Work Programme for further details) **IA. Deadline (first stage): 17 Feb 2027**

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PILLAR II - CLUSTER 2: CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

Cluster 2 Overview:

This cluster aims to strengthen European democratic values, including rule of law and fundamental rights, safeguarding our cultural heritage, and promoting socio-economic transformations that contribute to inclusion and growth.

The Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society (Cluster 2) has 3 destinations (subareas):

- Destination 1: Innovative Research on Democracy and Governance
- Destination 2: Innovative Research on European Cultural Heritage and Cultural and Creative Industries
- Destination 3: Innovative Research on Social and Economic Transformations

These destinations contain call topics which are **challenge driven** where the European Commission specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

There are call topics that relate to health and we have included further information below. Whilst we have done our best to include call topics related to health in the sections on each destination below, please see the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society (Cluster 2) for full information on the funding opportunities available.

Funding calls in the Cluster 2 Work Programme nearly always require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

The 2026-2027 Work Programme for Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society is the last such Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme (2021-2027).

Useful Cluster 2 links:

- Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society (Cluster 2)
- There is likely to be a Europe Commission Infoday on the 2027 Calls in the Cluster 2 Work Programme - which will be listed on the webpage with all European Commission Horizon Europe Infodays.
- Horizon Europe Cluster 2 Brokerage Platform (open all year around)
- Net4Society Brokerage Event - Interdisciplinary Pathways towards Green Transition & Resilient Societies, 1 Dec 2026 organised by NET4Society – various call topics across Horizon Europe where collaboration with Social Sciences and Humanities is key to success including “HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-01: Impact of access to nature-positive environments in promoting social cohesion and reducing inequalities in urban and peri-urban settings (RIA)”
- European Research Executive Agency (REA) Website on Cluster 2 and Newsletter signup
- European Commission Website on Cluster 2
- Cluster 2 National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage)
- The Net4Society project facilitates the transnational cooperation between Cluster 2 NCPs. It provides documents and information that are useful both to NCPs and to researchers and innovators interested in funding. For example, on the you can sign up for the Net4Society newsletter and the website also contains a calendar, events, and services including tools and partner search.

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Destination: Innovative Research on Democracy and Governance

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-02: **Women's, LGBTIQ and minority rights in a context of autocracy, conflict and geopolitical shifts** **RIA. Deadline: 23 Sept 2027**	**Scope:** "Particular attention should be given to the restricted access to sexual and **reproductive health rights** during crises, armed conflicts, and geopolitical shifts, as well as the prevalence of gender-based violence (GBV)."

Destination: Innovative Research on European Cultural Heritage and Cultural and Creative Industries

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-03: **Crafting routes to a circular economy** **RIA. Deadline: 23 Sept 2027**	**Scope:** "Focus 2 Evaluating adaptive reuse of built cultural heritage... Cultural heritage buildings are vital for their historical and cultural significance, embodying the identity of local communities. At the same time, the built environment is a major driver of material demand, with significant economic, environmental and **wellbeing impacts**."
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-04: **Culture, heritage and creative industries for health and well-being** **RIA. Deadline: 23 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Key industrial, **health**, cultural, educational and/or civil society actors are aware of validated systemic approaches to make cultural experiences improve **health and wellbeing** and are engaged in producing or supporting such cultural experiences" **Scope:** "... Arts and culture-based experiences as a societal support kit, in situations of crises or other circumstances where **health or well-being** is under threat. Decision-makers could thus benefit from a set of validated practices that help support **wellbeing** among the population in such situations... Competitive European cultural and creative sectors and industries systematically contribute to improve **health and well-being**"

Destination: Innovative Research on Social and Economic Transformations

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-01: **Impact of access to nature-positive environments in promoting social cohesion and reducing inequalities in urban and periurban settings** **RIA. Deadline: 23 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Policymakers and civil society organisations will have robust evidence on whether inclusive management of (peri-)urban environmental commons fosters climate and societal resilience, social inclusion, **wellbeing** and community participation, and whether lack of access to biodiverse green and/or blue spaces exacerbates existing social inequalities (e.g. poverty, marginalisation, and low community wellbeing among vulnerable groups) and people's sense of inequality and insecurity." **Scope:** "Research to date has largely focused on the benefits of nature on individuals (e.g., **improved health, reduced stress**), while more and up-to-date knowledge is needed on their effects at a societal level and across cultural, geographical and socioeconomic contexts as well as the range of functional needs of different groups."

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HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-02: **Impact of in-kind benefits on income distribution and on vulnerable populations** **RIA. Deadline: 23 Sept 2027**	**Scope:** "In-kind benefits refer to non-cash goods and services provided to individuals or households, typically by the government (national, regional and/or local), to support their **well-being** or fulfil basic needs. Unlike cash transfers, which can be spent at the recipient's discretion, in-kind benefits ensure that resources are used for specific purposes for free or at a subsidised cost (e.g. food banks, social housing, **health** and long-term care services, childcare, schooling, sport infrastructure, public transport)."
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-03: **Rethinking sustainable competitiveness beyond traditional perspectives: role and contribution of the Social Economy** **RIA. Deadline: 23 Sept 2027**	**Scope:** "There is still a persistent knowledge gap in the literature when it comes to appreciate the multifaceted contribution social economy actors make in shaping and advancing economic competitiveness within and across the EU society and its impact on **inclusive wellbeing** and the environment."
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-04: **The impact of EU labour mobility on the Member States of the EU** **RIA. Deadline: 23 Sept 2027**	**Scope:** "Projects should analyse the effects of labour mobility on the functioning of social security systems (eventually differentiating between the different pillars of the social security systems, e.g. pension system, **health**, care, etc.) in countries of origin and destination and their coordination and/or provide research which fosters an informed debate on potential strategies for a future-proof and efficient EU-level social security coordination."
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-05: **The effective use of artificial intelligence in learning environments in pre-primary and primary education** **RIA. Deadline: 23 Sept 2027**	**Scope:** "What ethical considerations and potential risks, including in relation to **wellbeing**, should be taken into account when using AI in education to support teachers and students?"
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-07: **Persons with disabilities: opportunities for labour inclusion and social protection through the life course** **RIA. Deadline: 23 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Deliver scalable and replicable inclusive **person-centred interventions** addressing the situation of persons with disabilities in relation to the labour market in a manner that they are transferable to the new contexts of work, studying and comparing their impacts."
HORIZON-CL2-2027-02-TRANSFO-09-two-stage: **Improving socio-economic outcomes for persons with dementia and informal caregivers** **RIA. Deadline: 4 May 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "**Persons with dementia** experience improved social, mental and socio-economic outcomes through the development and implementation of person-centred interventions that enhance autonomy, inclusion, and quality of life. **Informal caregivers** benefit from reduced emotional, financial, and physical burden thanks to evidence-based support measures, policies, and services that improve their well-being and economic resilience. Support networks, **long-term care and healthcare systems** provide more integrated and accessible care for **people with dementia and their caregivers** through strengthened coordination between healthcare providers, long-term care and social services, and community organisations.

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	Researchers (including from SSH disciplines) and policymakers have access to improved, **gender-sensitive data on dementia care** to inform policies (in particular national strategies and EU aging policy), optimise resource allocation, and enhance the effectiveness of care models.”

PILLAR II - CLUSTER 3: CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

Cluster 3 Overview:

This cluster responds to the challenges arising from persistent security threats, including cybercrime, as well as natural and man-made disasters.

The cluster builds on lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of prevention, mitigation, preparedness and capacity building for crises (including health crises) and in improving cross-sectoral aspects of such crises.

The introduction section of the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Civil Security for Society (Cluster 3) mentions on page 8 “*Protecting and empowering disadvantaged groups or in a vulnerable situation*. A range of groups are disproportionately exposed to violence and threats towards their security. These include, women, LGBTIQ people, ethnic, racial or religious minorities, persons with a migrant background, **persons with disabilities, persons living with chronic illnesses**, older people and children. The vulnerability of these groups is further exacerbated by factors such as insecure supply chains for **essential medicines** which can be disrupted by disasters or criminal activities.”

The Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Civil Security for Society (Cluster 3) has 6 destinations (subareas):

- Destination: Better protect the EU and its citizens against Crime and Terrorism
- Destination: Effective management of EU external borders
- Destination: Resilient Infrastructure
- Destination: Cybersecurity
- Destination: Disaster-Resilient Society for Europe
- Destination: Strengthened Security Research and Innovation

These destinations contain call topics which are **challenge driven** where the European Commission specifies the research and innovation project to be done, however within the Cluster 3 Work Programme some of the call topics are **open call topics** which are less prescriptive than in other Work Programmes in Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe. This is explained in more detail in the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Civil Security for Society, in the call text for each of the open topics.

There are call topics under some of the destinations that relate to **health,** as well as call topics that are more open where a **health aspect** could be included. Whilst we have done our best to include call topics related or open to health in the sections on each destination below, please see the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Civil Security for Society (Cluster 3) for full information on the funding opportunities available.

Funding calls in the Cluster 3 Work Programme nearly always require a consortium of organisations in different countries, as well as the involvement of practitioners and end users.

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Useful Cluster 3 links:

- Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Civil Security for Society (Cluster 3)
- There is likely to be a Europe Commission Infoday on the 2027 Calls in the Cluster 3 Work Programme - which will be listed on the webpage with all European Commission Horizon Europe Infodays.
- Security Research Map (SeReMa) which aims to be a focal point for all stakeholders who aim to be involved in projects submitted for calls of Horizon Europe's Cluster 3.
- European Research Executive Agency (EREA) Website on Cluster 3 and Newsletter signup
- European Commission Website on Cluster 3
- Cluster 3 National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage)
- The SEREN project facilitates the transnational cooperation between Cluster 3 NCPs. It provides documents and information that are useful both to NCPs and to researchers and innovators interested in Horizon Europe funding, as well as targeted support in areas such as proposal writing and consortium building.
- CERIS - Community for European Research and Innovation for Security
- Additional useful links:
    - European Preparedness Union Strategy
    - EU Adaptation Strategy
    - EU Cyber Security
    - EU Disaster Resilience Goals
    - UN SENDAI Framework for Action
    - ProtectEU
    - Counter-Terrorism Agenda

Destination: Better protect the EU and its citizens against Crime and Terrorism

Research and innovation funded under this Destination will contribute to a range of policy objectives including EU Regulation (2022/2371) on **serious cross-border threats to health.**

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-FCT-02: **Community policing in diverse societies in Europe** **IA. Deadline: 4 Nov 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "**Modern and effective training curricula for Police** Authorities in Europe are developed on community policing in diverse societies, including post-conflict zones, and addressing the needs of individuals from various social, ethnic and religious backgrounds, as well as marginalized groups such as **migrants, LGBTIQ people, persons with disabilities, or returnees from war.**" **Scope:** ''Proposals should explore innovative and inclusive approaches in police education, training and management that go beyond traditional models, resulting in an effective engagement with a diversifying society''.
HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-FCT-05: **Effective and evidence-based responses to the increased availability and use of synthetic drugs and stimulants in Europe** **IA. Deadline: 4 Nov 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Evidence base is improved for **effective prevention, treatment and harm reduction of synthetic drugs and stimulants in Europe**." **Scope:** This call topic acknowledges that ''there is also a lack of **pharmacological data for the emerging drugs**, needed to do proper risk assessments and interventions of these drugs in Europe.'' Focus areas for funding should include '' strengthening the evidence base to inform **effective prevention strategies, treatment modalities, and harm reduction practices targeted at synthetic drugs and stimulants.**''

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Destination: Effective management of EU external borders

Although the introduction to the border management destination does not explicitly reference health, there is an indirect relevance as it states ''research and innovation under this Destination will focus on preserving and securing the basic right to feel secure and on protecting and **promoting fundamental rights** as a priority''.

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-BM-01: **Open topic on research and innovation for effective management of EU external borders that promotes fundamental rights and EU values** **RIA. Deadline: 4 Nov 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Improved border management solutions that protect and promote **fundamental rights** of both EU citizens and Third Country Nationals." **Scope:** ''Proposals should be convincing in explaining the methods they intend to use for demonstrating, testing and validating the proposed tools and solutions ensuring that the intersectional perspectives of diverse groups, including gender, sex, age, **disabilities,** race or ethnicity, sexual orientation and migrant status are integrated and considered.''
HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-BM-03: **Detection and characterisation of threats or illegal/ smuggled goods in cargo** **RIA. Deadline: 4 Nov 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Address accidental or intentional explosions, fires, noxious chemicals, material degradation, or autonomous threats in cargo" **Scope:** The call topic acknowledges that ''illegal trafficking can have an impact in the environment (such as biodiversity loss or deforestation) or for the EU citizens' safety and **health**.''

Destination: Resilient Infrastructure

The introduction to this destination states that proposals should contribute among others to developing new and upgraded systems that ''support the interoperability enabling **rapid response and recovery** from complex security incidents without significant human involvement, and situational awareness and information sharing functionalities are available, especially where **emergency responders'** intervention is required;'' The 2027 call topics do not however specifically mention health related aspects. If you think you might be interested in this destination, please refer to the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Civil Security for Society.

Destination: Increased Cybersecurity

Actions proposed under this destination are designed to reinforce the EU's ability to detect, prevent, and respond to cyber threats, including those targeting critical infrastructure. The 2027 call topics under this destination do not specifically mention health related aspects. However, if you think you might be interested in this destination, please refer to the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Civil Security for Society. Please note that the deadline for these calls is **15 September 2027.**

Destination: Disaster-Resilient Society for Europe

As one of the key objectives of this destination is '**supporting medical countermeasures against public health threats.**', there are multiple references to health within the introduction including;

'follow a multi-hazard approach, addressing disasters and threats of all kinds, including their cascading issues, climate-related or natural or human-made and geological hazards, industrial accidents**, pandemics …**

'provide the means for regional and/or local decision-makers and operational responders, i.e., first and second responders. A "second responder" is a worker who supports "first responders" such as police, fire, and **emergency medical personnel.**'

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'Strengthen resilience and enhancing protection strategies for **emergency services and healthcare workers** in case of disasters''

''Enhance preparedness for **optimised detection, prevention, response and control measures in case of** bioterrorism or **emerging diseases.''**

''Deploy innovative solutions in emergency situations including trusted communication channels, **emergency medical response, including triage of victims pre-hospital and clinical services, medical countermeasures, support equipment (e.g. detectors), as well as protection of first responders;…''**

''Enhance … responses to climate-related and geological disasters and emergency crises by different practitioner sectors (firefighters, **medical emergency services**, civil protection, police, NGOs);''

''Education and training aspects for **first and second responders** for different types of threats… and adapted to all types of **disability**...''

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-DRS-01: **Open Topic on advanced protective gear optimized for CBRN-E (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) environments and new generation of smart protective equipment for disaster responders** **IA. Deadline: 4 Nov 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Create innovative smart protective equipment for **disaster responders**" "Improvement of protective solutions to ensure the safety and effectiveness of **disaster responders** operating in hazardous and high-risk environments." **Scope:** ''Collaboration between research institutions, manufacturers, **and end-users** will be essential to ensure that the resulting products meet the **practical requirements of practitioners in the field.''**
HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-DRS-02: **Societal resilience, engagement of the younger generations and digital innovation for disaster resilience** **RIA. Deadline: 4 Nov 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Enhanced resilience and behaviour of children, young people, and other groups in a vulnerable situation before, during, and after climate-related disasters and health emergencies;" **Scope:** ''Particular attention should be given to the behaviour of **children, young people, and other groups in a vulnerable situation** before, during, and after climate-related disasters and **health emergencies.''**
HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-DRS-03: **Enhancing decision support system for disaster crises: leveraging emerging technologies for improved civil preparedness and crisis management IA** **IA. Deadline: 4 Nov 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Creation of systems designed to bolster civil preparedness, that enhance operational efficiency and response times, ensuring timely and effective **management of various disaster scenarios** including from early warning to early action" "Integration of advanced data analysis and decision-making tools to support authorities and **first responders** in disaster situations." **Scope:** "create systems that not only enhance operational efficiency and response times but also foster better **collaboration among stakeholders**, including local authorities, **emergency services**, and other relevant actors"
HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-DRS-04: **Enhancing preparedness for large-scale cross-border disasters** **IA. Deadline: 4 Nov 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Development of diverse crisis scenarios using VR/AR technology, providing immersive, practical training experiences for **emergency personnel, responders** and decision makers**"** **Scope:**

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	"The objective is to improve the readiness and response capabilities of **disaster responders and emergency management personnel** by providing immersive, technology-driven training experiences that replicate complex disaster scenarios."

Destination: Strengthened Security Research and Innovation

This destination's expected impact is to generate knowledge and value in cross-cutting matters in order to avoid sector-specific bias and break silos that impede the proliferation of common security solutions. It will also support innovation uptake and go-to-market strategies. While the destination does not specifically reference health, it does aim to **'meet the needs of practitioners across various disciplines'.** If you think you might be interested in this destination, please refer to the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Civil Security for Society.

PILLAR II - CLUSTER 4: DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

Cluster 4 Overview:

The overarching vision behind Cluster 4 is Europe shaping competitive and trusted technologies for a European industry with global leadership in key areas, enabling production and consumption to respect the boundaries of our planet, and maximising the benefits for all parts of society in the variety of social, economic and territorial contexts in Europe.

This will build a competitive, digital, low-carbon and circular industry, ensure sustainable supply of raw materials, develop advanced materials and provide the basis for advances and innovation in global challenges to society.

The Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Digital, Industry and Space (Cluster 4) has 5 destinations (subareas):

- Destination: Leadership in materials and production for Europe
- Destination: Developing an agile and secure single market and infrastructure for data-services and trustworthy artificial intelligence services
- Destination: Achieving open strategic autonomy in digital and emerging enabling technologies
- Destination: Open Strategic Autonomy in Developing, Deploying and Using Global Space-Based Infrastructure, Services, Applications and Data
- Destination: Digital and industrial technologies driving human-centric innovation

Most of these destinations contain call topics which are **challenge driven** where the European Commission specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

There are call topics that relate to health and we have included further information below. Whilst we have done our best to include call topics related to health in the sections on each destination below, please see the **2026-2027 Work Programme for Digital, Industry and Space** for full information on the funding opportunities available.

Funding calls in the Cluster 4 Work Programme nearly always require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

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Useful Cluster 4 links:

- Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Digital, Industry and Space (Cluster 4).
- European Commission Infoday on the 2027 deadlines under the Cluster 4 Work Programme (14-15 October 2026).
- Online matchmaking platform for the 'Digital' part of Cluster 4.
- Horizon Europe Industry 2027 Brokerage Event and online platform.
- European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA) Website on Horizon Europe including sections on Digital, on Industry and on Space
- European Commission Website on Cluster 4
- European Commission Newsletter on Industrial Research and Innovation
- Cluster 4 National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage)
- There are three projects that facilitate the transnational cooperation between Cluster 4 NCPs. They provide documents and information that are useful both to NCPs and to researchers and innovators interested in funding:
    - The Idealist2027 project is the Cluster 4 Digital NCP network, and their website includes information on events, news, and tools (such as a proposal check and topic tree).
    - The NCP4Industry Plus project which is the network of Cluster 4 Industry NCPs. Their website has news, information on events and tools.
    - The COSMOS4HE project is a project networking Space NCPs. Their website includes a newsletter sign-up, events and services including tips on partner searches and analysis tool.
- Main Partnerships:
    - AI, Data & Robotics Association (ADRA)
    - Photonics
    - Virtual Worlds

Destination: Leadership in materials and production for Europe

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-08: **Textile circularity through advanced processing and manufacturing technologies and system approaches (IA) (Textiles for the Future partnership)** **IA. Deadline: 2 Feb 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "A realistic pathway for an absolute reduction of the use of virgin fossil-based materials and chemicals used to produce textile products for the EU market by 2035, **contributing to enhance the preservation of human health**, biodiversity and ecosystems, whether aquatic or terrestrial ecosystem preservation and emission reduction" **Scope:** "Specific emphasis… on resulting final product quality, their durability and functionality to avoid negative user/consumer perception of products made with renewable materials and sustainable chemicals."
HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-47: **Pilot access schemes to Technology Infrastructures for European startups, scaleups and innovative SMEs (CSA)** **CSA. Deadline: 2 Feb 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "A sound understanding of the specific needs of industrial users (including but not limited to innovative SMEs, startups and scaleups) for Technology infrastructure services in specific priority areas including but not limited to … **health**…" **Scope:** "The action will develop and test pilot multi-site access schemes for startups, scaleups and other innovative SMEs, involving a critical mass of Technology Infrastructures operators and users in priority areas (including but not limited to … **health**…)"

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HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-16: Technologies for innovative processing of raw materials (IA) **IA. Deadline: 2 Feb 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "**Improved health, safety** and environmental performance of the operations throughout the whole life cycle that is considered, including a reduction in waste, wastewater and generation of emissions of air pollutants..." **Scope:** "Where relevant, any solution proposed for the reduction of the content of toxic elements or compounds in the resulting materials should also include the appropriate management of the hazardous substances removed."
HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-22: Innovative advanced materials and new production processes – reducing dependencies on Critical and Strategic Raw Materials (IA) (Innovative Advanced Materials for the EU and Processes4Planet partnerships) **IA. Deadline: 2 Feb 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "New or improved production processes, innovative advanced materials and products that are **safer and more sustainable**..." **Scope:** "Proposals should develop Innovative Advanced Materials (IAMs) or process technologies to replace or reduce the use of critical and strategic raw materials in strategic areas and sectors such as … **medical devices**…"

Destination: Developing an agile and secure single market and infrastructure for data services and trustworthy artificial intelligence services

In the Work Programme, the introduction to this destination mentions that "the convergence of the Telco-Edge-Cloud continuum (3C) with open orchestration platforms will unlock the transformative potential of AI across strategic sectors, from mobility and energy to **health** and manufacturing, fostering new services and business models. Building a sovereign Open Internet Stack, rooted in open source, interoperable and standard-based solutions, will reinforce trust, resilience and innovation, while ensuring Europe retains control over critical digital infrastructures."

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DATA-08: Demand-side 3C pilot demonstrators on converged Telco Edge Cloud Infrastructure **IA. Deadline: 18 Mar 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Demand-side driven validation of open orchestration platforms across the telco-cloud edge continuum unlocking notably the transformative value of AI for European businesses, driving business growth in **multiple industries strategic for Europe**." "Enabling the path towards sustainability and competitiveness of key vertical sectors in the EU, exploiting the innovative features of 3C/ telco-edge-cloud, including network features such as API (Application Program Interface) aggregation, slicing, automation, latency, security, ISAC (Integrated Sensing and Communication), reconfigurability, to significantly improve quality of service, resilience, sustainability and other performance parameters of digital communications." **Scope:** "Up to two pilot demonstrators on below listed specific verticals are expected: - One pilot demonstrator focusing on Mobility covering specific areas of transport, logistics and the Automotive industry… - One pilot demonstrator focusing on another vertical sector such as

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	energy, smart communities, industrial virtual worlds, **health**, agrifood or manufacturing."

Destination: Achieving open strategic autonomy in digital and emerging enabling technologies

In the Work Programme, the introduction to this destination states that "**Leadership in frontier technologies such as Artificial Intelligence,** Quantum, Photonics and Semiconductors is essential to Europe's economic security and global competitiveness… the EU will consolidate its world-class research ecosystem through initiatives like the RAISE network of AI science labs, the development of safe and efficient frontier AI models, and the deployment of next-generation AI agents and robotics in strategic sectors…" such as **health**.

Some (but possibly not all) call topics in this destination that may be of interest to those doing health research and innovation are:

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL4-2027-05-DIGITAL-EMERGING-03: **Advanced integrated photonic devices for extended features and ultra-low power consumption (Photonics Partnership)** **RIA. Deadline: 18 Mar 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Advanced integrated photonic devices and circuits with enhanced functionality and performance enabling wider application across multiple sectors including digital, automotive, industrial, **health** and security" "Significantly improved performance of electro-optic systems in applications such as communication, computing, sensing, **medical diagnostics**, data processing, AI supporting the introduction of photonic elements into such systems" **Scope:** "R&I should enhance the functionality, efficiency, and integration of photonic devices and circuits with a focus extended system performance"
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING-04: **Apply AI: Challenge-Driven AI Innovation Booster in Apply AI prioritised sectors (Partnership in AI, Data and Robotics)** **RIA. Deadline: 18 Mar 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "The Apply AI Strategy proposes a comprehensive set of measures to notably harness the transformative potential of AI. It lays down targeted measures to boost AI use in key strategic sectors of the EU economy including **healthcare**, mobility and manufacturing for example. With challenges designed to spark breakthroughs in such strategic sectors, the current topic will directly support key activities of the Apply AI Strategy. Project results are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: - Significant technological progress and innovation in Apply AI Strategy's prioritised sectors driven by challenge-oriented, AI-powered solutions. - Increase competitiveness and visibility of the relevant AI community within key application domains, and promote collaborative approaches for AI development in these domains, fostering the ecosystem. - Increase adoption of AI technologies across the following three key application domains: **healthcare**, advanced manufacturing (including AI-powered robotics) and in-vehicle autonomous driving." **Scope:** "The Challenge-Driven AI Innovation Booster aims to drive significant technological progress and innovation in Apply AI prioritised sectors through challenge-oriented, AI-powered solutions. This initiative seeks to boost Europe's developer community and the adoption of powerful, trustworthy AI solutions in three strategic domains such as: **- In healthcare - advanced AI will accelerate diagnostics and treatment plans, enhance robotic surgery, or improve patient care through predictive analytics**.

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	- **In advanced manufacturing** - advanced AI will optimize production processes, improve quality control and product design, or enable predictive maintenance."
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING-06: International cooperation in AI **IA. Deadline: 18 Mar 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "...one of the following outcomes: - **Faster uptake of tailored and enhanced AI solutions at innovation hubs in low- and middle-income countries** by training and optimising them with local data and applied research. - **Easier large-scale deployment of local AI solutions in low and middle-income countries** by increasing the efficiency of system demonstration in relevant, operational environments. - **Strengthened local innovation ecosystems that foster sustainable socio-economic impact by addressing key societal challenges in areas such as** education, **healthcare**, agriculture, and environmental sustainability." **Scope:** "System prototype, testing, validation, and demonstration in operational environment aligned to EU initiatives, such as the International Digital Strategy for the EU and the AI Continent Action Plan, to strengthen local AI ecosystems in African countries fostering responsible AI development, north-south digital cooperation on AI, and sustainable AI innovation." "The main goal is to support the digital transition and foster inclusive economic and social transformation of partners globally by adapting and applying innovative solutions, research areas and capabilities developed in Europe to low- and middle-income countries." "Proposals should also support the European Union's Global Gateway strategy to boost smart, clean, and secure connections in digital, energy and transport sectors, and to strengthen **health,** education and research systems across the world." "The proposals must support digital partnerships and international digital cooperation to promote an approach to AI that enhances **human well-being** and societal progress through: - Contribution, where possible, to solving global sustainable development challenges, especially climate and agriculture, biodiversity, **health** and humanitarian needs, education."

Destination: Open Strategic Autonomy in Developing, Deploying and Using Global Space-Based Infrastructure, Services, Applications and Data

This destination has no really health-relevant call topics with deadlines in 2027.

Destination: Digital and industrial technologies driving human-centric innovation

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN-01: Advanced and Innovative hardware components for Virtual Worlds (RIA) (Virtual Worlds Partnership) **RIA. Deadline: 18 Mar 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "**Innovative and advanced XR hardware, advanced headsets, screens, wearables and haptic components, sensors and actuators, advanced chips for a deeper and closer-to reality immersion, stimulating all human senses**." **Scope:** "**investigate novel scientific approaches or push the limit of existing ones** to improve the synchronization and integration of the different modalities.

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	Proposals will integrate various components in fully tested devices, demonstrating the usefulness and efficiency of their **system in illustrative scenarios in the industrial and societal contexts**."

PILLAR II - CLUSTER 5: CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

Cluster 5 Overview:

This cluster aims to fight climate change by better understanding its causes, evolution, risks, impacts and opportunities, and by making the energy and transport sectors more climate and environment-friendly, more efficient and competitive, smarter, safer and more resilient.

The Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Climate, Energy and Mobility (Cluster 5) has 6 destinations (subareas):

- Destination 1: Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality
- Destination 2: Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition
- Destination 3: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply
- Destination 4: Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use
- Destination 5: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes
- Destination 6: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods

These destinations contain call topics which are **challenge driven** where the European Commission specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

There are call topics under some of the above destinations that relate to health. Whilst we have done our best to include call topics with deadlines in 2027 that are related to health in our sections on these destinations below, please see the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Climate, Energy and Mobility (Cluster 5) for full information on the funding opportunities available.

Funding calls in the Cluster 5 Work Programme nearly always require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

The 2026-2027 Work Programme for Climate, Energy and Mobility is the last such Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme (2021-2027).

Useful Cluster 5 links:

- Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Climate, Energy and Mobility (Cluster 5)
- European Commission Infoday on the 2027 call topics in the Cluster 5 Work Programme
- Horizon Europe Cluster 5 Brokerage Event on 2027 Calls
- GREENET Cluster 5 Partner Search Tool
- Brokerage Event - Interdisciplinary Pathways towards Green Transition & Resilient Societies, 1 Dec 2026 organised by NET4Society – this covers 2 of the Cluster 5 call topics where collaboration with Social Sciences and Humanities is key to success: "HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1-09: Assessing the performance of policy instruments to inform climate change mitigation action" and "HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1-13: Next generation scenarios for informing climate and sustainability transitions"
- European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) website on Horizon Europe Climate, Energy and Mobility.
- European Commission Website on Cluster 5
- Cluster 5 National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage)
- The GREENET project facilitates the transnational cooperation between Cluster 5 NCPs. It provides documents and information that are useful both to NCPs and to researchers and innovators

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interested in funding. For example, you can sign up for the GREENET newsletter and the website also contains a calendar, events, training for applicants, and services including tools, partner search, stakeholder directory and factsheets.

Destination 1-4:

These destinations have no health-relevant call topics with deadlines in 2027.

Destination 5: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL5-2027-04-Two-Stage-D5-09: **Noise reduction breakthroughs for new ultraefficient aircraft** **RIA. Deadline: 14 Apr 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Airframe / cabin noise for new aircraft design; Engine noise sources and installation effects; Noise perception/annoyance and mitigation methodologies." **Scope:** "…**noise prediction of new ultraefficient aircraft designs**, primarily for large passenger aircraft with new open fan engine architectures and ultra-high by-pass ratio architectures… In addition, the proposals may also provide even better noise footprint assessments and **better annoyance understanding** and mitigation methodologies."

Destination 6: Safe, Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL5-2027-06-D6-08: **Enhancing Mobility for All: affordable, reliable, and accessible multimodal transport for inclusive rural and urban connectivity – Societal Readiness Pilot** **IA. Deadline: 07 Oct 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Development of options for behavioural change towards **healthier**, safer and more sustainable mobility and lifestyles in rural and urban populations in a vulnerable situation."

PILLAR II - CLUSTER 6: FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Cluster 6 Overview:

This cluster aims at reducing environmental degradation, halting and reversing the decline of biodiversity on land, inland waters and sea and better managing natural resources through transformative changes of the economy and society in both urban and rural areas.

It will ensure food and nutrition security for all within planetary boundaries through knowledge, innovation and digitalisation in agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture and food systems and steer and accelerate the transition to a low carbon, resource efficient circular economy and sustainable bioeconomy, including forestry.

The introduction section of the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment (Cluster 6) includes that "Cluster 6 helps accelerate the **transition to**

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competitive, resilient, sustainable, healthy and inclusive food systems to achieve the objectives of the European Green Deal, the Vision for agriculture and food and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). R&I activities aim at empowering farmers, fishers and aquaculture producers to efficiently transform their production methods, making the best use of Nature-based Solutions, technological, digital and social innovations and transferable knowledge while supporting fair incomes and the competitiveness of the entire EU food value chain. This will accelerate climate mitigation and result in positive environmental outcomes, increased climate resilience and reduced dependency on pesticides and antimicrobials, fostering multi-disciplinary approaches including the **One Health approach**. Furthermore, it will also provide consumers with affordable, safe, **nutritious, healthy and sustainable food**."

"R&I also seek to stimulate sustainable practices at all stages of the food system, (from production to processing services, the use and valorisation of waste and by-products and surplus management) and to ensure safe and sustainable food and enable a shift to sustainable and **healthy diets for all.** "The cluster is strongly committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including SDG3 on Good health and well-being.

The Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment (Cluster 6) has 7 destinations (subareas):

- Destination: Biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Destination: Fair, healthy and environment-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption
- Destination: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors
- Destination: Clean environment and zero pollution
- Destination: Land, ocean and water for climate action
- Destination: Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities
- Destination: Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal

These destinations contain call topics, which are **normally challenge-driven** where the European Commission specifies the research and innovation project to be done. However, **the Work Programme also contains various call topics marked as 'Open topic'** which are more open in scope (for example "HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01-two-stage: Open topic: Innovative solutions for the European Water Resilience Strategy").

There are call topics under some destinations that relate to health. Whilst we have done our best to include call topics related to health in our sections on each destination below, please see the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment (Cluster 6) for full information on the funding opportunities available.

Funding calls in the Cluster 6 Work Programme nearly always require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

The 2026-2027 Work Programme for Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment is the last such Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme (2021-2027).

Useful Cluster 6 links:

- Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment (Cluster 6)
- European Commission Infoday on the 2027 Calls in the Cluster 6 Work Programme
- "How approach Cluster 6 funding opportunities" slides still available
- Brokerage Event - Interdisciplinary Pathways towards Green Transition & Resilient Societies, 1 Dec 2026 organised by NET4Society – this cover one of the Cluster call topics where collaboration with

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Social Sciences and Humanities is key to success "HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES-01: Strengthening rural communities' resilience to shocks (RIA)"

- European Research Executive Agency (REA) Website on Cluster 6 and Newsletter signup
- European Commission Website on Cluster 6
- Cluster 6 National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage)
- The CARE4BIO project facilitates the transnational cooperation between Cluster 6 NCPs. It provides documents and information that are useful both to NCPs and to researchers and innovators interested in funding. For example, on the you can sign up for the CARE4BIO newsletter and the website also contains a calendar, events and training.

Destination: Biodiversity and ecosystem services

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-06: **Living labs driving transformative change via knowledge integration and inclusive governance** **RIA. Deadline: 22 Sept 2027**	**Scope:** "Proposals should align with key policies including the… **One Health approach**" "Proposals should... **establish living labs as real-world testing environments** to experiment with policy solutions, stakeholder engagement, and new economic models, while **strengthening collective capacities and well-being**, and identifying and overcoming barriers that limit participation in living labs" "Proposals should address Area A… or Area B: living labs per societal challenge (climate change, water, food, **health**, pollution, spatial planning)."
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-07: **Health of ecosystems and wild species, predictions and impacts on human health, in the face of existing and emerging stressors, from a One Health approach** **RIA. Deadline: 22 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Policymakers, public authorities, stakeholders and citizens better **understand the interlinkages between wild species and ecosystems health, domestic animal and plant health and human health**. The progress of public authorities and policymakers towards a comprehensive **One Health** governance is assessed, thanks to the development of science-based indicators." **Scope:** "The **One Health** approach recognises the inherent connection **between the health** of ecosystems, wildlife, **humans**, domestic animals and plants. This approach is key to prevent, anticipate, detect and respond to health threats across sectors." **Proposals should:** **- "describe the current health status of the ecosystems and wild species most susceptible to interact with human health** (including terrestrial, freshwater and marine ones, with no geographical restrictions). -propose benchmark protocols to ensure comparability between research communities (including social sciences and humanities) and **define common indicators describing the risks** (e.g. loss of ecosystem services, exposure to pollutants and pathogens) **and benefits** (e.g. dilution effect, exposure to beneficial microorganisms, etc.) **of the interlinkages of wild species and ecosystem health, domestic animal and plant health and human health.** -**assess the impacts of the degradation of ecosystem and wildlife health on human health**, including a cost-benefit analysis of nature **restoration and conservation projects in terms of human health benefits** and the costs of inaction. This should include disability and intersectional aspects and the groups in the most vulnerable situations in society (e.g. low-income communities, youth, older people, **persons with disabilities**, LGBTIQ people, people with racial or religious minority background)."

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Destination: Fair, healthy and environment-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption

The introductory text to this destination in the Work Programme includes "Proposals for topics under this destination should set out credible paths to "**ensuring healthy food and nutrition security** by making agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture and food systems sustainable, resilient, inclusive and within planetary boundaries".

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-03: **Microbiome for terrestrial livestock sustainability and health within a One Health approach** **RIA. Deadline: 23 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "the research community, farmers, livestock industry e.g. breeders, service providers, policymakers understand better the role of the microbiome on livestock health and production and the interaction with environment and human health within a **One Health approach**; • researchers' communities and innovators in the livestock sector have access to a platform of tools for data sharing, knowledge exchange, capacity building and standardization in microbiome research and its applications through synergies with other platforms in a **One Health context**…" **Scope:** "Microbiome research offers transformative potential for livestock management within the One Health (OH) framework, which emphasises the **interconnected health of animals, humans, and the environment**" "By focusing on microbiome-based solutions, the objective is to support sustainable livestock systems that align with **One Health** principles, necessitating **cross-disciplinary collaboration to ensure comprehensive health benefits**." "Proposals should…. • investigate the microbiome of terrestrial livestock, their influence on animal health, taking into account the holobiont/hologenome perspectives, and the interactions with the environment (soil, plant, water, air) and **human health**; • develop integrated data monitoring systems that track microbiome related health indicators across livestock, plant, and **human health** sectors, and help in **risk assessment models for zoonotic disease and/or AMR emergence and transmission**" "**• design microbiome related intervention strategies to prevent outbreaks and cross-species transmission in animal populations and reduce the risk of zoonosis**, thereby contributing to reduced antimicrobial usage while enhancing resilience, animal welfare, and minimizing environmental impact; • develop, or contribute to, platforms to collaboratively assess and optimise the efficacy and implementation of microbiome-based tools, products and services in the livestock sector through synergies with other platforms within a **One Health context**; • enhance collaboration among veterinarians, microbiologists, geneticists, animal and plant biologists, epidemiologists, and ecologists and other experts to work towards a **One Health approach."**

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Destination: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors

This destination has no health-relevant call topics with deadlines in 2027.

Destination: Clean environment and zero pollution

The introductory text to this destination in the Work Programme includes that it "will help substituting hazardous chemicals and bringing innovation on safe and sustainable by design chemicals to ensure protection of **human health** and the environment." It also states that "Proposals for topics under this destination should set out a credible pathway to 'achieve a clean environment, ensure water resilience, and enable the transformative change necessary to **reduce air, water and soil pollution to levels no longer considered harmful to health** and natural ecosystems, while respecting planetary boundaries." Including "**Advancing scientific understanding and innovative solutions for identifying, preventing and mitigating pollution aim to effectively protect human health** and safeguard the environment, preserving cleaner water and seas, healthier air and soil, and resilient forests."

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-01: **Replacing hazardous substances in biocidal products** **RIA. Deadline: 22 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "• innovation in bio-based and natural substances brings safer alternatives to hazardous substances contained in biocidal products, with **decreased risk on human health** and biodiversity, including pollinators; • **safe**, sustainable and effective solutions are developed and tested for **the control of harmful organisms affecting human** or animal **health** or the environment." **Scope:** "• develop innovative and Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD289) bio-based substances to effectively replace hazardous active substances used in biocidal products covered by Biocidal products regulation 290 and… - hazardous active substances used in insecticides biocidal products to control mosquitos. Developed solutions/substances should be sufficiently effective to control larvae or adults of **mosquitoes responsible for diseases transmitted to humans** or animals; -test the solutions/substances developed and **assess their safety for human health,** terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity, including pollinators"
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-02: **Developing effective air quality planning strategies through innovative multi-scale modelling** **RIA. Deadline: 22 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "-public authorities, including EU policy-makers and the EEA, receive faster, more comprehensive scientific evidence and tools, enabling more effective EU air quality policy implementation and providing citizens with reliable, detailed information and **peak pollution warnings to reduce health impacts."** **Scope:** "The air we breathe is often polluted, which can lead to serious **health problems and even premature death**. To address this **public health issue**, it is essential to understand how pollutants move and interact in the air at different scales, from regional to street level and at different time periods during the day or in different seasons." "Population groups in vulnerable situations are disproportionally affected by air pollution. Proposals should consider the vulnerability dimension (e.g. for children, older people, women, people with lower socio-economic status, **people with underlying health conditions**)…"

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HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-03: **Improve the capacity to monitor and reduce air pollution from agriculture** **RIA. Deadline: 22 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "-**human health** and environment (including biodiversity) benefit from reduced impacts of air pollution from agriculture;" **Scope:** "EU agriculture contributes substantially to air pollution through various emissions. Additional efforts are needed in the sector **to help reducing the impact on human health** and the environment, including biodiversity"

Destination: Land, ocean and water for climate action

This destination has no really health-relevant call topics with deadlines in 2027.

Destination: Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES-01: **Strengthening rural communities' resilience to shocks** **RIA. Deadline: 23 Sept 2027**	**Scope:** "assess the different types of shocks (understood as sudden disruptions) that can impact the livelihoods, well-being, gender-based differences, and resilience of rural communities. These shocks may include critical infrastructure disruptions (e.g., energy shortages, transportation disruptions, communication failures) as well as economic… socio-cultural and demographic (e.g., social conflicts, **health crises**, migration), and environmental phenomena…" "Evaluate the vulnerability and resilience of rural communities to strengthen preparedness, response and recovery. **Human health** is one the factors involved among others."

Destination: Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal

This destination has no really health-relevant call topics with deadlines in 2027.

PILLAR II - EU MISSIONS (Adaptation to Climate Change, Cancer, Restore our Ocean and Waters, Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities, Soil Deal for Europe + Joint Call between Missions)

EU Missions are large-scale initiatives under Horizon Europe setting clear, time-bound goals that drive focused efforts towards some of our greatest challenges.

The 5 EU Missions are:

1. Adaptation to Climate Change: support at least 150 European regions and communities to become climate resilient by 2030
   (also see the Mission Adaptation Community of Practice)
2. **Cancer: working with Europe's Beating Cancer Plan to improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030 through prevention, cure and solutions to live longer and better**
   (also see the **Cancer Mission Implementation Platform)**
3. Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030
4. 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030

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5. A Soil Deal for Europe: 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030

Each mission operates as a portfolio of actions – such as research and innovation projects, policy measures or even legislative initiatives - to achieve a measurable goal that could not be achieved through individual actions.

These missions contain call topics which are **challenge driven** where the European Commission specifies the research and innovation project to be done. The Missions Work Programme also has prizes.

Under some Missions there are call topics that relate to health. Whilst we have done our best to include call topics related to health in our sections on each Mission below, please see the 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Missions Work Programme for full information on the funding opportunities available.

Funding calls in the Missions Work Programme nearly always require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

The 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Missions Work Programme is the last Missions Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme (2021-2027).

Useful Missions links:

- European Commission website on Missions which links to the website and newsletter sign-up for each Mission.
- Cancer Mission: Subscribe to the Newsletter
- 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Missions Work Programme
- There is likely to be a Europe Commission Infoday on the 2027 Calls in the Missions Work Programme including the Cancer Mission. Infodays will be listed on the webpage with all European Commission Horizon Europe Infodays.
- There is also likely to be a brokerage event and online platform for the 2027 deadlines for all Missions including the Cancer Mission.
- Brokerage event (co-organised by the EIT and UKRI, all countries eligible for funding welcome) on 20 January 2027 (registration closes 13 Dec)
- Brokerage event on 28 September which covers some of the 2027 Cancer Mission and Cluster 1 Health Call topics.
- Brokerage Event - Interdisciplinary Pathways towards Green Transition & Resilient Societies, 1 Dec 2026 organised by NET4Society – this covers two of the Cluster Health call topics where collaboration with Social Sciences and Humanities is key to success including some of the Missions calls topics.
- Missions National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage).
- The NCP4Missions project brings together Missions NCPs in different countries. One of the project aims is to lower the entry barriers for applicants and raise the quality of proposals by offering support to potential Mission applicants, including brokerages, workshops and other digital tools.
- The HNN3.0 network of Health NCPs have created a guide on how to leverage European Research Infrastructures in a proposal. The aim of this guide is to help applicants to Horizon Europe calls (for example calls under the Cancer Mission) better understand how they can engage with Research Infrastructures and to give an overview of the Research Infrastructures in the health domain.

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Adaptation to Climate Change Mission

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-01-CLIMA-01: **Demonstrating transformative solutions to increase cross-border climate resilience** **IA. Deadline: 21 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** " • Climate resilience solutions for cross-border risks have been developed and demonstrated. This includes social, governance or nature-based solutions. • **Regional and local authorities from each side of country borders are better prepared to withstand jointly the impacts of climate change, including systemic risks and cascading effects**. • National, regional and local authorities are taking on shared responsibilities and are actively involved in the development and testing of innovative solutions to deal with cross-border climate risks."

Cancer Mission

Topic
HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-01: **Leveraging functional genomics to reveal novel targets for cancer treatment** (See page 88 of the 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Missions Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 16 Sept 2027**
HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-02: **Clinical research by Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures for the benefit of patients with common cancers** (See page 90 of the 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Missions Work Programme for further details) **IA. Deadline: 16 Sept 2027**
HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-03: **Phase 1 including first-in-human clinical trials to test biomarker-guided medicines or multi-modal treatment interventions for patients with rare or very rare cancers or cancer subtypes** (See page 94 of the 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Missions Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 16 Sept 2027**
HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-04: **Improving equitable health outcomes and added value for and with cancer patients through health-economics research, health systems research and outcomes research** (See page 96 of the 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Missions Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 16 Sept 2027**
HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-05: **Pre-commercial procurement of affordable solutions for healthcare systems in the areas of cancer technologies, cancer medical devices, or cancer medicines** (See page 99 of the 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Missions Work Programme for further details) **PCP. Deadline: 16 Sept 2027**
HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-06: **Support a Young Cancer Survivor Quality of Life (QoL) research programme by cancer charities and funding agencies** (See page 101 of the 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Missions Work Programme for further details) **CSA. Deadline: 16 Sept 2027**

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Joint Call between Cancer Mission and Soils Mission

Topic
HORIZON-MISS-2027-06-SOIL-CANCER: **Living labs to monitor and mitigate carcinogenic substances in and originating from soils: Evaluating their effects on human cancer risks** (See page 247 of the 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Missions Work Programme for further details) **RIA. Deadline: 21 Sept 2027**

Restore our Oceans and Water Mission

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN-02: **Circularity of seafood supply chain** **IA. Deadline: 21 Sept 2027**	**Scope:** "Innovative and efficient methods and techniques for extracting high-value compounds and valorising seafood by-products from discards of unavoidable unwanted catches or waste products (e.g.: fish sludge, fish manure, trimmings, viscera, shells, seaweed and algal residues, etc.). These high-value extracted compounds can be used for different applications, such as animal feed, or as inputs for other industries like, for instance, food production, …**nutraceuticals,** …biotech industries, bioplastics and biobased packaging. **Applications in the field of … pharmaceuticals are excluded under this topic**."

Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission

The introductory text to the Cities Mission in the Work Programme includes on page 147 of the 2026-2027 Missions Work Programme that "Cities' green and digital transformation with the aim of climate neutrality is associated with important co-benefits and urban qualities such as reduced air and noise pollution, more sustainable mobility, **improved health and well-being**, reduced urban environmental footprints, enhanced urban greening, more efficient use of energy and infrastructures, as well as improved waste and water management. Topics under the Cities Mission Work Programme are also relevant for the Cancer Mission, in particular when addressing co-benefits generated by achieving climate neutrality such as reduced pollution, **improved health and wellbeing**, increased active mobility **contributing then to cancer prevention**. Similarly, **actions funded under the Cancer Mission focusing on behavioural change** can contribute to the objectives of the Cities Mission especially when targeting actions at urban level. In addition, synergies are expected with the Regional Innovation Valleys, which, in line with the New European Innovation Agenda, bring together less and more innovative regions with a view to addressing the most burning challenges facing the EU, namely reducing the reliance on fossil fuels, increasing global food security, mastering the digital transformation (including cybersecurity), **improving healthcare** and achieving circularity."

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-04-CIT-03: **Inclusive and climate resilient multimodal passenger hubs enhancing modal shift towards sustainable transport and shared mobility** **IA. Deadline: 7 Oct 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Reduce road congestion and improve air quality to **protect health of citizens** and urban biodiversity, by increasing shift towards sustainable and active modes of transport for city and intercity trips." **Scope:** "Preparing passenger transport systems resilience and the adaptation capacity is crucial to ensure continuity of the transport service and **safety of passengers**."

Soils Mission

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The introduction to Soils Mission part of the Work Programme on page 182 includes an aim: "to explore the **interlinkages between human and soil health**, helping to fill key knowledge and policy gaps and contributing to a **more integrated One Health approach**."

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-04-two-stage: **Participatory research on the health of communities in contact with polluted soils** **RIA. First Stage Deadline: 8 Apr 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "- improved **citizen awareness** on the connection between soil pollution and **human health** and how to manage, adapt to, and mitigate risks; - increased public access to FAIR data and knowledge on soil pollution and the emergence of **human diseases** and other health outcomes; - policymakers enforce the implementation of long-term, sustainable solutions that enhance soil health, restore the environment, and **protect public health**." **Scope:** "- implement community-based participatory research activities to engage with populations living or working in close contact with polluted (or potentially polluted) sites to identify and **map human diseases** and other health outcomes and their incidence in these areas; - consider and explore direct (e.g., skin contact with soils) and indirect (e.g., consumption of **contaminated food, psychological impact of living near contaminated sites) soil-related drivers of human disease and ill-health** as relevant; - propose locally relevant interventions that foster community resilience against soil pollution, encourage polluters due diligence, and deliver recommendations to policymakers at relevant level of governance to regulate decontamination, promote reuse of land when possible, and **protect public health**. Proposals should prioritise the conditions with significant **unmet medical need** and the **populations most vulnerable to the detrimental effects of soil pollution**. Proposed approaches should incorporate both qualitative and quantitative research and leverage lived experiences data where possible."

EU Missions' Joint Calls (apart from the Soils and Cancer Mission Joint Call)

Topic	Health aspects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-07-CLIMA-CIT-NEB-01: **Urban nature: supporting restoration of urban ecosystems, along urban transport networks and in the built environment** **IA. Deadline: 22 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Development of approaches, tools and methods, on how and where to restore, increase and maintain urban green space and tree canopy cover to achieve the greatest positive impacts - on climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience, biodiversity, soil, air and water quality, quality of life, and **human health**." **Scope:** "- Develop innovative measures and practices to increase urban green space and tree canopy cover, with consideration of what types of trees or other plants are best suited to enhancing local biodiversity, prioritizing native species, supporting climate mitigation and adaptation, reducing air pollution, **improving human health** and quality of life while ensuring connectivity to avoid isolated or fragmented solutions. - Explore multifunctional solutions, addressing infrastructure and urban planning that can bring co-benefits on aspects such as managing stormwater, enhancing biodiversity, **providing recreational spaces**, sheltering from extreme weather, reducing **inequitable access to nature, improving air quality, reducing noise, improving accessibility**.

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	Projects are required to monitor, evaluate and assess the environmental, economic, **social and health impacts** of the measures taken in the pilot sites."

EU Missions' Cross-cutting Activities

Topic	Health aspects
Mission Anchoring Prize Will be launched in Q3 2026 on the Funding and Tenders Portal. See p256 of the Work Programme	**Objective:** "By the cutoff date, the applying local authorities have embedded the EU Missions into new, ambitious local initiatives targeting one or more of the objectives of the Missions. The applicants shall demonstrate the potential of the EU Missions to strengthen and complement local activities and work as a catalyser for positive developments in local governance."
Mission Citizen Engagement Prize Will be launched in Q3 2026 on the Funding and Tenders Portal. See p258 of the Work Programme	**Objective:** "By the cutoff date, the applying local authorities have implemented actions to engage citizens not typically involved in R&I projects around the challenges of the EU Missions. The applicants shall demonstrate the importance of the social dimension in achieving the ambitious goals set for the Missions and how change triggered by the missions can positively impact the livelihoods of all groups of EU citizens."
Mission Ecosystem Prize Will be launched in Q3 2026 on the Funding and Tenders Portal. See p260of the Work Programme	**Objective:** "By the cutoff date, the applying local authorities have developed innovative value networks (actors across different arenas partnering up and creating value for the EU Missions at local level in innovative ways), involving R&I stakeholders and actors from business, civil society and administration, that realised projects delivering concrete impact for the EU Missions. The applicants shall demonstrate the potential of Missions to contribute to lead markets."
Mission Knowledge Valorisation Prize Will be launched in Q3 2026 on the Funding and Tenders Portal. See p262 of the Work Programme	**Objective:** "By the cutoff date, the applying local authorities have launched initiatives to increase the local capacity to implement on the ground new technological solutions in the scope of the EU Missions. The applicants shall demonstrate the strength of local authorities to act as facilitators in innovation adoption processes and to pave the way for future commercialization of new technology in the fields of the EU Missions."

PILLAR II - NEW EUROPEAN BAUHAUS (NEB)

New European Bauhaus (NEB) Overview:
The New European Bauhaus (NEB) was launched in 2021 and is a policy and funding initiative that makes green transition in built environments and beyond enjoyable, attractive and convenient for all. Even the smallest communities on the ground deserve living spaces that improve their well-being and sense of belonging. The initiative promotes solutions that are not only sustainable, but also inclusive and beautiful, while respecting the diversity of places, traditions, and cultures in Europe and beyond.

The New European Bauhaus works by:

- engaging people at a grassroots level, focusing on neighbourhoods
- providing tools and guidance
- offering tailor-made solutions for different communities
- incorporating the views of various stakeholders into the process of design and implementation

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- prioritising people and social inclusion but also the economy to boost competitiveness and EU strategic autonomy

The Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for the New European Bauhaus Facility has 3 destinations (subareas):

- Destination: Connecting the green transformation, social inclusion and local democracy
- Destination: Circular and regenerative approaches for the built environment
- Destination: Innovative funding and new business models for the transformation of neighbourhoods

There is also a Joint Call between the New European Bauhaus Facility and the Climate and Cities Mission (HORIZON-MISS-2027-07-CLIMA-CIT-NEB-01: Urban nature: supporting restoration of urban ecosystems, along urban transport networks and in the built environment). See the Missions section above for further details.

The destinations above contain call topics which are **challenge driven** where the European Commission specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

There are call topics under one of the three destinations that relates to health. Whilst we have done our best to include call topics related to health in our sections on each destination below, please see the Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for the New European Bauhaus Facility for full information on the funding opportunities available.

Funding calls in the New European Bauhaus Work Programme nearly always require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

The 2026-2027 Work Programme for the New European Bauhaus Facility is the last such Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme (2021-2027).

Useful NEB links:

- Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for the New European Bauhaus Facility (NEB)
- There is likely to be a Europe Commission Infoday on the 2027 NEB Calls. Infodays will be listed on the webpage with all European Commission Horizon Europe Infodays.
- There may be brokerage events and platforms on the 2027 NEB calls. Contact your NCP (see below) for details.
- Brokerage Event - Interdisciplinary Pathways towards Green Transition & Resilient Societies, 1 Dec 2026 organised by NET4Society – this covers NEB call topics where collaboration with Social Sciences and Humanities is key to success.
- NEB newsletter signup, social media links and contact form
- European Commission Website on the NEB
- NEB National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage)
- The NEB4ALL project facilitates the transnational cooperation between NEB NCPs, with useful info and support, including events on the Horizon NCP Portal.

Destination: Connecting the green transformation, social inclusion and local democracy

This destination has no health-relevant call topics with deadlines in 2027.

Destination: Circular and regenerative approaches for the built environment

Call Topic	Key Information
HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-REGEN-02: **Sustainable, beautiful and**	**Expected Outcome:** "Construction ecosystem actors better aware of the negative effects of construction and renovation sites on natural ecosystems as well as on the

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healthy construction and renovation sites **RIA. Deadline: 1 Dec 2027**	**health and wellbeing** of construction workers and all people living, working or passing through the vicinity as well as a significant reduction of these effects on these groups." **Scope:** "Proposals are expected to address all of the following: - Assess the negative environmental, ecological and **health effects** of construction and renovation sites on surrounding natural ecosystems, construction workers and all people living, working or passing through the vicinity. - Develop at least two solutions to reduce the negative environmental, ecological and **health effects** of construction and renovation sites while also paying attention to the visual impact of these sites on their surroundings. - Validate the proposed solution and assess their costs and benefits using appropriate methods and indicators. - Provide recommendations and guidance to construction ecosystem actors on how to reduce the negative environmental, ecological and **health effects** of construction and renovation sites and develop a draft "European Charter for sound environmental and working environment management of renovation and construction sites" that can be endorsed by companies and entities".

Destination: Innovative funding and new business models for the transformation of neighbourhoods

This destination has no health-relevant call topics with deadlines in 2027.

PILLAR III (INNOVATIVE EUROPE)

PILLAR III - OVERVIEW

Pillar III of Horizon Europe (Innovative Europe) has three main parts, each of which contains a variety of funding opportunities which are summarised below and then explained in more detail further on in this document.

- European Innovation Council (EIC)**: The EIC has a mix of "Open Calls" (for projects in any fiends of science, technology or application without predefined priorities) and "Challenge Calls" (with predefined thematic areas).** The EIC is Horizon Europe's flagship innovation programme to identify, develop and scale-up game changing innovations. Some EIC funding calls require a consortium of organisations in different countries, whilst other EIC funding calls are open to a single organisation.

- European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE)**: The EIE contributes to improving the overall ecosystem for innovation in Europe.** The EU aims to create more connected and efficient innovation ecosystems to support the scaling up of companies, encourage innovation and stimulate cooperation among national, regional and local innovation actors.
    - EIE also funds Eurostars, Innowide, Investment Readiness and the Fast Track to the EIC Accelerator. Further details on these (and other Eureka schemes) are provided in the EIE section of this document.

- **The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is Europe's largest innovation network.**

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PILLAR III - EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL (EIC)

EIC Overview:

The European Innovation Council (EIC) is Horizon Europe's flagship innovation programme to identify, develop and scale-up game breakthrough technologies and game changing innovations. The EIC has a budget of €10.1 billion to support game changing innovations throughout the lifecycle from early-stage research to proof of concept, technology transfer, and the financing and scale up of startups and SMEs.

The most recently published EIC Work Programme is the European Innovation Council (EIC) 2027 Work Programme (including a useful **table summarising the main calls on pages 10-11** and a **list of the main changes in the 2027 Work Programme on page 12**). There is also a useful EIC website with further information and fact sheets about the 2027 Work Programme. The main EIC calls for proposals are listed below and explained in more detail in the tables further on in this document.

- EIC Pathfinder **(€248 million)** for multi-disciplinary research teams to undertake visionary research with the potential to lead to technology breakthroughs (grants up to €4 million).
- EIC Transition **(€92 million)** to turn research results into innovation opportunities, following up on results generated by EIC Pathfinder projects, European Research Council (ERC) Proof of Concept projects, Horizon Europe Pillar 2 (societal challenges) collaborative projects and Research Infrastructures projects (grants up to €2.5 million).
- Advanced Innovation Challenges **(€25 million)** to support high-risk, demand-driven deep tech innovation with transformative potential especially in areas where there is extensive research but lack of commercial uptake (€300,000 lump sum).
- EIC Accelerator **(€578 million)** for startups and SMEs to develop and scale up innovations with the potential to create new markets or disrupt existing ones (grants below €2.5 million, investments from €0.5 to €10 million).
- The EIC Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP) Scale Up **(€290 million)**, which will provide additional equity funding to promising companies (SMEs, startups, spin-offs and small mid-caps) driving innovation in critical areas to help them secure larger private co-investment rounds of €50 million or above for further scaling their businesses (investments from €10 to €30 million).
- EIC STEP Scale Up Defence call (**€100 million**) with up to €30 million in direct equity financing to accelerate the scale-up of industrial capabilities on, among others, air and missile defence, drones and counter drones, and other critical defence technologies.
- Scaleup Europe Fund (**€400 million**) with equity investments above €30 million up to several hundred million euro. Implemented by EQT, external fund manager.
- There is also an EIC Pre-Accelerator call which is a joint scheme between the EIC and the Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area (WIDERA) programme. It is funded under the WIDERA Work Programme 2026-2027. The aim of the call is to boost the innovation potential of early-stage deep-tech startups in widening countries by enhancing their business, investor, and technology readiness to secure funding from different sources.

The EIC has a mix of:

- **"Open Calls" (for projects in any fiends of science, technology or application without predefined priorities)** and
- **"Challenge Calls" (with predefined thematic areas -** in the 2027 Work Programme these are for the EIC Pathfinder, EIC Advanced Innovation Challenges and EIC Accelerator calls)

For some - but not all - EIC calls a consortium is required:

- **EIC Pathfinder Open funding calls require a consortium of organisations in different countries.**
- **For EIC Pathfinder Challenges in addition to the standard multi-beneficiary consortia with three or more entities, two entities and single entity consortia are also eligible.**

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- **In the 2027 Work Programme the EIC Transition funds a single-beneficiary** (and unlike in previous years EIC Transition will not fund a small consortium)**.**
- **The EIC Advanced Innovation Challenges can either be a consortium or single applicant.**
- **The EIC Accelerator and EIC STEP are for a single startup or SME.**
- **The Scaleup Europe Fund is for a single company.**

These requirements are summarised in the table on pages 10-11 of the **2027 EIC Work Programme.**

The EIC also has **EIC Prizes**, with the introduction in the 2027 Work Programme of a new category in the Women innovators prize on quantum:

  - **European Prize for Women Innovators** (Opens Q1-Q3 2027, deadline Q3-Q4 2027). See section IX.1 of the **2027 EIC Work Programme** and once the 2027 call is launched also the **EIC website** for further details.
  - **The European Capital of Innovation Awards** (Opens Q1-Q2 2027, deadline Q2-Q3 2027). See section IX.2 of the **2027 EIC Work Programme** and the **EIC website** for further details.

The **2027 EIC Work Programme** is the final EIC Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme (2021-2027).

Useful EIC links:

- European Innovation Council (EIC) website including a Get Support section, Podcasts and Tech Talks
- European Innovation Council (EIC) 2027 Work Programme (including a useful table summarising the main calls on pages 10-11 and a list of the main changes compared to previous years on page 12) and EIC website with further information about the 2027 Work Programme
- EIC Infodays and all EIC events (you can add filters on the left of the page)
- EIC Data Hub - presents previously funded EIC projects, which helps you understand the types of projects funded
- Subscribe to the EIC newsletter and browse archived newsletters
- European Commission website on the EIC
- EIC National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage)
- The Acess2EIC project (also see this website) is a Horizon Europe funded network of 16 partners who share the common purpose to work as a network of EIC NCPs supporting national applicants and raising the quality of applications submitted under the EIC
- EIC Scaling Club
- EIC Business Acceleration Services support for EIC awardees, EIC Accelerator applicants that have passed step 1, FET and SME Instrument awardees, EIC Scaling Club members, and other recognised innovators (such as Horizon Europe Seal of Excellence, STEP Seal holders, Women TechEU awardees and beneficiaries of the call 'Support for Ukrainian tech SMEs and start-ups')
- EIC Fund including the EIC Scaleup Fund a new multi-billion late-stage and growth fund aimed at investing in the most promising European companies in strategic tech areas, such **as artificial intelligence**, quantum technologies, semiconductor technologies, **robotics and autonomous systems, energy technologies**, space technologies, **biotechnologies, medical technologies,** advanced materials, and agritech, and across all parts of Europe.
- EIC webpage for those interested in investing in the EIC Fund, the venture capital arm of the EIC.

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EIC Grants:

Grant Scheme	Key Information
EIC Pathfinder There are two types of EIC Pathfinder Grants: (1) **EIC Pathfinder Open** **HORIZON-EIC-2027-PATHFINDEROPEN-two-stage** **Stage 1 Deadline: 25 Feb 2027** (2) **EIC Pathfinder Challenges 2027** **Deadline: 29 Sept 2027**	**The EIC Pathfinder is for multi-disciplinary research teams to undertake visionary research with the potential to lead to technology breakthroughs.** It provides grants of up to €4 million, booster grants (€50 thousand), coaching & mentoring, networking. **What is the EIC Pathfinder?** Funds research teams by: • funding **research** to develop the **scientific basis** to underpin breakthrough technologies • supporting the **earliest stages** of scientific, technological or deep-tech Research & Development • aiming to build on new, **cutting-edge directions in science and technology** to disrupt a field and a market or create new opportunities • realising innovative technological solutions to identify, develop and scale up **breakthrough technologies** and **disruptive innovations** in EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries **There are two types of EIC Pathfinder Call:** • **EIC Pathfinder Open:** For projects in **any field of science, technology or application** without predefined thematic priorities. **Pathfinder Open is for consortia from EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries:** ○ Consortia of at least three different independent legal entities ○ At least one legal entity established in a Member State ○ At least two other independent legal entities, each established in different Member States or Associated Countries • **EIC Pathfinder Challenges:** For projects that match any of the predefined thematic areas of the Pathfinder Challenges. There are normally different Pathfinder Challenges call in each annual EIC Work Programme. According to page 35 of the 2027 EIC Work Programme, **in general the starting point of a proposal answering to a Pathfinder Challenge is early Technology Readiness Level (e.g. TRL 2) to up to proof of concept or validation in the lab (e.g. TRL 3 or 4)**, but please see each call topic for specific details on whether there are any TRL expectations or not. The TRLs are defined on page 24 of the Work Programme. **For the EIC Pathfinder Challenge in addition to the standard multi-beneficiary consortia with three or more entities, two entities and single entity consortia are also eligible.** The **2026 Pathfinder Challenges** are:

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	○ **Breakthroughs in Advanced Materials for Electricity Generation, Storage and Transmission** ○ **Safe and Controlled Continual Learning in Open World for Reliable AI Agents (CLOWAI)** ○ **Quantum Energetics** **Requirements** Your proposal must meet all the following essential characteristics: • Convincing long-term vision of a radically new technology that has the potential to have a transformative positive effect to solving a challenge in our economy and society • Concrete, novel and ambitious science-towards-technology breakthrough, providing advancement towards the envisioned technology • High-risk/high-gain research approach and methodology, with concrete and plausible objectives Full information: EIC website, Work Programme and Call Documents.
EIC Transition Open **Deadline: 14 Sept 2027**	**The EIC Transition aims to turn research results into innovation opportunities, following up on results generated by EIC Pathfinder projects, European Research Council (ERC) Proof of Concept projects, Horizon Europe Pillar 2 (societal challenges) collaborative projects and Research Infrastructures projects.** **It can be used to mature and validate your novel technology [e.g. towards Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 6] as well as improve market readiness (incl. business plan) for specific applications based on EU-funded project result(s).** It provides non-dilutive support (**grants up to €2.5 million**) to validate and demonstrate technology in an application-relevant environment (**starting from TRL 4, with the aim of reaching TRL5 or preferably 6**) and develop business and market readiness. The TRLs are defined on page 24 of the Work Programme. The EIC Transition also provides additional **booster grants (up to €50 thousand)** to undertake complementary activities to explore potential pathways to commercialisation or for portfolio activities **What is the EIC Transition?** The EIC Transition targets innovation activities that go beyond the experimental proof of principle in laboratory. It supports both the maturation and validation of novel technologies from the lab to the relevant application environments. **The EIC Transition offers support to SMEs, startups and organisations that:** • have identified **EU-funded project result(s)** with promising commercial potential that could be the basis for innovation and promising new businesses. • envision novel promising technology **that is ready for the next steps** towards its maturation and validation, to be further developed and validated for some specific, high potential, commercial applications. • have conducted **preliminary market research** to identify potential markets for their innovation and explored potential competitors.

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	• envisage **building a motivated and entrepreneurial team** with a mix of skills, including business people, to develop and further increase their business maturity. **The EIC Transition Open has no predefined thematic priorities and is open to proposals in any field of science, technology or application.** **There is no EIC Transition Challenge Call in the 2027 EIC Work Programme.** **What is new in the EIC Transition in 2027?** The rules are different to previous EIC Transition calls. **EIC Transition is now funds only a single beneficiary. This replaces the previous small-consortium approach**, while allowing the participation of affiliated entities and subcontractors where necessary for the implementation of the project. The Work Programme also introduces a video pitch as part of the application and revises the list of eligible feeder projects to better target the objectives of the scheme. **Who can apply:** • **Single legal entities** established in a Member State or an Associated Country ('mono-beneficiary') if you are a startup, SME or research performing organisation (university, research or technology organisation, including teams, individual Principal Investigators and inventors in such institutions who intend to form a spin-off company). Larger companies (i.e. which do not qualify as SMEs) are not eligible to apply as a single legal entity (but may be involved e.g. as subcontractors or signatories of letters of intent). Your proposal must build on **results already achieved within an eligible project** that are, at least, at experimental proof of concept (TRL 3 completed) or, ideally, technology validated in the lab level (TRL 4). Proposals building on project results at TRLs other than TRL3 or TRL4 are not eligible. EIC Transition is restricted to proposals based on results generated by the following eligible projects: • **EIC Pathfinder projects** (including projects funded under the Horizon 2020 EIC pilot Pathfinder, FET-Open, FET-Proactive and FET Flagship calls) • **European Research Council Proof of Concept** projects funded under Horizon Europe. • **Research and Innovation Actions** funded under Horizon 2020 Societal challenges and Leadership in Industrial Technologies and under Horizon Europe pillar II and the European Defence Fund, with an eligible TRL. • **Research and Innovation Actions** funded under the Horizon Europe Research Infrastructures part. Please note that the above criteria for eligible projects is not the same as for the 2026 EIC Transition call. A list of eligible projects for the 2027 call will be available on the EIC Transition website.

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	Full information: EIC website, Work Programme and Call Documents.
EIC Advanced Innovation Challenges **Stage 1 Deadline:** Already closed on 26 Feb 2026 **Stage 2 Indicative Deadline:** 15 Jun 2027 (but only for those that passed Stage 1)	**The EIC Advanced Innovation Challenges aim to support high-risk, demand-driven deep tech innovation with transformative potential especially in areas where there is extensive research but lack of commercial uptake.** **Challenges:** - Accelerating Physical AI: Embodied Intelligence for the Next Frontier of AI-Powered Robotics **- Translating Disruptive New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) into Practice**

EIC Accelerator
 	
There are two types of EIC Accelerator Grants:
 	
(1) **EIC Accelerator Open**
 	
HORIZON-EIC-2027-ACCELERATOR-01: **EIC Accelerator 2027 - Short proposal**
 	
Deadlines:
 	
Short proposals may be submitted at any time. See page 78 of the EIC 2027 Work Programme for further info.
 	
If you succeeded with your short proposal, your full proposal can be submitted to any of the following batches:
• 20 Jan 2027
• 17 Mar 2027
• 1 Sept 2027
• 4 Nov 2027
 	
(2) **EIC Accelerator Challenges 2027**
 	
Deadlines:
 	
Short proposals may be submitted at any time. See page 78 of the EIC 2027 Work Programme for further info.
 	
If you succeeded with your short proposal, your full proposal can be submitted to any of the following batches:
• 20 Jan 2027
• 17 Mar 2027
	The EIC Accelerator is for startups and SMEs to develop and scaleup innovations with the potential to create new markets or disrupt existing ones.
	
	What is the EIC Accelerator?
	Funding to support startups and SMEs that:
	• have an **innovative, game changing product**, service or business model that could **create new markets** or **disrupt existing ones** in Europe and even worldwide,
	• have the ambition and commitment to **scale up**,
	• are looking for **substantial funding**, but the risks involved are too high for private investors alone to invest
	
	Funding
	It provides a grant component up to €2.5 million for innovation activities (TRL 6-8) and an investment component of €1-10 million for scaling up and other activities (TRL 6-9). It is possible to apply for grant only, equity only, or blended finance (grant and investment).
	
	There are two types of EIC Accelerator Call:
	
	• **EIC Accelerator Challenges:** For projects that match any of the pre-defined topics of the EIC Accelerator Challenges. There are normally different Accelerator Challenges call in each annual EIC Work Programme. The **2027 Accelerator Challenges** are:
	  • Advanced in-situ Ocean Observation Technologies for Scalable, High Resolution Marine Monitoring
	  • Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities
	  • Alternative Concepts and Key Enabling Technologies for Fusion Power Plants
	  • Carbon removal and circularity for climate change mitigation and EU industrial resilience
	
	• **EIC Accelerator Open:** For projects that don't match the EIC Accelerator Challenge topics, the EIC Accelerator Open is **open to proposals in any field of technology.**
	
	Who can apply?
	• **SMEs** established within a EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries.
	• **Small mid-cap** (up to 499 employees) established in a Member State or an Associated Country, but only for "investment component only" support or for "blended finance" in exceptional cases for rapid scale up purposes.

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• 1 Sept 2027
• 4 Nov 2027
	• **One or more natural persons** (including individual entrepreneurs) or legal entities, which are either:
	  ○ from a Member State or an Associated Country intending to establish an SME or small mid-cap
	  ○ intending to invest in an SME or small mid-cap established in a Member State or an Associated Country
	  ○ from a non-associated third country intending to establish an SME (including start-ups) or to relocate an existing SME to a Member State or an Associated Country.
	
	Applicants from third countries:
	• Applicants from third countries may relocate their company in order to become eligible. This must be done before submitting the full application (Step 2). See page 73 of the **2027 EIC Work Programme** for further info.

EIC Pre-Accelerator HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-01-WIDENING-01 **EIC Pre-accelerator - Widening** **Deadline**: **18 Nov 2027**	**The EIC Pre-Accelerator call is a joint scheme between the EIC and the Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area (WIDERA) programme. It is funded under the WIDERA Work Programme 2026-2027. The aim of the call is to boost the innovation potential of early-stage deep-tech startups in widening countries** by enhancing their business, investor, and technology readiness to secure funding from different sources.
STEP Scale Up HORIZON-EIC-2027-STEP **EIC STEP Scale Up** **Deadline: 24 Nov 2027**	**The EIC STEP Scale Up scheme provides additional equity funding to promising companies (SMEs, startups, spin-offs and small mid-caps) driving innovation in critical areas to help them secure larger private co-investment rounds of €50 million or above for further scaling their businesses (investments from €10 to €30 million).** **The EIC STEP Scale Up is part of the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP),** Its goal is to scale-up innovation in Europe's strategic technology sectors, particularly in quantum technologies and semiconductors, thereby enhancing the EU´s economic and technological competitiveness. The EIC Step Up scheme will catalyse larger funding rounds, amplifying the impact of the initial investment. **Funding:** Minimum investment €10 million, maximum €30 million in 2027. Equity only investments managed by the EIC Fund, the STEP Scale Up scheme aims to bridge the funding gap for high-risk innovations that cannot be fully financed by other investors. **Scope of Innovation:** **In order to apply, your innovation must be within the scope of the priority areas defined in the STEP regulation, which includes raw materials, and further developed in the Guidance note:** **a. Digital technologies, and deep tech innovations:** This includes: advanced semiconductor technologies; **artificial intelligence technologies**; quantum technologies; advanced connectivity, navigation and digital technologies; advanced sensing technologies; robotics and autonomous systems; and Deep tech (see Glossary of the 2027 EIC Work Programme). **b. Clean and resource efficient technologies, including net-zero technologies**. This includes: … **biotech climate and energy**

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	solutions…**manufacturing and recycling technologies**, technologies vital to sustainability such as water purification and desalination; and circular economy technologies. **c. Biotechnologies, including medicinal products on the Union list of critical medicines and their components. Including DNA/RNA; proteins and other molecules; cell and tissue culture and engineering; process biotechnology techniques; Gene and RNA vectors; bioinformatics; and nanobiotechnology.** **These technologies are deemed critical where they meet either of the following conditions:** **a. they bring to the internal market an innovative, emerging and cutting-edge element with significant economic potential;** **b. they contribute to reducing or preventing strategic dependencies of the Union.** **Who can apply:** • **A single SME or small mid-cap** (fewer than 500 employees) established in an EU Member State or in an eligible Horizon Europe Associated Country • **An investor** may submit a proposal on behalf of an eligible SME or small mid-cap as defined above **Note:** This scheme targets companies **seeking major funding rounds,** requiring proof of initial market interest from a qualified investor covering at least 20% of the total target funding round.
EIC STEP Scale Up Defence call	This is not likely to be of interest to health researchers and innovators.
Scaleup Europe Fund	The Scaleup Europe Fund is a new, multi-billion late-stage and growth fund aimed at **investing in the most promising European companies in strategic tech areas, such as artificial intelligence**, quantum technologies, semiconductor technologies, robotics and autonomous systems, energy technologies, space technologies, **biotechnologies, medical technologies**, advanced materials, and agritech, and across all parts of Europe. According to the EIC website "the Fund will be open to companies located in or intending to locate to any EU Member State or countries associated with Pillar III of Horizon Europe, which are developing strategic technologies and seeking major investment amounts in growth and scaleup stages."

EIC Prizes:

EIC Prizes	Key Information
The European Capital of Innovation Awards (iCapital) Opens: Q1-Q2 2027 **Deadline**: Q2-Q3 2027.	**An annual recognition prize awarded to the European cities that best promote innovation in their communities.** See section IX.2 of the **2027 EIC Work Programme** and the **EIC website** for further details.

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European Prize for Women Innovators Opens: Q1-Q3 2027 Deadline: Q3-Q4 2027.	**This prize celebrates the women entrepreneurs behind Europe's ground-breaking innovations.** There are three prize categories: • **EIC Women Innovators** • **EIC Rising Innovators** • **EIC Challenge Prize** - for this Work Programme the challenge is **quantum technologies** See section IX.1 of the 2027 EIC Work Programme and once the 2027 call is launched also the EIC website for further details.

PILLAR III - EUROPEAN INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS (EIE) including the related EUROSTARS, INNOWWIDE, Investment Readiness and Fast Track to the EIC Accelerator schemes

The European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE) contributes to improving the overall ecosystem for innovation in Europe. The EU aims to create more connected and efficient innovation ecosystems to support the scaling up of companies, encourage innovation and stimulate cooperation among national, regional and local innovation actors.

Areas of intervention

- builds interconnected, inclusive innovation ecosystems across Europe by drawing on the existing strengths of national, regional and local ecosystems and pulling in new, less well-represented actors and territories to set, undertake, and achieve collective ambitions towards challenges for the benefit of society, including the green, digital, and social transitions
- reinforces network connectivity within and between innovation ecosystems to accelerate sustainable business growth with high societal value
- supports the **European Partnership for Innovative SMEs** (Eurostars 3)
- complements the European Regional Development Fund support for innovation ecosystems and interregional partnerships around smart specialisation topics

The most recently published EIE Work Programme is the **European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE) 2026-2027 Work Programme.** It promotes better connected and more efficient innovation ecosystems[2], creating framework conditions that would allow Europe to become a startup powerhouse, as foreseen by the **EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy.** In line with this strategy, the EIE work programme aims to address some critical obstacles faced by many startups and scaleups throughout their journey, notably linked to the high level of market fragmentation in Europe, which include limited access to capital, slow innovation uptake and underutilised potential of public procurement.

The calls for proposals are under the destination (subarea) below. The calls are explained in more detail in the tables further on in this document.

- **Destination: CONNECT - Interconnected Innovation Ecosystems**

Other opportunities related to the European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE) part of Horizon Europe include Eurostars, Innowide, Investment Readiness and Fast Track to the EIC Accelerator.

[2] Definition as per Article 2(47) of the Horizon Europe Regulation.

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Whilst we have done our best to include call topics related to health in our sections on each destination below, please see the **European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE) 2026-2027 Work Programme** for full information on the funding opportunities available.

The **European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE) 2026-2027 Work Programme** will be the last Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme (2021-2027).

Useful EIE links:

- European Commission webpage on European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE)
- European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) webpage on European Innovation Ecosystems
- European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE) 2026-2027 Work Programme
- Any European Commission infodays about the EIE Work Programme will be listed on this webpage with all European Commission Horizon Europe Infodays, for example the info session on the European Startup and Scaleup Hubs (HORIZON-EIE-2027-02-CONNECT-01) call.
- EIE National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage).
- The Acess2EIC project is a Horizon Europe funded network of 16 partners who share the common purpose to work as a network of EIC and EIE NCPs supporting national applicants and raising the quality of applications submitted under the EIC.

Destination: CONNECT - Interconnected Innovation Ecosystems

The **Interconnected Innovation Ecosystems destination** focuses on building interconnected and inclusive innovation ecosystems across the EU. Drawing on the existing strengths of national, regional and local ecosystems and encouraging the involvement of all actors and territories, this destination aims to reinforce network connectivity for sustainable business growth and to define and achieve ambitious collective goals for the benefit of society, including green, digital, and social transitions. It supports the flagship actions on accelerating and strengthening innovation in European Innovation Ecosystems across the EU and addressing the innovation divide, funding for deep tech scale-ups and enabling deep tech innovation through experimentation spaces and public procurement under the New European Innovation Agenda (which mentions that "Innovation is essential to drive Europe's competitiveness and to ensure the "**health and well-being of its citizens**" and **burning challenges including "improving healthcare**").

Grant Scheme	Key Information
HORIZON-EIE-2027-01-CONNECT-02: **Reinforcing synergies between experimentation spaces and innovation procurement** **PCP. Deadline: 15 Sep 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Advancing public sector modernization by capitalising on the transformational power of innovative technologies to improve the quality and efficiency of public services" "Reinforce EU strategic autonomy and increase resilience in the supply chains by opening up opportunities for innovative companies…""Improving opportunities for market uptake and economies of scale for the supply side through increased demand for innovative solutions and where relevant contribution to standardisation, regulation or certification" "Supporting the uptake of innovative and sustainable solutions through collaborative procurement approaches that encourage safer and more efficient practices in public sector applications." **Scope:** "aims **to shorten** the **time to market for innovations** by reinforcing synergies between innovation procurement and experimentation spaces such as test beds, livings labs or regulatory sandboxes".

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HORIZON-EIE-2027-01-CONNECT-03 **Enhancing the involvement of philanthropic organisations in innovation ecosystems** **CSA. Deadline: 15 Sep 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Increase the collaboration of philanthropic organisations with higher education institutions, TTOs, innovative companies and Venture Capital (VCs) in supporting innovative projects and companies to develop and grow" "Support the transition of academic research and innovations from higher education institutions to market-ready solutions" **Scope:** "Philanthropic organisations and higher education institutions have been working together for many years in supporting **the development of breakthrough research and technologies**." "This action aims at building on these established models of cooperation to support the transfer of developed technologies to the market by supporting facilities (like **living labs** and **test beds**) and/or engaging relevant stakeholders to further commercialize technologies with concrete common objective".
HORIZON-EIE-2027-02-CONNECT-01: **European Startup and Scaleup Hubs pilot** **COFUND. Deadline: 5 Jan 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "1. **Accelerate market expansion for European deep tech startups across EU regions and beyond** by fostering collaboration and mutual support among European deep tech startup ecosystem actors; 2. **Interconnect top-tier tech startup and scaleup hubs** embedded in research, technology and higher education ecosystems; 3. Enable cross-border access to infrastructures, facilities, corporates, investors and talents to deep tech startups and scaleups, including those funded by the European Innovation Council (EIC); 4. Enable more European deep tech startups, including women-led startups and scaleups, to succeed scaling into globally competitive companies; 5. Strengthen less-connected innovation hubs by integrating them into a Europe-wide collaborative network; 6. Boost private and public investment in deep tech ventures established within the participating innovation hubs." **Scope:** "The European Startup & Scaleup Hubs (ESSH) pilot will address this structural weakness by creating strong networks of European leading and emerging startup ecosystems that bring together research and higher education institutions, research and technology organisations, corporates, entrepreneurs and investors, while also encouraging these innovation hubs to expand their activities." "Selection criteria for ESSHs should include: … Strong capabilities in deep tech areas with relevance for European strategic sectors such as, for example, **artificial intelligence**, quantum technologies, advanced semiconductors, **medical technology**, biotechnology, bioeconomy applications, cleantech and energy (including nuclear technology), water and blue tech, security, defence, space, robotics and advanced materials."

Other funding related to the European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE) part of Horizon Europe

The EIE part of Horizon Europe supports the European Partnership on Innovative Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), which will help innovative SMEs to increase their research and innovation (R&I) capacity

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and productivity and successfully embed in global value chains and access new markets – through the Eurostars and Innowide Programmes.

Eurostars, Innowide, Investment Readiness and Fast Track to the EIC Accelerator

Grant Scheme	Key Information
Eurostars **Deadlines:** Calls for projects in the Eurostars programme are **usually organised twice a year, including a deadline on 4 March 2027**. To be notified of calls, sign up for the newsletter (in the blue section at the bottom of the webpage).	**Eurostars is an international funding programme for collaborative research and development (R&D) projects led by innovative small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). As the world's largest SME R&D funding programme, Eurostars supports the creation of innovative products, processes, and services for commercialisation.** Eurostars is one of only a few close-to-market collaborative R&D programmes that spotlight SMEs, but large companies, universities and research organisations can also participate and benefit from funding if there is national or regional support available. **How Eurostars supports you if you are a SME** You can use Eurostars to access public funding for international R&D projects. The programme has some unique features: • Work with international partners to strengthen your R&D • Reduce the risk of your R&D • Develop new business relationships • Access international markets • Be guided from idea to commercialisation with advice and support from a network of national project coordinators Contact form if you have any questions
Innowide **Deadlines:** A call for projects in the Innowide programme is launched **once a year.** To be notified of calls, sign up for the newsletter (in the blue section at the bottom of the webpage).	**Innowide supports innovative small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and startups to assess the viability of research or commercial plans in international markets. The programme offers grants of 60,000 euro.** **How Innowide supports you** The Innowide programme provides grant funding to SMEs and startups so that they can run market feasibility projects in cooperation with local actors in the selected target country. Market feasibility projects allow SMEs to gain a deep understanding of the business environment in a specific target country. Some key outcomes from the project include: • Understanding the technical feasibility of your product, process, or service in that market • Understanding the viability of your business model • Identifying key local legal, financial, political, cultural, and behavioural characteristics that could affect the deployment of your solution • Identifying ideal ways to exploit your solution, including further research and innovation **How Innowide works** Funded projects receive a grant of 60,000 euro to assess the practical, technical, and economic feasibility of an innovative solution in a new market during a 6-month timeframe. **Who can apply**

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	You can apply if you are an SME or startup from an EU Member State, Iceland, Israel, Norway, Switzerland, Türkiye or the United Kingdom. Applications to Innowwide must include an independent subcontractor that is established in the target country in Africa, the Americas, Asia or Oceania. Innowwide funding is awarded to the applicant SME. The partner entity is the main subcontractor for the market feasibility project. Contact form if you have any questions
Investment Readiness **Deadlines: Corporate Challenges are set throughout the year.** Check the **Investment Readiness** webpage for opportunities and be notified of future challenges sign up for the newsletter (in the blue section at the bottom of the webpage).	**Scale up with corporate partners in Europe and beyond: The Investment Readiness programme connects you with multinational corporates and private investors. The programme can help your startup or SME grow in a range of sectors.** **How Investment Readiness works** The Investment Readiness programme has two main activities: • **Corporate Challenges:** Investment Readiness offers you the opportunity to get your solution in front of Eureka's corporate partners. If successful, you will be invited to a meeting with the corporate to discuss future projects or investment with them. Eureka's corporate partners set Corporate Challenges that you can respond to. If you are successful, you could collaborate with the corporate in a pilot project or access investment, depending on the challenge. • **Missions:** They also organise international missions to major investment conferences. Contact form if you have any questions
Fast Track to the EIC Accelerator **Deadlines:** Calls for projects in the Fast Track scheme are **open two times a year**.	**The Fast Track to the EIC Accelerator is designed to help startups and small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that have completed, or are about to complete, a Eurostars-3-funded project to continue growing and developing. The scheme enables you to skip the first step (short proposal) and move directly to the second step (full proposal) of the European Innovation Council (EIC) Accelerator.** The EIC Accelerator supports startups, SMEs, and small mid-caps to scale up high impact innovations with the potential to create new markets or disrupt existing ones. The programme provides a unique combination of grant and investment funding, along with coaching, mentoring, and access to investors and corporates. Run by the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA), the programme focuses on deep tech innovation and patient capital. European Innovation Council National Contact Points (you can filter by country on the left of the page).

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Eureka

The four schemes listed above (Eurostars, Innowwide, Investment Readiness and Fast Track to the EIC Accelerator) are part of a bigger programme called Eureka. The other programmes under Eureka are listed below.

Grant Scheme	Key Information
Eureka Clusters **Deadlines:** Each Eureka Cluster operates its own calls timetable. When a call is open, or opening soon, it will be listed in the **Eureka Clusters** webpage. For example, the **Xecs Call 6 closes on 21 January 2027** and the **SMART Call 10 closes on 26 January 2027**. To be notified of calls, sign up for the newsletter (in the blue section at the bottom of the webpage).	**Eureka Clusters are industry-led communities for research and development. Each cluster is focused on a strategic technology area.** **There are 5 clusters:** • next-generation communications; • low-carbon technologies; • software innovation and digital transition; • advanced manufacturing and production; and • electronic components, systems and applications. There are some **health-related projects** funded under some of these clusters. **How Eureka Clusters support you** Eureka Clusters enable you to: • Discuss industry trends and challenges with your peers. • Meet potential partners in multi-national corporations, research organisations, and SMEs to develop project ideas. • Take part in a funded project. **How Eureka Clusters work** Each Eureka Cluster is managed by an independent organisation on behalf of the network. They run regular calls for projects focussed on their strategic areas. Eureka Clusters can also run joint calls for projects on themes that cross over individual technology areas. Please see the specific call page for more information about who can apply and how to do so. Contact form if you have any questions
Network projects **Deadlines:** **-** A **general call for projects is permanently open.** - **Sector, technology, or geographic specific calls** for projects in the Network Projects programme are also **open several times a year.** **If a call is open, it will be listed on Network projects** webpage. For example, there is a **Canada call closing on 7 January 2027,** a **Spain and Türkiye bilateral call closing on 3 March 2027** and there is an **Open Call for**	**The Network Projects programme provides access to funding for international research and development projects. It is designed to be flexible, with few limitations on the organisations that can participate in a project.** **How Network Projects supports you** This programme provides access to funding for research and development projects in a range of areas. As well as the general open call for projects, several sector, technology, or geographic specific calls are launched each year. **How the Network Projects programme works** Project applications can be made throughout the year and do not have to fit into any specific area of research, development or innovation. Projects are assessed by your National Funding Body. There are different types of call. A general call for projects is permanently open. National Funding Bodies also work together to launch specific calls for projects throughout the year. These calls are usually based on a

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Network Project applications which closes on 1 January 2030. To be notified of calls, sign up for the newsletter (in the blue section at the bottom of the webpage).	particular theme or area of technology and are also often limited to certain countries. Depending on the details of the call and the country where you are applying from, support might be either as a grant or loan. Contact form if you have any questions
Globalstars **Deadlines:** For current calls and deadlines, check the Globalstars webpage. For example, there is a **Globalstars call with Japan which closes on 20 January 2027.** To be notified of calls, sign up for the newsletter (in the blue section at the bottom of the webpage).	Globalstars is a funding programme with calls for projects (sometimes thematic) with countries outside of the Eureka network. The programme supports projects between companies in Eureka countries or regions and in leading and emerging markets around the world. **How Globalstars supports you** Globalstars provides access to funding for research and development projects in a range of areas. As well as funding, Globalstars gives you a unique opportunity to work with organisations in countries and regions like Japan, Uruguay, India, and Taiwan. **How Globalstars works** Globalstars provides funding to international research and development (R&D) projects. Projects must include at least one organisation from a Eureka country or region participating in the call, and the project consortium must also include at least one other independent organisation from the Globalstars country. Partners in the consortium can include other SMEs, large companies, universities, research institutions, and non-profits. Funding for Globalstars comes from National Funding Bodies in each country or region that is participating in a call. National Funding Bodies decide which organisations can receive funding, which activities can be funded, and how much funding is available. Contact form if you have any questions

PILLAR III - EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

EIT Overview:

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is Europe's largest innovation network.

It has nine 'Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) that are Europe-wide networks centred around fighting a specific societal challenge like healthcare issues or digitisation. They are made up of partnerships between:

- Higher education institutions
- Research centres
- Businesses and investors
- Public and non-profit organisations
- Cities, Regions, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- (and **healthcare delivery in the case of the Health KIC**)

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The nine 'Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) are listed below:

- **EIT Heath (see the 'access our programmes', 'apply for funding', 'get involved', 'news' and 'events' tabs at the top of their website)**
- **Climate KIC**
- **EIT Culture & Creativity**
- **28 Digital**
- **EIT Food**
- **InnoEnergy**
- **EIT Raw Materials**
- **EIT Urban Mobility**
- **EIT Water**

The EIC KICs launch new calls throughout 2027.

Other useful EIT links:

- European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) website including current opportunities and newsletters and newsletter signup
- EIT National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage)

EIT Calls (**not exhaustive, and the EIT will also launch new calls throughout 2027 – we have included a provisional schedule for EIT Health 2027 calls until the end of Q1 2027**)

Grant Scheme	Key Information
EIT Health: **Innovation Validation Call 2027** **Deadline:** 13 January 2027 Webinar: 28 Oct 2026 Q&A Session: 1 Dec 2026	**"EIT Health's Innovation Validation Call 2027 supports innovative digital and AI–powered medical technologies that are ready for real-world clinical validation and are approaching market launch. This call addresses the funding gap for solutions that need to run clinical studies and collect evidence to demonstrate safety and efficacy, apply for regulatory approval and prepare for market commercialisation."**
EIT Higher Education Initiative: **EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2026** **Deadline: 13 Jan 2027**	"The call is offering up to €1.25 million per project over 18 months, with a total budget of €40 million, to **strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship capacity in higher education, focusing on manufacturing and deep tech**. It will support projects that help universities develop innovation and entrepreneurship skills, improve technology transfer services and build stronger links with businesses."
EIT Rocket Up **Deadline: 22 Jan 2027**	This call **aims to empower women-led startups to scale across Europe** through target market analysis support, business validation, and access to expert know-how.
Factory X **Deadline: 18 Jan 2027** **Info session: 9 Dec**	Supports multi-partner **projects that bridge research excellence, market needs and commercialisation in AI and robotics**. "Funds: - **Deep AI & Robotics Tech:** breakthrough, science-driven innovation across **health**, mobility, manufacturing, computing and digital infrastructure. - **Strategic Tech:** AI applied to the sectors of the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP), from cybersecurity and sovereign data infrastructure to dual-use systems, clean tech and biotech."

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EIT Health Upcoming Calls until Q1 2027 (subject to change, and **does not include any calls after Q1 2027**)

EIT Health Pillar	Call Title	Provisional Opening Date
Innovation	**Open Innovation – Call for Bootcamp Provider**	Nov 2026 (TBC)
XKIC	**Regional Innovation Booster Poland**	25 Nov 2026 (TBC)
EP PerMed	**Venture Creator II**	9 Dec 2026 (TBC)
Education & Business Creation	**i-Days 2027**	9 Dec 2026 (TBC)
	EIT Health Internships	16 Dec 2026 (TBC)
	Venture Builder: Beyond the idea – Call for participants	13 Jan 2027 (TBC)
	Venture Builder: Beyond the lab – Call for participants	13 Jan 2027 (TBC)
	Catapult – Call for providers	Q4 2026 (TBC)
	Bootcamps – Call for participants	Q1 2027 (TBC)
	Micro-credentials 2	Q1 2027 (TBC)
	Catapult – Call for participants	Q1 2027 (TBC)
Innovation	**Innovation Uptake 2**	Q1 2027 (TBC)

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA (WIDERA)

WIDERA - OVERVIEW

This part of Horizon Europe has two components:

- Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence actions under Horizon Europe, contribute to building research and innovation capacity for countries lagging behind. It aims to strengthen their potential for successful participation in transnational research and innovation processes, promote networking and access to excellence.
- Reforming and enhancing the European Research and Innovation system, where policy reforms at national level are mutually reinforced and complemented through the development of EU-level policy initiatives, research, networking, partnering, coordination, data collection and monitoring and evaluation.

The 2026-2027 WIDERA Work Programme refers to "Widening Countries" which are defined on page 6 as:

- Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and all Associated Countries with equivalent characteristics in terms of R&I performance (Albania, Armenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine, and once associated Morocco)
- as well as the Outermost Regions (defined in Article 349 on page 149 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) as Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Réunion, Saint-Barthélemy, Saint-Martin, the Azores, Madeira and the Canary Islands.

There are call topics in WIDERA that are open to all areas and/or relate to health. Whilst we have done our best to include call topics related to health in our sections on each destination below, please see the 2026-2027 WIDERA Work Programme for full information on the funding opportunities available. The WIDERA Work Programme also has prizes for the 'EU Award for Gender Equality Champions'.

The 2026-2027 WIDERA Work Programme is the last Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme (2021-2027).

Please note that **ERA stands for European Research Area**.

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Useful WIDERA links:

- European Commission website on Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence and newsletter
- European Commission website on Reforming and enhancing the European Research and Innovation system and newsletter
- Horizon Europe 2026-2027 Work Programme for Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area (WIDERA)
- European Commission Infoday on the 2026-2027 WIDERA Work Programme Widening Calls
- European Commission Infoday on the 2026-2027 Work Programme ERA Calls
- WIDERA National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage)
- The NCP_WIDERA.NET project (also see this website) aims to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of WIDERA National Contact Points in low-performing Member States (MS) and Associated Countries (AC).

WIDERA - DETAILS

Destination: Widening participation and spreading excellence

Grant Scheme	Key Information
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-01-WIDENING-01: **EIC Pre-accelerator - Widening** **CSA. Deadline:** 18 Nov 2027	This call also relates to the **European Innovation Council (EIC) Accelerator**. **Expected Outcome:** "**This call will increase the innovation potential of deep-tech startups in the Widening countries and enable them to better attract private investments and scale up**." **"increased business, investor, and technology readiness of high potential deep-tech startups in Widening countries to a level where they will:** **1. be successful in applying and attracting the EIC Accelerator funding and/or;** **2. manage to secure other private investment and/or;** **3. attract successfully national or regional funding as alternative funding sources** (e.g. through Seal of Excellence programmes)." **Scope:** "focuses on early-stage deep-tech startups which 1) have high-impact innovation technology, product, service, or business model that could create new markets or disrupt existing ones, and 2) have the ambition and commitments to scale up." "The applicants are expected to demonstrate in their application that they: • have completed all elements of TRL 3 (Experimental proof of concept) and therefore the technology is currently at TRL 4 (Technology validated in lab); • possess the necessary Intellectual Property Rights to ensure freedom to operate and adequate protection of the idea; • have a clear vision on the intended pathway and route to market..."

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HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-01: ERA Chairs **CSA. Deadline: 14 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** **"ERA Chairs aim to attract outstanding scientists and innovators to universities, research organisations or research infrastructures in Widening countries, fostering brain circulation and creating pockets of excellence that enhance institutional culture and performance."** **Scope:** "Research organisations or research infrastructures in Widening countries seeking to establish an ERA Chair should submit a proposal with a **prospective ERA Chair holder - an outstanding researcher or innovator in any scientific domain**" "ERA Chair holders may be from any country" "ERA Chair holders should be excellent researchers and/or innovators in the chosen field of Research" "ERA Chair holders may relocate permanently or temporarily to the coordinating institution, with secondments, sabbaticals, or part-time arrangements also possible."
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-02: ERA Research Managers **CSA. Deadline: 14 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** **"ERA Research Managers aim to attract experienced research managers to universities, research organisations or research infrastructures in Widening countries, establishing or upgrading institutional capacities for research management, fostering brain circulation and creating pockets of excellence that enhance institutional culture and performance."** **Scope:** "Research organisations in Widening countries seeking to establish an ERA Research Manager should submit a proposal aimed at establishing or upgrading research management capacities in the institution and ensuring that the conditions are in place to foster excellent research management aligned with ERA priorities. The research institution will act as the sole applicant (mono-beneficiary), and the ERA Research Manager may be from any country but may not already have a contractual relationship with the research institution"
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-03-WIDENING-01: ERA Fellowships **Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships** **Deadline: 8 Sept 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** **"This action builds on the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships action (HORIZON-MSCA-PF-2027). The target group are host organisations located in Widening countries."** **Scope:** The **fellowships are open to all research and innovation disciplines**. "Fellowships should be provided to excellent researchers, undertaking cross-border mobility. Applications must be made jointly by the researcher together with a legal entity in the academic or non-academic sector located in a Widening country. ERA Fellowships should take place in a Widening Country. Fellowships are open to researchers of any nationality who wish to engage in R&I projects by either coming to the EU from any country in the world or moving within the EU to a Widening country."
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-04-WIDENING-01: Excellence Hubs **CSA. Deadline: 4 Mar 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Excellence Hubs allow **innovation ecosystems in Widening countries and beyond, to team up and create better linkages between academia, business, government and society**. This will foster a place-based innovation culture in Widening countries based on a strategic agenda aligned with regional or national smart specialisation strategies, and clearly identified expectations for economic and societal impacts."

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	Scope: "Foster regional innovation culture in Widening countries, aligned with smart specialisation strategies"

Destination: Reforming and enhancing the European research and innovation system

Grant Scheme	Key Information
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-02: **Pillar II: Talent ecosystems for attractive early research careers** **CSA. Deadline: 11 Mar 2027**	**Scope:** "The topic supports consortia in **creating 'talent ecosystems', cohesive and interdependent systems, where a balanced composition of both education and training providers and employers of researchers, especially from the non-academic sector, cooperate closely to promote attractive and sustainable careers for researchers, in particular for early-career researchers, tailored to the needs of the research labour market**." "Applicants should… clearly identify the thematic area they plan to address, choosing from the ones outlined… Area 1: Clean Transition: Energy and transport Area 2. **Health** Area 3. Biotech, agriculture and bioeconomy Area 4. **Digital and AI technologies** Area 5. Space"
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-03: **Pillar III: Science comes to town 2029** **CSA. Deadline: 11 Mar 2027**	**Scope:** "**Supports a small group of cities in organising and hosting a joint 1-year programme 'Science comes to town 2029'**. The programme should have a robust concept and brand focusing on connecting citizens and science while involving all relevant stakeholders (e.g., researchers, research funders, policymakers, publishers, citizens, civil society organisations, and business community)."
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-04: **Pillar III: Promoting public engagement in R&I and scientific literacy** **CSA. Deadline: 11 Mar 2027**	**Scope:** "This topic aims to promote the adoption of ERA policies and practices **delivering innovative approaches for enhancing science-society links and promoting scientific literacy**." "Applicants should select and clearly identify one area being addressed, choosing from… Youth, science and democracy…. Scaling up science engagement at EU level"

Prizes

Prizes	Key Information
EU Award for Gender Equality Champions 2027 Also see pages 108-110 of the 2026-2027 WIDERA Work Programme **Prize. 2027 Deadline tbc**	"Three prize categories: - **Sustainable Gender Equality Champions** **- Newcomer Gender Equality Champions** **- Inclusive Gender Equality Champions**"

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HORIZONTAL ACTIVITIES

HORIZONTAL ACTIVITIES - OVERVIEW

Horizontal activities are cross-cutting research and innovation actions that span multiple Horizon Europe clusters, pillars, or policy areas.

There are call topics that relate to health and we have included further information below. Whilst we have done our best to include call topics related to health with deadlines 2027 in our sections on each destination below, please see the **2026-2027 Horizontal Activities Work Programme** for full information on the funding opportunities available.

Most of these destinations contain call topics which are **challenge driven** where the European Commission specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

Funding calls in the Horizontal Work Programme nearly always require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

The **2026-2027 Horizontal Activities Work Programme** is the last such Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme (2021-2027).

Please note that when the European Commission published an update to the 2026-2027 Horizontal Work Programme on 29 Sept 2026, new calls and call topics were added related to: bridging actions; and Transformative change towards a nature-positive economy and society. Where these are relevant to Health these have been included in the tables below.

Useful Horizontal Activities links:

- 2026-2027 Horizontal Activities Work Programme
- European Commission press article on update to 2026-2027 Horizontal Work Programme "Horizon Europe's Horizontal Actions 2027: Extra funding for nature, innovation and competitiveness"
- Horizon Europe Infoday: Horizontal Activities Nature and Bridging calls
- Horizon Europe online matchmaking - Nature Call
- National Contact Points (NCPs) offer free training, help, support and advice (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage)

HORIZONTAL ACTIVITIES - DETAILS

Destination: Horizontal call – R&I in Support of the Clean Industrial Deal

Grant Scheme	Key Information
HORIZON-CID-2027-01-01: **R&I in Support of the Clean Industrial Deal: Decarbonisation of energy intensive industries (IA) (Processes4Planet and Clean Steel partnerships)** **IA. Deadline: 15 Sept 2027**	**Scope:** "three technology areas on energy intensive industries having a strong and promising growth potential in Europe are in scope of this call: - **Managing of carbon cycle** (CCU and/or CCUS) … - **Clean energy usage in production**… - **Circularity and resource efficiency** (material, energy, water) of production processes"
HORIZON-CID-2027-01-02: **R&I in Support of the Clean Industrial Deal: Clean Technologies for Climate Action** **IA. Deadline 15 Sept 2027**	**Scope:** "Proposals are expected to address one or several of these areas: • Integrated net-zero emissions energy systems (e.g. including energy grids, networks and systems) • Enhanced zero-emission power technologies (e.g. including renewable electricity, heat and energy technologies)

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	• Storage technologies, renewable fuels, and carbon capture and utilisation (CCU) (e.g. including batteries and other energy storage solutions, renewable hydrogen, advanced biofuels and synthetic renewable fuels) enabling climate neutrality" **"Applicants are free to decide on the specific value chain** they wish to strengthen in the above clean tech areas."

Destination: Horizontal Call - AI in Science

Grant Scheme	Key Information
HORIZON-RAISE-2027-01-01: **Automated Scientific Discovery – Materials Science (RAISE pilot)** **RIA. Deadline: 2 Feb 2027**	**Scope:** "addresses safe and trustworthy closed loop scientific experimentation systems through the integration of laboratory automation with AI-driven decision-making processes and robust data infrastructures." "should demonstrate how **an existing lab can be retrofitted with AI-driven systems** to plan, execute, and analyse experiments in a closed-loop fashion, incorporating human oversight and interaction to ensure accuracy, safety, and ethical compliance." **"Proposals should demonstrate close interdisciplinary collaboration of computer/AI scientists and domain scientists."** "The focus of this topic is on **any aspect of materials science**. Impact areas of automated experimentation in this field could include, non-exhaustively, battery technologies, photovoltaics, carbon capture/storage, water purification, soil remediation, **drug discovery** or sustainable fabrics."

Destination: Horizontal Call - Bridging Actions 2027

Grant Scheme	Key Information
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-05-01: **Skills for innovative SMEs** **CSA. Deadline: 3 Mar 2027**	**Eligibility:** "Only entities that are beneficiaries in the Enterprise Europe Network as a result of the call SMP-COSME-2024-EEN are eligible to apply." **Scope:** "…Europe faces a growing challenge in meeting the demand for **skilled talent in strategic sectors like clean and circular technologies, energy, health, biotech,** agriculture, **bioeconomy, digital technologies,** aerospace and civil security**.**" "…**this action is expected to set up a transnational mobility scheme to provide EU lump sum grants (via FSTP) to innovative SMEs who have experienced skill shortages and difficulty in recruiting innovation talent**."
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-06-02: **Valorising Horizon project results via innovation ecosystems** **RIA. Deadline: 16 Feb 2027**	**Scope:** "Proposals **must address one of the following thematic areas**: A) Agriculture and Food systems, B) Clean transition: energy & transport, **C) Health**, D) Bioeconomy, and E) Raw materials & advanced materials." "Consortia should comprise those actors that in innovation ecosystem act as knowledge intermediaries - such as technology transfer offices, EU supported innovation ecosystems, existing innovation platforms, incubators, clusters and entrepreneurship support initiatives - which will be best placed to link Horizon project consortia and owners of exploitable Horizon results with accelerators, investors, municipalities, regions, clusters, innovative public and private procurers, living labs and mission-oriented innovation platforms."

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	"Proposals must provide financial support to third parties (FSTP) to launch competitive calls for validation and valorisation of Horizon Results."
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-04-03: **Bringing innovative climate preparedness and resilience solutions closer to the market** **CSA. Deadline: 16 Feb 2027**	**Scope:** "**Climate resilience technologies** are key to strengthen Europe's strategic autonomy. By anticipating climate impacts and embedding resilience into for example industrial, agricultural, maritime and forest-based, civil security, **health**, mobility and urban systems, Europe has the unique opportunity to reduce exposure to external shocks and reinforce the reliability of its internal market, in increasingly uncertain geopolitical times." "The project will address the lack of a coherent, EU-level pathway for scaling climate resilience solutions **across all relevant economic sectors**, which currently leads to underexploited innovation potential." "The proposals should address all the following aspects: - Services provided by the central consortium… - **Direct support to businesses in the form of financial support to third parties**… While recognising that all economic sectors are exposed to climate impacts, the project should give priority to **at least one solution for each of the following areas**: 1) water, 2) food & agriculture, 3) transport, 4) energy, **5) health**, 6) civil security and 7) critical infrastructure, including buildings."
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-03-04: **Supporting the long-term resilience and European sovereignty of critical research data and knowledge repositories and scientific services for the life sciences** **RIA. Deadline: 15 Jun 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** **"**Proposals are expected to contribute to **all** the following expected outcomes: - Increased resilience and sovereignty of critical European research data and knowledge repositories and scientific services used in the life sciences, **including in particular biomedical and biomolecular** related disciplines. - Further integration of trusted, FAIR data and research infrastructures in the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) Federation. - Increased European leadership and contribution to international collaboration frameworks supporting data infrastructures." **Scope:** "Europe is home to some of the world's **key research data repositories, scientific services and facilities that are indispensable for the life sciences**. Despite their crucial role in advancing the life sciences in Europe, such infrastructures are often vulnerable to risks that can critically impair their sustainable operation and serving of the community…" "**The aim of this action is to increase the resilience of key research data and knowledge repositories and services used in the life sciences**, i) by supporting their participation and integration into the EOSC Federation as well as relevant European or global collaborative frameworks to interconnect, share and scale resources, and ii) by supporting a vibrant broad community of infrastructure operators that diversifies and enriches these services, strengthening their operational sustainability and expanding their uptake by end-users. **The action targets critical research, data and knowledge infrastructures in the life sciences as well as other key facilities that serve the needs of researchers in the life sciences.**"

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HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-02-05: Advancing promising results from Pillar II collaborative research through the innovation journey **IA. Deadline: 28 Jan 2027**	**Scope:** "This topic aims at supporting actions that **bring solutions generated by (Horizon Europe) Pillar II closer to production and adoption by testing and validating them in real world settings**, taking into consideration societal needs, cultural diversity and responsible innovation. Consortia do not necessarily have to include beneficiaries from the previous grant(s) but must own or have access to the knowledge assets, including intellectual property, where relevant, as stipulated in the specific conditions of this topic." "Proposals should focus on innovation activities that cover the later stages of development, including the use of research and technology infrastructures where relevant"
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-03-06: Access to research infrastructure services to enable R&I addressing industry needs in priority areas **RIA. Deadline: 15 Jun 2027**	**Scope:** "**This topic aims at providing trans-national access (on-site or remote) and/or virtual access to integrated and customised research infrastructure services for industry-driven research** to foster innovation in each of the target areas listed below, offered by complementary state-of-the-art research infrastructures. Access should target users from industry (notably SMEs, startups and scaleups) or from academia when collaborating with industry." "Proposals are expected to address one of these areas… **Area 1: Biomedical or food technologies**…"
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-03-07: Europe's world class research and technology infrastructures as strategic assets for talent to Choose Europe **CSA. Deadline: 15 Jun 2027**	**Scope:** "This topic aims to **leverage Europe's world-class research and technology infrastructures to attract global scientific talent and to strengthen Europe's position as a partner of choice** for international scientific cooperation, in line with the European strategy on research and technology infrastructures." "Proposals are expected to address one of the areas… **- Area 1: Health and biomedical sciences**…"

Destination: Transformative change towards a nature-positive economy and society

Grant Scheme	Key Information
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-01: Understanding the nature and the extent of the effects of PFAS on biodiversity and ecosystem services **RIA. Deadline: 14 Jan 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "mechanistic understanding of PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) effects on biodiversity, on ecosystems and on ecosystem services is improved and evaluations of their extent are available" "research needs to close knowledge gaps and to address issues on biodiversity and ecosystem services are better identified" "**new knowledge can be integrated by policymakers in their decisions related to biodiversity protection and restoration, environmental protection and protection of human health as well as in socio-economic cost-benefit analysis for policy measures on PFAS**."
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-02: Living labs co-creating solutions for the restoration of ecosystems addressing implementation bottlenecks and improving resilience to risks **RIA. Deadline: 14 Jan 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "Proposals are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • stakeholders are empowered to co-create, deploy and replicate viable ecosystem restoration measures leading to their wider uptake, with solutions to address implementation bottlenecks and financing issues; • competent authorities in charge of implementing the EU Nature Restoration Regulation (NRR) can design and reuse effective deployment frameworks, informed by evidence and lessons generated through living labs across different contexts;

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	• social, economic and environmental co-benefits, risks and trade-offs of nature restoration activities are demonstrated, addressed and made explicit to support informed decision-making and scaling, including, where appropriate, **potential One Health aspects**." **Scope:** **"**Nature restoration can deliver major biodiversity, climate adaptation, water resilience and **overall One Health benefits**. However, in some contexts, restoration may also modify the suitability of habitats (for instance **disease vectors and reservoir/host communities**). Proposals are therefore encouraged to consider these aspects i**n cooperation with relevant public health and environmental authorities**." "Proposals should address **Area A: building risk-resilience with restoration** or Area B: developing effective and viable restoration practices in agriculture and forestry." "Under **Area A**, proposals should demonstrate causality between restoration activities and improved, nature-based disaster risk reduction and resilience, notably to extreme weather events ... Proposals addressing wetland, floodplain, riparian or water-retention measures are encouraged to consider **potential health-related trade-offs, including vector habitat suitability**, in cooperation with competent authorities, **including public health**." "At least one living lab should address fire risk management in agriculture and forestry, with cost-benefit analysis and avoided loss and damages assessments, while engaging with…**emergency services**…"
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-03-01: **Advancing interdisciplinary, data-driven research at the biodiversity- health interface under a One Health approach** **RIA. Deadline: 16 Sep 2027**	**Expected Outcome:** "robust knowledge foundations and analytical frameworks that enable inter- and transdisciplinary biodiversity-related research and collaboration, address interdependencies and strengthen the operationalisation of the **One Health** and Planetary Health approaches" "access to Findable Accessible Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR) data… supported by enhanced digital infrastructures…These data will build on improved identification, mobilisation and interoperability of existing data across thematic areas relevant to ecosystem and wildlife health, the main drivers of biodiversity loss and their **impacts on human** and animal **health**; **Scope:** "Proposals… should focus on the development of use cases that will tackle the main barriers to the operationalisation of interdisciplinary research and research results **at the interface of wildlife and ecosystem health, husbandry, animal, plant and human health**." "Proposals should… develop thematic use cases…use cases should address the most significant drivers (including their possible interactions) of biodiversity loss (land and sea use change, direct exploitation, climate change, pollution to air, water and soil, invasive alien and proliferating species) and their **impacts on health**. **Health outcomes should include - but not be limited to- human health (infectious diseases and non-communicable diseases including mental health). Use cases including infectious diseases should consider the wildlife-domesticated animals interface, including multi-host pathogens and spillover…**Use cases should be explicitly grounded in biodiversity and ecosystem health and designed to support inter- and transdisciplinary analysis across relevant thematic domains, **including a mandatory link to human health**." "Proposals should seek early and structured engagement with relevant stakeholders to support uptake of the developed guidance, including with relevant

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	international organisations supporting the One Health framework and EU and national **agencies responsible for human**, animal and environmental **risk assessment**."

HORIZON EUROPE PARTNERSHIPS

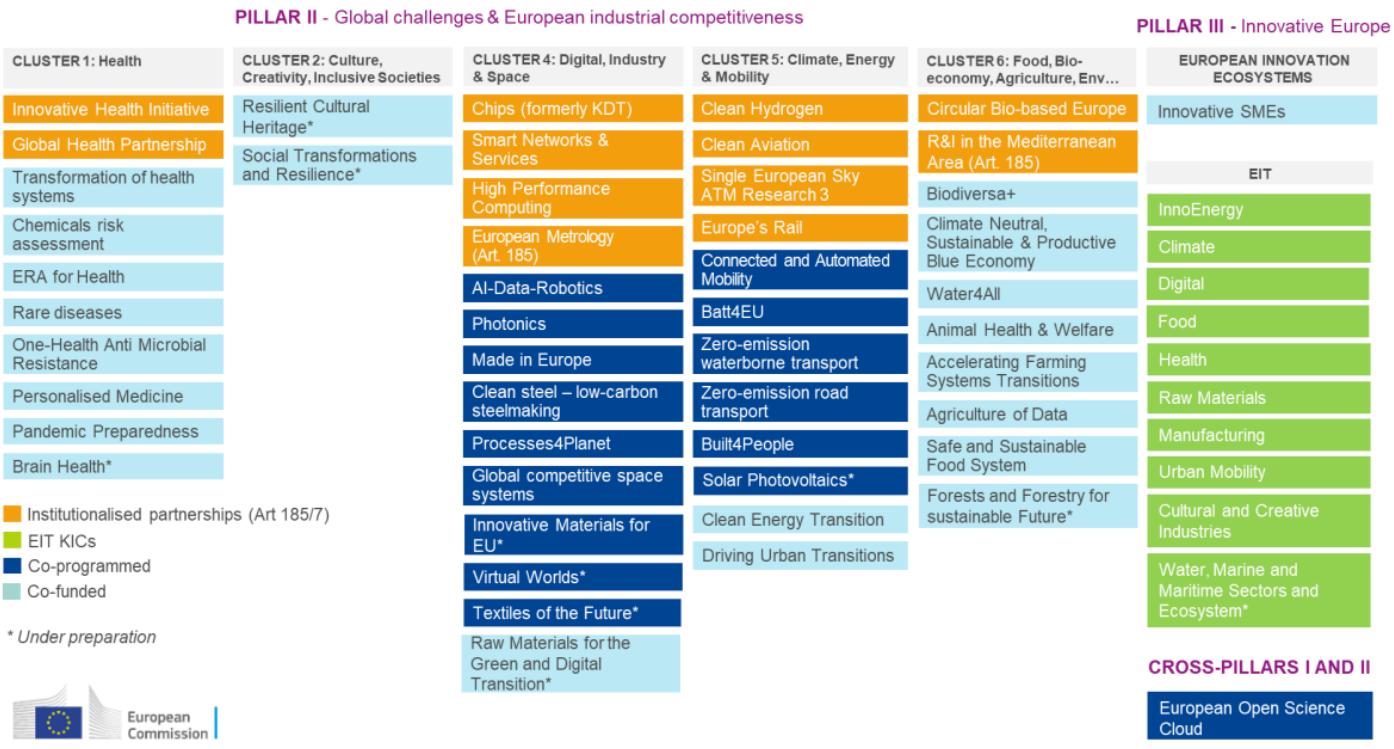
HORIZON EUROPE PARTNERSHIPS - OVERVIEW

European Partnerships in Horizon Europe bring the European Commission and private and/or public partners together to address some of Europe's most pressing challenges through concerted research and innovation initiatives.

There are three types of partnership:

- **Institutionalised Partnerships** (which run calls for proposals that are not in the main Horizon Europe Work Programmes)
- **Co-funded Partnerships** (which can run calls for proposals, but please note that calls for proposals run by co-funded partnerships are not in the main Horizon Europe Work Programmes)
- **Co-programmed Partnerships** (which run calls for proposals which are in the main Horizon Europe Work Programmes).

The European Partnership portfolio as of 13 Feb 2025 is shown in the diagram below, which is taken from the European Commission website on Partnerships.



Please note that if you are interested in applying to a call for proposals being run by a partnership, you will need to check the call documents for the eligibility rules. **Institutionalised and Co-funded Partnerships (i.e. all the partnerships in the Health Cluster) do not use standard Horizon Europe eligibility rules. The**

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eligibility rules for each partnership can also change call by call, so please always read the guidance and call documents for the specific call that you are interested in to find out which countries and which types of organisation are eligible for funding.

In the **Health Cluster** there are 10 partnerships, each of which has a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA). Each of the Health partnerships is explained in the next section below, and each Health partnership (apart from PARC) run calls for proposals**.**

The co-funded partnerships in the other Pillar II clusters are not covered in detail in this document. However, most partnerships have a website where you can find out more, and you can also contact your National Contact Point (NCP) if you have questions. (Tip: Use the filters on the left of the NCP website to select the NCP that you would like to contact). Additionally, please have a look at our HNN3.0 call calendar, which includes the open calls for co-funded partnerships in the health area.

Pillar III Partnerships:

The **Innovative SMEs partnership** is covered in the EIE section of this document, and further information is also available on their website.

The **European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)** including EIT Health is briefly covered in the EIT section of this document, and further information is also available on their website.

HORIZON EUROPE PARTNERSHIPS - DETAILS

Innovative Health Initiative (IHI)

The **Innovative Health Initiative (IHI)** is the successor to the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) but broadened to include prevention, diagnostics, treatment and disease management including Pharma, Biotech, MedTech, Vaccines, Radiological, Electromedical and the Healthcare IT Industry.

The IHI has a total budget of €2.4 billion (for calls for proposals between 2021 and 2027). It is a partnership between the European Union represented by the European Commission and the Healthcare industry associations:

- COCIR (medical imaging, radiotherapy, health ICT and electromedical industries)
- EFPIA, including Vaccines Europe (pharmaceutical and vaccine industries)
- EuropaBio (biotechnology industry)
- MedTech Europe (medical technology industry)

The objectives of the IHI are to

- Turn health research and innovation into real benefits for patients and society
- Deliver safe, effective health innovations that cover the entire spectrum of care – from prevention to diagnosis and treatment – particularly in areas where there is an unmet public health need
- Make Europe's health industries globally competitive.

IHI Call 14 and IHI Call 15 are the final calls under the current Horizon Europe funding programme. These calls are challenge driven where the call specifies the research and innovation project to be done, and **require a consortium of organisations in different countries.**

In general organisations from EU Member States, Horizon Europe Associated Countries and Low- and Middle-Income Countries eligible for Horizon Europe can apply, for example organisations eligible for funding under IHI Call 14 and 15. However:

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- Please see the IHI call and guidance documents for the full information on the eligibility. For example, section 2.3 of the IHI's Guide for Applicants states that
  "In practice, EU funding primarily supports the participation in projects of organisations like universities, research organisations, patient organisations, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and mid-sized companies (companies with a turnover below EUR 500 million). Depending on the type of call for proposals, larger companies may also be eligible to receive EU funding."
  The Guide for Applicants then goes on to explain more about which types of organisations are eligible for funding under IHI single stage calls (like Call 14) and two stage calls (like Call 15).
- Also please note that **Australia, Switzerland, Japan, Republic of Korea are not eligible for funding Call 14 Topic 4** and **Australia is not eligible for funding for Call 14 Topic 1**. This is because these call topics use budget from before these countries associated to Horizon Europe.

Useful IHI links:

- Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) website, including newsletter signup, Mission and Objectives, open calls, future calls, call 14 and 15 preannouncement and 23 Nov update, closed calls, events, news and funded projects.
- Brokerage Platforms for IHI Call 14 and 15
  - Call 14: Launched on 23 Nov 2026, it will remain open until the call deadline
  - Call 15: Brokerage event took place 24-25 Nov 2026; then the platform will re-open until the call deadline
- IHI Call 14 & 15 webinars: 18-26 Jan 2027. (Registration open, and the recordings and slides will also be available after the event).
- IHI Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- If you have any questions about the IHI, you can contact the IHI directly (infodesk@ihi.europa.eu) or can contact your Cluster 1 National Contact Points (NCPs) (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage).

Call	Details
IHI Call 14 (Single Stage) Pre-announcement, 23 Nov update and draft call topic text. The final topic text is expected to be published ~15 Dec 2026 tbc. The call is expected to open ~14 Jan 2027 and close on ~21 April 2027. Please check the IHI website and final call documents once published for final details.	**Call topics:** • **Topic 1: Validation of human-relevant novel approaches to accelerate the discovery and pre-clinical development of innovative medicinal products and health technologies** (Australia is not eligible for funding from Call 14 Topic 1) • **Topic 2: Validated, predictive approaches for clinical development of innovative personalised health technologies** • **Topic 3: Transforming healthcare delivery through integrated, scalable and patient-centred care systems** • **Topic 4: Advanced therapy medicinal products: Supporting manufacturing and clinical centre readiness in Europe** (Australia, Switzerland, Japan and Republic of Korea not eligible for funding from Call 14 Topic 4)
IHI Call 15 (Two Stage) Pre-announcement, 23 Nov update and draft call topic text. The final topic text is expected to be published ~15 Dec 2026 tbc. The call is expected to open ~14 Jan 2027 and the first stage deadline is expected to be ~21 April 2027.	**Call topics:** • **Topic 1: A common European approach to equitable patient access to compassionate use** • **Topic 2: From early endpoints to long-term outcomes: Healthcare decision-making on the use of surrogate evidence for timely patient access**

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Please check the IHI website and final call documents once published for final details.	

Global Health EDCTP3 (European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership)

The **Global Health EDCTP3 (European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership)** is a unique European and African partnership working to improve health through research and development. Backed by the European Union and over 45 countries, it focuses on infectious diseases that continue to harm millions across sub-Saharan Africa. It has an expected budget of €1.84 billion (2021 to 2027) which consists of €890 million from the EU/Horizon Europe, €550 million from the EDCTP Association and €400 million from third parties.

The Global Health EDCTP3 vision is to reduce the individual, social, and economic burden of poverty-related infectious diseases, including neglected, emerging and re-emerging diseases, in sub-Saharan Africa. Their Mission is to reduce mortality and morbidity in sub-Saharan Africa by supporting global collaborative research, capacity strengthening, and speeding up the development, evaluation, and implementation of innovative solutions to prevent, detect, treat and monitor infectious diseases.

Global Health EDCTP3 calls for proposals nearly always require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

Global Health EDCTP3 calls are challenge driven where the call specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

It funds clinical trials and studies, trains researchers, and strengthen the African clinical research ecosystem, ensuring that solutions are developed where they are most needed and global health security is increased.

Information on the countries eligible for funding is available in the Global Health EDCTP3 call documents, but (as stated on slide 3 of this EDCTP presentation) the countries eligible for funding is normally EU Member States; Associated Countries; Countries which are members of the EDCTP Association; International European research organisations; and other countries when announced in the call or exceptionally if their participation is essential**.**

Global Health EDCTP3 also funds prizes and tenders.

In December 2026 the Global Health EDCTP3 will publish its **2027 Work Programme with info on the 2027 calls**, which will be their last Work Programme under the current Horizon Europe Programme. There are also likely to be an **Infoday** on the 2027 calls.

Useful Global Health EDCTP3 links:

- Global Health EDCTP3 website including newsletter and newsletter signup, funding including calls for tender, a networking platform, tips for a successful proposal, news, events and funded projects).
- Global Health EDCTP3 Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- If you have any questions about the Global Health EDCTP3 you can contact them directly via a form on their website or by emailing applicants@global-health-edctp3.europa.eu, or you can contact your Cluster 1 National Contact Points (NCPs) (you can filter the NCPs by country at the left of the webpage).

As of Nov 2026, there are no open calls. The 2027 Work Programme and calls are expected to be published in December 2026.

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Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS) Partnership

The **Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS) Partnership** has a budget of €305 million and involves around 26 countries, as well as some regions.

The objective of the partnership is to contribute to the transition towards more sustainable, efficient, resilient, inclusive, innovative and high-quality people-centred health and care systems equally accessible to all people. The Partnership's core activity is to fund research and innovation projects through joint transnational calls involving Funding Organisations with common priorities.

THCS Partnership calls for proposals normally require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

THCS calls are normally challenge-driven where the call specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

Information about countries and types of organisations eligible for funding is available in the call documents. The eligibility rules for each partnership call can change call by call, so please always read the guidance and call documents for the specific call that you are interested in to find out which countries and which types of organisations are eligible for funding. The call documents also usually provide a contact point for each country/funder and there is usually also an infoday and partnering/matchmaking events for each call.

The THCS Partnership has announced its 2027 Joint Transnational Call (JTC). The last JTC under THCS is expected to be the 2028 JTC.

Useful THCS links:

- Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS) website, including the 2027 JTC and other funding opportunities, a newsletter signup page, and news.
- 2027 JTC Webinar – 2 Dec 2026
- THCS Partnership Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- If you have any questions about the 2027 THCS JTC, the contacts for each country are provided in the call document.
- For other questions about the partnership, you can contact info@thcspartnership.eu

Call	Details
2027 JTC (Joint Transnational Call): **Transforming the Health and Care Workforce for Sustainable and Resilient Systems** Info webinar: 2 Dec 2026 A partner search tool is available via the call webpage. **Deadline for Pre-proposals: 21 Jan 2027, 14.00 CET**	"**to support implementation-oriented research and innovation that accelerates the uptake, adaptation, testing, evaluation and scaling of evidence-informed approaches to health and care workforce transformation**"

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European Partnership for the Assessment of Risks from Chemicals (PARC)

The **European Partnership for the Assessment of Risks from Chemicals** does not hold any calls for proposals. Further information is available on the PARC website, and you can also sign up for the PARC newsletters to stay up to date.

European Research Area for Health (ERA4Health) Partnership

The **European Research Area for Health (ERA4Health) Partnership** has a budget of €342 million and involves around 30 countries. It increases European transnational collaborative research funding by creating a funding body for joint programming in priority areas addressing European public health needs.

The ERA4Health partnership brings together a mix of ministries, national and regional funding agencies, not-for-profit intergovernmental organisations, research institutes and foundations. They launch cross-national joint calls for proposals and carry out other cross-cutting activities.

ERA4Health focuses on tackling diseases and reducing disease burden by addressing:

- The increasing demand for a better quality of life and a better patient care.
- The need to transform public health care systems into more effective, efficient, equitable, accessible, and resilient ones.
- The need to strengthen disease prevention and health promotion.

The main objectives of ERA4Health are to:

- Support relevant medical research including clinical fields and intervention areas (prevention, diagnosis, treatment).
- Improve the utilisation of existing health technologies in clinical practice.
- Build capacity, in particular in conducting Investigator Initiated Clinical Studies at EU scale.
- Implement and advance the practice of responsible research and innovation (RRI) across the breadth of the programme.

ERA4Health calls for proposals normally require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

ERA4Health calls are normally challenge driven where the call specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

Information about countries and types of organisations eligible for funding is available in the call documents. The eligibility rules for each partnership calls can change call by call, so please always read the guidance and call documents for the specific call that you are interested in to find out which countries and which types of organisations are eligible for funding. The call documents also usually provide a contact point for each country/funder and there is usually an Infoday. They may also be partnering systems/events.

Useful ERA4Health links:

- European Research Area for Health (ERA4Health) website, including funding opportunities, newsletter and newsletter signup, news, events and workshops and training.
- Partner search
- ERA4Health Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- If you have any questions about the ERA4Health partnership you can email web@era4health.eu, era4health@isciii.es or contact them via their website.

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Call	Details
IICS4all2027: **Multi-national Investigator-Initiated Clinical Studies in cardiovascular, autoimmune, metabolic and non-communicable respiratory diseases, including underrepresented populations** Info webinar: 10 Nov 2026 **Pre-proposal Deadline: 14 Jan 2027, 12:00 CET**	"to support pragmatic, phase III, randomised controlled, multi-national interventional Investigator-Initiated Clinical Studies (IICS). 1. that are designed as following study types: **- comparative-effectiveness studies and/or** **- drug repurposing studies of off-patent drugs** Applicants can make use of existing cohorts, e.g. for designing Trials within Cohorts (TwiCs). 2. that have a **high public relevance in the fields of the following diseases or conditions** (that are of equal importance): **- Cardiovascular diseases** **- Metabolic disorders** **- Autoimmune diseases** **- Non-communicable respiratory diseases** The IICS should primarily address at least one of the abovementioned diseases/conditions, although a proposal can also address several of the mentioned diseases/conditions and/or in combination with related comorbidities. 3. that ensure **inclusivity and diversity in the study population** and also include **sex/gender-sensitive, age-specific or other diversity-related aspects**, if reasonable."
NanoDiagNCD 2027: **Nano and advanced technologies for developing Diagnostic tools to improve the detection and the clinical management of noncommunicable diseases** Info webinar: 19 Nov 2026 **Pre-proposal Deadline: 19 Jan 2027, 12:00 CET**	"to **support translational research projects that develop application(s) of nanotechnologies, either solely or in combination with Key Enabling Technologies (KETs), to make significant strides in the development of diagnostic and theranostic tools for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)**. Proposals should focus on **developing and/or validating diagnostic and theranostic tools** that are grounded in robust scientific evidence. The results obtained from these tools must enable the optimisation of the care continuum. This care continuum includes, among other things, **prevention, early disease detection, disease monitoring, treatment guidance, adverse effect and/or risk/benefit assessment**. The proposed research must define and validate performance benchmarks against existing diagnostic approaches to demonstrate added value in terms of sensitivity, specificity, accessibility, affordability, patient comfort, invasiveness and/or safety..."

European Rare Disease Research Alliance (ERDERA) Partnership

The **European Rare Disease Research Alliance (ERDERA)** is the European partnership uniting over 170 public and private organisations across 37 countries around a single goal: turning cutting-edge science into tangible benefits for the thirty million Europeans living with a rare disease.

With an estimated overall budget of €380 million until 2031, ERDERA aims to have a major impact on rare diseases by supporting patient driven research to develop new treatments and diagnostic pathways and harnessing the potential of health and research data, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technologies.

The European Union contributes around €150 million to this co-funded partnership via Horizon Europe, while the rest of the funding comes from Member States, countries associated to Horizon Europe and in cash and in-kind contributions from public and private partners. ERDERA has two aspects: running calls for proposals; and other activities.

ERDERA's vision is better prevention, better diagnosis and better treatment. ERDERA works towards making Europe a world leader in rare diseases research and innovation, supporting concrete health benefits to rare diseases patients through improved prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

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ERDERA calls for proposals normally require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

Most ERDERA calls are normally challenge driven where the call specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

Information about countries and types of organisations eligible for funding is available in the call documents. The eligibility rules for each partnership call can change call by call, so please always read the guidance and call documents for the specific call that you are interested in to find out which countries and which types of organisations are eligible for funding. The call documents also usually provide a contact point for each country/funder and there is usually also an infoday and partnering/matchmaking events for each call.

Please note that the previous ERDERA Clinical Trials Call was a one-off funding opportunity and is unlikely to be repeated over the coming years.

ERDERA has also plans to hold a Joint Transnational Call for proposals (JTC) in 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 and 2031. The research and innovation areas covered by the 2028 JTC onwards have not yet been announced. Please check the ERDERA Partnership website for the latest funding opportunities (along with Infodays and partnering systems/events) and sign up for the ERDERA newsletter to stay up to date.

ERDERA also have an Accelerator (Technology Accelerator and Public-Private Collaboration Accelerator).

Useful ERDERA links:

- **European Rare Disease Research Alliance (ERDERA) website**, including funding opportunities, clinical research network, the data hub, expertise services, the ERDERA accelerator, training and education, news and newsletter signup, events and more.
- ERDERA Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- If you have any questions about the 2027 JTC please contact the contacts in the call documents.
- For anything else, you can contact the ERDERA partnership using the contact form on their website.

Call	Details
2027 JTC (Joint Transnational Call): **Catalysing Collaborative Research for Recently Identified Rare Diseases** Call opens: 1 Dec 2026 Info webinar: 14 Dec 2026 **Deadline for Pre-proposals: 1 Feb 2027**	"The call aims to support collaborative **research into recently identified rare diseases that remain poorly understood, helping to build the knowledge base needed for future therapeutic development**."
ERDERA Networking Support Scheme **Deadline: The call is a permanently open call from May 2025 onward, until funds are exhausted which is expected in April 2029. Applications can be submitted at any time but are reviewed once per year.**	The Networking Support Scheme (NSS) within ERDERA is a competitive funding instrument **for networking events to share knowledge on rare diseases and rare cancers. It invites the rare disease and rare cancer community to unite across borders, disciplines and sectors.** Through this constantly open call, ERDERA supports the organisation of transnational networking events that promote knowledge sharing, research uptake and collaborations among clinicians, researchers, and patients/patient advocacy organisations (PAOs). With funding of up to €30 thousand per networking event, the scheme has been open since May 2025, offering a flexible framework for building the connections essential to meaningful knowledge sharing in rare disease

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	and rare cancers research. Further information is available on the ERDERA website.

European Partnership on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance (EUP OHAMR)

The **European Partnership on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance (EUP OHAMR)** brings together 53 organisations from 30 countries in EU and beyond to address the challenges of antimicrobial resistance across sectors and perspectives. The partnership deploys an integrated One Health approach, recognising that human, animal and plant health are interdependent and interlinked with the environment.

EUP OHAMR's vision is to reduce the burden of antimicrobial resistance. Its Mission is to boost One Health research and innovation leading to improved surveillance of resistant pathogens, better diagnostics and effective treatment of infections and to prevention measures reducing the use of antimicrobials and the spread of antimicrobial resistance. The partnership uses a One Health approach, recognising that human, animal and plant health are interdependent and interlinked with the environment.

EUP OHAMR will run from 2025 to 2035, and has a budget of ~€250 million pooled funding for research and innovation (R&I) projects. EUP OHAMR is cofunded by the EU/Horizon Europe with up to €75 million towards the implementation of the programme and support for R&I projects.

EUP OHAMR calls for proposals normally require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

EUP OHAMR calls are normally challenge driven where the call specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

Information about countries and types of organisations eligible for funding is available in the call documents. The eligibility rules for each partnership call can change call by call, so please always read the guidance and call documents for the specific call that you are interested in to find out which countries and which types of organisations are eligible for funding. The call documents also usually provide a contact point for each country/funder and there is usually also an infoday and partnering/matchmaking events for each call.

EUP OHAMR plans to hold a Joint Transnational Call for proposals (JTC) in 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 and 2031. The research and innovation areas covered by the 2028 JTC onwards have not yet been announced. Check the EUP OHAMR Partnership website for the latest calls and sign up for their newsletter to stay up to date. **The calls for proposals are normally announced during World AMR awareness week in November.**

Useful EUP OHAMR links:

- **European Partnership on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance (EUP OHAMR) website**, including funding opportunities, events and newsletter signup.
- EUP OHAMR Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- If you have any questions about the 2027 JTC please contact the contacts in the call documents.
- If you have any other questions about the EUP OHAMR partnership you can contact them using the contact details at the bottom of their website.

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Call	Details
2027 JTC (Joint Transnational Call): **Understand, Model and Stop AMR Transmission** Info webinar: 25 Nov 2026 **Deadline for Pre-proposals: 1 Feb 2027**	The call is aimed at **improving "our understanding of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) transmission and developing effective strategies to prevent its emergence and spread across the One Health spectrum."** "This call will address focus area 1, namely, "Prevent the emergence and spread of AMR". Current measures to decrease and control the emergence and spread of AMR and recent technical advances are still insufficient to reduce the burden of AMR. **More knowledge on transmission dynamics is needed. In the coming years, novel and/or improved measures need to be developed to control AMR, based on a better understanding of the mechanisms driving emergence, evolution, selection, persistence, and transmission of AMR, in and between different One Health (OH) sectors."** "Research and innovation proposals submitted under the EUP OHAMR 2027 Joint Transnational Call must address one of the following topics: • Topic 1 - **Model AMR transmission dynamics to predict the risk of AMR emergence and spread to support decision-making of public authorities.** • Topic 2 - **Understand and characterise the role of host commensal micro-organisms (including fungi) in AMR dynamics and develop solutions aiming at selective decolonising of resistant organisms in the host (human and animals) to prevent transmission.** • Topic 3 - **Develop or improve tools and methods to reduce resistant bacteria, fungi, and resistance genes in environmental hotspots, and investigate the impact of these tools and methods on AMR transmission."**

European Partnership for Personalised Medicine (EP PerMed)

The vision of the **European Partnership for Personalised Medicine (EP PerMed)** is to improve health outcomes within sustainable healthcare systems through research, development, innovation and implementation of personalised medicine approaches for the benefit of patients, citizens, and society.

EP PerMed is worth €341 million of which €101 million comes from Horizon Europe.

EP PerMed Joint Transnational Calls for proposals normally require a consortium of organisations in different countries. EP PerMed also holds various other types of calls.

EP PerMed Joint Transnational Calls are normally challenge driven where the call specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

Information about countries and types of organisations eligible for funding is available in the call documents. The eligibility rules for each partnership call can change call by call, so please always read the guidance and call documents for the specific call that you are interested in to find out which countries and which types of organisations are eligible for funding. The call documents also usually provide a contact point for each country/funder and there is usually also an infoday and partnering/matchmaking events for each call.

Various calls will announced over the coming years (along with Infodays and possibly matchmaking tools/events), so please check the EP PerMed Partnership website for the latest calls and sign up for their newsletter to stay up-to-date.

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Useful EP PerMed links:

- **European Partnership for Personalised Medicine (EP PerMed) website**, including open and future calls, newsletters and newsletter signup, news, events, stakeholder forum, podcast and more.
- EP PerMed Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- If you have any questions about a particular call, then please contact the contacts in the call documents.
- If you have any other questions about the EP PerMed partnership you can contact them using the contact details at the bottom left of their website.
- When calls for proposals are launched, the call documents will list eligible countries and will provide a contact for each country. There is usually an infoday and partnering/matchmaking tools.

Call	Details
2027 JTC (Joint Transnational Call): **Cell and Gene Therapy for Personalised Medicine (CGT4PM2027)** Info webinar: 3 Dec 2026 **Deadline for Pre-proposals: 20 January 2027**	"To fund multinational, innovative research projects in personalised medicine (PM), which should bring together academic, clinical/public health and private research teams" Aim of the call "With this JTC, EP PerMed will fund research projects in human health on CGT for PM approaches. **Proposals must focus on the development and validation of an innovative and novel CGT for PM.** For this call, CGT are considered innovative and novel when they offer clear therapeutic advantages over the standard of care, such as improved efficacy, enhanced safety, longer-lasting effects, or the ability to address previously untreatable conditions. At least one of the following approaches must be employed: • **Somatic cell therapeutics** (e.g., in the form of stem cells, organoids, or cells of the immune system); • **Gene therapeutics** in the form of gene substitution, addition or suppression therapies using viral and non-viral vectors or genome editing; • **Combined cell- and gene therapeutics** in the form of genetically modified cells; • **Novel biological products** such as mRNA, other nucleic acid-based methods, and extracellular vesicles as vehicle for gene-based therapeutic procedure. The research projects have to use **physiologically relevant preclinical models** (e.g., human cell cultures, organoids, organs-on-chips, animal models). Furthermore, they have to **show solid preliminary data** (e.g., defined vector or cell system, existing preclinical model) and have to **describe a credible pathway** towards clinical application."
EIT Health (European Institute of Innovation and Technology) is expected to launch the **EP PerMed Venture Creator II** on 9 December 2026 (tbc).	See call documents once available.

European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness (BE READY)

The **European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness (BE READY)** brings together 74 organisations across 24 countries and is expected to run from 2026 to 2035. The first phase of BE READY has a budget of €118 million, of which €57 million comes from Horizon Europe.

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BE READY aims to strengthen the European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness. Specifically, it will create a research landscape that offers health and socio-economic benefits. Additionally, through Joint Transnational Calls, the project will tackle key gaps in pandemic preparedness, spanning basic research, diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccines, and public health measures. The project will also establish an agile 'ever-warm' research ecosystem, including a network of clinical research sites across the EU, ready to respond quickly to emerging health threats.

BE READY calls for proposals normally require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

BE READY calls are normally challenge driven where the call specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

Information about countries and types of organisations eligible for funding is available in the call documents. The eligibility rules for each partnership call can change call by call, so please always read the guidance and call documents for the specific call that you are interested in to find out which countries and which types of organisations are eligible for funding. The call documents also usually provide a contact point for each country/funder and there is also an normally an infoday and possibly also partnering/matchmaking events for each call.

Various calls will announced over the coming years (along with Infodays and possibly matchmaking events), so please check the BE READY Partnership website for the latest calls and sign up for their newsletter (at the bottom of the page) to stay up-to-date. We understand that BE READY is likely to launch annual Joint Transnational Calls until the 2032 JTC.

Useful BE READY links:

- **European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness (BE READY) website**, including Joint Transnational Calls, newsletter signup (at the bottom of the page), news, resources and more.
- BE READY Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- If you have any questions about the BE READY partnership you can contact them using the contact details on their website.
- When calls for proposals are launched, the call documents will list eligible countries and will normally provide a contact for each country. There may also be infoday and partnering events.

Call	Details
2027 JTC (Joint Transnational Call): **Environmental, social, and transmission drivers of pathogen emergence in a One Health context** **The call is expected to open on 15 Jan 2027**	"The aim of JTC 2027 is to **generate integrated, actionable knowledge on the ecological and societal determinants that drive the emergence, amplification and spread of pathogens with pandemic potential that threaten human health**."

The BE READY partnership is being funded in two Phases by the European Commission. Phase 1 is currently underway, and the BE READY Partnership Consortium will have to apply to Horizon Europe for funding for Phase 2 by applying to the call HORIZON-HLTH-2026-03-DISEASE-13: European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness (Phase 2). See pages 18-19 and 90-95 of the Horizon Europe Health Work Programme for further details. The deadline for this is 13 April 2027. Please note that:

- The Horizon Europe call for Phase 2 of Be Ready is a 'co-fund action'. It is **aimed (1) at funders who wish to cofund Joint Transnational Calls run by the partnership and (2) at those working on the non-call part of BE READY which is establishing an agile 'ever-warm' research ecosystem,**

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including a network of clinical research sites across the EU, ready to respond quickly to emerging health threats.

- The call topic text includes that the "The proposal must be submitted by the coordinator of the consortium funded under topic HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-12-01: 'European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness'. This eligibility condition is without prejudice to the possibility to include additional partners." This means that there can only be one eligible proposal submitted to Horizon Europe call for BE READY Phase 2, and the Horizon Europe Phase 2 proposal must be submitted by the coordinator of the existing BE READY consortium that are already running BE READY Phase 1.
- Therefore, the Horizon Europe call for Phase 2 is unlikely to be suitable for the vast majority of organisations – unless you are (1) a funder that wishes to join and cofund future Joint Transnational Calls or (2) you want to work on the non-call part of the BE READY partnership. **If you are potentially interested in joining the existing BE READY partnership in Phase 2, please look at the BE READY website for more information about the partnership, including the Work Package structure. You would then need to contact the BE READY project coordination team and the relevant Work Package leader as soon as possible** to find out more about their plans for Phase 2 and explore whether it might be possible to join the Horizon Europe proposals for Phase 2 or not. You can contact the consortium that must submit the proposal using the contact details on their website.

European Partnership for Brain Health (EP BrainHealth)

The **European Partnership for Brain Health (EP BrainHealth)** is a major initiative involving 60 participants from more than 30 countries across Europe and beyond, co-funded by the European Commission.

Launched in January 2026, EP BrainHealth is a ten-year partnership with a total planned budget of approximately €500 million. It is one of the largest collaborative efforts in brain research worldwide.

The partnership shares a common vision of improving brain health for everyone, using scientific knowledge to promote brain health throughout lifetime. It aims to prevent and treat brain diseases, as well as improve the wellbeing of people living with neurological and mental health conditions in Europe and globally.

The partnership will strengthen transnational collaboration as well as increase and better align investments in brain-related research and innovation. Its mission is to promote the translation of research findings into tailored solutions for prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care accessible to all.

EP BrainHealth plans to launch two Joint Transnational Calls for proposals (JTCs) each year between 2026 and 2032. EP BrainHealth also plans to launch various other types of funding opportunities.

EP BrainHealth Joint Transnational Calls (JTCs) normally require a consortium of organisations in different countries.

EP BrainHealth Joint Transnational Calls (JTCs) are normally challenge driven where the call specifies the research and innovation project to be done.

Information about countries and types of organisations eligible for funding is available in the call documents. The eligibility rules for each partnership call can change call by call, so please always read the guidance and call documents for the specific call that you are interested in to find out which countries and which types of organisations are eligible for funding. The call documents also usually provide a contact point for each country/funder and there is usually also an Infoday, There may also be partnering/matchmaking events or systems.

There will be further calls announced over the coming years (along with Infodays and matchmaking events), so please check the EP BrainHealth website for the latest calls and sign up for their newsletter to stay up-to-date.

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Useful EP BrainHealth links:

- **European Partnership for Brain Health (EP BrainHealth)**, including calls, resources, events, news and newsletter signup.
- EP BrainHealth Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- If you have any questions about EP BrainHealth you can contact them.
- When calls for proposals are launched, the call documents will list eligible countries and will provide a contact for each country. There is usually an infoday and partnering/matchmaking events.

Call	Details
2027 JTC 1: **Innovative combination of preventive or early interventions based on known mechanisms of brain disorders** Call preannouncement ~7 Dec 2026, launched ~7 Jan 2027. **Preproposal deadline: 9 March 2027 tbc**	See call documents once available.
2027 JTC 2: **Improving the multimodal stratification of brain disorders for better diagnosis, prognosis and disease progression monitoring** Call preannouncement ~7 Dec 2026, launched ~7 Jan 2027. **Preproposal deadline: 9 March 2027 tbc**	See call documents once available.

COST

COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) is a funding organisation for **research and innovation networks**.

A COST Action is an interdisciplinary research network that brings researchers and innovators together to investigate **a topic of their choice** for 4 years. COST Actions are typically made up of researchers from academia, SMEs, public institutions, and other relevant organisations or interested parties.

Open to **all science and technology fields**, including new and emerging fields; COST Actions offer an inclusive, pan-European environment for individuals of all levels of seniority to grow their professional research networks and boost their careers.

COST Actions:

- Are "bottom up" multidisciplinary and disciplinary research networks in research fields **proposed by researchers themselves.** This maximises scientific freedom to initiate and develop groundbreaking topics with global networks of researchers, SMEs and other entities.
- Do not fund research, but instead fund the **networking, training, leadership and dissemination activities** that are the engine room for talented researchers including younger researchers involved in international research collaboration.

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You can participate in an existing COST action or apply to set up a new COST action. Further information about both options is available on the COST website.

Search the COST Actions website for COST actions that are running (i.e. 4 years' worth of Actions including Cost Innovator Grants) – as Nov 2026 this included 98 active actions when searching for the word 'health' and 24 active actions when searching for the word 'medical'.

The true value of COST is in **acting as a pump priming mechanism for EU/global R&I collaboration** in the following ways:

(i) launching young scientists' international careers in all fields

(ii) previous COST participants see **a 38% higher success rate in subsequent Horizon Europe grant applications**

(iii) the bureaucratic threshold is lower for COST than large Horizon Europe consortia projects, but the experience gained from COST is beneficial when applying for larger Horizon Europe projects

(iv) it is a training ground to develop key soft skills for scientists in international collaboration i.e. leading people in a consortium, collaborative decision making, and driving global projects.

Grant Scheme	Further Information
2027 COST Open Call **Deadline: TBC – please check the COST website to see if the deadline has been announced yet**	"**A COST Action is an interdisciplinary research network that brings researchers and innovators together to investigate a topic of their choice for 4 years.** COST Actions are typically made up of researchers from academia, SMEs, public institutions, and other relevant organisations or interested parties. Open to all science and technology fields, including new and emerging fields; COST Actions offer an inclusive, pan-European environment for individuals of all levels of seniority to grow their professional research networks and boost their careers." "COST Actions are **bottom-up and can be on any topic**, however they must fulfil certain criteria in order to be approved, such as including researchers from at least seven COST Member countries, amongst which at least 50% are from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) and at least 40% are Young Researchers and Innovators."

OTHER EU PROGRAMMES

The HNN 3.0 website has information on some other EU Programmes:

- EU4Health
- Euratom
- Digital Europe

We (HNN 3.0 and NFP4Health) have also prepared a factsheet comparing Horizon Europe, the EU4Health Programme and the Digital Europe Programme.

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