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### **DFG Priority Programme “International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP)” (SPP 1006); Deadline: 23 October 2024**

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The SPP 1006 provides opportunities for cutting-edge research on ICDP drilling data and samples, basic research on core material, development and preparation of scientific drilling projects, pre-site surveys, development and use of ground-breaking drilling devices and logging tools, and innovative experiment techniques for long-term measurements. Proposals submitted under SPP 1006 must have a very clear link to an ongoing, past or future drilling campaign.

Drilling is an indispensable tool for modern geosciences addressing a large variety of topics from deep-time Earth processes and their interaction with an early atmosphere, to understanding the entire full chain from geohazards to the processes shaping the Earth's present condition. The benefit of continental scientific drilling for helping us understand these processes is well documented by the long-running International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP). The main research questions driving SPP 1006 are shaped by the key themes summarised in the ICDP Science Plan 2020–2030, which include:

- geodynamic processes,
- geohazards,
- georesources and
- environmental change.

Another important future development is the realisation of land-to-sea (L2S) drilling campaigns that include, for example, the holistic assessment of natural hazards, the interplay between fresh and seawater along coastlines, the transition between continental and oceanic crust, ice-sheet dynamics or the formation of sustainable georesources.

Further information:

<https://www.dfg.de/de/aktuelles/neuigkeiten-themen/info-wissenschaft/2024/ifw-24-84>

### **Horizon Europe ERC Consolidator Grant; Deadline: 14 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

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The ERC Consolidator Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team or programme. Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their research proposal.

A competitive Consolidator Grant Principal Investigator should have already shown evidence of research independence.

The Principal Investigators shall have successfully defended their first PhD at least 7 and up to 12 years prior to 1 January 2025

Consolidator Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of EUR 2 000 000 for a period of 5 years.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERC-2025-COG?isExactMatch=true>

### **Horizon Europe Quantum Chip Technology for high-quality Trapped Ions Pilot Line (Framework Partnership Agreements); Deadline: 21 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

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This call aims to develop a scalable production infrastructure for trapped-ion quantum computing processors in Europe, transitioning from manually fabricated ion traps to automated manufacturing processes.

The aim is to support one pilot line implemented through a Framework Partnership Agreement establishing a stable and structured long term partnerships between the Chips JU and consortia of industry, research organisations and the institutions in Quantum Technologies who commit themselves to establishing, coordinating and implementing a strategic and ambitious R&I initiative contributing to the development of innovative quantum chips, followed by an ambitious action for building and deploying pilot lines.

The partnership will ensure the implementation of the initiative through several consecutive Specific Grant Agreements (SGAs) that will carry out the different activities in a common framework. The SGAs will be implemented as Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) or Innovation Actions (IA) in function of the concrete objectives of the action. The FPA

should be carried out in different phases, which will be triggered after the attainment of appropriate intermediate progress milestones identified by the Consortia. The FPA will permit the coordinated development of the technology, its validation and the nurturing of the ecosystem. The developments should be integrated in at least one pilot demonstrator to validate the developments and demonstrate the scalability potential.

The infrastructures of the pilot line should be installed in a pre-operational environment in the facilities of the hosting entities. The FPA and SGAs should target delivering components for building and deploying in the EU of quantum technologies based on European technology.

Proposals should address the following activities:

- Integrating fabrication capabilities into mainstream microelectronics or photonics manufacturing processes.
- Microfabrication techniques adaptable for high-yield production of next-generation ion-traps.
- Process design kits (PDKs) for fabricating next-generation ion-traps using standardized building blocks. Integrating cutting-edge PDKs with European virtual design platforms to standardize production and reduce the need for custom developments.
- Integration of advanced features such as segments and junctions, and integrated photonics for addressing, manipulation, and readout in ion-trap chips.
- Enhancing technology (including enabling technologies) and manufacturing readiness levels across the quantum industry, addressing applications in one or more of the following: quantum computing, communications, simulation, and/or sensing.
- Standardization of production processes and development of high-quality ion-traps for diverse applications including quantum computing, quantum communication, quantum metrology, and quantum simulation.
- Demonstration of scalable, efficient, and stable (e.g. high yield) production capabilities. The development of robust and repeatable manufacturing processes tailored to quantum chips' unique requirements, enabling a consistent and reliable supply for European stakeholders.
- Developing reliable characterization tools to ensure quality assurance of trapped-ion chips, ensuring consistency and reliability across production batches, and demonstrating the scalability of pilot line technologies from small-to-mid volume fabrication to potentially large-scale industrial production.
- Define a technology roadmap and implementation plan towards industrialisation of the production of quantum chips.

The FPA is expected to achieve Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 8. The actions implemented under the first SGA are expected to achieve Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 6.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-JU-Chips-FPA-QAC-2?order=ASC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&isExactMatch=true&type=1,2&status=31094501,31094502>

## **Horizon Europe Quantum Chip Technology stability Pilots (Framework Partnership Agreements); Deadline: 21 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

The aim is to support two or more pilot lines implemented through a Framework Partnership Agreement establishing a stable and structured long term partnerships between the Chips JU and consortia of industry, research organisations and the institutions in quantum technologies who commit themselves to establishing, coordinating and implementing a strategic and ambitious R&I initiative for the development of innovative quantum chips, followed by an ambitious action for building and deploying pilot lines.

The partnerships will be set up through one FPA per technology platform, which will ensure the implementation of the initiative through several consecutive Specific Grant Agreements (SGAs) that will carry out the different activities in a common framework. The SGAs will be implemented as Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) or Innovation Actions (IA) in function of the concrete objectives of the action. The FPAs should be carried out in different phases, which will be triggered after the attainment of appropriate intermediate progress milestones identified by the consortia. The FPAs will permit the coordinated development of the technology, its validation and the nurturing of the ecosystem. The developments should be integrated in one pilot demonstrator per FPA to validate the developments and demonstrate the scalability potential.

Proposals should address the following activities:

- Developing scalable production processes for quantum chips in view of building industrial production processes.
- Integrating cutting-edge Quantum Process Design Kits (PDKs) with European virtual design platforms to standardize production and reduce the need for custom developments.
- Enhancing technology (including enabling technologies) and manufacturing readiness levels across the quantum industry,

addressing applications in one or more of the following: quantum computing, communications, simulation, and/or sensing.

- Establishing standardized methodologies for the design, test, and manufacturing of quantum chips to streamline production processes and broaden the application sectors.
- Demonstration of scalable, efficient, and stable production capabilities, aiming at high yield<sup>25</sup>. The development of robust and repeatable manufacturing processes tailored to quantum chips' unique requirements, enabling a consistent and reliable supply for European stakeholders.
- Developing reliable characterization tools to ensure quality assurance of quantum chips, ensuring consistency and reliability across production batches, and demonstrating the scalability of pilot line technologies from small-to-mid volume fabrication to potentially large-scale industrial production.
- Define a technology roadmap and implementation plan towards industrialisation of the production of quantum chips.

The FPAs are expected to achieve Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 8. The actions implemented under the first SGA are expected to achieve Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 6.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-JU-Chips-FPA-QAC-1?isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502&frameworkProgramme=43108390&type=1,2&startDate=1725141600000,1>

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### **EU4Health Programme 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; Deadline: 22 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

The aim of this action is to contribute to reducing the burden caused by NCDs and communicable diseases and their risk factors, supporting Member States' actions. The action targets cancers caused by infections, vaccine-preventable cancers and communicable diseases (HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, viral hepatitis)

Activities will aim to:

- a) support Member States and countries associated to the EU4Health Programme in their actions to prevent, monitor and manage communicable diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and viral hepatitis;
- b) support Member States in their actions to address stigma and discrimination.

More specific activities will include:

- a) development of best and promising practices, innovative policies, cost-effective approaches and research to prevent and monitor communicable diseases in the Union (HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, viral hepatitis);
- b) awareness-raising to tackle stigma and discrimination;
- c) targeted actions for vulnerable groups (e.g., drug users, migrants, people in prison)
- d) capacity-building for health professionals, including in terms of communication skills, and support for patient groups and vulnerable groups.

The expected results include:

- a) identification and piloting of best and promising practices through population-level interventions; b) guidelines and evidence-based recommendations for prevention and control of communicable diseases;
- c) awareness-raising campaigns and activities targeting vulnerable groups and communities;
- d) training, upskilling and reskilling for health professionals in terms of prevention, monitoring and management of communicable diseases, focusing on vulnerable groups;
- e) activities that provide support to patient groups and organisations representing vulnerable groups.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EU4H-2024-PJ-03-2-c?isExactMatch=true>

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### **EU4Health Programme Call for proposals to support a comprehensive, prevention-oriented approach to mental health in the Union; Deadline: 22 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

The aim of this action is to reduce the burden of mental ill health through promoting good mental health and effectively preventing mental health problems across the Union by supporting the efforts of the Member States in implementing the flagship actions and other initiatives of the Commission Communication on a comprehensive approach to mental health.

The activities could cover the following areas of action:

- a) promotion of good mental health and prevention of mental health problems through mental health literacy and awareness-raising, knowledge-sharing and exchange programmes for health professionals, creation of and participation in networks of institutions, patients and health professionals, identification and sharing of best and promising practices and approaches and implementable research results;
- b) support for the design of integrated and coherent health policy approaches to key mental health challenges for children, such as those posed by the digital world (e.g., misinformation, cyberbullying, body shaming, aggressive marketing, undue access to inappropriate content, addiction and concentration deficit);
- c) support for the design of comprehensive and coherent policy approaches and toolkits to address key social, environmental, commercial and behavioural factors influencing the mental health of citizens, including children and young people and their mental resilience;
- d) better and earlier detection and intervention of mental health problems through development, piloting and implementation of approaches and tools for early detection and intervention in various settings e.g., schools, workplaces, prisons and community settings;
- e) improved access to evidence-based, innovative, promising and community-level approaches and interventions in the management of mental health challenges;
- f) improved quality of life through appropriate and patient-centred follow-up care with a focus on rights and breaking through stigma and discrimination.

The activities should include an equity dimension and aim at reducing health inequalities and focus on vulnerable groups (such as children, the elderly, women in vulnerable situations and migrants and refugees, Roma people and displaced people from Ukraine) and socio economically disadvantaged groups (such as persons with low education and incomes, or persons at unemployment risk).

The expected results of this action are an improved and accelerated move towards the development and implementation of a comprehensive approach to mental health, including in areas such as mental health promotion and prevention, better and earlier detection, and interventions to tackle mental health issues, access to innovative approaches to managing mental health conditions in communities, and quality of life of patients and their families/(in)formal carers in the Member States, through:

1. collection and sharing of information, knowledge, promising and best practice approaches on a comprehensive approach to mental health under the above-mentioned areas of actions;
2. support for national, regional and local policymakers and decision-makers in the move towards a more comprehensive approach to mental health;
3. data identification and dissemination on the key social, environmental, commercial and behavioural factors that influence the mental health of citizens, especially children and young people;
4. development of policy advice and of a communication toolkit on how to best reach and involve vulnerable and socio-economically disadvantaged population groups in local community settings, on mental health issues, especially depression, suicide prevention and addressing stigma and discrimination;
5. reinforced cooperation, exchange networks and dissemination between civil society organisation to support the move towards a comprehensive approach on mental health.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EU4H-2024-PJ-03-1?isExactMatch=true>

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### **EU4Health Programme Call for Proposals on radiation safety and quality of computed tomography imaging of children and young adults; Deadline: 22 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

The aim of the action is to enhance the quality and radiation safety of medical applications of ionising radiation in children, adolescents and young adults. Actions taken should in particular focus on computed tomography procedures in children and young adults and aim to reduce the associated risk of adverse secondary effects, such as brain and other types of cancer. This action should cover in priority head CT exams in children, adolescents and young adults. It can be extended to other body regions, as well as other imaging modalities involving ionising radiation, if there is a frequent clinical indication for paediatric imaging and improved justification and optimisation is considered achievable. This action could include conventional and interventional radiology, CT and nuclear medicine and could also include imaging procedures performed as part of radiotherapy treatments

The activities carried out in this action should include the following:

- a) review of referral guidelines for imaging, clinical guidelines, and clinical decision support systems in use in Member States for justification of radiological imaging in children, adolescents and young adults and recommendations for improvement of these guidelines to the relevant actors;
- b) review of the equipment base and the access to dedicated paediatric imaging in Member States and recommendations for improvement of the equipment base to the relevant actors;
- c) development of guidance, protocols and tools for optimisation of paediatric CT exams, for the CT devices and the clinical indications that are the most used in Europe;
- d) the organisation of information and dissemination campaigns concerning recommendations, guidance, protocols and tools for justification and optimisation of paediatric imaging among the concerned hospitals and medical centres in all Member States;
- e) development of education and training curricula, material, and tools on radiation protection of paediatric patients, for the applicable professional groups;
- f) the organisation of a training of radiologists, radiographers, medical physicists, and radiology nurses in practical approaches to radiation protection of paediatric patients;
- g) the organisation of information campaigns about the benefits, risks and radiation safety of imaging in paediatric, adolescent and young adult patients, targeted at parents and young adults.

As an expected outcome of the activities and in line with the SAMIRA objective to ensure that applications of ionising radiation in Member States operate in line with high standards for quality and safety, medical staff should have improved tools to ensure justification and optimisation of medical procedures involving ionising radiation in children and young adults. This should take various forms of technical/practical tools, like improved imaging referral and clinical guidelines, guidance, protocols and tools for specific exams and equipment, education and training curricula and material. Trainings for the hospital staff and information campaigns should also be organised.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EU4H-2024-PJ-03-3?isExactMatch=true>

## **EU4Health Programme Call for proposals on Personalised Cancer Medicine; Deadline: 22 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

The aim of the action is to complement the implementation of the 'Joint Action on Personalized Cancer Medicine' led by the Member States, thus helping to reduce the burden of cancer both at a personal and societal level, namely by supporting the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and policy initiatives on personalised medicine. It may also support other Union initiatives that aim at improving public health, such as the '1+ Million Genomes' Initiative and the Initiative to Understand Cancer (UNCAN.eu) in so far as it shares the objectives of promoting personalised treatments and support ground-breaking research needed to advance the understanding of cancer mechanisms in order to improve the cancer care pathway.

This action should cover the ambition of the sixth flagship of the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, the 'Cancer diagnostic and treatment for all' initiative. It will build on the results of the

EU4Health Programme funded projects, such as the Personalised Cancer Medicine for all EU citizens ('PCM4EU'), the EU Cancer and Public Health Genomics platform project ('CAN.HEAL'), as well as the project for improved diagnostics and survival for all children with Acute Myeloid and the Leukaemia treated within the NOPHO-DB- SHIP consortium; a cross-European collaboration ('CHIP-AML22'). The action will also make use of the guidelines, protocols and best practices, developed under other European Commission funded initiatives and projects such as the 1+ Million Genomes Initiative, a European-wide foundation to accelerate Data-driven Cancer Research (EOSC4Cancer), and Partnership on Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS) as well as Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) funded projects could also be considered.

Activities will contribute to the 'Joint Action on Personalized Cancer Medicine', and include:

- a) the implementation of targeted projects involving civil society organisations and industry complementing the Member States' efforts in the design, planning and implementation of best practices (e.g., on metastatic cancer);
- b) the production of public health guidelines concerning personalised cancer medicine, genomic testing/screening and metastatic cancer management;
- c) patients and caregivers consultations, and other actions that can benefit citizens directly;
- d) preparation and roll out of innovative practices;
- e) support capacity building actions such as training and twinning, health communication or health literacy.

The expected results will include initiatives to complement the Member States' efforts in the design, planning and implementation of best practices, such as support for the development of public health guidelines (e.g., personalised cancer medicine, genomic testing/screening and metastatic cancer management) guidelines and, support for the preparation and roll out of new policy approaches; participation in the pilot testing of innovative practices; development of capacity building actions such as training and twinning, health communication or health literacy.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EU4H-2024-PJ-03-4?isExactMatch=true>

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**EU4Health Programme Call for proposals on health promotion of noncommunicable and communicable diseases, including vaccine-preventable and other cancers caused by infections, and on smoke-and aerosol-free environments; Deadline: 22 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

This action is expected to contribute to reducing the burden caused by NCDs and related risk factors and communicable diseases in the Member States, and to contribute to reducing the risks from exposure to second-hand smoke and aerosols in certain outdoor spaces and from emerging tobacco products.

Activities will aim to:

- a) support Member States' priorities and actions on addressing NCDs, in particular for vulnerable groups, such as children, young people and the elderly;
- b) build on the advice and momentum from the planned revised Council Recommendation on smoke-free environments, supporting Member States' priorities and actions to implement that recommendation.

More specific activities will include:

- a) the development and piloting of best and promising practices, innovative and cost effective approaches and research results on prevention of NCDs and risk factors;
- b) the roll-out of already identified best practices and innovative approaches with the overall goals of protecting people in the Union from exposure to second-hand smoke and aerosols and of strengthening the coordination of activities among Member States.

The expected results include:

- a) identification and piloting of best and promising practices through population-level interventions;
- b) guidelines and evidence-based recommendations for prevention and control of NCDs and related risk factors;
- c) guidelines and evidence-based recommendations to support Member States and stakeholders in reducing the exposure to second-hand smoke and aerosols and the risks from emerging tobacco products;
- d) targeted interventions to promote health and prevent disease among vulnerable population groups, including children, young people and the elderly.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EU4H-2024-PJ-03-2-a?isExactMatch=true>

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Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EU4H-2024-PJ-03-2-a?isExactMatch=true>

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### **EU4Health Programme Call for proposals on advancing the adoption of artificial intelligence in health; Deadline: 22 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

The overarching objective of this project is to accelerate the safe deployment of AI systems in particular in clinical settings. The action is expected to:

- a) create communities of experts with knowledge and experience on AI deployment in clinical settings;
- b) identify challenges and accelerators of the safe and effective deployment of AI in clinical practice;
- c) develop good AI deployment practices (e.g., appropriate incorporation of AI in clinical practice, ethics, etc.), guidelines and recommendations to speed up the safe and effective deployment of AI in health;
- d) test and evaluate through pilot projects how good deployment practices, guidelines and recommendations benefit diverse environments and diverse populations (e.g., metropolitan and rural hospitals). As part of the pilots, to analyse how clinical practice is changing with the incorporation of AI systems;
- e) expand knowledge on AI uses in medicine and develop trust on AI by both healthcare professionals and public including patients;
- f) prepare healthcare systems for full-scale application of AI;
- g) educate relevant actors (e.g., healthcare professionals, hospital managers, AI developers, patients) on the best use and practices of AI deployment in healthcare;
- h) educate individuals including patients on AI uses for diagnosis, treatment and management of patients;
- i) provide a reference interactive digital tool to collect and communicate best AI deployment practices in healthcare and foster collaborations and communities; and
- j) inform policy makers on the best way to accelerate the safe and effective deployment of AI in clinical practice.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EU4H-2024-PJ-03-6?isExactMatch=true>

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### **EU4Health Programme Call for proposals to support the establishment of new networks of expertise on cancer and cancer conditions; Deadline: 22 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

Activities will complement the joint action on new networks of expertise to be launched under the EU4Health work programme 2023 and include:

- a) implementing targeted projects involving patient organisations, civil societies, non-government organisations complementing the Member States' efforts in the design, planning and implementation of the networks;
- b) the establishment of best practices, the production of public health, treatment guidelines, or other actions that can benefit patients;
- c) the preparation and roll out of innovative practices (pilot tests), and support actions such as training and twinning, health communication or health literacy.

Support activities could include:

- a) practical support (to help patients better understand the impact of cancer and treatment; managing the side effects of cancer and cancer treatment);
- b) emotional support (regular consultations in support groups and workshops, aimed at supporting and helping patients to manage the difficult psychological and emotional impact of cancer);
- c) education and information (practical information on diet in cancer, oncology workshops for healthcare professionals and support personnel, tailored to specific types of cancer and their symptoms).

The expected result is to enable stakeholders to contribute to the delivery of the joint action on new networks of expertise launched under the EU4Health work programme 2023. This will include of establishing within the networks of expertise supporting actions for patients, families, caregivers and other participants in the fight against cancer. This action will help Member States to improve cooperation among their cancer services and with health professionals and patient advocates (by for instance addressing skill gaps and better equipping the health workforce in cancer care); and to improve and deepen the cooperation with the non-governmental sector.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EU4H-2024-PJ-03-5?isExactMatch=true>

### **Creative Europe Programme Media 360°; Deadline: 9 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

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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.

The action will support a package of activities facilitating the creation, promotion and distribution of European content, and/or the uptake of new technologies or business models by the audiovisual sector. The activities shall have impacts across the value chain (for example supporting talents and skills, developing markets and networking, supporting innovation and private investment, supporting international co-productions, as well as other relevant areas) and be implemented by European organizations able to attract European and international participants. The applicants shall present a comprehensive strategy and a coherent package of activities and be able to demonstrate their strong added-value and structuring effect across the European audiovisual industry.

Expected results

Reinforce the capacity of the EU industry to create, produce, distribute and promote European works with the potential to travel across the EU and beyond;

- Improve the competitiveness of European organisations with a high level of expertise and global track record
- Incentivize the experimentation of new business models
- Enhance private investment in audiovisual and/or gaming companies
- Promote sustainable and more environmentally-respectful solutions for the audiovisual industry;
- Support the digital transformation of the audiovisual and/or gaming industries and the uptake of digital tools by audiovisual and/or gaming companies;
- Support the acquisition of new skills by audiovisual and or gaming professionals to thrive in an increasingly competitive market;

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CREA-MEDIA-2025-MEDIA360?isExactMatch=true>

### **Creative Europe Programme Skills and talent development; Deadline 24 April 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

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The objective of the Skills and Talent Development support is to enhance the capacity of audiovisual professionals to adapt to new creative processes, market developments and digital technologies that affect the whole value chain.

Particular focus will be put on supporting new creative processes (e.g. cross disciplinary creative collaboration, innovative storytelling blending creative and digital skills), harnessing digital innovation in audiovisual production (e.g. virtual production, post-production) and distribution (marketing, promotion, audience engagement); uptake of digital tools for videogames production and distribution; enhancing IP rights exploitation; green transition (aiming at promoting sustainable practices

across the entire value chain).

Expected results:

- To promote sustainable and more environmentally respectful solutions for the audiovisual industry
- Harness Europe's creative talent by embracing new creative processes
- To accompany the digital transition of the audiovisual sector in support of content creation and dissemination
- To foster growth and investment through greater exploitation of IP across the EU and beyond
- Equip audiovisual and gaming professionals with a new combination of creative and digital skills, thereby increasing the competitiveness potential of the European industry

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CREA-MEDIA-2025-TRAINING?>

### **Creative Europe Programme Innovative tools and business models; Deadline: 16 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

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The Innovative tools and business models action is aimed at encouraging the development and/or the spread of innovative tools and business models to improve the visibility, availability, audience and diversity of European works in the digital age and/or the competitiveness and/or the greening process of the European audiovisual industry.

Expected results

- Improve the competitiveness of the European audiovisual industry and seize the benefits of the innovative developments in technology and business models;
- Improve the adaptation of the European audiovisual industry to the opportunities offered by Artificial Intelligence and the development of virtual worlds (also called Metaverse(s));
- Improve the greening process of the European audiovisual industry;
- Improve the production and circulation of European audiovisual works in the digital era;
- Increase the number and diversity of European works available online and increase their visibility in order to allow them to reach more audiences.

The projects can include in particular:

- Subtitling or accessibility/discoverability/recommendation tools to be widely used across borders and across platforms in order to improve the visibility, the availability and the audience potential of European audiovisual works;
- Business tools improving the efficiency and the transparency of the audiovisual markets: automated rights management system, technology for data gathering and analysis;
- Business models seeking to optimise the synergies and complementarities between the distribution platforms (festivals, cinemas, VOD...);
- Business tools exploring new modes of production, financing, distribution or promotion enabled or enhanced by new technology (AI, big data, blockchain, Virtual worlds / Metaverse, NFT, etc.);
- Innovative tools and business models improving the greening process of the audiovisual industry.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CREA-MEDIA-2025-INNOVBUSI>

### **Creative Europe Programme Video game and immersive content development; Deadline: 12 February 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

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The aim is to provide funds to video game production companies and other companies producing immersive content to develop works with a high level of originality and innovative and creative value, and that have a high level of commercial ambition and extensive cross-border potential to reach European and international markets. This will allow for further investment in innovative European content and increase the competitiveness of European companies in the digital global market.

The objective of the support to Video games and immersive content development is to increase the capacity of European video game producers, XR studios and audiovisual production companies to develop video games and interactive immersive experiences with the potential to reach global audiences. The support also aims to improve the competitiveness of the

European video games industry and other companies producing interactive immersive content in European and international markets by enabling the retention of intellectual property by European developers.

Expected results

- Increased quality, appeal, feasibility and cross-border potential for selected projects.
- A stronger position on the European and international market for video games developers and companies producing interactive immersive experiences.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CREA-MEDIA-2025-DEVVIGIM?i>

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### **Creative Europe Programme TV and online content; Deadline: 5 December 2024 & 14 May 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

The objective of the support to TV and online content is to increase the capacity of audiovisual producers to develop and produce strong projects with significant potential to circulate throughout Europe and beyond, and to facilitate European and international co-productions within the television and online sector.

The action aims to strengthen the independence of producers in relation to broadcasters and digital platforms, to enhance collaboration between operators, including independent producers, broadcasters, digital platforms and sales agents, from different countries participating in the MEDIA Strand, in order to produce high quality programming aimed at wide international distribution and promoted to a wide audience including commercial exploitation in the multi-platform environment. Particular attention will be given to projects presenting innovative aspects in the content and in the financing that show a clear link with the envisaged distribution strategies.

Expected results

- Increased production of high quality European works for linear and non-linear broadcasting including on digital platforms, as well as an increase in the number of co-productions.
- Enhanced cooperation between operators from different countries participating in the MEDIA Strand, including between broadcasters.
- Increased audience for European works through linear and non-linear broadcasting including on digital platforms.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CREA-MEDIA-2025-TVONLINE?i>

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### **Creative Europe Programme European slate development; Deadline: 5 December 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time**

The objective of the European slate development support is to foster the competitiveness of European independent production companies and to increase their economic weight on the market. The aim is also to increase the capacity of audiovisual producers to develop projects with the potential to circulate throughout Europe and beyond, and to facilitate European and international coproduction.

The support will also provide an entry point for emerging talent, giving them the opportunity to direct a short film supported by the strong foundation provided by experienced companies.

Expected results

- A stronger position on European and international markets for companies selected under European slate development.
- Increased quality, feasibility, cross-border potential and market value of European works supported.

The aim is to provide funds to audiovisual production companies to develop work with high creative value and cultural diversity and wide cross-border exploitation potential. Companies are encouraged to develop strategies for marketing and distribution from the outset of the development phase thus improving the potential to reach audiences at a European and international level.

Greater cooperation, including co-development, between operators from different countries participating in the MEDIA Strand is also pursued as well as strengthening the competitiveness of European audiovisual production companies by consolidating their capacity for investment in the development phase and expanding companies' activities and their innovation capacity to explore new fields and markets.

Special attention will be given to applications presenting adequate strategies to ensure a more sustainable and more

environmentally-respectful industry and to ensure gender balance, inclusion, diversity and representativeness.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CREA-MEDIA-2025-DEVSLATE?>

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**European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) Maritime regional cooperation fostering Smart Specialisation and Innovation in the Sustainable Blue Economy (Topic 1); Deadline: 18 February 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

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The objective of this call topic is to animate and underpin the S3 Thematic Platform for Sustainable Blue Economy with strategic interregional partnerships that develop and implement highly innovative solutions addressing priorities in the EU sustainable blue economy (i.e. decarbonisation of the blue economy sectors, energy transition, sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, circular blue economy, new forms of aquaculture including algae, coastal resilience and marine litter prevention, sustainable food systems, and green coastal and maritime tourism).

This topic will focus on:

- Boosting existing interregional partnerships that work on the identification of innovative blue economy solutions and investment with business potential.
- Promoting the creation of interregional partnerships by building on existing smart specialisation strategies and shared blue economy priorities of European regions.
- Addressing thematic priorities (within the five blue economy sectors mentioned under section 1 and listed below under 'Activities that can be funded') supporting a sea basin or cross-sea basin approach, including the sea basin-scale cooperation of the Mission Ocean lighthouses.

Projects should carry out as many as possible of the following activities. The list is non-exhaustive, and proposals may include other relevant activities that meet the themes and priorities of the call topic:

- Activities to support plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes, or services such as demonstrating, testing and piloting activities by companies, large-scale product validation and market replication.
  - Adaptation of existing prototypes and tailoring them to the companies' needs for the demonstration in a real environment.
  - Development of portfolios of projects for close-to-market investments that deploy new or improved technologies or processes.
  - Activities directly aiming at producing plans with a concrete timetable, arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services. This can include testing, demonstration, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication.
  - Activities connecting or making complementary use of testing and demonstration facilities to accelerate market uptake and scale-up of innovative solutions in shared smart specialisation areas.
  - Innovation services for interconnecting value chains.
  - Test beds and complementary activities needed to improve regulations, standards and/or to remove barriers and bottlenecks to innovation.
  - Activities bringing innovative ideas and new products to the market.
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- Advisory support for investment: developing or implementing interregional business and "go to market" investment plans in specific value chains.
  - Organising and participating in workshops, matchmaking or networking events with other projects and initiatives at EU level and the S3 thematic partnerships established under the S3 Sustainable Blue Economy Platform.
  - Activities to support the interregional partnerships in terms of mentoring, coaching, training, investment readiness support, or other advisory and financial planning support.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EMFAF-2025-PIA-FLAGSHIP-13?isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502&type=1&startDate=1726437600000,1729029600000&order=DESC&pageNum>

**European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) Demonstrating feasibility and environmental benefits of regenerative ocean farming and boosting algae innovation (Topic 2); Deadline: 18 February 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

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This call topic aims to support the development of regenerative ocean farming by proving its feasibility and viability and generating knowledge on the environmental benefits including by testing these approaches, as far as possible, in connection with Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). It further aims to promote innovation in algae by supporting the development and bringing to market new algae-based products and services, thus offering new green employment opportunities.

This topic is specifically targeting the EU Member States, notably in sea basins where regenerative ocean farming is not currently developed, such as the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

This topic will focus on:

- Setting up and operating ocean farms across various EU marine regions and measuring and quantifying environmental benefits of regenerative farming of either local seaweed species or seaweed in combination with shellfish;
- Testing and demonstration of innovative algae-based products and services to bring them closer to market.

Proposals are expected to cover one or both of the above priorities.

Projects should carry out as many as possible of the following activities. The list is non-exhaustive and proposals may include other relevant activities that meet the themes and priorities of the call topic.

For regenerative ocean farms:

- Preparatory activities for the set-up of regenerative ocean farms.
- Activities to install and operate regenerative ocean farms.
- Establishment of baseline environmental data in the farm site.
- Measurement and analysis of the environmental impacts/benefits of regenerative ocean farming.
- Development of recommendations to optimise regenerative ocean farming practices.
- Activities to promote the benefits of regenerative ocean farming and/or algae-based products and services.
- Activities to assess and test the viability of regenerative ocean farming in connection with marine protected areas (MPAs).
- Carrying out awareness-raising campaigns and activities to increase social acceptance e.g. among local communities and youth by sharing experience and evidence of the positive impacts of regenerative ocean farming.
  - Identifying enabling and/or inhibiting legislative frameworks and engaging with local authorities and authorities responsible for maritime spatial planning to remove barriers (e.g. licensing of farms, access to space) and find solutions for the set up and operation of regenerative ocean farming without affecting other aspects of ecosystem conservation/restoration.

For algae innovation:

- Development, testing and demonstration of new and innovative algae-based products and services.
- Activities to support the market readiness of the new products and services, e.g. business and investment planning, marketing, IP registration.

For all projects:

- Activities to engage and network with local stakeholders and communities.
- Coaching, training and other activities to promote entrepreneurship.
- Matchmaking activities to promote interactions and synergies across sectors, e.g. algae and shellfish farming.
- Providing technical and policy feedback on the challenges, opportunities and needs to develop regenerative ocean farming and boost algae innovation in the EU.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EMFAF-2025-PIA-FLAGSHIP-OCEANFARMING?isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502&type=1&startDate=1726437600000,1729029600000&order=D>

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