

**OPEN CALLS****HORIZON EUROPE**

Addressing separation and purification challenges in biorefineries

HORIZON-JU-CBE-2026-RIA-01

Call - [HORIZON-JU-CBE-2026 \(HORIZON-JU-CBE-2026\)](#)[Call website](#)**Deadline date** | 22 September 2026 17:00:00**Description**

Expected Outcome:

Successful proposals will contribute to the updated EU Bioeconomy Strategy, the Circular Economy Act, the Clean Industrial Deal, the European Chemical Industry Action Plan and the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability.

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

- Enhancing competitiveness, efficiency, sustainability, circularity and safety of industrial biorefineries.
- Efficient, selective and scalable separation and purification technology platform(s) with high potential to be integrated within existing and/or new biorefineries.
- Purity and stability of targeted intermediates/product(s) compatible with further conversion requirements.

Films and coatings for circular packaging

HORIZON-JU-CBE-2026-IA-05

Call - [HORIZON-JU-CBE-2026 \(HORIZON-JU-CBE-2026\)](#)[Call website](#)**Deadline date** | 22 September 2026 17:00:00**Description**

Expected Outcome:

Successful proposals will contribute to the Circular Economy Action Plan, the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability and the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation.

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

- Wider availability of bio-based films and coatings for packaging products.
- Improved technical performances of packaging products compared to fossil based and/or bio-based benchmarks.
- Improved circularity of packaging products against specified market benchmarks taking into account production, use and EoL.

Strengthening the human capital managing research infrastructures, including in international context

HORIZON-INFRA-2026-DEV-01-04

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:

- Specialised training provided to the staff managing research infrastructures of European interest, enhancing the skills of RI research infrastructure staff as regards

planning future operations and engaging with their various user communities and stakeholder groups (including funding agencies, academia, industry).

- Broader understanding of the EU research infrastructures policy, the possibilities for transnational access and the basics of international research infrastructures cooperation, be it via ERIC creation and development or other governance models.
- Shared understanding of the possibilities and potential offered by EU policies and funding instruments, improving the impact of research infrastructures and enhancing European scientific capacities. The completion of the training programme should lead to recognised accreditation in ECTS points.

Approaches and tools for security in software and hardware development and assessment  
HORIZON-CL3-2026-02-CS-ECCC-01

*Call - Indirectly Managed Action by the ECCC (2026) (HORIZON-CL3-2026-02-CS-ECCC)*  
**Call website**

*Deadline date* 15 September 2026 17:00:00

*Description* Expected Outcome:

Proposals are expected to contribute to one or more of the following:

- Enhanced security frameworks for both hardware and software supply chains, building on root-of-trust architectures and secure lifecycle management;
- Secure and trusted chip architectures for next-generation computing and networking systems;
- Integrated security-by-design approaches in software development, aimed to be aligned with relevant regulatory requirements;
- Security testing methodologies, including formal verification approaches and AI-driven security testing methodologies;
- Standardised methodologies for hardware security assessment, also contributing to cybersecurity certification.

Enhancing the Security, Privacy and Robustness of AI Models and Systems (SecureAI)  
HORIZON-CL3-2026-02-CS-ECCC-02

*Call - Indirectly Managed Action by the ECCC (2026) (HORIZON-CL3-2026-02-CS-ECCC)*  
**Call website**

*Deadline date* 15 September 2026 17:00:00

*Description*

Proposals are expected to contribute to one or more of the following:

- Robust AI models and systems capable of resisting different classes of adversarial manipulation;
- Innovative defence mechanisms for AI models and systems against new attack families;
- Methodologies for detecting and mitigating attacks, such as data poisoning, backdoor exploitation and misclassification;
- AI systems leveraging privacy-enhancing technologies that maintain data confidentiality and regulatory compliance, enabling trusted in-house AI deployments (e.g., for governments and enterprises).

Standardising and supporting climate services for climate adaptation  
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-03

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

**Call website**

*Deadline date* 23 September 2026 17:00:00

*Description* Expected Outcome:

The successful proposal will support the implementation of the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change and the upcoming European Climate Adaptation Plan. Projects are expected to contribute to **all** of the following outcomes:

- The methodology for identifying, selecting and consolidating global and regional reference climate data sets and scenarios is advanced and their consistent use across the EU in relation to climate adaptation is supported.

- Standardisation and quality of climate services across the EU are improved, and their uptake is enhanced.
- Climate services and best practices are used effectively to inform climate adaptation policies and decisions.

Facilitating implementation of actionable solutions for climate adaptation of regions and local authorities  
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-02

*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: The successful proposal will contribute to the implementation of the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change and the upcoming European Climate Adaptation Plan. Proposals are expected to contribute to <b>all of</b> the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wide range of solutions tested and deployed in the context of the Adaptation Mission and the good practices emerged in its Community of Practice are harvested, assessed, structured and systematised to support the implementation of the Mission.</li> <li>• Regional and local authorities can access, in the local language, the latest and most actionable solutions for climate adaptation relevant to their (climatic) conditions.</li> <li>• Adaptation solutions stemming from research and innovation are ready for replication and scale-up, contributing to the delivery of the Adaptation Mission and acceleration of adaptation efforts across Europe. Legacy of the knowledge created by the Mission is also ensured.</li> <li>• Knowledge and understanding of the policy implications of adaptation solutions is increasingly utilised in the policy cycles at EU, national, and regional and local levels.</li> </ul>

Improving climate resilience of navigable inland waterways, their surroundings and related water infrastructure - HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-06

*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: Successful proposals will support the implementation of the EU Adaptation Strategy, the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change, the European Water Resilience Strategy, the EU Preparedness Strategy and the upcoming European Climate Adaptation Plan. Proposals are expected to contribute to <u>all of</u> the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigable inland waterways, their surroundings and related infrastructure are managed in a more integrated and sustainable manner across Europe and become more climate-resilient</li> <li>• Climate and environmental risks to water infrastructure (e.g. droughts, flooding, slow onset events, ecological degradation and cascading and compound events) are more effectively addressed in a systemic way. Safe, efficient and reliable navigability conditions are improved.</li> <li>• Cost-efficient and environmentally friendly measures -- especially nature-based solutions -- are identified with the involvement of stakeholders. They improve climate resilience of inland waterways while supporting integrated co-benefit and avoiding competing water uses, including between countries and regions.</li> </ul>

# DIGITAL EUROPE

## 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.

## EdTech Accelerator

## DIGITAL-2026-SKILLS-10-EDTECH

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

**Call website**

*Deadline date* 01 October 2026 17:00:00

*Description*

Expected Outcome:

**Deliverables:**

- Three open calls for pilots (at least one call per year) launched and managed providing financial support to third parties to at least 20 EdTech start-ups/SMEs from across Member States and eligible countries. A minimum of 60% of the total budget should be spent on Financial Support for Third Parties (FSTP) and the maximum amount per third party can amount up to 150.000 EUR to allow short pilots testing in real education or training environments;
- Developed and implemented a yearly 12-months incubation and acceleration programme providing a mix of mentoring, networking services, consultancy, training and/or business and access-to-market support to the selected companies;
- Short pilots implemented in real education and training environments to gather impact assessment data of the selected solutions. Human-centric design methods involving users and strong linkages with learning design methodologies are recommended for the piloting phase.
- European-wide communication and awareness raising activities;
- At least one big event per year organised to reach a large number of investors, market partners, ministries of education (or other ministries), education establishments, learning content providers, training providers, and other stakeholders in the field.

## Social Prerogative and Specific Competencies Lines (SOCPL)

Support for social dialogue  
SOCPL-2026-SOC-DIALOG

*Call - Support for social dialogue (SOCPL-2026-SOC-DIALOG)*  
**Call website**

<i>Deadline date</i>	23 July 2026 17:00:00
<i>Description</i>	Expected Outcome: Key expected results include: (a) increased awareness of European social dialogue; (b) enhanced European social dialogue at the sectoral and cross-industry levels; (c) improved capacity of social partners, including in candidate countries. These results should lead to a strengthened EU level social dialogue. Scope: This call aims at contributing to the promotion of social dialogue at cross-industry and sectoral level, developing European social dialogue, and building and strengthening the capacity of social partner organisations (both in Member States and candidate countries).

## Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Circular Economy and Zero Pollution  
LIFE-2026-SAP-ENV-ENVIRONMENT

*Call - Circular Economy and Quality of Life - Standard Action Projects (SAP) (LIFE-2026-SAP-ENV)*  
**Call website**

<i>Deadline date</i>	22 September 2026 17:00:00
<i>Description</i>	Expected Impact: Applicants are expected to define, calculate, explain and achieve the expected impacts as described in the <b>Award criterion 'Impact' (see <a href="#">Call document section 2 and 9</a>)</b> .

One-Stop-Shops - Integrated services for clean energy transition in private buildings  
LIFE-2026-CET-OSS

*Call - LIFE Clean Energy Transition (LIFE-2026-CET)*  
**Call website**

<i>Deadline date</i>	16 September 2026 17:00:00
<i>Description</i>	Expected Impact: Proposals should present the concrete results which will be delivered by the activities and demonstrate how these results will contribute to the topic-specific impacts. This demonstration should rely on a solid analysis of the current situation, realistic assumptions and baselines, and establish clear causality links between activities, results and impacts. In terms of qualitative impact, proposals under this topic should demonstrate how they will contribute to the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integrated services fully implemented, operational and tested before the end of the project evidenced, for example, by established infrastructure, formalised partnerships, recruited staff, and launched outreach activities. During a pilot phase, proposals must trigger the first investments that validate the service concept, with the understanding that actual delivery at the worksites, comprehensive scaling of activities and subsequent investments will continue beyond the project's completion.</li></ul>

- Strong and trustworthy partnerships with local actors, such as SMEs, architects, engineers, energy service companies (ESCOs), financial institutions, chambers of commerce, professional associations, local and regional authorities, energy agencies, and civil society organisations. Evidence may include, for example, signed commitment charters, collaboration agreements, or framework contracts.
- Increased awareness and trust among end-users, evidenced by clear accountability mechanisms such as, for example, comprehensive quality assurance mechanisms and/or dedicated consumer protection policies
- Clear prospects for economically viable business models that minimise reliance on public subsidies to cover operating costs evidenced, for example, by the identification of robust revenue streams and the clear definition of strategic actions to approach long-term financial independence
- Public availability of data and guidance to support replication by other market actors, including clear information on the type of data provided (e.g. average time required for support at each stage of the renovation journey, average conversion rates, typical profiles of the professionals involved, etc.), the intended users, and the conditions for access.

In terms of quantitative impact, proposals should quantify their results and impacts using the indicators provided for the topic, when they are relevant for the proposed activities. Proposals are not expected to address all the listed impacts and indicators. The results and impacts should be quantified for the end of the project and for 5 years after the end of the project. The quantitative indicators for this topic include:

- Number of building units credibly expected to benefit from OSS services, based on the territorial scope and justified service availability
- Amount of in-person support made available to building owners (realistically aligned with other quantified impacts), measured in full-time equivalent staff
- Number of initial contacts (in number of building owners) made by the One-Stop Shop
- Number of on-site visits conducted (in number of building units, differentiated by category where relevant)
- Number of investment projects effectively implemented (in number of building units, differentiated per categories if relevant)
- Average global conversion rate (in %) from initial contacts to completed investments, demonstrating the value of the services offered
- Average percentage of energy savings per investment project (in %, differentiated per categories if relevant).

Proposals should also provide indicators which are specific to their proposed activities.

All proposals must also quantify their contribution to the common indicators of the LIFE Clean Energy Transition sub-programme:

- Primary energy savings triggered by the project (in GWh/year)
- Final energy savings triggered by the project (in GWh/year)
- Renewable energy generation triggered by the project (in GWh/year)
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (in t CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/year)
- Investments in sustainable energy (energy efficiency and renewable energy) triggered by the project (cumulative, in million Euro).

*\*More information about the Calls for proposals on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal on the following:*

[LINK to Calls](#)

## Events

### **Info Day on digital health topics under the DIGITAL Europe Programme** **Apply AI: Piloting AI-based image screening in medical centres**

Date: 21 May 2026  
14:00 - 16:00 CET  
Online  
[Event website](#)

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### **EIC Summit 2026**

Date: 03 June 2026 - 4 June 2026  
Place: Brussels, Belgium

[Event website](#)  
[Registration link](#)

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

Date: 04 June 2026  
10:00 - 12:00 CET  
Online  
[Event website](#)



Event by **COST Association - European Cooperation in Science and Technology**

Tue, Jun 16, 2026  
10:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Online  
[Event link](#)

**Registration is required:** [Click here to access the registration form](#)



# Supporting excellence in research and innovation

## Doctoral programmes with MSCA

The MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 call opens on 28 May. Partner with organisations to apply for funding for doctoral programmes combining research, training and cross-sector collaboration.

Doctoral candidates are recruited to individual projects within a joint research programme and access to supervision, training and infrastructure. This offers an opportunity to strengthen their research environment and build long-term international partnerships.

### Horizon Europe - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Doctoral Networks 2026 – Call info day

This is an information event for the MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 and RAISE Doctoral Networks 2026 calls for proposals.

3 June 2026  
Online, 09.30 – 12.30, CEST  
**Event website**

The ***Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions*** are the European Union's reference programme for doctoral education and postdoctoral training.

2026 marks a key milestone:  
the ***30th anniversary of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions***.

Since 1996, the programme has played a crucial role in advancing research and innovation, supporting over 150 000 researchers, including 23 Nobel Prize winners.

The programme has been a cornerstone of European research and a beacon of excellence, fostering mobility across disciplines, sectors, and countries and attracting and nurturing top talent.

# The Role of Project Offices in Strengthening the Regional Network within the Rectors' Forum

The University of Montenegro – Project Office organized event within the Rectors' Forum of Southeast Europe and the Western Balkans entitled *“The Role of Project Offices in Strengthening the Regional Network within the Rectors' Forum”*, which was held on April 20, 2026, in Budva, at the premises of the Academy of Knowledge, Budva, Montenegro.



The event brought together representatives of universities' project offices from the region, with the aim of strengthening regional academic and project cooperation, as well as enhancing the exchange of experiences and knowledge. During the event, various organizational models of project office operations were presented, along with practices in project portfolio management and mechanisms of administrative and financial support in project implementation. The Head of the Project Office from Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje made presentation on *Advancing project support in Higher Education: practices, challenges and opportunities from Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje*.



Special attention was devoted to identifying opportunities for the development of joint initiatives and the preparation of partner applications within international and regional funding programs, thereby further encouraging networking and the strategic positioning of universities within the European Research and Education area.

# A Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES) conducted for the first time in North Macedonia

The **Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES)** was conducted in North Macedonia for the first time by the Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research (ISPPI) at UKIM, together with the Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" — Skopje (IDSCS) and the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES). The project was supported by the American National Science Foundation (NSF).



**CSES** is one of the largest international academic projects for comparative research on electoral behavior implemented in over 60 countries worldwide since 1996. The fieldwork in North Macedonia was carried out following the 2024 parliamentary elections, and the country's data have been included in the international dataset alongside data from other democracies in Europe, North and South America, Asia and Oceania.

The inclusion of North Macedonia in CSES opens significant opportunities for the **Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje** academic community. The dataset is publicly available and free to use ([cses.org](https://www.cses.org)), and the data serve as a basis for high-quality scientific publications and for comparing the country with other democracies from an international perspective. This is a resource for researchers, lecturers and students across multiple disciplines — political science, sociology, law, communications.

On 11 March 2026, the international comparative findings from the study were presented to an academic and expert audience at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje.

Read more [here](#)

# Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje becomes a member of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

As of February 2026, the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje is a full member of the **European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)**, the leading political science network on the European continent with over 300 institutional members from more than 50 countries.



**ECPR** organizes two of the largest political science events in Europe — the General Conference and the Joint Sessions of Workshops. It also offers high-quality Summer and Winter Schools for methodological skills, as well as smaller thematic events through its Standing Groups, covering all areas of contemporary political science.

With this membership, UKIM academic staff and doctoral students are entitled to significantly reduced registration fees for all ECPR events, as well as opportunities for financial support (grants) to cover participation costs, particularly for early-career researchers and doctoral students.

To access these benefits, academic staff and doctoral students are required to create a personal profile at <https://ecpr.eu> (**MyECPR**) and register as a member affiliated with UKIM.

The membership is in line with UKIM's strategic commitment to international networking and increased visibility within the European academic and research networks.

For further information, please contact the official UKIM representative at ECPR, Asst. Prof. Jovan Bliznakovski ([jovan.b@isppi.ukim.edu.mk](mailto:jovan.b@isppi.ukim.edu.mk)).

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