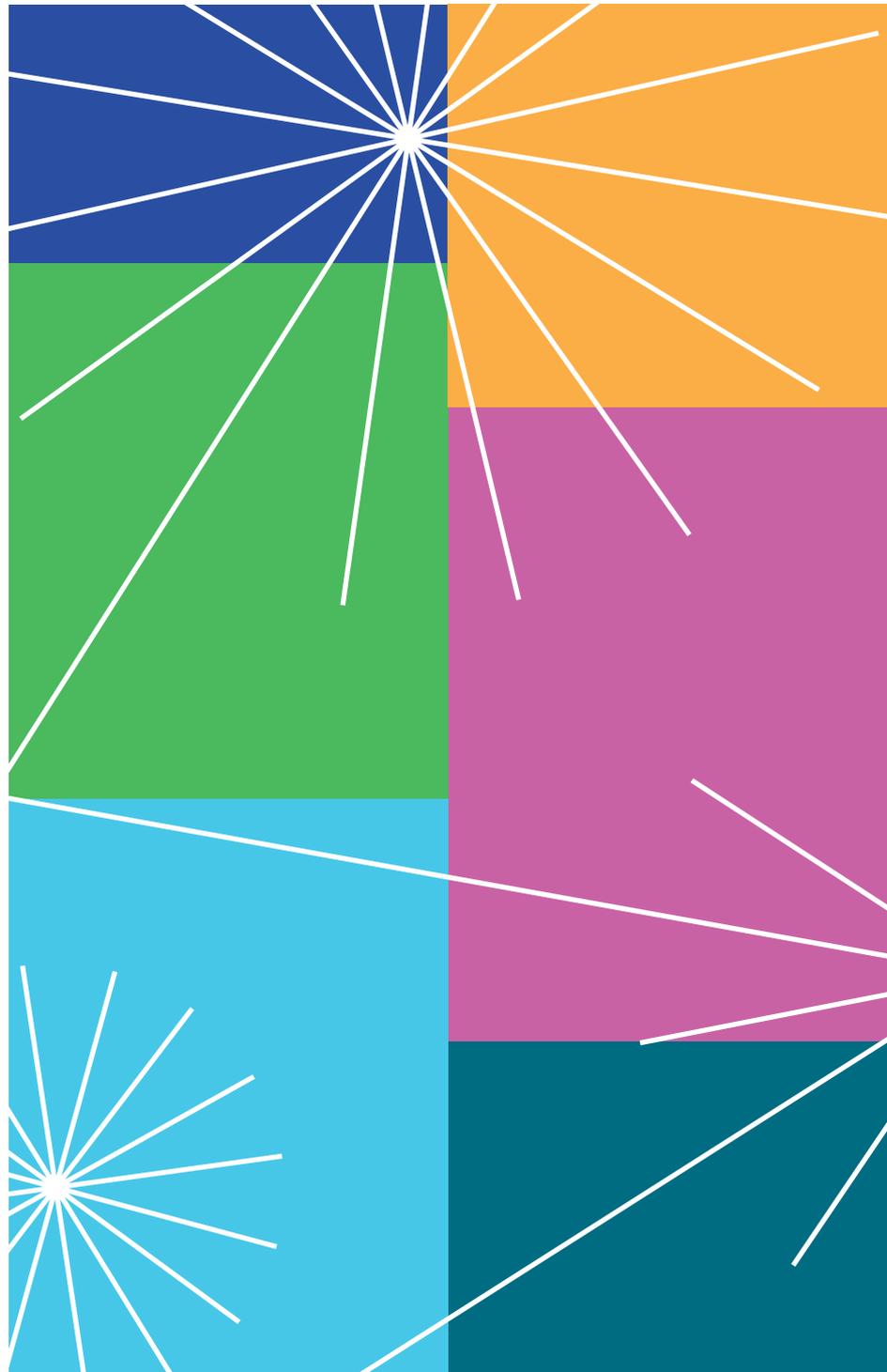


ERA Opportunities 2026

GUIDEBOOK



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Introduction

This ERA Opportunities Guidebook is a summary of ERA related funding opportunities in Horizon Europe, beyond the ERA part, for the ERA community and stakeholders' potential applicants, and for NCPs. The ERA Opportunities Guidebook provides an overview, including a direct link to the topic on the Funding and Tenders portal, of funding opportunities regarding gender equality, open

science, citizen engagement, science education, ethics/research integrity, research careers and knowledge valorisation in various topics, across the different thematic programmes, under Pillar II “Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness” of Horizon Europe. This version focuses on 2026 calls.

ERA in Horizon Europe

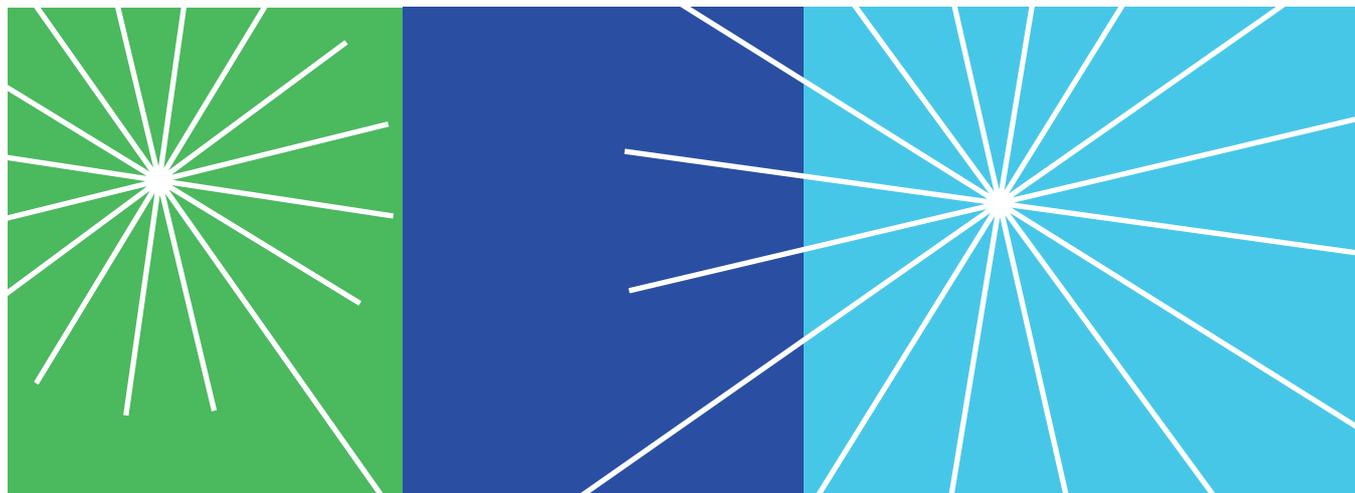
ERA aspects are researched and advanced under the “Reforming and enhancing the EU research and innovation” destination under “Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area” programme. At the same time, they are integrated in the thematic clusters of Horizon Europe, including the missions.

Horizon Europe has moved to an impact-driven programme, to maximise the impact of the European Union’s research and innovation funding for European science, the economy and the wider society. Therefore, ERA aspects are integrated in the various clusters and programmes under Horizon Europe, as a cross-cutting issue, in particular in

the clusters under Pillar II “Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness”.

Integration of ERA aspects in the various thematic clusters, encourages interdisciplinary consortia of the relevant thematic scientific and technology communities and the relevant ERA aspects communities to collaborate, aiming at maximising the impact for the economy and the society.

The main ERA aspects which are integrated in the various clusters are: gender equality, open science, citizen engagement, science education, ethics/research integrity, research careers and knowledge valorisation.

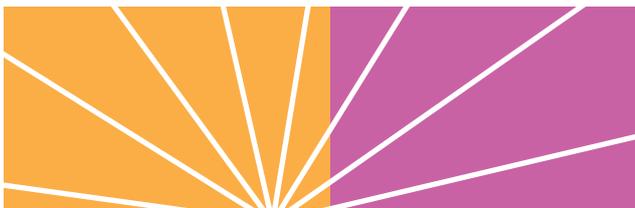


The document structure

This document is divided to seven chapters by the different ERA aspects:

- Gender equality
- Open science
- Citizen engagement
- Science education
- Ethics/research integrity
- Research Careers
- Knowledge Valorisation

In each chapter, a summarised information on various topics under the six thematic clusters including the missions is presented, focusing on the relevant opportunities for the specific ERA community.



The summary includes:

- Topic ID
- Topic title
- Topic funding terms (CSA, IA, RIA)
- Link to the specific topic on the Funding & Tender opportunities Portal (ensuring easy and quick access to the latest information and updates on the call)
- The topic budget
- The project's expected funding
- Number of expected funded project(s)
- A short description of the topic
- A short description of the integrated ERA aspect

In this structure, a specific topic may appear under a few different chapters, in each of them, only the relevant information to the specific ERA community is presented.

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Gender equality

Innovative interventions to prevent the harmful effects of using digital technologies on the mental health of children and young adults

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-02](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/02/2026

DEADLINE
16/04/2026

Per topic: **44.20 M€**
Per project: **Around 8 M€**
Up to 6 projects

Proposals should aim at generating robust scientific evidence on the impact of digital technologies, as well as developing and testing context-specific digital interventions that promote the positive and

responsible use of them to improve mental health, avoiding the development or exacerbation of mental disorders.

→ When handling data and indicators, sex and gender identity-disaggregated data should be collected and analysed, incorporating intersectional factors where afeasible.

Advancing research on the prevention, diagnosis, and management of post-infection long-term conditions

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-03](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/02/2026

DEADLINE
16/04/2026



Proposals should aim to develop innovative approaches for the prevention, diagnosis, and management of post-infection conditions and increase understanding of the pathophysiology of

Per topic: **39.30 M€**

Per project: **6.00-8.00 M€**

Up to 5 projects

post-infection conditions (including inflammatory aspects) to identify biomarkers and develop clinically validated diagnostic approaches for early detection, disease progression and/or treatment optimisation.

→ Specific attention should be given to sex and gender, as women often experience post-infectious diseases differently due to hormonal and other biological factors, and social factors, which can affect their diagnosis, treatment, and recovery. Moreover, age, disability, race or ethnicity, socio-economic, lifestyle and behavioural factors should also be considered, and special emphasis should be placed on populations in a vulnerable situation and groups with pre-existing conditions to ensure equitable and inclusive healthcare solutions.

Development of novel vaccines for viral pathogens with epidemic potential

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-04](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/02/2026

DEADLINE
16/04/2026



Proposals should aim to advance the development of existing prophylactic and therapeutic vaccine candidates targeting exclusively one of the following viruses: Junin mammarenavirus, Lassa mammarenavirus, Andes virus, Hantaan virus, Sin Nombre virus, Hendra virus, Enterovirus D68, Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus. Proposals

Per topic: **44.20 M€**

Per project: **9.00 - 11.00 M€**

Up to 5 projects

should thus aim to diversify and accelerate the global prophylactic and therapeutic research and development portfolio for emerging and re-emerging viral infections, and to strengthen the leading role of the EU in prophylactic and therapeutic research and development.

→ The scientific and clinical communities have a better understanding of and access to experimental vaccines for the prevention and treatment of emerging or re-emerging viral infections, as well as for further clinical investigation, including better understanding of biological sex and social determinants that influence immune response, vaccine efficacy, safety, and uptake.

Multisectoral approach to tackle chronic non-communicable diseases: implementation research maximising collaboration and coordination with sectors and in settings beyond the healthcare system (GACD)

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-09](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Proposals will fund implementation research focused on strategies to tackle the growing burden of NCDs through actions in sectors and settings outside the traditional health system and its facilities (with or

Per topic: 9.80 M€

Per project: 3.00 - 4.00 M€

Up to 3 projects

without the involvement of the healthcare system) to attain equitable health-related outcomes or influence health determinants for people living in LMICs, and/or underserved populations in HICs.

→ Poverty, discrimination based on sex, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, disability, age, and other inequities are directly associated with reduced potential for equitable access to quality care. Proposals should consider relevant determinants of health (e.g. social, structural, commercial, economic) and discuss their potential impact on the effective implementation of the intervention(s). If there is a focus on a particular population (e.g. gender, race, ethnicity, etc.), then the reason for this should be justified.

Understanding of sex and/or gender-specific mechanisms of cardiovascular diseases: determinants, risk factors and pathways

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-11](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Proposals should contribute to further the understanding on the structural, hormonal, and/or biological distinctions between sexes/genders to improve diagnostics and therapeutics for cardiovascular diseases and develop sex and/or gender-specific tailored risk models in a view of better

Per topic: 39.30 M€

Per project: 6.00 - 7.00 M€

Up to 6 projects

prevention, detection and diagnostic, and treatment strategies. Proposals should identify and/or validate novel or existing sex and/or gender-specific health determinants, risk factors and pathways for CVDs through the generation, integration and validation of data derived from relevant disciplines.

→ Biological sex and gender play a specific role both in the incidence and the prevalence of certain diseases, including CVDs. Sex and gender disparities in CVDs are influenced by biological, behavioural, and sociocultural factors, affecting symptoms, prevalence, treatment, and outcomes. Hormonal influences, genetic predispositions, and/or physiological differences contribute to variations in how CVD presents and progresses in men and women.

- Risk factors such as diabetes, cholesterol, smoking, and age have different impacts across genders, highlighting the need for customised treatment strategies. Unique gender-specific conditions in women, such as menopause, pregnancy complications like preeclampsia and certain autoimmune diseases, also increase the risk for CVDs

Scaling up innovation in cardiovascular health

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-15](#)

CSA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **1.90 M€**

Per project: **Around 1.90 M€**

Up to 1 project



Applicants should take stock of research and innovation results to identify gaps and set up a plan for a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) on cardiovascular diseases, with the final aim of leveraging

research and innovation results to improve risk prediction, early detection and screening practices for CVDs and associated comorbidities.

- Healthcare providers and policymakers have an improved knowledge base to inform future strategies for early detection and prevention of CVDs, with specific attention to women and vulnerable groups, through research on personalised risk prediction approaches that consider multiple and interacting risk factors (e.g. genetic predisposition, environmental pollutants, diet, lifestyle habits, multimorbidity, sex and gender).

Identifying and addressing low-value care in health and care systems

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-CARE-03](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **38.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 10.00 M€**

Up to 4 projects



Proposals should develop a deeper understanding of how low-value care can be identified and measured throughout the healthcare process, including testing related indicators and producing evidence-based methodologies that enable the pursuit of improved

efficiency and quality of care. The proposals should develop and/or pilot innovative strategies for effective reduction of low-value care in specific settings across the care pathway.

- Proposals should consider how gender norms and roles influence utilisation patterns, ensuring that strategies to reduce low-value care do not inadvertently exacerbate existing gender and social inequalities in healthcare access and outcomes. In addition, attention should be paid to intersectional factors that may further affect healthcare access and outcomes. If handling data and indicators, sex- and gender-disaggregated data should be collected and analysed, incorporating intersectional factors where feasible

Pilot actions for follow-on funding: Leveraging EU-funded collaborative research in regenerative medicine

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL-05](#)

IA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **29.50 M€**

Per project: **6.00 - 8.00 M€**

Up to 4 projects



The main aim of this topic is to pilot a follow-on funding mechanism, supporting the stepwise development of biotech innovations through collaboration, resulting from previously supported EU R&I actions in the field of health. Proposals should focus on prototyping,

demonstrating and validating health innovations from TRL 5, moving beyond early-stage research to clinical development, testing, or eventual large-scale manufacturing.

→ Proposals should take into account sex, gender, age and other relevant socio-demographic variables to ensure the scientific robustness, clinical value and applicability of the targeted regenerative medicine innovation.

Behavioural interventions as primary prevention for NCDs among young people

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH-02](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **20.60 M€**

Per project: **9.00 - 10.00M€**

Up to 2 projects



The topic is focused on behavioural interventions for youth, defined as 12 to 25 years old, for the primary prevention of the top Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) later in life, where “top NCDs” refers to the most prevalent NCDs. For the purpose of this call, NCDs explicitly exclude cancer. Implementation

research should be conducted to implement existing behavioural interventions. These interventions should be evidence-based and have an emphasis on empowerment and self-management (e.g. health literacy, health education, health promotion).

→ Proposals should ensure that gender-sensitive approaches are integrated, addressing potential gender-specific barriers, as well as cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, and should also outline how digital tools, including artificial intelligence (AI) and real-world data and biomarkers (e.g. genomic data, wearables...) or existing relevant administrative dataset, will be integrated to enhance the scalability, personalisation, and effectiveness of interventions in the long-term.

Tackling gender-based violence against politically active women and LGBTIQ people

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-01](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**
Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects



Proposals should aim to get an enhanced understanding of the drivers of violence against women and LGBTIQ people who are politically active or political aspirants, improve prevention and early

intervention, examine engagement after violence, and develop recommendations to tackle gender-based violence, promote equal political participation, and address harmful narratives.

- Enhanced prevention and early intervention through better understanding of the drivers and impacts of violence (short- and long-term) on women and LGBTIQ people engaged, or aspiring to engage, in online and offline political activities and how their participation evolves after experiencing violence and harassment.
- Promotion of an inclusive environment that encourages political participation of women, and LGBTIQ people, notably from underrepresented groups, through collaboration across key public, political and civil society actors.

Understanding the forms of local democracy in low-income and low-middle income countries

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-02](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**
Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects



Proposals should gather evidence on how actors in economic, political, and social ecosystems at the local level could foster democratic practices, increase citizens' trust in governance and democratic

institutions, improve transparency of decision making, and promote respect for human rights.

- Proposals are also encouraged to gather evidence on different forms of democratic participation and governance at local level, paying particular attention to the inclusion of women and marginalised and underrepresented groups.

- Research activities should meaningfully involve a wide range of stakeholders and societal actors at local level (public authorities, economic and institutional actors, trade unions, traditional and faith leaders, indigenous people, women’s and LGBTIQ groups, and others), including non-scientific and non-academic actors.

Government in transition – how governments change the way they work and prepare the civil service for the future

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-03](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **8.00 M€**

Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals under this topic should aim at showcasing and analyzing innovative governance approaches and internal government innovation strategies in EU Member States and Associated Countries. Projects should provide evidence-based insights, policy recommendations, and practical tools to foster future-ready public administrations. Activities should

cover new governance paradigms, innovative public service and policy development, and civil service empowerment, while promoting collaboration and knowledge exchange among governments.

- This should give voice to the civil service, examining how civil service officials (in various roles, functions and level of decision making, and in their diversity, including gender, age, socio-economic background, experience level, and other relevant personal characteristics) see the changing role of the state, their own role, organizational framework conditions (i.e. people, knowledge, ways of working, and rules and processes), how they cope under the current pressures, and what their visions, hopes and needs are for the future.



Sustainable paths to media viability

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-04](#)

IA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects



Proposals should reinforce digital transformation of the news media industry by developing new business models, investigate behavioural dimensions of news consumption, design interventions to counter misinformation and strengthen critical thinking, and

explore trust dynamics between human-curated journalism and AI-driven news delivery.

- Citizens, particularly those facing systemic disadvantages, are empowered and better equipped to make informed decisions, and news media's role as contributor to a healthy, reinvigorated and fair democracy is enhanced.

Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-05](#)

CSA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **4.50 M€**

Per project: **4.00 - 4.50 M€**

Up to 1 project



Proposals should establish a Research and Innovation Network that brings together academia, public bodies, and civil society to promote inclusive, equal, and resilient democratic societies, foster participation and

EU values, and address equality and intersectionality across diverse socio-political contexts.

- The network should support the implementation of gender-inclusive and intersectional strategies to counter disinformation, reduce societal polarisation, and re-engage citizens in democratic practices.
- It could also include a collaborative webpage for stakeholders to share information on events, calls for papers, and funding opportunities related to inclusive democracy, gender equality, and intersectionality.

Governing global commons sustainably

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-06](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Proposals under this topic should aim at developing multi- and interdisciplinary concepts and solutions for the sustainable governance of global commons, resources shared by all humanity, in a multipolar world. Projects should strengthen science-policy interfaces, enhance citizen engagement, and inform

Per topic: **12.00 M€**
Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects

EU science diplomacy actions. Activities should address climate governance, biodiversity governance, or governance of spaces beyond national jurisdiction, fostering collaboration among international partners and diverse stakeholders.

- Research is also needed into how the current governance of global commons affects intergenerational justice and human rights, including gender equality and the impact on different social groups.
- This should include a focus on enhancing access to environmental information for citizens and civil society organisations to empower biodiversity action, as well as mainstreaming gender equality and human rights considerations into biodiversity policy frameworks, in alignment with the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UN HCHR) on the development of human rights norms for biodiversity protection.

Supporting post-conflict democracy and reconstruction

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-07](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Proposals should investigate the complex relationships between post-conflict reconstruction, democracy, inequality, and international cooperation, with the ultimate goal of promoting reconciliation, accountability, and social dialogue in conflict and post-conflict areas. This is essential in addressing the significant challenges that arise in the aftermath

Per topic: **12.00 M€**
Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects

of conflict, where the destruction of infrastructure, institutions, and social fabric often leads to prolonged instability, increased inequalities, human suffering, and a decline in democratic governance.

- Particular attention could be brought to the role of women as peace builders.

Electoral integrity in the digital context

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-08](#)

RIA

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12/5/2026

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23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

Proposals should create robust and resilient electoral systems for the digital age, ensure safety and integrity, promote free and transparent elections, investigate cyberattack and interference risks, develop security

and transparency strategies, and design early warning, debunking, and accountability measures for digital platforms.

- Projects may also focus on how FIMI can influence political discourse via digital platforms, particularly during electoral periods, including in ways that undermine the rights of women, LGBTIQ people, persons with disabilities and other underrepresented groups.
- Particular focus on ensuring the safety and security of political candidates, especially women and LGBTIQ people and other members of minority groups, from violence, intimidation, and harassment.
- Addressing these concerns requires a comprehensive understanding of how AI shapes political campaigns, media narratives, public engagement, and the spread of (gendered) disinformation.

Citizenship education as part of lifelong learning

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-09](#)

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CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **16.00 M€**

Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 4 projects

Proposals should examine how citizenship education in lifelong learning strengthens democratic involvement, focusing on VET or adult education programmes, and

investigate links between participation and increased civic actions such as voting, policy engagement, volunteering, or involvement in civil society.

- A gender and intersectional perspective should be systematically integrated throughout the research, as well as the perspective of other groups that are marginalised, underrepresented in political decision-making, face barriers due to accessibility issues, or are at risk of disengagement.

Digital and media literacy as drivers for democratic and civic resilience

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-10](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**
Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects

Proposals should explore user behaviour patterns in the digital age, analyse emotional dynamics in disinformation and polarization, investigate algorithmic amplification of emotive content, and

develop digital and media literacy strategies to counter manipulative narratives such as populist and post-truth discourses.

→ Groups in a vulnerable situation in particular, such as children, senior citizens and persons with disabilities, ethnic or religious minorities, LGBTIQ people, those suffering poverty and/or social exclusion, are disproportionately affected by crises, often exacerbating pre-existing disadvantages, barriers and inequalities.

Creative alliances: Fostering global partnerships in cultural policies and CCI innovation

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-05](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **15.00 M€**
Per project: **3.00 - 3.75 M€**
Up to 4 projects

This topic promotes international partnerships to strengthen cultural policies and creative industries worldwide. Projects should identify best practices, foster equal collaborations, and develop actionable strategies for cross-regional cooperation. Activities

may focus on creative industry innovation or international cultural relations, aiming to enhance Europe's global standing, support inclusive growth, and leverage culture and creativity for resilience and sustainable development.

→ Proposals may explore ways to address unequal access to global markets and imbalances in partnerships within the creative economy, with attention to gender and other intersectional aspects shaping opportunities and participation.

Safeguarding linguistic diversity in Europe

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-06](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **11.50 M€**
Per project: **5.00 - 5.75 M€**
Up to 2 projects

Proposals should document and map linguistic diversity in Europe, identify good practices that

promote multilingualism, and support knowledge and practice sharing.

→ Research could explore, among others, the role of oral transmission and its gendered component, in safeguarding languages at risk and methods to ensure its conservation.

Contribution of basic skills to productivity, innovation, competitiveness and economic growth

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-05](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.00 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects



Proposals should provide policymakers with evidence on the contribution of basic skills to productivity and innovation, develop actionable advice for fostering

basic skills through education and training systems, and promote competitiveness and growth by reducing gender, disability, and socioeconomic gaps.

→ Projects are expected to contribute to promoting productivity, innovation, competitiveness and growth, including by reducing gender, disability and socioeconomic gaps in basic skills. Additional evidence is required on how to increase female participation in STEM.

Making Europe a global magnet for talent - Attracting and retaining students, researchers and high-skilled workers from outside the EU

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-06](#)

RIA

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12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **10.00 M€**

Per project: **3.00 - 3.30 M€**

Up to 3 projects



Proposals should apply rigorous quantitative methods to analyse factors influencing international students' choice of study destinations, complemented by qualitative research, considering variability across

countries and factors such as academic quality, career opportunities, cultural appeal, political context, and funding availability.

→ Proposals should also address the gender and disability dimensions of attracting and retaining talent.

Fostering competences for the green transition

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-07](#)

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12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



Proposals should analyse competences needed for the green transition to support upskilling and reskilling, focusing on one sector such as sustainable

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.00 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

agriculture and food production, automotive, energy, construction, or nature and climate adaptation.

- Develop actionable advice to policymakers and education and training institutions about which education and training programmes and policy measures can promote the acquisition of those competences by young people and workers in a lifelong perspective, including the gender and disability dimensions.
- How to ensure that women and persons with disabilities benefit equally from the opportunities of the green transition?
- Proposals should also consider the gender and disability dimensions in their analysis (ensuring that women, as well as persons with disability, benefit equally from employment and earning opportunities linked to the green transition).

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

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-08](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



This topic supports research to improve migration governance, health equity for migrants, and long-term social inclusion strategies. Projects should provide evidence-based insights for implementing the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, enhance legal pathways,

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.00 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

integrate health data, and evaluate inclusion policies. Activities should address intersectional factors, uphold human rights, and involve migrants and refugees in participatory research.

- Moreover, there is a lack of research exploring how intersecting factors such as age, gender, disability and legal status influence health outcomes among migrant and refugee populations, including older migrants.
- Areas of focus should include youth and women participation.

Rethinking long-term care policy in the face of EU demographic shifts

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-09](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 3.75 M€**

Up to 4 projects



This topic addresses the growing demand for long-term care (LTC) in ageing societies. Projects should evaluate existing LTC policies, model future needs and costs, and propose innovative policy solutions to ensure affordable, accessible, and high-quality care. Activities should focus on workforce challenges, integrated care, digitalisation, and gender-sensitive

approaches, supporting evidence-informed policymaking and sustainable care systems.

→ Proposals should integrate a gender-sensitive and intersectional approach to address the diverse long-term care policy needs of care-recipients and caregivers.

Fostering cooperation and integration between SSH and STEM research and innovation in the EU

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-10](#)

CSA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **3.50 M€**

Per project: **3.50 M€**

Up to 1 project



This topic promotes stronger integration of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in research and innovation. Projects should create an SSH-STEM Action to monitor, facilitate, and promote cooperation, develop a comprehensive impact evaluation framework, and provide guidance

for policy and funding strategies. Activities should include training, annual events, and gender-sensitive, inclusive approaches.

→ Projects should adopt a gender-sensitive and intersectional approach when integrating SSH and STEM. This means considering a variety of societal needs and perspectives to ensure inclusivity and equality in research and innovation in EU and national R&I policies.

Improving capabilities of law enforcement to counter climate-related challenges

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-01](#)

RIA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **8.00 M€**
Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**
Up to 2 projects



Proposals should analyse how climate change creates opportunities for organized crime, equip police with skills and technologies to counter emerging patterns, improve policymakers' understanding for effective policies, and deepen

knowledge of climate-driven impacts on social dynamics and public order.

→ Research in this area could be strengthened by considering the gender-specific dimensions of vulnerabilities and needs when relevant.

Missing persons: prevention and investigation

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-03](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **5.00 M€**
Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**
Up to 1 project



Proposals should improve prevention and investigation of missing persons cases, modernize skills, training, and methodologies for police, CSOs, and NGOs, and raise awareness among vulnerable

groups and children, considering multicultural, legal, and ethical standards.

→ Police Authorities also need, on the one hand, a modernised training to face such situations more efficiently, improving the dialogues and interactions with families, taking into account a gender sensitive approach when relevant, and on the other hand, modern technologies and forensic tools for, for example, fast and reliable cross-matching of DNA samples between new and cold cases

Crime prevention approaches, online and off-line, tackling the nexus between addictions and crime

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-04](#)

RIA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **6.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 3.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



This topic addresses the complex link between addictions such as gambling, drug or alcohol use and crime, where offenders may act under the influence or commit crimes to fund addictions. Proposals should analyse this nexus and develop modern methodologies and tools to prevent both addictions and related crimes, online and offline,

while respecting fundamental rights and using non-stigmatising language.

→ Incorporating a gender-sensitive approach will allow to better understand the relationships between addiction, crime, and gender, leading to more effective interventions that address the specific needs of men, women, and marginalized groups.

Enhancing the security of citizens against terrorism and lone-actor violence in confined spaces such as schools

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-05](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **9.67 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.835 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should develop societal and technological solutions to prevent terrorism and lone-actor violence in schools and confined spaces, detect early signs of isolation and radicalisation, promote secure and

inclusive environments, deliver advanced security measures, and strengthen cooperation between police and institutional staff while respecting fundamental rights.

→ Based on a thorough analysis of the phenomenon under consideration in the European context, proposals should look into methodologies of catching and tackling early signs of terrorist threats, isolation and radicalisation, taking into account the social and cultural factors that may influence an individual's vulnerability to radicalisation, such as gender roles and stereotypes.

Prevention and mitigation of misuse of synthetic biology for bioterrorism purposes

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-06](#)

RIA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **3.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 3.00 M€**

Up to 1 project



Proposals should review current and future bioterrorism risks linked to synthetic biology, identify monitoring needs and regulatory gaps, improve understanding among policymakers and security practitioners, and raise awareness within

the scientific community about potential misuse of synthetic biology research.

→ In this topic the integration of the gender dimension (sex and gender analysis) in research and innovation content should be addressed only if relevant in relation to the objectives of the research effort.

Advanced border surveillance and situational awareness

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-BM-01](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 6.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should develop advanced solutions to improve detection, search, rescue, and recovery near land and sea borders, enhance efficiency and reaction time, promote cross-border cooperation through innovative testbeds, strengthen situational awareness, and enable reliable detection and

neutralisation of threats such as unmanned vehicles while safeguarding fundamental rights.

→ Improved border surveillance and situational awareness must better safeguard and promote fundamental rights and EU values, with a particular regard to human rights, using an inclusive approach that addresses diverse needs.

Accessible and available travel facilitation

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-BM-02](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026



Proposals should develop and test innovative solutions for seamless travel, border crossing, and visa procedures that protect fundamental rights, minimize bias, ensure accessibility, and deliver

Per topic: **8.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

secure, trusted, integrated approaches that reduce workload, improve safety, and enhance user experience for border management staff.

→ Innovation actions funded under this topic will develop and test solutions for advanced seamless travel and border crossing and/or visa procedures, protecting and promoting fundamental rights, minimising the risk for bias and being accessible for all travellers, with no or minimised limitations depending on age, sex, gender, groups, physical or digital abilities. To minimise potential for discrimination or physical or digital divide regarding travel facilitation schemes, solutions should be inclusive and accessible.

Reliability of age assessment methods in the context of security and border management

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-BM-03](#)

CSA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026



Proposals should analyze current and potential age assessment methods with practitioner input, comparing their scientific reliability, sensitivity, and specificity, while assessing risks to fundamental rights and ways to minimize them. Results should improve protection of minors through more reliable and less intrusive assessments, strengthen

Per topic: **1.33 M€**

Per project: **Around 1.33 M€**

Up to 1 project

authorities' preparedness and cooperation against human trafficking, and expand European knowledge on the accuracy and effectiveness of age assessment methods.

→ While the research results would not imply any legislative or policy decision on age assessment methods, the research will develop evidence-based results on options for more (compared to the state-of-the-art) appropriate models of age assessment methods that protect fundamental rights, ensuring the use of an inclusive approach that addresses diverse needs.

Tools and processes to support stress tests of critical infrastructure

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-01](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **9.67 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.835 M€**

Up to 2 projects



This topic aims to strengthen the resilience of critical infrastructure by developing specialized tools and methodologies for stress testing and validation. Projects should enable operators to identify and address technical and operational vulnerabilities, improve scenario building, and

enhance resilience planning. Solutions must support secure data collection and analysis for post-incident investigations, facilitate collaboration under stress conditions, and deliver improved operational procedures, including incident management and training curricula.

→ In this topic the integration of the gender dimension (sex and gender analysis) in research and innovation content should be addressed only if relevant in relation to the objectives of the research effort.

Security challenges of the green transition in urban and peri urban areas

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-02](#)

RIA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **4.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**

Up to 1 project



Proposals should identify new security risks from emerging technologies in urban and peri-urban areas, assess impacts of green transition technologies, verify countermeasures, develop monitoring tools,

analyse supply chain vulnerabilities, and provide methodologies for safe integration while fostering societal awareness and acceptance.

→ The research should provide recommendations that are tailored to diverse communities and context needs such as those with different socio-economic profiles, ages, genders, ethnicities, and abilities, to identify and mitigate physical and cyber risks and vulnerabilities.

→ In this topic the integration of the gender dimension (sex and gender analysis) in research and innovation content should be addressed only if relevant in relation to the objectives of the research effort.

Targeted innovative capabilities for the resilience of critical entities to natural and human-induced disasters, including hybrid scenarios

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-03](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **9.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.50 M€**

Up to 2 projects

Proposals should develop and demonstrate advanced, sector-specific solutions to strengthen resilience of critical entities under multi-hazard and NaTech conditions, deliver interoperable modular technologies and governance tools tested in realistic

settings, improve understanding of systemic vulnerabilities, verify measures, and deploy platforms for dynamic risk assessment and decision support while fostering cross-border cooperation.

→ In this topic the integration of the gender dimension (sex and gender analysis) in research and innovation content should be addressed only if relevant in relation to the objectives of the research effort.

Designing new ways of risk awareness and enhanced disaster preparedness

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-01](#)

RIA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **6.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 3.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

Proposals should develop innovative, interoperable solutions for disaster preparedness and response, enable collaboration between authorities, civil society, communities, and the private sector, create tools to monitor and improve risk awareness, foster safety

culture and resilience, design inclusive preparedness plans for vulnerable groups, and establish adaptive response frameworks for coordination and resource management.

→ A key focus should be on integrating diverse societal and resilience perspectives considering people in vulnerable groups/conditions, ensuring inclusive participation in risk communication strategies, and leveraging advanced technologies and processes to improve public understanding of hazards and vulnerabilities (such as gender, age, disabilities and others social factors).

Multi-hazard approach and cumulative / cascading impacts

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-02](#)

IA CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026



Per topic: **8.00 M€**
Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**
Up to 2 projects

Proposals should develop and validate integrated forecasting models for multi-hazard scenarios using real-time data, AI analytics, and remote sensing, explore interoperability of warning systems, enhance global forecasting, and create predictive models, risk and resilience metrics, data-sharing systems,

and dynamic vulnerability analysis to support early warning and action.

→ A holistic, systemic, and cross-cutting approach should be applied to disaster risk management, taking into consideration climate change trends, environmental degradation, and socio-economic vulnerabilities such as gender, age, disabilities and others social factors.

Development of innovative tools, processes, equipment and technologies through responses to disasters and emergencies for search and rescue in hazardous conditions

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-03](#)

IA CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026



Per topic: **8.00 M€**
Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**
Up to 2 projects

Proposals should develop and validate innovative tools, equipment, and technologies to enhance emergency responders' capabilities in hazardous disaster environments, design and test advanced solutions such as autonomous drones and robotics for medical response and search and rescue,

improve efficiency and safety, and ensure scalability and interoperability with existing capacities.

→ These technologies should be tailored to operate in extreme conditions, including high temperatures, unstable terrains, and low-visibility environments and beneficial to all individuals regardless of their age, gender, and ability.

Open topic on driving innovation uptake of disaster risk solutions

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-04](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **6.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 3.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should accelerate adoption of high-TRL disaster risk solutions, overcome deployment barriers, ensure accessibility, foster public-private collaboration, and promote scaling and commercialization of proven technologies using digital tools, AI, IoT, and

digital twins to enhance preparedness, response, and evidence-based decision-making.

→ In this topic the integration of the gender dimension (sex and gender analysis) in research and innovation content should be addressed only if relevant in relation to the objectives of the research effort.

Development of ecosystem and next-generation capabilities for a secured European Critical Communication System in civil security

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-04](#)

IA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **3.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 3.00 M€**

Up to 1 project



Proposals should provide law enforcement, first responders, emergency services, and other critical sectors with reliable, real-time communication capabilities in challenging environments. They should streamline the creation of an integrated ecosystem for secure and resilient communication systems supporting civil security operations across Europe, advancing next-generation capabilities

that are robust, scalable, and interoperable for critical functions required by the future EU Critical Communication System (EUCCS).

→ Devices will be designed to ensure communication in environments lacking cellular infrastructure and will be built with high standards of security and trustworthiness while also ensuring an inclusive and gender-sensitive approach to meet the diverse needs of all users.

Reinforcing EU autonomous access to space through EU-based spaceports

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-SPACE-03-11](#)

IA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
10/3/2026

DEADLINE
3/9/2026

Per topic: **22.59 M€**

Per project: **10.00 - 15.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should support EU-based launch facilities by enabling launch pads and related ground infrastructure, promote diversification of providers, expand commercial access to space, and reinforce EU

strategic autonomy, ensuring complementarity with national and ESA activities and exploring synergies.

→ In this topic, the integration of the gender dimension (sex and gender analysis) in research and innovation content should be addressed only if relevant in relation to the objectives of the research effort.

Scientific analysis and exploitation of space data

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-SPACE-03-61](#)

RIA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
10/3/2026

DEADLINE
3/9/2026

Per topic: **3.92 M€**

Per project: **1.50 - 2.50 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should advance European space science by analysing and exploiting data from space missions, focus on astronomy, astrophysics, heliophysics, and exploration, use AI and advanced data techniques,

generate new analyses and tools, share results via ESA archives, and foster international collaboration.

→ In this topic, the integration of the gender dimension (sex and gender analysis) in research and innovation content should be addressed only if relevant in relation to the objectives of the research effort.



Fighting disinformation and effectively communicating on climate change

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-07-D1-04](#)

RIA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
18/12/2025

DEADLINE
15/4/2026

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **4.00 - 5.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects



Proposals should develop and test strategies to detect, monitor, and counter climate-related mis/disinformation, deliver tools for authorities, media, and civil society, and create innovative communication techniques to build trust in climate science, improve

literacy, and strengthen resilience and democratic processes.

→ This research requires a multi-faceted, interdisciplinary approach drawing on insights from the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities (SSH) including behavioural sciences and gender, media studies, and communication theory. Participation of the private sector, in particular SME, is also strongly encouraged.

Non-exhaust emissions in road and railway transport

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-06-Two-Stage-D5-19](#)

RIA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING

DEADLINES

Per topic: **7.50 M€**

Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

18/12/2025

1st stage

2nd stage

14/4/2026

8/10/2026



Proposals should deliver methods and tools to measure, simulate, and validate non-exhaust pollutant emissions from road and rail, improve emission factors for inventories, and develop recommendations and

mitigation strategies supported by KPIs and cost-benefit analyses.

→ Health Impact estimates building on existing toxicology studies (or developing new ones if deemed necessary) and long-term exposure effects supported by gender disaggregated data collection and intersectional analysis.

Next generation of renewable energy technologies

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-04-Two-Stage-D3-02](#)

RIA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING

DEADLINES

18/12/2025

1st stage

2nd stage

31/3/2026

20/10/2026



Proposals should deliver breakthrough renewable energy technologies, such as advanced storage, hybrid systems, heating and cooling, fuel production, or solar-driven processes, ensuring minimal

Per topic: **23.50 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**

Up to 6 projects

environmental impact, economic viability, citizen trust, and policy support to accelerate the EU's net-zero transition.

→ Selected projects are expected to consider the drivers behind social acceptance and trust-building of the technological solution and assess the best way to promote local involvement as part of ensuring a just transition (gender, cultural and socio-economic factors should be accounted for).

Demonstration of solid biofuel supply and conversion to high efficiency large scale CHP from fully sustainable regional value chains

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-05](#)

IA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING

DEADLINE

4/8/2026

1/12/2026



Proposals should demonstrate a regional value chain using sustainable solid biofuel from upgraded residues for large-scale CHP plants, ensure flexible renewable power and heat supply, provide replicable solutions aligned with bioeconomy strategies, and

Per topic: **13.50 M€**

Per project: **Around 6.75 M€**

Up to 2 projects

help assess socio-economic and environmental impacts.

→ A gender-sensitive and intersectional approach can inform the development of inclusive solutions in solid biofuel supply and large-scale CHP, by identifying specific needs, developing solutions that address these needs, and monitoring their impacts on diverse groups.

Road Safety and resilience of rural areas

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-10-D6-09](#)

IA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
4/6/2026

DEADLINE
8/10/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 6.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should mitigate rural road safety risks to support Vision Zero by implementing NWRSA, developing enforcement strategies, incentives, and awareness measures, creating prevention guidelines,

and delivering a GIS-based tool to map and assess extreme weather impacts on road safety and resilience.

→ A gender and disability sensitive and intersectional approach, which intersects with other social factors, could be considered.

Living labs for co-creating solutions for the restoration of ecosystems

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-01-two-stage](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING

DEADLINES

12/2/2026

1st stage

16/4/2026

2nd stage

23/9/2026

Per topic: **14.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 7.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should establish three transboundary living labs with experimental sites, develop tools to assess progress toward EU nature restoration goals, evaluate innovative practices, demonstrate viability through

business models, address scaling and transferability, and co-create solutions with broad stakeholder involvement.

→ Proposals should address challenges with scaling up and transferability of solutions, developing a gender-sensitive and inclusive framework on how ecosystem health could support this work.



Unlocking the potential of citizen action for nature protection and restoration

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-03-two-stage](#)

IA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING

DEADLINES

12/2/2026

1st stage

16/4/2026

2nd stage

23/9/2026



Proposals should boost citizen participation in nature conservation and restoration, enable direct engagement in protecting ecosystems, create new business opportunities, and support EU biodiversity

Per topic: **10.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

and climate goals, contributing to the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the EU Biodiversity Strategy.

→ The project will engage diverse local communities and Indigenous peoples, using gender- and disability-sensitive, inclusive approaches to ensure equal participation and benefits for all.

Sustainable and healthy diets based on health status and socio-economic risk factors of ageing population

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-10](#)

CSA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING

14/1/2026

DEADLINE

14/4/2026



Proposals should improve understanding of dietary needs of people over 65, design healthy, sustainable diets for older adults, especially in care settings,

Per topic: **2.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 2.00 M€**

Up to 1 project

and develop innovative, easy-to-chew, nutrient-rich foods to support health and disease prevention.

→ Devices will be designed to ensure communication in environments lacking cellular infrastructure and will be built with high standards of security and trustworthiness while also ensuring an inclusive and gender-sensitive approach to meet the diverse needs of all users.

Deploying circular systemic solutions through living labs in cities and regions (Circular Cities and Regions Initiative topic)

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-01-two-stage](#)

IA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING

DEADLINES

12/2/2026

1st stage

16/4/2026

2nd stage

23/9/2026



Proposals should accelerate place-based innovation and scale circular systemic solutions through living labs, establish strong governance, foster collaboration among local authorities and multi-actor stakeholders, and apply socio-ecological and

Per topic: **10.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

SSH-based approaches for effective co-creation, deployment, and upscaling.

→ The topic addresses gender by requiring SSH contributions, including gender studies, to ensure that systemic socio-ecological approaches account for gendered needs, behaviours and impacts, leading to more inclusive and equitable circular solutions.

Boosting sustainable competitiveness in rural areas through innovation

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-COMMUNITIES-01](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING

14/1/2026

DEADLINE

14/4/2026



The topic supports EU goals for vibrant, competitive, and sustainable rural areas. While rural regions provide key natural resources and ecosystem services, they often face demographic decline, social exclusion, limited services, and market barriers that hinder development. Strengthening competitiveness must therefore go hand in hand with environmental and

Per topic: **11.80 M€**

Per project: **5.00 - 6.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

social sustainability, ensuring that rural communities, nature, and local economies all benefit.

→ The topic requires gender to be integrated throughout project design and implementation, ensuring that data analysis, business support, solution development, and education and training opportunities reflect and address gender-specific needs and impacts.

Demonstrating and deploying innovative collection, sorting-for-reuse and repair systems for textiles at city/region level (Circular Cities and Regions Initiative topic)

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-04](#)

IA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
17/4/2026

DEADLINE
17/9/2026

Per topic: **10.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should develop and validate innovative solutions to accelerate textile reuse and repair by local authorities, involve citizens and businesses, improve data transparency on waste flows, create sorting and

digital AI-based preparation tools, incentivize spare parts and guarantees, and deliver recommendations for replication across Europe.

→ Proposals must take into account a gender sensitive and inclusive approach.

Bio-based innovation in society: supporting the sustainable way of living

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-10](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
17/4/2026

DEADLINE
17/9/2026

Per topic: **8.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should develop innovative bio-based products and services using biotechnology and biomanufacturing to promote sustainable living and circularity, integrate digital tools and social sciences, engage stakeholders for market uptake, assess socio-economic models for fairness, and improve

public understanding and acceptance of bio-based innovations.

- Assess the potential of new socio-economic models for circular and bio-based systems, integrating aspects of environmental justice, gender equality, diversity and social inclusion, as well as relevant international global best practice, via e.g. societal dialogue/innovation, social impact assessment, involvement and inputs from the social sciences and humanities (SSH).
- Proposals should integrate the gender dimension and consider other social categories besides gender (disability, age, socio-economic status, ethnic and/or cultural origin, sexual orientation, etc.), and their intersections.

Microbiome for early cancer prediction before the onset of disease

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-02](#)

RIA

CANCER

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **15.00 M€**
Per project: **Around 15.00 M€**
Up to 1 project



This topic will contribute to the achievement of the EU Cancer Mission's objective to achieve better cancer prevention and early detection. The focus is on the development of validated microbiome tools, an

assessment of predispositions, the comparison with other predictive tools and risk modelling approaches.

→ Validation of the tests in an independent cohort. Development of guidelines that help to manage risk factors such as lifestyle or diet. The outcome and expertise of ongoing EU and International initiatives and the International Cancer Microbiome Consortium could be considered for the reliability of the tests and guidelines to be developed. Age, sex and gender differences should be duly considered.

Earlier and more precise palliative care

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-04](#)

RIA

CANCER

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **15.00 M€**
Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects



This topic will contribute to the achievement of the EU Cancer Mission's objective to provide better quality of life for cancer patients, their families and carers. The focus is on the development of innovative models for

earlier, more precise and better integrated palliative care.

→ Testing and validation of these models in real-world settings through implementation research and clinical trials. Age, sex and gender differences should be duly considered.

Development of a research capacity building programme on cancer with and for Ukraine

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-06](#)

CSA

CANCER

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **5.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 1 project



This topic refers to a research capacity-building programme to be set up between EU Member States/ Associated Countries and Ukraine, in order to support

Ukraine to develop or further improve research & innovation-related capacities of future or existing Cancer Infrastructures.

→ Gender-related aspects, with respect to representation in research and career pathways and any other relevant aspects, should be duly taken into account.

Virtual Human Twin (VHT) Models for Cancer Research

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-01](#)

RIA

CANCER

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **35.00 M€**

Per project: **8.00 - 9.00 M€**

Up to 4 projects



The proposed topic will contribute to the EU Cancer Mission objectives by improving the accuracy of dynamic and multiscale VHTs to better understand cancer onset, predict progression and develop personalized treatments. Of particular interest for this topic are cancers with limited treatment

options or unclear biological mechanisms, refractory cancers, rare cancers, early-onset cancers, cancer types with low five-year survival rates, or paediatric and adolescent cancers

→ Age, sex and gender differences should be duly considered.

Pragmatic clinical trials to optimise immunotherapeutic interventions for patients with refractory cancers

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-03](#)

RIA **CANCER**

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **22.19 M€**
Per project: **7.00 - 8.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects

This topic contributes to addressing the fact that, while cancer research and innovation have generated novel treatment options, patients with refractory cancers across Europe need access to more effective,

affordable and tailored cancer immunotherapeutic interventions which keep up with increasing demands in a complex and fragmented oncology healthcare landscape with spiralling healthcare costs.

→ All data should be disaggregated by sex, gender, age and other relevant variables, such as by measures of socio-economic status or ethnicity.

Improve the Quality of Life of older cancer patients

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07](#)

RIA **CANCER**

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **25.00 M€**
Per project: **5.00 - 6.00 M€**
Up to 5 projects

Proposals should advance the understanding of older cancer patients' care needs and develop innovative, age-sensitive care approaches and tools aimed at improving overall quality of life. This work

should address the specific challenges faced by older patients and propose solutions that enhance personalised care and support throughout the cancer journey.

- Building on data from existing or newly established cohorts provide a thorough assessment of QoL needs and relevant dimensions in older patients, taking into account aspects such as social and health determinants, including sex, gender, age, comorbidities, intrinsic and functional health status, socio-economic status, living in rural or remote areas, education, access/reachability to disease management programs.
- Develop, test, implement and scale up innovative, holistic approaches and tools in real-life settings to optimize treatment and/or follow-up regimens for older patients, aiming to reduce comorbidities, impairments and frailty, while improving overall quality of life. Prehabilitation strategies should be also considered. The development of these approaches and tools should consider the potential gender-related differences in treatment outcomes and quality of life, such as the impact of hormonal changes, or caregiving responsibilities.

By fishers, for fishers: co-management of marine and freshwaters ecosystems and resources

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-03-OCEAN-03](#)

IA

RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS BY 2030

OPENING
4/2/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **31.00 M€**

Per project: **7.00 - 7.75 M€**

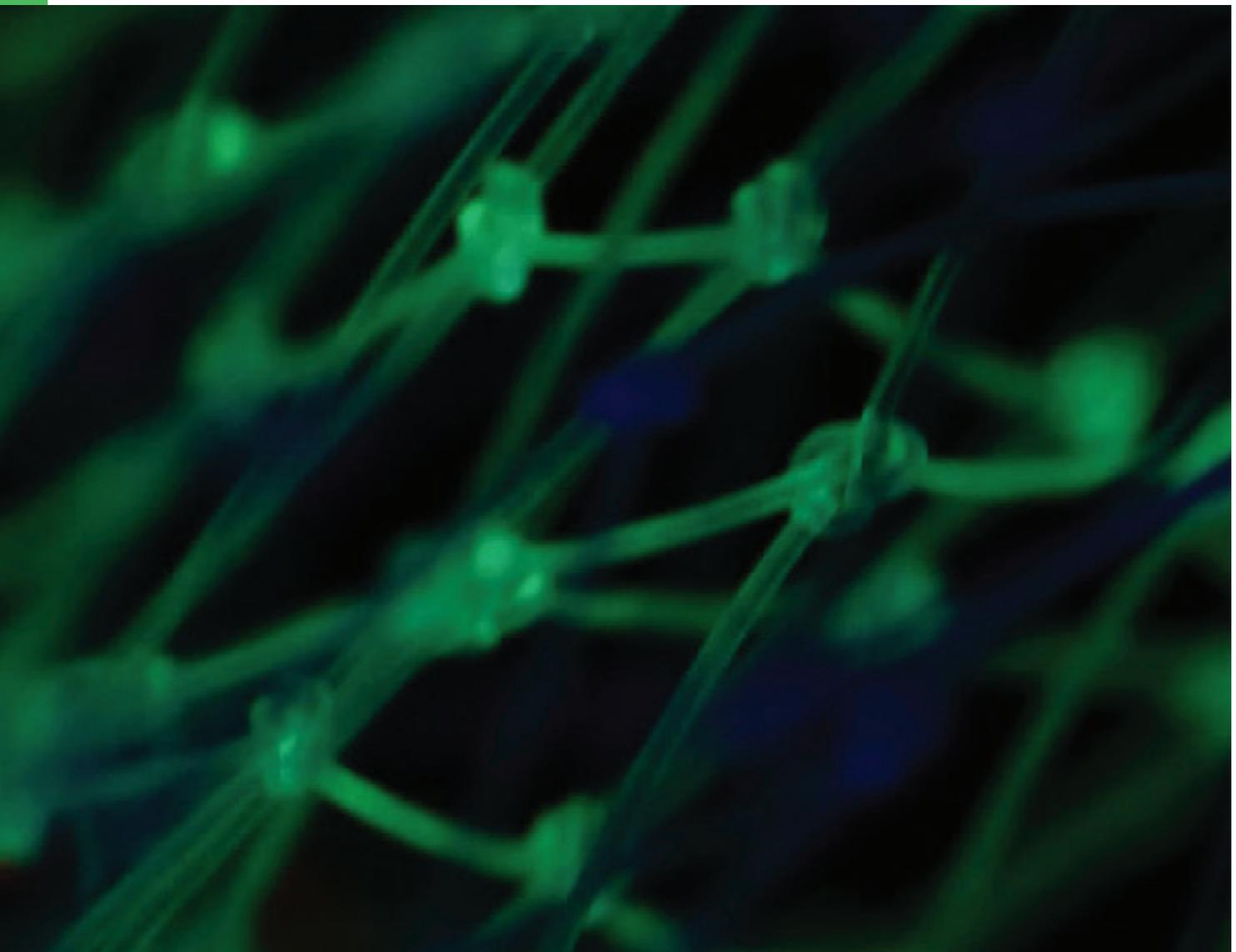
Up to 4 projects



This topic contributes to the further development of adaptive co-management approaches to reconcile fisheries with environmental sustainability, ensuring

the long-term viability of both marine and/or freshwater ecosystems and local livelihoods.

→ Proposals should also consider the gender and intersectional dimension in the implementation of the activities.



Open science

Towards a better understanding and anticipation of the impacts of climate change on health

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-ENVHLTH-01](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **55.00 M€**

Per project: **7.00 - 8.00 M€**

Up to 7 projects

Proposals should develop approaches to prevent and reduce the impacts of climate factors in the

studied health outcomes and increase population and workforce resilience.

- Public authorities, organisations and the research community can rely on data collection and sharing according to FAIR principles and leveraging of data availability and quality.
- Develop longitudinal studies to better ascertain differential effects of climatic stressors on health including multiple scales of impacts, ranging from the molecular level to population health outcomes. Consider variability across populations, generations and life phases, regions and occupations, and collect real-world exposure and health data in living and occupational settings, considering the use of emerging ecosystems such as the European Health Data Space (EHDS) and the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).

Innovative interventions to prevent the harmful effects of using digital technologies on the mental health of children and young adults

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-02](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/02/2026

DEADLINE
16/04/2026



Per topic: **44.20 M€**

Per project: **Around 8 M€**

Up to 6 projects

Proposals should aim at generating robust scientific evidence on the impact of digital technologies, as well as developing and testing context-specific digital interventions that promote the positive and

responsible use of them to improve mental health, avoiding the development or exacerbation of mental disorders.

→ Proposals should adhere to the FAIR data principles, adopt wherever relevant, data standards and data sharing/access good practices, and apply good practices for GDPR compliant personal data protection.

Advancing research on the prevention, diagnosis, and management of post-infection long-term conditions

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-03](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/02/2026

DEADLINE
16/04/2026



Per topic: **39.30 M€**

Per project: **6.00-8.00 M€**

Up to 5 projects

Proposals should aim to develop innovative approaches for the prevention, diagnosis, and management of post-infection conditions and increase understanding of the pathophysiology of post-infection conditions (including inflammatory aspects) to identify biomarkers and develop clinically

validated diagnostic approaches for early detection, disease progression and/or treatment optimisation.

→ Proposals should develop a harmonised approach to collection, storage, sharing and analysis of FAIR data, leveraging existing European (research) infrastructures, including biobanks or cohorts' data where relevant and contribute to emerging research infrastructures, established in the framework of the European Health Data Space (EHDS) and the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).

Understanding of sex and/or gender-specific mechanisms of cardiovascular diseases: determinants, risk factors and pathways

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-11](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **39.30 M€**

Per project: **6.00 - 7.00 M€**

Up to 6 projects

Proposals should contribute to further the understanding on the structural, hormonal, and/or biological distinctions between sexes/genders to improve diagnostics and therapeutics for cardiovascular diseases and develop sex and/or gender-specific tailored risk models in a view of better

prevention, detection and diagnostic, and treatment strategies. Proposals should identify and/or validate novel or existing sex and/or gender-specific health determinants, risk factors and pathways for CVDs through the generation, integration and validation of data derived from relevant disciplines.

→ Make use of existing health data, including registries or cohorts, and/or assess the necessity to establish new ones, as well as, where relevant, exploit the knowledge gained from population-based biobanks. In case of the generation of new data, it should be managed in line with the FAIR principles, when relevant.

Integrating New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) to advance biomedical research and regulatory testing

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL-03](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **49.00 M€**

Per project: **5.00 - 8.00 M€**

Up to 7 projects

Proposals should bring together stakeholders from academia, health-related infrastructures, SMEs, industry, and regulators to develop new NAMs platforms or improve existing ones that could be used for biomedical applications and/or regulatory testing.

reproducible platforms based on one or more of the following: advanced in-vitro assays; iPSC-based models, organoid or complex OoC systems derived from patients and/or healthy donors; human tissues that closely replicate physiological and pathological conditions.

Proposals should develop or optimise scalable and

→ To maximise scientific impact, interoperability, and reuse, all data generated should comply with FAIR principles. Proposals should describe how data will be curated, standardised, and shared within or linked to the European Health Data Space (EHDS) or other repositories, and/or relevant ESFRI research .

Support to European Research Area (ERA) action on accelerating New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) to advance biomedical research and testing of medicinal products and medical devices

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL-06](#)

CSA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **2.90 M€**
Per project: **Around 2.90 M€**
Up to 1 project

This topic aims to coordinate and develop the new European Research Area (ERA) policy action to accelerate, through an aligned and coordinated approach across Member States and Associated Countries, the development, validation/

qualification, acceptance, and uptake of New Approach Methodologies in biomedical research and regulatory testing of medicinal products and medical devices.

→ The Working Group on Openness and Awareness develops common policies to improve the openness and quality of research, including open access to available protocols on New Approach Methodologies, and facilitating the publication of results from New Approach Methodologies and animal experiments, even if these are negative or neutral (or historic, if feasible and appropriate), to avoid unnecessary duplication of animal testing or development of non-valid New Approach Methodologies.

Regulatory science to support translational development of patient-centred health technologies

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-IND-03](#)

CSA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **19.60 M€**
4.00 - 6.00 M€
Up to 4 projects

Proposals should support the update and refinement of regulatory science on health technologies and contribute actionable information that can be used for improved or novel regulatory policies, rules,

guidance documents and other tools with a view to ensuring that European patients and healthcare professionals have access to safe and effective innovative health technologies.

→ Proposals should define improved and novel sources of open, transparent evidence relevant for regulatory decision-making, with a sustained focus on safety and performance throughout the entire lifecycle of health technologies, including the continuous process of clinical evaluation.

- Proposals should produce actionable, publicly accessible information that feeds into improved or novel regulatory policies, rules, guidance documents, and tools, fostering transparent and evidence-based adoption of innovative health technologies.

Behavioural interventions as primary prevention for NCDs among young people

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH-02](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **20.60 M€**

Per project: **9.00 - 10.00M€**

Up to 2 projects

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The topic is focused on behavioural interventions for youth, defined as 12 to 25 years old, for the primary prevention of the top Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) later in life, where “top NCDs” refers to the most prevalent NCDs. For the purpose of this call, NCDs explicitly exclude cancer. Implementation

research should be conducted to implement existing behavioural interventions. These interventions should be evidence-based and have an emphasis on empowerment and self-management (e.g. health literacy, health education, health promotion).

- The proposals should adhere to the FAIR data principles, adopt data quality standards, data integration operating procedures and GDPR compliant data sharing/access good practices developed by the European research infrastructures, where relevant.

Tackling gender-based violence against politically active women and LGBTIQ people

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-01](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

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Proposals should aim to get an enhanced understanding of the drivers of violence against women and LGBTIQ people who are politically active or political aspirants, improve prevention and early

intervention, examine engagement after violence, and develop recommendations to tackle gender-based violence, promote equal political participation, and address harmful narratives.

- Where applicable, proposals should leverage the data and services available through European Research Infrastructures federated under the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC). Particular efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of this topic is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable).

Understanding the forms of local democracy in low-income and low-middle income countries

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-02](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**
Per project: **3.50 – 4.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects



Proposals should gather evidence on how actors in economic, political, and social ecosystems at the local level could foster democratic practices, increase citizens' trust in governance and democratic

institutions, improve transparency of decision making, and promote respect for human rights.

→ Where applicable, proposals should leverage the data and services available through European Research Infrastructures federated under the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC), as well as data from relevant Data Spaces. Particular efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of this topic is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable).

Sustainable paths to media viability

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-04](#)

IA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**
Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects



Proposals should reinforce digital transformation of the news media industry by developing new business models, investigate behavioural dimensions of news consumption, design interventions to counter misinformation and strengthen critical thinking, and

explore trust dynamics between human-curated journalism and AI-driven news delivery.

→ Where applicable, applicants should leverage the data and services available through European Research Infrastructures federated under the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC), as well as data from relevant Data Spaces.

→ Particular efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of this topic is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable).

Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-05](#)

CSA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **4.50 M€**

Per project: **4.00 - 4.50 M€**

Up to 1 project



Proposals should establish a Research and Innovation Network that brings together academia, public bodies, and civil society to promote inclusive, equal, and resilient democratic societies, foster participation and

EU values, and address equality and intersectionality across diverse socio-political contexts.

- As soon as possible in the network's lifecycle, a dedicated online platform should be established to share evidence-based recommendations and innovative solutions to strengthen democratic practices based on Horizon Europe projects' results and other relevant sources.
- This platform should be backed by a comprehensive repository that gathers information on existing tools, trainings, data, including disaggregated data, and methodologies for gender mainstreaming and addressing intersectional inequalities.

Rethinking long-term care policy in the face of EU demographic shifts

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-09](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 3.75 M€**

Up to 4 projects



This topic addresses the growing demand for long-term care (LTC) in ageing societies. Projects should evaluate existing LTC policies, model future needs and costs, and propose innovative policy solutions to ensure affordable, accessible, and high-quality care.

Activities should focus on workforce challenges, integrated care, digitalisation, and gender-sensitive approaches, supporting evidence-informed policymaking and sustainable care systems.

- Where applicable, proposals should leverage the data and services available through European Research Infrastructures federated under the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC), as well as data from relevant Data Spaces.
- Particular efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of this topic is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable).

Fostering cooperation and integration between SSH and STEM research and innovation in the EU

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-10](#)

CSA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **3.50 M€**
Per project: **3.50 M€**
Up to 1 project



This topic promotes stronger integration of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in research and innovation. Projects should create an SSH-STEM Action to monitor, facilitate, and promote cooperation, develop a comprehensive

impact evaluation framework, and provide guidance for policy and funding strategies. Activities should include training, annual events, and gender-sensitive, inclusive approaches.

- Robust open data driven approaches are strongly encouraged.
- Applicants should provide a clear justification of what significant steps forward they propose regarding methodology compared to previous reporting on SSH-STEM collaboration, data management, analytical methods, data collection.

Multi-hazard approach and cumulative / cascading impacts

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-02](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **8.00 M€**
Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**
Up to 2 projects



Proposals should develop and validate integrated forecasting models for multi-hazard scenarios using real-time data, AI analytics, and remote sensing, explore interoperability of warning systems, enhance

global forecasting, and create predictive models, risk and resilience metrics, data-sharing systems, and dynamic vulnerability analysis to support early warning and action.

- Where applicable, proposals should leverage the data and services available through European Research Infrastructures federated under the European Open Science Cloud, as well as data from relevant Data Spaces. Particular efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of this topic is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable).

Climate security and civil preparedness – new ways to develop pre- and post-crisis climate-change related scenarios for a more resilient Europe

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-05](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026



Proposals should develop and validate integrated forecasting models for multi-hazard scenarios using real-time data, AI analytics, and remote sensing, explore interoperability of warning systems, enhance

Per topic: **4.50 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.50 M€**

Up to 1 project

global forecasting, and create predictive models, risk and resilience metrics, data-sharing systems, and dynamic vulnerability analysis to support early warning and action.

→ Where applicable, proposals should leverage the data and services available through European Research Infrastructures federated under the European Open Science Cloud, Destination Earth, as well as data from relevant Data Spaces. Particular efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of this topic is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable).

Development of ecosystem and next-generation capabilities for a secured European Critical Communication System in civil security

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-04](#)

IA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026



Proposals should provide law enforcement, first responders, emergency services, and other critical sectors with reliable, real-time communication capabilities in challenging environments. They should streamline the creation of an integrated ecosystem for secure and resilient communication

Per topic: **3.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 3.00 M€**

Up to 1 project

systems supporting civil security operations across Europe, advancing next-generation capabilities that are robust, scalable, and interoperable for critical functions required by the future EU Critical Communication System (EUCCS).

→ By working closely with first responders and utilizing open platforms, the project will ensure that the developed solutions address the specific operational needs of responders, facilitating effective cross-agency and pan-European collaboration.

Attracting management talent for capacity building for Technology Infrastructures staff members

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-44](#)

CSA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
6/1/2026

DEADLINE
21/4/2026

Per topic: **2.50 M€**

Per project: **Around 3.00 M€**

Up to 1 project



Proposals should strengthen management, skills, and governance of technology infrastructures, attract management talent, develop open-source training for technical and leadership staff, promote

entrepreneurial skills, and support transnational collaboration, staff exchanges, and peer learning to improve service delivery and innovation capacity.

- The developed trainings should be sector-agnostic, open-source, accessible remotely, easy to update, and take stock of other existing similar initiatives and experiences in Research and Technology Infrastructures.

Mapping and service finder for Technology Infrastructures

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-46](#)

CSA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
6/1/2026

DEADLINE
21/4/2026

Per topic: **2.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 2.00 M€**

Up to 1 project



Proposals should improve visibility and access to technology infrastructures via an open-source interactive portal, map facilities and services, create a comprehensive service finder, ensure

interoperability and sustainability, and promote platform uptake, transnational collaboration, and knowledge sharing.

- Improved visibility and access to technology infrastructures via an interactive portal (open source, free to access, easy to update) of technology infrastructures across Europe.
- The developed platform should be based on open-sources technologies, allowing interoperability with parallel initiatives and self-sustainability on long-term, and propose a suitable open-source application interface (API) or develop an open-source API that will allow flow of information between technology infrastructure service providers.
- Proposals are expected to create an inventory of existing and ongoing mapping of technology infrastructure and technology infrastructure services in Europe and to consolidate the knowledge into an interactive portal that will serve as technology infrastructure service finder.

Monitoring of secondary raw materials

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-13](#)

CSA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
6/1/2026

DEADLINE
21/4/2026

Per topic: **4.00 M€**

Per project: **4.00 M€**

Up to 1 project



Proposals should improve knowledge, monitoring, and classification of secondary raw materials, harmonise data using in situ sampling and UNFC format, develop transparent criteria for recovery

projects, enhance EU statistics, identify market trends and recovery potential, share data openly, and foster international cooperation.

→ All the data and information generated through these actions should be shared in open formats on a free of charge basis with the European Commission, for its own use and for publication.

Open Internet Stack Sovereign Solutions

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-DATA-02](#)

RIA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
15/1/2026

DEADLINE
15/4/2026

Per topic: **20.50 M€**

Per project: **7.00 - 10.25 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should develop and integrate open-source European solutions under the Open Internet Stack, focusing on network and transport technologies, operating systems, firmware, and productivity tools, ensuring modular, interoperable, standards-based

designs, scalability, security, technical maturity, and clear deployment plans aligned with EU regulations.

- The overall expected outcome is a large selection of Open-Source solutions
- Proposals should address one or several of the following technology areas: Open Source software productivity and supply chain technologies such as federated forges, independent and cross-platform development framework.
- If applicants opt for financial support to third parties, they should primarily target calls towards adopters of Open Source technologies.

Open Internet Stack Support for Scale

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-DATA-03](#)

CSA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
15/1/2026

DEADLINE
15/4/2026



Per topic: **4.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**

Up to 1 project

Proposals should establish a central hub to organise, validate, and promote Open Internet Stack solutions, catalogue components, perform security and accessibility audits, support sustainability

through business and maintenance models, develop branding and training materials, promote adoption, and create policy sandbox tools for compliance.

- Screening and selecting European funded Open Source projects, including by exploring the relevant Horizon Europe programmes, and devising a strategy for the Open Internet Stack to become a central hub for those solutions.
- Establishing links and mutual support with national, multi-country and pan-European initiatives supporting Open Source sovereign solutions.
- Supporting Open Source awards scheme and sustainability models after the action is finished.

Advanced Local Digital Twins using AI for Early Warning and Preparedness

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING-09](#)

IA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
15/1/2026

DEADLINE
15/4/2026



Per topic: **6.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 6.00 M€**

Up to 1 project

Proposals should develop open-source AI models and Local Digital Twins to predict and mitigate flood impacts, advance AI algorithms, integrate high-resolution hydrological models with diverse

datasets, deliver interoperable, modular, and portable solutions ensuring open data access and long-term integration.

- The project results should be modular for reuse in locations outside Europe considering constraints on deployment of AI solutions in low- and middle-income countries. Therefore, the project results shall be open source as much as possible and transferable through open platforms.

- Focus will be on open-source solutions (both software and hardware) and their integration into existing platforms (e.g. EDIC) to ensure replicability of the results and portability in different areas.
- The proposal should support open-source software and open hardware design. Applicants are encouraged to support, open access to data, access to testing and operational infrastructures as well as an IPR regime ensuring lasting impact and reusability of results.

Web 4.0 architectural framework and Open Internet Stack applications for virtual worlds

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-HUMAN-02](#)

RIA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
15/1/2026

DEADLINE
15/4/2026



Proposals should deliver an architectural framework and sovereign Open Source applications for extended reality, develop interoperable and secure building blocks, foster an agile contributor ecosystem, create

Per topic: **16.80 M€**

Per project: **2.80 - 8.40 M€**

Up to 3 projects

decentralized standards-based applications, and define strategies for maturation, standardization, and community engagement.

- A structured and agile eco-system of talented contributors driving the creation and evolution of commons based on Open Source software, open standards and open hardware and designs.
- Open source and made in Europe, supporting trust and sovereignty, and delivering credible alternative choices for citizens, governments and companies including start-ups and SMEs.
- An emerging Web 4.0 architectural framework made of cross-platforms, interoperable, trustable, safe and secure building blocks that rely on Open Source software.

Economics of climate change and cost of inaction

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-07-D1-03](#)

RIA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
18/12/2025

DEADLINE
15/4/2026



Per topic: **16.00 M€**
Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**
Up to 4 projects

Proposals should develop and improve models, methods, and tools to assess the future socio-economic costs of climate inaction, addressing limitations in current approaches and integrating the latest scientific evidence and diverse data sources. Results should strengthen understanding

of these costs, improve consistency between socio-economic and physical science disciplines, advance knowledge of interactions between climate impacts, action, and economic performance, and provide timely evidence and policy recommendations.

→ Beneficiaries will be subject to the following additional obligations regarding open science practices: Open access to any new modules, models or tools developed from scratch or substantially improved with the use of EU funding under the action must be ensured through documentation, availability of model code and input data developed under the action.

Improving climate and weather models for Africa

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-07-D1-05](#)

RIA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
18/12/2025

DEADLINE
15/4/2026



Per topic: **21.00 M€**
Per project: **Around 7.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects

Proposals should address knowledge gaps to improve weather and climate modelling for Africa, enhance model quality and performance, provide

better predictions and projections for climate resilience, and strengthen African climate research to support the next generation of scientists.

→ Beneficiaries will be subject to the following additional obligations regarding open science practices: Open access to any new modules, models or tools developed from scratch or substantially improved with the use of EU funding under the action must be ensured through documentation, availability of model code and input data developed under the action.

Innovative technologies and solutions to improve wind energy systems supporting the Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan on wind

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-09-D3-03](#)

IA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
18/12/2025

DEADLINE
31/3/2026

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Proposals should advance the Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan priorities for wind energy by fostering alignment and cooperation among stakeholders to avoid fragmented efforts. They should improve wind energy technologies for efficiency, flexibility, cost reduction, reliability,

Per topic: **93.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 93.00 M€**

Up to 1 project

sustainability, and security throughout the lifecycle of wind farms, while increasing wind energy's contribution to the energy system with minimal health and environmental impacts at the lowest possible cost.

→ As regards data management, in addition to fulfilling the standard research data management and open access requirements in line with the Grant Agreement provisions, the project is expected to set up a platform, possibly re-using an already existing one, to ensure the accessibility and maintenance of the data generated by the project. The platform should be able to organise and host data generated by other research and innovation projects on wind energy. Particular efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of this topic is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable)

Grid-forming capabilities for more resilient and RES-based electricity grids

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-03-D3-18](#)

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CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
18/12/2025

DEADLINE
31/3/2026

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This topic supports the development and demonstration of grid-forming inverter (GFI) solutions to enhance stability, flexibility, and resilience of electricity grids with high shares of renewables. Projects should advance models, simulation tools, and innovative control strategies,

Per topic: **20.0 M€**

Per project: **Around 10.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

ensure interoperability, and propose standardised technical requirements. Activities include pilots in multiple EU countries, leveraging digital twins, AI, and open-source solutions, while contributing to best practices and market uptake.

→ Leverage modern solutions, including digital twins and artificial intelligence. Use and/or develop, to the greatest extent possible, open-source software solutions and or software modules.

Data sharing to support the training and development of AI foundation models in the energy sector

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-23](#)

IA CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
4/8/2026

DEADLINE
1/2/2026

Per topic: **30.00 M€**
Per project: **Around 10.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects



Proposals should develop, train, and test AI foundation models using large datasets to accelerate the energy transition, create secure data-sharing methods, deliver advanced open-source models

for grid observability, forecasting, storage, and demand flexibility, and ensure interoperability, FAIR principles, and adaptability beyond the project.

- **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.**
- **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.**
- **Open-source development practices should be pursued wherever feasible. Efforts should be made to avoid biases, ensuring that the data produced is representative of diverse populations.**

Full-scale demonstration of heat upgrade solutions in industrial processes

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-09-D4-08](#)

IA CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
5/5/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **18.00 M€**
Per project: **Around 9.00 M€**
Up to 2 projects



Proposals should enable industrial sectors to recover and upgrade excess or waste heat, combine with local renewable sources, develop pathways

and business models to phase out fossil fuels, and deliver measurable improvements in heat recovery, efficiency, flexibility, and sustainability.

- **Develop open technical and economical guidelines and open tools for system design and business case development.**

Next generation climate monitoring and related capabilities

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-07-D1-01](#)

RIA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
18/12/2025

DEADLINE
15/4/2026

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects



Proposals should improve spatial and temporal climate data quality, strengthen EU climate data sovereignty and contribution to monitoring and

assessments, and develop innovative methods to distill climate information for efficient policymaking.

→ Additionally, all actions should promote the development and use of new, rescued or proxy data streams, and innovative digital tools and methods, including AI-based, to transform climate data into actionable knowledge. These efforts should align with, build upon, and support global intercomparison and coordination frameworks such as CMIP, promoting standardisation, accessibility and utility of climate information across climate science and service user communities, with due consideration of FAIR principles.

Enhanced resilience in multimodal passenger transport through digital technologies and generative and discriminative AI

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-10-D6-10](#)

IA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
4/6/2026

DEADLINE
8/10/2026

Per topic: **10.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should develop real-time data analytics systems for dynamic disruption response, create predictive maintenance strategies using AI, provide guidelines and tools to minimize passenger disruption, deploy training and contingency planning,

and achieve measurable reductions in delays and response times.

→ Particular efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of this topic is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable).

A services and business incubator for geospatial open-source developments

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-06](#)

CSA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
14/1/2026

DEADLINE
15/4/2026

Per topic: **6.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 6.00 M€**

Up to 1 project

Proposals should strengthen Europe’s open-source geospatial software as core digital infrastructure for climate, agriculture, biodiversity and environmental monitoring, by developing tailored governance,

licensing, monetization and institutional frameworks to ensure long-term resilience, sustainability and European software sovereignty.

→ Proposals under this topic should establish a business incubation and support hub for the geospatial open-source community in Europe, acting as a single-entry point to foster entrepreneurship and sustained open development across critical geospatial open-source projects. To this end, the hub should identify and develop pathways for open-source geospatial software communities to partake in viable business opportunities, fostering innovation and entrepreneurial growth within the open-source ecosystem and working towards long-term sustainability of the critical geospatial open-source software ecosystem.

Understanding and tackling the decline of insects

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-01](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
17/4/2026

DEADLINE
17/9/2026

Per topic: **13.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 6.50 M€**

Up to 2 projects

Proposals should improve identification of insect diversity using genomic and integrative taxonomy approaches, assess status and trends, analyze drivers and ecosystem services, develop long-term

monitoring schemes building on EU programs, devise strategies to mitigate decline, and explore protection and restoration practices beneficial to insects.

→ Concrete efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of the funded project is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable), exploring workflows that can provide “FAIR-by-design” data, i.e., data that is FAIR from its generation. Possibilities offered by the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) and by relevant European research infrastructures including the Catalogue of Life (COL), DiSSCo, LifeWatch ERIC, EMBRC, eLTER and MIRRI-ERIC88 to store and give access to research data could be considered where relevant.

Developing methods to assess the presence, functions and sensitivity of groundwater ecosystems

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-02](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
17/4/2026

DEADLINE
17/9/2026

Per topic: **10.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

Proposals should develop innovative and sensor-based methods to assess groundwater ecosystems and taxonomic groups, establish harmonized standards with reliable ecotoxicity data to derive

groundwater protection criteria, and identify biological and physico-chemical elements for future ecological status assessment, including targets for temporary or long-term impacts.

→ Concrete efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of the funded project is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable), exploring workflows that can provide “FAIR-by-design” data, i.e., data that is FAIR from its generation. Possibilities offered by the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) and by relevant European research infrastructures including the Catalogue of Life (COL), DiSSCo, LifeWatch ERIC, eLTER and MIRRI-ERIC (and any other relevant research infrastructure prioritised by the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)93) to store and give access to research data could be considered where relevant.

Advancing the European bio-based innovation enabled by biotechnology and biomanufacturing concepts

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-07](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
17/4/2026

DEADLINE
17/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **around 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

Proposals should identify and develop key bio-based technologies such as synthetic biology, gene editing, metabolic engineering, microbiome research, and biofoundry approaches for clean

growth, integrating AI and bioinformatics, ensuring sustainability and safety, and providing policy and industry recommendations based on risk-benefit analyses.

→ Proposals are encouraged to consider, where relevant, the data, expertise and services offered by European research infrastructures, such as EMSO ERIC, EU-OPENSOURCE, ELIXIR, EMBRC ERIC, IBISBA. Efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of this topic is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable).

Embracing innovation in agriculture by peer-to-peer learning via on farm-demonstrations and cost-benefit analysis

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-10](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
14/1/2026

DEADLINE
15/4/2026

Per topic: **9.80 M€**

Per project: **4.00 - 5.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should accelerate agricultural innovation uptake through on-farm demonstrations and peer learning, validate technologies under real conditions, provide cost-benefit analyses, develop benchmarking and educational materials, involve

startups, and allocate up to 30% of funding for third-party testing and showcasing across the EU.

→ Develop and widely share learning materials and courses, and incentivise peer-to-peer learning by organising, e.g., cross-border field visits and farmer-centered webinars presenting the most effective innovative solutions to farmers and advisors.

Bioremediation of Ukraine's ecosystems contaminated by conflicts

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-02](#)

IA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
17/4/2026

DEADLINE
17/9/2026

Per topic: **11.00 M€**

Per project: **5.00 - 6.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should develop and demonstrate innovative biotechnology and Nature-based Solutions to decontaminate soil, air, and water in Ukraine, assess contamination using AI and Earth Observation, validate cost-effective cleanup methods, evaluate social impacts, and support

reconstruction aligned with EU biodiversity and zero-pollution targets.

→ Efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of this topic are FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable) and compatible with the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).

Harnessing the unique properties of marine organisms to deliver sustainable blue bio-based products

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-11](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
17/4/2026

DEADLINE
17/9/2026



Proposals should develop safe and sustainable blue bio-based products using marine biomolecules to replace hazardous chemicals, foster innovation in sectors like textiles and bioplastics through synthetic

Per topic: **10.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

biology and digital tools, ensure sustainability and regulatory compliance, and provide policy recommendations supporting biodiversity and market uptake.

→ Efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of this topic is **FAIR** (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable).

Monitoring soil health in practice: equipping stakeholders to sample, analyse, and interpret soil health indicators

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-01](#)

CSA

MISSION: A SOIL DEAL FOR EUROPE

OPENING
4/2/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



This topic refers to the importance of soil health assessments in the EU, especially in light of initiatives such as the upcoming Soil Monitoring and Resilience Directive, as these assessments will provide critical

Per topic: **5.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 1 project

data to support adaptive management practices that optimise soil health, enhancing competitiveness and resilience.

- Enhanced reliability and accessibility of soil health data by and for laboratories, land managers, advisors and policymakers
- Facilitate and promote the integration of soil data, datasets and databases from different sources and methods allowing for the combination of results from direct sampling, proximal and remote sensing and other state-of-the-art methodologies;

- Proposals should demonstrate a route towards open access, longevity, sustainability and interoperability of knowledge and outputs through close collaboration with the European Union Soil Observatory (EUSO) and the project SoilWise. In particular, proposals should ensure that relevant data, maps and information can potentially be available publicly through the EUSO. Concrete efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of the funded project is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable).
- Conduct activities, such as case studies or piloting collaborative platforms to explore opportunities and limitations of soil data sharing (privacy, fragmentation, lack of standardisation and reference framework, IPRs, interoperability, restricted access policies).

Antimicrobial resistance and antibiotic biosynthesis in soils: developing key understanding and counteractive strategies using a One-Health approach

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-02](#)

RIA

MISSION: A SOIL DEAL FOR EUROPE

OPENING
4/2/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **14.00 M€**

Per project: **7.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should investigate driving forces of antimicrobial resistance in soils, their role in human and animal exposure, and improve knowledge of antibiotic-related genes to identify new compounds,

applying a One-Health approach to better understand and combat resistance development.

- Proposals should also demonstrate a route towards open access, longevity, sustainability and interoperability of knowledge and outputs through close collaboration with the EU Soil Observatory and the SoilWise project. Proposals should therefore include dedicated tasks and appropriate resources for collaboration with relevant projects and initiatives and engage in relevant Mission Soil clustering activities.

Leveraging long-term field experiments and other datasets to develop AI-ready decision support systems for sustainable soil management

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-04](#)

IA

MISSION: A SOIL DEAL FOR EUROPE

OPENING
4/2/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **9.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 9.00 M€**

Up to 1 project



Proposals should enhance long-term soil experiments by applying AI and machine learning to analyze complex soil data, extract patterns, and

develop predictive models that improve decision-making and foster sustainable soil management practices.

- Develop open-access and user-friendly interoperable systems and platforms to improve data sharing and accessibility, allowing researchers, advisors, land managers and other stakeholders to easily access and utilize comprehensive soil health information.
- Promote the use of the developed infrastructure for widespread collection and integration of as many as possible soil-health relevant databases (LTEs and others) by, for example, developing intuitive interfaces and user-friendly platforms, partnering with relevant organizations managing LTEs and/or generating datasets, demonstration projects, feedback and improvement loops or training and support services.
- Develop and train open-source and/or modular AI components, providing comprehensive documentation and tutorials, and establish and nurture open-source communities by, for example, hosting hackathons, workshops, or online platforms to encourage the development, sharing, and integration of the developed modular AI components into commercial applications for land managers and advisors, with a focus on small-scale producers.

Living labs to enhance soil health in Alpine and Atlantic biogeographical regions

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-01-two-stage](#)

RIA

MISSION: A SOIL DEAL FOR EUROPE

OPENING

DEADLINES

12/2/2026

1st stage

14/4/2026

2nd stage

15/9/2026



Projects funded under this topic should deploy a number of living labs to expand and complement the network of soil health living labs initiated in previous

Per topic: **24.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 12.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

Mission Soil topics to gradually establish 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030.

→ Proposals should demonstrate a route towards open access, longevity, sustainability and interoperability of knowledge and outputs through close collaboration with the European Union Soil Observatory (EUSO) and the project SoilWise. In particular, proposals should ensure that relevant data, maps and information can potentially be available publicly through the EUSO. Concrete efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of the funded project is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable).

Living labs to enhance soil health in managed forests and in natural/semi-natural lands

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-02-two-stage](#)

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OPENING	DEADLINES	
	1st stage	2nd stage
12/2/2026	14/4/2026	15/9/2026
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Per topic: **24.00 M€**
 Per project: **Around 12.00 M€**
 Up to 2 projects

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→ Proposals should demonstrate a route towards open access, longevity, sustainability and interoperability of knowledge and outputs through close collaboration with the European Union Soil Observatory (EUSO) and the project SoilWise. In particular, proposals should ensure that relevant data, maps and information can potentially be available publicly through the EUSO. Concrete efforts should be made to ensure that the data produced in the context of the funded project is FAIR.



Joint demonstration of solutions to build soil resilience to extreme weather events and support food security

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-06-CLIMA-SOIL](#)

IA

JOINT CALL BETWEEN THE SOIL DEAL FOR EUROPE MISSION AND THE ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE MISSION

OPENING
4/2/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **20.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 10.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



This topic aims at developing and scaling practical solutions to enhance soils' resilience to extreme weather events.

→ **Proposals should also demonstrate a route towards open access, longevity, sustainability and interoperability of knowledge and outputs through close collaboration with the EU Soil Observatory and the SoilWise project.**

Virtual Human Twin (VHT) Models for Cancer Research

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-01](#)

RIA

CANCER

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **35.00 M€**

Per project: **8.00 - 9.00 M€**

Up to 4 projects



The proposed topic will contribute to the EU Cancer Mission objectives by improving the accuracy of dynamic and multiscale VHTs to better understand cancer onset, predict progression and develop personalized treatments. Of particular interest for

this topic are cancers with limited treatment options or unclear biological mechanisms, refractory cancers, rare cancers, early-onset cancers, cancer types with low five-year survival rates, or paediatric and adolescent cancers

- **To update and validate VHTs with longitudinal newly collected or existing FAIR patient data and generate evidence that VHT models can deliver clinically meaningful observations to improve treatment of the studied cancer type, demonstrating VHT accessibility and usability for clinical uptake. The use of data and services provided by ESFRI research infrastructures in the life science domain should be considered when appropriate.**
- **To enrich and make available data and model assets in the UNCAN.eu research platform and in the Advanced VHT Platform following the principles of open science. Newly collected patient datasets must be described with metadata records in the EU dataset catalogue of the European Health Data Space.**

Improve the Quality of Life of older cancer patients

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07](#)

RIA

CANCER

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026



Proposals should advance the understanding of older cancer patients' care needs and develop innovative, age-sensitive care approaches and tools aimed at improving overall quality of life. This work

Per topic: **25.00 M€**
Per project: **5.00 - 6.00 M€**
Up to 5 projects

should address the specific challenges faced by older patients and propose solutions that enhance personalised care and support throughout the cancer journey.

→ All datasets produced should be described with metadata records in the EU dataset catalogue of the European Health Data Space, while all tools and models should take advantage of current European research infrastructures, should follow the principles of open science and made available through the future UNCAN.eu platform.

Large-scale demonstration for mapping the distribution and condition of marine habitats to implement the Nature Restoration Regulation

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-03-OCEAN-01](#)

IA

RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS BY 2030

OPENING
4/2/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



This topic aims at directly engaging and supporting relevant public authorities with mapping at large scale the conditions of marine habitats needed for implementing the Nature Restoration Regulation

Per topic: **31.00 M€**
Per project: **7.00 - 7.75 M€**
Up to 4 projects

and for achieving one or several objectives of the Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters.

→ Beneficiaries will be subject to the following additional obligations regarding open science practices: if projects collect in-situ data and marine observation, beneficiaries must make them openly available through the European Marine Observation and Data network (EMODnet), based on the FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) principles.

→ Contribute to data collection and data sharing through the European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet) and to support the Digital Twin Ocean.

Addressing aquatic pollution and biodiversity loss through nature positive solutions from source to sea

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-03-OCEAN-02](#)

IA

RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS BY 2030

OPENING
4/2/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **31.00 M€**

Per project: **7.00 - 7.75 M€**

Up to 4 projects



This topic aims at directly engaging and supporting public authorities and other relevant socio-economic actors (e.g. farmers, landowners, aquaculture producers, tourist operators, fishers, businesses, water management authorities) in addressing

aquatic pollution and biodiversity loss, thereby demonstrating and accelerating the transitions needed for achieving one or several objectives of the Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters”.

- Beneficiaries will be subject to the following additional obligations regarding open science practices: if projects collect in-situ data and marine observation, beneficiaries must make them openly available through the European Marine Observation and Data network (EMODnet), based on the FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) principles.
- Projects are expected to show a significant replication potential by directly involving relevant authorities and stakeholders, by promoting collaborations between relevant authorities and other stakeholders facing similar challenges, and by identifying further stakeholders that could replicate the proposed solutions and approaches.

By fishers, for fishers: co-management of marine and freshwaters ecosystems and resources

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-03-OCEAN-03](#)

IA

RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS BY 2030

OPENING
4/2/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **31.00 M€**

Per project: **7.00 - 7.75 M€**

Up to 4 projects



This topic contributes to the further development of adaptive co-management approaches to reconcile fisheries with environmental sustainability, ensuring

the long-term viability of both marine and/or freshwater ecosystems and local livelihoods.

- Beneficiaries will be subject to the following additional obligations regarding open science practices: if projects collect in-situ data and marine observation, beneficiaries must make them openly available through the European Marine Observation and Data network (EMODnet), based on the FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) principles.

- Activities are expected to contribute to data collection and data sharing through the European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet) and to support the Digital Twin Ocean.
- Projects are expected to show a significant replication potential by identifying a range of relevant stakeholders that could replicate the proposed solutions and approaches. Actions plans and roadmaps needed for the replication and up-scale of the solutions should be drawn up by the end of the projects.

Regional (sea-basins) components of the EU Digital Twin Ocean

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-03-OCEAN-05](#)

IA

RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS BY 2030

OPENING
4/2/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **19.40 M€**

Per project: **4.00 - 4.85 M€**

Up to 4 projects



Proposals should establish regional components within the EDITO core infrastructure of the EU Digital Twin of the Ocean (EU DTO). These regional components should foster the development of local

digital twins' applications: customized digital tools designed to address the unique priorities of specific local stakeholder communities.

- Beneficiaries will be subject to the following additional obligations regarding open science practices: if projects collect in-situ data and marine observation, beneficiaries must make them openly available through the European Marine Observation and Data network (EMODnet), based on the FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) principles.
- Identify, aggregate and integrate existing regional data (through EMODnet), tools, modelling and local digital twin assets that are not yet widely public (including inland waters assets that are relevant for the integrated source-to-sea approach with emphasis on land-sea connections) and take the necessary action to make them available through EDITO, following all necessary interoperability and standardisation protocols. Under-represented data types (biologging, acoustic telemetry, etc.) are of particular interest;



Citizen Engagement

Towards climate resilient, prepared and carbon neutral populations and healthcare systems

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-ENVHLTH-04](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **45.00 M€**

Per project: **7.00 - 8.00 M€**

Up to 6 projects

Research activities under this topic should generate evidence on the opportunities and health co-benefits of mitigation in the health sector as well

as foster the development of low-carbon medical technologies and digital solutions for the sector.

→ Develop and/or pilot effective, inclusive, accessible and impactful interventions to address the impact of climate change in healthcare systems and/or in health outcomes across populations, sectors and regions. Consider where relevant the involvement of local communities and/or end users in the development of these interventions.

Advancing research on the prevention, diagnosis, and management of post-infection long-term conditions

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-03](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **39.30 M€**

Per project: **6.00 - 8.00 M€**

Up to 5 projects

Proposals should aim to develop innovative approaches for the prevention, diagnosis, and management of post-infection conditions and increase understanding of the pathophysiology of post-infection conditions (including inflammatory

aspects) to identify biomarkers and develop clinically validated diagnostic approaches for early detection, disease progression and/or treatment optimisation.

→ A multidisciplinary, cross-sectoral approach is encouraged, involving all relevant stakeholders (medical and non-medical), including patients, researchers, healthcare professionals, and policymakers.

Multisectoral approach to tackle chronic non-communicable diseases: implementation research maximising collaboration and coordination with sectors and in settings beyond the healthcare system (GACD)

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-09](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **9.80 M€**

Per project: **3.00 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

Proposals will fund implementation research focused on strategies to tackle the growing burden of NCDs through actions in sectors and settings outside the traditional health system and its facilities (with or

without the involvement of the healthcare system) to attain equitable health-related outcomes or influence health determinants for people living in LMICs, and/or underserved populations in HICs.

→ Communities, relevant stakeholders from different sectors and authorities are fully engaged in implementing and taking up interventions that tackle the growing burden of NCDs through actions in sectors and settings outside the traditional health system and its facilities health-related outcomes, improve quality of life across the life course and extend healthy life expectancy.

Identifying and addressing low-value care in health and care systems

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-CARE-03](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026



Proposals should develop a deeper understanding of how low-value care can be identified and measured throughout the healthcare process, including testing related indicators and producing evidence-based methodologies that enable the pursuit of improved efficiency and quality of care. The proposals

Per topic: **38.00 M€**
Per project: **10.00 M€**
Up to 4 projects

should develop and/or pilot innovative strategies for effective reduction of low-value care in specific settings across the care pathway. These pilots should demonstrate scalability and transferability across diverse health and care systems in Europe.

→ Proposals should engage citizens and civil society organisations in the development of their actions to ensure acceptability of solutions.

Building public trust and outreach in the life sciences

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH-03](#)

CSA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026



Proposals should strengthen awareness of risks and benefits of life sciences by the public. To foster public trust, people must understand how life sciences work and how these technologies may impact people's lives. To maintain and deepen trust,

Per topic: **1.90 M€**
Per project: **1.50 - 1.90 M€**
Up to 1 project

especially among young people, R&I policymakers, researchers and industry players must be better equipped to engage with the public and to pursue responsible research and innovation.

- Strengthened capacity of life sciences actors in science communication, risk communication, public outreach, and citizen engagement. New and innovative approaches developed to engage the public in R&I activities in the life sciences, with an emphasis on inclusive and participatory approaches, involving relevant stakeholders (e.g. researchers, research funders, policymakers, publishers, civil society organisations, business, and citizens). Proposals should promote both science education, and multiple forms of public engagement with science, focusing on the life sciences.
- Citizen engagement is particularly critical in areas like agriculture and food technology, where innovation intersects with health and sustainability considerations and values. Furthermore, citizen participation is key to build trust in the life sciences and ensure that they meet societal needs. By engaging citizens early on, we can ensure that research and innovation align with their values, concerns and expectations. This involves designing research and innovation processes that incorporate citizen input, such as setting research priorities, and create outcomes that are responsive to their needs.

Tackling gender-based violence against politically active women and LGBTIQ people

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-01](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects



Proposals should aim to get an enhanced understanding of the drivers of violence against women and LGBTIQ people who are politically active or political aspirants, improve prevention and early intervention, examine engagement after

violence, and develop recommendations to tackle gender-based violence, promote equal political participation, and address harmful narratives.

- Proposals should draw on a range of relevant disciplines (including SSH), and engage stakeholders, civil society organisations and individuals directly affected by the issues in the design and implementation of research activities.
- Engaging men and boys in preventing violence and challenging norms should be an integral part of the research.

Understanding the forms of local democracy in low-income and low-middle income countries

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-02](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects



Proposals should gather evidence on how actors in economic, political, and social ecosystems at the local level could foster democratic practices, increase citizens' trust in governance and democratic

institutions, improve transparency of decision making, and promote respect for human rights.

- Research activities should meaningfully involve a wide range of stakeholders and societal actors at local level (public authorities, economic and institutional actors, trade unions, traditional and faith leaders, indigenous people, women's and LGBTIQ groups, and others), including non-scientific and non-academic actors.

Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-05](#)

CSA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



Per topic: **4.50 M€**

Per project: **4.00 - 4.50 M€**

Up to 1 project

Proposals should establish a Research and Innovation Network that brings together academia, public bodies, and civil society to promote inclusive, equal, and resilient democratic societies, foster participation and EU values, and address equality

and intersectionality across diverse socio-political contexts.

→ The network should support the implementation of gender-inclusive and intersectional strategies to counter disinformation, reduce societal polarisation, and re-engage citizens in democratic practices. These efforts could also aim at promoting critical thinking, media literacy, and active civic participation across diverse groups including youth and underrepresented groups.

Citizenship education as part of lifelong learning

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-09](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12-May-26

DEADLINE
23-Sep-26



Per topic: **16.00 M€**

Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 4 projects

Proposals should examine how citizenship education in lifelong learning strengthens democratic involvement, focusing on VET or adult education programmes, and investigate links between participation and increased civic actions

such as voting, policy engagement, volunteering, or involvement in civil society.

→ A gender and intersectional perspective should be systematically integrated throughout the research, as well as the perspective of other groups that are marginalised, underrepresented in political decision-making, face barriers due to accessibility issues, or are at risk of disengagement.

Digital and media literacy as drivers for democratic and civic resilience

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-10](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects



Proposals should explore user behaviour patterns in the digital age, analyse emotional dynamics in disinformation and polarization, investigate algorithmic amplification of emotive content, and develop digital and media literacy strategies to

counter manipulative narratives such as populist and post-truth discourses.

- Engaged, informed and empowered citizens are the best guarantee for the resilience of our democracies.
- Public authorities, schools, universities and training institutions, youth initiatives, civil society organisations and associations, social partners, businesses, local networks and communities, and citizens from an early age, all play a vital role in such collective endeavour, and the proposed research should take a multi-actor approach.
- The research should also examine the factors that influence digital literacy, information-seeking habits, and online engagement, with a focus on improving citizens' participation and engagement through digital means (including through civic tech) and informed decision-making.

“Artistic intelligence” : harnessing the power of the arts to address complex challenges, enhance soft skills and boost innovation and competitiveness

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-01](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12-May-26

DEADLINE
23-Sep-26

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **4.50 - 5.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects



Proposals should enhance understanding of art-science-technology collaborations, collect case studies, produce guidance and methodologies for policymakers, and develop concrete use cases such as ethical inclusive AI, collaborative approaches to societal challenges, storytelling with AI and

real-time data, public sector roles, innovation in policymaking, and participatory citizen science initiatives.

- Projects are expected to develop concrete use cases, such as advancing emotional storytelling, experiential art and public engagement through AI and real-time data; participatory art-science-technology initiatives and citizen science.
- Financial support to third parties, for example, through residencies, to facilitate development of solutions and innovative experimentations.

Creative alliances: Fostering global partnerships in cultural policies and CCI innovation

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-05](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12-May-26

DEADLINE
23-Sep-26

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **3.00 - 3.75 M€**

Up to 4 projects

This topic promotes international partnerships to strengthen cultural policies and creative industries worldwide. Projects should identify best practices, foster equal collaborations, and develop actionable strategies for cross-regional cooperation. Activities may focus on creative industry innovation or

international cultural relations, aiming to enhance Europe's global standing, support inclusive growth, and leverage culture and creativity for resilience and sustainable development.

- Proposals should establish pilot projects to test innovative forms of international cultural relations, such as initiatives fostering intercultural dialogue among communities experiencing tension or affected by conflict.

Safeguarding linguistic diversity in Europe

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-06](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12-May-26

DEADLINE
23-Sep-26

Per topic: **11.50 M€**

Per project: **5.00 - 5.75 M€**

Up to 2 projects

Proposals should document and map linguistic diversity in Europe, identify good practices that

promote multilingualism, and support knowledge and practice sharing.

- Proposals should engage local communities, citizens and civil society organisations, in the development of their actions, using participatory approaches.
- Proposals should develop recommendations for promoting multilingualism in our societies and safeguarding of linguistic diversity, empowering citizens to take ownership for safeguarding their linguistic heritage.

Preventing and fighting illicit trafficking of cultural goods

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-07](#)

CSA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



Per topic: **5.00 M€**
Per project: **4.50 - 5.00 M€**
Up to 1 project

This topic aims to strengthen EU and international cooperation to combat illicit trafficking of cultural goods. Projects should consolidate tools, improve data interoperability, and develop actionable training ecosystems for law enforcement and

cultural heritage professionals. Activities should include evidence collection, capacity building, and sustainable governance frameworks, ensuring long-term impact and protection of cultural heritage, including in conflict and disaster zones.

→ *Proposals should design and consolidate the solution space, tools and the training ecosystem to demonstrate real uptake and adoption and ensure they reflect the priorities of diverse personas, including law enforcement authorities, customs officials, police authorities, cultural heritage professionals, policymakers and citizens.*

Tackling child poverty and ensuring disadvantaged children's access to Early Childhood Education and Care

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-03](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



Per topic: **12.00 M€**
Per project: **3.00 - 4.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects

This topic focuses on producing EU-specific evidence on the cost of child poverty and the benefits of ensuring disadvantaged children's access to quality Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC). Projects should provide operational policy advice,

identify barriers, and map efficient strategies to close participation gaps. Activities should involve multidisciplinary research and participatory approaches, fostering inclusive growth and social resilience.

→ *Experts by experience (i.e. vulnerable children and parents) may be involved.*

The impact of the use of digital tools outside school and for communication on educational outcomes and mental health

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-04](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



Proposals should explore how different forms of digital leisure affect attention, motivation, creativity, learning habits, critical thinking, and socio-emotional skills among students, considering

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.00 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

age, socio-economic and cultural contexts, types of engagement, and including students with disabilities.

→ Projects are supposed to develop actionable advice for policymakers and citizens about how to promote young people's healthy use of digital tools for leisure, both at school and outside school. Close cooperation with educational authorities, educational institutions and educators in analysing existing policies and practices is essential. Proposals should also include the opinions of young people and other relevant stakeholders, such as media literacy organisations, for example, in the form surveys, interviews, consultations, as part of the data collection.

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

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-08](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



This topic supports research to improve migration governance, health equity for migrants, and long-term social inclusion strategies. Projects should provide evidence-based insights for implementing the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, enhance

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.00 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

legal pathways, integrate health data, and evaluate inclusion policies. Activities should address intersectional factors, uphold human rights, and involve migrants and refugees in participatory research.

→ Wherever relevant proposals are encouraged to include migrants and/or refugees as participants in their research assessing first-hand their experiences, needs, attitudes and opinions.

→ Where relevant, proposals may consider citizen engagement and dialogue beyond migrants, including refugees, with a view to collecting broader input.

Missing persons: prevention and investigation

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-03](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **5.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 1 project



Proposals should improve prevention and investigation of missing persons cases, modernize skills, training, and methodologies for police, CSOs, and NGOs, and raise awareness among vulnerable

groups and children, considering multicultural, legal, and ethical standards.

→ Tackling this issue requires a coordinated response from multiple stakeholders, from Police Authorities via Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) or Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to the involvement of the overall society.

Designing new ways of risk awareness and enhanced disaster preparedness

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-01](#)

RIA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **6.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 3.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should develop innovative, interoperable solutions for disaster preparedness and response, enable collaboration between authorities, civil society, communities, and the private sector, create tools to monitor and improve risk awareness, foster safety culture and resilience, design inclusive

preparedness plans for vulnerable groups, and establish adaptive response frameworks for coordination and resource management.

→ Proposals should work towards the creation of comprehensive, multi-stakeholder preparedness plans that involve all levels of governance, civil society, the private sector, and local communities.

Multi-hazard approach and cumulative / cascading impacts

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-02](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026



Per topic: **8.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

Proposals should develop and validate integrated forecasting models for multi-hazard scenarios using real-time data, AI analytics, and remote sensing, explore interoperability of warning systems, enhance global forecasting, and create predictive models, risk and resilience metrics, data-sharing systems,

and dynamic vulnerability analysis to support early warning and action.

→ Efforts should be made in leveraging citizens-generated content in social media and decentralised digital platforms for citizen-driven early warning and situational awareness.

Open topic on supporting disruptive technological innovations for civil security

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-01](#)

RIA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026



Per topic: **3.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 1.50 M€**

Up to 2 projects

Proposals should strengthen research and innovation to integrate disruptive technologies into civil security, bridge low-TRL research and applied solutions, improve preparedness and response, mitigate risks, and accelerate adoption through testing, validation,

and collaboration among authorities, industry, and researchers.

→ Proposals should promote strong collaboration between researchers, public authorities, industry partners, and end-users. Such partnerships will help align technological advancements with real-world security needs, facilitating the co-development of solutions that are both innovative and operationally relevant.

Advancing European climate risk assessments

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-07-D1-02](#)

RIA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
18/12/2025

DEADLINE
15/4/2026



Proposals should provide scientific evidence and tailored decision-support tools to implement EU adaptation strategies and missions, address knowledge gaps from EUCRA and IPCC

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **4.00 - 5.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

assessments, and reduce risk assessment limitations to strengthen policymaking and climate resilience.

→ Actions should extend and improve the evidence base by retrieving inputs from relevant end-users, including local and regional authorities, and civil society organisations.

Fighting disinformation and effectively communicating on climate change

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-07-D1-04](#)

RIA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
18/12/2025

DEADLINE
15/4/2026



Proposals should develop and test strategies to detect, monitor, and counter climate-related mis/disinformation, deliver tools for authorities, media, and civil society, and create innovative

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **4.00 - 5.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

communication techniques to build trust in climate science, improve literacy, and strengthen resilience and democratic processes.

→ Citizen engagement, of youth and other vulnerable audiences in particular, is encouraged.

Resource assessment for deep sedimentary and basement reservoirs

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-06](#)

RIA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
4/8/2026

DEADLINE
1/12/2026



Per topic: **18.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.50 M€**

Up to 4 projects

Proposals should improve understanding and prediction of deep geothermal reservoirs, overcome challenges like low permeability and drilling costs through advanced systems, boost drilling success

and sustainability, reduce seismic risk, and deliver secure, affordable renewable energy for communities.

→ Citizens and local communities are engaged and benefit from local, more secure and affordable renewable energy sources.

Unlocking the potential of citizen action for nature protection and restoration

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-03-two-stage](#)

IA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING

DEADLINES

12/2/2026

1st stage

16/4/2026

2nd stage

23/9/2026



Proposals should boost citizen participation in nature conservation and restoration, enable direct engagement in protecting ecosystems, create new business opportunities, and support EU biodiversity

Per topic: **10.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

and climate goals, contributing to the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the EU Biodiversity Strategy.

- The project is expected to strengthen citizen involvement in nature conservation and restoration while generating new business opportunities and markets that support EU goals for ecosystem recovery, climate mitigation, and adaptation.
- The project will explore how citizens can contribute to broader biodiversity goals and develop and test social incentives that motivate them to take an active role in nature conservation and restoration. Activities may include creating, testing, and promoting citizen toolkits for species conservation

Sustainable and healthy diets for cardiovascular diseases prevention with the support of digital applications

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-09](#)

IA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
14/1/2026

DEADLINE
14/4/2026



Per topic: **11.80 M€**

Per project: **5.00 - 6.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

Proposals should use AI and digital tools to study how sustainable diets affect gut microbiome and cardiovascular health, develop personalized digital solutions with cost-benefit analysis and end-user

involvement, and translate scientific evidence into SME-driven digital health tools aligned with EU policies.

→ The topic promotes strong public engagement by requiring a multi-actor approach that involves industry, SMEs, authorities, institutes, healthcare and nutrition professionals, patients, and digital experts from the start to co-design, test, and adopt the digital solutions.

Demonstrating and deploying innovative collection, sorting-for-reuse and repair systems for textiles at city/region level (Circular Cities and Regions Initiative topic)

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-04](#)

IA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
17/4/2026

DEADLINE
17/9/2026



Proposals should develop and validate innovative solutions to accelerate textile reuse and repair by local authorities, involve citizens and businesses, improve data transparency on waste flows, create

Per topic: **10.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

sorting and digital AI-based preparation tools, incentivize spare parts and guarantees, and deliver recommendations for replication across Europe.

→ Proposals should involve citizens, local (e.g. upcycling) businesses and social enterprises in the development and implementation of local repair & reuse strategies and practices;

Boosting circularity and diversification strategies of terrestrial livestock production systems

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-05](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
14/1/2026

DEADLINE
14/4/2026



Proposals should boost circularity and diversification in livestock by integrating diverse breeds, species, and land-use systems, reduce environmental impacts, enhance resilience, assess scalability, and

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 6.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

explore circular uses of local resources for feed, soil amendments, fertilizers, and other innovative applications.

→ Proposals must implement the 'multi-actor approach' and ensure adequate involvement of the main stakeholders involved in animal husbandry in Europe, including farmers, shepherds and relevant organisations notably in the livestock sectors, territorial planners, advisors, private sector/industry (e.g. processors, retailers, distributors), policy-makers, consumers, etc.

Boosting data availability and AI solutions in food for consumers and food service professionals

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-08](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
14/1/2026

DEADLINE
15/4/2026



Proposals should develop and deploy human-centric Generative AI solutions to support better food purchasing, preservation, and preparation decisions, improve dietary health and sustainability,

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 7.50 M€**

Up to 2 projects

mobilize trustworthy data across the food system, apply a multi-actor approach, and support SMEs and start-ups with up to 30% funding for third-party grants.

- Engage with a broad range of stakeholders (e.g. consumers, retailers, caterers, equipment manufacturers) to ensure that the solutions developed are practical and widely adopted. Include plans for providing training and ongoing support to end users to maximize the effective and significant use of the AI solutions.

Bio-based innovation in society: supporting the sustainable way of living

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-10](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
17/4/2026

DEADLINE
17/9/2026



Proposals should develop innovative bio-based products and services using biotechnology and biomanufacturing to promote sustainable living and circularity, integrate digital tools and social sciences,

Per topic: **8.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

engage stakeholders for market uptake, assess socio-economic models for fairness, and improve public understanding and acceptance of bio-based innovations.

- Improved public understanding and engagement in bio-based innovation underpinned by scientific advances in life sciences and biotechnology.
- The multi-actor approach is encouraged. Proposals should involve SMEs, both as project beneficiaries or external actors, and offer opportunities to newcomers to Horizon Europe Cluster 6, as well as engage with the civil society stakeholders such as NGOs and consumer organisations to advance scale-up and facilitate future market deployment.

Demonstrating solutions to protect and preserve cultural heritage from the impacts of climate change

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-05](#)

IA

ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

OPENING
4/2/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **21.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 7.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects



This action aims to identify and demonstrate solutions that protect and preserve cultural heritage from climate impacts. This topic focuses on tangible (movable and immovable) heritage, and natural heritage with cultural significance.

→ The solutions are expected to be co-designed by all the relevant stakeholders and to engage citizens.

Microbiome for early cancer prediction before the onset of disease

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-02](#)

RIA

CANCER

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 15.00 M€**

Up to 1 project



This topic will contribute to the achievement of the EU Cancer Mission's objective to achieve better cancer prevention and early detection. The focus is on the development of validated microbiome tools,

an assessment of predispositions, the comparison with other predictive tools and risk modelling approaches.

→ Citizen engagement could be included with data and sample collections as well as educational programmes.

Boosting mental health of young cancer survivors through the European Cancer Patient Digital Centre (ECPDC)

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-05](#)

IA

CANCER

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **7.00 M€**
Per project: **Around 7.00 M€**
Up to 1 project

Proposals should develop an online platform specifically designed to address the mental health needs of adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer patients and survivors, aged 15-39 at the time of first diagnosis. The platform should provide support

throughout their entire journey at diagnosis, during treatment, and after treatment, ensuring tailored resources and interventions that respond to their unique challenges.

- Specific needs and potential solutions should be discussed and developed in close cooperation with end-users.
- Similarly, the efficacy of the proposed solutions to support and boost mental health of young cancer patients, survivors and their caregivers should be demonstrated by testing and validating them by an appropriate number of end users, with different cancer types and belonging to the targeted age group.
- Therefore tools should be developed and validated in close cooperation with end-users including patients, survivors, healthcare professionals and researchers.
- Direct involvement of cancer patients and survivors, survivor representative organisations, caregivers is required.

Pragmatic clinical trials to optimise immunotherapeutic interventions for patients with refractory cancers

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-03](#)

RIA

CANCER

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **22.19 M€**
Per project: **7.00 - 8.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects

This topic contributes to addressing the fact that, while cancer research and innovation have generated novel treatment options, patients with refractory cancers across Europe need access to more effective, affordable and tailored cancer

immunotherapeutic interventions which keep up with increasing demands in a complex and fragmented oncology healthcare landscape with spiralling healthcare costs.

- The primary and secondary endpoints of the pragmatic clinical trials should target overall survival, patient-reported outcomes and quality of life issues considered important by and for cancer patients and their caregivers/families. Such endpoints should be defined together with patients and their caregivers/families through research that stimulates social innovation and supports end-user engagement using participative research models.

Improve the Quality of Life of older cancer patients

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07](#)

RIA

CANCER

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **25.00 M€**
Per project: **5.00 - 6.00 M€**
Up to 5 projects



Proposals should advance the understanding of older cancer patients' care needs and develop innovative, age-sensitive care approaches and tools aimed at improving overall quality of life. This work

should address the specific challenges faced by older patients and propose solutions that enhance personalised care and support throughout the cancer journey.

- Primary and secondary endpoints of the pragmatic clinical trial(s) should support patient-reported outcomes and quality of life. Such endpoints should be defined together with patients and their caregivers through research that stimulates social innovation and supports end-user engagement using participative research models.
- Projects should include an appropriate mix of stakeholders from various disciplines and sectors, including but not limited to physicians, psychologists, nurses, academia, patients and their caregivers, patient representatives, behavioural scientists, SMEs, insurance companies, charities and foundations, research organisations, civil society, regional and national health authorities
- In particular, direct involvement of cancer patients and survivors, survivor representative organisations, and caregivers is required.

By fishers, for fishers: co-management of marine and freshwaters ecosystems and resources

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-03-OCEAN-03](#)

IA

RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS BY 2030

OPENING
4/2/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **31.00 M€**
Per project: **7.00 - 7.75 M€**
Up to 4 projects



This topic contributes to the further development of adaptive co-management approaches to reconcile fisheries with environmental sustainability, ensuring

the long-term viability of both marine and/or freshwater ecosystems and local livelihoods.

- Active engagement of fishers in habitat protection and restoration could include e.g.: regenerative practices; ecosystem management approaches; measures for prevention and control of invasive species; fish stock recovery plans; sustainable low-impact fishing operations, technologies and tools; multipurpose use of marine space as well as citizen science actions to raise fishers' awareness and involve them in all steps from data collection to their assessment and use.



Science Education

Towards a better understanding and anticipation of the impacts of climate change on health

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-ENVHLTH-01](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/26

DEADLINE
16/4/26

Per topic: **55.00 M€**

Per project: **7.00 - 8.00 M€**

Up to 7 projects

Proposals should develop approaches to prevent and reduce the impacts of climate factors in the

studied health outcomes and increase population and workforce resilience.

→ Citizens, patients, public authorities, social care services, healthcare practitioners and policymakers have a better understanding of the climatic health risks and determinants of disease and are better equipped to address health outcomes through enhanced and inclusive prevention, resilience, adaptation, preparedness and response, including better diagnosis and treatment.

Building public trust and outreach in the life sciences

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH-03](#)

CSA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **1.90 M€**

Per project: **1.50 - 1.90 M€**

Up to 1 project

Proposals should strengthen awareness of risks and benefits of life sciences by the public. To foster public trust, people must understand how life sciences work and how these technologies may impact people's lives. To maintain and deepen trust,

especially among young people, R&I policymakers, researchers and industry players must be better equipped to engage with the public and to pursue responsible research and innovation.

→ Proposals should promote both science education, and multiple forms of public engagement with science, focusing on the life sciences.

Supporting All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-04](#)

CSA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
14/1/2026

DEADLINE
15/4/2026

Per topic: **4.50 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.50 M€**

Up to 1 project

The topic addresses the need for long-term, collaborative approaches to ocean and coastal challenges, highlighting the importance of generating new knowledge, fostering community engagement and acceptance, and supporting strategic decision-

making and investments. It underscores that meaningful progress requires cooperation across generations, cultures, regions and sectors to ensure resilient and sustainable ocean and coastal futures.

→ The aim is to strengthen research and training capacity in ocean science diplomacy, governance and international cooperation. It also supports engagement with relevant private initiatives and the organisation of activities such as summer schools, an annual intergenerational knowledge-exchange event, and the hosting of the Atlantic Ocean Decade network of Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOP).

Boosting sustainable competitiveness in rural areas through innovation

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-COMMUNITIES-01](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
14/1/2026

DEADLINE
14/4/2026

Per topic: **11.80 M€**

Per project: **5.00 - 6.00 M€**

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The topic supports EU goals for vibrant, competitive, and sustainable rural areas. While rural regions provide key natural resources and ecosystem services, they often face demographic decline, social exclusion, limited services, and market

Up to 2 projects

barriers that hinder development. Strengthening competitiveness must therefore go hand in hand with environmental and social sustainability, ensuring that rural communities, nature, and local economies all benefit.

→ The topic strengthens science and digital education in rural areas by improving access to digital and hybrid training, fostering new skills and entrepreneurial mindsets, especially among young people, and creating opportunities for knowledge exchange and collaboration between university graduates and young rural entrepreneurs.

Microbiome for early cancer prediction before the onset of disease

[HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-02](#)

RIA

CANCER

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
15/9/2026

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 15.00 M€**

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Up to 1 project

This topic will contribute to the achievement of the EU Cancer Mission's objective to achieve better cancer prevention and early detection. The focus is on the development of validated microbiome tools,

an assessment of predispositions, the comparison with other predictive tools and risk modelling approaches.

→ Citizen engagement could be included with data and sample collections as well as educational programmes.



Ethics/Research Integrity

Support to European Research Area (ERA) action on accelerating New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) to advance biomedical research and testing of medicinal products and medical devices

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL-06](#)

CSA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026



This topic aims to coordinate and develop the new European Research Area (ERA) policy action to accelerate, through an aligned and coordinated approach across Member States and Associated Countries, the development, validation/

Per topic: **2.90 M€**

Per project: **Around 2.90 M€**

Up to 1 project

qualification, acceptance, and uptake of New Approach Methodologies in biomedical research and regulatory testing of medicinal products and medical devices.

→ Member States and other stakeholders implement a harmonised New Approach Methodologies openness and awareness programme that improves open access to NAMs protocols and results of animal experiments. It also provides guidance to harmonise the awareness of NAMs for ethical committee members, reviewers, and regulators, based on best practices in the participating Member States. The programme should propose concrete actions to increase the confidence of regulators in NAMs including a better understanding of the potential and limitations of NAMs.

Building public trust and outreach in the life sciences

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH-03](#)

CSA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026



Per topic: **1.90 M€**

Per project: **1.50 - 1.90 M€**

Up to 1 project

Proposals should strengthen awareness of risks and benefits of life sciences by the public. To foster public trust, people must understand how life sciences work and how these technologies may impact people's lives. To maintain and deepen trust,

especially among young people, R&I policymakers, researchers and industry players must be better equipped to engage with the public and to pursue responsible research and innovation.

→ Regarding engagement of citizens in the development, co-production and co-design of life sciences innovations, proposals should focus on advising and training life science actors in deliberative citizen participation and co-design with citizens, including tools that allow discussions about values and ethical considerations of innovations in this sector.

Tackling gender-based violence against politically active women and LGBTIQ people

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-01](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

Proposals should aim to get an enhanced understanding of the drivers of violence against women and LGBTIQ people who are politically active or political aspirants, improve prevention and early intervention, examine engagement after

violence, and develop recommendations to tackle gender-based violence, promote equal political participation, and address harmful narratives.

→ Research should promote the Union values enshrined in the Treaty on European Union, such as human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, and the protection of democratic institutions.

Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-05](#)

CSA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



Per topic: **4.50 M€**
Per project: **4.00 - 4.50 M€**
Up to 1 project

Proposals should establish a Research and Innovation Network that brings together academia, public bodies, and civil society to promote inclusive, equal, and resilient democratic societies, foster

participation and EU values, and address equality and intersectionality across diverse socio-political contexts.

→ As a research and innovation area where freedom of science is enshrined and protected, the European Union offers an ideal environment to advance a career. Therefore, the network should also explore how to ensure a safe and enabling research environment, protecting researchers from backlash, hate speech and harassment, and promoting academic freedom and integrity when researching on democracy, inclusive societies, and intersectionality.

Electoral integrity in the digital context

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-08](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



Per topic: **12.00 M€**
Per project: **3.50 - 4.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects

Proposals should create robust and resilient electoral systems for the digital age, ensure safety and integrity, promote free and transparent elections, investigate cyberattack and interference risks,

develop security and transparency strategies, and design early warning, debunking, and accountability measures for digital platforms.

→ It is essential to examine the effects of digital technologies on public opinion and governance, and investigate the development of ethical AI, transparent political advertising, and tools to counter misinformation, disinformation and foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI).

Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-05](#)

CSA

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Per project: **4.00 - 4.50 M€**

Up to 1 project

protecting researchers from backlash, hate speech and harassment, and promoting academic freedom and integrity when researching on democracy, inclusive societies, and intersectionality.

- Integration of citizen-generated data with medical and other longitudinal health data, and benefit from early detection of disease onset, prediction of disease progression and treatment options, and effective disease management.
- Applicants envisaging to include clinical studies should provide details of their clinical studies in the dedicated annex using the template provided in the submission system. See definition of clinical studies in the introduction to this work programme part.

“Artistic intelligence” : harnessing the power of the arts to address complex challenges, enhance soft skills and boost innovation and competitiveness

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-01](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



Proposals should enhance understanding of art-science-technology collaborations, collect case studies, produce guidance and methodologies for policymakers, and develop concrete use cases such as ethical inclusive AI, collaborative approaches

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **4.50 - 5.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

to societal challenges, storytelling with AI and real-time data, public sector roles, innovation in policymaking, and participatory citizen science initiatives.

- Projects are expected to develop concrete use cases, such as (but not limited to): artists supporting ethical, inclusive, human-centred AI.

AI integration in CCSI work practice: catalysing innovation and competitiveness

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-03](#)

IA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **15.00 M€**

Per project: **4.00 - 5.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects



This topic supports the integration of ethical and inclusive AI solutions into cultural and creative sectors and industries (CCSI). Projects should assess AI readiness, identify barriers, and develop tailored tools and scalable pilots that enhance creativity,

accessibility, and cultural diversity. Activities should empower CCSI as drivers of innovation and competitiveness while fostering sustainable business models and societal wellbeing.

→ Design and pilot innovative, inclusive, ethically driven, transparent AI solutions to foster cultural and linguistic diversity, and enhance accessibility, with a focus on engaging individuals in vulnerable situations, particularly youth, older people, persons with disabilities and individuals with special needs.

Towards a fair and transparent market for cultural and creative content in the era of generative AI

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-04](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.00 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects



Proposals should analyze the socio-economic impacts of generative AI on the cultural and creative sectors, including its influence on how arts and culture are understood, created, and practiced. They should develop scenarios, value chains, standards, and agile solutions to ensure transparency and

trust in the AI supply chain, propose adaptive policy frameworks embedding cultural and ethical considerations, and create a systemic innovation framework for sustainable cultural and creative sectors.

→ Adaptive policy frameworks, recommendations, and solutions that embed cultural and ethical considerations in AI development for/with CCSI. These should ensure a fair and ethical market for cultural and creative content, products and services.

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

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-08](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY 2026

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **3.00 - 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects



This topic supports research to improve migration governance, health equity for migrants, and long-term social inclusion strategies. Projects should provide evidence-based insights for implementing the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, enhance

legal pathways, integrate health data, and evaluate inclusion policies. Activities should address intersectional factors, uphold human rights, and involve migrants and refugees in participatory research.

→ Proposals should conduct a comprehensive analysis and propose tailored policy recommendations that uphold human rights and enhance practical implementation.

Security challenges of the green transition in urban and peri urban areas

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-02](#)

RIA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026

Per topic: **4.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**

Up to 1 project



Proposals should identify new security risks from emerging technologies in urban and peri-urban areas, assess impacts of green transition technologies, verify countermeasures, develop monitoring tools,

analyse supply chain vulnerabilities, and provide methodologies for safe integration while fostering societal awareness and acceptance.

→ The proposals should also consider the threat of malicious access, software and data manipulation and misuse of managing systems potentially leading to harm to health, loss of life, environmental damage or economic damage, regardless of whether the intention is criminal, vandalism, hybrid attack or other.

Development of innovative tools, processes, equipment and technologies through responses to disasters and emergencies for search and rescue in hazardous conditions

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-03](#)

IA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026



Per topic: **8.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

Proposals should develop and validate innovative tools, equipment, and technologies to enhance emergency responders' capabilities in hazardous disaster environments, design and test advanced

solutions such as autonomous drones and robotics for medical response and search and rescue, improve efficiency and safety, and ensure scalability and interoperability with existing capacities.

→ Proposals should consider ethical, legal, and social implications associated with the deployment of autonomous technologies in emergency response. Issues such as data privacy, cybersecurity, human- and animal life protection, public acceptance, and compliance with regulatory frameworks should be addressed to facilitate the responsible and effective use of these innovations.

Open topic on supporting disruptive technological innovations for civil security

[HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-01](#)

RIA

CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

OPENING
5/6/2026

DEADLINE
11/5/2026



Per topic: **3.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 1.50 M€**

Up to 2 projects

Proposals should strengthen research and innovation to integrate disruptive technologies into civil security, bridge low-TRL research and applied solutions, improve preparedness and response,

mitigate risks, and accelerate adoption through testing, validation, and collaboration among authorities, industry, and researchers.

→ Ensuring that emerging technologies are ethically sound, transparent, and accessible will also be crucial to their successful adoption.

Data sharing to support the training and development of AI foundation models in the energy sector

[HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-23](#)

IA

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

OPENING
4/8/2026

DEADLINE
1/2/2026



Per topic: **30.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 10.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

Proposals should develop, train, and test AI foundation models using large datasets to accelerate the energy transition, create secure data-sharing methods, deliver advanced open-source models for grid observability, forecasting, storage, and

demand flexibility, and ensure interoperability, FAIR principles, and adaptability beyond the project.

→ AI models are expected to respect ethical, safety and security principles; furthermore, transparency, explainability, and accountability should be embedded by design in the model development.

Advancing the European bio-based innovation enabled by biotechnology and biomanufacturing concepts

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-07](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
17/4/2026

DEADLINE
17/9/2026



Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 4.00 M€**

Up to 3 projects

Proposals should identify and develop key bio-based technologies such as synthetic biology, gene editing, metabolic engineering, microbiome research, and biofoundry approaches for clean growth, integrating AI and bioinformatics, ensuring sustainability and safety, and providing policy and

industry recommendations based on risk-benefit analyses.

→ Proposals need to ensure compliance with the 'Do no significant harm' (DNSH) principle.

Harnessing the unique properties of marine organisms to deliver sustainable blue bio-based products

[HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-11](#)

RIA

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

OPENING
17/4/2026

DEADLINE
17/9/2026

Per topic: **10.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 5.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects



Proposals should develop safe and sustainable blue bio-based products using marine biomolecules to replace hazardous chemicals, foster innovation in sectors like textiles and bioplastics through synthetic

biology and digital tools, ensure sustainability and regulatory compliance, and provide policy recommendations supporting biodiversity and market uptake.

→ The harvesting or utilization of sentient marine animals, including invertebrates, must be carefully evaluated to ensure that ethical and moral considerations are adequately addressed.



Research Careers

Multisectoral approach to tackle chronic non-communicable diseases: implementation research maximising collaboration and coordination with sectors and in settings beyond the healthcare system (GACD)

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-09](#)

RIA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026



Per topic: **9.80 M€**
Per project: **3.00 - 4.00 M€**
Up to 3 projects

Proposals will fund implementation research focused on strategies to tackle the growing burden of NCDs through actions in sectors and settings outside the traditional health system and its facilities (with or without the involvement of the healthcare system)

to attain equitable health-related outcomes or influence health determinants for people living in LMICs, and/or underserved populations in HICs.

→ Provide opportunities for implementation of research capacity building for early career researchers and team members from lower resourced environments, such as LMICs or disadvantaged communities.

Establishing a European network of Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for Advanced Therapies Medicinal Products (ATMPs)

[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL-07](#)

CSA

HEALTH

OPENING
10/2/2026

DEADLINE
16/4/2026

Per topic: **3.90 M€**
Per project: **3.90 M€**
Up to 1 project

The aim of this topic is to establish a European network of Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for ATMPs, building on existing centres and coordinating their further development in synergy with national strategies. The creation of such a Network is key for

strengthening the EU's capacity to develop, scale up and deploy ATMPs across Europe, increasing Europe's attractiveness for clinical research in the field and supporting the implementation of the 'Strategy for European Life Sciences'.

→ Develop common education and training programmes for the next generation of scientists including outreach activities to better inform the public and patients on the benefits of ATMPs and the stakeholders about access to the CoEs facilities and support.

Making Europe a global magnet for talent - Attracting and retaining students, researchers and high-skilled workers from outside the EU

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-06](#)

RIA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026

Per topic: **10.00 M€**
Per project: **3.00 - 3.30 M€**
Up to 3 projects

Proposals should apply rigorous quantitative methods to analyse factors influencing international students' choice of study destinations, complemented by qualitative research, considering

variability across countries and factors such as academic quality, career opportunities, cultural appeal, political context, and funding availability.

→ Provide policymakers and higher education/research institutions with guidance on which policies and programmes could be effective in attracting talented students, researchers and high-skilled workers from non-EU countries to the EU.

→ Develop actionable advice to policymakers and higher education/research institutions about how to retain talented students, researchers and high-skilled workers from non-EU countries to ensure a long-term positive impact on the EU economy's innovation and competitiveness.



Knowledge Valorisation

Boosting creative startups for disruptive innovation

[HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-02](#)

IA

CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

OPENING
12/5/2026

DEADLINE
23/9/2026



This topic aims to deepen knowledge of the factors favouring the growth of creative startups and to develop, test and put in practice effective methods to support their scaling-up and engagement in disruptive innovation. Projects should pilot

Per topic: **12.00 M€**

Per project: **5.00 - 6.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

innovative approaches across Europe, increase the visibility of successful creative startups and scaleups, and contribute to the EU ambition to make Europe the preferred choice for startups and scaleups.

→ This action focuses on boosting creative startups for disruptive innovation within the Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs). It aims to support creative startups that bring innovative solutions and disruptive approaches to market, strengthening the role of CCIs in driving innovation and economic growth.

Enhancing industry-academia knowledge exchange in Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH)

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-41](#)

CSA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
6/1/2026

DEADLINE
21/4/2026



This topic aims to leverage the strengths of Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts to address industry and SME research and innovation challenges through structured SSH–industry co-creation. Projects should develop and test

Per topic: **2.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 1.00 M€**

Up to 2 projects

methodologies, services and exchange mechanisms to support knowledge valorisation, organisational development, and pathways to market, while strengthening industry-academia collaboration.

→ This topic supports SSH-industry co-creation (for example through hackathons, team-based approaches, targeted mentorship and exchange programmes etc) focussing on specific challenges from industry including SMEs. The action should cover: developing a methodology for understanding how various needs from industry, SMEs and customers can be addressed by knowledge exchanges with SSH researchers and students, providing service to industry and SMEs, including spinoffs and startups, to support solving company challenges with international teams of SSH researchers and students, and conducting a study to tackle the key questions concerning the technical and conceptual feasibility of Industry-Academia knowledge exchange with SSH to improve innovation management and organisational development.

Attracting management talent for capacity building for Technology Infrastructures staff members

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-44](#)

CSA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
6/1/2026

DEADLINE
21/4/2026



Per topic: **2.50 M€**

Per project: **Around 3.00 M€**

Up to 1 project

Proposals should strengthen management, skills, and governance of technology infrastructures, attract management talent, develop open-source training for technical and leadership staff, promote entrepreneurial skills, and support transnational

collaboration, staff exchanges, and peer learning to improve service delivery and innovation capacity.

→ This action focuses on attracting management talent for capacity building for staff working in Technology Infrastructures (advanced research facilities and equipment). The goal is to strengthen the management and operational skills of infrastructure staff to better support innovation and knowledge valorisation.

Pilot access schemes to Technology Infrastructures for European startups, scaleups and innovative SMEs

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-45](#)

CSA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
6/1/2026

DEADLINE
21/4/2026



Per topic: **5.00 M€**

Per project: **1.50 - 2.50 M€**

Up to 2 projects

This topic aims to develop and test pilot multi-site access schemes that improve startups', scaleups' and innovative SMEs' access to Technology Infrastructures across the EU. Projects should establish simplified and standardised access

mechanisms, strengthen transnational collaboration between infrastructures, and broaden the user base to accelerate technology development, up-scaling and commercialisation.

→ This action creates and tests pilot access schemes that let startups, scaleups, and innovative SMEs use Technology Infrastructures (advanced labs and equipment) for knowledge valorisation.

Mapping and service finder for Technology Infrastructures

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-46](#)

CSA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
6/1/2026

DEADLINE
21/4/2026



Per topic: **2.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 2.00 M€**

Up to 1 project

Proposals should improve visibility and access to technology infrastructures via an open-source interactive portal, map facilities and services, create a comprehensive service finder, ensure interoperability and sustainability, and promote

platform uptake, transnational collaboration, and knowledge sharing.

→ This action creates a mapping and service finder for Technology Infrastructures across Europe. It aims to make it easier for companies, especially startups and SMEs, to find and access the right research facilities and equipment for their innovation needs.

Proof of market' to improve valorisation and commercialisation of Horizon generated R&I results

[HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-48](#)

IA

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

OPENING
6/1/2026

DEADLINE
21/4/2026



Per topic: **5.00 M€**

Per project: **Around 0.20 M€**

Up to 25 projects

This topic supports proof-of-market activities to explore and enhance the commercial potential of results generated by Horizon projects in Cluster 4. Projects should valorise achieved research results by defining clear pathways to commercialisation, involving startups and SMEs, and addressing

market, regulatory and intellectual property aspects to enable future market uptake.

→ This action aims to provide financial support to small consortia (i.e. spin-offs, startups, SMEs) to explore the exploitation potential, in the EU, of results emerging from ongoing or completed projects funded under Cluster 4 'Digital, Industry and Space' or its predecessor activities.



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