



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: Optimise the usage of resources in a circular economy (RIA) (Processes4Planet and Clean Steel partnerships)

The call aims to optimize material, water and energy efficiency through the recycling and upcycling of production side streams and end-of-use waste, increasing competitiveness, safety and sustainability. Proposals should focus on the entire value chain—from collection and sorting to the production of high-quality materials—demonstrating economically viable technologies, and including a business case. Activities are expected to start at TRL 4-5 and achieve TRL 6 by the end of the project. The total budget allocated is €64.000.000; expected number of funded projects: 9.

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

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-04

Deadline: April 21st 2026

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

Activity sector: circular economy & industrial sustainability

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



Partner Search (Spain): [HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-04: Looking for an industrial partner working in steel production/manufacturing](#)

EIT Health Calls for proposals 2026

The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) Health has opened two new calls to support the validation and adoption of innovative healthcare solutions across Europe:

- **Innovation Validation:** clinical validation and market launch of digital/AI-powered medical technologies at an Innovation Maturity Level (IML) 6. Total budget: up to €850.000 per project.
- **New Models to Deliver Healthcare:** scaling proven, market-ready health solutions (IML 8-9) within real-world systems. Total budget: up to €700.000 per project.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe – EIT Health

Deadline: May 6th 2026

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

Activity sector: digital or AI-enabled medical technologies

Partnership: required (at least 2 independent legal entities established in different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries; the consortium must include partners from at least 2 of the following sectors: industry, research, or education)

More Info: [Q&A Sessions](#)

Connecting Europe Facility: 2026 CEF Digital Calls

The European Commission has opened two new CEF Digital calls to support secure and resilient connectivity infrastructures:

- **Backbone connectivity for Digital Global Gateways:** deploying or upgrading high-capacity links, targeting 13 priority projects of European interest to enhance digital infrastructure resilience. Total budget: €180.000.000 (up to €20.000.000 for the Works topic, and up to €5.000.000 for the Studies topic per project).
- **Equipment for smart European cable systems:** for integrating sensors into digital infrastructures to enable real-time monitoring of seismic activity, climate impacts, and critical infrastructure protection. Total budget: €20.000.000 (up to €4.000.000 per project).

Funding programme: Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

Call & Topic ID: CEF Digital

Deadline: June 30th 2026

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

Activity sector: digital infrastructures

Partnership: not required

More Info: [Info Day](#)

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).

COP-PILOT Open Call #1

The COP-PILOT project aims to upscale Cloud-Edge-IoT solutions in collaboration with COP-PILOT’s cross-domain pilots, addressing specific clusters such as mining, smart buildings, energy, or agriculture. The Open Call focuses on selecting innovators to develop and test solutions within the COP-PILOT platform, providing financial support to projects focused on defined topics within specific clusters, including business integration in mining, smart sustainable IoT solutions, and agritech transformation. The total budget allocated is €1.600.000, with up to €200.000 per project.

Deadline: May 4th 2026

Applicants: SMEs established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

Activity sector: Cloud-Edge-IoT solutions

Partnership: optional (proposals can be submitted by single SMEs or SME-led consortia of at least 2 partners)

More Info: [Online Info Session](#)

CITADEL Open Call #1

The CITADEL Open Call 1 supports security-focused demonstration and pilot projects aimed at strengthening the protection and resilience of critical infrastructures, urban environments, and territories against physical, cyber, and hybrid threats. The call focuses on validating advanced digital security technologies in real or near-real operational environments, moving from TRL 5–6 to TRL 6–7+. Projects must address at least one stage of the security value chain: risk assessment, prevention, detection, response, or recovery. The total budget allocated is €1.020.000, with up to €60.000 per project.

Deadline: May 5th 2026

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

Activity sector: digital security technologies

Partnership: required (at least 2 independent legal entities: 1 technology provider SME and 1 private or public end-user from the security sector)

FORTHCOMING

European Defence Fund Upcoming Calls for proposals

The European Defence Fund (EDF) will launch two non-thematic calls dedicated to disruptive innovation in defence technologies:

- [Non-thematic research actions by SMEs and research organisations](#): focused on early-stage research exploring innovative and disruptive defence-related concepts. Total budget: €35.000.000.
- [Non-thematic actions targeting disruptive technologies for defence](#): focused on advancing high-impact innovations towards practical applications. Total budget: €27.000.000.

Funding programme: European Defence Fund (EDF)

Call & Topic ID: EDF-2026-LS-DIS

Planned opening date: April 15th 2026

Deadline: September 29th 2026

Applicants: SMEs or research organisations established in EU Member States or EDF associated countries

Activity sector: breakthrough defence technologies

Partnership: required (min. 2 independent legal entities established in different eligible countries)

Digital Europe Programme: Apply AI - Piloting AI-based image screening in medical centres

The call aims to support the large-scale piloting and deployment of Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI solutions for medical imaging in real clinical environments. The objective is to enhance the efficiency

and accuracy of diagnostic processes by enabling advanced image screening capabilities, supporting healthcare professionals in the early detection of anomalies and critical conditions. Proposals are expected to demonstrate the integration of AI-based tools (e.g. cloud-based solutions) into clinical workflows and validate their performance across different imaging modalities. The total budget allocated is €9.000.000; expected number of funded projects: 2.

Funding programme: Digital Europe Programme (DEP)

Call & Topic ID: DIGITAL-2026-AI-PILOTING-10-SCREENING

Planned opening date: April 21st 2026

Deadline: October 1st 2026

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

Activity sectors: artificial intelligence and digital health

Partnership: required (at least 7 independent legal entities established in 5 different EU Member States or DEP associated countries)

EVENTS

EDF Partner Pool 2026 – Matchmaking event dedicato al Fondo Europeo per la Difesa

Online, March-December 2026

Confindustria Piemonte promuove e supporta la partecipazione delle imprese piemontesi alla piattaforma EDF Partner Pool, finalizzata alla creazione di consorzi strategici per la partecipazione alle call 2026 del Fondo Europeo per la Difesa (EDF). L'iniziativa è promossa dalla Rete EEN in collaborazione con la rete dei National Focal Point EDF e si rivolge alle imprese operanti nel settore difesa e dual-use e/o interessate ad entrare nelle relative catene del valore. La partecipazione è gratuita, previa iscrizione al seguente [link](#) e successiva verifica dei [requisiti richiesti](#) per la validazione del profilo. Per informazioni e assistenza: Email: een@confindustria.piemonte.it

CEF-Digital Info Session: 2026 Calls

Online, March 26th 2026

The European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA) is organizing an online info session on the 2026 CEF Digital calls for proposals. The event will present the main call topics and provide guidance on the application and evaluation process. The event will be live-streamed and registration is not required.

Info Day Nazionale CBE JU 2026

Online, April 7th 2026

L'Agenzia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea (APRE), in accordo con il Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (MUR) e in collaborazione con il partenariato Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU), organizza l'evento informativo nazionale sui nuovi bandi CBE JU 2026, volti a supportare lo sviluppo di industrie bio-based circolari competitive in Europa. Per partecipare registrarsi al seguente [link](#).

Info Session: Call for proposals Supporting Sustainable Competitiveness in Tourism

Online, April 13th 2026

The European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) is organising an online info session about the call "[Supporting Sustainable Competitiveness in Tourism](#)", an initiative under the Single Market Programme (SMP) designed to accelerate the green and digital transition of the European tourism ecosystem. Registration is required and available at this [link](#).

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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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