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Horizon Europe Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking; Deadline Proposal: 23.04.2025

The research and innovation activities of the Clean Hydrogen JU will address areas related primarily to the production of clean hydrogen, as well as the distribution, storage and end use applications of clean hydrogen in hard to abate sectors. They will be guided mostly by EU's Hydrogen Strategy and the policy developments in this context such as the European Green Deal and REPowerEU, contributing to its implementation.

The Call addresses key challenges as identified by the stakeholders in the Clean Hydrogen JU. These challenges encompass different areas of research and innovation with direct and quantified impact towards the achievement of the objectives of the Clean Hydrogen JU in general and to each of the Pillars in particular. A total of 19 topics will be part of the call for proposals, including 7 for Renewable Hydrogen Production, 3 for Hydrogen Storage and distribution, 3 for transport and 1 for heat and power. In addition, 3 topics will support Cross-cutting issues. This call also includes 2 Hydrogen Valleys topics. They will be grouped into 11 Research and Innovation Actions (RIA), 7 Innovation Actions (IA), and 1 Coordination and Support Actions (CSA). Two of the Innovation Actions, on Hydrogen Valleys, are considered of strategic importance and are selected as flagship projects. Synergies with other European partnerships and programmes as well as with Member States and regional programmes are at the core of a number of topics.

- Topic 1: Improvements in lifetime and cost of low temperature electrolysers by introducing advanced materials and components in stacks and balance of plant
- Topic 2: Improved lifetime and cost of high-temperature electrolysers by introducing innovative materials and components in stacks and BoP
- Topic 3: Scale-up and Optimisation of manufacturing processes for electrolyser materials, cells, or stacks
- Topic 4: Efficient electrolysis coupling with variable renewable electricity and/or heat integration
- Topic 5: Innovative co-electrolysis systems and integration with downstream processes
- Topic 6: Innovative hydrogen and solid carbon production from renewable gases/biogenic waste processes
- Topic 7: Towards exploration and evaluation of European natural hydrogen potential
- Topic 8: Development of mined, lined rock cavern for gaseous hydrogen storage
- Topic 9: Development of cost effective and high-capacity compression solutions for hydrogen
- Topic 10: Demonstration of scalable ammonia cracking technology
- Topic 11: Configurable Fuel Cell Powertrain for Non-Road Mobile Machinery
- Topic 12: Scalable innovative processes for the production of PEMFC MEAs
- Topic 13: Reliable, efficient, scalable and lower cost 1 MW-scale PEMFC system for maritime applications
- Topic 14: Demonstration of stationary fuel cells in renewable energy communities
- Topic 15: Simultaneous ionomer and iridium recycling
- Topic 16: Understanding emissions of PFAS from electrolysers and/or fuel cells under product use
- Topic 17: Knowledge transfer and training of civil servants, safety officials, and permitting staff to improve safety assessment and licensing procedures across Europe
- Topic 18: Large-scale Hydrogen Valley
- Topic 19: Small-scale Hydrogen Valley

For some topics, in line with the Clean Hydrogen JU SRIA, special eligibility criteria such as a high level of technological and/or manufacturing readiness and/or a membership with Hydrogen Europe or Hydrogen Europe Research, have been introduced. Further information may be found in section 2.2.3.2. of the call description (https://www.clean-hydrogen.europa.eu/document/download/e5846471-328c-48fd-b91f-837da07556b6_en?filename=Clean%20Hydrogen%20JU%20AWl

In general, the Clean Hydrogen JU aims to accelerate the development and deployment of the European value chain for safe and sustainable clean hydrogen technologies, strengthening its competitiveness and with a view to supporting notably SMEs, accelerating the market entry of innovative competitive clean solutions. The final goal is to contribute to a sustainable, decarbonised and fully integrated EU energy system, and to the EU's Hydrogen Strategy, playing an important role in the implementation of its roadmap towards climate neutrality.

The open and competitive annual Calls for Proposals provide financial support mainly in the form of grants to participants.

The topics of each Call are determined on an annual basis through extensive consultation between the three members of the JU and with the support of the Programme Office. In addition, the advisory bodies of the JU are also consulted on the Call topics throughout the drafting process. The progress of the Programme, as observed via the monitoring framework of the JU and the European Commission's Biennial Monitoring Report on partnerships in Horizon Europe, are a useful input in these discussions, indicating whether more action is needed in certain area.

The Call for Proposals has an indicative total budget of EUR 184.5 million.

The submission deadline for proposals is 23.04.2025.

Further information:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals?order=DESC&pageNumber=
JU-CLEANH2-2025

Horizon Europe Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking; Deadline Proposal: 20.03.2025

The Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3) exists to accelerate the clinical development, evaluation, and implementation of new or improved health technologies for the identification, treatment and prevention of poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases, including (re-)emerging diseases, particularly those affecting sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). In addition, Global Health EDCTP3 funds activities for research capacity building in Africa, supporting networking and researchers' careers and strengthening national health research systems. Furthermore, the partnership facilitates alignment of public and private funders around a common Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA).

Global Health EDCTP3 works towards achieving scientific priorities related to implementation of clinical research to develop health technologies to prevent, detect and treat infectious diseases, as well as enhancing research and innovation coordination, supporting the training of SSA researchers and building strategic partnerships.

These investments will result in specific outputs and results, such as an increased number of new or improved health technologies and better use in SSA, stronger research and innovation capacity in SSA, an increased cost-effectiveness of European public investment and strengthened sustainable global health networks.

The long-term impacts of Global Health EDCTP3 are expected to reduce the socio-economic burden of infectious diseases in SSA and increase health security in SSA and globally.

- Topic 1: Global collaboration action for the development of vaccines for reducing the disease burden of Tuberculosis in sub-Saharan Africa
- Topic 2: Global collaboration action for research on existing Malaria therapeutics and clinical development of new antimalarial candidates
- Topic 3: Accelerating the development of prophylactic vaccines against Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in sub-Saharan Africa
- Topic 4: Global Health EDCTP3 and contributing partners funded Strategic Training Hubs for Fellowships in Public Health covering Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Modelling
- Topic 5: Global collaborative action for strengthening the Regional Networks of Excellence and Epidemic Preparedness Consortia
- Topic 6: Global collaborative action tackling Diarrhoeal Diseases in the context of Climate and Health
- Topic 7: Transformative Innovations in global health

Unless otherwise provided for in the specific call conditions, for all actions, due to the policy objectives of Global Health EDCTP3, legal entities forming a consortium are eligible to participate in actions under the programme provided that the consortium includes as beneficiaries:
- At least three legal entities independent from each other and each established in a different country, where legal entities are eligible to receive funding;

- At least one independent legal entity established in a Member State, or in an associated country to Horizon Europe that is a member of the EDCTP Association; and
- At least one independent legal entity established in a sub-Saharan African country that is a member of the EDCTP Association.

For all topics in the work programme, where relevant, the support to African scientists from junior researchers to senior researchers in clinical research that embraces hands-on-training and mutual bi-directional learning during implementation of research projects should be promoted to assist them in sustaining and/or advancing their scientific careers. These scientists should be selected keeping gender and regional balance in mind.

The total operational budget 2025 covering those activities corresponds to EUR 220.1 million.

The submission deadline for proposals is 20.03.2025.

Further information:
https://www.global-health-edctp3.europa.eu/document/download/a8679719-555a-43c6-8014-22bc7ec3be5c_en?filename=EDCTP3_

Erasmus+ Forward-Looking Projects: School Education, Vocational Education and Training, Adult learning, Digital education; Deadline Proposal: 27.05.2025

This action will aim to foster innovation, creativity and participation, as well as social entrepreneurship, in different fields of education and training, within sectors or across sectors and disciplines.

The goal is to support transnational cooperation projects implementing a coherent and comprehensive set of sectoral or cross-sectoral activities that either:
a) foster innovation in terms of scope, ground-breaking methods and practices, and/or
b) ensure a transfer of innovation (across countries, policy sectors or target groups), thus ensuring at European level a sustainable exploitation of innovative project results and/or transferability into different contexts and audiences.
The partnerships should be composed of a mix of public and private organisations combining researchers, practitioners and partners with the capacity to reach policy-makers.

The call covers the following topics:
- Topic 1 - ERASMUS-EDU-2025-PI-FORWARD-SCHOOL-BS: School Education: Enhancing basic skills
- Topic 2 - ERASMUS-EDU-2025-PI-FORWARD-VET-VE: Vocational Education and Training: Promote an enabling and supportive environment for vocational excellence at national and/or regional level
- Topic 3 - ERASMUS-EDU-2025-PI-FORWARD-VET-QM: Vocational Education and Training: Development of joint VET qualifications and modules
- Topic 4 - ERASMUS-EDU-2025-PI-FORWARD- ADULT-PS: Adult Learning: Support to the Pact for Skills
- Topic 5 - ERASMUS-EDU-2025-PI-FORWARD-ADULT-CG: Adult Learning: Improving career guidance to support adults' participation in training
- Topic 6 - ERASMUS-EDU-2025-PI-FORWARD-DIGITAL-SC: Digital education: Assessment of digital skills and competences
- Topic 7 - ERASMUS-EDU-2025-PI-FORWARD-DIGITAL-AI: Digital education: Ethical and effective use of generative Artificial Intelligence systems in education and training
- Topic 8 - ERASMUS-EDU-2025-PI-FORWARD-DIGITAL-DM: Digital education: Innovative data collection and exchange approaches in primary, secondary education (including vocational education and training) for data-informed decision-making

Each project application under the call must address only one of these Topics. Applicants wishing to apply for more than one Topic, must submit a separate proposal under each Topic.

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 3 applicants (beneficiaries, not affiliated entities), from a minimum of 3 EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme. Some Topics have additional eligibility require-

ments, which may be found in section 6 of the call description.

Projects should normally range between 24 and 36 months.

The estimated available call budget is EUR 32 000 000.

The submission deadline for proposals is 27.05.2025. Proposals must be submitted electronically via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System.

Further information:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/erasmus/wp-call/2027/call-fiche_erasmus-edu-2025-pi-forward_en.pdf

Innovation Fund Innovation Fund 2024 – Batteries – Manufacturing of electric vehicles battery cells; Deadline Proposal: 24.04.2025

This topic supports projects on electric vehicle battery cells manufacturing in order to enhance Europe's industrial capacity and leadership in this net-zero technology and to ensure that battery production capacity in the EU/EEA is ready to respond to increased demand for electric vehicles, in line with the mandatory standards on CO_2 emission performance of light- and heavy-duty vehicles.

Activities that can be funded (scope):
Manufacturing of cells that can be used in electric vehicle batteries.
Electric vehicle batteries are defined in the Battery Regulation as follows:
"electric vehicle battery' means a battery that is specifically designed to provide electric power for traction in hybrid or electric vehicles of category L as provided for in Regulation (EU) No 168/2013, that weighs more than 25 kg, or a battery that is specifically designed to provide electric power for traction in hybrid or electric vehicles of categories M, N or O as provided for in Regulation (EU) 2018/858."
Optionally, the project (i.e. in case of horizontally integrated projects) may also include the additional production of upstream components such as:
- cathode precursor material (pCAM),
- cathode active material (CAM),
- anode active material (AAM),
- electrolyte,
- separator
as well as battery or battery material recycling.

Synergies and complementarities with other relevant EU programmes are highly encouraged. For example, the Innovation Fund can support projects previously supported by the EU Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation.

The project must:
- reach financial close within four years after grant signature (maximum time to financial close)
- operate at least three years after entry into operation (minimum GHG emission avoidance monitoring period)
Project duration (grant duration) normally ranges between 3 and 15 years, from grant signature to the final payment. Projects of longer duration may be accepted in duly justified cases. Extensions are possible, if duly justified and through an amendment

Projects must be located in EU Member States or EEA countries (i.e. Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein).

The estimated available call budget is EUR 1 000 000 000.

The submission deadline for proposals is 24.04.2025. Proposals must be submitted electronically via the Funding & Tenders

Portal Electronic Submission System.

Further information:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/INNOVFUND-2024-BATT-EV-CELLS?isExactMatch=true&status=31094502&frameworkProgramme=43089234&type=1&order=DESC&pageNumber=1&page

Innovation Fund Innovation Fund 2024 – Net Zero Technologies; Deadline Proposal: 24.04.2025

The objectives of this call are to:
a) support projects demonstrating highly innovative technologies, processes business models or products and services, that are sufficiently mature and have a significant potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
b) offer financial support tailored to market needs and risk profiles of eligible projects, while attracting additional public and private resources.

The call covers the following topics:
- INNOVFUND-2024-NZT-GENERAL-LSP – General decarbonisation – Large-Scale Projects
- INNOVFUND-2024-NZT-GENERAL-MSP – General decarbonisation – Medium-Scale Projects
- INNOVFUND-2024-NZT-GENERAL-SSP – General decarbonisation – Small-Scale Projects
- INNOVFUND-2024-NZT–CLEAN-TECH-MANUFACTURING – Clean-tech manufacturing
- INNOVFUND-2024-NZT-PILOTS - Pilot projects

Each project application under the call must address only one of these topics. Applicants wishing to apply for more than one topic, must submit a separate proposal under each topic.

Synergies and complementarities with other relevant EU programmes are highly encouraged. For example, the Innovation Fund can support projects previously supported by the EU Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation.

The project must:
for all topics except INNOVFUND-2024-NZT-GENERAL-SSP and INNOVFUND-2024-NZT-PILOTS:
- reach financial close within four years after grant signature (maximum time to financial close)
- operate at least five years after entry into operation (minimum GHG emission avoidance monitoring period):
for INNOVFUND-2024-NZT-GENERAL-SSP and INNOVFUND-2024-NZT-PILOTS topics:
- reach financial close within four years after grant signature (maximum time to financial close)
- operate at least three years after entry into operation (minimum GHG emission avoidance monitoring period).
Project duration (grant duration) normally ranges between 3 and 15 years, from grant signature to the final payment. Projects of longer duration may be accepted in duly justified cases. Extensions are possible, if duly justified and through an amendment

Projects must be located in EU Member States or EEA countries (i.e. Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein). Projects may also be located in Northern Ireland on the condition that they concern the generation, transmission, distribution or supply of electricity

The estimated available call budget is EUR 2 400 000 000.

The submission deadline for proposals is 24.04.2025. Proposals must be submitted electronically via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System.

Further information:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/innovfund/wp-call/2024/call-fiche_innovfund-2024-nzt_en.pdf

Eureka Eurogia Call28: Low Carbon Energy Technologies; Deadline Proposal: 24.04.2025

Eurogia2030 is on the front line in the Energy field to achieve carbon neutrality goals. Through Low Carbon Technologies R&D solutions Eurogia aims to contribute for a sustainable environment, for the reduction of climate change and for a sustainable growth. Some of the targeted challenges to achieve these goals are necessary, but not limited to:

- Carbon-free energy supply,
- Green mobility and Smart cities,
- Smarter housings and constructions,
- Bio resources and environment.

The technologies necessary to tackle these challenges are rapidly developing within a giant market and an ever growing societal concern. In-depth knowledge and leadership in developing and applying them is an essential requirement, if industry is to maintain its leadership in multiple application areas, or take advantage of new opportunities.

This Eurogia2030 programme is designed to stimulate activity in this important area, through the creation of trans-national collaborative projects in applications that will support economic growth and benefit society as a whole.

The Call is looking for projects that will form innovative ecosystems enabling advances in the State-of-the-Art and resulting in opportunities for commercial and/or societal impact in the application areas addressed. The intent is to bring together partners from across the broad Community of all types (Large Enterprise, SME's, Research & Technology Organisations and Universities) into collaborative teams that will be able to demonstrate a high impact in the chosen application area at the end of the project.

Among the relevant enabling technologies, digitalization, IOT, AI, blockchains, cyber-security , communication, 5G/6G, drones, sensors, new materials, asset management, recycling, etc. are also expected to play an important role.

The consortium should include at least two companies from different EUREKA participating countries (preferably among Eurogia supporting countries). The participation of research institutes/universities is welcome according to each country's funding regulations.

A Project Outline PO) or a Full Project Proposal FPP should be submitted by 24.04.2025. Proposals must be submitted via the Submission Portal.

Further information:
https://eurogia.eu/eurogia-calls/

BMBF WTZ Deutschland – Korea (2+2-Projekte); Deadline Proposal: 25.03.2025

Die Förderrichtlinie hat zum Ziel, im Rahmen von bilateralen Verbundprojekten gemeinsame, anwendungsorientierte Forschungs- und Entwicklungsvorhaben (FuE-Vorhaben) von gegenseitigem Interesse zu fördern und damit zu einer Intensivierung der WTZ mit Korea beizutragen. Durch die Zusammenführung von Wissen, Erfahrungen, Forschungsinfrastrukturen und weiteren Ressourcen beider Länder soll ein Mehrwert für die beteiligten Partner generiert werden. Der Austausch von Wissen und die gemeinsame Entwicklung sollen langfristig die Grundlage für einen gegenseitigen Marktzugang und eine nachhaltige wirtschaftliche Kooperation schaffen.

Gefördert werden im Rahmen dieser Förderrichtlinie Forschungsprojekte als Verbundvorhaben, die in internationaler Zusammenarbeit mit Partnern aus Korea eines der nachfolgenden Themen bearbeiten:

- Thema 1: Digitale Technologien in der roten Biotechnologie
- Thema 2: Künstliche Intelligenz in der Biodiversitätsforschung

An jedem Vorhaben müssen mindestens vier (maximal sechs) förderfähige Institutionen aus beiden Ländern beteiligt sein – maximal drei aus einem Land. Dabei müssen aus jedem Land mindestens ein Unternehmen der gewerblichen Wirtschaft und eine wissenschaftliche Einrichtung vertreten sein.

Die Zuwendungen werden im Wege der Projektförderung als nicht rückzahlbarer Zuschuss und in der Regel mit maximal 600 000 Euro je Verbundprojekt für die deutsche Seite sowie in der Regel für eine Laufzeit von bis zu 36 Monaten gewährt.

Die Ergebnisse des geförderten Vorhabens dürfen nur in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland oder dem Europäischen Wirtschaftsraum (EWR) und der Schweiz sowie in Korea genutzt werden.

In der ersten Verfahrensstufe sind dem DLR Projektträger bis spätestens 25. März 2025 zunächst Projektskizzen in schriftlicher und/oder elektronischer Form vorzulegen.

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Further information:
https://www.bmbf.de/SharedDocs/Bekanntmachungen/DE/2025/01/2025-01-27-bekanntmachung-korea.html?templateQueryString

BMBF-ZonMw Closing the gap – validating and implementing new approach methodologies in a regulatory context; Deadline Proposal: 28.04.2025

In the testing of substances, animal testing has long been the gold standard. In recent years, however, it has become increasingly clear that the so-called "translational failure", i.e. the low success rate in transferring animal tests to humans, is an urgent problem and must be addressed. New approach methodologies (NAMs) can therefore be beneficial. Numerous alternative approaches have already been developed that have the potential to replace animal testing. Often, these new methods promise a gain in drug development efficiency because they are faster or less expensive than animal testing. Additionally, they have the added benefit of a potentially higher translational success rate. However, these new methods have not yet become mainstream or established as new scientific standards. This is primarily because most of these methods have not yet been validated or qualified for regulatory approval, thus hindering their widespread use in industry. With the rapid development of new human-based models, regulatory procedures need to be adapted to these models. This, along with the need for standardization and validation efforts for these models, highlights the need for scientific experts and regulators, to join forces. This way, the incorporation of regulatory requirements can be included in experimental designs and project set-ups, ensuring the suitability of NAMs for regulatory safety assessments. Furthermore, it is of great benefit if regulators are involved early on in the process and are thus able to provide valuable feedback and adapt existing procedures accordingly so that NAMs can be included in safety and/or efficacy assessments.

To further strengthen the field in Europe and to foster and consolidate sustainable research cooperation of Germany and the Netherlands, a joint call for interdisciplinary research projects with a focus on validation is launched by the BMBF (German Federal Ministry of Education and Research) and ZonMw (The Dutch organisation for knowledge and innovation in health, healthcare and well-being).

Each joint project consortium may apply for a joint project time scale of a maximum of three years.

Each consortium must contain partners eligible for funding by both funding organizations participating in this call (ZonMw and BMBF). Specific regulations are provided in National Annexes (www.valnam.eu). The consortium should consist of at least one public and one private partner, a regulatory partner is optional. A regulatory partner may be considered public depending on national regulations.

The submission deadline for proposals is no later than 28.04.2025.

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Further information:
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DFG Trilaterale Forschungskonferenzen "Villa Vigoni" 2025; Deadline Proposal: 13.04.2025

Die Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften sind kultur- und sprachgebunden. Sprache und Kultur sind ihr Gegenstand und ihr Medium. Um den Austausch und die Netzwerkbildung zwischen Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaftlerinnen und -wissenschaftlern tätig in Deutschland, Frankreich und Italien nachhaltig zu fördern und dabei den Gebrauch von Deutsch, Französisch und Italienisch als Wissenschaftssprachen ausdrücklich zu unterstützen, haben die Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), die Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH) und die Villa Vigoni das Programm „Trilaterale Forschungskonferenzen" entwickelt, in dem Mehrsprachigkeit ,ein tragendes Prinzip ist. Seit 2024 wird das Deutsch-Italienische Zentrum Villa Vigoni bei der Umsetzung des trilateralen Programms von Treccani Cultura unterstützt. Anträge auf Förderung in diesem Programm sind aus allen Fächern der Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften willkommen. Entschieden werden sie auf der Grundlage eines kompetitiven Begutachtungsverfahrens.

Jede Trilaterale Forschungskonferenz besteht aus einer Serie von drei Veranstaltungen, die im Jahresrhythmus aufeinanderfolgen. Alle drei Treffen finden in der Villa Vigoni statt. Die Teilnehmenden einer Forschungskonferenz bestehen aus einer Gruppe von mindestens 12, höchstens 16 Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftlern, nach Möglichkeit ausgewogen zusammengesetzt aus den drei beteiligten Ländern. Die Teilnehmenden des jeweiligen Landes sollen an unterschiedlichen Einrichtungen arbeiten. Diese Gruppe bleibt während aller Treffen gleich.

Ausdrücklich erwünscht ist die Beteiligung von Wissenschaftler/innen in einer frühen Karrierephase. Um ihnen die Antragstellung zu erleichtern, haben Postdocs (bis 6 Jahre nach der Promotion) die Möglichkeit, das Förderangebot wahlweise auch in verkleinerter Form in Anspruch zu nehmen. Diese Möglichkeit kann nur gewählt werden, wenn sich vom antragstellenden Trio mindestens zwei Antragstellende sowie mindestens die Hälfte der Teilnehmenden in der definierten Postdoc-Phase befinden. Dann gelten folgende Bedingungen: zweijährige Förderung mit insgesamt zwei (statt drei) Treffen und mit einer Gruppe von mindestens 9, höchstens 12 Teilnehmenden, wobei alle drei Länder mit mindestens zwei (bei mehr als 9 Teilnehmenden mindestens drei) Personen vertreten sein müssen.

Außerdem wird bei dieser Variante eine institutionelle Anbindung der Antragstellenden nur noch für mindestens ein Jahr ab Bewilligung vorausgesetzt. Sie muss für das zweite Förderjahr im Laufe des ersten erneut nachgewiesen werden oder die Projektleitung auf ein anderes Mitglied der Gruppe übertragen werden, das sich seinerseits noch in der definierten Postdoc-Phase befindet und bei dem die geforderte institutionelle Anbindung auch für das zweite Förderjahr gegeben ist.

Die Frist für die Einreichung von Anträgen für eine Trilaterale Forschungskonferenz ist der 13. April 2025.

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Further information:
https://www.dfg.de/de/aktuelles/neuigkeiten-themen/info-wissenschaft/2025/ifw-25-09

European Commission Horizon Implementation Days; Deadline Registration: None

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.

KoWi Horizon Europe Collaborative Projects In a Nutshell – A Mini-Webinar Series; Deadline Registration: None

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/

ZENIT Successful R&I in Europe 2025: 12th European Networking Event; Deadline Registration: 28.02.2025

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/

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Frontiers of Science and Technology Symposium on "How to improve model robustness"; Deadline Application: 28.02.2025

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation invites applications from early-career researchers from various disciplines to partic-

ipate in a symposium jointly organised with the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (CAPES) on the theme of "How to improve model robustness".

The symposium will take place from 06 November 2025 to 09 November 2025 in Mannheim (Germany) and aims to stimulate and establish international engagement and collaboration amongst early-career researchers in Germany and Brazil working in a broad range of disciplines. It is designed to encourage the exchange of ideas across both disciplinary and national boundaries by adopting a format that will allow for extensive discussion and debate, with considerable time set aside for this and other networking opportunities.

The 2025 symposium will include the following sessions:
- Generative AI and its impact on immersive technologies
- Generative AI in industry and the future of labour and agriculture
- Ethics, laws and the ESG in the Generative AI Revolution
- Enhanced scientific research with Generative AI

Each of the sessions will draw on the broad range of disciplines and expertise present to improve the dialogue between GenAI and machine learning, and the fields of biomass valorisation and bioprospecting for the bioeconomy.

Further information:
https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/bewerben/foerderprogramme/frontiers-of-research-symposia/call-for-applications

AIM Italy European Robotics Forum 2025; Deadline Registration: 02.03.2025

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