



## 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 2021-2027. Tali programmi prevedono specifiche **calls 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.

### **Horizon Europe: Next generation of renewable energy technologies**

The call aims to address high-risk and high return technology developments for game-changing renewable energy technologies. It could cover, for example, catalyst development, renewable energy storage systems, integration of renewable energy technologies into a single energy generation system, heating & cooling systems, fuels production systems, (direct) solar fuels and solar driven chemical processes, etc. Proposals must have a TRL between 4 and 5. The total budget allocated is € 23.500.000. Expected number of funded projects: 6.

**Funding programme:** Horizon Europe – Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility

**Call & Topic ID:** HORIZON-CL5-2026-04-Two-Stage-D3-02

**Deadline:** March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

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

**Activity sector:** renewable energy technologies

**Partnership:** required (at least 3 independent legal entities established in different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries)



Partner Search (Germany): Industrial & research partners sought for plasma-enabled, electricity-driven production of ammonia and urea from air and captured CO<sub>2</sub>

### **Horizon Europe: Cluster 4 – Digital, Industry and Space 2026 Calls for proposals**

On 15 January 2026, the calls under Cluster 4 – Digital, Industry and Space opened. In this context, the EU Commission has allocated €221.8 million to support an initiative focused on developing trustworthy AI services, fostering innovative data-driven solutions, and strengthening the EU's strategic autonomy. The calls will fund projects advancing AI development, including actions aligned with the EU's [Apply AI Strategy](#), robotics, quantum technologies, photonics, and virtual worlds.

**Funding programme:** Horizon Europe – Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space

**Call & Topic ID:** HORIZON-CL4-2026-04

**Deadline:** April 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

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

**Activity sectors:** AI, robotics, quantum technologies, photonics, and virtual worlds

**Partnership:** required (at least 3 independent legal entities established in different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries)

**More info:** [Info Day](#)

### **Promotion of EU Agricultural Products (AGRIP): 2026 Calls for Proposals**

Following the adoption of the [2026 promotion policy annual work programme](#), the European Commission launched two calls for proposals to highlight the specific features of the EU agricultural production methods – food safety, traceability, nutritional and health aspects, animal welfare, sustainability – and the characteristics of agricultural and food products – quality, taste, diversity, traditions – to increase the awareness and enhance the competitiveness of EU agri-food products. 95 million € are available to finance [SIMPLE programmes](#), whereas the total budget for [MULTI programmes](#) is 55 million €.

**Funding programme:** Promotion of Agricultural Products (AGRIP)

**Call & Topic ID:** Promotion of agricultural products (AGRIP-SIMPLE-2026 – AGRIP-MULTI-2026)

**Deadline:** April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026

**Applicants:** legal entities (public or private bodies) established in EU Member States; in particular, trade or inter-trade organisations, producer organisations or associations, and agri-food organisations

**Activity sector:** promotion of agricultural products

**Partnership:** depending on the call (SIMPLE/MULTI)

**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).

### **CYberSynchrony Open Calls**

CYberSynchrony delivers an integrated, modular cybersecurity framework, combining advanced threat intelligence, automated response systems, and secure channels for cross-border collaboration. CYberSynchrony invites SMEs, innovators, and specialised teams to contribute tools, services, and practices that can enhance the project's platform and expand its applicability across different sectors. Three calls are open, with a total budget of €3.550.000, and funding of up to €200.000 per project:

1. Infrastructure Resilience & Operational Readiness;
2. Compliance, Innovation & Regulatory Advancement;
3. Mutual Assistance & Cyber Collaboration Among Member States

**Deadline:** March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

**Applicants:** legal entities (public or private bodies) established in EU Member States, EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), or Digital Europe Programme associated countries

**Activity sectors:** Cybersecurity and Digital Infrastructure

**Partnership:** optional (Open Calls 1 and 2 accept single entities - SMEs only - and consortia of 2-3 participants with a SME as coordinator; while Open Call 3 accepts only consortia of 2-3 participants)

### **ECDI: Civil Drones Innovative Programme**

The Civil Drones Innovative Programme is a European initiative supporting SMEs developing innovative technologies for civil and dual-use drones, implemented under the European Cluster for Drone Innovation (ECDI) project. The Programme aims to support SMEs in the technological maturation of their drone solutions, the structuring of their innovation strategy, and the access to civil and defence-related markets. Applicants must have at least one drone product at TRL 6 or higher and commit to increasing the TRL by at least one level during the Programme. The total budget allocated is €1.250.000 with up to €50.000 per applicant.

**Deadline:** multiple cut-off dates (March 16<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> 2026)

**Applicants:** manufacturing SMEs operating in the drone sector, established in EU Member States or participating in the EU Single Market Programme/COSME Strand

**Activity sector:** Drone technologies

**Partnership:** not required

## **FORTHCOMING**

### **Horizon Europe: Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking 2026**

The 2026 Clean Hydrogen JU work programme aims at supporting the development of cutting-edge hydrogen technologies by addressing key priorities identified in the Strategic Research Agenda across various research and innovation areas. The Call for Proposals has an indicative total budget of €105 million, allocated as follows:

- Renewable Hydrogen Production: €16 million (6 topics)
- Hydrogen Storage and Distribution: €17.5 million (4 topics)
- Transport: €25 million (4 topics)
- Heat and Power: €16 million (3 topics)
- Cross-cutting: €5.5 million (2 topics)
- Hydrogen Valleys: €25 million (2 topics)

**Funding programme:** Horizon Europe – Clean Hydrogen JU

**Call & Topic ID:** HORIZON-JU-CLEANH2-2026

**Planned opening date:** February 10<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Deadline:** April 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

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

**Activity sector:** Clean hydrogen technologies

**Partnership:** required (at least 3 independent legal entities established in different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries)

### **European Defence Fund: Work Programme 2026**

The EDF supports companies across EU Member States to develop competitive and collaborative defence projects to deliver innovative and interoperable defence technologies and equipment in critical defence domains. The 2026 EDF Work Programme will include 10 calls for proposals and a wide range

of support measures to promote defence innovation and inclusiveness among start-ups and SMEs, through the [EU Defence Innovation Scheme \(EUDIS\)](#).

**Funding Programme:** European Defence Fund (EDF)

**Call & Topic ID:** EDF-2026

**Planned opening date:** first quarter of 2026

**Applicants:** legal entities (public or private bodies) established in EU Member States or EDF associated countries Legal entities from EU Member States or associated countries (currently only Norway)

**Activity sector:** defence/dual-use technologies

**Partnership:** required (at least 3 independent legal entities, each established in different Member States or associated countries; calls for disruptive technologies allow consortia of at least 2 entities from 2 Member States or associated countries).

**More info:** [Info Days](#)

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## EVENTS

### **Info Day & Piattaforma B2B Horizon Europe – Cluster 4**

*Online, January 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> & January 12<sup>th</sup> - April 17<sup>th</sup> 2026*

In concomitanza con l'Info Day della Commissione europea dedicato al Cluster 4 – Digital, Industry & Space di Horizon Europe (29-30 gennaio), la rete NCP4Industry+, in collaborazione con i partner EEN, tra cui Confindustria Piemonte, promuove una [piattaforma online](#) per supportare il matchmaking tra potenziali partner. La piattaforma resterà aperta fino al 17 aprile 2026; i partecipanti potranno inoltre presentare le proprie idee progettuali durante una sessione di pitching dedicata che si terrà il prossimo 10 febbraio ([candidature entro il 2 febbraio](#)). La partecipazione è gratuita, previa iscrizione al seguente [link](#). Per maggiori informazioni: [een@confindustria.piemonte.it](mailto:een@confindustria.piemonte.it)

### **Info Day Horizon Europe 2026 – Cluster 1**

*Online, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2026*

The European Commission is organizing an online Info Day on 10 February dedicated to the 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Work Programme, Cluster 1 – Health. The event will give participants the opportunity to gain insights about the upcoming calls for proposals and receive useful guidance for developing an effective proposal. The event will be live streamed and registration is not required.

### **European Defence Fund (EDF) – Info Days 2026**

*Brussels/Online, March 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 2026*

The European Commission organises an Info Day and Networking Event to present the 2026 European Defence Fund (EDF) funding opportunities. This hybrid event will feature presentations by DG DEFIS experts on the EDF 2026 calls for proposals, thematic pitch sessions, and matchmaking opportunities for both on-site and virtual participation. The deadline to submit a pitch request is [2 February 2026](#). Registration is available [here](#) (for online participation, registration will close on 15 February 2026, while on-site registration will close when the maximum capacity is reached).

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



Gli uffici di Confindustria Piemonte, oltre a diffondere le opportunità di partnership internazionali, sono a disposizione per creare apposite ricerche partner delle aziende piemontesi e promuoverle attraverso il database gestito in esclusiva dal network EEN.

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