



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 **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: Phase out fossil fuel in energy intensive industries through the efficient integration of renewable energy sources

The call aims to phase out the use of fossil fuels in an industrial plant with a significant heating demand, by developing pathways and business models to improve its energy efficiency and substantially reduce

its fossil fuel consumption as well as its emissions of GHG and other pollutants. Proposals are expected to demonstrate an innovative solution for the efficient, long-lasting and cost-effective local integration of one or more renewable thermal, electrical, bioenergy and other renewable energy sources into industrial processes for heating, cooling and power generation. The total budget allocated is €15.000.000.

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

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D4-06

Deadline: February 17th 2026

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

Activity sectors: energy-intensive industries, renewable energy, industrial energy efficiency, energy storage

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



Partner Search (Spain) for Phase out fossil fuel in energy intensive industries through the efficient integration of renewable energy sources

Digital Europe Programme: Chips Joint Undertaking - Calls 2025

The Chips Joint Undertaking (Chips JU) aims to bolster Europe's semiconductor industry by fostering collaboration between the EU, Member States, and private sector. The Chips JU is currently selecting projects for 2 open calls:

- DIGITAL-JU-Chips-2025-SG-LFA: to prepare and speed up the transfer of technologies from pilot lines to industrial deployment; total budget allocated €50.000.000
- DIGITAL-JU-Chips-2025-CSA-LFA: to deliver a more resilient, sustainable, and competitive European advanced packaging ecosystem through focused collaboration, standardization, and workforce development; total budget allocated €2.000.000

Funding programme: Digital Europe Programme

Call & Topic ID: DIGITAL-JU-CHIPS-2025

Deadline: February 25th 2026

Applicants: legal entities established in EU Member States or Digital Europe associated countries

Activity sector: semiconductors

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

Digital Europe Programme: Data Space for Manufacturing

The call aims to support the continued uptake and further expansion of the data space for manufacturing. The primary objective is to develop legal, technical and business solutions to pool sufficient data and enable authorized AI developers to have direct or indirect data access to train generative AI models, specifically for the manufacturing sector. This initiative seeks to strengthen the data space for manufacturing as a key mechanism for productivity enhancement and collaboration within the EU. The total budget allocated is €9.000.000, with up to 3 projects, each receiving €3.000.000.

Funding programme: Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)

Call & Topic ID: DIGITAL-2026-DSM-AI-09-DS-MANUFACTUR-STEP

Deadline: March 3rd 2026

Applicants: legal entities (public or private bodies) established in the EU Member States or EEA countries (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein)

Activity sector: data space for manufacturing

Partnership: required (minimum 3 partners from 3 different eligible countries)



Partner Search (Slovakia) tech company seeks European Partner or Coordinator for the AI Continent Call

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).

Open Horizons Call #2

Open Horizons is an EU-funded Horizon Europe project aimed at accelerating the growth of women-led startups in the digital and deep-tech sectors through open innovation. It connects startups with leading corporations to pilot tailored solutions to real-world challenges. This call aims to identify and select promising women-led, digital and deep-tech startups in Europe, specifically at the early stages, offering them a unique opportunity to participate in a tailored open innovation programme. The programme provides structured pathways to access significant investment and growth opportunities. The total budget allocated is €440.000, with up to €55.000 per startup.

Deadline: January 29th 2026

Applicants: early-stage startups led by women, established in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country

Activity sectors: digital and deep-tech

Partnership: not required

AGRO-WELL Open Call A

The AGRO-WELL project aims to revolutionize agricultural safety and sustainability by leveraging cutting-edge technologies such as robotics, augmented reality (AR), and artificial intelligence (AI). This call seeks innovative solutions that utilize AI, robotics, or AR to improve working conditions, reduce laborious tasks, and promote smarter, more sustainable farming practices. Selected projects must demonstrate and validate their solutions on commercial farms, including greenhouses, open fields, or pig farms. The total budget allocated is €150.000, with up to €37.500 per project.

Deadline: February 4th 2026

Applicants: SMEs, startups, scale-ups, research institutes, NGOs, established in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country

Activity sectors: AI, AR and robotics for agriculture

Partnership: optional (proposals can be submitted either by a single applicant or by a consortium of up to 3 partners)

FORTHCOMING

Horizon Europe: Clean Industrial Deal call for proposals

The Clean Industrial Deal is a new horizontal call under Horizon Europe that supports large-scale industrial transition projects, with a particular focus on energy-intensive sectors. It covers cross-cutting areas between Cluster 4 (Digital, Industry & Space) and Cluster 5 (Climate, Energy & Mobility), funding clean technologies, process decarbonisation, circular economy, and cross-sector industrial innovation. The call has an estimated budget of around €600 million for the 2026–2027 period and is structured into four topics, two per year, under two main R&I areas:

- Clean Tech for Climate: technological solutions for mitigating climate change;
- Decarbonisation of Energy-Intensive Industries: transition pathways for sectors such as chemicals, steel, cement, and metals.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe, Clean Industrial Deal

Planned opening date: December 2025

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

Activity sectors: clean technologies, process decarbonisation, circular economy, and cross-sector industrial innovation

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

More Info: [Info Day](#)

EVENTS

Info Day Horizon Europe: Clean Industrial Deal

Online/Roma, December 11th 2025

Confindustria, insieme all'Agenzia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea (APRE) e al Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (MUR), organizza un evento dedicato al bando Clean Industrial Deal nell'ambito di Horizon Europe, per progetti di transizione industriale, con particolare attenzione ai settori ad alta intensità energetica. Sarà possibile partecipare a una sessione di pitch dedicata a proposte

progettuali in fase di sviluppo, tecnologie innovative e potenziali partner. La partecipazione è gratuita previa registrazione al seguente [link](#).

Info day nazionali – La Settimana Horizon Europe 2026

Online, December 15th - 17th 2025

L'Agenzia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea (APRE), in accordo con il Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (MUR), organizza gli Info day nazionali sui bandi Horizon Europe 2026. L'evento principale si terrà dal 15 al 17 dicembre 2025, con esperti APRE, funzionari della Commissione europea e delegati nazionali, per approfondire i punti chiave per partecipare con successo ai bandi 2026. Seguiranno inoltre 5 side event, ogni giovedì di gennaio e febbraio 2026, dedicati a focus specifici. La partecipazione agli Info day e ai side event è gratuita previa registrazione al seguente [link](#).

KETs 2026 EU Brokerage Event

Germany, February 5th 2026

The KETs 2026 EU Brokerage Event, organized by Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) Steinbeis Europa Zentrum with NCPs and EEN partners, will focus on Key Enabling Technologies (KETs) within Horizon Europe. The event will feature a plenary session, thematic workshops, pitching sessions, and pre-scheduled B2B meetings, offering networking opportunities for SMEs, researchers, and industry players. Participation is free but requires registration (limited spots available). The event will take place in person. More details and registration [here](#).

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