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HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-02 — Digital and emerging technologies for competitiveness and fit for the Green Deal	
	[Call website]
Deadline:	16.10.2024
Description:	Horizon Europe, under Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness, invites proposals for HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-02 — Digital and emerging technologies for competitiveness and fit for the Green Deal. This intends to strengthen European capacities in key parts of digital and future supply chains, allowing agile responses to urgent needs, and by investing in early discovery and industrial uptake of new technologies. • HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-02-01 — Developing and deploying a network of quantum gravimeters in Europe, with a budget worth €25 million; • HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-02-02 — Stimulating transnational research and development of next generation quantum technologies, including basic theories and components (Cascading grant with FSTP), with a budget worth €15 million; Extended Deadline. *** The closing date for this opportunity has been extended. The previous deadline of 18 September has been extended to 16 October 2024. All other call details remain unchanged. ***
Budget:	MAX 40.000.000 EUR

ECDC Fellowship Programme (EPIET and EUPHEM): EU-Track	
	[Call website]
Deadline:	22.10.2024
Description:	The programme is aimed at EU/EEA medical practitioners, public-health nurses, biologists, epidemiologists, microbiologists, veterinarians and other health professionals with previous experience in public health and a keen interest in intervention epidemiology and public health microbiology. The programme trains EU/EEA fellows in the core competencies required for the investigation and control of communicable disease threats in and beyond Europe. Training and practical experience are provided in two paths: • Field epidemiology path (EPIET): in intervention epidemiology at the national and regional centres for surveillance and control of communicable diseases in the European Union. • Public health microbiology path (EUPHEM): in laboratories with public health functions or training sites with a consortium of different laboratories in Europe.
Budget:	--

Marketed Innovation Prize	
	[Call website]
Deadline:	22.10.2024
Description:	This recognises products or services which have been developed in part of, or in full, as a result of engagements with EIT Food.
Budget:	MIN 5.000 EUR; MAX 10.000 EUR

StandICT.eu 2026 – 6th open call	
	[Call website]
Deadline:	04.11.2024

Description:	StandICT.eu 2026 invites applications for its open call. This provides funding to support the participation of European standardisation specialists in key international and global SDOs. Through nine open calls this funding will enable the specialists to contribute to and help create a fully integrated European Standardisation Ecosystem, thereby strengthening Europe's position in global standardisation initiatives.
	
	Three types of proposals can be funded:
	• LT – Long term contribution (with travel option)
	  o Description: Contribution to ongoing standards development as a chair, convener, rapporteur or member of an SDO WG. E.g. comments on standards development and drafts, attending meetings also as an observer, paying membership fees.
	  o Maximum Contract Duration: 6 months
	  o Funding Range: Up to €10,000
	• ST – Short-Term contributions (with travel option)
	  o Description: Contribution to standards documentation e.g. liaison to WG, comments on standards drafts, participation at meeting paying membership or registration fees.
	  o Maximum Contract Duration: 3 months

	o Funding Range: Up to €5,000
	• OS – One-Shot contributions
	o Description: Support to ensure participation at workshop or event (e.g., participant, observer, presentation)
	o Maximum Contract Duration: 3 months
	o Funding Range: Up to €3,000
Budget:	MAX 10.000 EUR

Hack2Horizon prize	
	Call website
Deadline:	08.11.2024
Description:	This recognises the best solutions to a challenge proposed by a partner company or a business project.
Budget:	MAX 1.000 EUR

Know-how exchange programme	
	Call website
Deadline:	15.11.2024
Description:	This supports the transfer of experience and expertise from organisations in the EU to peers in non-EU countries within the CEI region.
Budget:	MAX 40.000 EUR

Open call 2 – Building Reusable testbed Infrastructures for validating Cloud-to-device breakthrough technologies	
	Call website
Deadline:	15.11.2024
Description:	This call supports projects aimed at building reusable testbed infrastructures for validating cloud-to-device breakthrough technologies. Proposals may cover (but are not limited to) the following topics: 1) Vertical applications from various domains (e.g., PPDR, media, eHealth, transportation, Industry 4.0) to validate the 6G-BRICKS testbeds in terms of: • Throughput, low latency, and spectral efficiency; • Location accuracy; • Increased coverage; • Intent-driven service deployment. 2) Experimentation xApps for: • RIS experimentation; • Cell-free experimentation and trajectory prediction. Budget: €1,680,906 (€120,000 per project with maximum of €60,000 per beneficiary)
Budget:	MAX 60.000 EUR

Empowering SMEs Call	
	Call website
Deadline:	18.11.2024
Description:	Empowering SMEs call aims to attract, select, and support SMEs willing to further innovate their existing solutions (TRL 8 or higher) to adapt and expand the market beyond their current applications. Solutions shall fit at least one of the following topics: • Optimising production processes and increasing resources efficiency through digital solutions; • Socially sustainable and human-centric manufacturing; • Environmentally sustainable manufacturing through circular business models and new technologies.
Budget:	MIN 60.000 EUR; MAX 100.000 EUR

Cassini Challenges - Idea and Prototype Tracks	
	Call website
Deadline:	25.11.2024
Description:	The competition is looking for EU Space-based solutions in satellite navigation, Earth observation, satellite communication or space surveillance and tracking. What are we looking for?

	• Solutions using EU Space (Galileo and Copernicus data, signals, services). • Solutions contributing to the competitiveness of the European Space Industry in the field of satellite navigation, Earth observation, satellite communication or space surveillance and tracking. • Solutions highlighting effectiveness, uniqueness, and innovation, with a strong focus on commercial potential and scalability. To participate, you must identify the challenge: • Social • Commercial • Environmental You must also propose solutions using space technologies: • Satellite Navigation • Earth Observation • Satellite Communications • Space Surveillance and Tracking You can participate in a different track, depending on the maturity of the technology at the time of the submission: • Idea - A theoretical idea and the problem that is solved by space tech • Prototype - A prototype/beta version of a solution that has already been tested. Needs a description of the use case(s), the customer needs addressed and the value proposition • Product - A product that is ready for commercialization/ is already in the market. Needs a description of the use case(s), the customer needs addressed, the value proposition, and evidence of a commercial traction.
Budget:	MIN 10.000 EUR; MAX 100.000 EUR

Call for Expressions of Interest: innovative solutions and novel techniques for environmental remediation in port areas	
	Call website
Deadline:	13.12.2024
Description:	The CEI-Executive Secretariat is pleased to announce the launch of a Call for Expressions of Interest in the framework of the Project TREASURE -Testing novel environmental quality measures in and around euro-med ports. TREASURE is co-financed by the Interreg EURO-MED Programme, which focuses on mitigating and reducing sediment and water pollution in port areas, addressing a pressing issue that affects coastal and marine ecosystems. The CEI is searching for innovators and solution providers who can help us address six major environmental challenges affecting Mediterranean port areas: water management, protection and restoration of biodiversity, energy management, sediment management, improvement of air quality and waste management.
Budget:	MIN 60.000 EUR; MAX 100.000 EUR

ERASMUS-EDU-2024-NARIC — National Academic Recognition Information Centres (NARIC)	
	Call website
Deadline:	18.12.2024
Description:	This action aims to support NARICs in implementing the key EU and EHEA commitments in the area of recognition, in particular automatic mutual recognition and fair recognition practices for the qualifications of third-country nationals. The action will support projects working on the following themes and priorities: • Higher Education - Reaching automatic recognition; • Upper Secondary Education and Training (General School Education / Vocational Education and Training); • Improving coordination and networking among the centres; • Supporting capacity building activities for NARIC centres, including extension of competencies for VET qualifications.
Budget:	MIN 100.000 EUR; MAX 500.000 EUR

ERASMUS-EDU-2024-EHEA - European Higher Education Area (EHEA)	
	Call website
Deadline:	18.12.2024
Description:	This action aims to foster the collaborative engagement of EHEA national authorities, EHEA consultative members, higher education institutions and, in general, all relevant stakeholders in bottom-up activities to address the gaps identified in the Bologna Process Implementation Report 2024, or to achieve the priorities of the Tirana Communiqué. In general, the proposed projects should support the implementation of the Bologna process, as well as its commitments, which are crucial for the further evolution of the EHEA.
Budget:	--

EU4H-2024-PJ-03 — EU4Health action grants	
	Call website
Deadline:	22.01.2025
Description:	The European Health and Digital Executive Agency, under the EU4Health programme, invites proposals for its EU4H-2024-PJ-03 – EU4Health action grants. These support projects in the field of health promotion and disease prevention, cancer, digital, other activities under the EU4Health Programme (EU4H). The call covers the following topics: ● EU4H-2024-PJ-03-1 — Call for proposals to support a comprehensive, prevention-oriented approach to mental health in the Union - (DP-g-24-25); ● EU4H-2024-PJ-03-2 – a, b, c — Call for proposals on health promotion and prevention of noncommunicable and communicable diseases, including vaccine-preventable and other cancers caused by infections, and on smoke- and aerosol-free environments - (DP/CR-g-24-29); ● EU4H-2024-PJ-03-3 — Call for proposals on radiation safety and quality of computed tomography imaging of children and young adults - (CR-g-24-42); ● EU4H-2024-PJ-03-4 — Call for proposals on Personalised Cancer Medicine - (CR-g-24-99); ● EU4H-2024-PJ-03-5 — Call for proposals to support the establishment of new networks of expertise on cancer and cancer conditions - (CR-g-24-96) - EU4H-2024-PJ-03-6 — Call for proposals on advancing the adoption of artificial intelligence in health (DI-g-24-76); ● EU4H-2024-PJ-03-7 — Call for proposals: action grants to contribute to the organisations of conference and events - (OA-g-24-79).
Budget:	MAX 4.500.000 EUR

Enterprise Europe Network (SMP-COSME-2024-EEN)	
	Call website
Deadline:	04.02.2025
Description:	The European Innovation Council and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Executive Agency, under its single market programme, invites applications for its Enterprise Europe Network call. This supports the development and management of the Enterprise Europe Network initiative, with the aim of improving the competitiveness, sustainability, digitalisation, and resilience of SMEs in Europe and by promoting entrepreneurship. The network should help European SMEs to innovate, grow and scale in the single market and beyond. Key activities include: ● Activity 1: Provision of value-added services to clients ● Activity 2: Promotion of the Network and communication ● Activity 3: Network development and capacity building ● Activity 4: Network coordination and quality management ● Activity 5: Project management (including consortium coordination)
Budget:	--

Cassini Challenges - Product Track	
	Call website
Deadline:	24.03.2025
Description:	The competition is looking for EU Space-based solutions in satellite navigation, Earth observation, satellite communication or space surveillance and tracking. What are we looking for? ● Solutions using EU Space (Galileo and Copernicus data, signals, services). ● Solutions contributing to the competitiveness of the European Space Industry in the field of satellite navigation, Earth observation, satellite communication or space surveillance and tracking.

	• Solutions highlighting effectiveness, uniqueness, and innovation, with a strong focus on commercial potential and scalability. To participate, you must identify the challenge: • Social • Commercial • Environmental You must also propose solutions using space technologies: • Satellite Navigation • Earth Observation • Satellite Communications • Space Surveillance and Tracking The application shall also provide a description of the typical use case(s) of the product, the customer needs that it addresses and the value proposition. Evidence of a commercial traction (to be intended as pilot projects completed, commercial contract signed, customers acquired) shall be presented. The expected TRL of applications in this track is TRL8-TRL9.
Budget:	MAX 100.000 EUR

TENDER CALLS

TENDER - Call for expressions of interest for external experts to evaluate applications submitted to the New European Bauhaus Prizes 2025 competition	
	Call website
Deadline:	16.10.2024
Description:	DG REGIO seeks expressions of interest from external experts able to assess applications participating in the 2025 edition of the New European Bauhaus Prize competition, from the angle of six fields, based on the three values and three working principles of the New European Bauhaus (NEB). 1) NEB values: • Sustainability (understood as environmental sustainability, including climate issues, circularity, biodiversity, etc.); • Aesthetics and quality of experience (design, arts, culture, architecture, etc.); • Inclusiveness (equal opportunities, accessibility, affordability). 2) NEB working principles: • Participatory process (involvement of communities affected by the project in the design, decision-making and implementation phase, empowerment of local communities, etc.); • Multi-level engagement (effective exchange both horizontally – with peers – and vertically – with others operating in different scales; to connect stakeholders from different levels who share similar purposes); • Transdisciplinary approach (engagement of practitioners and knowledge from different fields).
Budget:	--

TENDER - European Fair Transition Observatory (EFTO)	
	Call website
Deadline:	17.10.2024
Description:	This seeks proposals for the establishment of an European Fair Transition Observatory in 2024. The Observatory is expected to facilitate the monitoring and implementation of fair transition policies across the EU, at all levels and involving key stakeholders, in different domains beyond coal intensive regions and sectors. It will provide up-to-date information on fair transition policies, showcase best practice examples promoting fair transitions and strengthen the evidence base on fairness aspects of the transition through the collection and provision of relevant data and analytical work. Extended Deadline. *** The closing date for this opportunity has been extended. The previous deadline of 9 October has been extended to 17 October 2024. All other call details remain unchanged. ***
Budget:	MAX 800.000 EUR

TENDER - Provision of nuclear analysis services	
	Call website
Deadline:	18.10.2024
Description:	The Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy invites tenders for its provision of nuclear analysis services. The tenderer will create computer models for radiation transport simulations, radiation transport calculations, activation calculations, determination of nuclear responses (such as heat, damage, gas production, dose and others), assessment of solution convergence and result uncertainty, and

	technical reporting of all the above. Other support activities in the area of nuclear analysis are also envisaged.
	Extended Deadline. *** The closing date for this opportunity has been extended. The previous deadline of 13 September has been extended to 18 September 2024. All other call details remain unchanged. ***
Budget:	MAX 800.000 EUR

TENDER - Study on Artificial Intelligence for Missiles & Munitions (AIM&M)	
	Call website
Deadline:	05.11.2024
Description:	The objective of the contract is to support EDA and Member States in elaborating the implementation of the CapTech Missiles & Munitions (CapTech M&M) Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) regarding the technological development in AI technologies and how to integrate such into the development of M&M systems. The framework contract shall provide an overview of which areas within the defined areas of interest of the CapTech are interesting to review deeper and are interesting for AI and ML. Areas to be examined if suitable are the Technical Building Blocks (TBB's) from the CapTech SRA: - Munition Life Management; - Insensitive Munitions; - Fuzing & Ignition Systems; - Precision Guided Munition & Missiles; - High Performance Gun Launch; - Improved Tools and Methods for Qualification & Safety; - ED Detection and Defeat Technologies; - High Performance Energetic Materials; - Improved Warhead and Penetrator Design; - Technologies for Decoying and Obscuring; - New Production Technologies for Munition Components; - Education & Training; - High performance missile propulsion. The list of TBB's is a starting point but not an absolute list that must be strictly followed. Its purpose is to create a link to the CapTech SRA, obtain engagement from the Cap Tech M&M community and be a support for the Workshop (hybrid or on-line), which shall be held. The result from the framework contract shall support the Member States in planning future usage of AI in M&M including relevant applications for research and development.
Budget:	MAX 450.000 EUR

TENDER - Implementation of pharmaceutical legislation and data-driven policy for medical products	
	Call website
Deadline:	12.11.2024
Description:	The call will aim to procure timely and high-quality services to ensure that the contracting authority, when needed, access to sector specific data and specialised economic expertise on medical products to support policy decision making. The work envisaged would involve data gathering and economic analysis of large data sets as well as relevant contextual and sectoral/company account data. The work will aim to provide insight to the contracting authority on the medical products sector such as on how well relevant policies/legislation are performing and how changes in the regulatory framework affect the functioning and structure of the markets including market actors as well as products on the market and their use. Relying on both quantitative and qualitative data, the work will include economic and other analysis of the market development including factors that influence pricing, competition, and market structure and the interaction of key healthcare actors (including patients, healthcare providers, public payers and industry), and the actors within supply chains.
Budget:	MAX 6.000.000 EUR

InnoStars SPICE (Strategic Partnership Initiatives for Competitive Edge) programme	
	Call website
Deadline:	31.10.2024
Description:	This enables organisations from EIT RIS countries to bring groundbreaking healthcare solution to market.
Budget:	--

Fast Track to the EIC Accelerator	
	Call website
Deadline:	08.11.2024
Description:	The programme allows Eurostars-3 alumni, in particular SMEs (including start-ups) and small mid-caps who have finished or are finalising a Eurostars-3 project, to skip the first step (short proposal) of the EIC Accelerator and move directly to the second step (full proposal) of the EIC Accelerator, in order to develop and scale up.
Budget:	MAX 15.000.000

6G-PATH's Open Call	
	Call website
Deadline:	21.11.2024
Description:	The 6G-PATH – Open Call #1 focuses on infrastructure deployments that go beyond what the vertical use cases require and span across different network types and services, where verticals can run their use cases and leverage B5G/6G solutions and technologies. The 6G-PATH – Open call #1 is divided in two tracks: • TRACK A - Infrastructure deployment: 6G-PATH funds two applications (additional third-party testbeds) that enable the development and integration of a B5G/6G network infrastructure made available for testing and validating services/ applications across the Health, Education, Smart Cities, and Farming verticals. The total budget per project may not exceed €300.000. • TRACK B - Infrastructure software extensions: 6G-PATH funds 10 applications (third-party testbed extensions) that integrate advances in any of the seven testbed infrastructure services. The total budget per project may not exceed €60.000.
Budget:	MAX 300.000 EUR

Inno2Market – Innovate Together	
	Call website
Deadline:	06.12.2024
Description:	Through Innovate Together, EIT Manufacturing aims to support industrial actors in fast-tracking the commercialisation of key manufacturing technologies, allowing European actors to comply with the European Green Deal regulations and strengthen their competitiveness in the production of strategic technologies in Europe. Each proposal must focus only on one of the following topics: • Topic 1 – First-Time-Right Manufacturing; • Topic 2 – End-of-Lifecycle management. The total budget of this call is of €5 million. Funding is worth up to €800,000 per project for up to 18 months. Each partner is requested to contribute with eligible expenditures at least equal to 10% of the project total budget. Activity proposals submitted to this call are expected to have a minimum co-funding rate of 33% (the minimum co-funding rate refers to the total project budget).
Budget:	MAX 800.000 EUR

EIT Higher Education Institutions (HEI) Initiative — Call for Proposals	
	Call website
Deadline:	12.12.2024
Description:	This call for proposals allows higher education institutions and business partners across Europe to collaborate on innovative projects, transforming higher education institutions into hubs for innovation and entrepreneurship. This year's call has a strong focus on enhancing the quality and competitiveness of European higher education. It will improve research and technology transfer from higher education and support business creation through strengthening collaboration between HEIs and business partners across Europe. The call will incorporate a two-strand approach in which applicants will need to select one of the two strands: • Strand A: Innovation and entrepreneurship capacity building at HEIs;

	• Strand B: Innovation and entrepreneurship capacity building at HEIs for the enhancement of Deep Tech. Both strands will follow the same structure, budget, and requirements. However, Strand B proposals must detail how their action plans will enhance deep tech innovation and entrepreneurship within their consortia and align with the EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative.
Budget:	MAX 1.340.000 EUR

Internationalisation activities open call	
	Call website
Deadline:	20.12.2024
Description:	The goal of the RESIST (REsilience through Sustainable processes and production for the European automotive InduSTry) Euroclusters project open-call is to provide financial support to European SMEs, start-ups and/or mid-cap companies working in the Mobility, Transport and Automotive ecosystem (MTA) to develop more sustainable production tools leading to economic success and resilience improvement in the face of future market changes and crisis of the MTA. The RESIST Eurocluster will provide cascade fundings to distribute public funds and generate opportunities for SMEs, start-ups and/or mid-cap companies working in the Mobility, Transport and Automotive ecosystem (MTA), in the adoption or development of digital technologies. The aim of this Call is to support the participation in internationalisation acceleration activities organised in non-EU third countries. The eligible activities are: • Attend conferences in a target market • Attend trade fairs in a target market • Attend exhibitions in a target market • Attend in-person trainings or events on internationalisation • Participate in an in-person matchmaking events • Bilateral meetings with potential customers or suppliers (B2B, B2C, C2C) Under this call, up to 15 FSTP schemes will be funded with a maximum funding of €2000 per SME. The maximum amount to be granted per applicant in the framework of the RESIST project shall not exceed €60,000 in total even in the case of multiple granted financial support scheme types (lump sums) to the applicant during the lifetime of the project.
Budget:	MAX 60.000 EUR

ESA Academy Student Sponsorship - International Vacuum Electronics Conference	
	Call website
Deadline:	20.12.2024
Description:	This enables tertiary education students to attend the 26th International Vacuum Electronics Conference (IVEC 2025), to be held on 14 to 17 April 2025 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The sponsorship will cover the early bird student registration fees (directly paid by ESA Education Office) and provides a maximum reimbursement of €700 towards travel and accommodation expenses.
Budget:	--

EMFAF-2025-PIA-FLAGSHIP — Regional flagships projects supporting sustainable blue economy in EU sea basins - Smart Specialisation and Regenerative Ocean Farming and Algae Innovation	
	Call website
Deadline:	18.02.2025
Description:	This call for proposals aims to support interregional partnerships in developing new blue economy business solutions, boosting investment and promoting cooperation among quadruple helix stakeholders at all levels. The call will also support the implementation of priorities identified by the existing EU sea basin strategies, with a particular focus on innovation and Smart Specialisation, notably in the Atlantic (Atlantic Maritime Strategy), the Western Mediterranean (WestMed Initiative), and the Black Sea (Common Maritime Agenda) regions. It will further contribute to reaching the objectives of the Mission Ocean and its sea basin-level "lighthouses". The call covers the following topics: 1. EMFAF-2025-PIA-FLAGSHIP-I3 — Maritime regional cooperation fostering Smart Specialisation and Innovation in the Sustainable Blue Economy; 2. EMFAF-2025-PIA-FLAGSHIP-OCEANFARMING — Demonstrating feasibility and environmental benefits of regenerative ocean farming and boosting algae innovation.
Budget:	MIN 700.000 EUR; MAX 2.500.000 EUR

TENDER- Call for applications - Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) Expert Group	
	[Call website](#)
Deadline:	17.10.2024
Description:	This call for applications aims to set up an expert group on cybersecurity of products with digital elements (CRA Expert Group), which will assist and advise the Commission on issues relevant to the implementation of the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA). The group's specific tasks shall be: • to assist DG CONNECT in the preparation of policy initiatives in the field of cybersecurity of products with digital elements; • to assist DG CONNECT in the preparation of delegated acts related to the cybersecurity of products with digital elements; • to establish cooperation between the Commission and Member States and stakeholders on questions relating to the implementation of Union legislation, programmes and policies in the field of cybersecurity of products with digital elements; • to assist DG CONNECT in the early preparation of implementing acts related to the cybersecurity of products with digital elements, before submission to the committee in accordance with Regulation (EU) N°182/2011; • to assist DG CONNECT in the development of guidance documents aimed at facilitating the implementation and compliance with Union legislation by relevant stakeholders in the area of cybersecurity of products with digital elements; • to bring about an exchange of experience and good practice in the field of policy of cybersecurity of products with digital elements, including related standardisation, security marks and support measures for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.
Budget:	MAX 5.000.000 EUR

TENDER- Multiple Framework Contract in Cascade for Assistance Services in the Field of Compliance Assessment in the areas of banking and finance	
	[Call website](#)
Deadline:	25.10.2024
Description:	The services required under this contract will contribute to assisting the Commission in assessing the compliance of national measures with EU legislation, in particular in the area of the financial services. It falls within the responsibility of the Commission to make sure that Member States legislation is compliant with Union law.
Budget:	MAX 5.000.000 EUR

TENDER - Radio Spectrum Technical Support Services for the European Defence Community	
	[Call website](#)
Deadline:	29.10.2024
Description:	EDA intends to conclude a Service Framework Contract (FWC), for the provision of technical and regulatory support to the EU Defence community, by conducting compatibility studies in the area of spectrum engineering, frequency management and the regulatory development process, in view of its preparation for the WRC27 and for other radio regulatory activities.
Budget:	MAX 600.000 EUR

TENDER - Develop and conduct training courses on Expert Knowledge Elicitation (EKE)	
	[Call website](#)
Deadline:	29.10.2024
Description:	Tenderers will develop and conduct training courses on Expert Knowledge Elicitation (EKE).
Budget:	MAX 400.000 EUR

TENDER - Implementation of pharmaceutical legislation and data-driven policy for medical products	
	[Call website](#)
Deadline:	15.11.2024
Description:	The call will aim to procure timely and high-quality services to ensure that the contracting authority, when needed, access to sector specific data and specialised economic expertise on medical products to support policy decision making. The work envisaged would involve data gathering and economic analysis of large data sets as well as relevant contextual and sectoral/company account data. The work will aim to provide insight to the contracting authority on the medical products sector such as on how well relevant policies/legislation are performing and how changes in the regulatory framework affect the functioning and structure of the markets including market actors as well as products on the market and their

use. Relying on both quantitative and qualitative data, the work will include economic and other analysis of the market development including factors that influence pricing, competition, and market structure and the interaction of key healthcare actors (including patients, healthcare providers, public payers and industry), and the actors within supply chains.	
Extended Deadline. *** The closing date for this opportunity has been extended. The previous deadline of 12 November has been extended to 15 November 2024. All other call details remain unchanged. ***	
Budget:	MAX 6.000.000 EUR

EIT RawMaterials - fast-track innovation	
	Call website
Deadline:	18.10.2024
Description:	The Fast Track 2024 Call aims to accelerate ongoing projects supported by EIT RawMaterials under its Booster, Upscaling, Education (PhD Education, Master Education, Lifelong Education, Wider Society Learning), Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS), and Internationalisation programmes. Fast Track 2024 will provide additional funding to selected projects in two focus areas: • Support the development of Go-To-Market strategies for projects that, at the time of selection, were not allocated funding for Go-To-Market work packages; • Support accelerated product/service launch to market recently completed or ongoing Upscaling and (Lifelong Learning) LLL projects with good performance where additional funding is required to launch or there is a need for a commercialisation partner.
Budget:	MAX 200.000 EUR

S3E Reverse for solvers	
	Call website
Deadline:	31.10.2024
Description:	The S3E – Southern European Entrepreneurship Engine invites applications for their reverse for solvers call. These support deep tech projects in different maturity levels. This call provides funding under the following theme: • S3E reverse - for corporate challenges with solutions from scaleups and SMEs, provides a brokerage programme. Corporates are invited to submit a deep tech challenge aiming at solving an unmet need that impacts at least one of the SDGs on focus. On a second stage, scale-ups and SMEs will be able to respond to the selected challenges with their innovative deep tech solutions.
Budget:	--

S3E Reverse for solvers	
	Call website
Deadline:	04.11.2024
Description:	This enables students to participate in a workshop on concurrent engineering and its benefits, to be held from 20 to 24 January 2025 at ESA Academy's Training and Learning Facility in ESEC-Galaxia, Belgium.
Budget:	MAX 300 EUR

EIT Food Fast Track to Market	
	Call website
Deadline:	26.11.2024
Description:	EIT Food is looking for fast-moving, mature companies with an existing business case that has high potential to generate B2B/B2C sales for new or improved food innovation products or services. Through the Fast Track To Market funding programme, you can boost your market readiness to bring your service to new or expanded markets. Whether expanding to new markets, or growing new products in existing markets, the support of EIT Food can help your company speed up your marketability and potential commercial success.
Budget:	MAX 250.000 EUR

EBRAINS 2.0 open call — Integrating vascular architecture into the EBRAINS Human Brain Atlas	
	Call website
Deadline:	02.12.2024
Description:	EBRAINS invites applications for its open call. This seeks to engage the scientific and research community to integrate models of the brain vascular tree with the human brain atlas in EBRAINS. Submissions that bring in 3D reconstructions of the vessel tree from vascular images which can be spatially aligned to one of the reference template spaces provided by EBRAINS to combine them with the structural and functional parcellations in EBRAINS and link them to other findings such as structural and functional neuroimaging, cytoarchitectonics or molecular data, are encouraged. Funding is aimed at facilitating the integration of pre-existing data of brain vasculature with EBRAINS brain atlases.
Budget:	MAX 60.000 EUR

TALOS open call	
	Call website
Deadline:	03.12.2024
Description:	This supports SMEs or start-ups in developing robotics, AI and data solutions to address the challenges defined for the 3 pilot scenarios to be executed within TALOS Project: land-based PV, floating PV and AgriPV.
Budget:	MAX 200.000 EUR

SMP-COSME-2024-SEE — Social economy enterprises: capacity building and business opportunities for social circular enterprises	
	Call website
Deadline:	10.12.2024
Description:	This call for proposals in the field of social economy under the Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs strand of the Single Market Programme (SMP COSME) comprises two topics: • Topic 1: SMP-COSME-2024-SEE-01 - Stepping up organisational and entrepreneurial capacity of SMEs in social economy: this topic aims to improve quality of management and organisational excellence of SMEs in the social economy through the design and implementation of capacity building, training, coaching and advisory services. The activities developed by the selected proposals should be replicable by capturing the designed services in modular blueprints; • Topic 2: SMP-COSME-2024-SEE-02 - Partnerships for circular value chains between mainstream businesses and SMEs in social economy: this topic aims to increase the contribution of SMEs in the social economy to the development of circular economy value chains. For this, it will promote and support partnerships between social economy and mainstream (for-profit) businesses.
Budget:	MIN 1.000.000 EUR; MAX 2.000.000 EUR

FIDAL open call on 5G evolved use cases (round 1)	
	Call website
Deadline:	10.12.2024
Description:	FIDAL is inviting SMEs, start-ups, research institutes, groups of entrepreneurs, app developers and infrastructure owners to undertake a set of beyond 5G trials in a multitude of domains compatible to the FIDAL ones. FIDAL is giving the opportunity to the applicants of the Open Call two options: 1. Submit single beneficiary proposal for new use case and related field trials using FIDAL experimentation framework, toolkits and NetApps supported by the existing infrastructures, coming from FIDAL initial Consortium. 2. 2. Submit proposals from groups of collaborating and complementary partners to produce new use cases and perform trials using additional services and testing facilities. The sub-projects selected during the Open Call will be requested in the contract to provide the following deliverables: Use case requirements; Architecture; 5G evolved features; Key Performance Indicators, including measures data; Key Value Indicators, including data and applied metrics; Lessons learnt.
Budget:	MIN 10.000 EUR; MAX 260.000 EUR

EIT InnoEnergy – open call for sustainable energy solutions	
	Call website
Deadline:	31.12.2024
Description:	The European Institute of Innovation and Technology, under EIT InnoEnergy, invites applications for its open call for sustainable energy solutions. This supports innovative ideas in sustainable energy from around the globe. EIT InnoEnergy is looking for companies that aim for impact with scalable business models and/or disruptive technologies to: • Reduce costs in the energy value chain • Reduce CO_2 emissions • Secure operability of the energy system • Create sustainable growth • Improve competitiveness • Reduce costs in the energy value chain • Create jobs
Budget:	MIN 60.000 EUR; MAX 2.000.000 EUR

CREA-MEDIA-2025-MEDIA360 — MEDIA 360	
	Call website
Deadline:	09.01.2025
Description:	The objective of the MEDIA 360 action is to develop major audiovisual hubs capable of proposing a strategic set of activities which respond to key opportunities and challenges at the European level. To encourage a coherent approach where the hubs exploit their unique identities and capabilities, as well as economies of scale, MEDIA 360 supports a package of activities implementing a shared vision and objectives with an impact across the value-chain. Projects must cover activities in at least two of the following segments: • Skills development: training and mentoring activities to enhance the capacity of audiovisual professionals to adapt to new creative processes, market developments and digital technologies that affect the whole value chain; • Markets, B2B activities and networking: activities and networking industry events, physical, digital or hybrid, focused on business-to-business exchanges among European audiovisual professionals, facilitating co-productions and sales and showing a structuring effect on the European audiovisual eco-system as well as impact on the promotion and sales of European audiovisual works on global markets; • International co-production between a company based in a country participating in the Creative Europe MEDIA strand and a company based in a country not participating to the MEDIA strand; • Harnessing innovation to increase the availability, visibility and audience of European works in the digital age and/or to increase the competitiveness or the greening process of the European audiovisual industry; • Support workshops, seminars or tutorials that focus on the importance of financial investments, the various opportunities available, and how these can benefit audiovisual/gaming companies in the long run.
Budget:	--

Mobility of individuals in the field of youth	
	Call website
Deadline:	20.02.2025
Description:	The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency's Erasmus+ programme invites proposals for the mobility of individuals in the field of youth. This supports the professional development of youth workers through non-formal and informal learning experiences in mobility activities. The following activities are supported: • professional development activities - may take the form of study visits and different types of assignments, networking and community building among youth workers taking part in the action, training courses supporting the development of competences, and seminars and workshops; • system development and outreach activities - complementary activities aimed at enhancing the impact of the mobility project on the field; • preparatory visits - to ensure high quality activities by facilitating and preparing administrative arrangements, building trust and understanding, and setting up a solid partnership between the organisations and people involved.
Budget:	--

OFFERR call for proposals	
	Call website
Deadline:	31.03.2025
Description:	The OFFERR project, funded by EURATOM, announces a call for proposals to facilitate international cooperation in nuclear research between European Union (and EURATOM associate Members) research organizations, universities, companies and their partners through financing trans-national access to key nuclear research infrastructures. The call is open to project proposals within all disciplines and topics of research, development and innovation that are in line with the strategic research and innovation Agenda (SRIA) of the Sustainable Nuclear Energy Technology Platform (SNETP). The project proposals supported by other European associations and organizations acting within EURATOM framework will be also considered. Two types of applications are possible: • fast-track project - to perform studies of limited scope which are to be completed in less than 6 months of access to the infrastructure. This type of project can be awarded a financial support up to EUR 50,000; • complex project - to perform studies with extended scope to be completed in less than a year and a half (18 months). This second type of project can be allocated a financial support up to EUR 1 million.
Budget:	MAX 1.000.000 EUR

Traineeships	
	Call website
Deadline:	31.03.2025
Description:	These allow young graduates to gain experience working for SatCen. As a general rule, traineeships are organised via 2 yearly intakes: • In spring: from 1 April until 30 September. (approx. publication period: October to November) • In autumn: from 1 October until 31 March. (approx. publication period: April to May)
Budget:	--

Fernand Braudel senior fellowships	
	Call website
Deadline:	03.04.2025
Description:	The European University Institute invites applications for the Fernand Braudel senior fellowships. These enable established academics with an international reputation to pursue their research at the EUI. Fellowships are offered at the following departments: • economics; • law; • history; • political and social sciences. Fellowships are worth up to €3,000 per month for up to 10 months.
Budget:	MAX 30.000 EUR

CREA-MEDIA-2025-TRAINING — Skills and talent development	
	Call website
Deadline:	24.04.2025
Description:	This call aims to nurture talents, competence and skills and to stimulate cross-border cooperation, mobility and innovation in the creation and production of European audiovisual works, encouraging collaboration across Member States with different audiovisual capacities. The call supports training and mentoring activities to enhance the capacity of audiovisual professionals to adapt to new creative processes, market developments and embrace digital transition that affect the whole value chain. Activities may be physical or on-line or a combination of both. Programmes based on innovative methods, including Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and interactive learning are encouraged to enhance access and effectiveness. The focus should be on the improvement of skills and competences adapted to the evolving technologies and market practices.
Budget:	--

Space for Sustainable Forestry	
	Call website
Deadline:	--
Description:	This call supports promising business ideas addressing the topic of sustainable forestry, including the following issues: • Improve the Ecosystem Service (ES) procedure for certification: the procedure allows forest managers to highlight the true value of the forest beyond the economic value of timber and other products. • Improve forest inventory process: focus on species composition, standing stock data and data on annual removals for the benefit of industry sourcing timber and forest managers/owners. Current inventory is done by personnel on the field which is costly and time consuming. • Deforestation management: improve understanding to differentiate between a clear cutting and a deforested area. • Agroforestry: gain better understanding about the timber resources available on agricultural area, which are managed by non-forestry stakeholders. Such understanding would bring tangible economic benefit to the farmers on the potential of their land. • Pest & disease management: improve the understanding of the elements which facilitate the spreading of harmful invasive species such as bark beetles exploiting for instance AI applied to environmental and weather-related information. • Carbon storage estimation: provide solutions which are aimed at improving both vegetation carbon storage and soil carbon storage estimation. Estimate carbon in a forest is not a trivial feature especially for forest owners who need to rely on third party developers. The current solutions are based on tree characteristics (e.g. tree height) therefore it is necessary to improve the reliability and robustness of the data on the single tree and tree species. • Natural disaster response (with emphasis on fire and flood detection): to generate alert which are tailored to the geographically area of interest and which are also timely and reliable.
Budget:	--

Innovative Health Initiative ninth call for proposals	
	Call website
Deadline:	--
Description:	This call will invite applicants to identify untapped opportunities in the IHI Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda. Proposals will have to: • address an unmet public health need; • require a large-scale, ambitious, cross-sector, public-private partnership; • have clearly-described impacts on society, the economy and science; • take account of the pre-competitive nature of IHI projects.
Budget:	--

TENDER - Implementation of the digitalisation vision for inland waterway transport as part of the European Green Deal	
	Call website
Deadline:	07.10.2024
Description:	The tenderer will contribute to the Implementation of the digitalisation vision for inland waterway transport as part of the European Green Deal
Budget:	EUR 900.000 EUR

TENDER - Laboratory analysis of soil samples collected during the 2022 LUCAS Survey	
	Call website
Deadline:	14.10.2024
Description:	This awards contracts for laboratory analysis of soil samples collected during the 2022 LUCAS Survey. • LOT-0001: CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL ANALYSIS Laboratory services Duration: 72 Months Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 000 000,00 EUR • LOT-0002: DNA ANALYSIS OF SOIL SAMPLES Laboratory services Duration: 38 Months Estimated value excluding VAT: 400 000,00 EUR

	• LOT-0003: ANALYSIS OF PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS Laboratory services Duration: 72 Months Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 000 000,00 EUR
Budget:	--

TENDER - Service Framework Contract for the provision of studies in selected "Capability Technology Areas" – CapTechs Cluster	
	Call website
Deadline:	15.10.2024
Description:	The proposed framework contracts (FWCs) under various CapTech lots aims to advance military technology across multiple areas: digital transformations for EU Member States (MS) Forces (LOT 1); using intelligent computing for military (Space weather and) meteorological forecasting (LOT 2); mapping of innovative electronics components providers for defence (LOT 3); supporting collaborative autonomous systems and heterogenous SWARMS (LOT 4); improving of decontamination operations reflecting new threats and approaches for European technological solutions (LOT 5); developing new technology Vortex-based radar (LOT 6). Extended Deadline. *** The closing date for this opportunity has been extended. The previous deadline of 14 October 2024 has been extended to 15 October 2024. All other call details remain unchanged. ***
Budget:	--

TENDER - Exploratory study on the provision of care for Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) cancer patients in the Union	
	Call website
Deadline:	16.10.2024
Description:	The aim of this study is to map the provision of healthcare to Adolescent and Young Adults (AYA) cancer patients and survivors in all EU Member States, Norway and Iceland. Based on the evidence collected, the study will document and analyse the major barriers and enabling factors for the design and provision of quality care before, during and after cancer treatment, but also highlight best practices and innovative approaches. Recommendations for future actions directed at EU Member States, Norway and Iceland will be developed by the contractor, with relevant strategies to improve the provision of targeted healthcare to AYA cancer patients and survivors. Extended Deadline. *** The closing date for this opportunity has been extended. The previous deadline of 9 October has been extended to 16 October 2024. All other call details remain unchanged. ***
Budget:	MAX 1.000.000 EUR

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Budget:	MAX 1.000.000 EUR

TENDER- Topical Studies on Nuclear Power Plants Operating Experience	
	Call website
Deadline:	11.11.2024
Description:	The Joint Research Centre invites tenders for topical studies on nuclear power plants operating experience. The tenderer will assist in the preparation of topical studies, in order to draw lessons related to a given topic from event reports contained in different operating experience databases, and to provide recommendations to the European nuclear safety authorities based on those lessons learned.
Budget:	MAX 600.000 EUR

EVENTS

Expert group report on the interim evaluation of Horizon Europe - Launch event
Online, oktober 16. 2024,
More information here

CEF DIGITAL events
Bruselj, oktober 16. – 18. 2024,
More information here

International Congress on Innovation in Atmospheric Water Collection and Environmental Restoration Techniques
Kanarski otoki, oktober 17. – 18. 2024,
More information here

5GSC Community Conference 2024
Bruselj, oktober 18. 2024,
More information here

Workshop: Sustainable finance, the way forward
Padova, oktober 25. 2024,
More information here

5th PCI Energy Days
Bruselj, november 04. – 05. 2024,
More information here
Involving young people in Policy Making Process and Democracy Building
Bruselj, oktober 07. 2024,
More information here

SMART CITY EXPO WORLD CONGRESS
Barcelona, november 05. – 07. 2024,
More information here

Theory Meets Practice: Harnessing AI for practical implementations in digital archiving
Budimpešta, november 07. 2024,
More information here

EUROPARC e-Forum | Effective Management; Better Parks
Online, november 07. 2024,
More information here

Horizon Europe - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks 2023 - Coordinators' Information Day
Online, november 12. 2024,
More information here

Generative AI in translation and specialised communication
Online, november 13. 2024,
More information here

Strategic Energy Technology Plan: Scaling up research, innovation and competitiveness in clean energy technologies
Budimpešta, november 14. – 15. 2024,
More information here

Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform capacity-building event on Innovation ecosystems
19 November 2024 in Skopje, North Macedonia
More information HERE

Skills in the EU Defence Ecosystem
Thessaloniki, november 26. – 27. 2024,
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PUBLISHED PLANS AND PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

- Animal testing in chemical safety assessments - Commission roadmap to phase it out
- EU-Japan trade agreement - evaluation
- European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) - evaluation
- Energy security architecture - fitness check
- National Emission Reduction Commitments Directive - evaluation
- Firearms trafficking Directive
- European Border and Coast Guard Agency - model working arrangement
- Fees paid o the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) - update
- National Emission Reduction Commitments Directive - evaluation

PUBLICATIONS

1. Performance of European partnerships: Biennial monitoring report 2024 on partnerships in Horizon Europe
2. EU revenue based on non-recycled plastic packaging waste
3. Higher education institutions, community engagement and just transition
4. Policy landscape supporting technology infrastructures in Europe
5. Scoping the socio-economic performance of the EU proximity economy
6. Mapping of technology infrastructures supporting clean and renewable energy industries in Europe
7. Green transition: Unclear contribution from the Recovery and Resilient Facility
8. Go international: A practical guide for the internationalisation of schools, VET and adult education providers
9. Protocol for handling policy requests received by the EC's Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity
10. The EU's response to the COVID-19 pandemic: The EU medical agencies generally managed well in unprecedented circumstances
11. An agricultural renaissance in Africa: Seizing opportunities in global agricultural trade
12. Emergent patterns: The future of Europe seen by EU citizens
13. Fiscal challenges in the green transition: A global perspective
14. Use of EU ETS auctioning revenues in the Member States: Good practices
15. An exploratory comparison between unicorns and lower valued startups in Europe
16. Use of cash by companies in the euro area in 2024
17. Accommodation and food service activities: Issues and challenges related to labour mobility
18. Building an EU biodiversity financing indicator
19. European climate risk assessment
20. Proposal for a directive on adaptive non-contractual civil liability rules to artificial intelligence
21. Making the Rural Pact happen in Member States: Policy briefing
22. Review of risk assessment models for breast cancer
23. The impact of EU legislation in the area of digital and green transition, particularly on SMEs
24. Weathering the crisis: How job retention schemes preserved employment and incomes during the pandemic
25. Study on passenger and freight rail transport services' prices to final customers
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27. Digital innovation and banking regulation
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