



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: Scaling-up nutritional proteins from alternative sources

This call aims to address the overarching challenge of ensuring a sufficient and sustainable availability of proteins for human and animal nutrition. Proposals under this topic should: demonstrate innovative processes for the extraction and/or production of proteins from alternative sources; address efficient and cost-effective downstream separation and purification processes (when applicable); demonstrate the nutritional adequacy of the targeted product(s) and their effect on food formulation; and pursue circular models. The total budget is around €14M, which will be allocated to 2 project proposals.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe, Circular Bio-based Europe (CBE) Joint Undertaking

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-JU-CBE-2025-IA-03

Deadline: September 18th 2025

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

Activity sector: Sustainable food biotechnology

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



Partner search (Belgium): Plant-based dairy innovation - Research and industry partners sought for Horizon Europe proposal HORIZON-JU-CBE-2025-IA-03 on scaling up chickpea-based alternatives

Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument Calls: Strand 1 & 2a

The I3 Instrument strengthens the EU's innovation ecosystems and promotes smart specialisation by helping regions develop innovation capacity and better integrate less developed regions into European value chains. At the moment, 2 open calls have been published:

- Interregional Innovation Investments Strand 1: supports consortia from regions with shared smart specialisation areas, ready to invest in interregional innovation projects and scale up or commercialise their solutions;
- Interregional Innovation Investments Strand 2a: funds value chain development in less developed regions, integrating them into EU value chains.

The total budget allocated is €23.000.000 for Strand 1 and €24.000.000 for Strand 2a.

Funding Programme: Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument (I3) – European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Call & Topic ID: I3-2025-INV1, I3-2025-INV2a

Deadline: November 13th 2025

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 (Strand 1: 5 independent entities established in 5 different regions from 3 eligible countries, at least 2 entities established in a less developed region; Strand 2a: minimum 3 independent entities from 3 different regions in 2 eligible countries, at least one entity established in a more developed region).

More Info: [Webinar](#)

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: Open Call #1

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. The purpose of Open Horizons Open Calls is 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 programme provides structured pathways to access significant investment and growth opportunities. The total budget allocated is €335.000.

Deadline: August 21st 2025

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

MANTRA Project Open Call

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. MANTRA will support the transformation journeys of 50 manufacturing SMEs. These SMEs, selected through two open calls for applications, 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 €2.500.000, with up to €50.000 per SME.

Deadline: September 15th 2025

Applicants: manufacturing SMEs established in an EU Member State

Activity sector: digital and green manufacturing

Partnership: not required

FORTHCOMING

Horizon Europe: MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2025

The objective of MSCA Choose Europe for Science is to:

- increase the attractiveness of European research careers by addressing the issue of precarity offer excellent working conditions;
- turning the current challenge of brain drain in the research and innovation sector into brain gain.

The pilot action will support projects in which academic and non-academic organisations recruit postdoctoral researchers, with a view to offering longer-term employment beyond the project period. The main novelty of the initiative is that organisations will be selected also based on their offers of longer-term professional perspectives. Projects should recruit at least 3 researchers for up to 5 years, with MSCA co-funding the first 2 to 3 years and the institutions providing the funding (with internal or external funds) for an additional 2 years.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-MSCA-2025-COFUND-02-01

Planned opening date: October 1st 2025

Deadline: December 3rd 2025

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

Activity sector: multiple research/industrial fields

Partnership: not required (a single legal entity in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country applies and is responsible for recruiting the researchers. Additional associated partners can be included in the project)

EVENTS

LIFE Info Days Italia 2025

Online, 24-25 Giugno 2025

Il Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (MASE), in qualità di National Contact Point del Programma LIFE, organizza l'evento informativo nazionale sul Programma e sulle Call LIFE 2025, rivolto ai proponenti e ai potenziali candidati italiani. L'incontro rappresenta un'opportunità per conoscere le caratteristiche del Programma LIFE, le novità del periodo 2025-2027 e approfondire il processo di presentazione e valutazione delle proposte progettuali. Le iscrizioni sono disponibili al seguente link.

Webinar Cooperazione interregionale e innovazione: le opportunità dello strumento I3

Online, 27 Giugno 2025

Confindustria organizza un webinar dedicato ai nuovi bandi dell'Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument (I3), che verranno illustrati da Valentina Pinna, Project Advisor dell'Agenzia europea EISMEA. Maggiori dettagli e informazioni sulle modalità di iscrizione sono disponibili a questo link.

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