



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: Advanced manufacturing for key products

This topic supports the development of advanced manufacturing technologies and machinery for key, high-performance components and products that are at risk of being lost to Europe or that depend on raw materials or parts mostly supplied from outside Europe, also by increasing circularity through innovative advanced materials and secondary raw materials. Examples include innovative additive and

hybrid manufacturing, advanced joining technologies, polymer composite manufacturing, surface treatment and lightweight components (battery production is excluded). Projects are expected to start at TRL 5 and reach TRL 7. The total budget available is €36.000.000, for around 6 projects of €6-8 million each.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe – Cluster 4 (Made in Europe Partnership)

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-02

Deadline: February 2nd 2027

Applicants: public or private organisations established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

Activity sectors: advanced manufacturing, industrial machinery, advanced materials

Partnership: required (at least 3 independent legal entities from 3 different EU Member States or associated countries)

InvestEU – Green Assist: EU Water Resilience Investment Accelerator

The European Commission has launched the EU Water Resilience Investment Accelerator by Green Assist, which will support 20 innovative pilot projects with tailored advisory services, helping them become more bankable and attract private investment. The accelerator covers three thematic areas: water efficiency and smart water solutions, nature-based solutions for water resilience, and clean water solutions, including technologies for cleaner industrial systems. Advisory support is free of charge, as external experts are paid directly by the programme. No financial support is foreseen.

Funding programme: InvestEU – Green Assist (funded by the LIFE Programme)

Deadline: end of October 2026

Applicants: private project promoters or joint public-private beneficiaries with projects approaching the fundraising stage (particular attention to EU-based start-ups and SMEs, farmers and local authorities)

Activity sectors: water management technologies

Partnership: not required

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).

RENEW-BOOSTER Eurocluster 2nd Open Call

The RENEW-BOOSTER Eurocluster, funded under the Single Market Programme, supports SMEs in the photovoltaic, offshore wind and energy network value chains. The call is structured in two strands: Strand A (Challenge-driven), a two-step process in which up to three SMEs per challenge receive €10.000 to develop a proof of concept (TRL 6-7) and one SME per challenge then receives €50.000 to scale the solution (TRL 8-9); Strand B (Open Call), for bottom-up projects of up to six months with grants of €10.000, €30.000 or €60.000 depending on project maturity. The maximum support per SME is €60.000 and private co-funding is required.

Deadline: November 30th 2026

Applicants: SMEs established in EU Member States or in countries participating in the COSME strand of the Single Market Programme

Activity sector: photovoltaics, offshore wind energy, energy networks

Partnership: not required (under Strand B, SMEs may also apply as a consortium of up to 3 SMEs)

SECURE 2nd Open Call

The SECURE project, funded under the Digital Europe Programme with the support of the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC), co-finances projects by micro, small and medium-sized enterprises aimed at strengthening their cyber resilience and achieving compliance with the Cyber

Resilience Act (CRA), through actions covering products, infrastructures, processes and governance. Each project can receive up to €30.000 as a lump sum, with a 50% co-financing rate. The total budget allocated is €11.500.000.

Deadline: December 11th 2026

Applicants: MSMEs established in EU Member States or EEA countries that develop, manufacture, import or distribute products with digital elements falling within the scope of the CRA

Activity sector: cybersecurity

Partnership: not required

FORTHCOMING

Horizon Europe: Apply AI – AI-Driven Robotics for Industry

This Innovation Action, part of the Apply AI Strategy and of the AI, Data and Robotics Partnership (ADRA), will develop common frameworks and reusable building blocks to bring AI-driven robotics from research to large-scale deployment across multiple sectors. Expected results include a step-by-step adoption guide for SMEs and other end-users with limited in-house expertise, covering planning, budgeting, safe implementation and regulatory compliance. The total budget available is €18.000.000, for one project to be funded.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe – Cluster 4

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING-05

Planned opening date: November 17th 2026

Deadline: March 18th 2027

Applicants: public or private organisations established in EU Member States, Iceland, Norway and selected associated countries (Canada, Israel, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom)

Activity sectors: artificial intelligence, robotics, industrial automation

Partnership: required

EVENTS

European Research & Innovation Days 2026

Brussels & online, 10-11/11/2026

The seventh edition of the European Commission's flagship research and innovation event brings together policymakers, researchers, innovators, business leaders and civil society to debate how research and innovation can strengthen Europe's competitiveness, resilience and technological sovereignty. The event will be opened by Ekaterina Zaharieva, European Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation. The live stream will be available [here](#).

Lump Sum Funding in Horizon Europe: How does it work? How to write a proposal?

Online, 12/11/2026

DG RTD is organizing a webinar on lump sum funding in Horizon Europe, explaining how the funding model works and how to write a lump sum proposal, followed by a panel on practical experience with lump sum grants and a Q&A via Slido. The live stream will be available on the [event page](#).

Online Information Day – EIC funding opportunities in 2027

Online, 19/11/2026

The European Innovation Council (EIC) is organizing an online info day to present the new EIC Work Programme 2027 and its upcoming funding opportunities: EIC Pathfinder, EIC Transition, EIC Accelerator and EIC STEP Scale Up. Dedicated sessions will also cover the Business Acceleration Services (BAS) available to EIC-funded companies and the Access2EIC and EEN2EIC support initiatives. Registration is available [here](#).

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