



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.

LIFE Programme: Circular Economy and Zero Pollution

The call aims to facilitate the transition toward a sustainable, circular, energy-efficient and climate-resilient economy, a toxic-free environment and toward protecting, restoring, and improving the quality of the environment in line with the European Green Deal and recent policy developments. Proposals

must cover one or more of the topics under the two macro categories: Circular Economy and Waste; Zero pollution and sustainable management of natural resources. The total budget allocated is €79.000.000, with up to €10.000.000 per project. Expected number of projects selected: 31.

Funding programme: LIFE Programme

Call & Topic ID: LIFE-2026-SAP-ENV-ENVIRONMENT

Deadline: September 22nd 2026

Applicants: legal entities established in EU Member States or LIFE Programme associated countries

Activity sector: Circular Economy and Zero Pollution

Partnership: optional (both mono-participant and multi-participant proposals are eligible)



Partner Search: Belgian SME seeks port, industrial site or water utility partner for a circular, decentralised and climate-adaptive water treatment project. LIFE-2026-SAP-ENV-ENVIRONMENT - Circular Economy and Zero Pollution

Trans-European Networks for Energy: Call for applications - Candidate energy infrastructure Projects of Common and Mutual Interest - hydrogen, electrolyser and CO₂ category

The European Commission has launched a call for applications under the TEN-E Regulation for energy infrastructure projects in the hydrogen, electrolyser and CO₂ categories seeking Project of Common Interest (PCI) or Project of Mutual Interest (PMI) status. Applicants that pass the selection process will become part of the 3rd Union list of PCIs and PMIs (which the Commission will formally adopt by the end of 2027). Once included in this list, the projects will become eligible to apply for funding under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF Energy) programme.

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

Deadline: September 30th 2026

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

Activity sector: hydrogen, electrolyser and CO₂ technologies

Partnership: not required

Horizon Europe: EIC STEP Defence Scale Up Call

The EIC STEP Scale-Up call for defence technologies supports projects falling within the defence strategic technology areas as described in STEP ([Second Guidance Note on STEP](#)). To be eligible, the proposed products, technologies, or services must have a primary defence application and meet critical criteria (bringing cutting-edge innovation to the internal market or reducing EU strategic dependencies). Solutions with predominantly civilian or dual-use applications should refer to the general EIC STEP Scale Up call. The total budget allocated is €100.000.000, with up to €30.000.000 per project. Indicative number of projects funded: 10.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe – European Innovation Council

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-EIC-2026-DEFENCE-01

Deadline: October 28th 2026

Applicants: SMEs, start-ups, and small mid-caps established in EU Member States, Ukraine or Horizon Europe associated countries

Activity sector: defence 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).

FutureProofTextiles Open Call #1

This call supports SMEs in implementing innovation projects that accelerate the green and digital transition of the textile sector. The call provides financial support for individual SME projects addressing either Green Initiatives (sustainable practices, circular economy, waste reduction and resource efficiency) or Digital Innovations (advanced digital technologies, automation and data-driven solutions).

Selected SMEs will also benefit from training, mentoring and networking activities. Proposals must have a TRL of 5 or higher. The total funding allocated is €1.000.000, with up to €50.000 per SME. A total of 20 SMEs will be supported.

Deadline: September 18th 2026

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

Activity sector: green and digital transition of the textile sector

Partnership: not required

Dual-Use Drones Innovative Programme

The Dual-Use Drones Innovative Programme is a European initiative supporting SMEs that already belong to the dual-use market to develop drone projects that adapt their business models, processes and products to address civil, digital, social and environmental needs. Selected SMEs will benefit from mentorship, tailored services and training activities. Applicants must have at least one drone product at TRL 6 or higher and commit to upgrading the TRL by at least one level during participation in the Programme. The total funding allocated is €350.000, with up to €35.000 per SME. Expected number of selected SMEs: 10.

Deadline: September 30th 2026

Applicants: manufacturing SMEs operating in the drone sector established in EU Member States or countries associated to the Single Market Programme (SMP)

Activity sector: drones manufacturing

Partnership: not required

FORTHCOMING

EIT Health Calls for proposals 2026

The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) Health will open in July four new calls:

- Transformative Healthcare Instrument: to help biotech, medtech, digital health, AI, and diagnostics start-ups scale and commercialise products (up to €500.000 per project).
- Innovation Uptake Call: to accelerate market entry, scaling, and real-world evidence for mature digital, data-driven, and AI health solutions (up to €650.000 per project; expected number of selected projects: 8).
- Biotech Innovation Path Call: to fund the creation of an EIT Label biotech pathway to turn scientific advances into scalable solutions (up to €240.000 per project).
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation Micro-Credentials Call: to develop certified micro-programmes giving Master's/PhD students skills for real-world health impact (up to €150.000 per project in 2027, and up to €60.000 per project in 2028).

Funding programme: Horizon Europe – EIT Health

Call & Topic ID: EIT Health 26-28

Planned opening date: July 15th 2026

Deadline: September 16th 2026

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

Activity sector: digital, AI-enabled medical technologies & biotechnology

Partnership: depending on the call

More Info: [Info Day & Matchmaking Sessions](#)

EVENTS

EIT Health Info Day and Matchmaking Sessions

Online, 15/07/2026 & 21-23/07/2026

The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) Health is organising a series of online events to present its 2026 funding opportunities:

- 15 July: Info Day presenting the new open calls, eligibility criteria and application process.
- 21–23 July: Matchmaking sessions to help participants connect with potential partners and build project consortia.

Registration is available through the EIT Health Innovators Community at this [link](#).

Info Day Nazionale Digital Europe Programme – Work Programme 2026-2027

Online, 16/07/2026

L'Agenzia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea (APRE), in accordo con il Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (MIMIT), organizza la giornata informativa nazionale dedicata al Digital Europe Programme (DEP), rivolta a tutti gli stakeholder interessati a cogliere le opportunità di finanziamento 2026 e 2027 offerte dal programma. Durante l'evento verranno presentate le call aperte per il 2026 in scadenza ad ottobre e sarà presentata una panoramica delle opportunità previste per il 2027.

Per partecipare è necessario registrarsi entro il 14 luglio al seguente [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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