



## BANDI & OPPORTUNITÀ DALL'UE

Selezione periodica, a cura di Confindustria Piemonte, delle *call for proposals* aperte e in apertura, ritenute di maggiore interesse per la manifattura piemontese, sui principali programmi europei a gestione diretta (Horizon Europe, Single Market Programme, Life, Digital Europe...) e relativi “*cascade funding*”.

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## CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

*Attraverso i programmi europei a gestione diretta, l'UE sostiene finanziariamente lo sviluppo di progetti che contribuiscono a realizzare gli obiettivi politici della Commissione per la programmazione 21-27. Tali programmi prevedono specifiche **call for proposals** pubblicate e gestite direttamente dalla Commissione europea e dalle sue Agenzie esecutive. Ciascun programma può prevedere regole di candidatura distinte e anche le modalità di gestione e rendicontazione delle attività realizzate e delle relative spese possono essere diverse.*

**Interreg Central Europe: 3<sup>rd</sup> call for peripheral and lagging areas**

This call, funded under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), aims at funding organisations from across Central Europe regions to develop transnational cooperation ideas for small-scale projects that pioneer solutions for peripheral and lagging areas, making them more attractive to live and work in. The call pursues the following specific objectives (SOs): Strengthening skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship; Greening urban mobility; Improving transport connections of rural and peripheral regions; Strengthening governance for integrated territorial development. Total budget 14.000.000 €.

**Funding programme:** Interreg Europe Programme

**Call:** Third call for projects

**Deadline:** December 10<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Applicants:** legal entities (public or private bodies) established in regions covered by Central Europe Programme (Italy: Piemonte; Valle d'Aosta; Liguria; Lombardia; Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano; Provincia Autonoma di Trento; Veneto; Friuli-Venezia Giulia; Emilia-Romagna)

**Activity sector:** interregional cooperation

**Partnership:** required (at least 3 independent legal entities, each established in different countries, of which 2 located in Programme target regions)

**More info:** [Q&A webinar](#)

### **Connecting Europe Facility: 2024 Digital call for proposals**

This call is the first launched in the framework of the second Work Programme for the digital part of the Connecting Europe Facility, which defines the scope and objectives of the EU-supported actions aimed to improve Europe's digital connectivity infrastructures until 2027. The calls cover the following areas:

- [5G Large Scale Pilots](#);
- [Backbone connectivity for Digital Global Gateways](#);
- [Quantum Communication Infrastructure](#).

Total call budget: 323.000.000 €.

**Funding programme:** Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

**Call & Topic ID:** CEF-DIG-2024-5GLSP | CEF-DIG-2024-GATEWAYS | CEF-DIG-2024-EUROQCI

**Deadline:** February 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Applicants:** legal entities (public or private bodies) established in EU Member States or CEF associated countries

**Activity sector:** digital

**Partnership:** depending on the topic (proposals can be submitted either by a single applicant or by a consortium of at least 2 legal entities established in two different EU member states or CEF associated countries)

### **Horizon Europe: EIC Work Programme 2025**

The European Commission has published the 2025 work programme of the European Innovation Council (EIC) making almost 1.3 billion € available for strategic technologies and scaling up companies. A budget of 300.000.000 € will be dedicated to the EIC STEP Scale Up scheme, as part of the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP), besides the three usual EIC funding schemes:

- [EIC Pathfinder Open & Challenges](#) (262.000.000 €): for advanced research on breakthrough or game-changing technologies. Deadline Open: 21 May 2025; Deadline Challenges: 29 October 2025;
- [EIC Transition](#) (98.000.000 €): for transforming research results into innovation opportunities. Deadline: 17 September 2025;
- [EIC Accelerator Open & Challenges](#) (634.000.000 €): for individual companies to develop and scale up breakthrough innovations with high risk and high impact. Cut-off dates: 12 March 2025, 1 October 2025.

**Applicants:** SMEs, start-ups, spin-offs, research organisations, universities and other independent legal entities established in EU member states or Horizon Europe associated countries

**Activity sector:** breakthrough innovation

**Partnership:** optional (proposals can be submitted either by a single applicant or by a consortium – depending on the funding scheme)

**More info:** [info day](#)

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## **CASCADE FUNDING**

*Il supporto finanziario a parti terze o "cascade funding" è un meccanismo di finanziamento della Commissione europea attraverso cui il consorzio beneficiario è incaricato di distribuire sovvenzioni ad*

entità terze attraverso le cosiddette “open calls”. Accedere a una sovvenzione derivante da una open call consente di ricevere un finanziamento pubblico per eseguire specifiche attività di ricerca e innovazione (studi, esperimenti, azioni pilota) senza dover incorrere negli oneri burocratici delle tradizionali call for proposals. Nella presente sezione sono riportate anche le call pubblicate nell’ambito delle KICs (Knowledge and Innovation Communities) dello European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).

### **D2XCEL Scaling programme: 2<sup>nd</sup> open call**

D2XCEL is a collaborative pan-European scaling programme, bringing together investors, public and private lead customers, and innovation hubs to support deep-tech and digital ventures. 2<sup>nd</sup> open call aims at selecting 50 ventures for involvement in a tailored scaling program to provide support that fosters their growth and investment opportunities. It will address the following market opportunities: Supply Chain Management & Trade Finance; Sustainable Mobility; Renewable Energy Production; Circular Models for Cities/Regions; AI Powered Utility Management for Sustainable & Smart Cities.

**Deadline:** December 16<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Applicants:** SMEs, start-ups, or scale-ups, developing digital and deep-tech solutions and established in EU member states or EIC funding eligible countries

**Activity sector:** deep-tech

**Partnership:** not required

### **In Transit 2nd Call DEVELOP**

This Open Call aims to directly fund innovative SMEs in the form of vouchers (lump sum) for the implementation of projects that strengthen the resilience of textile, aerospace, and construction sectors to transition towards greener and more digital practices with social and business innovation. The innovative SMEs will be funded with up to 49.000 € (or 98.000€ in case of consortium) for developing innovative technical demonstration and integrations in improved processes, new business models, or value chains.

**Deadline:** January 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Applicants:** innovative SMEs established or with a branch office in one of the 27 EU members states

**Activity sector:** Textile, Aerospace, Construction and Advance Manufacturing

**Partnership:** optional (proposals can be submitted either by a single applicant or by a consortium)

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## **FORTHCOMING**

### **Innovation Fund 2024 Auction and Call**

The Innovation Fund aims to bring industrial solutions to decarbonise Europe to the market and is funded with revenues from the auctioning of allowances from the EU Emissions Trading System. Since 2023, the Innovation Fund introduced new financing mechanisms whereby projects are selected on the basis of an auction (competitive bidding) and are supported through fixed premium contracts, contracts for difference, or carbon contracts for difference. The Innovation Fund 2024 Auction and Calls are expected to be launched in early December, including novel support tools to battery manufacturing in Europe (EUR 3 billion over 3 years).

**Planned opening date:** December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024

**Deadline:** spring 2025

**Applicants:** legal entities established in eligible countries (any country in the world); proposals must relate to activities taking place in EU Member States, Norway or Iceland. Projects may also be located in Northern Ireland on the condition that the project concerns the generation, transmission, distribution or supply of electricity

**Activity sector:** low-carbon technologies and processes

**Partnership:** not required

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## **EVENTS**

### **Q&A webinar on the third Interreg Central Europe call**

*Online, October 25<sup>th</sup> 2024*

Info day dedicated to the third Interreg Europe call for proposals and specifically to the application process. The webinar will be accessible on the digital applicant community platform, upon profile creation [here](#).

## **European Innovation Council online Info Day - Work Programme 2025 and Accelerator Challenges**

*Online, November 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 2024*

The European Innovation Council (EIC) Work Programme 2025 will be presented in this two –day online event dedicated to potential applicants, together with an overview of the achievements under the previous work programmes and a specific focus (2<sup>nd</sup> day) on the Accelerator Challenges.

Join the event live [here](#) (no registration needed).

## **CEF Digital fourth call for Proposals info day**

*Online, November 12<sup>th</sup> 2024*

DG Connect and HaDEA will go into depth on the call topics, and the evaluation and award process. Potential applicants will also be able to learn more on how to apply and how to draft successful proposals.

Join the event live [here](#) (no registration needed).



### **A.A.A. PARTNER CERCASI**

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