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Collaborative R&D Funding Unlocked:

A Comprehensive Playbook of attracting RD&I financing for achieving scientific excellence and turning research results into impactful products and services



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This document is specifically dedicated to R&D institutions and researchers, particularly Principal Investigators and other leaders of certain research areas coordinating the activities of research groups. Researchers hold significant potential to stimulate scientific excellence, innovation capacity and deliver disruptive R&D projects using collaborative R&D funding.

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Introduction

Collaborative EU R&D funding is essential for researchers to advance the scientific excellence base, develop breakthrough projects with a high degree of scientific and technological ambition and cooperate with businesses in maturing R&D ideas into successful products and innovative services.

Collaborative EU R&D funding can provide money to invest into:	/	research cooperation and experience exchange;
	/	fundamental and applied research activities across various scientific domains;
	/	acquisition of specialized research equipment and advanced technologies;
	/	building and expanding research teams with talented experts.

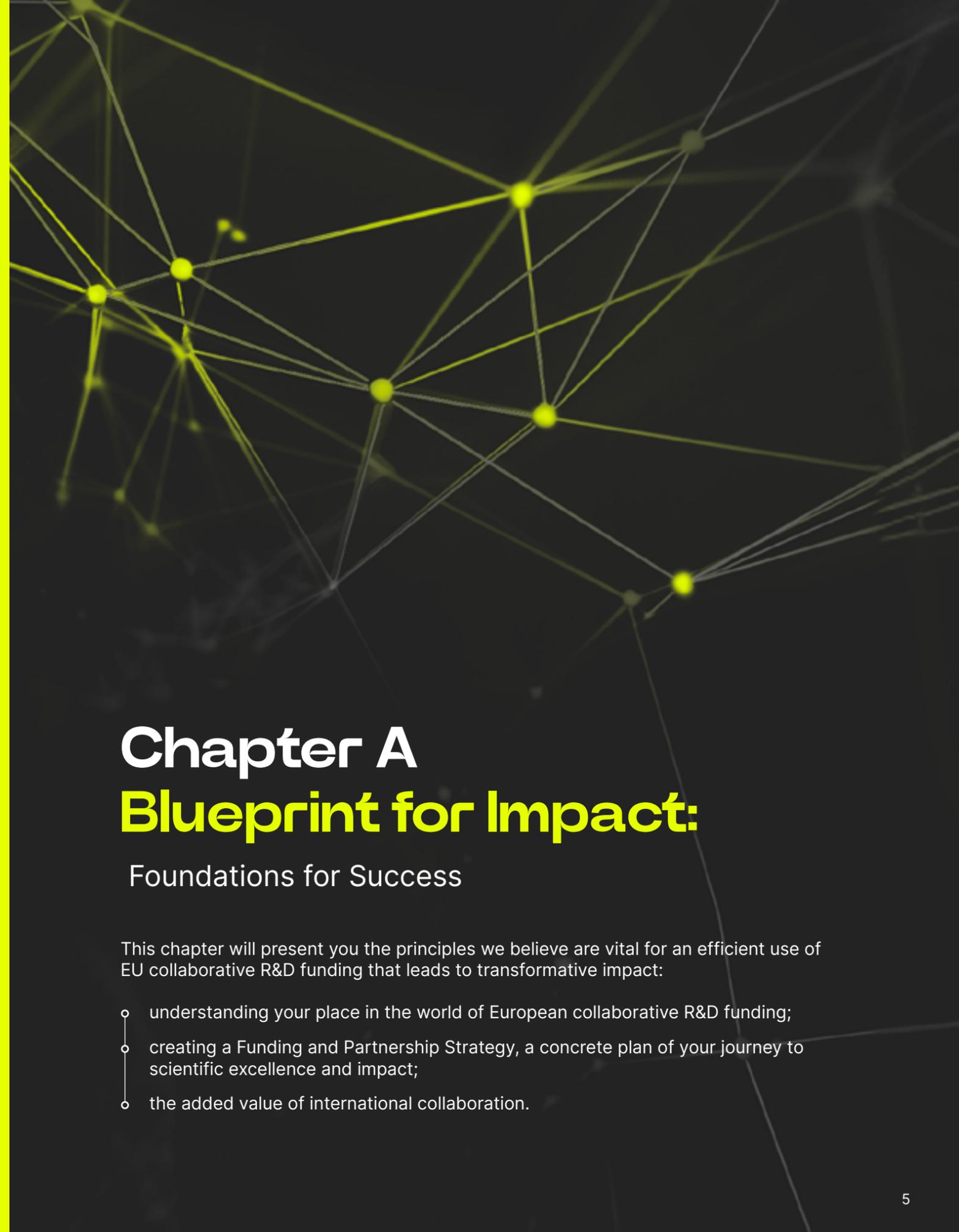
Additionally, it can provide opportunities for:	/	cooperation with industry, business associations, clusters, government etc., to shape R&D results into products and services;
	/	testing and validating scientific findings with relevant stakeholders and creating sustainable business models;
	/	developing proof-of-concepts and experimental testing in real-world environments;
	/	establishing excellence and gaining recognition through successful European projects.

However, the funding landscape is highly complex, making it challenging to identify and secure valuable opportunities that align with your scientific goals.

To use EU funding efficiently means being able to navigate the funding ecosystem, plan strategically, and combine resources purposefully.

Most importantly, it's essential to understand that EU funding is only effective when integrated with a long-term strategy and aligned with your organization's R&D&I priorities.

Our long-term mission is to guide research organizations, innovative SME's and companies to access EU funding and achieve sustainable impact.



Chapter A Blueprint for Impact:

Foundations for Success

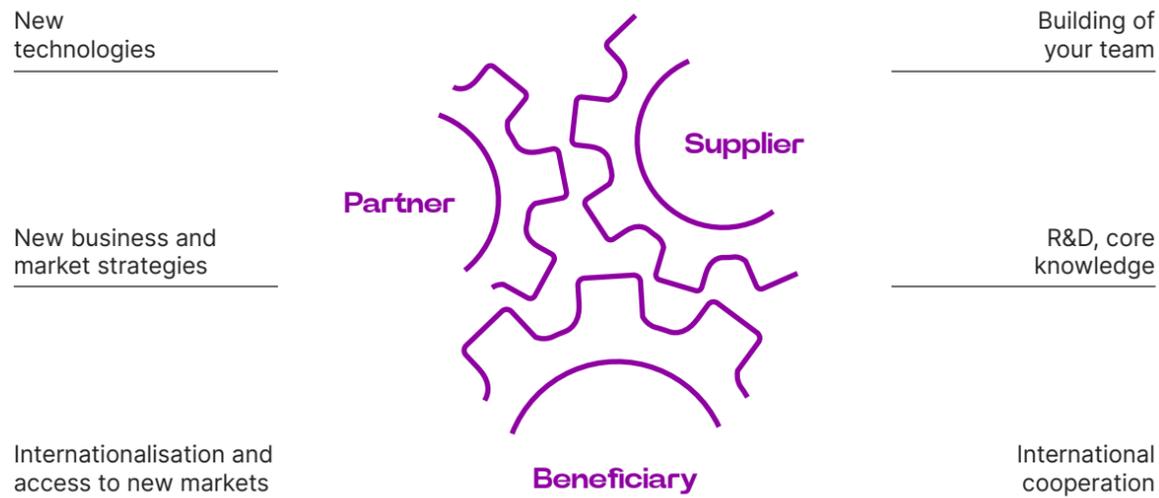
This chapter will present you the principles we believe are vital for an efficient use of EU collaborative R&D funding that leads to transformative impact:

- o understanding your place in the world of European collaborative R&D funding;
- o creating a Funding and Partnership Strategy, a concrete plan of your journey to scientific excellence and impact;
- o the added value of international collaboration.

Your place in the 3D world of European collaborative R&D funding

For a scientific researcher, the EU funding world is three-dimensional. If you are working on scientific discoveries, beside your obvious role of potential funding beneficiary, you may:

- / participate in EU funded projects in the position of a partner (in a project consortium);
- / supply research activities and results to an organisation that receives EU funding.



Creating a Funding and Partnership Strategy

A Funding Strategy is a tailored map of both European-level and national-level funding opportunities – large and small – that align with the long-term development goals of your research group and institution. It acts as a strategic blueprint, highlighting paths that are most beneficial for growth.

The strategy should include:

- / a critical prioritisation, where opportunities are assessed based on their potential impact and relevance, ensuring that efforts are focused on the most promising opportunities;
- / a detailed Roadmap outlining concrete steps for progress through funding stages, planning systematically how to elevate the research from scientific findings to products and services through strategic investments;
- / a precise Timeplan that schedules the grant applications, ensuring timely preparation and submission.

Funding strategy helps to minimise the risk of missing valuable funding opportunities, plan investments more efficiently, and ultimately, maximise the amount of funding secured.

Example case study:

Professor leading the Institute in University of Tartu in Estonia is looking for funding in the research area of reproductive medicine. The professor has two strategic goals:

- / train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and ethically conscious researchers in the field of female reproductive care;
- / develop solutions using genetic technologies in prenatal diagnostics.

Through our collaboration in funding and partnership strategy and subsequent proposal writing support, the professor has attracted financing from the following local and international funding instruments for achieving the goals.

PRO-GRAMME	Horizon Pillar 1: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions	Horizon horizontal topics: Horizon ERA Talents	Estonian-Norway grant: Green ICT programme	Estonian Applied Research Programme	Horizon Missions: Horizon Cancer Mission (RIA)
ACTIVITIES FINANCED	Establishing innovative training network of academic and industry partners with expertise in female reproductive genomics and medicine	International mobilities of 23 talents between 8 academic and industry partners from 3 countries	Advanced Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing product development for target markets	Liquid biopsy test product development for sepsis using microbial cell-free DNA sequencing	Development of a panel of validated biomarkers to identify individuals at high-risk of reproductive organ toxicities; Evaluation of the model on constitutional genetic risk for reproductive organ toxicity in clinical cohorts across Europe
TYPE OF FUNDING	EU level	National level	Regional level	EU level	EU level

A path towards the international added value

Embarking on the journey of EU funding begins with seizing the opportunities for building international relations with other research institutions and increasing research excellence via staff exchanges, joint training programmes, curriculum development etc. These initial steps provide a foundational advantage of building partnerships, to jointly prepare for more ambitious ventures.

In parallel, ambitious researchers engage in research and development efforts, essential for developing new knowledge and applying it in innovative products. They encompass collaborative R&D efforts that not only generate research findings and scientific inventions, but also apply them in innovative science-based products and services. This involves collaborative research and development and testing of these innovations, enabling a significant value creation within the society.

The ultimate goal of the funding journey is to engage in complex, prestigious grants that support international cooperation in R&D, international deployment and scaling of innovative technologies. Achieving this stage represents a pinnacle of success, creating unique added value at a European level and establishing the research institution as a key player on the international stage.

Scientific excellence:

- / staff exchanges;
- / training programmes;
- / expanding the R&D teams and hiring talents;
- / development of know-how through collaboration.

R&D, innovations:

- / basic and applied collaborative research;
- / buying necessary equipment and technologies;
- / technology development and integration;
- / testing and validation in cooperation with users;
- / demonstration or pilot activities.

Internationalization:

- / creating international partnerships;
- / scaling of innovative technologies in new markets;
- / development across Europe;
- / testing innovative business and market strategies.

Chapter B Strategic Partnership:

Crafting Success with EU Funding

To embark on the collaborative EU R&D funding journey described in the previous chapter, it is crucial to have a strategic consulting partner that will support you.

This chapter aims to:

- o illuminate the critical role of such strategic partnerships in maximising EU funding opportunities for researchers;
- o describe how we envision a long-term partnership and its foundations for success;
- o show real-world case studies that demonstrate the effectiveness of innovative, tailored strategies in unlocking complex funding opportunities for driving scientific excellence and turning research results into impactful products and services.

Our vision of Advisory Partnership to craft success with EU funding

We sincerely believe that the role of a consultant supporting researchers extends far beyond the traditional task of merely 'writing the project application.' A true advisory partnership is founded on a commitment to facilitate growth within the client's organization, ensuring that every step in the funding application process not only targets successful funding acquisition but also enhances the research institution's strategic capabilities and innovative potential.

Civitta as an advisory partner in collaborative R&D funding will bring the following comprehensive support package to your funding journey:

1 Proven track record

While you may struggle with EU funding complexities, we operate with intuitive understanding gained from managing hundreds of proposals. Embracing creative problem-solving is essential in navigating the complex landscape of EU funding, enabling us to anticipate challenges before they arise and know which shortcuts actually work.

2 Unlocking maximum funding potential

We don't just help you win one grant, we identify and combine multiple funding streams to maximize your total funding potential. Identifying and pursuing less obvious funding opportunities helps to diversify funding sources and mitigate risks.

3 Extensive and verified partner network

Access to our network of more than 500 pre-qualified consortium partners across Europe and beyond will, turning months of partner searching into weeks, securing reliable with partners, that we have already successfully worked with. This extensive network not only enhances the chances of funding success but also positions research institutions at the forefront of European innovation, enabling you to participate in leading-edge developments within relevant fields.

4 Complete project lifecycle support

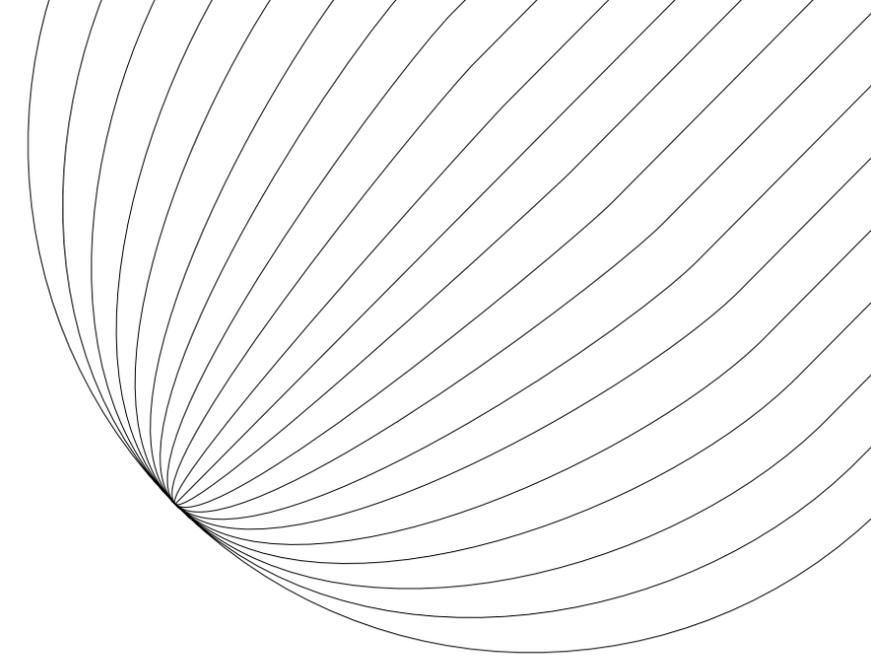
Effective advisory involves engagement throughout the entire project lifecycle. From initial idea to final reporting, we provide end-to-end support through every phase of collaborative EU R&D funding projects: funding strategy, proposal writing, consortium management, implementation guidance, and compliance assurance. This level of support transforms funding opportunities into tangible results, driving substantial growth and innovation.

5 Comprehensive expertise

We navigate all EU R&D funding schemes, from Research (and Innovation) Actions (RIA), Coordination and Support Actions (CSA), MSCA fellowships, ERC grants etc., and national co-funding schemes. Our team combines proposal writing excellence with deep technical knowledge across various sectors (health, ICT, energy, bioeconomy, transport etc.), ensuring your proposal speaks the evaluators' language.

6 Extension for overwhelmed teams

When your internal grant support is maxed out, we become your external capacity. We deliver professional-grade proposals on tight deadlines while your team focuses on other priorities.



Success story 1

Successful Digital Europe programme project Hopero.AI

Securing funding from the European Digital Innovations Hub call, which helps small and medium-sized companies and public institutions take digitalisation to the next level using artificial intelligence. In a consortium of 4 partners, KInIT's role is to deliver a tool for SMEs to self-assess AI maturity, provide professional services and training on AI.

Organization	Kempelen Institute of Intelligent Technologies (KInIT)
Location	Slovakia
Background	KInIT is an independent, non-profit institute dedicated to intelligent technology research.
KINIT long term goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / talent - Increase the availability of talent in Slovakia by giving young people a reason to stay and build careers that have strong international connections; / world-class, responsible research - Build a space that fosters impactful, responsible research, attract and nurture top researchers in their given fields and cultivate expertise that could be transferred into the private sector or used in community development; / R&D&I in business and technology transfer - Use of intelligent technologies in business through research activities that are connected with the academic sphere; / achieve economic sustainability - Apply to funding schemes that allow effective and economically sustainable research and talent development.

Civitta approach	<p>Elaborating the funding strategy, mapping of funding opportunities and preparation of successful proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful TWINNING project DisAI Securing funding from TWINNING call to enhance the scientific excellence in trustworthy AI and multimodal natural language processing and multilingual language technologies to combat disinformation in cooperation with German, Danish and Greek R&D institutions. As this was first project where KInIT acted as coordinator, Civitta also provided project financial reporting training to KInIT team. 2. Successful TEAMING project lforAI Securing funding from TEAMING call. lforAI consortium has been carefully crafted to "team" premier European AI research institutes, with different organisational models and budget structures, and unique national experience
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(Greece). The main objective is to upgrade the KInIT to a leading R&I institution in low-resource artificial intelligence (LRAI) in Slovakia and Europe.

3. Successful Digital Europe programme project Hopero.AI

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Results	First successful funding proposals have enabled KInIT to attract talent, exchange knowledge with leading research institutions in the field and establish themselves as leading R&D institutions in the AI area. The network built has been a catalyst for being invited to many more collaborative funding projects on European level.
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Success story 2

Company name	Karolinska Institutet (KI)
Location	Sweden
Background	Karolinska Institutet is one of the world's leading medical universities. Karolinska Institutet accounts for the single largest share of all academic medical research conducted in Sweden and offers the country's broadest range of education in medicine and health sciences.
KI long term goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / build and sustain international, intersectoral networks linking academia, clinics, and industry, accelerating the path from discovery to clinical impact; / lead patient-centred research that translates evidence into guidelines and practice to improve lifelong health outcomes.
Civitta approach	<p>Elaborating the funding strategy, mapping of funding opportunities and preparation of successful proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful MSCA Staff Exchange project TULIP Securing funding from MSCA Staff Exchange call. A

Civitta approach	<p>consortium of 12 partners was formed composed of academic and industry partners with outstanding expertise in female reproductive medicine, and glycobiology & microbiota studies and technologies.</p> <p>During the project, researchers, clinicians, and industry experts will undertake international and intersectoral secondmentstoshareexpertise,transferadvancedanalytical methods, and collaboratively develop new approaches for improving fertility diagnostics and treatments.</p> <p>2. Successful Horizon Cancer mission project PREDICT-AYA</p> <p>Supporting KI in setting up a multidisciplinary consortium of 18 research, clinical, and non-profit partners to develop a coherent and competitive project concept addressing fertility-related late effects in young cancer survivors. During implementation, the consortium will combine clinical data, biobank resources, and patient perspectives to develop predictive biomarkers and personalised strategies that improve the long-term reproductive health and quality of life of adolescents and young adults after cancer treatment.</p>
Results	<p>Both projects will strengthen KI's capacity for collaborative, patient-centred research in fertility and reproductive health. They will generate new knowledge on fertility preservation, reproductive toxicity, and long-term health effects of cancer treatment, supported by advanced analytical methods. Staff exchange project will foster researcher mobility, interdisciplinary training, and stronger links between academia, clinics, and industry—building a sustainable network of experts capable of translating scientific discoveries into improved clinical practices and patient care.</p>

Client long term goals	<p>/ drive sustainable growth and tackle the biggest global challenges of our time turning them into opportunities for business growth;</p> <p>/ deliver cutting-edge scientific innovation together with private companies and the public sector.</p>
Civitta approach	<p>Civitta has been involved in preparing the proposals based on the given assignments and also became a trusted partner of the Research Centre in delivering socio-economic assessment and market exploitation activities during project implementation.</p> <p>1. Successful Horizon Cluster 4 (Digital, Industry and space) proposal</p> <p>Civitta supported the Research Center in setting up the consortium of 20 partners and wrote the successful proposal aimed at developing a sustainable and economically viable process to upcycle mixed CO/PES textile waste into new cotton and polyester products. Additionally Civitta was invited to join the consortium to be responsible for the work package related to fostering market uptake theP technologies developed during the project.</p> <p>2. Cooperation under Circular Bio-based Europe project</p> <p>Civitta became a partner in the CBE project with the consortium of 18 partners Coordinated by the Research Center. The project is focused on developing eco-friendly circular and functional building materials for sustainable construction. Civitta was invited to the consortium to lead the work package on technical, economic and regulatory assessment.</p> <p>3. Cooperation under Horizon Cluster 6 (Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture) project</p> <p>Civitta became a partner in the project with the consortium of 12 partners Coordinated by the Research Center. The project aims to develop and pilot local solutions for the production of food, feed, biobased materials, bioenergy/-fuel and fertilisers by valorising agricultural biomass feedstocks. Civitta was invited to the consortium to lead the work package on communication, dissemination and exploitation.</p>
Results	<p>Funding for development of cutting/edge innovation for carbon neutral solutions, sustainable products and materials, and digital technologies. Securing compliance with regulatory requirements, technical and economic assessment and appropriate market and exploitation strategies for the products delivered.</p>

Success story 3

Company name	Research Centre from Finland (confidential)
Location	Finland
Background	<p>The Research Centre from Finland is ranked among the leading European RTOs. For Horizon Europe the Research Centre has set up a framework contract for the preparation of grant applications, in which the center is the coordinator of the consortium of applicants. Assignments are ordered according to the Center's needs on a case-by-case basis.</p>

Chapter C

Navigating EU Funding Instruments:

Comprehensive look into how to get involved

To navigate the complex world of funding instruments, plan wisely and combine creatively, it is crucial to have knowledge of the existing funding opportunities available for R&D Institutions.

This chapter aims to:

- give comprehensive overview of the collaborative EU R&D funding programmes available for researchers;
- provide complete overview of the calls timeline and quick access to work programmes;
- give tips and tricks how to prioritize and select funding instruments that are particularly relevant for researchers aiming for scientific excellence and turning research results into impactful products and services;
- provide insight how to find and build consortiums.

Overview of the funding instruments

The main collaborative EU R&D funding programmes available for researchers are the following. Detailed programme overviews are provided in Chapter D.

Horizon Europe



- / Horizon Clusters
- / Missions
- / Joint Undertakings
- / Defence Fund
- / Digital Europe
- / EU4Health

Have a top-down approach to defining financed topics. A detailed list of topics and description of the scope and expected outcome of the financed projects are defined by the European Commission in the published work programmes.

- / Horizon Pillar 1
- / Horizon Pillar 3

Have a mostly bottom-up approach, where applicants need to comply with general eligibility and assessment criteria and propose projects in any scientific and technological field that pursue research based innovation.

Collaborative EU R&D funding calls timeline and quick access to work programmes

The call topics, requirements and deadlines of each funding instrument are published in Work Programmes. We have compiled the comprehensive overview of collaborative EU funding calls timeline (opening and deadlines of the calls) with direct links to the Work Programmes.

Collaborative EU funding 2025 calls timeline

WORK PROGRAMME		2025											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		PILLAR I EXCELLENT SCIENCE											
ERC	Starting Grant						9.7				14.10		
	Consolidator Grant								25.9				
	Advanced Grant					22.5			28.8				
	Proof of Concept Grant									18.9		13.11	
	Synergy Grant							10.7				5.11	
	Doctoral Networks					28.5						25.11	
MSCA	Postdoctoral Fellowships				9.4					10.9			
	Staff Exchanges			27.3							8.10		16.12
	COFUND	23.1					24.6						16.12
	Choose EU for Science										1.10		3.12
	MSCA and Citizens						17.6				22.10		
	MSCA4Ukraine Fellowships					6.5					16.9		
		PILLAR II – GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS											
CLUSTERS	Health				22.5					16.9			
	Culture, creativity and society				15.5					16.9			
	Civil Security of Society						12.6					12.11	
	Digital, industry and space												
	<i>Industry</i>				22.5						23.9		
	<i>Space</i>				22.5						25.9		
	<i>Digital</i>						10.6					02.10	
	Climate, energy and transport												
	-2025				6.5						2.4, 24.9		
	-2026												18.12
	Food, bio, natural resources & agr				6.5						4, 16, 17, 24.9		
	New European Bauhaus Facility				6.5							12.11	
	MISSIONS	M1: Adaptation to Climate Change				6.5					24.9		
M2: Cancer					6.5					16.9			
M3: Restore our Ocean and Waters					7.5					24.9			
M4: Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities					6.5								
M5: Soil Deal for Europe					6.5					20.9			

WORK PROGRAMME		2025											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
JOINT UNDERTAKINGS	Circular Bio-based Europe				3.4				18.9				
	Innovative Health Initiative				23, 29.4	Short					14.10	Full	
	Clean Hydrogen				23.4								
	Clean Aviation		20.2			15.4							
	Europe's Rail		26.2				7.5				8.10		
	Global Health EDCTP3				Short						Full		
	Smart Networks and Services						18.6				18.9		
		PILLAR III INNOVATIVE EUROPE											
EIC	EIC Pathfinder Open		20.2			21.5							
	EIC Pathfinder Challenges							28.7			29.10		
	EIC Transition									17.9			
	EIC Advanced Innovation Challenges												
	EIC Accelerator			12.3							1.10		
	EIC Accelerator STEP scaleup												
EIE	European Innovation Ecosystems												
	<i>Connect 1</i>					14.5					15.10		
	<i>Connect 2</i>							11.6			25.9		
		HORIZONTAL TOPICS											
Spreading Excellence & Widening Participation	Teaming				10.4								
	Twinning												
	Era Chairs, Research Managers												
	ERA fellowships				09.4						10.9		
	European Excellence Initiative											20.11	
	EIC Pre-accelerator									12.6			18.11
	HOP-ON facility						6.5				4.9		
	Support for R&I policy						6.5				16.9		
	Implementing co-funded action plans						14.5					15.10	
	Enhancing the European R&I system						15.5					18.10	10.12
		SPECIFIC PROGRAMME: EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND											
EDF	European Defence Fund		18.2									16.10	
		OTHER EU PROGRAMMES											
	Digital Europe												
	<i>AI continent</i>				15.4						2.10	04.11	
	<i>Accelerating best use of tech</i>				15.4						2.9	04.11	
	<i>EU Digital Innovation Hubs (AC)</i>				15.4						2.9	04.11	
	<i>EU Digital Innovation Hubs (EU-EEA)</i>				3.4	14.5						04.11	
	<i>Advanced digital skills</i>				15.4							2.10	04.11
	<i>Secure Connectivity (IRIS 2)</i>							15.7				16.10	
	EU4 HEALTH										23.09		
	LIFE				24.4						23.9		

Collaborative EU funding 2026 calls timeline

WORK PROGRAMME* (Draft WPs available in Sept 2025, subject to change)		2026* (deadlines may change until the official WPs are published)												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
ERC	Starting Grant							09.07			14.10			
	Consolidator Grant	13.1								25.09			13.01.2026	
	Advanced Grant					28.5			27.8					
	Proof of Concept Grant			17.03							17.09			
	Synergy Grant													
MSCA	Doctoral Networks					28.5						24.11		
	Postdoctoral Fellowships				9.4					9.9				
	Staff Exchanges				16.4									
	COFUND				8.4									
	Choose EU for Science	No call in 2026											8.12	
	MSCA and Citizens	No call in 2026												
	MSCA4Ukraine Fellowships	No call in 2026												
PILLAR II – GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS														
CLUSTERS	Health				16.4					15.9				
	Culture, creativity and society					13.05				23.9	13.10			
	Civil Security of Society									15.9		4.5.11		
	Digital, industry and space													
	Industry	6.1		17.3	21.4						13.10	Stage 2		
	Space			10.3							3.9			
	Digital	15.1			15.4									
	Climate, energy and transport													
				31.3	14.4	Stage 2								
				14, 15.4						15.9	8.10		1.12	
Food, bio, natural resources & agri				14, 15.4					17, 22, 26.9		26.11			
NEB	New European Bauhaus Facility					5,5							1,12	
MISSIONS	M1: Adaptation to Climate Change		4.2								23,9			
	M2: Cancer		10.2								21,9			
	M3: Restore our Ocean and Waters		4.2								23,9			
	M4: Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities		20.02									8.10.		
	M5: Soil Deal for Europe		18.2	Stage 2	14,4	Stage 1					23,9			
JOINT UNDERTAKINGS	Circular Bio-based Europe	WP N/A jet												
	Innovative Health Initiative	WP N/A jet												
	Clean Hydrogen	WP N/A jet												
	Clean Aviation	WP N/A jet												
	Europe's Rail		11.2											
	Global Health EDCTP3	WP N/A jet												
Smart Networks and Services	WP N/A jet													
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	EIC Accelerator	7.1		3.4		6.5		8.7		2.9		4.11		
	EIC Accelerator STEP scaleup		11.2			6.5				9.9		25.11		
EIE	European Innovation Ecosystems													
	Connect 1					9.6				22.9				
	Connect 2					1.6				15.9				

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	Era Chairs, Research Managers				6.4						14.9			
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	EIC Pre-accelerator	No call in 2026												
	HOP-ON facility	13.1										24.9		
	Support for R&I policy	No call in 2026												
	Implementing co-funded action plans	No call in 2026												
	Enhancing the European R&I system			24.3										8.12
	Excellence Hubs											02.09		4.3.2027
	SPECIFIC PROGRAMME: EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND													
EDF	European Defence Fund	WP N/A jet												
OTHER EU PROGRAMMES														
Digital Europe	AI continent										03.03			
	Accelerating best use of tech										03.03			
	EU Digital Innovation Hubs (AC)										03.03			
	EU Digital Innovation Hubs (EU-EEA)										03.03			
	Advanced digital skills										03.03			
	Support actions													
EU4 HEALTH		6.1												
LIFE	WP N/A jet													

How to prioritize and select the calls

Ultimate criteria in selecting the funding programme and call, is the match between the project idea and call expectations. Keep in mind, that collaborative EU R&D funding is targeted to:

- / Ambitious project advancing the state-of-the-art in the selected R&D field
- / Projects with high innovation potential (e.g. ground-breaking objectives, novel concepts and approaches, new products, services or business and organisational models), compared to the products already on the market

Additionally, their call descriptions contain info that allow better assessment if the call is actually corresponding to your capacity and interest. We have put together a checklist, to make the decision making process easier and increase the chances of success.

1. Call conditions favorable to researchers

- How to read the budget info:
- / call budget divided by budget per project = number of projects to be funded: Many calls finance only 1-2 projects, focus on calls with higher number of projects (3+) to be funded. Check number of proposals submitted to similar topics in previous years (Search in Funding and Tenders Portal to identify the calls);
 - / budget per project: Budgets usually start from 1 mln EUR that allows also smaller consortiums, higher budget usually reflects in the larger size and complexity of the consortium.

 TIP: FOCUS ON CALLS WITH MULTIPLE PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED AND SMALLER BUDGETS

- How to read the project type:
- / coordination and support Action: „Soft“ activities, smaller budgets;
 - / research and Innovation Action: Lower TRL, focus on R&D, limited demonstration or pilot activities;
 - / innovation Action: Higher TRL, focus on demonstration or pilot activities, limited R&D.

 TIP: FOCUS ON RIA TYPE OF PROJECTS HAVING R&D AT THE CORE

2. Competition and existing previous relevant experience in the topic

- How to assess the average success rate:
- / check number of proposals submitted to the same call in previous years („Call Updates“ section Under the call page);
 - / check number of proposals submitted to similar topics in previous years (Search in Funding and Tenders Portal to identify the calls);
 - / check work programme statistics ([Horizon Dashboard](#)).

 TIP: FOCUS ON CALLS THAT HISTORICALLY HAVE HAD LESS COMPETITION

- How to identify previous successful projects:
- / your proposal should not overlap with project funded under the same call in previous years: Browse projects funded under the call in [Cordis](#).

 TIP: MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO PROJECTS ALREADY FUNDED UNDER SAME CALL

- How to identify partners of the previous successful projects:
- / if the call text asks for building connections with previously funded projects under specific call: Browse funded projects and partners under the call in [Cordis](#).

 TIP: BUILD CONNECTION AND REFERENCE WITH PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS BY INVITING RELEVANT PARTNERS TO JOIN YOUR CONSORTIUM

3. Deadline

- How much time it takes to prepare a proposal:
- / **call identification:** Experienced organizations scan the work programmes for identifying relevant calls even before they are officially published;

- / **deadline:** Work programmes are published normally ca 5 months before the deadline;
- / **proposal and consortium development:** At least 3 months are needed to build the consortium and prepare the proposal, it can be done faster, but usually this is not a healthy way:).

When the project implementation can start:

- / **evaluation results:** Evaluations take up to 5 months;
- / **grant Agreement (GA) preparation:** GA preparation and signing process takes up to 3 months;
- / **project start:** In sum, projects can start 8 months after the deadline.

 **TIP: MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH TIME AND RESOURCES TO SCAN THE CALLS REGULARLY AND DEVELOP HIGH QUALITY PROJECT PROPOSAL**

Key advice box:

Check the previous section for a comprehensive overview of the collaborative R&D funding timeline and start to prepare early. Don't hesitate to reach out to Civitta consultants for advice in planning the funding strategy and help in proposal writing.



How to find consortiums and partners

Initiating and building proposals and consortiums for collaborative EU R&D funding calls is a time consuming and complex exercise. Also, in the beginning of the journey, the organization might not have previous references, financial capacity and resources to qualify and take the role of the Coordinator. Hence, the way how to build the reference base and build up experience, is to become part of established consortiums lead by experienced Coordinators. Paving your way to be invited to consortiums needs a proper strategy and preparations, to define the value proposition and build the network.

- 1. Prepare your value proposition:
 - / establish strategy and commit resources - getting involved is a long-term process;

2. Participate in relevant events:

- / define your value proposition - what are the scientific fields you are focusing on and respective competences and resources you can bring to the consortiums, define the activities and/or proposal sections that you will be able to contribute during proposal writing etc;
 - / identify the list of calls that you are interested in - related to the value proposition;
 - / prepare the materials presenting your value proposition - get ready to present the value proposition during networking events orally and in written communication.
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- / establish your contact database and update it regularly to be able to follow up - contacts may result in invitations to consortia several years later;
 - / EU events - Most programmes have dedicated F2F or online events for introducing the next work programmes and providing dedicated networking opportunities (i.e. Horizon Europe info days);
 - / info Days by National Contact Points (NCPs) - Get into the mailing lists of National Contact Points and attend the info days to build relations also with NCPs who have access to partner searches and future plans under the funding programmes.

3. Be active on partner search platforms:

- / [Funding and Tenders Portal Partner Search platform](#) - publish your profile and post your value proposition under Partner search announcements section available under each open call;
- / [Enterprise Europe Network partner search tool](#) - browse opportunities and reach out to EEN local partner for connection and registration;
- / [National Contact Point Networks](#) partner search tools;
- / [EURAXESS Partnering Portal](#) - register so that others can find you;
- / identify and join relevant LinkedIn groups.

Key advice box:

Getting your feet into the consortiums is a long-term process, make sure that you prepare strategically (have your value proposition ready, record all the contacts made) and will be consistent (follow-up).



How to build consortiums

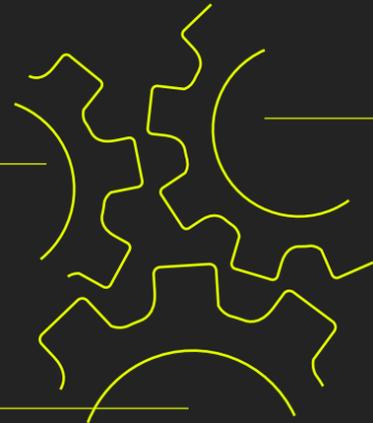
Once you have gained experience in proposal submission, project implementation and built your network, you may consider building a consortium and proposal around your own project idea. While the standard requirement in most of the calls is to have 3 partners from 3 different countries, the actual consortiums are usually much more complex, looking for forming a united team with shared vision, complementarity and balance between the partners.

Complementarity:

- / R&D competences;
- / technological value chain;
- / supportive functions.

Balance:

- / **geographical;**
- / **gender.**



Vision and trust:

- / strong leadership;
- / shared vision;
- / quality of relationships;
- / agility.

1. Vision and trust -

The coordinator should provide the R&D vision and be able to engage the partners around it to work as a team:

- / **strong leadership from the coordinator** - skills (coordination of large groups of partners, administrative and, financial), experience and network;
- / **shared vision** - agreement on overall goals of the project;
- / **quality of relationships** - core consortium should bring together partners that have previously worked together;
- / **agility** - openness for flexibility in case of change.

2. Complementarity -

Each partner has a unique role covering the scientific and technological competences, technological value chain and supportive functions:

- / **scientific and technological competences** - Relevant for addressing the call expectations and realizing the project vision and impacts;
- / **technological value chain** - „Raw material“ owners, R&D partners developing new innovative knowledge, companies applying the knowledge in products and services, end-users (associations) of the products, government institutions to ensure compliance with strategic priorities;

3. Balance - Consortiums needs to secure geographical balance, ensuring appropriate outreach and impact of the project:

- / **supportive functions** - dissemination and communication, market analyses and exploitation strategies, policy analyses, impact assessment, regulatory, legal, social aspects, links to previous projects if requested.
- / **geographical balance** - Targeting specific geographies with similar challenges and ensuring also EU wide outreach;
- / **gender balance** - equal share of male and female in the team.

Key advice box:

1. To meet the ultimate criteria of shared vision and trust, it is important that the core of the consortium is formed of partners that have had previous cooperation, ensuring that they already have common ideas, complementarity of skills and trust on the way they collaboratively work and deliver.
2. For additional partner searches to complete the gaps in complementarity of competences and balance, use the same sources that are presented in the previous section.



Chapter D

Detailed look into

EU Funding Instruments:

facts of each programme

In this chapter you will gain insights into the nuances for key programs such as ERC, MSCA, Horizon Clusters, Missions and horizontal programmes, Joint Undertakings, Defence Fund, Digital Europe, LIFE etc. Each instrument will be explored in detail, providing you with the necessary tools to identify and leverage the best funding opportunities to support your R&D and innovation strategies.

Horizon Europe Pillar 1 Excellent Science

EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ERC)

ERC frontier research grants support excellent investigators (Principal Investigators - PI) and their research teams in pursuing ground-breaking and ambitious research.

QUICK FACTS

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / research and development activities with ground-breaking nature, addressing ambitious research problems; / buying necessary equipment and technologies; / exploration of the commercial and social innovation potential of the research.
Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / starting Grant: PIs that are starting their own independent research team or programme and have shown evidence of the potential for research independence; / consolidator Grant: PIs that are still consolidating their own independent research team or programme; / advanced Grant: PIs that are established research leaders with a recognised track record of research achievements; / synergy Grant: Small group of 2-4 PIs to jointly address ambitious research problems that could not be addressed by the individual Principal Investigators and their teams working alone.
Topics	Any scientific area proposed ,bottom-up' by the PI
Grant per applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / starting Grant: Up to €1,5 mln, additional funding up to €1 mln; / consolidator Grant: Up to €2 mln, additional funding up to €1 mln; / advanced Grant: Up to €2,5 mln, additional funding up to €1 mln; / synergy Grant: Up to €10 mln, additional funding up to €4 mln.
Funding rate	100%
Project timeline	5 years

Applications can be made in any field of research

ERC's frontier research grants operate on a ,bottom-up' basis without predetermined priorities. Scientific excellence is the sole criterion on the basis of which ERC frontier research grants are awarded.



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

MSCA actions fosters scientific excellence through mobility of researchers across borders, sectors and disciplines, new skills through training of researchers and synergies and cooperation between researchers.

QUICK FACTS

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / MSCA Doctoral Networks: Training of doctoral researchers, international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility; / MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships: for researchers holding a PhD, to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility; / MSCA Staff Exchanges: International, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration in research and innovation through exchanging staff and sharing knowledge, open for research, technical, administrative and managerial staff; / MSCA COFUND: Co-financing of new or existing doctoral programmes and postdoctoral fellowship schemes, international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary research training and mobility of researchers at all stages of their career.
Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / MSCA Doctoral Networks: Consortia of at least 3 organisations (universities, research institutes, companies etc.); / MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships: Doctoral students who have defended their degree in the last 8 years; / MSCA Staff Exchanges: Consortia of at least 3 organisations (academic or non-academic) from 3 different countries; / MSCA COFUND: One main participant (government ministry, regional authority, funding agency, university, research organisation or enterprise).
Topics	Any scientific area proposed ,bottom-up' by the applicant
Grant per applicant	Monthly unit contributions defined per country (3000-5000 EUR/month), except for MSCA COFUND (grant up to €10 mln)
Funding rate	Monthly unit contributions defined per country (3000-5000 EUR/month), except for MSCA COFUND (50%)
Project timeline	Average project runs for 2-5 years

The MSCA has a strong international dimension

International cooperation is particularly encouraged as it allows institutions to set-up strategic collaborations worldwide, attracts foreign talents to Europe and provides European researchers with access to unique expertise, facilities, testing environments or data available only outside Europe

Horizon Europe Pillar 2 Global Challenges And European Industrial Competitiveness

CLUSTERS, MISSIONS AND JOINT UNDERTAKINGS

Horizon Europe comprises 6 thematic Clusters being the main funding instrument for research, development and innovation activities. EU Missions are a novelty of the Horizon Europe research and innovation programme for the years 2021-2027, financing concrete solutions to some of our greatest challenges, like climate change, cancer, restoration of ocean and waters, climate neutral and smart cities etc. Additionally, Joint Undertakings, as European public-private partnerships, were set up to drive innovation in key industrial sectors and tackle urgent societal challenges with a quick and close-to-market approach.

QUICK FACTS

Activities	<p>Research and Innovation actions (RIA) supporting activities aiming to establish new knowledge and/or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> / basic and applied research; / buying necessary equipment and technologies; / expanding the R&D teams and hire talents; / technology development and integration; / testing and validation on a small-scale prototype in a laboratory or simulated environment; / limited demonstration or pilot activities aiming to show technical feasibility in a near to operational environment. <p>Innovation actions (IA) supporting activities close to the market, directly aiming at producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> / product development, testing, market validation, prototyping; demonstrating, piloting in cooperation with users; / buying necessary equipment and technologies; / internationalisation, access to new markets and business; development across europe; / testing innovative business and market strategies. <p>Coordination and Support Action (CSA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> / dissemination and communication; / networking, knowledge exchange and capacity building; / policy dialogues and mutual learning exercises; / studies and strategic planning.
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Applicant	CSA: Min 1 organization RIA/IA: Min 3 organisations from 3 different countries
Topics	Topics to be funded are defined by the EC top-down in topical Work Programmes: / cluster 1: Health; / cluster 2: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society; / cluster 3: Civil Security for Society; / cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space; / cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility; / cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment; / mission 1: Adaptation to Climate Change; / mission 2: Cancer; / mission 3: Restore our ocean and waters; / mission 4: Climate neutral and smart cities; / mission 5: Soil deal for Europe; / innovative Health Initiative JU; / clean Hydrogen JU; / clean Aviation JU; / circular Bio-based Europe JU; / key Digital Technologies JU; / Europe's Rail JU; / single European Sky ATM Research 3 JU; / global Health EDCTP3 JU; / smart Networks and Services JU.
Maximum grant & funding rate	/ maximum grant is defined per each individual topic, ranges from ca €0.5-10 mln; / funding rate is generally 100%, except for companies under IA 70%.
Project timeline	Average project runs for 2-5 years

Consortium requirement allows to establish cooperation for research and product validation

While the minimum requirement to apply in Horizon clusters is to have 1 or 3 partners, majority of the projects establish cooperation in large consortiums of 5-10 or even more partners. This gives opportunity to engage various stakeholders, especially the users of the developed solutions in the product development and market validation process.



Horizon Europe Pillar 3 Innovative Europe

EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL PROGRAMMES

The European Innovation Council (EIC) supports breakthrough, deeptech, disruptive, market-creating innovation with scale-up potential at the global level.

QUICK FACTS

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / EIC Pathfinder - For advanced research, supporting early stage development of future and emerging breakthrough, market-creating and/or deep tech technologies. Projects to achieve the proof of principle and validate the scientific basis of breakthrough technologies (starting from early TRLs aiming at achieving TRL3 or 4); / EIC Transition - Supporting researchers and innovators develop the pathway to commercial development for promising research results. Validate and demonstrate technology in application-relevant environment (starting at TRL 3/ 4 aiming at achieving TRL 5/ 6) and develop business and market readiness; / EIC Accelerator - Supporting individual SMEs, startups and small mid-caps to bridge the financing gap between late stages of research activities and market take-up, to effectively deploy breakthrough, market-creating innovation and scale-up companies where the market does not provide viable financing. innovation activities (TRL 6 to 8); / EIC Accelerator – STEP scaleup call - Development and commercialisation of a strategic technology for Europe in digital and deep tech, cleantech or biotech.
Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / EIC Pathfinder - Open call: only consortia can apply. Challenges call: smaller consortia (at least two eligible entities) or single applicants as well as larger consortia; / EIC Transition - Single applicants (SMEs, spin-offs, start-ups, research organisations, universities) or small consortia (minimum 2, maximum 5 eligible entities); / EIC Accelerator - Single start-ups and SMEs (including spin-offs), individuals (intending to launch a start-up/ SME) and in some cases small mid-caps (fewer than 499 employees); / EIC Accelerator – STEP scaleup call - Single startups and SMEs, small mid-caps, investors on behalf of eligible companies.
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / EIC Pathfinder - Open call for any topic proposed bottom-up by applicant. Challenges call supporting Biotech, Generative-AI Agents for cancer diagnoses and treatment, autonomous robot collectives in construction environments and waste-to-value devices;

	/ EIC Transition - Open call for any topic proposed bottom-up by applicant;
	/ EIC Accelerator - Open call for any topic proposed bottom-up by applicant. Challenges call supporting advanced materials, low emission food production systems, GenAI4EU, space infrastructure and future mobility;
	/ EIC Accelerator – STEP scaleup call - digital and deep tech, clean-tech or biotech.
Maximum grant & funding rate	/ EIC Pathfinder - Open call €3 mln, Challenges call € 4 mln; / EIC Transition - €2,5 mln; / EIC Accelerator - Grant up to €2,5 mln + investment up to €10 mln; / EIC Accelerator - STEP scaleup call - Investment €10-30 mln.
Funding rate	/ EIC Pathfinder - 100%; / EIC Transition - 100%; / EIC Accelerator - 70% for grant component.
Project timeline	/ EIC Pathfinder - Up to 4 years; / EIC Transition - 1-3 years; / EIC Accelerator - Up to 2 years.

EIC pathfinder IS the instrument particularly relevant for researcher

EIC Pathfinder is the only instrument specifically designed to support early stage research and development (TRL 1-4) of future and emerging breakthrough, market-creating and/or deep tech technologies.



Strengthening The European Research Area

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA (WIDERA)

The aim of WIDERA is to reduce the existing difference between R&I leading and lagging countries so that the EU can progress as a whole

QUICK FACTS

Activities	/ Teaming for Excellence - Create new or modernise existing centres of excellence in Widening countries through strategic partnerships with leading institutions abroad;
	/ Twinning - Networking activities between research institutions of the Widening countries acting as coordinators, and top-class leading counterparts at EU level;
	/ European Excellence Initiative (EEI) - Engage with universities and empower them further to be actors of change in research and innovation;
	/ Pathways to Synergies - Setting up the interfaces between two different funding systems, to move formerly single beneficiaries out of isolation via cross-border collaboration and prepare for participation in Horizon calls;
	/ Hop-on Facility - Allows research institutions from Widening countries to join already ongoing research and innovation actions under Horizon Europe Pillar 2 and EIC Pathfinder;
	/ Excellence Hubs - Strengthen regional innovation excellence, by teaming up, and creating linkages between academia, businesses, governments and civil society;
	/ ERA Chairs - Attracting high-level researchers to a Widening university and establish a fully integrated research team to significantly improve its research performance in a scientific domain of choice;
	/ ERA Talents - Boost interoperability of careers and employability of research and innovation talents across sectors by cross-sectoral talent circulation and academia-business collaboration for knowledge transfer;
	/ EIC pre-accelerator - Focuses on early-stage deep-tech startups which 1) have high-impact innovation technology, product, service, or business model that could create new markets or disrupt existing ones, and 2) have the ambition and commitments to scale up.
Applicant	/ Teaming - Main applicant (Uni, R&D, governmental or funding) + at

	<p>least one partner from another MS as advanced partner;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> / Twinning - Research institution from Widening country + at least two research institutions from two different MS or AC; / EEl - Coordinator established in Widening country + at least 2 additional entities from different countries / Pathways to Synergies - Coordinator established in Widening country; / Hop-on Facility - Legal entities established in Widening countries may join already selected actions; / Excellence Hubs - At least two different place based R&I ecosystems (academic + business + public + societal actors), in at least two different countries; / ERA Chairs - One legal entity from Widening country; / ERA Talents - One legal entity from Widening country; / EIC pre-accelerator - One legal entity (startup).
Topics	Any scientific area proposed 'bottom-up' by the applicant, specific calls addressing certain fields may be published
Maximum grant & funding rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / Teaming - €8-15 mln, 100%; / Twinning - €0,8-1,5 mln, 100%; / EEl - €2-5 mln, 100%; / Pathways to Synergies - €0,5-1,2 mln, 100%; / Hop-on Facility - €0,2-0,6 mln, 100%; / Excellence Hubs - €3-5 mln, 100%; / ERA Chairs - €1,5-2,5 mln; / ERA Talents - € 6 mln; / EIC pre-accelerator - €0,3-0,5 mln.
Project timeline	Average project runs for 2-5 years

WIDERA CALLS ARE A STEPPING STONE TO ENTER INTO COLLABORATIVE FUNDING

WIDERA calls provide variety of opportunities to enter into collaborative funding and are the first instruments to start the funding journey. They provide framework for exchange knowledge with other research institutions and industry, increasing research excellence via staff exchanges, joint training programmes, curriculum development etc. These initial steps provide a foundational advantage of building partnerships, to jointly prepare for more ambitious ventures.



Specific Programme: European Defence Fund

The European Defence Fund (EDF) fosters the competitiveness, efficiency and innovation capacity of the European defence technological and industrial base (EDTIB).

QUICK FACTS

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / development and creation of innovative products; / buying necessary equipment and technologies; / expanding the development teams and hire talents; / internationalisation, access to new markets and business development across Europe; / pilot testing of your products in cooperation with end users; / testing innovative business and market strategies; / successful references from pilots in one or several European countries.
Applicant	<p>Consortium of minimum 3 independent entities from 3 different eligible countries</p> <p>Areas of interest include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> / measurement and monitoring of physiological and cognitive state of soldiers; / AI and robotic autonomous systems; optimisation of cognitive performance in human-machine interaction;
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / solutions for mechanical and "green" chemical recycling of waste of soldier equipment; / technologies to ensure a safe water reuse; / synthetic fuel production from waste and biomass for military use.
Grant per applicant	Grant should not exceed EUR €6 million, funding rate varies between 55%-100%
Project timeline	Average project runs for 1-4 years

Digital Europe Programme (DEP)

The Digital Europe Programme (DEP) is a new EU funding programme focused on bringing digital technology to businesses, citizens and public administrations.

QUICK FACTS

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / research, development and creation of innovative products; / buying necessary equipment and technologies; / expanding the R&D teams and hire talents; / internationalisation, access to new markets and business development across Europe; / pilot testing of your products in cooperation with end users; / testing innovative business and market strategies; / successful references from pilots in one or several European countries.
Applicant	Consortium of at least three independent entities from three different Member States
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / high-performance computing: Ensure broad access to supercomputing, along with quantum computing; / artificial intelligence: Establish EU-wide common data spaces using federated infrastructure, fostering AI adoption through a European platform and testing facilities; / cybersecurity and trust: Develop advanced capabilities and quantum secure communication, promoting best practices and widespread cybersecurity solutions; / advanced digital skills: Enhance education and training in key digital areas like computing, cybersecurity, and AI through collaboration among institutions, research centers, and businesses; / adoption and best use of digital technologies: Establish European digital innovation hubs, driving digital transformation, addressing societal challenges, enhancing blockchain capacities, and promoting interoperability in public administrations for an inclusive digital space.
Maximum grant & funding rate	Grant typically between €500 000 and €1 mln (in cases of developing and deploying complex projects several millions), funding rate typically between 50%-100%
Project timeline	Average project runs for 2-4 years

EU4HEALTH

The EU4HEALTH aims to strengthen health systems, enhance crisis preparedness, foster innovation to address health challenges, and facilitate the development of more robust, resilient, and accessible health systems across the EU.

QUICK FACTS

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / research, development and creation of innovative products; buying necessary equipment and technologies; / expanding the R&D teams and hire talents; / internationalisation, access to new markets and business development across Europe; / pilot testing of your products in cooperation with end users; / testing innovative business and market strategies; / successful references from pilots in one or several European countries.
Applicant	Consortium of minimum 3 independent entities from 3 different eligible countries
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / improve health by supporting disease prevention, health promotion, and global health initiatives; / protect against cross-border health threats by strengthening the Union's capabilities, establishing a new bio-preparedness authority (HERA), and enhancing stockpiling and medical staff reserves; / enhance availability and affordability of medical products by encouraging sustainable production and supply chains, while promoting innovation and efficient use; / strengthen health systems by boosting health data and digital tools (including supporting the creation of a European Health Data Space), promoting best practices and data sharing. <p>The EU4Health 2024 has 4 overarching streams: (1) crisis preparedness; (2) health promotion and disease prevention; (3) health systems and healthcare workforce; and (4) digital.</p>
Maximum grant & funding rate	Maximum grant depends on the call, funding up to 60%, in cases of exceptional utility, up to 80%
Project timeline	Average project runs for 1-4 years

LIFE

LIFE is the main co-financing instrument for environmental and climate actions, and the programme also supports close-to-market projects and the deployment of green technologies.

QUICK FACTS

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">/ research, development and creation of innovative products;/ buying necessary equipment and technologies;/ expanding the R&D teams and hire talents;/ internationalisation, access to new markets and business development across Europe;/ pilot testing of your products in cooperation with end users;/ testing innovative business and market strategies;/ successful references from pilots in one or several European countries.
Applicant	Single Beneficiary or Consortium
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">/ Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation;/ Clean Energy Transition;/ Circular Economy and Quality of Life;/ Nature & Biodiversity.
Maximum grant & funding rate	Grant typically between €500 000 and €2 million (in cases of building costly pilot infrastructure several millions), funding rate typically up to 60-95%
Project timeline	Average project runs for 3-5 years



Did you know that LIFE has a close-to-market programme?

The LIFE programme helps companies bring their green products, technologies, services and processes to the market. These so-called close-to-market projects launch innovative, demonstrative solutions that offer clear environmental and/or climate benefits.

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