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The co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND) programme supports existing as well as new regional, national and international programmes that aim to strengthen the international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary training, mobility and career development of doctoral and postdoctoral researchers spreading the best practices of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA).

Doctoral Programmes supported by COFUND offer research training activities to allow doctoral candidates to develop and broaden their skills and competences. They will lead to the award of a doctoral degree in at least one EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. On top of compulsory international mobility, applicants are encouraged to include elements of cross-sectoral mobility and interdisciplinarity into their programmes. Moreover, they must provide for call(s), which would allow the researchers to propose their own project or to choose among research projects proposed to them. Collaboration with a wider set of partners, including from the non-academic sector, will be positively taken into account during the evaluation. These organisations may provide hosting or secondment opportunities or training modules in research or transferable skills.

Postdoctoral Programmes supported by COFUND fund individual advanced research training and career development fellowships for postdoctoral researchers. The programmes should offer training to develop key transferable skills and competences common to all fields, foster innovation and entrepreneurship and promote and (where appropriate) reward Open Science practices (open access to publications and to research data, FAIR data management, public engagement and citizen science, etc.). On top of compulsory international mobility, applicants are encouraged to include elements of cross-sectoral mobility and interdisciplinarity into their programmes. Researchers are expected to write their own proposals and choose their host institution.

Researchers will be able to freely choose a research topic fitting their individual needs. Typically, researchers are recruited and/or seconded within the partnership mentioned in the proposal. However, with the REA project officer's prior approval, it may be possible to add more Associated or Implementing Partners during project execution.

The maximum duration of the action must be 60 months from the starting date set out in the Grant Agreement, however shorter programmes are possible depending on the specificity of the proposed training.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-MSCA-2025-COFUND-01-01?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&isExactMatch=true&status=31094502&framework>

COST Open Call for new Cost Actions; Deadline Application: 21.10.2025

COST invites to submit proposals for COST Actions addressing scientific, technological and societal challenges, by promoting and spreading excellence, fostering interdisciplinary research for breakthrough science and empowering and retaining young researchers and innovators.

COST Actions have a four-year duration and the networking tools funded by COST are the following:

- Meetings (e.g., Management Committee meetings, Working Group meetings);
- Training Schools;
- Mobility of Researchers and Innovators (Short-Term Scientific Missions – STSMs; Virtual Mobility - VM);
- Presentations at conferences organised by third parties (ITC Conference Grants, YRI Conference Grants, and Dissemination Conference Grants).

COST Actions can also receive funding for other expenses:

- Dissemination and Communication Products;
- Expenses incurred for the benefit of the network.

The COST Open Call is a single stage submission process, and the 2025-1 Collection Date is 21 October 2025 at 12:00 - noon (CEST). Proposals must be submitted electronically via the e-COST online submission tool.

Further information:

<https://www.cost.eu/funding/open-call-a-simple-one-step-application-process/>

IGSTC Women Involvement in Science and Engineering Research (WISER) 2025; Deadline Application: 31.03.2025

Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC), a joint initiative of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Government of Germany was established to facilitate Indo-German R&D networking through substantive interactions among government, academia/research system and industries. IGSTC has been supporting several academic institutes and industries from India and Germany through its various programme (2+2 projects, bilateral workshops, fellowships, etc.) of industrial relevance to catalyse Indo-German strategic R&D+I partnerships.

IGSTC is now inviting proposals for the Women Involvement in Science and Engineering Research (WISER) programme Call 2025. The WISER 2025 programme has been enhanced to operate in paired mode, where women researchers from India and Germany will submit proposals in paired mode to foster innovation in the field of STEM.

Through this scheme, women researchers/entrepreneurs holding a regular position in academic/research institutions/industrial research organisations in India and Germany are invited to submit proposals in any area of STEM.

The grant will cover basic project assistance (including research staff, consumables and contingency) for the awardees in both countries and one-month research stay in India/Germany (single round-trip airfare, visa fee, medical insurance, per diem for the stay). The maximum grant for three years will be up to 39 lakhs for an Indian Principal Investigator (PI) & € 48,000 for a German Principal Investigator (PI).

Application must be submitted online via the "Application Portal" separately by each member of the collaborating pair. The application window for this cycle will open from 1st February 2025 till 31st March 2025

Further information:

https://www.igstc.org/home/wiser_2025

Horizon Europe Europe-Africa Research and Innovation call on Sustainable Energy 2025; Deadline Pre-Proposal: 27.03.2025

The Long-Term Joint EU-AU Research and Innovation Partnership on Sustainable Energy (LEAP-SE) is a 6-year program co-funded by the European Commission under Horizon Europe. It aims at developing a long-term partnership between Europe and Africa on Research and Innovation (R&I) in sustainable energy. The program is conducted by a consortium of 22 partners from European and African countries. The total budget of the program is around 30 Million Euros, including 10 Million Euros from the European Commission.

LEAP-SE Cofund Call 2025 addresses all research and innovation aspects of sustainable energy value chain, covering energy production as well as transformation, storage and utilization. It is encouraged to include cross-cutting issues. Projects should define a task dedicated to the dissemination/transfer of their results.

The LEAP-SE Joint Cofund Call 2025 supports the objectives of the 7 Multiannual Road Maps (MAR) listed below:

- 1) Assessment of Renewable Energy Sources and integration of RES in sustainable energy scenarios;
- 2) End-of-life and second-life management and environmental impact of RE components;

- 3) Smart stand-alone systems;
- 4) Smart grid (different scales) for off grid application;
- 5) Processes and appliances for productive uses (agriculture, mobility and industry);
- 6) Innovative solutions for priority domestic uses (clean cooking and cold chain);
- 7) Production and utilisation of Green Hydrogen.

Overall, LEAP-SE Cofund Call 2025 can fund basic research, industrial research, applied research and experimental development projects (covering all innovation steps) that are 12-36 months long.

The pre-proposals must be submitted, via electronic form exclusively through the LEAP-SE Electronic Submission Platform provided by the French National Research Agency (ANR), by the consortium coordinator no later than 27th March 2025, at 16:00:00 CET

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/9827?isExactMatch=true>

EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) on Water, Marine, and Maritime Sectors and Ecosystems; Deadline Proposal: 17.06.2025

As part of Horizon Europe, the EU's main programme for Research and Innovation, the EIT is set to create a new Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) in the field of water, marine and maritime sectors and ecosystems in line with its strategy for 2021-2027.

An EIT KIC is a thriving Pan-European partnership that brings together businesses, research centres and higher education institutions to power innovation. The EIT Community powers:

- a new generation of entrepreneurs and innovators equipped with skills in business and cutting-edge technology;
- innovative products and services that are developed and launched on the market in green, health and deep tech;
- start-ups and scale-ups ready to take on the planet's most urgent issues.

The new EIT KIC will develop an integrated approach across water, marine and maritime sectors and ecosystems and will address the following challenges and opportunities through the EIT's innovation model:

- Water scarcity, drought, and floods
- Marine and freshwater ecosystem degradation
- Circular and sustainable Blue Economy.

EIT Water will apply the unique EIT KIC model and bring together top businesses, research centres, and universities to provide education programmes, innovation-driven research projects, and business creation and acceleration programmes. It will also forge synergies and complement existing initiatives by creating a pan-European ecosystem in the water, marine and maritime fields.

The electronic submission service of the Funding & Tenders Portal will open on 20 February 2025 and close on 17 June 2025.

Further information:

<https://eit.europa.eu/our-activities/call-for-eit-communities/eit-water>

Horizon Europe Boosting innovation for a competitive European health ecosystem; Deadline Proposal: 29.04.2025

This call aims to fund pre-competitive Research and Innovation Actions that contribute to addressing the IHI JU's Specific Objectives, as defined in IHI JU's legal basis¹⁴ and described in more detail in the IHI JU Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA).

The call contains five topics, each focusing on one of the five IHI JU Specific Objectives (SOs):

- Topic 1 (SO1): contribute towards a better understanding of the determinants of health and priority disease areas;
- Topic 2 (SO2): integrate fragmented health research and innovation efforts bringing together health industry sectors and other stakeholders, focussing on unmet public health needs, to enable the development of tools, data, platforms, technologies and processes for improved prediction, prevention, interception, diagnosis, treatment and management of diseases, meeting the needs of end-users;
- Topic 3 (SO3): demonstrate the feasibility of people-centred, integrated healthcare solutions;
- Topic 4 (SO4): exploit the full potential of digitalisation and data exchange in healthcare;
- Topic 5 (SO5): enable the development of new and improved evaluation methodologies and models for a comprehensive assessment of the added value of innovative and integrated healthcare solutions.

The scope of each of the topics is broad in order to harness new science and technologies that will foster the development of health innovations to prevent, intercept, diagnose, treat and manage diseases and enable recovery more efficiently, and that could ultimately be integrated/implemented into the healthcare ecosystem for the benefit of patients and society.

Proposals submitted under the topics of this call may cover activities over the whole health innovation chain including, but not limited to:

- discovery of new molecules, mechanisms of action, processes, technologies;
- development and testing of these discoveries;
- development of methodologies for assessment of safety, health outcomes or health-economic evaluation;
- standardisation activities;
- contribution to regulatory science;
- pilots/proofs of feasibility including in-silico trials.

The submission deadline for full proposals (FPs) will be 29/04/2025.

Further information:

<https://www.ihj.europa.eu/apply-funding/ihj-call-9>

Horizon Europe Digital label: one source of comprehensive information for medical technology products; Deadline Proposal: 23.04.2025

The digital label is an innovative concept offering benefits to all healthcare stakeholders and society at large. Currently, no regulatory basis exists for the medical technology industry anywhere in the world. There is therefore a need to test this concept with users, gather evidence for regulatory decision making and build regulators' as well as users' trust as a basis for a common standard and policy recommendations.

The overall aim of this topic is to establish a consensus-based digital label concept applicable to all types and classes of medical devices and IVDs, making use of existing technologies that will be further improved to suit medical technology products specifically.

To fulfil the overall aim, the action funded under this topic must:

- deliver a framework for:
mapping of data elements that must be physically present on the label and those that the manufacturer can provide digitally. The framework will consider the requirements of EU Regulations (MDR General Safety and Performance Requirement (GSPR) 23.1, IVDR GSPR 20.1; the Packaging and Packaging Waste (PPWD) Directive; Digital Product passport, waste and packaging, battery, etc.) and is meant to also support future EU legislation (or transposition thereof in Member States). a standardised concept in providing digital content and structure for the medtech manufacturers taking into account the different device types.
- define and make publicly available key performance indicators (KPIs) (e.g. trends of access and digital content type) or other measures to assess the acceptability and workability of the potential digital label solution(s), provided by manufacturers, and to be tested with end users (HCPs and patients).

- generate evidence on the acceptability and usability of digital label solutions through testing in a variety of use environments that will be defined by the full consortium. This will include user feedback on behaviour changes in a variety of use environments. The action should also make the results of testing, analysis and conclusions public.
- conducting usability studies will support end-user age demographics and capture metrics on the acceptability/usability of end-user participants' potential disabilities related to interacting with digital technologies.
- engage with all relevant stakeholders (e.g. HCPs, patients, national competent authorities, notified bodies) throughout the project lifetime to get robust input through consultations, surveys, workshops and testing in order to:
 - maximise end user adoption (and understanding) of digital labels;
 - ensure that concerns and demands of end users and regulators are met.
 - based on the results of testing and body of evidence gathered, develop recommendations on digital labels to inform relevant stakeholders, regulators, policy makers, and the relevant ISO/IEC bodies for the possible development of ISO/IEC standards for digital labelling for medical devices and IVDs (or for the update of an existing standard) – note that the standard itself will NOT be developed during the lifetime of the project.
 - ensure appropriate knowledge dissemination via:
 - developing training materials;
 - subsequently finetuning training material for deployment to the public at large in all EU national languages: end users (HCPs, patients) / regulators (national competent authorities) / notified bodies in the EU Member States and any other relevant stakeholders;
 - facilitating awareness and communication with other global jurisdictions' digital label initiatives.

The indicative duration of the action is 36 months.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-JU-IHI-2025-10-01-two-stage?isExactMatch=true&status=31094502&frameworkProgramme=43108390&order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=10>

EU4Health Programme Support centre for the European electronic health record exchange Format (EEHRxF) and for the interoperability and security of electronic health record systems; Deadline Application: 03.03.2025

This action implements the EU4Health Programme general objective of strengthening health systems by improving their resilience and resource efficiency, in particular through advancing digital transformation (Article 3, point (d), of Regulation (EU) 2021/522), and through the specific objective defined in Article 4, point (f), of Regulation (EU) 2021/522 on strengthening the use and re-use of health data for the provision of healthcare and for research and innovation, promoting the uptake of digital tools and services, as well as the digital transformation of healthcare systems, including by supporting the creation of a European health data space.

The objective of this call is to set up and operate a support centre for stakeholders to advance in the adoption of the Format and in key aspects such as the interoperability and security of EHR systems towards the implementation of the EHDS. The support centre will facilitate the adoption of the Format by providing services to relevant stakeholders such as implementers of the Format and of EHR systems, and EHR systems manufacturers, health institutions and authorities and healthcare providers intending to ensure compatibility of their systems with the EHDS requirements. This action will support preparedness of the relevant stakeholders for data exchange in the context of the EHDS.

The specific objectives (SO) of this call are to:

- 1) Establish and operate a support centre for relevant stakeholders (SO1);
- 2) Create, manage, support and moderate a community of practice (CoP) (SO2);
- 3) Consolidate, publish and maintain requirements and specifications for the harmonised components of EHR systems and define validation rules for the assessment of harmonised components of electronic health record systems (SO3);
- 4) Develop an integrated digital toolkit for the harmonised components of EHR systems (SO4).

The contract resulting from this call for tenders will be concluded for 36 months.

Tenders are to be submitted via the eSubmission application according to the instructions laid down in the Invitation letter and the eSubmission Quick Guide available at the link below: https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/FTPPortal/Open+procedures_EN

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/5162fe38-7d23-421a-8148-08c863d75bb8-CN>

Horizon Europe Safeguarding innovation in secondary use of health data in the European Health Data Space (EHDS); Deadline Proposal: 23.04.2025

The European Health Data Space (EHDS) is a key initiative under the European Strategy for Data and the European Health Union that enables the secondary use of health data for various purposes, including research and innovation. The outcomes of this topic will lead to the identification of pathways for enabling innovation through the EHDS while safeguarding intellectual property, Regulatory Data Protection (RDP)¹⁶, and trade secrets in health data.

The specific challenges/problems addressed by the topic include:

- balancing the societal benefits of data-driven innovation in healthcare against the legitimate interests of public and private sector innovators to safeguard relevant legal and regulatory rights related to their data (e.g., copyright, (sui generis) database rights, CCI (Confidential Commercial Information), trade secrets, RDP (Regulatory Data Protection), patents, etc.);
- empowering HDHs and HDUs to engage with and use the EHDS for data-driven healthcare innovation by providing them with knowledge and tools, e.g., contractual agreements between HDHs and HDUs for data sharing or other potential legal, organisational or technical measures, to operationalise secondary data sharing and to safeguard intellectual property rights, trade secrets and regulatory data protections;
- developing robust frameworks and guidelines to support the implementation of the EHDS to enable harmonised and efficient sharing of IP-protected data (including in the context of cross-over with data anonymisation considerations) across all member states while safeguarding IP and trade secrets in support of innovation; and
- exploring concerns regarding commercial and competition-sensitive data and the risk of unauthorised disclosures.

Overall, these expected impacts aim to create a secure, collaborative, and innovative ecosystem within the EHDS, which will increase trust and confidence among stakeholders, optimise data utilisation, enhance protection of intellectual property, and facilitate advancements in healthcare research and innovation.

The indicative duration of the action is 36 months.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-JU-IHI-2025-10-02-two-stage?isExactMatch=true&status=31094502&frameworkProgramme=43108390&order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize>

JPND Health and social care research with a focus on the moderate and late stages of neurodegenerative diseases; Deadline Pre-Proposal: 04.03.2025

JPND launches this joint transnational call for proposals with the aim to improve the well-being of people with neurodegenerative diseases through social sciences and humanities research. More specifically, proposals will aim to increase understanding of the factors that hamper social inclusion, civic participation, dignity and quality of life of patients and their families and to develop more adequate concepts of easily accessible support for people with neurodegenerative diseases at moderate, advanced and end of life stages.

It is envisaged to fund a number of ambitious, innovative and multi-disciplinary consortia that will advance research on health and social care related to neurodegenerative diseases at moderate, advanced and end of life stages of disease by working together across national borders and considering ethical issues. The funding organisations that envisage to fund

this call, with a view to adding value to their existing national activities, are listed below. The call will be conducted simultaneously by the funding organisations in their countries and coordinated centrally by the JPND Joint Call Secretariat.

Proposals submitted to this call must focus on one or several of the following neurodegenerative diseases:

- Alzheimer's disease and other dementias
- Parkinson's disease and PD-related disorders
- Prion diseases
- Motor neuron diseases
- Huntington's disease
- Spinocerebellar ataxia (SCA)
- Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)

Pre-proposals must be submitted by the coordinator in electronic format no later than 12:00h (noon) C.E.T. on March 04, 2025, via the JPND electronic submission system (<https://ptoutline.eu/app/jpnd2025>).

Contact persons:

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Further information:

<https://neurodegenerationresearch.eu/initiatives/annual-calls-for-proposals/2025-research-call-on-health-and-social-care-research-with-a-focus-on-the-moderate-and-late-stages-of-neurodegenerative-diseases/>

EU4Health Programme Call for proposals for EU-USA cooperation on lung cancer; Deadline Proposal: 18.03.2025

The EU-USA cooperation on lung cancer aims to start a joint cohort modelling, to assess geographical distribution of tobacco prevalence and lung cancer burden, and to assess potential effects of lung cancer screening on mortality, based on different eligibility criteria for screening. Through the collection of data with a harmonised methodology, the joint demonstration project on lung cancer will contribute to foster a uniform use and interpretation of data across EU and US involved participants on lung cancer screening. Considering the need for more and better data to identify and target higher risk lung cancer profiles, such as heavy smokers/ex-smokers, the aggregated results of the investigation have the objective to contribute in advancing the use and re-use of health data for research and innovation in lung cancer primary and secondary prevention policies.

The cooperation on lung cancer is expected to generate new data and findings on lung cancer screening and mortality, and to provide guidance to Member States that are rolling out or planning to implement lung cancer screening programmes.

Projects should normally be maximum 18 months. Extensions are possible, if duly justified and through an amendment.

Proposals must be submitted electronically via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System until 18/03/2025. Paper submissions are NOT possible.

Questions should be sent to the following email address: HADEA-HP-CALLS@ec.europa.eu.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EU4H-2024-PJ-04-01?order=DES>

EU Green “3-minute fame” competition for PhD candidates; Deadline Submission: 25.02.2024

The “3-minute fame” competition is organized by the EU GREEN Alliance in the frame of WP3, “Structuring research-based

learning through Excellence Clusters. It is an academic event aimed at promoting and enhancing the communication skills of PhD students. The Competition provides an opportunity for PhD students to present their research in a concise and engaging manner to a non-specialist audience.

The purposes of the Competition are:

- To encourage PhD students to present their research topic in a concise and engaging manner to a non-specialist audience, within a time limit of three minutes.
- To develop a PhD student network
- To foster the collaboration of young researchers within the EU GREEN researchers' community

The Competition is articulated in two main phases:

First phase: a local selection is carried out at each single EU GREEN institution level. Each PhD candidate is required to prepare and submit a short presentation video respecting the requirements detailed in paragraph 6 below. The deadline for the submission of the video presentation is fixed by 12:00 CET on 25th February 2025. The submission platform is available at the following link: <https://www.surveylegend.com/s/5rw2>

Second phase: the 3 (three) selected candidates of each EU GREEN University will be invited to attend the PhD Summer School hosted by the University of Parma in the period 9th – 13th June 2025. The costs for participation in the PhD Summer School will be borne by the PhD home University. During the PhD Summer School, a joint EU GREEN Awarding Committee will select the best 3 (three) presentations among the 27 selected at local level.

Local contacts OVGU:

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Further information:

<https://eugreenalliance.eu/opportunities/call-3-minute-fame-competition-for-phd-candidates/>

Other Contact Research Funding Advisory Service at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

If you have any questions about funding opportunities, specific calls for proposals, help with submitting applications and project support, please contact the Research Funding Advisory Service/EU University Network at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg.

Information about current event, funding structures and contact details online at:

<https://www.ovgu.de/en/ContactResearchFundingAdvice.html>

<https://www.euhochschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/en/>

- 19.02.2025: Info Day - Research Fund for Coal and Steel

The Info Day is a unique opportunity to be informed about the RFCS funding opportunities and their objectives, the most updated information on the submission and the evaluation process. In particular, the info-day aims at helping potential applicants to submit high quality proposals.

Wednesday 19 February 2025, 09:00 - 17:30 (CET)

North Light building, Auditorium 13/18

Boulevard Simon Bolivar 34, 1049 Brussels, Belgium

Further information:

https://rea.ec.europa.eu/events/research-fund-coal-and-steel-big-tickets-call-2025-info-day-2025-02-19_en

- 25.02. – 26.02.2025: Bilateral Brokerage Event – GER & UK

Innovate UK are committed to fostering international cooperation. In line with this strategy, a new bilateral initiative

between the UK and Germany has been launched to strengthen partnerships for future Horizon Europe Research and Innovation (R&I) projects. The Horizon Europe Brokerage Visits aim to reinforce our cooperation with key European partners as key component of building strategic collaborations to boost our participation in Horizon Europe. Delivered by Innovate UK Business Connect (IUK BC) on behalf of DSIT, the objectives of the Brokerage Visit are to work with academia and industry (including RTO's and Catapults) who have experience/success in past (H2020) and present (HEU) framework programmes to rebuild confidence and connections to build consortia.

To support this, two-day Brokerage Visits for each key theme will be held in partnership with Science and innovation Network (SIN), Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), and Innovate UK National Contact Points (NCPs).

Further information:

<https://info.iukbc.org.uk/p/2VFU-K20/eoi-form-for-european-brokerage-visit-germany>

- 06.03. – 07.03.2025: 12th European Networking Event

For the twelfth time, the conference invites researchers and entrepreneurs from North Rhine-Westphalia and all other regions throughout Europe to find new research and innovation (R&I) partners for Horizon Europe projects.

Participants are invited to give a short presentation (ideas and/or results) with a focus on Horizon Europe calls, where a budget of approx. € 95.5 billion is available up until 2027.

Further information:

<https://horizont.zenit.de/en/events/successful2025/>

- 25.03. – 27.03.2025: European Robotics Forum (ERF) 2025

Participants will have the opportunity to explore industrial institutions as well as Fraunhofer Institutes, the University of Stuttgart, Cyber Valley, and the Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems. These visits will offer valuable insights into pioneering research and market-ready applications. Stuttgart's automotive heritage has fostered an exceptional ecosystem of automation suppliers. The convergence of academia, research institutions, and industry presents a unique opportunity for collaboration and the exploration of innovative solutions. With over 1,000 industrial projects each year, the Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Engineering and Automation IPA serves as a perfect base for attracting sponsors and delegates beyond euRobotics.

Further information:

<https://erf2025.eu/>

- March/April 2025: KoWi Mini-Webinar Series

This mini-webinar series will shed light on different aspects of the proposal preparation process for collaborative projects in the thematic clusters of Horizon Europe through weekly, short introductory seminars. The aim is to highlight specific elements of proposal preparations including:

- Horizon Europe and FP10: Status Quo (Thursday, 6 March 2025, 13:30-14:15)
- Strategic Preparation and Network Building for Involvement in Horizon Europe (Thursday, 13 March 2025, 13:30-14:15)
- Time Planning for Proposal Preparation (Thursday, 20 March 2025, 13:30-14:15)
- How to Read a Call Topic (Thursday, 27 March 2025, 13:30-14:15)
- Proposal Template and Evaluation (Thursday, 3 April 2025, 13:30-14:15)
- Impact in Horizon Europe (Thursday, 10 April 2025, 13:30-14:15)

The series of events is directed at researchers interested in applying for Horizon Europe collaborative project grants and who would like to understand the key ingredients of and background information for successful proposals. The webinars will be held in English, participants can choose to take part in the whole series or only individual webinars.

Further information:

<https://www.kowi.de/en/kowi/services/training-events/events/horizon-europe-collaborative-projects-in-a-nutshell-a-mini-webinar-series.aspx/date-6529/usetemplate-desktopdefault/>

- March/April 2025: Horizon Implementation Days

The European Commission is again organising a series of webinars as part of the "Horizon Implementation Days" in spring



2025. These (English-language) events will provide key information on submitting applications, preparing grant agreements and managing grants under the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Horizon Europe). Participants will also have the opportunity to put questions to Commission staff.

The following webinars are planned:

13 March 2025: Finding opportunities & submitting a proposal in Horizon Europe

20 March 2025: Grant Agreement Preparation in Horizon Europe

3 April 2025: Grant Management in Horizon Europe

In addition, there will also be a webinar on the basics of lump sum projects:

27 March 2025: Lump Sum Funding in Horizon Europe: How does it work? How to write a proposal?

The events will be livestreamed - prior registration is not necessary.