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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: Advancing promising results from Pillar II collaborative research through the innovation journey

This Innovation Action supports projects that bring solutions developed in Horizon Europe Pillar II collaborative projects closer to production, uptake and deployment, by testing and validating them in real-world conditions. End users and market actors are expected to actively co-develop and validate the solutions, helping to de-risk the innovation journey and accelerate commercialisation. Proposals must build on results from a completed multi-beneficiary Pillar II project funded by the European Commission or one of its Executive Agencies. The total budget available is €32.500.000, for around 13 projects of up to €2.5 million each.
Funding programme: Horizon Europe – Horizontal activities (Bridging actions)
Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-02-05
Deadline: January 28th 2027
Applicants: public or private organisations established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

Activity sectors: all sectors covered by Horizon Europe Pillar II (e.g. industry, digital, energy, mobility, bioeconomy, health)
Partnership: required (at least 3 independent legal entities established in different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries)

Horizon Europe: New approaches for Human/AI collaboration for the workforce of the future
This topic supports the development of human-centric AI technologies that improve cooperation between industrial workers and intelligent manufacturing systems at workstation level, building on previous results in areas such as extended reality. It implements both the Made in Europe and the AI, Data and Robotics partnerships. The total budget available is €30.000.000, for around 5 projects of €4-6 million each.
Funding programme: Horizon Europe – Cluster 4 (Made in Europe and AI, Data and Robotics Partnerships)
Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-DIGITAL-EMERGING-52-two-stage
Deadline: February 2nd 2027 (first stage); September 2nd 2027 (second stage)
Applicants: public or private organisations established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries
Activity sectors: AI, advanced manufacturing
Partnership: required (at least 3 independent legal entities established in different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries)

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).

Innowwide 5th Call for Market Feasibility Projects
Innowwide, managed by Eureka within the European Partnership on Innovative SMEs co-funded by Horizon Europe, supports innovative SMEs in assessing the market feasibility of their innovative products, services or processes in a target country outside Europe (Africa, the Americas, Asia or Oceania), in cooperation with a local partner. Each project receives a fixed grant of €60.000, covering up to 70% of eligible costs (minimum project cost €86.000), for a maximum duration of 6 months; no national co-funding is foreseen. The total budget available is €4.200.000, for around 70 projects.
Deadline: December 1st 2026
Applicants: for-profit SMEs established for at least two years in EU Member States, Iceland, Israel, Norway, Switzerland, Türkiye or the UK, not previously awarded an Innowwide grant
Activity sectors: all sectors
Partnership: required (cooperation with local partners in target countries)

BIOECONOMY GIANTS Open Call for Scaling Up & Piloting
The BIOECONOMY GIANTS project, funded under Horizon Europe through the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU), supports collaborative pilot projects focused on the piloting and scaling-up of high-added-value bio-based products from secondary or underutilised agricultural, agri-food or forestry biomass. Proposals must combine technological and/or operational innovation (TRL 6-8) with cooperative business and governance models that give primary producers a central role in the value chain. Potential applications include bio-based packaging and materials, chemical intermediates, food or feed ingredients, specialty chemicals, biofertilisers and organic amendments; projects focused solely or primarily on bioenergy or biofuels are excluded. Each project can receive up to €70.000 as a lump sum covering 100% of eligible costs (max €60.000 per partner), for a 7-month implementation period. Selected projects will also benefit from mentoring and technical support. The total budget available is €280.000, for 4 projects.
Deadline: December 31st 2026
Applicants: any legal entity (SMEs, large companies, research organisations, clusters, public bodies, etc.) established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries
Activity sectors: bioeconomy, agri-food, forestry, bio-based products
Partnership: required (consortium of 2 to 4 partners, including at least one primary producer, e.g. farms, agri-food or forestry companies, cooperatives or producer organisations)

FORTHCOMING

Horizon Europe: Concentrated solar thermal systems for decarbonising industrial processes
This Innovation Action supports the demonstration of concentrated solar thermal systems, including energy storage, able to supply renewable heat for industrial processes in the 150-400°C range and to cover at least 50% of their yearly heat demand. Projects should validate the economic viability of these

solutions and strengthen the competitiveness of concentrated solar thermal technologies for industrial applications. The core of the proposed solutions should focus on the solar thermal component rather than on the industrial process itself. The total budget available is €12.000.000, for around 2 projects of €6 million each.
Funding programme: Horizon Europe – Cluster 5
Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D3-07
Planned opening date: December 3rd 2026
Deadline: March 31st 2027
Applicants: public or private organisations established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries
Activity sectors: industrial heat decarbonisation, solar thermal energy, energy storage
Partnership: required (at least 3 independent legal entities established in different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries)

EVENTS

HERA Industry Days 2026
Brussels, 23-24/11/2026
DG HERA's flagship annual event brings together industry, EU institutions, researchers, start-ups and public authorities working on medical countermeasures and health preparedness. The programme covers EU health preparedness priorities, funding opportunities and public-private cooperation, with dedicated matchmaking sessions for companies in the healthcare, biotech and medtech sectors. Participation is free of charge; registration is open until November 9th 2026 here.

Info day nazionali sui bandi Horizon Europe 2027
Online, 30/11-04/12/2026
APRE, in collaborazione con il Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (MUR), organizza gli info day nazionali dedicati alle call 2027 di Horizon Europe: 14 sessioni online distribuite su cinque giorni, con l'intervento di esperti APRE, funzionari della Commissione europea e rappresentanti nazionali. La partecipazione è gratuita previa registrazione qui.

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