



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.

Horizon Europe: EIC Work Programme 2026

The European Commission has published the 2026 work programme of the European Innovation Council (EIC), making over €1.4 billion available for strategic technologies and scaling up companies through five EIC funding schemes:

- **EIC Pathfinder Open & Challenges** (€262.000.000): for advanced research on breakthrough or game-changing technologies. Deadline Open: 12 May 2026; Deadline Challenges: 28 October 2026;
- **EIC Transition** (€100.000.000): for transforming research results into innovation opportunities. Deadline: 16 September 2026;
- **Advanced Innovation Challenges** (€6.000.000): for high-risk, demand-driven deep tech innovation. Deadline - stage 1: 26 February 2026, stage 2: 18 June 2027;
- **EIC Accelerator Open & Challenges** (€634.000.000): for individual companies to develop and scale up breakthrough innovations with high risk and high impact. Cut-off dates: 7 January, 4 March, 6 May, 8 July, 2 September, 4 November 2026.
- **EIC STEP Scale Up** (€300.000.000): as part of the **Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP)**, for driving innovation in critical areas. Cut-off dates: 11 February, 6 May, 9 September, 25 November 2026;

Applicants: SMEs, start-ups, spin-offs, research organisations, universities and other independent legal entities established in EU member states or Horizon Europe associated countries

Activity sector: breakthrough innovation

Partnership: optional (proposals can be submitted either by a single applicant or by a consortium – depending on the funding scheme)

More Info: [Info Day](#)

Digital Europe Programme: Data Space for Manufacturing

The call aims to support the continued uptake and further expansion of the data space for manufacturing. The primary objective is to develop legal, technical and business solutions to pool sufficient data and enable authorized AI developers to have direct or indirect data access to train generative AI models, specifically for the manufacturing sector. This initiative seeks to strengthen the data space for manufacturing as a key mechanism for productivity enhancement and collaboration within the EU. The total budget allocated is €9.000.000, with up to 3 projects, each receiving €3.000.000.

Funding programme: Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)

Call & Topic ID: DIGITAL-2026-DSM-AI-09-DS-MANUFACTUR-STEP

Deadline: March 3rd 2026

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

Activity sector: data space for manufacturing

Partnership: required (minimum 3 partners from 3 different eligible countries)

Digital Europe Programme: Uptake of innovative cybersecurity solutions for SMEs

The call aims to enhance SMEs' readiness to meet EU cybersecurity requirements and ensure more secure hardware and software products. Proposals should develop innovative tools and services supporting compliance, reporting, and recovery, while strengthening EU cyber resilience. The expected outcome is a cyber toolkit as a service to help SMEs manage cyber risks and implement their cybersecurity strategy. The call also promotes skills development and practical support. The total budget allocated is €15.000.000.

Funding programme: Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)

Call & Topic ID: DIGITAL-ECCC-2025-DEPLOY-CYBER-09-UPTAKE

Deadline: March 31st 2026

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

Activity sector: cybersecurity solutions

Partnership: optional (submissions from consortia, despite not mandatory, will positively contribute to the impact of the action)

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).

Synapse Open Call

The call aims to showcase the clear integration paths of SYNAPSE across the EU Digital Infrastructures, validating the relevance and transferability of the platform in additional organisations. The call look for two types of beneficiaries:

- Type A: one organisation operating a digital infrastructure, which will serve as end-user and provide a new pilot for the SYNAPSE project, preferably in the fields of Electrical Energy, Water, Transportation, Telecommunications, FinTech, Manufacturing, Agrifood, Logistics. Total budget allocated: up to €300.000;
- Type B: two SME partners covering the cybersecurity supply-side, which will provide innovative technological solutions and services to the SYNAPSE project. Total budget allocated: up to €200.000 per SME.

The total budget allocated is €700.000.

Deadline: November 28th 2025

Applicants: legal entities (Type B beneficiaries: SMEs) established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

Activity sectors: digital technologies and cybersecurity

Partnership: not required

Catalyse NEB Open Call 2026

The Catalyse NEB is a startup accelerator programme under the EIT Community New European Bauhaus (NEB). The call aims to support 20 startups by fostering innovation in areas such as climate, digital, food, manufacturing, and mobility. The programme targets startups that integrate the NEB's core dimensions in their operations, products, and services, with a focus on social innovation and systems change. The total budget allocated is €1.000.000, with up to €50.000 per startup.

Deadline: January 19th 2026

Applicants: startups established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

Activity sectors: climate, digital, food, manufacturing, mobility

Partnership: not required

More Info: [Info Session](#)

FORTHCOMING

Horizon Europe: Cluster 5 – Climate, Energy and Mobility 2026-2027 calls for proposals

The pre-publication of the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026–2027 for Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility is now available. With an estimated budget of €1.2 billion, the 2026 WP is structured around six Destinations:

- Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality;
- Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition;
- Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply;
- Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use;
- Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes;
- Safe, resilient transport and smart mobility services for passengers and goods.

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

Planned opening date: December 2025

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

Activity sectors: Climate, Energy and Mobility

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

More Info: [Info Day](#)

EVENTS

Info Day EIC Work Programme 2026

Online, November 13th, 14th, 17th 2025

The European Innovation Council (EIC) will present the new Work Programme 2026 during an online Info Day on 13 November, showcasing upcoming funding opportunities and achievements from previous work programmes. Under the Programme, [Accelerator Challenges](#) will be presented on 14 November and [Advanced Innovation Challenges](#) on 17 November. Streaming sessions will be accessible on the respective events' pages.

Info Session Catalyse NEB 2026

Online, November 26th 2025

This online Info Session will provide key insights into the EIT Community NEB open call, supporting applicants interested in joining the 2026 Catalyse NEB programme. The session will cover essential details on the programme structure, eligibility criteria, application process, and contracting phase. Registration is required and available [here](#).

Info Day & B2B Horizon Europe – Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility

Online, January 14th - 15th 2026

The European Commission is organizing an **online Info Day** on 15 January 2026 to explore upcoming 2026-2027 calls under Horizon Europe, Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility. The event will be streamed via the European Commission's web platform. Registration is required and available [here](#). Ahead of the Info Day, on 14 January 2026, GREENET – the network of Cluster 5 National Contact Points (NCPs), with the support of EEN, is organizing a **virtual brokerage event** to support the development of consortia and project ideas. Participants seeking partners can present their organisations and project ideas during pitching sessions and dedicated bilateral meetings arranged by topic. Registration for the brokerage event is open until 19 December 2025 through this [link](#).

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