



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: Cluster 5 Energy Call for Proposals

The European Commission has launched a new call for project proposals to support research and innovation in the areas of cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition and sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply. The total indicative budget available is €131.500.000.

The call covers 5 topics:

- [Demonstration of solid biofuel supply and conversion to high efficiency CHP from fully sustainable regional value chains](#)
- [Resource assessment for deep sedimentary and basement reservoirs](#)
- [Improved system design for innovative PV applications \(EUPI-PV Partnership\)](#)
- [De-risking renewable fuel technologies through transnational pre-commercial procurement of renewable fuel industrial value chains](#)
- [Data sharing to support the training and development of AI foundation models in the energy sector](#)

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

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

Deadline: December 1st 2026

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

Activity sectors: Energy Technologies

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

Innovation Fund: Battery Booster Facility Call for Proposals

This call focuses on supporting battery cell manufacturing projects for electric vehicles across the European Economic Area (EEA), targeting projects in the critical scaling phase between pre-series production and full commercial operation. Proposals must represent the applicant's first commercial-scale battery cell manufacturing plant worldwide, with a planned annual production capacity of at least 10 GWh. Selected projects must demonstrate technical and financial maturity, as well as clear added value for the European battery ecosystem. The total budget allocated is €1.500.000.000. Successful applicants may receive interest-free loans covering up to 60% of eligible costs, with a maximum loan amount of €500 million per project.

Funding programme: Innovation Fund

Deadline: September 30th 2026

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

Activity sector: battery cell manufacturing

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).

Women TechEU Open Call – Full Proposal Strand

This call aims to support up to 160 women-led deep-tech startups aimed at strengthening Europe's innovation ecosystem by scaling early-stage, female-founded companies. Selected startups will benefit from a dedicated support programme combining financial funding, legal validation, and specialized acceleration services. Over the programme duration, the initiative will help bridge the gender gap and scale deep-tech solutions from TRL 4 up to TRL 6. The call features a two-strand submission process (continuous eligibility checks with weekly cut-offs, followed by full proposal evaluations) and focuses on early-stage, autonomous SMEs active in strategic deep-tech sectors. The total budget allocated is €12.000.000 across four main submission deadlines funding 40 startups each, with up to €75.000 per project.

Deadline: multiple cut-off (September 16th 2026, January 14th 2027, April 1st 2027, July 8th 2027)

Applicants: women-led deep-tech startups established in the EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

Activity sector: deep tech

Partnership: not required

More Info: [Infodays](#)

IH-MIE Open Call

This call aims to support up to 30 SME-led innovation projects aimed at strengthening Europe's hydrogen mobility value chain. Selected SMEs will benefit from a dedicated support programme combining financial funding, mentoring, training, and technical assistance. Over a 12-month period, the programme will help validate, integrate, and scale hydrogen mobility solutions, advancing technologies from TRL 6 up to TRL 9. The call follows a bottom-up, technology-neutral approach and focuses on six strategic challenges covering key deployment bottlenecks across the hydrogen mobility ecosystem. The total budget allocated is €1.800.000, with up to €60.000 per project.

Deadline: September 25th 2026

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

Activity sector: hydrogen mobility solutions

Partnership: optional (single SMEs or consortia of up to 3 SMEs)

FORTHCOMING

Innovation Fund 2026 Auctions

The upcoming auctions under the Innovation Fund are expected to open in December 2026:

- **Innovation Fund Heat Auction:** auction under the Industrial Decarbonisation Bank with a €1 billion budget, supporting industrial heat decarbonisation via electrification, renewable heat, and SMR technologies;
- **Innovation Fund Hydrogen Auction:** auction under the European Hydrogen Bank with a €500 million budget (divided into €350 million for RFNBO hydrogen and €150 million for RFNBO and/or electrolytic low-carbon hydrogen), allocating fixed-premium support (up to €4/kg of produced hydrogen).

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: renewable and low-carbon hydrogen production, industrial heat decarbonisation

Partnership: not required

More Info: [Webinar](#)

EVENTS

Innovation Fund Webinar – IF26 Hydrogen Auction

Online, 08/09/2026

The European Commission is organizing a webinar on the draft Terms and Conditions (T&Cs) for the Innovation Fund's upcoming IF26 Hydrogen Auction. The event will provide an overview of the main feedback received during the six-week public consultation ending on 24 August 2026 and offer participants the opportunity to ask questions. Registration is available [here](#).

Infodays Women TechEU

Online, 15/09/2026

Women TechEU is organizing a series of online information sessions to present the new Open Call in detail. The events will provide participants with an overview of the scheme, guidance on the application process, and practical tips for preparing a strong proposal. The next infoday will take place on 15 September 2026, followed by additional sessions in the coming months. Registration is required and available [here](#).

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