

**OPEN CALLS****HORIZON EUROPE****Teaming Synergies**

HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01-WIDENING-01

*Call - Teaming Synergies (HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01)****Call website*****Deadline date** 24 September 2026 17:00:00**Description**

Expected Outcome:

The Synergy action for Teaming Centres of Excellence (CoE) responds to the need to ensure the sustainability of CoE funded under the Teaming calls^[1]. The establishment of CoE in Widening countries, supported by a significant investment in Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe, has created new opportunities for scientific, societal, and economic impact. However, to fully capitalise on this investment and enhance the sustainability and international competitiveness of these CoE, it is essential to facilitate stronger collaboration and strategic joint initiatives among them.

Proposals are expected to contribute to all the following outcomes:

- Stronger long-term collaboration among Teaming CoE through structured joint initiatives and clustering efforts to enhance mutual learning, resource sharing, and collective research and innovation capacity;
- Strategic transformation of R&I systems by enhancing institutional cooperation and supporting structural reforms at national and regional levels;
- Promotion of multidisciplinary and transnational cooperation that will enable CoE to address critical European and global challenges, and EU policy priorities;
- Promote ERA priorities such as responsible AI usage, knowledge valorisation, commercialization, and entrepreneurial activities, such as SMEs and start-ups, within the CoE to maximise economic and societal impact;
- Stronger visibility of CoE and their recognition at national, regional, and European levels through structured engagement with industry, policymakers, and society;
- Improved synergies between CoE and national and EU programmes to leverage additional funding opportunities and policy support.

[1] In June 2022, the European Court of Auditors in its report recommended the Commission to ensure the sustainability of the Teaming Centres of Excellence.

Hop-On Facility

HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-03-WIDENING-01

*Call - Hop-on Facility (HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-03)****Call website*****Deadline date** 24 September 2026 17:00:00**Description**

Expected Outcome:

The Hop-on Facility allows for legal entities from Widening countries to join already funded Horizon Pillar II 'main' work programme and EIC Pathfinder collaborative R&I actions, subject to the agreement of the respective consortium and provided that legal entities from such countries are not yet participating as beneficiary, associated partner, or affiliated entity.

The scheme aims to improve the inclusiveness of Horizon Europe. Selected consortia will be invited to submit a grant agreement amendment request of the eligible already funded action.

Project results are expected to contribute to the following outcomes:

- At system level, mobilise excellence in the Widening countries, increase visibility of the beneficiaries from the widening countries, improve knowledge circulation, and boost their participation in specific thematic domains;
- At consortium level, open up established networks to new connections and partnerships, improve research excellence of the Widening country's institutions in specific fields, enlarge outreach of the participants' R&I actions and provides access to new talent pools;
- At the level of the Widening beneficiary, develop new competencies and skills for working in transnational projects including research management and dissemination and exploitation.

Digital twins and/or their major components for environment, climate and security
HORIZON-INFRA-2026-TECH-01-02

Call - Research Infrastructures 2026 (HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01)

Call website

Deadline date 16 June 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

- Improved security and preparedness for the Union and more disaster resilient society facing the adverse effects of climate change;
- Improved capacity of key users and decision-makers to anticipate, mitigate and contain risks at the vulnerable societal sectors at the intersection of climate change, environment and security;
- Further development of the data lab infrastructure around Destination Earth in line with the AI continent Action Plan^[1].

[1] AI Continent Action Plan, COM(2025)165 of 9 April 2025

Research infrastructure concept development including major upgrades or extensions of existing infrastructures
HORIZON-INFRA-2026-DEV-01-01

Call - Research Infrastructures 2026 (HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01)

Call website

Deadline date 16 June 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

Projects are expected to contribute to all the following expected outcomes:

- support to planning and decision making for research infrastructures at the national (e.g. funding bodies, governments) and European level (e.g. ESFRI) through solid science cases, including expected scientific breakthrough, gaps analyses and feasibility/design studies for future research infrastructures or major upgrades or extensions of existing ones;
- a better alignment of the development of the European research infrastructure landscape with the advancements of excellent science, frontier research and technology innovation;
- increased performance, scientific capacity and excellence of the European research infrastructure landscape;
- new services and access opportunities available to the research community, allowing to better tackle scientific and societal challenges, notably in support of strategic research and innovation agendas developed by key EU initiatives;
- reduction of environmental (including climate-related) impacts as well as optimisation of resource and energy consumption integrated in the very early phase of development of new research infrastructures or major upgrades or extensions of existing ones.

Demonstrating solutions to protect and preserve cultural heritage from the impacts of climate change
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-05

Call - *Supporting the implementation of the Adaptation to Climate Change Mission (HORIZON-MISS-2026-1)*

Call website

<i>Deadline date</i>	23 September 2026 17:00:00
<i>Description</i>	<p>Expected Outcome:</p> <p>In line with the EU Adaptation Strategy and the objectives of the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change, successful proposals will support the preservation of cultural heritage (moveable, immovable and natural with cultural significance) under a changing climate. Project results are expected to contribute to all the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innovative solutions for protecting and preserving cultural heritage from the impacts of climate change have been demonstrated and are made widely available for upscaling and deployment across the European Union and beyond. This includes nature-based solutions.• Regional and local authorities hosting cultural heritage are better prepared to preserve it under a changing climate.• Relevant stakeholders - including heritage scientists and managers, climate scientists, regional and local policymakers, civil society and representatives from the tourism industry - have co-created and put in place climate-resilient solutions. Citizens and local communities have also been engaged in the process.

Bridging the gap between disaster risk management and climate adaptation

HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-04

Call - *Supporting the implementation of the Adaptation to Climate Change Mission (HORIZON-MISS-2026-1)*

Call website

<i>Deadline date</i>	23 September 2026 17:00:00
<i>Description</i>	<p>Expected Outcome:</p> <p>The successful proposal will contribute to the implementation of the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change, the Preparedness Union Strategy and the upcoming European Climate Adaptation Plan, by facilitating the interaction between the actors of the Climate Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management at European, national and regional scales. Proposals are expected to contribute to all of the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Climate Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management communities at European level are brought together to develop inter- and transdisciplinary methodological approaches, constructing and disseminating joint knowledge.• The knowledge and understanding of the common aspects for Disaster Risk Management preparedness and climate change adaptation are enhanced, including the question of responsibility and accountability.• The terminology and understanding of the risks and the possible solutions are aligned for Disaster Risk Management and Adaptation and hence local resilience to climate change is improved.

R&I in Support of the Clean Industrial Deal: Clean Technologies for Climate Action

HORIZON-CID-2026-01-02

Call - *R&I in Support of the Clean Industrial Deal (HORIZON-CID-2026-01)*

Call website

<i>Deadline date</i>	15 September 2026 17:00:00
<i>Description</i>	<p>Expected Outcome:</p> <p>Proposals are expected to contribute to all the following expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen the competitiveness, sustainability (including biodiversity) and resilience of an innovative clean tech solution by clearly demonstrating the capability to, significantly:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ increase its circular material use rate, based on a sound and realistic baseline;

- reduce the levelized cost of energy (LCOE) delivered to end-users - including, where relevant, production, distribution, and storage costs, based on a sound and realistic baseline and considering different geographic scenarios; and
- contribute to Europe's industrial leadership and competitiveness, in line with the objectives of Net-Zero Industry Act (NZIA)^[1] for the EU manufacturing capacity of net-zero technologies^{[2],[3]}.
- Bring this innovative clean tech solution to full technological maturity and close to market-readiness with a view to accelerating its market deployment and/or integration in key industrial sectors in Europe (e.g. manufacturing, energy and transport).

[1] Net-Zero Industry Act: resource.html

[2] This should apply to each main specific component of the project for which, under the NZIA, it is established that more than 50% of Union's supply originates from a third country. In such cases, at least 50% of these components should be sourced from the EU or other Horizon Europe Associated Countries. In cases where a strong dependency would compromise the viability of the project, beneficiaries may aim at a lower percentage providing an adequate justification in the proposal.

[3] 860c257b-16db-429e-91c1-a30bea57e7ce_en

Developing methods to assess the presence, functions and sensitivity of groundwater ecosystems
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-02

Call - Call 01 - single stage (2026) (HORIZON-CL6-2026-01)

Call website

Deadline date 17 September 2026 17:00:00

Description

Expected Outcome:

Project results are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:

- the knowledge of existing groundwater ecosystems^[1] is improved, supporting policymakers and technical experts in assessments of their presence, functions and condition or status, and their role for climate change mitigation;
- society benefits from enhanced knowledge and awareness of pollution and overexploitation risks to groundwater ecosystems and the ecosystem services provided by them, including of possible implications for other related ecosystems (associated aquatic and dependent terrestrial ecosystems) and for human health as well as for food and water security, disaster risk reduction and resilience building;
- the EU water polices are supported with new scientific evidence and public authorities are better equipped for setting effective measures for the protection of groundwater biodiversity and their possible links to groundwater-dependent ecosystems.

[1] Groundwater ecosystems, in a broad sense, encompass systems formed by organisms inhabiting water-filled spaces in the subsurface, including sediments and rocks, the hyporheic zone beneath rivers, the interfaces at springs and lakes, and the zone from the groundwater table surface down to the deepest habitable conditions, such as cave waters. These ecosystems are open systems that maintain direct connections with other aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

Bio-based innovation in society: supporting the sustainable way of living
HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-10

Call - Call 01 - single stage (2026) (HORIZON-CL6-2026-01)

Call website

Deadline date 17 September 2026 17:00:00

Description

Expected Outcome:

Project results are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:

- advanced socio-economic transformation based on scientific/technological opportunities delivered by the bio-based sectors and bioeconomy. This will result in innovative bio-based products and services, supporting the more sustainable way of living (e.g. new socio-economic models), higher circularity, affordability, resource efficiency, climate neutrality etc);
- improved public understanding and engagement in bio-based innovation underpinned by scientific advances in life sciences and biotechnology;

- better living conditions for individuals and communities, benefiting from less polluted ecosystems, via healthier, and environmentally sustainable products and services with a reduced carbon footprint and based on circular and bio-based solutions.

EIC 2026 Pathfinder Open

HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDEROPEN

Call - EIC Pathfinder Open 2026 (HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDEROPEN

Call website

Deadline date 12 May 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Impact:

The expected output of your project is the proof of principle that the main ideas of the envisioned future technology are feasible, thus validating its scientific and technological basis. Project results should include top-level scientific publications in open access. While your vision is expected to be worthwhile because of its potential for future impact, for instance to create new markets, improve our lives, or provide solutions for global challenges, these are not expected to be achieved in the course of your EIC Pathfinder Open project. However, you are expected to take the necessary measures in the course of the project to allow future uptake to take place. This includes: an adequate formal protection of the generated Intellectual Property (IP), a plan for future exploitation and an assessment of relevant aspects related to regulation, certification, and standardisation. In addition, you are encouraged to involve and empower in your team key actors that have the potential to become future leaders in their field such as excellent early-career researchers or promising high-tech SMEs, including start-ups. Your project should reinforce their mind-set for targeted research and development aimed at high impact applied results. This will strengthen Europe's capacity for exploiting the scientific discoveries made in Europe throughout the steps to market success or for solving global challenges. You are particularly encouraged to empower female researchers in your project and to achieve gender balance among your work package leaders.

Objective:

The overall objective of the EIC Pathfinder for advanced research is to develop the scientific basis to underpin breakthrough technologies. It provides support for the earliest stages of scientific, technological or deep tech research and development. Pathfinder projects aim to build on new, cutting-edge directions in science and technology to disrupt a field and a market or create new opportunities by realising innovative technological solutions through:

- 'EIC Pathfinder Open', open to support projects in any field of science, technology or application without predefined thematic priorities.
- 'EIC Pathfinder Challenges' to support coherent portfolios of projects within predefined thematic areas with the aim to achieve specific objectives for each Challenge.

Earlier and more precise palliative care

HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-04

Call - Supporting the implementation of the Cancer Mission (HORIZON-MISS-2026-02)

Call website

Deadline date 15 September 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

Proposals under this topic should aim to deliver results that are directed and tailored towards and contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:

- Patients will benefit from better access to earlier, more person-centred palliative care models including digital remote tools and options for home-based care.
- Carers will benefit from real-time information tools and better communication.
- Clinicians will benefit from guidelines on optimal patient referral and care predictions.

DIGITAL EUROPE

Support to Dissemination and Exploitation (D&E) for the Digital Europe Programme DIGITAL-2026-SUPPORT-10-DISSEMINATION

Call - Programme Support Actions (DIGITAL-2026-SUPPORT-10)

Call website

Deadline date 01 October 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

Deliverables

- Optimisation of the operational framework for D&E for the Digital Europe Programme taking into account the elements mentioned under “scope”, with solid methodological and practical approaches.
- Identification of distinct types of adopters and the creation of a taxonomy articulating their respective interests and needs.
- Support to projects in the preparation and execution of D&E activities, including valorisation and uptake of results via advisory, business support and acceleration services
- A plan to deliver on the operational framework backed by monitoring and evaluation metrics.
- The delivery of actions implementing the operational framework and involving stakeholders as appropriate, including sector specific and programme-wide events.
- The means and tools to facilitate the delivery of the operational framework, including functional and technical requirements for a dedicated results platform.
- A plan for the sustainability of the operational framework and the actions implemented by the project.
- The dissemination and exploitation of results (including the access to infrastructures) in the specific context of security restrictions and the protection of EU interests overall.
- Produce a data base with concrete cases of DEP results, across all Specific Objectives and Implementing bodies, with exemplary dissemination and use of results.

Digital solutions for regulatory compliance through data

DIGITAL-2026-AI-DATA-10-COMPLIANCE

Call - AI Continent (DIGITAL-2026-AI-DATA-10)

Call website

Deadline date 01 October 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

The objective is to deliver three to four projects that demonstrate the streamlining of regulatory reporting through automated and trusted sharing of compliance data. Each project will address the governance, technical, legal, and processing aspects of the solution.

Objective:

Specific Objective 2 of the Digital Europe Programme aims to reinforce the EU’s core Artificial Intelligence (AI) capacities as a crucial driver for the digital transformation of the public and private sectors.

The vision is to make Europe an AI continent, thriving on the development, integration and adoption of AI. As one of the financial instruments of the upcoming Apply AI Strategy, SO2 will support the development of world class AI models in the EU and foster the integration of AI technologies into EU’s most strategic sectors, including healthcare, energy and research. It will stimulate new industrial uses of AI and improve the delivery of various public services. In addition, it will support the deployment of new digital solutions for regulatory compliance through data. The objective is to reduce the administrative burden of enterprises by applying advanced digital technologies to automatise the reporting process.

Objectives

This objective will support projects testing digital solutions for transmitting information relevant for compliance with EU legislation (e.g. regulations on environmental issues) and automate the compliance process for a number of pilot use cases. These projects will target regulatory reporting requirements, from aggregate data (e.g., company balance sheets) to detailed data (e.g., transactions, events, and product registrations). The aim is to leverage advanced technologies, including data capturing technologies, automatic transmission, analysis, cloud storage, and encryption, to ensure data security, confidentiality, and regulatory compliance. The strong focus should be given to privacy-preserving technologies to ensure trust between the reporting entity and regulatory authorities, safeguarding data confidentiality while enabling secure and efficient compliance processes.

Additionally, the projects will identify burdensome administrative challenges in the selected sectors that could be addressed by automated data-driven solutions, while close collaboration with reporting entities will be essential to enable direct communication with regulatory agencies for automated updates and ensure compliance with evolving regulations. The approach will prioritize access controls and audit trails to enhance transparency and reduce the risk of non-compliance and penalties. Furthermore, the projects could incorporate the European Digital Identity Wallet, when available, to securely identify individuals and legal entities in data spaces, alongside trust services like electronic seals and ledgers.

Advanced Digital Skills for AI Uptake in Health
DIGITAL-2026-SKILLS-10-DIGITAL-HEALTH-STEP

Call - Advanced Digital Skills (DIGITAL-2026-SKILLS-10)

Call website

Deadline date 01 October 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

Deliverables:

- Initiatives implemented for the target audience to collect knowledge on learning needs in the area of AI uptake in health.
- Training programmes in the area of advanced digital skills for AI uptake in health, designed jointly by higher education institutions, VET providers, research organisations, businesses and other stakeholders in digital health, in collaboration with the network of AI-powered advancedcreening centres.
- Training catalogue with detailed course planning and timetable, regularly updated.
- Final analysis of the completed training and the achievement level reached in improved skills.

A landing page integrated into the Digital Skills and Jobs Platform, showcasing existing and forthcoming education and training initiatives and promoting training offers to the relevant audience.

Objective:

The academic offer in the area of advanced digital technologies in the EU is still lagging behind other regions of the world, especially when compared to the United Kingdom or the United States^[1] even though the number of both bachelor's and master's programmes in the EU has increased through the years. Furthermore, apart from delivering excellent programmes in specific digital technologies, there is also a growing demand for interdisciplinary programmes to equip sector specialists with the digital skills to deploy and use advanced digital technologies.

The actions under this topic aim at tackling the lack of academic training offer in advanced digital skills in key digital areas, while triggering a new way of delivering education programmes and training, building partnerships between education and training providers, businesses and research across the EU, and supporting the digital skills necessary for the deployment of digital technologies in strategic sectors.

¹ This represents an increase of 8% in the number of bachelor programmes and an increase of 14% in the number of master programmes in the area of advanced digital skills. The dataset by the Joint Research Centre on the 'Academic offer of advanced digital technologies 2022-2023' is available here: [JRC Data Catalogue - Dataset - European Commission](#)

Research Support Framework for Situational Awareness on information integrity
DIGITAL-2026-BESTUSE-RSF-10-AWARENESS

Call - *Accelerating the Best Use of Technologies (DIGITAL-2026-BESTUSE-RSF-10)*

Call website

Deadline date 01 October 2026 17:00:00

Description

Expected Outcome:

At a general level, the project should achieve a strong, visible and recognised impact in scaling, facilitating and accelerating research and analytical efforts focussing on the information environment and information integrity.

The main outcomes of the awarded project will be:

- The technical solutions created or supported
- The insights generated from supported research and monitoring projects
- The proof of concept and lessons learnt for the support of shared infrastructures to support research on the information environment

Project applications will formulate their own deliverables in accordance with their needs analyses and proposed means to address them. At the minimum, deliverables should include:

- A suite or network of solutions capable of addressing Specific Objectives 1 and 2 (c.f. section 2 'Scope – Specific Objectives 1 and 2')
- A methodology and dissemination plan for creating access to the created resources (c.f. section 2 'Scope – Specific Objective 3')
- A sub-granting methodology in line with the scope set forth in the section above (c.f. section 2 'Scope – Specific Objective 5')
- A final report detailing lessons learnt and identifying clear paths for future actions.

Objective:

The overarching objective of this action is as follows:

Creating a common research framework with the necessary infrastructure to enable advanced research and analysis on information integrity in the EU.

In order to achieve this overall objective, the action rests on the following specific objectives:

1. Securing or setting up necessary infrastructure, comprising both hardware and software capacities, needed for advanced research on information integrity, that can be accessed by third parties across the EU
2. Supporting, acquiring or creating a set of dedicated tools to facilitate research on information integrity and the analysis of information manipulation
3. Making the dedicated tools and computational capacity accessible to researchers and civil society, where needed through a transparent and effective access mechanism, and promoting its solutions in the relevant communities
4. Contributing to the DSA's data access regime by collecting views from the research community on the data access API's of very large online platforms required by the DSA, documenting best practices and shortcomings, and representing the research community in efforts to improve the capability of API's
5. Set up and implement a grant structure to distribute funds to third parties from the research and civil society communities, funding as the eligible activities:
 - Third party tools or capabilities that support the delivery of Specific Objectives 1 and 2
 - Research projects that utilise the outputs established under Specific Objectives 1 and 2

CREATIVE EUROPE

European Cooperation Projects Medium Scale
CREA-CULT-2026-COOP-2

Call - *European Cooperation projects (CREA-CULT-2026-COOP)*

Call website

Deadline date Description | 05 May 2026 17:00:00

Expected Impact:

The action aims at having a transformative **impact on the cultural landscape** by fostering cross-border partnerships that invigorate the exchange of ideas and techniques, significantly enriching the sector. It should magnify the global presence of European art, ensuring its appreciation and access worldwide, thus broadening its impact. By facilitating collaboration among diverse organizations, the action should spark innovation, enabling the development and widespread dissemination of cutting-edge practices that enhance the competitiveness of the European cultural sector. This transnational cooperation should open new avenues for professionals, boosting their skills and fostering career growth and ensuring that cultural and creative sectors remain vibrant and resilient.

Objective:

European Cooperation Projects are **transnational projects** involving organisations in the cultural and creative sectors from different countries taking part in the programme. They give cultural organisations of all sizes, including micro-organisations and small-sized organisations, the possibility to co-produce, cooperate, experiment, innovate, be mobile and learn from each other. The action aims to improve access to European culture and creative works and to promote innovation and creativity. Projects can cover one or more cultural and creative sectors and can be interdisciplinary.

Proposals must present a clear **cross-border cooperation dimension** as this is at the core of the European Cooperation Projects.

Topic CREA-CULT-2026-COOP-2 - Medium Scale projects:

- **The consortium must be composed of minimum 5 independent entities from 5 different eligible countries.**
- **The maximum EU grant amount is of EUR 1 000 000 per project.**
- **The funding rate is of maximum 70%**

Support will be given to projects addressing **one** of the following objectives:

Objective 1 - Transnational creation and circulation: to strengthen the transnational creation and circulation of European works and artists.

Transnational creation and circulation are important for the advancement of collaborations, increased outreach and in many cases necessary for the viability and development of cultural organisations, institutions and individuals. Co-production is also a tool to stimulate creativity, share resources and facilitate the trans-national distribution of content and the circulation of artists. Projects will integrate new and creative ways of producing and disseminating content.

Objective 2 - Innovation: to enhance the capacity of European cultural and creative sectors to nurture talents, to innovate, to prosper and to generate jobs and growth.

Projects responding to this objective should be of **capacity-building** nature. Innovation should be understood in a broad sense. Innovations can be of technological and artistic nature; they may include the joint creation and production of innovative European works and their dissemination to a wide and diverse audience. Innovations also include the development and experimentation of new practices or models, as well as the transfer and dissemination of innovative practices from more advanced European regions or sectors or disciplines to other regions in Europe.

Areas of innovation can encompass a social or societal dimension, such as: audience engagement/development, working conditions of artists, gender equality, the inclusion of people with disabilities, people belonging to minorities and people belonging to socially marginalised groups, fighting climate change, digitisation and AI for the benefit of creativity and creators, etc., as well as culture's contribution to health and well-being.

European Cooperation Projects Small Scale
CREA-CULT-2026-COOP-1

Call - *European Cooperation projects (CREA-CULT-2026-COOP)*
Call website

Deadline date Description 05 May 2026 17:00:00

Expected Impact:

The action aims at having a transformative **impact on the cultural landscape** by fostering cross-border partnerships that invigorate the exchange of ideas and techniques, significantly enriching the sector. It should magnify the global presence of European art, ensuring its appreciation and access worldwide, thus broadening its impact. By facilitating collaboration among diverse organizations, the action should spark innovation, enabling the development and widespread dissemination of cutting-edge practices that enhance the competitiveness of the European cultural sector. This transnational cooperation should open new avenues for professionals, boosting their skills and fostering career growth and ensuring that cultural and creative sectors remain vibrant and resilient.

Objective:

European Cooperation Projects are **transnational projects** involving organisations in the cultural and creative sectors from different countries taking part in the programme. They give cultural organisations of all sizes, including micro-organisations and small-sized organisations, the possibility to co-produce, cooperate, experiment, innovate, be mobile and learn from each other. The action aims to improve access to European culture and creative works and to promote innovation and creativity. Projects can cover one or more cultural and creative sectors and can be interdisciplinary.

Proposals must present a clear **cross-border cooperation dimension** as this is at the core of the European Cooperation Projects.

Topic CREA-CULT-2026-COOP-1 - Small Scale projects:

- **The consortium must be composed of minimum 3 independent entities from 3 different eligible countries.**
- **The maximum EU grant amount is of EUR 200 000 per project.**
- **The funding rate is of maximum 80%**

Support will be given to projects addressing **one** of the following objectives:

Objective 1 - Transnational creation and circulation: to strengthen the transnational creation and circulation of European works and artists.

Transnational creation and circulation are important for the advancement of collaborations, increased outreach and in many cases necessary for the viability and development of cultural organisations, institutions and individuals. Co-production is also a tool to stimulate creativity, share resources and facilitate the trans-national distribution of content and the circulation of artists. Projects will integrate new and creative ways of producing and disseminating content.

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also include the development and experimentation of new practices or models, as well as the transfer and dissemination of innovative practices from more advanced European regions or sectors or disciplines to other regions in Europe. Areas of innovation can encompass a social or societal dimension, such as: audience engagement/development, working conditions of artists, gender equality, the inclusion of people with disabilities, people belonging to minorities and people belonging to socially marginalised groups, fighting climate change, digitisation and AI for the benefit of creativity and creators, etc., as well as culture's contribution to health and well-being.

Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)

Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness (KAPP)
UCPM-2026-KAPP-PVPP

Call - Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness (UCPM-2026-KAPP-PVPP)

Call website

Deadline date 19 May 2026 17:00:00

Description

Themes & priorities:

Applicants are invited to select one or several of the following priorities:

Priority 1: Increasing risk awareness and preparedness of the population

Population plays an important role in disaster prevention and preparedness and citizens are usually the first responders to disasters. National, sub-national and local authorities should cooperate, together with the private sector and civil society organisations, to i) increase disaster risk awareness and understanding of the population, ii) foster a culture of risk prevention and preparedness to risks, iii) create favourable conditions for individuals to actively engage in disaster risk reduction/DRM activities, iv) communicate appropriately during emergencies, v) fighting disinformation and information manipulation in the DRM domain.

Evidence-based risk information and communication, as well as education activities, targeted to the public – including vulnerable groups and persons with disabilities– are effective tools to raise risk awareness, preparedness and contribute to response measures. A good understanding of everyone's role in case of emergency will improve adherence to public warnings and instructions.

This priority correlates with the Union disaster resilience goal No. 2: 'Prepare - Increasing risk awareness and preparedness of the population'.

Priority 2: Enhancing from early warning to early action

Early warning systems are key elements for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in view of the recent extreme weather events and cascading impacts across sectors. Taking into account climate scenarios, and other new risks, the importance of advanced multi-hazard and risk warnings has never been more widely acknowledged. Although in Europe there is considerable experience with early warning systems, especially for weather and climate-related hazards, recent disasters have shown that more effort and collaboration is necessary to bring the alert to the right decision level and up to the individual citizens. This call will support proposals that aim to strengthen the understanding between forecasting institutions and public authorities at various levels (national, regional, local) in order to enable a more rapid action through public warning mechanisms and arrangements, before or after a disaster strikes.

This priority correlates with the Union disaster resilience goal No. 3: 'Alert - Enhancing early warning'.

Priority 3: Ensuring a robust civil protection system by strengthening institutional capacity
Ensuring a robust civil protection system plays a crucial part in efficiently meeting the demands placed on civil protection and DRM authorities, in particular during and after a disaster, when society needs them most. Challenges related to emerging risks, increasing complexities during disasters, changing parameters as a result of climate change and the ever-growing risk of concurrent disasters or prolonged emergencies, require institutions with a role in DRM to adapt and prepare themselves accordingly.

Activities should focus on advancing preparedness, within and between organisations, sectors and borders, especially in the context of applying lessons identified in previous emergencies to existing structures and processes. A “whole of society” approach should be applied by further developing cooperation between public bodies, private sector, communities and other stakeholders. In addition, ‘preparedness by design’ should be embedded in across policies and investments. Proposals should also facilitate the transfer of knowledge or integration of science and innovation, including AI based tools, in the work of civil protection and other relevant authorities. In addition, this priority will focus on developing skills, expanding relevant knowledge, and improving capacity and performance of organisations or functional groups. As a result, the gained knowledge and experience should be applied nationally, bilaterally or internationally in a way that benefits the UCPM in the disaster risk prevention, preparedness or response activities.

Activities that can be funded

Under **Priority 1 (Increasing risk awareness and preparedness of the population)**, this call for proposals co-finances activities that aim to enhance risk awareness, understanding and preparedness of the population, including through increasing the overall level of risk awareness, prevention and preparedness of individuals and communities, improving public access to disaster risk information, and enhancing the culture of risk prevention, self-protection, readiness and pro-active engagement of citizens. Proposals aiming to increase the availability of tools, trainings, and guidelines on raising citizens’ awareness on disaster risks, and on fighting disinformation and information manipulation in the DRM domain, are also eligible.

Under **Priority 2 (Enhancing from early warning to early action)**, this call for proposals will co-finance activities that aim to adapt warning protocols to the operational needs of emergency responders and society at large, as well as proposals that strengthen public warning and alert systems. Proposals should also demonstrate that they build on previous efforts or that there is a clear and evidenced identified gap for the action. Joint capacity building activities of forecasting organisations, public administration, critical infrastructure managers, or other relevant organisations, are key to making early warning relevant and understandable for all. Proposals that promote the use of new technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence or Machine Learning, are also encouraged and the same applies for proposals that link up forecasting tools with wildfire behaviour analysis in order to serve national or regional operational needs.

Under **Priority 3 (Ensuring a robust civil protection system by strengthening institutional capacity)**, this call for proposals will co-finance integrated projects that aim to strengthen the ability of institutions tasked with civil protection or DRM to effectively prepare for future disasters and to embed the preparedness-by-design principle across policies and investments. The focus of the activities should lie on expanding knowledge, skills, procedures, and tools in order to strengthen capacity at organisational level. Projects can focus on any or all of the following elements: gathering of knowledge and good practices from different DRM stakeholders, integrating input from science and research institutions into knowledge sharing activities relevant for DRM, elaboration of methodologies for skill and knowledge transfer. Activities may also focus on integrating lessons learnt from recent emergencies into capacity strengthening initiatives.

**More details on the open calls for proposals are available on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal:*

[LINK to Calls](#)

Regional Collaboration for Innovation and Growth

Date: 16.04 – 17.04.2026

Location: [Hotel Zlatá Hvězda](#), Litomyšl (Czech Republic)

The conference will bring together representatives of universities, regional and local authorities, cities and municipalities, regional development agencies, chambers of commerce, business incubators, public institutions, industrial companies, innovative SMEs, research organisations and non-profit organisations. The event aims to create a shared platform for dialogue, knowledge exchange and partnership building across sectors.

The main objective of the conference is to present:

- proven models of cooperation between universities, public authorities, the business sector and other regional stakeholders,
- concrete examples of successful partnerships and projects supporting regional development, innovation and knowledge transfer into practice,
- tools, mechanisms and support programmes, including funding opportunities, that effectively foster inter-institutional cooperation.

The conference will also provide space for networking, experience sharing and the development of long-term strategic partnerships among institutions at the regional and international level. The event is organised within the WIDE AcrossEU project, funded by the Horizon Europe programme. Speakers will include experts and practitioners from selected European regions (including Finland and Sweden) as well as representatives of Technology Centre Prague, the national information centre for European research and Czech participation in EU Framework Programmes.

Participation

Participation in the conference is free of charge.

Registration Deadline

03.04.2026 for onsite participation

14.04.2026 for online participation

Registration link:

<https://www.upce.cz/en/node/47492>

Events



Mandatory Use of 2-Factor Authentication (2FA): be prepared!

Date: 13 May 2026

10:00 - 11:30 CET

Online

[Event website](#)

Lump Sum Funding in Horizon Europe: How does it work? How to write a proposal?

Date: 4 June 2026

10:00 - 12:00 CET

Online

[Event website](#)

Are you a young researcher with a great idea looking for a challenge? Apply for the EU TalentOn contest 2026!

What is the [EU TalentOn](#)? A contest for European early-career researchers, aged 21-35.

Deadline 30 April 2026

More info on the following: [LINK](#)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR NATO'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

[NATO's Internship Programme](#) is now open for applications. The closing date is **30 April 2026, 11:59PM CET**.

Successful candidates will be offered 6-month paid internships at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, starting in March or September 2027.

Please find some more details about the programme below.

About NATO's Internship Programme

NATO offers 6-month internship placements to current students or recent graduates. They are looking for candidates with many different skillsets and areas of expertise. Whether your interests lie in political affairs, defence and security, innovation, operations, communications, human resources, finance, science and technology, or infrastructure and facilities, NATO is the place to gain invaluable hands-on experience in your chosen field. All interested candidates who meet the eligibility criteria (see below) are encouraged to apply.

Who is eligible to apply for NATO's Internship Programme?

To apply for a NATO Internship, you must meet the following criteria on the closing date for applications:

- **Age:** 21+
- **Nationality:** a citizen of a [NATO member country](#)
- **Educational status:** at least two years of university completed and enrolled in a third year OR obtained your highest degree less than a year prior
- **Languages:** proficiency in English or French (NATO's two official languages). A working knowledge of the other language is considered an asset. Knowledge of additional languages may also be considered an asset for certain positions.

How to apply?

- To submit an application, you must first **create an account in [NATO's e-recruitment system](#)**.
- Click on "Sign In" in the upper right corner. You will be directed to a page where you can create a "New User".
- Please note that NATO cannot accept applications sent by mail or email.

Where can you find further information?

- For more information about the Internship Programme, including the application process and the conditions of employment, please visit the [NATO Internship Programme page](#).
- For any questions, please visit the frequently asked questions page.

