



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 2021-2027. 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.*

Connecting Europe Facility: 2026 Energy calls for proposals

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Programme has published two new calls for proposals focused on cross-border renewable energy projects. These calls aim to foster cooperation between Member States in the planning, development, and cost-effective exploitation of renewable energy sources. Additionally, they facilitate integration through energy storage facilities, contributing to the Union's long-term decarbonisation strategy, the completion of the internal energy market, and the enhancement of security of supply. The total budget allocated is €600.000.000.

Funding programme: Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme – Energy Strand

Call & Topic ID: CEF 2 Energy - Cross-border renewable energy projects

Deadline: September 30th 2026

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

Activity sector: energy

Partnership: not required

More Info: [Info Day](#)

Digital Europe Programme: Apply AI - Piloting AI-based image screening in medical centres

The call aims to support the large-scale piloting and deployment of Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI solutions for medical imaging in real clinical environments. The objective is to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of diagnostic processes by enabling advanced image screening capabilities, supporting healthcare professionals in the early detection of anomalies and critical conditions. Proposals are expected to demonstrate the integration of AI-based tools (e.g. cloud-based solutions) into clinical workflows and validate their performance across different imaging modalities. The total budget allocated is €9.000.000; expected number of funded projects: 2.

Funding programme: Digital Europe Programme (DEP)

Call & Topic ID: DIGITAL-2026-AI-PILOTING-10-SCREENING

Deadline: October 1st 2026

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

Activity sectors: artificial intelligence and digital health

Partnership: required (at least 7 independent legal entities established in 5 different EU Member States or DEP associated countries)

More Info: [Info Day](#)

Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument 2026 calls for proposals

The European Commission has launched two new calls for proposals under the Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument:

- [Interregional Innovation Investments Strand 1 \(I3-2026-INV1\)](#)
- [Interregional Innovation Investments Strand 2a \(I3-2026-INV2a\)](#)

The calls are open to consortia involving private organisations (SMEs, start-ups), public institutions, universities, and research organisations. They aim to support interregional innovation projects that bring mature innovations closer to commercialisation and scale-up, while strengthening EU value chains through cooperation among regions with shared or complementary innovation priorities. Particular emphasis is placed on transregional collaboration and on the integration of less developed regions into emerging European value chains and innovation ecosystems.

Funding programme: European Regional and Development Fund (ERDF)

Deadline: November 12th 2026

Applicants: legal entities (public or private bodies) established in EU member states or I3 associated countries

Thematic areas: Digital & Green transition, Smart manufacturing

Partnership: consortia must consist of a minimum of three to five independent legal entities from different regions

More Info: [Info Session](#)

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).

AIoD Open Call #1

The AIoD Open Call aims to integrate and deploy mature AI solutions within the AI-on-Demand Platform. The programme follows a three-stage process including selection, integration, and deployment. It supports AI providers in refining and validating their solutions while engaging with adopters to strengthen the platform's ecosystem. Projects must involve mature AI products (TRL ≥7). The total budget allocated is €1.300.000, with up to €60.000 per AI Providers, and up to €15.000 per AI Adopters.

Deadline: June 8th 2026

Applicants: SMEs, start-ups, research organisations established in EU Member States or DEP associated countries

Activity sector: artificial intelligence

Partnership: depending on the Stage (proposals can be submitted by single legal entities for Stage 1 and Stage 2; while Stage 3 requires a consortium of legal entities with at least one AI Adopter)

BIONetZero Open Call #1

BIONetZero accelerator programme invites innovative SMEs and startups to apply for financial support, expert guidance, and access to a strong European ecosystem. The programme supports the transition to climate-neutral production across the agrifood and energy-intensive industries. Proposals should be relevant to one or more of the following BIONetZero areas:

- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;
- Reduction of dependency on critical raw materials;
- Validation, scaling or commercialisation of biosolutions supporting net-zero production.

The total budget allocated is up to €60.000 per participant.

Deadline: June 9th 2026

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

Activity sector: biosolutions

Partnership: not required

CIRCULOOS Open Call #3.2

The CIRCULOOS Open Call supports the extension and enhancement of circular manufacturing value chains developed under the CIRCULOOS project. It targets single industrial actors capable of addressing specific gaps or improving pilot implementations. The call is structured into two tracks:

- Track A (OC2 Enhance): focuses on adding new partners to the 15 previously funded Demonstrators;
- Track B (Pilot Extensions): focuses on strengthens the core Wood, Leather, and Plastic pilots.

The total budget allocated is €600.000, with up to €60.000 per participant.

Deadline: June 10th 2026

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

Activity sector: circular manufacturing

Partnership: not required

More Info: [Webinar recording](#)

FORTHCOMING

Horizon Europe: Data sharing to support the training and development of AI foundation models in the energy sector

The call aims to support the development, training, and testing of AI foundation models, using extensive data sets to accelerate the energy transition in key focus areas of the energy sector. Activities are expected to achieve TRL 7-8 by the end of the project. The total budget allocated is €30.000.000; expected number of funded projects: 3.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe – Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-23

Planned opening date: August 4th 2026

Deadline: December 1st 2026

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

Activity sector: AI foundation models in the energy sector

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



Partner Search (France): A French university as coordinator is seeking partners for a European project focused on data sharing and artificial intelligence for renewable and hybrid energy systems for the call HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-23

EVENTS

CEF Energy Info Day: 2026 Call for proposals

Online, 18/05/2026

The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) is organizing an info day to present the priorities and provide practical guidance for the 2026 CEF Energy call. The session will focus specifically on Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) and Projects of Mutual Interest (PMIs). Registration is required by May 13 and is available at the following [link](#).

Info Day on Digital Europe Programme Call: Apply AI - Piloting AI-based image screening in medical centres

Online, 21/05/2026

The European Commission is organizing an online info day to provide key insights on the Digital Europe Programme call for proposals: "Apply AI: Piloting AI-based image screening in medical centres". The event will be livestreamed at this [link](#). Organizations can register to present their project ideas by May 15, through the following [link](#).

Info Session Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument calls - Strand 1 and 2a

Online, 27/05/2026

The European Commission is organizing an online info session to present the new Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument calls (Strand 1 and 2a). Participants will have the opportunity to gain key insights and learn about good practices from existing I3 Instrument projects. Registration is required and available at the following [link](#).

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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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