



## 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.

### **LIFE Programme: Calls for proposals 2026**

LIFE Programme calls for proposals 2026 have been published on the Funding and Tenders Portal.

The calls are divided into four sub-programmes:

- Nature and biodiversity ([LIFE-2026-SAP-NAT](#))
- Circular economy and quality of life ([LIFE-2026-SAP-ENV](#))
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation ([LIFE-2026-SAP-CLIMA](#))
- Clean energy transition ([LIFE-2026-CET](#))

**Funding programme:** LIFE Programme

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

**Deadline:** September 16<sup>th</sup> 2026 (CET), September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Days e iniziative di supporto locali](#)

### **Digital Europe Programme: Calls for Advanced Digital Skills**

Three new calls for proposals under the Digital Europe Programme are now open, focusing on fostering the development of advanced digital skills:

- [Advanced Digital Skills for AI Uptake in Health](#): Aims to expand the offer of education and training in Artificial Intelligence in health jointly designed between higher education and training institutions, research organisations and industry.
- [EdTech Accelerator](#): Assists European EdTech startups and SMEs in transforming concepts for educational solutions into matured and fully tested applications and solutions.
- [Digital Skills and Jobs Platform](#): Supports the establishment of new National Coalitions for Digital Skills and Jobs and national platforms in countries that do not have one yet, as well as the expansion and continued operation of activities of already established National Coalitions and national websites.

The total budget allocated is €12.500.000. with an expected number of 4 funded projects.

**Funding programme:** Digital Europe Programme (DEP)

**Call & Topic ID:** DIGITAL-2026-SKILLS-10

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

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

**Activity sector:** advanced digital skills

**Partnership:** required (depending on the call)

**More Info:** [Info Day & Matchmaking Event](#)

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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).*

### **GRAPPA Open Call**

The GRAPPA Open Call includes financial support for projects focusing on the development, adoption, and commercialisation of innovative upcycled ingredients for food and non-food applications, products, business processes, and technologies (including digital) that maximise the valorisation of agri-food biomass and side-streams. Projects should have a minimum TRL of 6. The total budget allocated is €2.020.000, with up to €60.000 per single SME projects, and up to €90.000 per collaborative projects.

**Deadline:** multiple cut-off dates (May 26<sup>th</sup>; October 20<sup>th</sup> 2026)

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

**Activity sector:** innovative upcycled ingredients

**Partnership:** optional (proposals can be submitted by single SMEs or consortium with to 3 SMEs)

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

### **JEWEL Open Call #1**

The JEWEL Open Call 1 supports manufacturing SMEs, either as manufacturing end-users or solution providers, in their transition towards Net-Zero by combining practical knowledge, expert guidance and targeted financial support. Projects must be developed around four Net-Zero Technologies:

- Battery and energy storage technologies;
- Hydrogen technologies;
- Electricity grid technologies;
- Wind, solar and green energy production technologies.

Projects should progress from TRL 5–6 toward TRL 7-8. The total budget allocated is €540.000, with up to €54.000 per project.

**Deadline:** June 1<sup>st</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 regions; international consortia are preferred)

### **JARVIS Open Call #2**

JARVIS Open Call 2 supports European entities to design and implement pilot solutions in the field of human–robot interaction (HRI). A total of 21 applications will be funded across two Open Calls:

- **Co-development Track:** Supports the development of innovative technological modules enhancing human–robot interaction in industrial environments. Total budget available to fund 8 projects is €800.000, with up to €100.000 per project.
- **External Pilots Track:** Supports third-party projects to integrate JARVIS technologies into innovative human–robot interaction solutions. Total budget available to fund 13 projects is €1.690.000, with up to €130.000 per project.

**Deadline:** June 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 (Co-development Track), July 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 (External Pilots Trac)

**Applicants:** SMEs, start-ups, research organizations, or industry entities established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

**Activity sectors:** industrial robotics and related digital technologies

**Partnership:** required (depending on the call)

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## **FORTHCOMING**

### **Horizon Europe: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks 2026**

The MSCA Doctoral Networks aim to implement doctoral programmes through partnerships among universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses—including SMEs—and other socio-economic actors from various countries across Europe and beyond. These programmes offer training in research-related skills, as well as transferable competencies relevant for innovation and long-term employability. MSCA Doctoral Networks can lead to two specific formats of doctoral training:

- **Industrial Doctorates:** Candidates are jointly supervised by academic and non-academic partners, gaining experience in both research and industry settings.
- **Joint Doctorates:** Offer integrated, international, and interdisciplinary training, leading to joint, double, or multiple degrees recognized in at least one EU or Horizon Europe associated country.

The total budget allocated is €593.033.846.

**Funding programme:** Horizon Europe

**Call & Topic ID:** HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01-01

**Planned opening date:** May 28<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Deadline:** November 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Applicants:** legal entities (academic and non-academic organisations, including companies) established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

**Activity sectors:** multiple research/industrial fields

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

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

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## EVENTS

### **Programma LIFE - Sessioni di accompagnamento**

*Biella, 06/05/2026 & Cuneo, 07/05/2026*

Confindustria Piemonte, in collaborazione con la Delegazione di Confindustria presso l'Ue, l'Unione Industriale Biellese, Po.in.tex e Confindustria Cuneo, organizza due sessioni di accompagnamento sul programma europeo LIFE:

- 6 maggio a Biella, presso Città Studi spa, Corso G. Pella, 2b – [Link Iscrizione](#)
- 7 maggio a Cuneo, presso Confindustria Cuneo, Via Vittorio Bersezio, 9 – [Link Iscrizione](#)

L'iniziativa segue la pubblicazione delle call LIFE 2026 e gli [EU LIFE Info Days](#) (28-30 aprile 2026), con l'obiettivo di avvicinare le imprese alle opportunità del programma, offrendo la possibilità di ricevere un feedback operativo sulla propria idea progettuale, l'ammissibilità e la solidità della proposta rispetto ai criteri di LIFE. Per informazioni: [een@confindustria.piemonte.it](mailto:een@confindustria.piemonte.it)

### **Info Day & Matchmaking Event for the Digital Europe Programme 10th Call for Advanced Digital Skills**

*Online, 29/04/2026*

The European Commission is organizing an online info day to learn more about the new calls for advanced digital skills under the Digital Europe Programme. The info day will be followed by an online matchmaking event giving the participants the opportunity to connect with potential partners, exchange ideas, and start building strong consortia. Registration is required and available [here](#).

### **Info Day MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026**

*Online, 03/06/2026*

The Info Day for MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026, organised by the European Commission, aims to inform all potential applicants and stakeholders about the key aspects of the MSCA-DN-2026 call for proposals and to promote the Industrial Doctorates (ID) and Joint Doctorates (JD) modes. Participants will have the opportunity to submit their questions through Slido, starting from 28 May 2026, or during the Q&A session. The event will be livestreamed at this [link](#).

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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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