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# BANDI & OPPORTUNITÀ DALL'U€

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*". Per una panoramica completa: <u>call for proposals; cascade funding</u> Per i numeri precedenti: <u>sito web Confindustria Piemonte</u> Per informazioni e per iscriversi alla newsletter: <u>een@confindustria.piemonte.it</u>

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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 <u>obiettivi politici</u> 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.

## Horizon Europe: EIT Culture & Creativity 2025

EIT Culture & Creativity aims to support actors active in education, research, innovation, entrepreneurship in the Cultural & Creative sectors and industries, through initiatives that promote innovation and growth. EIT Culture & Creativity is currently selecting projects through an open procedure to allocate funding. At the moment, 3 open calls have been published:

- Education Call Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Courses 2025: total budget allocated €2.250.000 (10 EIT-labelled courses: up to €150.000 per course; 10 non-EIT-labelled courses: up to €75.000 per course);
- <u>Innovation Call Main Innovation Projects 2025</u>: total budget allocated €7.000.000, with each selected project receiving up to €350.000
- Innovation Call Short Innovation Projects 2025: for projects with a maximum duration of 6 months. Single applicant: up to €595.000 with a maximum €59.500 per project; consortia: up to €2.640.000 with a maximum €120.000 per project.

Funding Programme: Horizon Europe - EIT Culture & Creativity

Call & Topic ID: EIT CC - BP2024-2025

**Deadline:** March 11<sup>th</sup> / April 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 (depending on the call)

**Applicants:** depending on the call: Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers, SMEs, Business sector entities, Knowledge and innovation institutions **Activity sector:** Cultural & Creative industries

**Partnership:** single applicant or consortium of 2-3 partners (depending on the call)

### Horizon Europe: EIT Water

EIT Water is a new Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) focused on supporting the development and implementation of innovative solutions in the water sector, promoting sustainable water management, and addressing global challenges related to water scarcity, pollution, and climate change. It encourages partnerships across industries, research, and innovation to create lasting impact. The Call for Proposals is open until June 17<sup>th</sup> 2025, with the new KIC expected to launch in 2026.

Funding Programme: Horizon Europe – EIT Water

Call & Topic ID: EIT Call for Proposals 2025 (HORIZON-EIT-2025-KIC-WATER) Deadline: June 17<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Applicants:** the call is addressed to consortia composed of at least three independent organizations located in at least three different EU Member States. Each consortium must include at least one higher education institution, one research institution, and one private company.

## Activity sector: water, marine, and maritime sectors

*Partnership:* required. The consortium may have a maximum of 50 partners. Consortia must not include entities that are part of a KIC, such as legal entities, co-location centres, or other corporate structures of a KIC.

## **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).

#### NebulOus: Call #2

NebulOus Open Call aims to support SMEs working on IoT, Edge, Cloud, or related technologies by funding projects that contribute to the development of a Meta-Operating System for hyper-distributed applications. The call provides a total of €750.000 for 5 selected projects, with each project receiving up to €150.000. Projects should address challenges like: 1) workflow applications, 2) IoT applications, 3) serverless applications, 4) open challenge.

Deadline: April 23rd 2025, 17:00 CET

Applicants: Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

Activity sectors: IoT, Edge, Cloud, or related technologies

*Partnership*: optional (single entities or consortium composed of up to 2 entities)

## EIC ACCESS+: Open call

The EIC ACCESS+ Open Call offers an ongoing opportunity for eligible organisations to apply for cofunding to accelerate their innovative projects. With a total budget aimed at supporting 180 companies, the programme provides grants of up to €60.000 per beneficiary, covering one or multiple service packages from the EIC Service Catalogue. Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply early as the program aims to support up to 180 companies. **Deadline:** May 31<sup>st</sup> 2026 **Applicants:** startups, SMEs, and spin-offs from EU member states or Horizon Europe associated countries that have previously received funding from the EIC or hold a Seal of Excellence **Activity sectors:** deep-tech **Partnership:** not required

## FORTHCOMING

#### Horizon Europe: SESAR Joint Undertaking 2025 calls for proposals

The Digital European Sky leverages the latest digital technologies ("SESAR Solutions") to increase the levels of automation, cyber-secure data sharing and connectivity in air traffic management, as well as to enable the virtualisation of its infrastructure and air traffic service provision in all types of airspace, including for very-low and high-altitude operations. On 15 January 2025, the SESAR JU published the following open calls addressing exploratory and industrial research within the framework of its Digital European Sky research and innovation programme:

- HORIZON-SESAR-2025-DES-ER-03 Digital European Sky Exploratory Research 03;
- HORIZON-SESAR-2025-DES-IR-02 Digital European Sky Industrial Research 02.

Funding programme: Horizon Europe, SESAR Joint Undertaking

Call & Topic ID: HORIZON-SESAR-2025-DES

Planned opening date: April 1st 2025

Deadline: September 16th 2025

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

Activity sector: aviation / air traffic management

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

## **EVENTS**

### Webinar for Up2Circ 2nd open call applicants

Online, March 3rd 2025

Up2Circ invites potential applicants to participate in a webinar dedicated to the Up2Circ Second Open Call, scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 14:30 to 15:30 CET. The primary objective of this webinar is to introduce the Up2Circ 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Call to potential applicants and provide valuable guidance on proposal preparation. The second part of the webinar will focus on concrete recommendations and best practices for writing a successful Up2Circ proposal. Registration is available <u>here</u>.

#### European Innovation Council (EIC) Summit 2025

#### Brussels, April 2<sup>nd</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup> 2025

EIC organises the 2025 edition of the EIC Summit - Europe's prime event where deep-tech meets policyat the historic Tour & Taxis venue in Brussels. The event will involve featuring exclusive workshops, pitching sessions, unparalleled networking opportunities and ground-breaking projects. Don't miss the opportunity to connect with key players shaping Europe's deep-tech landscape. Registration is available here.

### Info Days Horizon Europe – Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space

#### Online, May 13th-14th 2025

HaDEA announces an event to inform potential applicants about the funding opportunities within the Work Programme 2025 of the Horizon Europe Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space, which is expected to be published soon. Speakers from the European Commission will provide detailed insights into the call topics, evaluation and award processes. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about new developments and learn how to draft successful proposals. Registration is available through the research and innovation community platform. Streaming sessions will be accessible once logged in.



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. **Per informazioni:** <u>een@confindustria.piemonte.it</u>

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