



## 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: Clean Industrial Deal call for proposals

The Clean Industrial Deal is a horizontal call under Horizon Europe designed to support 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 Technologies for Climate Action: technological solutions for mitigating climate change; total budget allocated: €150.000.000; expected number of funded projects: 8.
- Decarbonisation of Energy-Intensive Industries: transition pathways for sectors such as chemicals, steel, cement, and metals; total budget allocated: €125.000.000; expected number of funded projects: 8.

**Funding programme:** Horizon Europe, Cross-cutting (Cluster 4 – Cluster 5)

**Call & Topic ID:** HORIZON-CID-2026-01

**Deadline:** September 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

**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:** [Matchmaking event](#)

### **Digital Europe Programme: Digital solutions for regulatory compliance through data**

The call aims at funding projects that develop open-source, digital tools to automate and streamline compliance with EU legislation. These projects should implement pilot cases in sectors with high regulatory burdens, demonstrating how advanced technologies can reduce administrative efforts and enhance competitiveness. Activities funded under this objective would combine advanced technologies such as privacy-preserving technologies, data capturing, automatic transmission and analysis, cloud storage, and encryption to ensure data security, confidentiality, and regulatory adherence. Total budget allocated: €8.500.000; expected number of funded projects: 2.

**Funding Programme:** Digital Europe Programme

**Call & Topic ID:** DIGITAL-2026-AI-DATA-10-COMPLIANCE

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

**Applicants:** legal entities (public or private) established in the EU Member States or DEP Associated Countries

**Activity sectors:** digital technologies

**Partnership:** required (minimum 3 independent applicants - beneficiaries; not affiliated entities - from 3 different eligible countries)

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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).*

### **Green Grid - Growth Box Call**

The Green Grid Open Call fosters collaboration between technology providers and challenge owners to tackle key energy challenges, specifically grid flexibility, renewable integration, digitalization, decarbonization, and energy system resilience. The initiative enables the validation and scaling of high-impact solutions within real industrial environments (TRL 5-8). Eligible activities may include technical adaptation, pilot implementation, operational testing, performance monitoring, impact assessment, and preparation for market uptake and scaling. The total budget allocated is €1.000.000, with up to €50.000 per SME.

**Deadline:** July 7<sup>th</sup> 2026

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

**Activity sector:** sustainable energy solutions

**Partnership:** not required (individual SMEs apply as sole beneficiaries, but projects must be implemented in cooperation with the respective challenge owner identified under the call)

### **RESIST II Open Calls**

RESIST II is a European Eurocluster partnership designed to strengthen the resilience, innovation capacity and green and digital transition of SMEs in the Mobility, Transport and Automotive (MTA) ecosystem. At the moment two calls are open:

- **Product Innovation Open Call:** to develop new or significantly improved products/services for a better digital and environmental performance.
- **Process Innovation Open Call:** to redefine manufacturing or industrial processes, carrying out improvements in current operations and/or incorporating new methods or systems.

The total budget allocated for each call is €800.000, with up to €20.000 for individual projects and up to €30.000 per eligible SME in collaborative projects.

**Deadline:** July 13<sup>th</sup> 2026

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

**Activity sector:** green and digital transition in MTA ecosystem

**Partnership:** optional (proposals can be submitted either by single entities or by small consortia of up to 3 SMEs, coming from different NUTS2 regions)

### **AID4SME Open Call #2**

The AID4SME project supports SMEs and startups in developing AI and data-driven solutions to tackle major industrial resource challenges. The call selects proposals that promote resource optimization in sectors aligned with Green Deal goals. Selected projects will participate in a structured 14-month programme including development, testing, and business planning phases. The total budget allocated is €2.350.000, with up to €200.000 per participant. Expected number of funded projects: 12.

**Deadline:** July 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

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

**Activity sector:** AI and data-driven solutions for resource optimization

**Partnership:** optional (proposals can be submitted either by single entities or by small consortia of up to 2 partners)

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## **FORTHCOMING**

### **MANTRA Open Call #2**

MANTRA is a project funded by the European Commission under the Horizon Europe programme, aiming to drive the green and digital transformation of European manufacturing SMEs through the adoption of advanced technologies and social innovation. The second call will be launched in June and supports the transformation journeys of 25 manufacturing SMEs, which will collaborate with tech-savvy SMEs identified via Expressions of Interest calls to foster strategic alliances. They will receive financial and technical support to pilot new solutions, adopt advanced technologies, and strengthen their competitiveness. The total budget allocated is up to €50.000 per SME.

**Funding programme:** Horizon Europe

**Planned opening date:** June 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Deadline:** September 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Applicants:** manufacturing SMEs established in an EU Member State

**Activity sector:** digital and green manufacturing

**Partnership:** not required

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

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## **EVENTS**

### **Networking and Matchmaking on Horizon Europe Clean Industrial Deal Calls**

*Brussels, 08/06/2026*

Horizon Europe National Contact Point networks NCP4Industry Plus and GREENET, in cooperation with Enterprise Europe Network, are organizing a networking and matchmaking event on HE Clean Industrial Deal Calls. The event will take place onsite in Brussels and will give participants the opportunity to present their ideas for collaborative projects and meet potential partners. Registration is required and available at this [link](#). Participation will be confirmed once your profile has been activated.

## **MANTRA Open Call 2: Information Webinar**

*Online, 08/06/2026*

Il consorzio MANTRA sta organizzando una serie di webinar in diverse lingue per illustrare il processo di candidatura del secondo bando e i potenziali benefici per le PMI manifatturiere, attraverso la presentazione di storie di successo e l'offerta di strumenti mirati alle loro esigenze. La sessione informativa in lingua italiana si terrà l'8 giugno. Per partecipare è necessario registrarsi al seguente [link](#).

## **Webinar "I bandi LIFE 2026"**

*Online, 10/06/2026*

Confindustria organizza un webinar per presentare il bando LIFE 2026, il programma europeo dedicato all'ambiente e all'azione per il clima. Nel corso della sessione informativa verranno illustrate, in particolare, le opportunità di maggiore interesse per le imprese. I dettagli sulle modalità di partecipazione e iscrizione sono disponibili al seguente [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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