



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.

Preparatory Action: Game Changing Innovations for European Launch Solutions 2026

The call aims to support EU entities in developing game-changing innovations with the potential to revolutionise future access to space and enhance the competitiveness of the European space industry. These innovations should focus on the development of launcher propulsion systems, related subsystems, and materials in one of the following areas:

- Staged combustion engine
- Hybrid propulsion
- Aerospike engine
- Autophagy propulsion

The expected starting maturity level ranges from TRL 3 to TRL 6. The total budget allocated is €20.000.000, with an expected number of 3 funded projects.

Funding programme: Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions (PPPA)

Call & Topic ID: PPPA-2026-LAUNCHERS-GAMECHANGING

Deadline: April 29th 2026

Applicants: legal entities (public or private bodies) established in EU Member States, including overseas countries and territories

Activity sector: space industry

Partnership: not required



Partner Search: French aerospace company seeks large plastic manufacturers to machine a polyethylene tube of 800mm in diameter over 6 meters under the “Game Changing Innovations for European Launch Solutions 2026” call

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

The call aims to improve cardiovascular health in the EU through the development of digital applications. SMEs and start-ups are expected to support the effective deployment of digital solutions, actively contribute to the expansion of data integration across healthcare systems, and analyse health data to provide insights on the link between diet and cardiovascular health. Collaboration with public authorities, national institutes, and healthcare and nutrition professionals is required. Proposals are expected to start from TRL 5 to achieve TRL 7 by the end of the project. The total budget allocated is €11.800.000. Expected number of funded projects: 2.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe – Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-09

Deadline: April 14th 2026

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

Activity sector: digital applications for cardiovascular health

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



Partner Search (France): Sustainable and healthy diets for cardiovascular diseases prevention with the support of digital applications, Coordinator/Partner

LIFE: Green Assist Programme – Call for proposal 2026

The Green Assist Programme aims to provide access to free, tailored advisory services that enable beneficiaries to prepare green or greener investment projects for both private and public beneficiaries. This call targets EU SMEs needing advisory support to develop investment projects linked to the circular economy and the sustainable transition. Eligible SMEs must present an investment project of at least €1 million; the total budget allocated is €3.000.000. Expected number of supported SMEs: 110.

Funding programme: LIFE Programme

Deadline: May 18th 2026

Applicants: SMEs established in the EU Member States or in the others LIFE participating countries (Iceland, Ukraine, Moldova, North Macedonia)

Activity sectors: circular economy and sustainable transition

Partnership: not required

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).

MANUFACTergy: FACTORY CHECK-IN Open Call

MANUFACTergy aims to support SMEs in the manufacturing sector in their transition towards more ecological and digital internal processes. The FACTORY CHECK-IN Call focuses on the preparatory, diagnostic and design phase, during which SMEs assess their energy and resource consumption, by identifying operational inefficiencies and developing customized action plans for adopting new technologies and innovations. The expected outcome is a customized, implementation-oriented plan for the adoption of new processes and advanced technologies. The total budget allocated is €370.000, with up to €10.000 per project.

Deadline: April 17th 2026

Applicants: SMEs in the manufacturing sector established in EU Member States or countries participating in the Single Market Programme (SMP)

Activity sectors: furniture and construction

Partnership: required (SMEs must apply in partnership with an independent Solution Provider, preferably listed in the MANUFACTergy Solution Providers Registry)

CR. EU. IN. HERITAGE: Cultural Heritage Innovation Grants

The CR.EU.IN. HERITAGE Project aims to promote innovation and strategic autonomy within the Cultural Heritage Value Chain (CHVC), unlocking its potential for a more resilient, competitive and sustainable European economy. The call financially supports CHVC enterprises across Europe, fostering strategic autonomy and green/digital transition. Projects must explicitly address challenges, needs or opportunities related to the preservation, safeguarding, management or valorisation of cultural heritage and demonstrate how the proposed innovation contributes to strengthening the CHVC. The total budget allocated is €1.970.000, with up to €60.000 per SME.

Deadline: April 20th 2026

Applicants: SMEs established in EU Member States or countries participating in the Single Market Programme (SMP)

Activity sector: innovation for the cultural heritage

Partnership: required (at least 2 SMEs established in EU Member States or countries participating in the Single Market Programme)

More info: [Info Day](#)

FORTHCOMING

LIFE Calls for proposals 2026

The LIFE programme is the EU’s funding instrument for the environment and climate action. For the period 2021-2027, the programme is managed by the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) and has a total budget of €5.4 billion. It is divided into four sub-programmes:

- Nature and biodiversity
- Circular economy and quality of life
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Clean energy transition

All LIFE Calls for proposals 2026 are expected to be published on the Funding & tender opportunities portal on 21 April.

Funding programme: LIFE Programme

Planned opening date: April 21st 2026

Applicants: legal entities established in different EU Member States or LIFE Programme associated countries

Activity sectors: nature and biodiversity; circular economy, climate change mitigation; clean energy transition

Partnership: depending on the call

More info: [Info Day](#)

EVENTS

EIC Accelerator – Info Session for Women-led Deep Tech Companies

Online, March 11th 2026

The EEN2EIC team, in collaboration with the Enterprise Europe Network, is organizing an online info session on the EIC Accelerator for women-led Deep Tech companies, aimed at supporting start-ups and scale-ups developing high-impact innovations and preparing strong applications. Participants will gain up-to-date insights on the EIC Accelerator 2026, receive practical and application-oriented advice, and obtain clear guidance on navigating the EIC funding and support ecosystem. Registration is available [here](#).

Info Day Horizon Europe 2026 – Cluster 2

Online, March 26th 2026

The European Commission is organizing an online Info Day on the 2026 calls for proposals under the Horizon Europe Work Programme, Cluster 2 – Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society. 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.

LIFE 2026 Info Days and virtual brokerage event

Online, April 28th - 30th 2026

The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) will hold a series of virtual information sessions from 28 to 30 April 2026 to guide potential applicants through the LIFE Calls for proposals 2026. Networking opportunities in the format of 1:1 bilateral virtual meetings among potential applicants are available during the period from 28 April to 22 September 2026. Registration will be available since March 2nd at this [link](#).

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