



# RESEARCHERSnewsletter.

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**February 2025**

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Dear all,

in this newsletter, you will find **EU-information** on

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## UPCOMING events.

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➤ **CALL FOR EVIDENCE: EU RULES ON MEDICAL DEVICES AND IN VITRO DIAGNOSTICS – TARGETED EVALUATION**

“The regulations 2017/745 and 2017/746 on medical devices and in vitro diagnostics aim to ensure the availability of safe and effective devices. This should protect patient safety and public health while making the sector more competitive and supporting innovation.

The targeted evaluation will help the Commission take stock and assess whether the rules:

- ✗ are effective, efficient and proportionate
- ✗ meet current and emerging needs
- ✗ align with other actions
- ✗ have EU added value.”

**All interested parties are invited to express their opinion on the current regulations and to point out possible shortcomings.**

The public consultation is open until **March 21<sup>st</sup> 2025**.

The call can be found [here](#) (ENG).

➤ **GPN: ‘10 TAKE-AWAYS FROM EU GRANT SCHEMES & EUROPEAN POLICY INITIATIVES TO ENHANCE YOUR POSTDOC PHASE’**

The lunch talk series titled ‘**Improving Research Culture**’ offers postdocs a comprehensive overview of the latest discussions, reforms, and initiatives aimed at improving research culture in Germany. Based on his work as an **EU funding advisor**, **Byron Schirbock** will present often-overlooked aspects that postdocs may want to consider when planning their next career steps.

**When:** **February 12<sup>th</sup> 2025**, 01:00 p.m. - 02:00 p.m.

**Where:** online seminar

Further information may be found [here](#) (ENG).

➤ **NKS: ONLINE INFORMATION EVENT ABOUT FUNDING IN THE CLUSTER HEALTH**

European **funding opportunities for collaborative research projects** in the field of health, as well as trends and focus areas, will be presented. In addition, **Prof. Christian Klein** (Institute of Pharmacy and Molecular Biotechnology, Heidelberg University) will report on his experiences with his successful **SHIELD** project application in the health cluster.

*The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.*

**When:** **February 20<sup>th</sup> 2025**, 01:00 p.m. - 02:30 p.m.

**Where:** online seminar

Further information can be found [here](#) (GER).

➤ **EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND: INFO DAYS 2025 (ENG)**

The event is aimed at potential EDF applicants with regard to the calls for proposals of the **2025 work program** (expected at the end of January). Representatives (DG DEFIS) will provide an overview of the 2025 calls, as well as offer **networking opportunities through pitching sessions**. The latter will also be supported by an [online matchmaking platform](#) as part of the “**Enhancing Opportunities for All**” network project.

The **NKS EVF** is organizing an event (GER) on the **fundamental interest of the Federal Ministry of Defence (BMVg)** in participating in the EDF work programme 2025.

This will take place on **February 20<sup>th</sup> 2025**, 02:00 p.m. - 04:00 p.m. in **Berlin** - registrations are possible ([here](#)) till February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**When:** **April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025**, 09:00 a.m. - **April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025**, 05:00 p.m.

**Where:** Brussels, Germany (lectures can be streamed)

Further information may be accessed [here](#) (ENG).

### ➤ **HORIZON EUROPE IMPLEMENTATION DAYS 2025 (ENG)**

The *European Commission* is organizing a **series of webinars** in spring 2025. The events will offer basic information on **how to apply, prepare the grant agreement and manage grants** in the EU framework program for research and innovation (*Horizon Europe*).

*The seminars are live-streamed. Registration is not necessary.*

- ✖ [Finding opportunities & submitting a proposal in Horizon Europe](#)  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> 2025, 09:30 a.m. - 01:00 p.m.**
- ✖ [Grant Agreement Preparation in Horizon Europe](#)  
**March 20<sup>th</sup> 2025, 09:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
- ✖ [Lump Sum Funding in Horizon Europe](#)  
**March 27<sup>th</sup> 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
- ✖ [Grant Management in Horizon Europe](#)  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025, 09:30 a.m. - 01:00 p.m.**

Especially for **beginners** (in EU project management) **employed at German universities and research institutions**, KoWi is offering 2 **German** webinars on the basics of administrative and financial project management in *Horizon Europe* on **April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2025, 09:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Further information about the KoWi seminar can be accessed [here](#) (GER).

### ➤ **KoWi: 'RESEARCH IN EUROPE' (ENG)**

The information day provides a concise overview of **funding opportunities** available in Germany and in the *EU*. You are able to gain first-hand insights into suitable funding programmes and get tips for successful applications.

The following organizations have already confirmed their participation:

- ✖ *German Research Foundation (DFG)*
- ✖ *Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*
- ✖ *German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)*
- ✖ *Leibniz Association*
- ✖ *Max Planck Society*
- ✖ *Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und-prüfung*

*Participation is free of charge. Registration details will follow soon.*

**When: May 15<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**Where: Saarland University, Saarbrücken**

More information may be accessed [here](#) (ENG).

### ➤ **KoWi: WEBINAR FOR BEGINNERS IN HORIZON EUROPE PROJECT MANAGEMENT (GER)**

The focus of the event is the presentation of the **basic rules of administrative and financial project management in Horizon Europe**. We will discuss relevant contract documents such as the Grant Agreement and the Consortium Agreement and explain cost calculation and reimbursement in the most important program lines and project types. We also provide information on other relevant aspects such as project audits and the utilization of project results.

**When: February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2025, 09:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Where: online seminar**

Registration for the webinar can be done [here](#) (ENG).

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## CURRENT funding & tenders.

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### ➤ **CALL FOR PROPOSALS: EU-USA COOPERATION ON LUNG CANCER**

“The cooperation on lung cancer is expected to generate **new data and findings on lung cancer screening and mortality**, and to provide guidance to Member States that are rolling out or planning to implement lung cancer screening programmes.” The budget is set to be **500.000€**.

The **application deadline** is **March 18<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

Further information may be accessed [here](#) (ENG).

### ➤ **SERVICE CONTRACT TO TRANSLATE AND VALIDATE THE EUROPEAN MEDICAL DEVICE NOMENCLATURE (EMDN) AND THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE REGULATORS FORUM (IMDRF) ADVERSE EVENTS TERMINOLOGIES IN OFFICIAL EU LANGUAGES**

“This action aims to **facilitate the use of EMDN and IMDRF AE terminologies** by all stakeholders. It includes the review and harmonization of the existing translated versions of the *EMDN* and the translation and validation of the seven *IMDRF AE* terminologies to *EU* official languages. Specialised expertise in the medical sector (medical devices and clinical aspects) is necessary to conduct both tasks.”

Interested researchers can be funded for up to **30 months** with a maximum budget of **800.000€**.

The **application deadline** is **March 10<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

Further information can be accessed [here](#) (ENG).

### ➤ **JPND: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE RESEARCH WITH A FOCUS ON THE MODERATE AND LATE STAGES OF NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES**

In this context, the *JPND* launches this joint transnational call with the aim of improving the **well-being of people with neurodegenerative diseases** through social sciences and humanities research.

The budget is set to be **15 Mio. €**.

Pre-proposals (two-stage application process) must be **submitted** before **March 4<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

Further information can be found in the [call](#) (ENG).

### ➤ **GLOBAL HEALTH EDCPT3 JU: WORK PROGRAMME 2025**

Researchers may apply for funding, in the scope of 1 of the following **7 projects** presented in the call for proposals. The budget is set to be **214 Mio. €**.

- ✕ Vaccines for reducing the disease burden of tuberculosis in sub-Saharan Africa
- ✕ Malaria therapeutics and clinical development of new antimalarial candidates
- ✕ Accelerating the development of prophylactic vaccines against neglected tropical diseases
- ✕ Strategic training hubs for fellowships in public health
- ✕ Strengthening the regional networks of excellence and epidemic preparedness consortia
- ✕ Tackling diarrhoeal diseases in the context of climate and health transformative innovations
- ✕ Transformative innovations in global health

The **submission deadline** for the 1<sup>st</sup> project outline of the **two-step** application process is **March 20<sup>th</sup>**.

More information can be found [here](#) (ENG).

➤ **SUPPORT CENTRE FOR THE EUROPEAN ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD EXCHANGE FORMAT (EEHRxF) AND FOR THE INTEROPERABILITY AND SECURITY OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEMS**

The *HADEA* initiative has published their call for tenders, offering researchers funding for up to **3 years** with a maximum budget of **4.5 Mio €**.

“The objective of this action is to set up and operate a support centre to advance the adoption of the *EEHRxF* and key aspects such as the interoperability and security of EHR systems towards the implementation of the *European health data space (EHDS)*. The support centre will provide services to implementers, intending to ensure compatibility of their systems with the *EHDS* requirements.”

The **application deadline** is **March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025**.

Further information can be found [here](#) (ENG).

➤ **CALL FOR PROPOSALS: EUROSTARS**

Funding is available for **multilateral project collaborations** in which new or improved products, processes or services are developed up to technology stage 6. The project content can be freely determined by the participants.

The call is **primarily aimed at** “kleine bis mittlere Unternehmen” (KMU).

Universities and non-university research institutions can also participate, provided they cooperate with at least one small- to medium-sized Enterprise (KMU), out of Germany, in a Eurostars 3 project.

The **submission deadline** for the project outline is **March 13<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

More information about the call can be accessed [here](#) (ENG).

➤ **ERA-NET NEURON: ‘INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO THE NEUROSCIENCE OF PAIN’**

The project aims to support **multinational research projects**, that contribute to translational and interdisciplinary research of the neuroscience of pain, through preclinical and clinical research approaches.

It is recommended that you get in touch with the national contact persons before submitting your application. Germany is represented by the *DFG* and *BMBF*.

The **submission deadline** for the first outline (three-step application process) is **March 6<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

More information about the call can be seen [here](#) (ENG).

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## NEW announcements.

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➤ **NKS: ‘SSH-STEM VERNETZBAR’**

The ‘Nationale Kontaktstelle’ (NCP/NKS), in cooperation with the NCP’s of all five other clusters, will be offering a networking platform enabling researchers from the social sciences and humanities (SSH) and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to network with each other.

The **launch of the platform** will take place on **April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025**.

More information can be found [here](#) (GER).

➤ **EC: DEVELOPMENT IN THE EU-SWISS BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP**

The *European Commission* published a [press release](#) (ENG), regarding the recently completed negotiations furthering the bilateral agreement between the *EU* and *Swiss*.

The association to the *Horizon Europe* program is part of the agreement, which also includes **Switzerland's participation in the EU programs** *Euratom Research and Training*, *Digital Europe*, *Fusion for Energy*, *Erasmus+* and *EU4Health*.

The treaty will be signed in 2025, but thanks to a transitional arrangement, **Swiss institutions are able to participate** (as beneficiaries) in tenders since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025. This allows them to **receive EU funding** and **coordinate projects**.

Further information can be found [here](#) (ENG).

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Please consult the **monthly Funding Options and Job Openings** ([see webpage](#)) for further awards, grants, and scholarship opportunities.

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*We look forward to assisting you.*

*Please feel free to forward this newsletter to interested colleagues and friends.*

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