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# BANDI & OPPORTUNITÀ DALL'U€

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 <u>obiettivi politici</u> 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.

#### <u>Digital Europe Programme: Chips Joint Undertaking - Calls 2025</u>

The Chips Joint Undertaking (Chips JU) aims to bolster Europe's semiconductor industry by fostering collaboration between the EU, Member States, and private sector. The Chips JU is currently selecting projects for 2 open calls:

- DIGITAL-JU-CHIPS-2025-IA-LEAI: to develop low-power edge AI chip prototypes reaching TRL
  6-7; total budget allocated €20.000.000
- <u>DIGITAL-JU-CHIPS-2025-SG-SSOI</u>: to create a sustainable accelerator for advanced Strained Silicon on Insulator (sSOI) substrates; total budget allocated €30.000.000

Funding programme: Digital Europe Programme

Call & Topic ID: DIGITAL-JU-CHIPS-2025

Deadline: September 17th 2025 (IA-LEAI), November 20th 2025 (SG-SSOI)

Applicants: legal entities established in EU Member States or Digital Europe associated countries

Activity sector: semiconductors

Partnership: required (at least 3 independent legal entities established in different EU Member States

or Digital Europe Programme associated countries)

# Horizon Europe: Physical and cognitive augmentation in advanced manufacturing (Made in Europe Partnership) (RIA)

The call aims to enhance the manufacturing industry through breakthrough augmentation technologies. Proposals should cover all of the following aspects:

- Develop breakthrough solutions (based on e.g. mechatronics, sensing and photonics) for human-centric approaches;
- Develop innovative methodologies, potentially using AI;
- Assess and take into account the needs of managers and workers;
- Develop new methodologies to perform an assessment of augmentation technologies and their suitability and value added (beyond economics).

In addition, proposals should include a business case and exploitation strategy. The total budget allocated is €35.000.000.

**Funding Programme:** Horizon Europe – Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space **Call & Topic ID:** HORIZON-CL4-INDUSTRY-2025-01-TWIN-TRANSITION-02

Deadline: September 23rd 2025

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

associated countries

Activity sector: advanced manufacturing

Partnership: required (at least 3 independent legal entities established in different EU Member States

or Horizon Europe associated countries)



Partner search: French Coordinator of the Horizon Europe project is looking for manufacturing companies, plants, factories and production sites all over the Europe

#### **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).

#### **ENVELOPE Call #1**

The call aims to advance and open up 5G-Advanced architecture, transforming it into a vertical-oriented system tailored to Connected and Automated Mobility (CAM) use cases. This includes streamlining the configuration of the network and end devices to support vertical sectors, enhancing vertical-specific functionalities and developing a modular architecture that enables better visibility of the network and communication state on the vertical side, allowing advanced Application Function (AF) influence on network configuration. The total budget allocated is €1.350.000, with up to €300.000 per project and a maximum funding of €60.000 per beneficiary. A minimum of five projects will be funded.

**Deadline:** August 15<sup>th</sup> 2025

Applicants: SMEs, universities, research institutes established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

Activity sector: 5G-Advanced for Connected and Automated Mobility (CAM)

**Partnership:** required (consortia must be composed of up to 5 legal entities, with a minimum of 50% SMEs; consortia having at least one member from one of the South-East Europe nations will be favoured)

# EIT Urban Mobility: Urban Mobility Explained (UMX) Open Call

The call aims to accelerate the development and delivery of high-quality, sustainable professional training and support services that close the urban mobility knowledge gap, focusing on the design, commercialisation, replication, and delivery of face-to-face courses — including EIT Label ones — and custom training pathways. The total facely allocated is €4.000.000, with up to €700.000 per proposal.

Deadline: Cut-off 1 (September 30<sup>th</sup> 2025), Cut-off 2 (February 12<sup>th</sup> 2026)

**Applicants:** SMEs, universities, research and technology organisations, cities or large businesses established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

Activity sector: professional training in urban mobility

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

#### **FORTHCOMING**

#### European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE) 2026 Call for proposal

The EIE aims to create more connected and efficient innovation ecosystems to support the scaling up of companies, encourage innovation and stimulate cooperation among national, regional and local innovation actors. Three topics are expected to open soon:

- 1) <u>European network of national competence centers for innovation procurement (CSA):</u> total budget allocated €4.500.000
- 2) Expanding Investment Ecosystems (CSA): total budget allocated €5.000.000
- 3) Scaling up deep tech ecosystems (RIA): total budget allocated €5.000.000

Funding programme: Horizon Europe – European Innovation Ecosystems

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-EIE-2026-01-CONNECT

Planned opening date: September 10th 2025

Deadline: January 20th 2026

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

Activity sector: innovation, interregional cooperation

Partnership: required:

- 1) at least 15 independent legal entities, each established in a different Member State or associated country;
- 2) at least 3 national or regional authorities, from at least 3 different Member States or associated countries, of which at least 1 is representing a 'moderate' or 'emerging' innovator region and at least 1 is representing a 'strong' or 'innovation leader' innovator region;
- 3) at least one ESFRI Landmark or European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) as beneficiary.

#### **EVENTS**

#### **European Research and Innovation Days 2025**

Bruxelles/Online, September 16th-17th 2025

The EU Commission is organising the European Research and Innovation Days 2025. The event will bring together policymakers, researchers, business executives, and the wider R&I community to discuss how research and innovation are driving competitiveness, sustainability and EU industrial leadership by supporting the EU's main priorities. Registration is required and available <a href="https://example.com/here/br/>he

# Lump Sum Funding in Horizon Europe: How does it work? How to write a proposal?

Online, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025

Horizon Europe uses lump sum funding to reduce administration and financial errors. Lump sums make the programme simpler by removing the need to report actual costs, making access to the programme easier for small organisations and newcomers. The European Commission is organising a webinar to present lump-sum funding in Horizon Europe, including presentation of practical experience with lump sum grants. The session will be live-streamed, no registration needed.

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