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Die DFG unterstützt seit Dezember 2015 aus ihren Heimatländern geflüchtete Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler und in diesem Rahmen seit Anfang des Jahres auch Geflüchtete aus der Ukraine. Aber auch vor Ort ist Unterstützung nötig. In vielen Fällen können Forschende ihren Lebensunterhalt nicht mehr bzw. kaum noch bestreiten, weil ihre Stellen nicht mehr oder nicht in voller Höhe finanziert werden. Über die bereits initiierten Fördermaßnahmen der DFG hinaus bietet die DFG deshalb ab sofort für ukrainische Forschende (Projektleitungen), die sich in der Ukraine befinden und deren Forschung weiter möglich ist, eine gesonderte Unterstützung an: Im Rahmen des bestehenden DFG-Verfahrens "Kooperation mit Entwicklungsländern" können die Antragstellerinnen und Antragsteller in Deutschland ab sofort bei der Sachbeihilfe, bei Forschungsgruppen und im Schwerpunktprogramm neben Mitteln für die Projektdurchführung in der Ukraine auch Mittel für den Lebensunterhalt der ukrainischen Projektleitungen in Höhe von maximal 1000 Euro pro Monat pro Projektleitung beantragen und im Bewilligungsfall an diese weiterleiten.

Bei neuen Forschungsprojekten mit Kooperationspartnerinnen und -partnern in der Ukraine können die Mittel entsprechend den bestehenden Regeln der "Kooperation mit Entwicklungsländern" beantragt werden. Die Antragstellenden in Deutschland werden gebeten, dafür die Gesamtsumme der für die Partnerinnen oder Partner in der Ukraine beantragten Mittel im elan-Portal im Basismodul bei "Sachmittel" unter "Sonstiges" einzutragen. Eine detaillierte Auflistung dieser beantragten Mittel ist in der "Beschreibung des Vorhabens – Projektantrag" erforderlich.

Außerdem besteht die Möglichkeit, über Zusatzanträge bei bereits laufenden deutsch-ukrainischen oder bislang rein deutschen Projekten, Mittel für die ukrainische Projektleitung einzuwerben. Sollen auf diese Weise Wissenschaftler*innen aus der Ukraine neu in Projekte einbezogen werden, ist darzulegen, um welche Arbeiten die laufenden Projekte erweitert werden sollen.

Zusammen mit den Anträgen (Neuanträge oder Zusatzanträge) ist jeweils ein Nachweis von den jeweiligen ukrainischen Forschungseinrichtungen oder Hochschulen einzureichen, der erkennen lässt, um welchen Betrag und aus welchen Gründen das Gehalt derzeit unter dem Vorkriegsgehalt liegt bzw. dass und warum derzeit und absehbar kein Gehalt gezahlt werden kann.

Auch Projekte mit geringem finanziellem Volumen sind willkommen, um die Kooperationen zu starten und gemeinsame umfangreichere Projekte vorzubereiten. Für die Anbahnung gemeinsamer Projekte können Mittel im Förderinstrument "Aufbau internationaler Kooperationen" beantragt werden.

Bereits während der Vorbereitung eines Kooperationsprojektes sollte eine Anfrage an die Gruppe "Internationale Zusammenarbeit" der DFG erfolgen, ob eine Förderung im Rahmen des Programms grundsätzlich in Betracht kommt.

Die Möglichkeit der Beantragung ist bis auf Weiteres zeitlich begrenzt und gilt für alle Anträge, die bis einschließlich zum 31.08.2026 bei der DFG eingehen. Die Einreichung erfolgt wie auch sonst bei Anträgen für Sachbeihilfen über das elan-Portal. Unter "Angaben zum Antrag" ist das ergänzende Merkmal "Kooperation mit Entwicklungsländern" auszuwählen.

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DFG-NSERC Canada-G7-Nordic Joint Call for Proposals on Quantum Technologies; Deadline Proposal: 24.09.2026

This is a joint initiative between the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation), Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), United Kingdom Research and Innovation Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (UKRI-EPSRC), United States National Science Foundation (NSF) and NordForsk on behalf of the Innovation Fund Denmark, the Research Council of Finland, the Research Council of Norway and the Swedish Research Council. This funding opportunity will support bilateral or multilateral collaborative research projects on quantum science and technologies.

Quantum science is the study, manipulation and control of systems at the atomic and subatomic levels. Quantum technologies are at the leading edge of science and innovation, both in Canada and worldwide. They will support the growth and transformation of key sectors, enable new economic opportunities, revolutionize security and help advance a range of benefits for society.

Research cooperation is a key element of this vision. As such, this funding opportunity aims to leverage the complementary interests and research expertise found across the participating G7 and Nordic countries to support multilateral or bilateral collaborative research projects in quantum science and technologies.

Proposals may address any challenge in quantum science, but their thrust must aim to advance research in any of the following areas of quantum technologies, or a combination thereof:

- quantum algorithms/encryption, including post-quantum cryptography
- quantum communications
- quantum computing
- quantum materials
- quantum sensing

Proposals may also couple any of these quantum technology thrusts to other research topics in the natural sciences and engineering.

Proposals that do not address one or more of the quantum technology areas listed will not be considered.

Across the research and training areas in scope for this call, there are opportunities to explore how quantum technologies can enhance the privacy and security of the participating countries. Grants will support non-confidential, unclassified university-based research on quantum technologies, which may include research on technologies with dual-use applications. Grants cannot support secret or classified research.

This multilateral call will be managed via a Lead Agency Procedure. NSERC will act as Lead Agency in this call, i.e. it will be responsible for conducting the review process and for organising the joint review panel.

The deadline for submitting proposals to NSERC is 24 September 2026, 8:00 pm (Eastern Time). Applicants from Germany have to submit the same document and additional information to the DFG via the elan portal.

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<https://www.dfg.de/de/aktuelles/neuigkeiten-themen/info-wissenschaft/2026/ifw-26-54>

Horizon Europe-EUREKA Eurostars Call 11 for projects; Deadline Proposal: 10.09.2026

Eurostars is a funding instrument that supports innovative SMEs and project partners (large companies, universities, research organisations and other types of organisations) by funding international collaborative R&D and innovation projects. By participating, organisations can access public funding for international collaborative R&D projects in all fields.

To have a successful Eurostars application you must:

- Define your project idea.
- Collaborate internationally, sharing expertise.
- Develop products, processes or services that can be easily commercialised.

You can submit your R&D and innovation project application using the project platform (myeurekaproject.org). Your project consortium must have an innovative SME in the leading role, but it can also include other types of organisations like large companies, universities, research organisations and more.

The amount of funding your organisation receives when you participate in a project is managed by your National Funding Body. Funding rules vary from country to country and your National Funding Body decides:

- which organisations can receive funding,
- which project activities can be funded
- and funding rates.

You can discover what funding is available for your organisation by contacting your national or regional funding body using the contact form on the Website below. Your National Funding Body may have maximum funding amount per project or project partner.

The German funding body for Eurostars is the Federal Ministry for Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR). The contact point for Eurostars in Germany is hosted by the DLR Project Management Agency. Germany funds R&D costs for SMEs, research organisations, and universities participating in our Eurostars programme. Large companies may participate in a Eurostars project, but they are not eligible for Eurostars funding in Germany. If large companies want to participate, they must submit a self-funding declaration.

The amount of funding available depends on the type of organisation applying.

- SME: Up to 50% of eligible project costs
- Research organisation or university: Up to 100% of eligible project costs if there is a German SME in your consortium which is taking over a considerable amount of the R&D work

Germany has additional national criteria for projects to be eligible to receive funding.

- Clinical trials will not be funded. For more information, contact the German Eurostars team at the DLR Project Management Agency.
- Only R&D activities up to Technology Readiness Level 6 are eligible for funding.
- The maximum funding amount is a grant of 500,000 euro for all German partners per project.
- To calculate costs, use the DLR's online tool. Submit the calculation together with the Eurostars application.
- Due to changes in the European Commission's "general block exemption regulation" (see GBER, regulation (EU) 2023/1315), which has a substantial impact on the eligible overhead costs, all German SMEs should contact the German Eurostars team before applying to the next call for projects.
- National applications must be submitted within two weeks of being requested by the DLR. This request will be sent out after your application has received a positive evaluation and if funding for your project has been secured.

To apply, you must meet seven international eligibility criteria:

- The project consortium is led by an innovative SME from a Eurostars country.
- The project consortium is composed of at least two entities that are independent of one another.
- The project consortium is composed of entities from at least two Eurostars countries with at least one organisation coming

from an EU or Horizon Europe Associated Country

- The budget of the SMEs from a Eurostars country, excluding subcontracting, is 50% or more of the total project cost.
- No single participant or country is responsible for more than 70% of the budget of the project.
- The project duration is 36 months or less.
- The project has an exclusive focus on civil applications.

Deadline for submitting proposals: 10 September 2026, 02:00 PM CEST

Further information:

<https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes-and-calls/eurostars/eurostars-call-for-projects-september-2026/>

Horizon Europe A Soil Deal for Europe: Supporting the implementation of the Mission Soil; Deadline Proposal: 23.09.2026

As part of the vision to achieve healthy soils by 2050, outlined in the EU Soil Strategy for 2030, the European Commission made a proposal for a Directive on Soil Monitoring and Resilience, with the Mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe' (Mission Soil) as a key instrument for implementation. Moreover, the Vision for Agriculture and Food recognises the Mission and its main target of establishing 100 living labs and lighthouses as an unprecedented resource to support farmers to improve their soils in a challenging geopolitical and environmental context.

The Work Programme 2026–2027 builds on previous projects, actions and results, introducing specific actions to engage more and new actors across value chains, achieve more advanced and closer-to-market solutions, and address some remaining knowledge gaps. This Work Programme aims to:

- accelerate the development, deployment and adoption of cutting-edge technologies and practices to restore and protect soil health;
- foster collaboration between research institutions, land managers, industry, advisors, SMEs, consumers, and other stakeholders, and with other EU initiatives, to drive innovation and knowledge transfer;
- strengthen the Mission's business dimension by supporting the deployment of economically viable models and sustainable value chains on the ground;
- explore the interlinkages between human and soil health, helping to fill key knowledge and policy gaps and contributing to a more integrated One Health approach.

Applicants should align their proposals with one or more of the key strategic orientations and long term expected impacts of the Strategic Plan of Horizon Europe and the EU Mission's goal of delivering concrete solutions to identified challenges by 2030, specifically contributing to the Mission's objectives.

To further diversify the portfolio of actions and the stakeholders involved, and the impact of its actions, projects are encouraged to build synergies with other initiatives, programmes and organisations at EU, national, and international level—ensuring coherence and mutual reinforcement of efforts in support of EU policy priorities and the Mission's objectives.

Topics 2026:

- HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-01: Monitoring soil health in practice: equipping stakeholders to sample, analyse, and interpret soil health indicators
- HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-02: Antimicrobial resistance and antibiotic biosynthesis in soils: developing key understanding and counteractive strategies using a One-Health approach
- HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-03: Enabling user-centred and open innovation initiatives to enhance soil health in Ukraine
- HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-04: Leveraging long-term field experiments and other datasets to develop AI-ready decision support systems for sustainable soil management

Deadline for submitting proposals: 23 September 2026, 17:00 PM Brussels time

Further information:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2026-2027/wp-12-missions_horizon-2026-2027_en.pdf

Horizon Europe ERC Starting Grant; Deadline Proposal: 14.10.2026

The European Research Council (ERC) was set up to support excellence in research through grants that tackle issues at the frontiers of existing knowledge. It provides flexible longer-term, portable funding, and independence for researchers and their teams to pursue ambitious and high-risk research. The ERC strives to achieve the following objectives:

- to promote scientific excellence in research by funding ground-breaking, high-risk, and ambitious frontier research;
- to attract the best talent and skill to Europe, to support early-career researchers, and to promote exchange of ideas and knowledge;
- to increase Europe's competitiveness in the international research arena

The Starting Grant supports excellent Principal Investigators starting or having recently started their own independent research team or programme. A Starting Grant Principal Investigator should have already shown evidence of the potential for research independence, for example, by having produced at least one important publication as its main author or a publication without the participation of their PhD supervisor.

The Principal Investigators will be eligible for a Starting Grant if they have defended their PhD in the ten-year period preceding the 1st of January 2027. Cut-off dates: Successful defence of PhD between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2026 (inclusive). The eligibility period can be extended beyond 7 years in certain properly documented circumstances.

Starting Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of EUR 1 500 000 for a period of 5 years. The maximum size of the grants is reduced pro rata temporis for proposals of shorter duration. Additional funding up to EUR 1 000 000 can be requested to cover further eligible costs (e.g. start-up costs, major equipment, access to large facilities, major experimental and field work costs) when these are necessary to carry out the proposed work. The requests for additional funding must be duly justified in the proposal.

Proposals are evaluated by selected international peer reviewers who evaluate proposals on the basis of excellence as the sole criterion. The panels will primarily evaluate: the ground-breaking nature and ambition of the research project and, at the same time, the intellectual capacity and creativity of the Principal Investigator, with a focus on the extent to which the PI has the required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project. The detailed evaluation elements applying to the excellence of the research project and the Principal Investigator are set out in the ERC Work Programme 2027.

Deadline date: 14 October 2026 - 17.00 Brussels time

Further information:

<https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/starting-grant>

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.euhochschulnetz-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>