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Horizon Europe Boosting R&I Cooperation between EU & Japan on Semiconductors; Deadline Proposal: 17.09.2025

This support action will help to better connect running and planned semiconductor R&I actions in both regions and to conceive follow-up actions for future joint R&I.

Expected Outcomes:

- Coordinate ongoing Japanese and EU R&I activities on life cycle assessment (LCA) of semiconductor manufacturing processes and facilitate exchange of researchers to improve coherence.
- Support joint R&I activities between the EU and Japan
- Contribute to preparing potential future joint EU-Japan R&I collaboration topics in the field of semiconductors.
- Explore opportunities to finance talent exchanges between R&D or production sites in both regions.
- Foster increased cooperation with appropriate research institutions in Japan on the development, deployment and commercialisation of digital technologies, for example through specific collaboration in the field of R&I.
- Support joint activities of companies in the semiconductor value chain to improve security of supply for chips.

The scope includes, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- Organize and support networks, conferences, workshops and other actions that:
 - o Support semiconductor joint EU-Japan R&I activities, in particular to generate R&I priorities for potential future collaboration.
 - o Connect EU and Japanese companies in the semiconductor value chain to exchange information and propose measures to improve chip supply chain stability.
- Support exchange of researchers and closer coordination of running R&I activities in both regions which address equal or similar objectives, for instance on the development of a reference database for Life Cycle Assessment or Green House Gas emission in semiconductor manufacturing processes.
- Increased networking and collaboration of stakeholders from the EU and Japan with a view to addressing current needs, considering future requirements and stimulating long- term cooperation.
- The action should ensure that relevant stakeholders from both the EU and Japan are engaged during the process through regional and international workshops and a set of communication and dissemination actions.

The JU estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 1 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.

Deadline FPP Stage: 17 Sep 2025 at 17:00 Brussels Time

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-JU-CHIPS-2025-CSA-JPN?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&isExactMatch=true&type=1&status=31094502&frame>

Horizon Europe Smart Networks & Services Research & Innovation Work Programme 2025; Deadline Proposal: 18.09.2025

An important 6G related milestone was reached at the end of 2023, when ITU adopted its "IMT 2030 Framework document". This document has now become a global reference for all R&I initiatives on 6G in the world and sets out a number of targets for research and innovation. Technical performance requirements will be provided by ITU-R beginning of 2026. It is expected that they cover enhancement of previous 5G performances and new capabilities, the resulting set of KPIs being considered in the Framework recommendation by a set of societal/sustainability design principles. Figure 1 indicates the main characteristics of the ITU framework and reflects how the 5G use cases are extended, what new use cases are considered and what horizontal non-functional properties are framing the development of 6G.

This framework has largely been contributed by EU R&I and is hence in line with the SNS running R&I work. The

WP 2025 therefore incorporates these targets whilst refining specific KPIs and investing efforts into the better qualification and quantification of KVs to make them operationally actionable.

The SNS R&I WP 2025 further advances the technological and business realisation of the 6G vision, targeting massive digitisation of societal and business processes through intelligent connectivity across the human, physical and digital worlds. The 6G R&I focus of the SNS R&I WP 2025 covers enabling technologies with dedicated prototyping and experimentation, towards (sub)system R&I, whilst also considering longer- term disruptive technologies.

The scope of the SNS R&I WP 2025 considers the full value chain. It is based on the NetworkEurope Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) duly completed by a series of thematic workshops and fuelled by specific policy requirements.

The SNS R&I WP 2025 includes the following three complementary streams:

- Stream B: it covers research for revolutionary and evolutionary technology advancements, in preparation for 6G and revolutionary and evolutionary advancements including IoT, devices and software. This Stream targets both low-medium TRLs leveraging WP 2024 with the objective of delivering innovative solutions towards real-life networks in a short to medium-term period and also low TRL targeting forthcoming 6G / disruptive technologies in a long-term period. The Stream contains the Topics dedicated to wireless communication and signal processing, communication infrastructure technologies and devices, and reliable services and smart security. A dedicated Topic on the design, development and testing of a Front-End Module (FEM) is also included.
- Stream C: it focuses on SNS Enablers and Proof of Concepts (PoCs) used to further develop and consolidate experimental infrastructure(s), in support of the various phases of the SNS JU. Stream C developments in WP 2025 has a particular focus on 6G Telco Cloud and service platform, using Open-Source technologies and addressing longer term parts of the 3C Networks orientations.
- Stream D: it targets SNS Trials and Pilots with Verticals, including the required infrastructure. The aim is to explore and demonstrate technologies and advanced applications and services for the vertical domains. SNS R&I WP 2025 Stream D projects are expected to mostly rely on SNS Phase 1, and early Phase 2 (Call 2023 and Call 2024) technologies and especially the infrastructures being developed from Stream C projects. The Stream D projects are also expected to use results from other HE calls (e.g., Cluster 4) or results on 6G from national initiatives. The goal is to further incorporate innovative 6G functionalities.

The R&I work of the Streams is expected to validate feasibility of a well-defined set of 6G KPIs emerging from the international agreements on 6G KPIs as available at the time of the start of the new projects, possibly complemented with ad-hoc KPIs not reflected in international settings like ITU, e.g., considered in the NetworkEurope SRIA KPIs, 6G KPIs produced by other projects, etc. In addition, definition and validation of KVs will show how the SNS projects contribute to societal impact, to vertical sector applications and to the European industrial competitiveness. Applicants are invited to get familiar with the European background work on KPIs and KVs.

Multiple initiatives have already been launched and progressed in several Member States (MSs) and Associated Countries; These are expected to develop related operational and important results. Where applicable, applicants are encouraged to use results from such initiatives, to maximise the efficiency of public investments in Europe, which allow for synergies among different funding instruments and thus, create positive multiplier effects. Several actions are developed in SNS context to develop synergies with MSs 6G Programmes (see e.g. SNS SRG activities, SNS ICE CSA project and 6G-IA signed MoUs).

It is also important to note that retained projects of the various Streams will have to cooperate in the SNS Programme for issues of common interests with arrangements set out in the written Collaboration Agreement in order to ensure a programmatic approach and achieve the SNS JU objectives.

Current Calls for Proposals:

- SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-01-01: Advanced Architectures Systems and Technologies
- SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-01-02: Advanced IoT and Device Technologies
- SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-02: Wireless Communication Technologies and Signal Processing – Standardisation and Follow-up/PoCs
- SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-03-01: 6G NTN-TN Unification/Integration
- SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-03-02: Higher Speed Optical Access Networks and future end-to-end Packet Optical Network Architecture in 6G

- SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-04-01: Smart Security / Security Services
- SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-04-02: Reliable Services Operation
- SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-05: Microelectronic – Front-End Module (FEM)
- SNS-2025-01-STREAM-C-01: 6G Telco Cloud and Service Provision Enablers

Submission of Proposals deadline: 18 September 2025 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals?order=DESC&pageNumber=JU-SNS-2025-01>

Horizon Europe Health Work Programme 2025; Deadline Proposal: 16.09.2025

This work programme part is the first for the Health Cluster under Horizon Europe's new strategic plan for 2025-2027. It reflects a detailed review of the first four years of Horizon Europe (2021-2024), identifying funding gaps, emerging research needs and future challenges. It aligns with the European Commission's Political Guidelines for 2024-2029, focusing on strengthening healthcare resilience, leveraging biotechnology and artificial intelligence, and addressing public health needs including supporting the development of critical medicines. Research and innovation are key to achieving these goals, especially in healthcare.

As outlined in the Horizon Europe strategic plan, the main priorities of the Health Cluster from 2025 to 2027, are geared towards social cohesion, inclusion, and the overall health and wellbeing of Europeans, in line with the European Pillar of Social Rights. These priorities also emphasise the need to modernise healthcare systems and support an innovative, sustainable, and competitive health industry in Europe.

The Health Cluster work programme part for 2025 will take the first stride in addressing the needs and challenges identified in the strategic plan for 2025-2027 and support the objectives set by the European Commission's Political Guidelines for 2024-2029. It focuses on key areas such as the health impacts from pollution and environmental degradation, supporting policies like the European Green Deal and the Zero Pollution Action Plan. It will also address non-communicable diseases, mental health, pandemic preparedness, and antimicrobial resistance, which is a critical medicine area. This includes new treatment options, AI-based tools for pandemic response, and the European Partnership for Brain Health, as well as measures to improve the quality of life for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Furthermore, the programme aims to enhance healthcare efficiency, patient engagement, and trust in AI tools, in line with the European care strategy and the digital transformation of health and care in the EU. It will support biotechnology and AI to improve healthcare, including cellular and cell-free therapeutic approaches, generative AI models for biomedical research, and bridging the gap between pre-clinical and clinical development. Additionally, it will advance manufacturing processes for medical devices and Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products, supporting the EU Industrial Policy, ensuring the security of supply and resilience of the single market, fostering industrial competitiveness, and promoting sustainable practices. By aiming to improve regulatory processes and accelerate market access for innovative medicines, this work programme part also aligns with recommendations outlined in the Draghi report.

The Horizon Europe strategic plan (2025-2027) sets out three Key Strategic Orientations (KSOs) for the last three years of the EU's framework programme for Research and Innovation, namely: KSO 1: "The Green Transition," aiming to support Europe in becoming the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050, tackling biodiversity loss and pollution; KSO 2: "The Digital Transition," focusing on reinforcing Europe's competitiveness and strategic autonomy through research in core digital technologies; and KSO 3: "A More Resilient, Competitive, Inclusive, and Democratic Europe," aiming to bolster Europe's social rights and democratic values, ensuring they are globally promoted. This includes research in civil security, health and wellbeing, a fair economic model, and democratic participation.

The Health Cluster will support these KSOs by enhancing the understanding of climate change impacts on health, developing tools to protect against global health challenges, and reducing the sector's carbon footprint. It will promote technological and digital advancements to improve healthcare systems, focusing on disease prevention, personalised treat-

ment, and equitable access to health services. Additionally, it will foster inclusive and resilient healthcare systems capable of responding to cross-border health threats and demographic changes, leveraging digital technologies such as AI to accelerate health research and improve health outcomes.

More specifically, the Health Cluster will support the KSOs by contributing to the six expected impacts set out for the Health Cluster in the strategic plan 2025-2027, which translate into the following six destinations of the Health Cluster work programme part for 2025:

- Destination "Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society"
- Destination "Living and working in a health-promoting environment"
- Destination "Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden"
- Destination "Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare":
- Destination "Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society"
- Destination "Maintaining an innovative, sustainable, and competitive EU health industry"

Current Calls for Proposals:

- STAYHLTH-01-two-stage: Improving the quality of life of persons with intellectual disabilities and their families
- ENVHLTH-01-two-stage: The impact of pollution on the development and progression of brain diseases and disorders
- ENVHLTH-02-two-stage: Advancing knowledge on the impacts of micro- and nanoplastics on human health
- DISEASE-01: Testing safety and efficacy of phage therapy for the treatment of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections
- DISEASE-02-two-stage: Advancing innovative interventions for mental, behavioural and neurodevelopmental disorders
- DISEASE-03: Development of antibodies and antibody-derived proteins for the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases with epidemic potential
- DISEASE-04: Leveraging artificial intelligence for pandemic preparedness and response
- DISEASE-05: Support for the functioning of the Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness (GloPID-R)
- DISEASE-06: Implementation research addressing strategies to strengthen health systems for equitable high-quality care and health outcomes in the context of non-communicable diseases (GACD)
- DISEASE-07: Tackling high-burden for patients and under-researched medical conditions
- CARE-01: End user-driven application of Generative Artificial Intelligence models in healthcare (GenAI4EU)
- TOOL-01: Enhancing cell therapies with genomic techniques
- TOOL-02: Advancing cell secretome-based therapies
- TOOL-03: Leveraging multimodal data to advance Generative Artificial Intelligence applicability in biomedical research (GenAI4EU)
- TOOL-05: Boosting the translation of biotech research into innovative health therapies
- IND-01: Optimising the manufacturing of Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs)
- IND-02: Digitalisation of conformity assessment procedures of medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices
- IND-03-two-stage: Facilitating the conduct of multinational clinical studies of orphan devices and/or of highly innovative ("breakthrough") devices 1

Submission of Proposals deadline: 16 September 2025 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals?callIdentifier=HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503&order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=>
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 HLTH-2025-03-two-stage

Horizon Europe Mission on Cancer; Deadline Proposal: 16.09.2025

The goal of the Mission on Cancer is to improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030, through prevention, cure and for those affected by cancer including their families, to live longer and better. The four Cancer Mission objectives are: Understand; Prevent what is preventable; Optimise diagnosis and treatment; Support quality of life. Its five transversal

priorities are: ensure equitable access in all aforementioned areas, innovation, childhood cancer, personalised medicine and citizen engagement. The Mission on Cancer will address all cancers including poorly-understood cancers in men and women, cancers in children, adolescents and young adults as well as in the elderly, cancers in socio-economically vulnerable populations, living in either cities, rural or remote areas, across all Member States and Associated countries

The Mission on Cancer is implemented using a health-in-all policies approach; through infrastructure support; regional, social and citizen community development; through investments; support and commitments from public and private sources, including from Member States, Associated countries and industry; through cooperation with third countries; and through synergies with other EU programmes including EU4HEALTH, EURATOM, Digital Europe (for example the Genomics Data Infrastructure and the Cancer Image Europe initiative), Erasmus+, the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2021-2027, and other initiatives related to health and cancer.

It also relates to the European Green Deal, including the Zero Pollution Action Plan and the Farm to Fork strategy. The mission proposes research, innovation and policy directions and objectives to identify effective strategies for the development and implementation of cancer prevention, including on environmental and behavioural factors (e.g. exposure to carcinogens, air pollution, unhealthy diet, nutrition, and low physical activity).

Furthermore, it is also in line with the industrial and digitalisation strategy. The Mission proposes a further upscaling and digitalisation of services, innovation in diagnostics and interventions, and establishing living labs, contributing to the positive impact of efforts by industry and SMEs on the health of citizens. Envisaged opportunities are in the fields of cancer biomarkers, cloud computing and digital applications, and smart apps/sensors. The Mission also supports the integration of AI, machine learning and deep learning approaches to facilitate a better understanding of cancer, to improve prevention screening and early detection, diagnosis, clinical decision-making, administration of combinational therapies, and clinical management of patients living with and after cancer.

Successful proposals under this Mission should set out a credible pathway to contribute to improving cancer control, and more specifically to all of the following impacts:

- Improve understanding of cancer in the context of the environment, work, and lifestyle in the broadest possible sense;
- Enhance cross-policy cancer prevention, screening and early detection strategies;
- Optimise the diagnosis and treatment of cancer based on the principle of equitable access;
- Improve the quality of life of cancer patients, survivors and their families through widely analysing all key factors and needs that are related to the quality of life;
- Accelerate the digital transformation of research, innovation and health systems.

In the call for proposals, the Commission envisages several actions:

- For 2025, on the Cancer Mission objective Understanding, the Commission envisages to foster collaboration of national and regional funders on translational cancer research and will support an action to better understand the effects of environmental exposure on the risk of paediatric, adolescent and young adult cancers.
- On the Cancer Mission objective Prevention and early detection, the Commission envisages – in collaboration with the Cities Mission – to boost prevention through cycling and walking while reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport.
- On the Cancer Mission objective Diagnosis and treatment, the Commission will support actions to innovative surgery, targeting cancer patients with metastatic disease and investigator-initiated multinational early-stage clinical trials for paediatric cancer.
- On the Cancer Mission objective Quality of life, the Commission envisages to support pragmatic clinical trials to enhance the quality of life of older cancer patients (65 years and older) through nutrition.
- Lastly, the Commission will support the network of National Cancer Mission Hubs (NCMHs).

Proposals are invited against the following topic(s):

- CANCER-01: Sustained collaboration of national and regional cancer funders to support the Cancer Mission through translational research
- CANCER-02: Understanding the effects of environmental exposure on the risk of paediatric, adolescent and young adult cancers
- CANCER-03: Innovative surgery as the cornerstone of affordable multi-modal therapeutic interventions benefitting cancer patients with locally advanced or metastatic disease
- CANCER-04: Investigator-initiated multinational early-stage innovative clinical trials for paediatric cancer

- CANCER-05: Pragmatic clinical trials to enhance the quality of life of older cancer patients (65 years and older) through nutrition
- CANCER-06: Support to the network of National Cancer Mission Hubs (NCMHs)

Submission of Proposals deadline: 16 September 2025 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals?order=DESC&pageNumber=MISS-2025-02>

Erasmus #BeActive EU Sport Awards; Deadline Application: 24.09.2025

This is a call (contest) for an EU prize in the field of Sport under the Erasmus+ Programme. The #BeActive EU Sport Awards covers the following topics:

- #BeActive-EU-SPORT-AWARDS - Physical activity

This award aims to recognise sport activities implemented by organisations that have significantly contributed to promoting physical activity across education and training establishments, non-formal learning environments, workplaces or local community. It recognises efforts that inspire and create opportunities for people of all ages to integrate movement into their daily lives, fostering a more active and healthier society.

- #BeActive-EU-SPORT-AWARDS – Inclusion

This award aims to recognise sport activities implemented by organisations that have successfully used sport as a powerful tool to promote social inclusion, gender equality, diversity and unity. It recognises efforts that break down barriers, empower and include underrepresented groups, and use sport to foster understanding, peace, and diversity in society.

- #BeActive-EU-SPORT-AWARDS – Volunteering

This award aims to recognise sport activities implemented by organisations and/or individuals that have made outstanding contributions to sports through volunteer work. It also recognises dedication, leadership, and the positive impact of volunteers in fostering community engagement, inclusivity, and the development of sports at all levels.

- #BeActive-EU-SPORT-AWARDS - Across generations

This award aims to recognise sport activities implemented by organisations working with sport across generations and contributing to strengthen communities. It recognises organisations that have made a significant contribution to strengthening communities promoting inter-generational activities through sport, providing easier access to sport & physical activities for all generations and keeping in mind interests of future generations.

- #BeActive-EU-SPORT-AWARDS – Peace

This award seeks to recognise organisations that have successfully used sport as a powerful tool to promote peace. It honours those that have made significant contributions in bringing together diverse communities, groups, and individuals, transcending differences and fostering dialogue, tolerance, and collaboration beyond divisions.

The #BeActive EU Sport Awards 2025 aim to reward and give visibility to activities that have successfully promoted sport and physical activity as means to support health, inclusion, inter-generational dialogue, volunteering and peace across Europe. Amongst others, the competition contributes to the promotion of sustainable and green sport.

Depending on the prize category, activities may focus on educational establishments, workplaces or local communities. Initiatives can also aim to overcome barriers to sport participation for people with fewer opportunities. Additionally, the competition welcomes initiatives that support inter-generational connections through the practice of sport and physical activity and is also open to actions that address social challenges, empower disadvantaged groups and foster community engagement through volunteering in sport.

Besides rewarding specific organisations, the awards will also give visibility and support the dissemination of innovative ideas, activities and best practices throughout Europe.

The prize total budget is EUR 125 000. One winner with EUR 15 000 and two finalists (ranked 2nd and 3rd) with EUR 5 000 each will be rewarded in each of the five categories.

The deadline of the calls is 24 September 2025, 17:00 CEST.

Further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals?callIdentifier=ERASMUS-SPORT-2025-EU-AWARDS&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503&order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=>

ERDERA Networking Support Scheme (NSS); Deadline Proposal: 07.10.2025

In this Networking Support Scheme (NSS), applicants from all countries participating in ERDERA (see Annex 1 for eligible countries) are invited to apply for funding of up to 30,000€ per networking event to organize transnational European/international events focused on sharing and disseminating research knowledge on rare diseases.

Diseases are eligible if the definitions mentioned below are applicable:

- A rare disease or group of rare diseases is defined as one affecting no more than five in 10,000 persons in the European Community, EC-associated states, and Canada.
- A rare cancer is defined as one with an incidence of less than 6 cases per 100,000 persons per year. For the list of rare cancers see: <https://web.archive.org/web/20240715025337/https://www.rarecarenet.eu/rarecarenet/cancerlist>
- Cohorts of undiagnosed patients who are suspected of suffering from a rare disease/rare cancer. Undiagnosed patients have symptoms or a set of symptoms that are seen in other rare diseases or rare cancers, have no diagnosis after a significant time period and have visited several kinds of medical specialists. These diseases may be unusual presentations of known rare diseases/rare cancers or a disease that is yet to be characterized. ORPHAcode 616874: Rare disorder without a determined diagnosis after full investigation.

The following rare diseases are NOT eligible:

- Rare infectious diseases are excluded, as the scheme focuses on rare, complex conditions requiring specialized healthcare within the scope of European Reference Networks (https://ec.europa.eu/health/ern_en).

The Networking Support Scheme (NSS) provides funding to organize workshops or conferences aiming at:

- 1) Encouraging scientific knowledge exchange among clinicians, researchers, research managers and patients/patient advocacy organizations (PAOs) in new and expanding transnational (clinical) research networks focused on rare disease(s), rare cancer(s), or cohorts of undiagnosed patients suspected of suffering from rare disease(s).
- 2) Enabling or increasing the participation of usually underrepresented countries in Europe in research networks on rare diseases or rare cancers.

The applicants should address both aims of the NSS.

The events should focus on research results and their implications, as well as on innovative solutions. The outcomes of the events should foster collaboration, promote patient-oriented research, and increase the uptake of research results in the rare disease and rare cancer communities.

Only transnational networks are eligible for funding. Consortia applying for a networking budget must include a minimum of three and a maximum of ten eligible co-applicants (including the principal applicant) from at least three different countries. One of these countries should be an underrepresented country mentioned. One of the co-applicants will be designated as the principal applicant. The organization of the principal applicant has to be a legal entity and established in an eligible country. Other co-applicants can come from the eligible countries and from Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, and Switzerland.

The maximum budget for a single networking event is € 30,000, inclusive of VAT, regardless of the chosen format (face-to-face or hybrid). It is not possible to apply for multiple networking events on a single application.

The NSS is a permanently open call from May 2025 onward until funds are exhausted which is expected in April 2029.

Applications can be submitted at any time but are reviewed in six-monthly collection rounds. The current submission round ends on 7 October at 14:00 (CET).

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Further information:

<https://erdera.org/call/networking-support-scheme-nss/>

BMFTR Förderaufruf WTZ mit Chile – Schwerpunkt Grüner Wasserstoff & Lithiumgewinnung; Deadline Proposal: 15.10.2025

Das BMFTR strebt den Ausbau der bilateralen Kooperation im Bereich Energie- und Rohstoffforschung mit Chile an. Auf der Basis des Abkommens zwischen der Regierung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und der Regierung der Republik Chile über Zusammenarbeit in den Bereichen Bildung, Wissenschaft, Technologie und Innovation vom 1. Oktober 2012 hat sich die Kooperation in Wissenschaft und Technologie zwischen Chile und Deutschland erfolgreich entwickelt. Zur Intensivierung der Forschungsk Kooperation werden Förderbekanntmachungen zwischen dem Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung bzw. ab Mai 2025 dem Bundesministerium für Forschung, Technologie und Raumfahrt (BMFTR) in Deutschland und der Nationalen Agentur für Forschung und Entwicklung (ANID, ehemals CONICYT) in Chile durchgeführt. Ziel des vorliegenden Aufrufs ist die Förderung bilateraler Forschungs- und Entwicklungsvorhaben mit Chile in ausgewählten Themenfeldern im Bereich Energiewende. Sie soll dazu dienen, die Forschungszusammenarbeit mit Chile auszubauen und gemeinsame Forschungsprojekte von gegenseitigem Interesse zu fördern.

Vor oben genanntem Hintergrund ist das Ziel dieses Förderaufrufs, die wissenschaftlich-technologische Zusammenarbeit (WTZ) zwischen Deutschland und Chile in den Bereichen grüne Wasserstoffindustrie und nachhaltige Wertschöpfung in der Lithiumindustrie zu intensivieren. Die Maßnahme soll eine langfristig wirksame, mit den Zielen der Leitlinie Energiewende und der Nationalen Wasserstoffstrategie passfähige Vernetzung der deutschen Forschungslandschaft und der deutschen Wirtschaft (KMU) bei Forschung zu Wasserstoff- sowie Lithiumtechnologien mit Partnern in Chile ermöglichen und befördern. Der Förderaufruf bedient Vorhaben entlang der gesamten Wasserstoffwertschöpfungskette sowie der nachhaltigen Wertschöpfungskette in der Lithiumindustrie.

Gefördert werden Projekte zur Förderung gemeinsamer Forschungs- und Innovationsvorhaben mit oder ohne Beteiligung der Wirtschaft (Modul 3), gemeinsam mit Partnern aus Chile. Die Projekte müssen eines oder mehrere der nachfolgenden Teilgebiete der Forschung zu grünem Wasserstoff oder zur Lithiumgewinnung adressieren:

- 1) Nachhaltige und integrative grüne Wasserstoffindustrie
 - a) Technologische Entwicklungen zur Kostensenkung und Nachhaltigkeit der grünen Wasserstoff-Produktion aus erneuerbaren Energien sowohl für den Export als auch für den lokalen Verbrauch in Chile.
 - b) Prototypen von Geräten und Materialien für die Nutzung von grünem Wasserstoff in energieintensiven Sektoren, die auf fossile Brennstoffe angewiesen sind oder nur schwer defossilisiert werden können (Bergbau, Transport und Industrie).
 - c) Technologien, die die Einbindung lokaler Zulieferer in Chile in die grüne-Wasserstoff-Wertschöpfungskette fördern und unterstützen und die wirtschaftliche und soziale Entwicklung der Gemeinschaften ermöglichen, die in den Gebieten leben, in denen zukünftig Investitionen der Wasserstoffindustrie getätigt werden.
- 2) Nachhaltigkeit und Wertschöpfung in der Lithiumindustrie für die nachhaltige Batterieherstellung
 - a) Angewandte Forschung zur Entwicklung von Materialien und Komponenten mit höherer Wertschöpfung für Lithium.
 - b) Entwicklung von Technologien zur Erhöhung der Rückgewinnung von Lithium aus Solen und zur Reduzierung der Wasserverdunstung.
 - c) Technologische Entwicklung für eine größere Nachhaltigkeit des Lithiumbergbaus, der Salinen und der Gemeinden in den Gebieten, in denen diese Bergbauaktivitäten durchgeführt werden.

Die Förderung erfolgt als nicht rückzahlbare Zuwendung. Die Fördersumme pro deutschem Projekt kann in der Regel bis maximal 300.000 € betragen, bei einer Laufzeit des Projekts von bis zu 36 Monaten.

Projektskizzen müssen durch den/die deutsche/n Antragsteller/in in deutscher Sprache inklusive einer englischsprachigen Zusammenfassung über das elektronische Antragsportal "easy-Online" beim DLR Projektträger eingereicht werden. Frist zur Einreichung der Skizze auf deutscher Seite ist der 15. Oktober 2025.

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<https://www.bmftr.bund.de/SharedDocs/Bekanntmachungen/DE/2025/07/2025-07-30-foerderaufruf-energiewende-chile.html>

DFG Belmont Forum CRA "Vulnerability and Resilience Management for Socio-Environmental Systems in Exposed Territories (Resilience)"; Deadline Proposal: 17.10.2025

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) participates in a call of the Belmont Forum on the topic "Vulnerability and Resilience Management for Socio-Environmental Systems in Exposed Territories (Resilience)". The Belmont Forum is a group of the world's major and emerging funders of global environmental change research and international science councils.

This global call for proposals aims to define and promote innovative risk management concepts that integrate the impacts of global change and the evolving relationship between societies and nature.

Co-led by the French National Research Agency (ANR), the French Environmental Research Programming Agencies (FERPA), and the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), the Resilience Call expands on the previous "Disaster Risk, Reduction and Resilience" (DR3 2019) CRA. The initiative aims to foster a more holistic and transdisciplinary approach to risk science, aligning it with sustainability science principles.

Some expected outcomes of Resilience include advancements in risk science, enhanced co-production of knowledge, a concentrated focus on highly vulnerable territories, more informed governance, and the cultivation of a new generation of scientists and stakeholders equipped to address rising environmental risks.

Projects submitted under this call are expected to incorporate elements from at least two of the three key areas:

- Better assessing the risks of the increasing complexity of global change.
- Paying specific attention to exacerbated vulnerabilities in highly exposed territories.
- Developing innovative solutions for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Funding will support research consortia composed of international partners from various disciplines. The project duration is 36 months.

The deadline for the submission of registration proposals is 17 October 2025. Concerning the exact date of the submission of full proposals, please consult the Belmont Forum website, on which information of the call will be regularly updated. When submitting registration or full proposals via the application portal BFgo, please also submit all proposal documents to the DFG via the elan portal.

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Further information:

<https://www.dfg.de/de/aktuelles/neuigkeiten-themen/info-wissenschaft/2025/ifw-25-63>

NKS EU4Health Informationsveranstaltung zum Arbeitsprogramm 2025; Deadline Registration: 17.08.2025

Die NKS EU4Health lädt am 18.08.2025 von 13:00–14:30 Uhr zu einer Online-Veranstaltung ein. Im Fokus stehen das Arbeitsprogramm 2025 sowie die bereits angekündigten Fördermaßnahmen.

Falls Sie teilnehmen möchten, registrieren Sie sich zeitnah. Sobald Ihre Registrierung genehmigt wurde, erhalten Sie eine Einladung, um dem Webinar beizutreten.

Further information:

<https://pd-g.webex.com/weblink/register/r73bd38add50f88747e551ba573f29608>

NKS KEM Building Bridges 2025; Deadline Registration: 10.09.2025

11. – 12.09.2025: Dresden, Festspielhaus Hellerau

By bringing together researchers, policymakers, and industry leaders from Saxony, Poland, the Czech Republic, and the Baltic states, especially Lithuania as our guest country, the Building Bridges conference will provide a platform for discussing cutting-edge AI developments, fostering new collaborations, and exploring the societal impact of AI-driven innovation.

Building Bridges is a unique forum for exchange and networking for all levels. It aims to connect decision makers, scientists and entrepreneurs, especially young researchers and innovative start-up companies. To foster this vibrant environment, participation is free of charge.

Further information:

<https://building-bridges-conference.eu/>

NKS DIT UK & Germany – Horizon Europe Brokerage Visit; Deadline Registration: 31.08.2025

Die NKS DIT, Innovate UK und das UK Science & Technology Network in Deutschland laden am 24. und 25. September 2025 zu einem zweitägigen Partnerschaftsworkshop nach Aachen ein. Im Fokus stehen die Themen Sustainable Advanced Materials, Raw Materials and Chemicals im Entwurf des Horizont Europa Arbeitsprogramms für 2026/2027. Interessierte aus Wissenschaft und Industrie profitieren von Pitches, 1:1 Treffen und interaktiven Sessions – eine Gelegenheit, spannende Kooperationen zu initiieren.

Teilnehmende erhalten gezielte Unterstützung bei der Partnerfindung, insbesondere durch kurze Fachpräsentationen, strukturierte 1:1 Gespräche und moderierte Gruppendiskussionen. Die thematische Ausrichtung orientiert sich an den Vorabveröffentlichungen der Arbeitsprogramme für die Jahre 2026 und 2027.

Die Teilnahme ist kostenfrei, eine Anmeldung über das Onlineformular auf der Seite der Veranstaltung ist erforderlich.

Further information:

https://www.nks-dit.de/aktuelles/events/uk_germany_horizon_europe_brokerage_visit

Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung Indo-German Frontiers of Engineering Symposium; Deadline Registration: 18.08.2025

The symposium aims to incentivise and establish international engagement and collaboration between researchers working in Germany and the India in a broad range of disciplines, thereby encouraging the exchange of ideas across disciplinary and national boundaries. From 11. - 14. March 2026, participants will gather at the Forschungszentrum Jülich and the Dorint Hotel Düren, Germany.

During the symposium, participants will engage in cross-disciplinary discussions about the following four session topics and their interlinkages:

- Building Climate-Resilient Infrastructure: Engineering for an Uncertain Future
- Engineering Circular Bioeconomies: Regenerative Agriculture for a Sustainable Future
- Ethics, Accountability, and Intellectual Property in Engineering Innovation
- Semiconductor Technologies for 'Big' Data and 'Small' Energy

There will also be considerable time for networking among the researchers. In addition, all participants will have the opportunity to present their work with a poster.

Applications may be submitted online until 18. August 2025. Participants must work at a research institution or in the industry sector in Germany, have obtained their PhD no more than 15 years prior to the symposium, and be fluent in both spoken and written English. Final decisions will be communicated by late September or early October 2025.

Further information:

<https://www.kooperation-international.de/aktuelles/bekanntmachungen/detail/info/alexander-von-humboldt-stiftung-aufruf-zur-bewerbung-fuer-das-indo-german-frontiers-of-engineering-symposium-engineering-and-incentivizing-ethical-innovations-in-the-era-of-intelligent-technologies>

Other EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt (nEUTzwerk)

The universities in the state of Saxony-Anhalt founded the "EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt" at the beginning of 2011 in order to support researchers at all universities in the acquisition and use of EU funding for research and innovation by providing information, application advice and project management. By strengthening and networking the administrative and advisory skills of the universities, the aim is to increase the acquisition of EU funding for research and innovation and technology transfer.

You may contact the EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt via the information provided online: https://www.euhoerschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/eu_hsnetz/en/

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.euhoerschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/en/>