



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.

Chips Joint Undertaking - Calls 2026

The Chips Joint Undertaking (Chips JU) opened 16 calls under both Horizon Europe and Digital Europe Programme covering the following 2 pillars of the Chips JU Work Programme:

- [Horizon Europe - Electronic Components and Systems Research and Innovation \(ECS R&I\)](#): Funds research and innovation projects through 10 calls, with a total indicative budget of €180 million.
- [Digital Europe Programme - Chips for Europe Initiative](#): Focuses on capacity building and infrastructure through 6 calls, with a total indicative budget of €130 million.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe (ECS R&I); Digital Europe Programme (Chips for Europe)

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-JU-CHIPS-2026 (ECS R&I); DIGITAL-JU-CHIPS-2026 (Chips for Europe)

Deadline: September 2026

Applicants: legal entities (public or private bodies) established in EU Member States or Digital Europe Programme/Horizon Europe associated countries (depending on the call)

Activity sectors: chips, semiconductors, microelectronics and electronic systems

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

Horizon Europe: Designing new ways of risk awareness and enhanced disaster preparedness

The call aims to enhance risk awareness and disaster preparedness through the development of innovative tools, methodologies, and frameworks. These include digital platforms, immersive technologies, and participatory solutions designed to foster citizen engagement, behavioural change, and wildlife protection. Proposals must support the co-creation of comprehensive preparedness plans that ensure a coordinated, robust, resilient, and effective response to a wide range of disaster scenarios. The total budget allocated is €6.000.000, with up to €3.000.000 per project. Expected number of projects selected: 2.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe – Cluster 3: Civil security for society

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-01

Deadline: November 5th 2026

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

Activity sector: innovative digital solutions for disaster risk management

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



Partner Search: Within the scope of the call HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-01 a Turkish university acting as the coordinator, in collaboration with its partner chamber of industry, is seeking partners for its consortium

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).

AI Challenge Competition

The AI Challenge Competition is an EU-funded open challenge prize programme designed to advance research and innovation in key generative AI domains. It follows a two-phase structure (Spark Phase and Advance Phase) to develop and validate AI-based solutions addressing predefined technological challenges - including algorithm design, model training, validation, and demonstration - progressing from TRL 2–3 to TRL 4–5. The total funding allocated across all challenges is €828.000, with up to €128.500 per participant (€28.500 each for 5 winners in the Spark Phase, plus a final prize of €100.000 for the challenge winner).

Deadline: August 25th 2026 (Challenges 1 & 2), September 8th 2026 (Challenges 3 & 4)

Applicants: legal entities and individuals (including teams and consortia from academia and industry) established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

Activity sector: AI solutions

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

Power Up Net Zero: Open Call for Innovation Projects

This call provides financial support to help SMEs and start-ups develop, test, and validate innovative net-zero technologies and solutions (including solar energy, battery and energy storage, hydrogen technologies, sustainable biogas/biomethane, and carbon capture and storage). The call targets collaborative projects focused on Proof of Concept (PoC) development, net-zero services, and pilot or demonstration activities in operational or industrially relevant environments (TRL 6–7). Project proposals must address specific technological topics (such as waste management, materials, storage, digital solutions, value chains, CO₂-hydrogen coupling, and carbon capture) or specific challenges set by the City of Turin (such as emissions reduction and urban solutions). The total funding allocated across all challenges is €1.615.000, with up to €120.000 per project. Expected number of projects selected: 14.

Deadline: September 15th 2026

Applicants: SMEs and start-ups established in EU Member States or countries participating in the Single Market Programme (SMP)

Activity sector: Net-Zero Technologies

Partnership: required (consortium composed of at least 2 and a maximum of 3 partners)

FORTHCOMING

Horizon Europe: Cluster 4 (Industry) Materials and Production 2027 calls for proposals

The European Commission will open new funding opportunities under Horizon Europe Cluster 4 – Digital, Industry and Space, specifically under the Destination Leadership in materials and production for Europe. With a total indicative budget allocation of €224 million, this initiative aims to drive the competitive green and digital transformation of European industry. The call targets key areas and strategic priorities, including innovative advanced materials and critical raw materials, fast-tracking circularity (including textiles), and technology infrastructure and valorisation.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe – Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space

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

Planned opening date: September 22nd 2026

Deadline: February 2nd 2027

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

Activity sectors: advanced manufacturing, innovative materials, circular economy and critical raw materials

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

More Info: [Info Days](#)

EVENTS

Connecting Europe Days 2026

Brussels, 28/09/2026 – 01/10/2026

The European Commission is organizing Connecting Europe Days 2026, Europe's flagship mobility event. The conference will bring together politicians, financial institutions, industry representatives, transport stakeholders, and the European Commission to discuss concrete measures and exchange good practices for creating a competitive, resilient, safe and sustainable transport sector in Europe, as well as discuss the future of infrastructure investments. Participants will also see state-of-the-art innovations firsthand at an exhibition of EU-funded projects. Registration - requiring an EU Login account - is available [here](#).

Annual I3 Instrument Forum 2026

Brussels, 01/10/2026

On October 1, 2026, the European Commission is organizing the Annual I3 Instrument Forum 2026 to highlight how interregional collaboration fosters European value chains, scales innovation, and strengthens regional ecosystems. Participants will explore project results funded under the Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument, exchange best practices, and discuss future development in Europe. Registration is required and available [here](#).

Info Days Horizon Europe - Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space

Online, 14-15/10/2026

The European Commission is organizing an online Info Day to present funding opportunities and topics under the Horizon Europe 2027 Work Programme for Cluster 4 – Digital, Industry and Space. The event will provide participants with insights into the European policy context, pitching sessions for partner search, and horizontal sessions offering guidance for proposal preparation. The event will be live-streamed and registration is not required.

A.A.A. PARTNER CERCASI



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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