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OPEN CALLS

HORIZON EUROPE

Strengthened implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum and a focus on inclusion, integration, and health

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-08

Call - *Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society 2026 (HORIZON-CL2-2026-01)*

Call website

Deadline date	23 September 2026 17:00:00
Description	<p>Expected Outcome:</p> <p>Projects should contribute to either the first and second (combined), or the third and fourth (combined) of the following expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum through evidence-based insights in asylum and migration management, age assessment of minors, and resettlement frameworks, ensuring fair and efficient migration governance. • Insight into legal pathways addressing both EU Member States' needs and potential offers of circular and permanent migration schemes in selected partner countries. • Enhanced health equity for migrants, including refugees by integrating robust health data into national systems, addressing governance barriers, and tackling intersectional inequities in healthcare access, identifying data/indicators on basic needs in health and sanitation, including as compared to adequate treatment. • Comprehensive evaluation of long-term social inclusion and integration strategies, providing evidence-based policy recommendations for labour market access, housing, education, health (including mental health), recognition of qualifications and validation of skills, youth participation, and social, political, and cultural inclusion. <p>Proposals should state clearly which expected outcomes their proposed research will contribute to.</p>

Full-scale demonstration of heat upgrade solutions in industrial processes

HORIZON-CL5-2026-09-D4-08

Call - *BATTERIES and ENERGY (HORIZON-CL5-2026-09)*

Call website

Deadline date	15 September 2026 17:00:00
Description	<p>Expected Outcome:</p> <p>Project results are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the results of the project, at least one industrial sector with a significant heating demand in the EU and Associated Countries develops pathways and business models to measurably increase the recovery and upgrade of locally

available heat for covering process needs and significantly or totally phasing out of fossil fuel use, while preserving or enhancing its global competitiveness.

- Measurable improvement of renewable and/or industrial excess/waste heat recovery and upgrade solutions, possibly combined with thermal and/or electrical energy storage, in terms of energy efficiency, flexibility of electrical demand, climate and environment protection, reliability and safety, physical and cyber security, and profitability.

Transition to low-temperature heating solutions in multi-apartment buildings

HORIZON-MISS-2026-04-CIT-02

Call - Supporting the implementation of the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission (HORIZON-MISS-2026-04)

Call website

Deadline date 08 October 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

The projects are expected to deliver on one of or combination of the following topic outcomes:

- Faster transition of district heating systems towards low-temperature operations
- Faster transition of building heating systems towards low-temperature operations
- Increased use of renewable energy and/or waste heat.

Virtual Human Twin (VHT) Models for Cancer Research

HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-01

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:

- Researchers of different disciplines use advanced multiscale Virtual Human Twins (VHTs) to expand the knowledge and understanding of cancer onset and progression
- Healthcare professionals and researchers have access to advanced VHT-based solutions that model cancer onset and progression over time, contributing to improve personalised treatments
- Researchers, healthcare professionals, innovators and citizens have access to cancer VHTs through the UNCAN.eu and the advanced Virtual Human Twin platforms

Boosting agrobiodiversity for food security and sustainable competitiveness

HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-06

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:

- land managers, farmers, foresters, agri-businesses (including SMEs), and policy makers gain access to practical knowledge of clear demonstrations of benefits and trade-offs associated with biologically diversifying their agroecosystem;
- farmers, land managers and foresters are incentivised and rewarded for implementing practices that improve agrobiodiversity, leading to higher incomes and long-term sustainability and resilience of agriculture, greater food security, competitiveness, and healthier ecosystems;

- enhanced capabilities for farmers to store, process, and market their diverse raw materials and products, derived from greater agrobiodiversity, while improving their market access and strengthening their position within the value chain.

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-PF-01-01

Call - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026 (HORIZON-MSCA-2026-PF-01)

Call website

Deadline date 09 September 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

Project results are expected to contribute to the following outcomes:

For supported postdoctoral fellows

- Increased set of research and transferable skills and competences, leading to improved employability and career prospects of MSCA postdoctoral fellows within academia and beyond;
- New mind-sets and approaches to R&I work forged through international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary experience;
- Enhanced networking and communication capacities with scientific peers, as well as with the general public that will increase and broaden the research and innovation impact.

For participating organisations

- Increased alignment of working conditions for researchers in accordance with the principles set out in the European Charter for Researchers;
- Enhanced quality and sustainability of research training and supervision;
- Increased global attractiveness, visibility and reputation of the participating organisation(s);
- Stronger R&I capacity and output among participating organisations; better transfer of knowledge;
- Regular feedback of research results into teaching and education at participating organisations.

MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026

HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01-01

Call - MSCA Doctoral Networks 2027 (HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01)

Call website

Deadline date 24 November 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

Project results are expected to contribute to the following outcomes:

For supported doctoral candidates

- New research and transferable skills and competences, leading to improved employability and career prospects within and outside academia;
- New knowledge allowing the conversion of ideas into products and services, where relevant;
- Enhanced networking and communication capacities with scientific peers, as well as with the general public that will increase and broaden the research and innovation impact.

For participating organisations

- Improved quality, relevance and sustainability of doctoral training programmes and supervision arrangements;
- Enhanced cooperation and transfer of knowledge between sectors and disciplines;
- Increased integration of training and research activities between participating organisations;

- Boosted R&I capacity;
- Increased internationalisation and attractiveness;
- Regular feedback of research results into teaching and education at participating organisations.

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

Deadline date 15 September 2026 17:00:00
Description Expected Outcome:

Proposals are expected to contribute to **all** the following expected outcomes:

- Strengthen the competitiveness, sustainability (including biodiversity) and resilience of an innovative clean tech solution by clearly demonstrating the capability to, significantly:
 - 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).

Microelectronic – Front-End Module (FEM)
HORIZON-JU-SNS-2026-FEM-STREAM-B-02

Call - HORIZON-JU-SNS-2026-FEM (HORIZON-JU-SNS-2026-FEM)
Call website

Deadline date 03 September 2026 17:00:00
Description Expected Outcome:

The targeted outcomes reflect the above challenges and cover a comprehensive Front End module design which:

- Covers the FR3 range as defined by the relevant Agenda Item of WRC 27 (7 to 15 GHz range) with possible extension up to 24 GHz if required by some regional implementations, with inherent tuning capabilities to accommodate potential regional variations.
- Mitigates interferences with incumbent FR3 band users and maximises sharing capabilities across the band in line with the European regulatory approach on spectrum sharing.
- Enables integration of a large number of antenna elements beyond the State of the Art and support massive MIMO implementation with compensation of increased path loss compared to 5G FR1 implementations.
- Enables at least an order-of-magnitude increase in RF processing compared to 5G FR1 implementations.
- Enables 5G cell site reuse and minimises deployment complexity on top of 5G sites deployment.

- Enables low-cost and low energy implementation of the elementary constituent modules, efficient packaging and is mainly based on the integration of microelectronics heterogeneous technologies where European industry has strong expertise and know-how.
- Addresses new 6G requirements for greater uplink capacity as required by new classes of traffic/use cases.
- Enables concurrent and efficient implementation of Sub Band Full Duplex (SBFD) and Integrated Sensing and Communications (ISAC), whilst minimising the waveform differences between the communication and the sensing function, with maximisation of common functional blocks as appropriate.
- Addresses ITU requirements for IMT 2030 especially for what concerns increased carrier rate, user rate and latency.
- Enables support of both cellular (FR1-like) and FWA (FR2-like) use case scenarios.
- It is based on a strong and lasting cooperation between European lead suppliers of telecom systems and technologies and lead suppliers of European microelectronics systems and technologies, in view of stimulating a telecom components ecosystem in Europe and to clearly increase European sovereignty in the domain.
- Is supported by advanced higher TRL design tools, e.g. EDA, PDK.
- Establishes a clear pathway towards downstream industrialisation in Europe and use of the relevant pilot lines from the Chips JU as a function of the eventual technology selection for implementation (to be covered in the Chips JU call)
- Contribute to the Apply AI Strategy policy of the Union

From lab to market: Strengthening the role of Technology Transfer Offices in bringing knowledge to the market

HORIZON-EIE-2026-03-CONNECT-01

Call - *Interconnected Innovation Ecosystems (2026.3) (HORIZON-EIE-2026-03)*

Call website

Deadline date 22 September 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

Project results are expected to contribute to the following outcomes:

- Increased commercialisation of academic research results, by facilitating access for industry, startups and scaleups to the intellectual assets of academic research;
- Strengthened collaboration between industry and academia, reflected in an increased number of technology transfer deals and joint R&D projects resulting in market-ready innovations;
- Introduced more startup friendly intellectual asset transfer/licensing policies in universities/research and higher education institutions/RTOs;
- Increased number of spinoffs by enabling researchers to overcome the barriers to commercialising their intellectual assets;
- Reduced transaction costs related to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) negotiations by establishing more standardised asset transfer policies across universities/research and higher education institutions/RTOs;
- Optimised transfer/licensing processes by universities/research and higher education institutions/RTOs based on grouping intellectual assets in portfolios that can be commercialised in package deals that are more attractive for industry and investors.

DIGITAL EUROPE

Digital Skills and Jobs Platform: The National Coalitions for Digital Skills and Jobs DIGITAL-2026-SKILLS-10-NATIONAL-COALITIONS

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

Call website

Deadline date | 01 October 2026 17:00:00

Description | Expected Outcome:

Deliverable:

- Connected National Coalitions for Digital Skills and Jobs to the Core Platform.

Objective:

The Digital Skills and Jobs Platform provides a single point of information related to digital skills in Europe. At EU level, the Platform gathers all relevant information and funding opportunities for stakeholders to benefit from. At national level, it connects to National Coalition websites, establishing a mutually enriching exchange with relevant content and data on digital skills and jobs. In 2024, 22 national websites are connected to the Platform. Additional Member States websites will be connected by the ongoing project on National Coalitions for Digital Skills and Jobs^[1] by 2026. The Platform also hosts the Cyber Security Skills Academy and will host other relevant sectoral academies and initiatives.

The objective of this topic is to consolidate and uphold the operation of the Digital Skills and Jobs Platform, including corrective and adaptive maintenance. This topic will also sustain and extend the activities related to the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition, as well as deepening the exchange between the National Coalition websites and the core Platform. This topic aims to further increase the number of National Coalitions, to get existing and new National Coalitions to be more active and engaged, and to increase the number of members of the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition. Synergies should be sought with the EIT Campus, EIT Digital's (d)Academy Skills Passport Platform, the EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative (DTTI) and other relevant initiatives.

1 Project selected under the call DIGITAL-2024-ADVANCED-DIGITAL-06-SKILLS.

Apply AI: Piloting AI-based image screening in medical centres DIGITAL-2026-AI-PILOTING-10-SCREENING

Call - *AI Continent (DIGITAL-2026-AI-PILOTING-10)*

Call website

Deadline date | 01 October 2026 17:00:00

Description | Expected Outcome:

Outcomes and deliverables

- One or more proofs-of-concept of replicable, scalable cloud-based AI/GenAI systems for analysis of medical imaging data in a healthcare setting, with demonstration of the role of the clinicians in validating AI/GenAI findings and reports showcasing seamless integration of the system into clinical workflows.
- Evidence-based analysis of (cost-)efficiency of the piloted solutions for healthcare systems for regulatory and HTA purposes.
- Two or more events or workshops organised per year and per project for the European network of AI-powered advanced screening centres. The agenda should include lessons learned from the project activities, as well as other items relevant

to the network. Participant satisfaction rates should be measured for the events and workshops.

- Medical centres in the consortium joined the European network of AI-powered advanced screening centres under the Apply AI Strategy.
- A plan for obtaining regulatory approval for application of the AI/GenAI solutions in real life scenarios and clinical settings. This includes the required risk management and compliance activities, as well as clinical evaluation plans and post-market clinical follow-up.
- Detailed data protection and cybersecurity plan, with measures to secure sensitive health data, mitigate cybersecurity risks, and comply with EU legal and ethical frameworks.
- Sustainability plan for the uptake of the systems across the EU.
- Stakeholder engagement and dissemination report with measurable actions (KPIs).

Ensuring comprehensive geographical coverage of the Network of Safer Internet Centres (SICs)

DIGITAL-2026-BESTUSE-10-NETWORKSICs

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

Call website

Deadline date 01 October 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

Deliverables:

Provision of the four key elements required of a Safer Internet Centre, namely:

- A **centre for raising awareness** among children, parents/carers, teachers and educators as well as other relevant professionals working with children about online opportunities and risks for the under 18s, producing and promoting localised age-appropriate resources to address current and emerging risks and opportunities.
- A **helpline** to give advice and support to parents and children on issues related to children's use of digital technologies and services; to provide assistance on mental health issues relating to the exposure to age-inappropriate content online, including pornographic and violent content; to strengthen support to victims of cyberbullying, close cooperation with the national Child Helpline 116111 service is required.
- A **hotline** for tackling the spread of online CSAM (i.e., receiving, analysing, and processing reports of such material). Closer cooperation with law enforcement and the private sector should be further explored in the context of the EU strategy for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse and the proposed Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse and recast of the Directive 2011/93/EU on child sexual abuse.
- A **youth panel** to engage directly with children from different demographic groups, including the organisation of regular youth participation activities, allowing them to express their views and pool their knowledge and experience of using online technologies. Adequate turnover, geographic balance and an open selection of participants is required.

Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Nature and Biodiversity
LIFE-2026-SAP-NAT-NATURE

Call - Nature & Biodiversity - Standard Action Projects (SAP) (LIFE-2026-SAP-NAT)
Call website

Deadline date 22 September 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Impact:
Applicants are expected to define, calculate, explain and achieve ambitious and credible impacts in terms of conservation benefit, ensuring at the same time long term sustainability and replication (see sections 2 and 9 of the Call document).

Strategic Integrated Projects - Environment
LIFE-2026-STRAT-ENV-SIP-two-stage

Call - Strategic Nature and Integrated Projects (SNAP/SIP) (LIFE-2026-STRAT-two-stage)
Call website

Deadline date 03 September 2026 17:00:00

Description 04 March 2027 17:00:00

Expected Impact:

- By the end of the project: at least substantial contribution to the implementation of the targeted plan/strategy, and mechanisms established to ensure full implementation of the plan/strategy.
- After the project: Full implementation of the plan/strategy.

In relation to those expected impacts, applicants are expected to define, calculate, explain and achieve the **expected impacts as described in Award criterion 'Impact' of the full proposal evaluation (see Call document)**.

Supporting the delivery of actionable, integrated, and comprehensive local heating and cooling plans
LIFE-2026-CET-HEATCOOLPLAN

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

Deadline date 16 September 2026 17:00:00

Description 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 proposed activities, results and impacts.

In terms of qualitative impact, proposals under this topic should demonstrate how they will contribute to the following outcomes, as relevant:

- delivering actionable and integrated LHCPs, aligned with EU and Member State guidance and requirements
- empowering local and regional authorities and support them in creating lasting and institutionalised planning and governance frameworks
- engaging public and private stakeholders to accelerate the decarbonisation of heating and cooling at the local level.

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 planning and governance frameworks established at local, inter-municipal or regional levels
- Number of LHCPs delivered, ideally adopted as local, inter-municipal or regional policy documents
- Number of policy makers/public officers with improved skills in heating and cooling planning, and average training hours per participant in capacity building programmes
- Number of public and private stakeholders engaged in LHCP planning processes and in structured dialogues on local heating and cooling planning at the local, regional, and national level
- Number of LHCP processes initiated in other municipalities during the action.

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

Proposals should also quantify their impacts related to the following common indicators for 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 CO₂-eq/year)
- Investments in sustainable energy (energy efficiency and renewable energy) triggered by the project (cumulative, in million Euro).

Climate Change Adaptation
LIFE-2026-SAP-CLIMA-CCA

Call - LIFE Climate Action - Standard Action Projects (SAP) (LIFE-2026-SAP-CLIMA)
Call website

Deadline date 22 September 2026 17:00:00

Description

Expected Outcome:

Efficient delivery of the quantified objectives by the end of the project.

Objective:

Projects under this strand should help to achieve the long-term vision of the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change that, in 2050, the EU will be a climate-resilient society which is fully adapted to the unavoidable impacts of climate change. Projects should help to reinforce adaptive capacity, strengthen resilience, and reduce vulnerability, in line with the Paris Agreement and the European Climate Law.

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

[LINK to Calls](#)

Events



Talent ecosystems is a hybrid event taking place in Brussels (Belgium) and online

Talent ecosystems are integrated networks of training providers and employers of researchers (academia, non-academic sectors, and businesses) from across the European Research Area (ERA).

The cluster event will showcase [10 Talent Ecosystem projects](#) funded under Horizon Europe's 'Reforming and enhancing the research & innovation system' 2024 call. At the time of the event, the projects will have completed about one year of activities.

Date: 29 September 2026, 09:00 - 17:30 CET

Place: Brussels, Belgium

[Register to join online](#)

Connecting Europe Days

Europe's mobility flagship event, taking place from 28 September to 1 October 2026 in Brussels, Belgium.

[Event website](#)

European IP Helpdesk Webinar: EU AI Act

Date: Tue, Jun 23, 2026, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM CEST
Online

[Register on this link](#)
[More info on the event website](#)

Towards an ERC Starting Grant: from promising idea to competitive proposal

On 26 June, at 10:00–12:30, The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) [mERCury](#), for the European Research Council (ERC), is organising an online event for researchers interested in the Starting Grant.

Take the opportunity to get practical tips on proposal structure and CV, as well as common weaknesses to avoid, from previous ERC grantees and ERC panel members.

Registration will be open until 25 June!

[Registration](#)

Calls for proposals under the Horizon Europe programme Cancer Mission Calls 2026 are still open to applications!

Deadline is 15 September 2026, 17:00 (CEST).

Description

The European Commission has published the 2026 Cancer Mission calls. Interested applicants are invited to check the Funding and Tenders Portal for more information and to apply.

- [HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-01](#): Virtual Human Twin (VHT) Models for Cancer Research
- [HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-02](#): Microbiome for early cancer prediction before the onset of disease
- [HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-03](#): Pragmatic clinical trials to optimise immunotherapeutic interventions for patients with refractory cancers
- [HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-04](#): Earlier and more precise palliative care
- [HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-05](#): Boosting mental health of young cancer survivors through the European Cancer Patient Digital Centre (ECPDC)
- [HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-06](#): Development of a research capacity building programme on cancer with and for Ukraine
- [HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07](#): Improve the Quality of Life of older cancer patients.

80 new **COST Actions** now online. Apply to join!

On 19 May 2026, COST's governing board, the Committee of Senior Officials, confirmed the funding of 80 new COST Actions, that will officially start in Autumn 2026. They are now available on the COST website by browsing the [dedicated COST Action section](#). All new Actions begin with CA25 so it's easy to identify them. Source: <https://www.cost.eu/80-new-cost-actions-oc20251/>

Introducing the CA25 COST Actions

The 80 new COST Actions cover topics as wide and varied as psychosis prevention, silent fans, neuromorphic computing, vaccines for overall health benefits, artificial intelligence, conservation of modern art, and parental and children well-being.

More info on how to join a new CA25 COST Actions **HERE**