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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: EIC Accelerator 2027

The EIC Accelerator supports start-ups and SMEs with breakthrough innovations to complete their development, enter the market and scale up. Short proposals can be submitted at any time and are evaluated in monthly batches; companies that pass this step are then invited to submit a full proposal at one of the 2027 cut-offs. Support can take the form of a grant below €2.5 million (covering 70% of eligible

costs) and/or an equity investment of €1-10 million. The total budget available is €578.000.000 (€428 million for the Accelerator Open and €150 million for the Accelerator Challenges).
Funding programme: Horizon Europe – European Innovation Council (EIC)
Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-EIC-2027-ACCELERATOR-01
Deadline: next cut-off dates - December 17th 2026 (short proposal); January 20th 2027 (full proposal)
Applicants: start-ups and SMEs established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries
Activity sectors: all sectors (breakthrough and deep tech innovation)
Partnership: not required

Horizon Europe: Energy efficiency and sustainability of AI data processing in Data Centres
This Innovation Action supports pilots and demonstration sites for new technologies that make AI data processing in data centres more energy-efficient and sustainable, reinforcing EU strategic autonomy and climate goals. Projects should address one or more development areas, including direct on-chip cooling and thermal management for high-power AI chips; energy-efficient power backup and storage systems; AI-driven workload scheduling, adaptive power management and heat capture and reuse; AI solutions to optimise data centre operation; new materials and components for energy efficiency; and the integration of data centres into energy systems and the wider region. Activities are expected to start at TRL 6-7 and reach TRL 8 by the end of the project. The total budget available is €39.000.000, for around 4 projects of €9-10 million each: three addressing technology development and one dedicated to an open pilot demonstration site.
Funding programme: Horizon Europe – Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space
Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DATA-09
Deadline: March 18th 2027
Applicants: public or private organisations established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries
Activity sectors: data centres, AI, cooling and thermal management, energy storage, advanced materials, energy systems
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).

GRAIL 1st Open Call – Genesis
GRAIL (Generative Robotics & AI for EU Industrial Leadership), a project funded under Horizon Europe, aims to deliver the first European general-purpose Foundational Robotics Model, validated across five industrial use cases (automotive, aerospace, intralogistics, steel and electronics). Genesis is the first of three sequential open calls and supports companies and research and technology organisations providing datasets, data-collection tools and benchmarks to build and train the model. Each project can receive up to €100.000 for a maximum duration of 8 months. The total budget available is €1.000.000, for at least 10 projects.
Deadline: February 10th 2027
Applicants: single legal entities (SMEs and start-ups, mid-caps, large companies, research and technology organisations) established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries
Activity sectors: robotics, artificial intelligence, industrial data
Partnership: not required

EuroCDP Call I
The European Chip Design Platform (EuroCDP), launched under the EU Chips Act, supports European SMEs in designing and prototyping their chips. Grants are paid per milestone on accepted results and cover EDA tool licences, IP licences and Design Enablement Team services (design, prototype fabrication, testing, packaging, cloud computing) included in the EuroCDP service offering. Two funding levels are available: Level 1, up to €100.000 (100% of eligible costs, one milestone), for companies with up to €1 million in total funding received; and Level 2, open to all applicants regardless of accumulated funding. The applicant's own team must design the critical parts of the chip. The total budget available is €50.000.000.
Deadline: January 12th 2027
Applicants: SMEs established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries
Activity sectors: semiconductors, microelectronics, chip design
Partnership: not required

FORTHCOMING

Horizon Europe: Using the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative to strengthen urban manufacturing in support of the Clean Industrial Deal
This Innovation Action supports urban manufacturers – companies producing goods in urban areas using local resources and serving local communities – in their clean and circular transition. Projects should implement and demonstrate circular systemic solutions that help them overcome key barriers, increase resource efficiency through greater circular material use or reduced material use per output, and contribute to EU climate, zero pollution, circularity and biodiversity goals. Projects should involve economic operators, local authorities and civil society organisations, and activities are expected to reach TRL 6-8 by the end of the project. The total budget available is €18.000.000, for around 3 projects of €6 million each.
Funding programme: Horizon Europe – Cluster 6
Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-02-two-stage
Planned opening date: February 4th 2027
Deadline: April 8th 2027 (first stage); September 16th 2027 (second stage)
Applicants: public or private organisations established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries
Activity sectors: manufacturing, circular economy, urban development
Partnership: required (at least 3 independent legal entities established in different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries, involving economic operators, local authorities and civil society organisations)

EVENTS

I3 Instrument Support Facility virtual event
Online, 25/11/2026
The European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) organises a virtual event on how projects under the Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument can help SMEs access complementary R&I capacities across borders, such as research facilities, testbeds and specialised services. The session addresses practical barriers, including access conditions, costs, IP and administrative requirements, and the role of innovation intermediaries, with a roundtable on SME needs and practical examples from I3 projects. Registration is available here.

Green Transition & Climate Resilience Brokerage Event
Online, 01/12/2026
This online brokerage event supports partner search for Horizon Europe calls on green transition and climate resilience, under Clusters 1, 2, 5 and 6, the New European Bauhaus and the EU Missions. Participants can connect with complementary expertise – from project ideas and technologies to research methodologies – through pitching sessions and bilateral meetings, with the aim of building interdisciplinary consortia. Participation is free of charge; registration is available here.

Horizon Europe Cluster 6 Info day and Brokerage event
Brussels, 13-15/01/2027
The European Commission organises the Horizon Europe Cluster 6 Info days (13-14 January), presenting the 2027 calls of the Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Work Programme; the sessions will be held at the Commission's Charlemagne building in Brussels and also streamed online. Alongside the Info days, the network of Cluster 6 National Contact Points (CARE4BIO) organises an in-person brokerage event (15 January, 8:00-18:30) to help participants find partners and build consortia, preceded by a training session for applicants on "Pathway to Impact" (14 January, afternoon). Registration for the brokerage event is open until December 13th 2026, here; registration for the Info days is separate and available here.

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