



## 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.*

### IPCEI CIC – Compute Infrastructure Continuum

Il MIMIT ha pubblicato una manifestazione di interesse per l'IPCEI CIC (Compute Infrastructure Continuum), iniziativa strategica per lo sviluppo di un'infrastruttura di calcolo europea integrata lungo il continuum edge-cloud. L'obiettivo è rafforzare la competitività digitale europea lungo l'intera filiera, dai

data center ai servizi cloud e alle applicazioni basate su intelligenza artificiale. La call ministeriale rappresenta la fase di selezione italiana, finalizzata ad individuare i progetti che contribuiranno all'IPCEI europeo. Questi ultimi saranno poi integrati in un partenariato europeo e sottoposti all'approvazione della Commissione europea.

**Funding programme:** risorse nazionali nell'ambito del Fondo IPCEI

**Deadline:** 7 maggio 2026

**Applicants:** imprese italiane (PMI, grandi imprese, startup) e organismi di ricerca

**Activity sector:** cloud–edge computing, data infrastructure, servizi digitali e AI

**Partnership:** non richiesta in questa fase (i progetti selezionati dovranno integrarsi in partenariati europei multi-paese nell'ambito dell'IPCEI)

**More Info:** [online infoday](#)

### **Single Market Programme: Agri-food Biotech Scaling-up**

The call focuses on strengthening the sustainability and competitiveness of the agri-food ecosystem by supporting projects in the field of biotechnologies, with a particular emphasis on advanced fermentation technologies for food and feed applications. The main objective is to foster collaboration between biotech clusters across Europe, creating a critical mass capable of competing with leading global hubs. Funded projects are expected to support SMEs in scaling up innovative biotech solutions from lab to market, provide tailored technical and regulatory assistance, enhance collaboration, resilience, and sustainability within the agri-food sector. The total budget allocated is €3.000.000, with an expected number of 2 funded projects.

**Funding programme:** Single Market Programme (SMP)

**Call & Topic ID:** SMP-COSME-2026-BIOAGRIFOOD

**Deadline:** June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026

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

**Activity sector:** agri-food biotech

**Partnership:** required (at least 3 applicants from at least 2 different eligible countries, of which at least 2 cluster organisations)

**More Info:** [Info Session](#)

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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).*

### **Open Horizons Call #3**

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 total budget allocated is €475.000, with up to €55.000 per startup.

**Deadline:** May 19<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Green Mantis Open Call #1**

The Green Mantis Open Call 1 supports manufacturing and energy SMEs to develop and adopt innovative projects (TRL 6 to 8), around three Net-Zero Technologies:

- Electricity Grid Technologies;
- Energy System-Related Energy Efficiency Technologies;

- Transformative Industrial Technologies leading to Decarbonisation.

The total budget allocated is €1.000.000, with up to €100.000 per project.

**Deadline:** May 20<sup>th</sup> 2026

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

**Activity sector:** Net-Zero Technologies

**Partnership:** required (at least 2 SMEs located in 2 different eligible countries and from 2 different sectors)

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## FORTHCOMING

### **Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument: Call Strand 1**

The I3 Instrument focuses on scaling up innovation, strengthening regional innovation ecosystems, and supporting interregional collaboration. With a budget of over €176 million for 2025-2027, it helps innovation actors turn ideas into investment-ready projects. The Call Strand 1 is planned for May 2026 and supports consortia from regions with shared smart specialisation areas, ready to invest in interregional innovation projects. It specifically targets projects with TRL 6-9.

**Funding programme:** European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

**Planned opening date:** May 13<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Deadline:** November 12<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Applicants:** legal entities (public or private bodies) established in EU Member States or I3 associated countries

**Activity sectors:** digital transition, green transition, smart manufacturing

**Partnership:** required (minimum 3 partners from at least 2 different EU Member States or I3 associated countries)

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## EVENTS

### **Infoday IPCEI CIC – Compute Infrastructure Continuum**

*Online, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2026*

Mercoledì 15 aprile 2026, dalle ore 11.00 alle ore 13.00, si terrà un infoday online rivolto alle imprese interessate all'iniziativa IPCEI CIC. Nel corso dell'incontro saranno illustrate le opportunità offerte dall'iniziativa e le modalità di partecipazione. Sarà possibile seguire l'evento collegandosi al seguente [link](#).

### **Info Session: Agri-food Biotech Scaling-up Call**

*Online, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2026*

The European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) is organising an online informative webinar to learn more about the call "Agri-food Biotech Scaling-up". The session recording and materials will be available after the event and emailed to all registered participants. Registration is available [here](#).

### **EISMEA Training Sessions: Capacity building for Tourism SMEs on EU funding**

*Online, April 14<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup> 2026*

The European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) is organising a series of online training sessions for improving access to EU funding for SMEs and other key stakeholders in the tourism sector. Participants will gain insights into EU funding opportunities (Single Market Programme, Horizon Europe, Erasmus & Creative Europe) and receive practical guidance on how to write a technical proposal. Participation is free of charge. Registration is required and available [here](#).

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



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