



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: European Startup and Scaleup Hubs Pilot

This call for proposals is aimed at supporting the development and interconnection of a network of leading and emerging startup and scaleup hubs across Europe, enabling deep-tech startups and scaleups to access resources, infrastructures, investors, mentors and talents beyond their local

ecosystem. The total budget available is €20.000.000, for around 2 projects with an expected duration of 2 years.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe – European Innovation Ecosystems

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-EIE-2027-02-CONNECT-01

Deadline: January 5th 2027

Applicants: public or private organisations established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries that support startups and scaleups (e.g. technology and research hubs, clusters, venture builders)

Activity sectors: Innovation and deep-tech support services

Partnership: required (network of at least 10 hubs from 10 different Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries, including at least 2 from widening countries)

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).

FIERCE 2nd Open Call for financial support

FIERCE project, funded under Horizon Europe, is supporting SMEs in contracting External Service Providers to design, scale up, commercialise or adopt space-enabled green solutions using downstream space data (Earth Observation, remote sensing, satellite navigation), contributing to more sustainable and circular business practices. The call funds three project types: Ideation (up to €25.000), Scale-Up (up to €50.000) and Commercialisation (up to €25.000). The total budget allocated is €694.520, supporting around 22 projects.

Deadline: November 9th 2026

Applicants: SMEs (including self-employed, micro-enterprises, start-ups and scale-ups) established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

Activity sector: space downstream applications

Partnership: not required

WatEnerWine Call for Technology Providers

The WatEnerWine project, co-funded by the Single Market Programme, is inviting technology providers to present ready-to-implement solutions improving water and energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy in the wine sector. Selected providers will be included in the WatEnerWine Innovation Catalogue and will gain visibility and networking opportunities with wineries, clusters and technology centres across Europe. No financial support is foreseen.

Deadline: May 24th 2027

Applicants: public or private organisations established in EU Member States or Single Market Programme associated countries

Activity sector: water management, energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies for the wine and agri-food sectors

Partnership: not required

FORTHCOMING

Innovation Fund: IF26 SME Call

The European Commission will launch a new Innovation Fund call designed specifically for SMEs, with the aim of making it easier to access EU funding for the deployment of innovative low-carbon technologies. The call will support small-scale projects with capital expenditure (CAPEX) between €2.5 million and €20 million, with a total indicative budget of €200 million. Applications will be simplified: less

documentation, a semi-automated tool to calculate avoided greenhouse gas emissions, simpler reporting and monitoring, and two application rounds per year.

Funding programme: Innovation Fund

Planned opening date: December 2026 (first round); April 2027 (second round)

Deadline: March 2027 (first round); September 2027 (second round)

Applicants: SMEs established in EU Member States or EEA countries (Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein)

Activity sectors: low-carbon technologies and industrial decarbonisation

More Info: [Webinar](#)

Innovation Fund Heat Auction 2026

The Innovation Fund Heat Auction, expected to open in December 2026, is an auction under the Industrial Decarbonisation Bank with a €1 billion budget. It will support the decarbonisation of industrial heat through electrification, renewable heat and SMR technologies. The [Terms and Conditions](#) are already available.

Funding programme: Innovation Fund

Planned opening date: December 2026

Applicants: legal entities (public or private bodies) established in EU Member States or EEA countries (Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein)

Activity sectors: industrial heat decarbonisation

Partnership: not required

More Info: [Promotional event](#)

EVENTS

Innovation Fund – Heat Auction 2026 Promotional Event

Online, 08/10/2026

Il Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica, in collaborazione con Confindustria e con il coinvolgimento della Commissione europea organizza un webinar di presentazione dei criteri di partecipazione della nuova Heat Auction dell'Innovation Fund. Per partecipare è necessario registrarsi a questo [link](#).

Innovation Fund Webinar – IF26 SME Call

Online, 13/10/2026

The European Commission is organizing a webinar for SMEs interested in the upcoming IF26 SME Call, presenting eligible applicants, the simplified procedures, the call timeline, the application process and the available support tools. [Register here](#).

Info Session European Startup and Scaleup Hubs Call

Online, 22/10/2026

EISMEA and DG RTD are organizing an online info session presenting the European Startup and Scaleup Hubs call, covering the policy context and practical details, with a Q&A via Slido. Registration is available [here](#).

Conferenza Annuale APRE 2026 – "Verso un nuovo futuro"

Roma & online, 15-22/10/2026

APRE organizza la sua nona Conferenza Annuale, dedicata a Horizon Europe, FP10 e al futuro Fondo europeo per la competitività (ECF). Le prime due giornate (15-16/10, a Roma, in presenza su invito per i Soci APRE e online per tutti) ospitano l'apertura e il confronto sulle priorità nazionali per il bilancio UE 2028-2034. Le quattro giornate successive (19-22/10, solo online) sono dedicate alle quattro policy window della proposta ECF-FP10: decarbonizzazione industriale, salute e bioeconomia, società e leadership digitale, sicurezza e difesa. Iscrizioni per partecipare online a questo [link](#).

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