



OPEN CALLS

HORIZON EUROPE

IHI European HealthCare Incubator Network
HORIZON-JU-IHI-2026-13-two-stage-01

Call - *Innovative Health Initiative JU Call 13 (HORIZON-JU-IHI-2026-13-two-stage)*

Call website

Deadline date	08 October 2026 17:00:00 21 April 2027 17:00:00
Description	Expected Impact: The action under this topic is expected to achieve the following impacts and contribute to the following EU policies/initiatives: • deliver innovative, early technology solutions that contribute to addressing strategic unmet public health needs across multiple therapy areas to improve prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment; • leverage the unique network and scale of IHI JU members to create a pipeline to support innovative startups in the health industry, fully integrated into European initiatives in support of start-ups and entrepreneurship; • drive early cross-sector health R&D and innovation to strengthen the European healthcare industry's global competitiveness, contributing to the EU Industrial Strategy and Pharmaceutical Strategy objectives; • create a sustainable network of European healthcare incubators to guide and support highly talented and innovative early-stage companies; • harness digital health and data-sharing technologies (e.g., AI and big data) to enable interoperable health solutions, contributing to the European Health Data Space (EHDS) and improved evidence based care;- • the action should generate a portfolio of early-stage companies that have undergone rigorous multi-industry validation, significantly increasing their credibility with investors, regulators, and healthcare systems. This 'industry quality seal' should enhance the selected startups' ability to secure follow-on financing; • by integrating corporate expertise into a pan-European incubator network, the action should reduce fragmentation, support faster clinical and eventually commercial decision-making, and enable more innovators to navigate regulatory and reimbursement pathways successfully. This should contribute to the objectives of the EU to accelerate the translation of research into deployable health technologies. The Network should serve as a feeder mechanism into wider EU support structures, ensuring that promising companies can transition smoothly into later-stage funding and scale-up opportunities. This complementarity should maximise the added value of EU public funding while avoiding duplication and reinforcing Europe's position as a globally competitive hub for health innovation.

The action under this topic should synergise with relevant EU programmes and contribute to several key EU strategies and policies: Life Science strategy, the proposed Biotech Act (especially the biotechnology development accelerators as referred to in article 5 of the Commission proposal), Industrial strategy, Pharmaceutical strategy, EU4Health Programme, Digital Europe Programme, Testing and Experimental Facility for Health AI and Robotic (TEF-Health), European Innovation Council (EIC) programmes, EU Competitive Compass, Choose Europe initiative, Startup and Scale-up strategy by the European Commission.

Additionally, the action under this topic should synergise with the forthcoming European Startup and Scaleup Hubs and, in particular, encourage connection into the Network from the Call 'European Startup and Scaleup Hub Pilot Call – HORIZON-EIE-2026-02-CONNECT-01'.

Furthermore, the action has the potential to support Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, EU Mission on Cancer, Healthier Together – EU Non-Communicable diseases initiative, Joint Action for Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes in Europe, or the Cardiovascular Health Plan.

Applicants should demonstrate in the proposal how these synergies will avoid duplication, ensure complementarity with existing EU efforts, and provide early-stage companies with continuity and scale up pathways.

ERC Starting Grant
ERC-2027-STG

Call - *Call for Proposals for ERC Starting Grant (ERC-2027-STG)*

Call website

Deadline date
Description

14 October 2026 17:00:00

Scope:

Objectives

The Starting Grant supports excellent Principal Investigators starting or having recently started their own independent research team or programme. A Starting Grant Principal Investigator should have already shown evidence of the potential for research independence, for example, by having produced at least one important publication as its main author or a publication without the participation of their PhD supervisor. A researcher may be the Principal Investigator of only one ERC Starting Grant in their career.

Size of ERC Starting Grants

Starting Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of **EUR 1 500 000** for a period of **60 months**. The maximum amount of the grants is reduced *pro rata temporis* for proposals of shorter duration.

Additional funding up to **EUR 1 000 000 *1** can be requested to cover further eligible costs for any cost category when these are necessary to carry out the proposed work. The request for additional funding must be duly justified in the proposal.

The maximum amount of the grant is reduced *pro rata temporis* for proposals of shorter duration. Additional funding is not subject to *pro rata temporis* reduction for projects of shorter duration.

Both the grant amount and any additional funding requested are assessed during evaluation.

**1 Except for Principal Investigators in Starting, Consolidator, or Advanced Grant re-locating to the EU or an Associated Country from elsewhere to take up their ERC grant. In this case, the maximum additional funding shall be EUR 2 000 000. Applicants requesting more than EUR 1 000 000 as additional funding must be based outside the EU or an Associated Country at the time of the call deadline for the increased maximum additional funding to apply.*

Profile of the ERC Starting Grant Principal Investigator

The Principal Investigators will be eligible for a Starting Grant if they have defended their PhD in the ten-year period preceding the 1st of January 2027. Cut-off dates: **Successful defence of PhD between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2026 (inclusive)*2**. Principal Investigators who have already held a Starting or a Consolidator Grant in the past will not be able to apply for the same type of grant. Other eligibility or resubmission criteria might also apply.

The eligibility period may be extended beyond 10 years in some well-documented circumstances or events. See section 1.4 *Admissibility, Eligibility, Resubmission Restrictions* of the [ERC Work Programme 2027](#).

2 A Principal Investigator *applying for an ERC Starting or Consolidator Grant must hold a PhD or an equivalent doctoral degree at the time of the call deadline.

Data sharing to support the training and development of AI foundation models in the energy sector
HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-23

Call - **ENERGY (HORIZON-CL5-2026-11)**

Call website

Deadline date 01 December 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

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

- Effective and innovative methods for gathering, sharing and using large data sets in energy applications for the purpose of training AI models while ensuring privacy and security.
- Advanced and - wherever possible - open-source AI foundation models to support the digitalisation of the energy system, through improved grid observability, forecasting of supply and demand, advanced storage and renewables integration, demand side flexibility and energy efficiency.
- Enhanced cooperation, knowledge sharing and interoperability among energy system actors for secure and seamless data exchange.
- Advanced methodologies for AI model development ensuring that the results are FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) beyond the project ending, open source and accommodating for technology evolution.

DeepRAP: Deep Reasoning, Abstraction & Planning towards trustworthy Cognitive AI Systems
HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-03

Call - **EIC Pathfinder Challenges 2026 (HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01)**

Call website

Deadline date 28 October 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Impact:

The resulting portfolio will not only advance the scientific state-of-the-art but also build a robust, interoperable, and application-driven community, positioning Europe at the forefront of trustworthy cognitive AI. It should also lay the foundations for future European leadership in safe, human-centric cognitive AI, supporting sovereignty and competitiveness in key sectors. It will support the ambitions of the AI Act^[1] and the European approach to Artificial Intelligence^[2].

[1] <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-launches-ai-innovation-package-support-artificial-intelligence-startups-and-smes>

[2] https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_383 150 AI Act | Shaping Europe's digital future (europa.eu)

An AI Foundation Toxicology Model and Framework to Support Waiving a Second Species in Drug Safety Studies

HORIZON-JU-IHI-2026-13-two-stage-02

Call - *Innovative Health Initiative JU Call 13 (HORIZON-JU-IHI-2026-13-two-stage)*

Call website

Deadline date	08 October 2026 17:00:00 21 April 2027 17:00:00
Description	Expected Impact: The action under this topic is expected to achieve the following impacts: • Faster and more informed decision-making through the use of an AI-driven NAM (AI Foundation Toxicology Model) and increased efficiency through rapid processing of vast amounts of data [1]. • Increased consistency and standardisation in a NAM-based approach, specifically an AI model, used by industry in the efficient development, testing and production of safe and effective innovative health technologies, improving industrial competitiveness. • Regulatory adoption of a NAM-enabled second species waiver model (AI Foundation Toxicology Model) and weight-of-evidence framework, in line with recommendations and more consistent global decision-making on waiving second species testing. • Reduction in animal use, accelerated timelines and lower costs, enhancing the competitiveness of the European health industry through economical and ethical benefits. • Improved public health as patients will benefit from safe and effective medicines developed faster using validated NAMs. The action is expected to contribute to the EU Directive (2010/63/EU) [2] on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes and the implementation of the 3Rs principles to replace, reduce and refine the use of animals. The action is expected also to consider and contribute to EU programmes, initiatives and policies on New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) such as the future European Research Area (ERA) action on accelerating NAMs to advance biomedical research and testing of medicinal products and medical devices. [1] Transforming animal study toxicology reports into structured, harmonized data using large language models [2] European Directive on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes

Advanced Materials for Miniaturised Energy Harvesting Systems

HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-01

Call - *EIC Pathfinder Challenges 2026 (HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01)*

Call website

Deadline date	28 October 2026 17:00:00
Description	Expected Impact: The main impacts of this Challenge will be: • A new generation of energetically autonomous systems enabling new services that will improve the life of European citizens through applications in areas such as point of care diagnostics, smart sustainable cities etc. • Supporting sustainability in energy consumption and production in keeping with the ambitions of RePowerEU^[1] and the Green Deal^[2], and • Enhancement of the sustainability of IoTs and energetically autonomous systems in general. [1] https://commission.europa.eu/topics/energy/repowereu_en [2] https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en

Decode the Immunoscience of age-related diseases
HORIZON-JU-IHI-2026-13-two-stage-03

Call - *Innovative Health Initiative JU Call 13 (HORIZON-JU-IHI-2026-13-two-stage)*

Call website

<i>Deadline date</i>	08 October 2026 17:00:00 21 April 2027 17:00:00
<i>Description</i>	Expected Impact: The action under this topic is expected to achieve the following impacts: • Accelerate EU access to more cost-effective interventions in an increasingly ageing population by identifying personalised treatment approaches for elderly-onset immune diseases. • Decrease disease risk later in life by defining specific prevention strategies based on ageing biomarkers and risk factors. • Halt age-associated disease exacerbation by the identification of predictive and digital biomarkers that can stratify patients for early intervention. • Improve quality of life for healthy individuals and patients by preventing further health decline, avoiding escalating care costs, and properly stratifying individuals earlier in the diagnostic pathway. • Accelerate adoption of innovative diagnostic, preventative, and therapeutic strategies, strengthening the EU's position as a healthcare innovator. • Evaluate digital biomarker as potential regulatory endpoints in the ultimate goal to develop medicines for 'healthy ageing'. • Integrate fragmented research efforts by bringing together health industry sectors and stakeholders to develop clinical and multi-omics data integration capabilities. • Enable new data-driven research by building AI infrastructure on existing data and cohorts that no single organisation could develop independently Patients and citizens will benefit from improved medical practice and healthcare solutions, new targeted prevention strategies and ultimately healthier ageing. The action will support EU policy and priorities including the European Health Data Space Regulation (EHDS) and the EU Artificial Intelligence Act, while contributing to European competitiveness in addressing one of society's major challenges.

Energy efficient urban and sub-urban public transport, complemented by shared mobility
HORIZON-MISS-2026-04-CIT-01

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

Call website

<i>Deadline date</i>	08 October 2026 17:00:00
<i>Description</i>	Expected Outcome: This topic aims at supporting activities that are enabling or contributing to the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission by accelerating the transition towards climate neutrality in cities. To this end, project results are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Cities involved in this action advance in achieving their climate neutrality targets, reducing greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions by improving energy efficiency in urban and sub-urban public transport systems, complemented by urban mobility service car fleets – taxis, ride-hailing, car sharing and other active and shared mobility services. • Comprehensive inventory and assessment of existing instruments and measures to foster electrification and attractiveness of urban and sub-urban public transport systems, urban mobility service car fleets and shared mobility,

accompanied by targeted **guidance** for responsible authorities, operators and providers through integration of measures to improve energy efficiency in public transport and new shared mobility services.

- **Upscaling of innovative and sustainable integrated mobility solutions**, identifying gaps and shortcomings in existing systems and exchanging of best practices in the pilot sites involved in the action leading to a state-of-the-art of electrification and attractiveness of urban and suburban public transport with complementary **urban mobility service car fleets** and other **active and shared mobility solutions**.
- Enhanced **assessment tools** to quantify the direct benefits and associated co-benefits of decarbonised urban mobility service car fleets and of new shared mobility solutions complementary to public transport (including evaluation of impacts on modal shift, increased intermodal mobility and diverse user needs), the trade-off analysis between different solution and the recommendation of the most suitable implementation strategies, thereby helping to attract public investments.

Further **progress towards achieving the targets set by relevant EU strategies and policies** such as the [Zero Pollution Action Plan](#)^[1], the [Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy](#)^[2], the [new EU Urban Mobility Framework](#)^[3], the [Decarbonise Corporate Fleets Communication](#)^[4] and the [Energy Efficiency Directive](#)^[5].

Sustainable, inclusive, affordable and beautiful solutions for thermal comfort in buildings

HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-REGEN-01

Call - Beautiful, inclusive and sustainable neighbourhoods for communities (HORIZON-NEB-2026-01)

Call website

Deadline date 01 December 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

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

- Significantly higher awareness of the construction ecosystem actors about solutions that are inspired by vernacular knowledge^[1], nature-based solutions^[1], bioclimatic design and/or frugal innovation^[1].
- The application of the developed solutions helps to achieve and maintain the thermal comfort in buildings while significantly reducing life cycle energy use, GHG emissions and costs compared to solutions that currently dominate the market.

[1] See definition in the Glossary section of the NEB part of the HE WP26-27.

Improving capabilities of law enforcement to counter climate-related challenges

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-01

Call - Civil Security for Society 2026 (HORIZON-CL3-2026-01)

Call website

Deadline date 05 November 2026 17:00:00

Description Expected Outcome:

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

- Police Authorities in Europe are equipped with specialised skills and technologies to counter an increase in illegal activities related to the climate change and the emergence of new (opportunistic) criminal patterns;
- Improved understanding by policymakers of the effects of climate change on law enforcement with a view of developing related effective European policies;
- improved knowledge of the impacts of climate change phenomena on social dynamics which can raise demands from public authorities to keep public order, moving beyond traditional perspectives about crime and terrorism.

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme (CERV)

Preventing gender-based violence CERV-2026-DAPHNE-PREVENTION

Call - [Call for proposals to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children \(CERV-2026-DAPHNE\)](#)

Call website

Deadline date | 05 November 2026 17:00:00

Description

Scope:

This topic is one of the 5 priorities of the call for proposals for EU **action grants to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children** under the **Citizens, Equality, Rights and Value Programme (CERV)**.

For further information about the call and its conditions, please see the call document.

Social Prerogative and Specific Competencies Lines (SOCPL)

SOCPL-2026-INFO-REPR

SOCPL-2026-INFO-REPR

Call - [Information, consultation & participation of representatives of undertakings \(SOCPL-2026-INFO-REPR\)](#)

Call website

Deadline date | 12 November 2026 17:00:00

Description

Expected Outcome:

The main objective of this call is to develop employees' involvement in undertakings by raising awareness and contributing to the application of European Union law and policies in this area. The call aims at supporting projects which seek to help accompany through social dialogue at company level the significant changes driven by industry transitions and, in particular, the take-up and effective functioning of European Works Councils. The call shall focus on one or a limited number of topical challenges with a view to maximise both the individual and aggregated impact of the selected projects.

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

[LINK to Calls](#)

Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2026

A comprehensive description of opportunities for organizations participating in Erasmus+ you can find in the **Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2026**

Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2026 - Erasmus+

Application forms

Depending on what part of the programme you are applying for, you will need to fill out a specific **application form**.

For the **decentralised activities managed by National Agencies**, please apply using the [Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps page](#).

For the **centralised activities managed by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)**, please visit the Executive Agency's ['How to get a grant' page](#).

How to apply for funding

Guidance for organisations to apply for grants and calls for proposals under Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps.

Application guidance for organisations: [LINK](#)

Source : <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/>

NEWS AND EVENTS

Celebrating 30 years of MSCA - Curiosity that changes the world

A high-level event celebrating three decades of scientific excellence and the remarkable community behind the programme.

Date: 1 Oct 2026

Online event, 11.00 - 17.30, CEST

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

Horizon Implementation Day: Grant Agreement Preparation in Horizon Europe

Date: 08 October 2026

Time: 09:30 - 12:45 CEST (Brussels time)

Online

[Event website](#)

Horizon Implementation Day: Grant Management in Horizon Europe

Date: 15 October 2026

Time: 09:30 - 13:00 CEST

Online

[Event website](#)



Info session Erasmus+ Sport 2027

18 December 2026, Erasmus+ Sport Info Day 2027 will be organized by the European Commission and the *European Education and Culture Executive Agency* (EACEA). Find out more about policy developments, tips on how to prepare and submit proposals as well as information on the financial aspects of funding. It will be a good opportunity to network and meet potential partners.

If you are applying for a grant for the first time, take a [look at the useful guide](#).

The event will take place in Brussels but will also be broadcasted.

Registration will open soon.

- fund (EU) | sport | EU sport policy
- Friday 18 December 2026, 09:30 - 18:30 (CET)
- Bruxelles, Belgium.

Practical information

When: Friday 18 December 2026, 09:30 - 18:30 (CET)

Where: Charlemagne Building (CHAR)
Rue de la Loi 170,
1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

More info [here](#)

‘Excellence Hubs’ call under the Horizon Europe Widening programme

Excellence Hubs are networks of innovation ecosystems in countries and regions facing structural challenges, bringing together key actors to create stronger links between academia, businesses, governments and civil society.

➡ The initiative aims to harmonise research and innovation across the EU by improving research-related outputs in targeted countries.

Find out more about the call [here](#)



European Research and Innovation Days 2026

10–11 November 2026
in Brussels and online

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

It will bring together policymakers, researchers, innovators, business leaders and representatives of civil society to debate how research and innovation can strengthen Europe’s competitiveness, resilience and technological sovereignty.

Dates: 10–11 November 2026

Venue: The EGG, 175 Rue Bara, Brussels

Format: In person and online

Participation: Free of charge

More information about the event [here](#)

