



## BANDI & OPPORTUNITÀ DALL'UE

Selezione periodica, a cura di Confindustria Piemonte, delle *call for proposals* aperte e in apertura, ritenute di maggiore interesse per la manifattura piemontese, sui principali programmi europei a gestione diretta (Horizon Europe, Single Market Programme, Life, Digital Europe...) e relativi "cascade funding".

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## CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Attraverso i programmi europei a gestione diretta, l'UE sostiene finanziariamente lo sviluppo di progetti che contribuiscono a realizzare gli obiettivi politici della Commissione per la programmazione 21-27. Tali programmi prevedono specifiche **call for proposals** pubblicate e gestite direttamente dalla Commissione europea e dalle sue Agenzie esecutive. Ciascun programma può prevedere regole di candidatura distinte e anche le modalità di gestione e rendicontazione delle attività realizzate e delle relative spese possono essere diverse.

### European Defence Fund (EDF): Work programme 2025

The European Commission launched the 2025 Work Programme for the European Defence Fund (EDF), which supports collaborative research and development in defence. With a total budget of €1.065 billion, this programme aims to enhance the development of critical defence technologies across all military domains, including ground, air, naval, space, and cyber. It focuses on strengthening industrial

competitiveness, promoting interoperability, and supporting SMEs and mid-caps under the EU Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS).

**Funding Programme:** European Defence Fund (EDF)

**Call & Topic ID:** EDF-2025

**Deadline:** October 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Applicants:** Legal entities from EU Member States, Norway, and associated countries

**Activity sector:** defence/dual-use technologies

**Partnership:** required (at least three independent legal entities, each established in different Member States or EDF associated countries)

**More info:** [info days](#)

### **EUIPO: SME Fund 2025**

The Ideas Powered for Business SME Fund is a grant scheme designed to help EU SMEs protect their intellectual property (IP) rights. The SME Fund is a reimbursement programme that issues vouchers that can be used to partially cover the fees for selected activities. There are different types of voucher available depending on the activity concerned: a) 700 € for trade mark and design fees; b) 1000 € for national patents fees and prior art search services; c) 2500 € for European patents fees and legal costs; d) 1500 € for community plant variety online application fees. Funds are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Funding programme:** The SME Fund is a European Commission initiative implemented by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)

**Deadline:** December 5<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Applicants:** SMEs established in the EU and Ukraine

**Partnership:** Not required

**More info:** [webinar](#)

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## **CASCADE FUNDING**

*Il supporto finanziario a parti terze o “cascade funding” è un meccanismo di finanziamento della Commissione europea attraverso cui il consorzio beneficiario è incaricato di distribuire sovvenzioni ad entità terze attraverso le cosiddette “open calls”. Accedere a una sovvenzione derivante da una open call consente di ricevere un finanziamento pubblico per eseguire specifiche attività di ricerca e innovazione (studi, esperimenti, azioni pilota) senza dover incorrere negli oneri burocratici delle tradizionali call for proposals. Nella presente sezione sono riportate anche le call pubblicate nell’ambito delle KICs (Knowledge and Innovation Communities) dello European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).*

### **EIT RawMaterials - ERMA Booster Call**

The ERMA Booster Call aims to support innovative start-ups, scale-ups, and mining projects in the raw materials sector by providing financial assistance (up to €2.5 million per selected project) and access to expert guidance and Europe’s largest network of industry leaders. Eligible start-ups can receive funding up to €0.5m, eligible scale-ups, and SMEs can receive up to €1.5m, eligible mining projects, and recycling projects with advanced extraction, processing, or recycling capabilities can receive up to €2.5m.

**Deadlines:** Cut-off 1 (March 24<sup>th</sup>), Cut-off 2 (March 26<sup>th</sup>), Cut-off 3 (September 8<sup>th</sup>) 2025

**Applicants:** Start-ups, scale-ups, SMEs, and mining/recycling projects active in the raw materials value chain

**Activity sectors:** raw materials, mining, recycling, advanced materials innovation

**Partnership:** optional (proposals can be submitted by either single applicant or consortia)

### **Up2Circ - Second Open Call**

The Up2Circ program aims to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in adopting circular business models and implementing innovations in circular products, processes, and services. The initiative offers fixed funding for 28 small-scale projects (€15.000, duration 6 months) and 12 large-scale projects (€50.000, duration 12 months).

**Planned opening date:** March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

**Deadline:** April 30<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Applicants:** SMEs based in EU member states. SMEs from Horizon Europe Associated Countries are not eligible for this particular call

**Activity sectors:** Circular economy/sustainability

**Partnership:** not required (proposals must be submitted by a single entity)

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## FORTHCOMING

### **Horizon Europe: Clean Aviation JU 2025 - Call 3**

Clean Aviation has announced its Call 3 for Proposals, scheduled for launch on 20 February 2025. This call will allocate up to €350 million in EU funding to support research and innovation projects aimed at advancing sustainable and environmentally friendly aviation technologies. The call is also introducing a new initiative to play a crucial role in advancing disruptive technologies: the Fast Track Areas (FTAs) for a total funding volume of €15 million. Priority will be given to projects that can rapidly advance impactful technologies to the development phase, encouraging the participation of universities, research centres, and SMEs.

**Funding programme:** Horizon Europe, Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking

**Call & Topic ID:** CAJU-GB-2025-02-13

**Planned opening date:** 20 February 2025

**Applicants:** Legal entities (public or private bodies) established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

**Activity sector:** sustainable aviation technologies

**Partnership:** required (at least 3 independent legal entities established in different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries)

**More info:** [info day](#)

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## EVENTS

### **Webinar: new edition 2025 SME Fund. Boost your business with EU Funding**

*Online, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2025*

The webinar targets SMEs based in the EU and Ukraine who are keen to protect their IPRs. Through this webinar you will: a) Understand the benefits of the SME Fund for your small or medium-sized business; b) Learn about the support available for safeguarding your intellectual property rights (IPRs) through vouchers; c) Discover how to apply for the SME Fund and how to obtain partial reimbursement for your IP rights: (trademarks, designs, patents and plant varieties) and also for IP Scans. Registration is available [here](#).

### **Clean Aviation JU - Info Day 2025**

*Brussels & Online, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2025*

The Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking (JU) organises an Information Day to present the new funding opportunities for 2025. This hybrid event will focus on the 2025 calls for proposals, including the development of energy-efficient aircraft and hydrogen-powered aircraft technologies. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the work programme for 2024-2025 and the steps to apply for funding, with key insights from Clean Aviation JU experts. Registration is available [here](#).

### **European Defence Fund (EDF) - Info Days 2025**

*Brussels & Online, April 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 2025*

The European Commission organises an Information Day and Networking Event to present the 2025 European Defence Fund (EDF) funding opportunities. This hybrid event will feature presentations by DG DEFIS experts on the EDF 2025 calls for proposals, thematic pitch sessions, and matchmaking opportunities for both on-site and virtual participation. Registration is available [here](#) by March 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**A.A.A. PARTNER CERCASI**

Gli uffici di Confindustria Piemonte, oltre a diffondere le opportunità di partnership internazionali, sono a disposizione per creare apposite ricerche partner delle aziende piemontesi e promuoverle attraverso il database gestito in esclusiva dal network EEN.

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