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# BANDI & OPPORTUNITÀ DALL'U€

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 <u>obiettivi politici</u> 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: CBE JU 2025 Calls for proposals

CBE JU (Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking) is a public-private partnership between the EC and the Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC). Its main objective is to promote the circular bio economy by funding research and innovation projects in the bio-based industries sector. With a total budget of €165.000.000, CBE JU 2025 calls for proposals focus on advancing competitive circular bio-based industries in Europe, covering 13 topics divided into four main categories:

- Innovation Actions Flagship (IA-flagship)
- Innovation Actions (IA)

Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)

• Coordination and Support Actions (CSA)

Funding Programme: Horizon Europe – CBE JU

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

Deadline: September 17th 2025

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

associated countries

Activity sectors: bio based industry and circular bio economy

Partnership: required (at least 3 independent legal entities established in different EU Member States

or Horizon Europe associated countries)

More Info: info days

### **European Defence Fund (EDF): Non-thematic Calls targeting SMEs**

The European Defence Fund (EDF) is the EC instrument to support research and development in the defence sector. Its main goals are: to promote cooperation among actors in the Union, to boost defence capability development through investments, and to help EU companies develop cutting-edge and interoperable defence technologies and equipment. Within the framework of the EDF 2025 Work Programme, the following non-thematic topics target SMEs:

a. Non-thematic research actions by SMEs and research organisations

b. Non-thematic development actions by SMEs

Funding Programme: European Defence Fund (EDF)

Call & Topic ID: EDF-2025 Deadline: October 16th 2025

Applicants: SMEs and research organisations (depending on the call) from EU Member States,

Norway, and associated countries

Activity sector: defence/dual-use technologies

Partnership: required (at least 3 independent applicants from 3 different eligible countries: a. the

coordinator must be an SME, b. partners must be SMEs)

#### **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).

### EIT Jumpstarter Call 2025

EIT Jumpstarter 2025 is a European pre-acceleration programme promoted by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). It is designed to support innovators in the early stages of developing their business ideas, helping them become successful startups. The program focuses on providing the training, mentorship and resources needed to scale up and commercialize innovative ideas. The call is open to innovative ideas in eight sectors, which are supported by the Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) of the EIT:

- Healthcare EIT Health
- Food & Agritech EIT Food
- Metals, Minerals, Advanced Materials & Industrial Side Streams EIT RawMaterials
- Energy & Renewables EIT InnoEnergy
- Advanced & Green Manufacturing EIT Manufacturing
- Smart Cities & Mobility EIT Urban Mobility
- New European Bauhaus (NEB) 2 EIT Culture & Creativity
- Rebuild Ukraine EIT Health

The total budget available is €417.200.000 with a maximum €10.000 per category. A special prize will be awarded to innovators from the Mediterranean region, independently of the category.

**Deadline:** April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025

**Applicants:** Innovators and researchers (individuals who are citizens of one of the eligible EIT RIS countries and territories, including Moldova; or a team of individuals, where at least one of the two team members must be a citizen of these countries)

Activity sector: depending on the call

Partnership: not required

### SOPRANO: Open Call

The SOPRANO project (Socially-Acceptable and Trustworthy Human-Robot Teaming for Agile Industries) is an initiative funded by the European Union under the Horizon Europe program. The main objective of the project is to develop and validate innovative technological solutions for a secure and efficient collaboration between humans and robots. At the moment, an open call with a total allocated budget of €1.880.000 will award funding to up to 10 projects, with a maximum of €200.000 per project. The expected outcome is an industry relevant prototype of a robotics solution, using the SOPRANO technologies and addressing the applicant's multi human - multi robot application scenario.

Deadline: May 14th 2025

Applicants: start-ups and SMEs established in EU member states or Horizon Europe associated

countries

Activity sector: robotics

**Partnership:** single applicants or consortium of up to 3 partners

#### **FORTHCOMING**

#### Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument: Work Programme 2025-2027

The I3 Instrument's new three-year Work Programme will focus on scaling innovation, strengthening regional innovation ecosystems, and supporting interregional collaboration. With a budget of over €176 million, it will help innovation actors turn ideas into investment-ready projects. 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. The next I3 calls, which will focus on investment projects, are planned for May 2025 and will be followed by a capacity-building call planned for October 2025.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe and European Regional and Development Fund (ERDF)

Planned opening date: May / October 2025 (depending on the call)

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 3-5 partners from different Member States and regional ecosystems)

### **EVENTS**

#### **Net Zero Webinar: Towards a Zero-Emissions Future**

Online, March 31st 2025

#### **CBE JU Info Days 2025**

EU Info day - Brussels/Online, April 3rd 2025

The CBE JU Info Day 2025 will provide insights into the CBE JU Call 2025, including submission and evaluation processes, management rules, and guidance on writing successful proposals. Networking opportunities and one-to-one networking meetings will be available until September 2025 through the CBE JU networking platform. Registration is available <a href="here">here</a>. The event will also be streamed online for remote participants.

Italian Info day - Online, April 16th 2025

APRE, in collaboration with the Circular Bio-Based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU), organizes an online national info day to inform potential Italian applicants about the CBE JU Call 2025. Registration is available here.

#### **KETs 2025 EU Brokerage Event**

Strasbourg, May 20th 2025

The KETs 2025 EU Brokerage Event, organized by Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) Grand Est in collaboration with NCPs and EEN partners, will focus on Key Enabling Technologies (KETs) within Horizon Europe. The event will feature a plenary session, thematic workshops, pitching sessions, and pre-scheduled B2B meetings, offering networking opportunities for SMEs, researchers, and industry players. Participation is free but requires registration (limited spots available). The event will take place in person. More details and registration here.

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