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upcoming events, current tenders, new announcements

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In this newsletter, you will find **EU-information** on...

- **UPCOMING** events.
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UPCOMING events.

- **EC | HORIZON IMPLEMENTATION DAY** (GER)
The event will present updates to the general application process and template, as well as to the *Choose Europe for Science* funding scheme. There will be the opportunity for participants to ask questions.
When: **January 20th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Where: online
More information may be accessed [here](#) (ENG).
- **‘KoWi’ AND ‘NKS MSC’ | INFORMATION EVENT ON MSCA COFOUND 2026** (GER)
The webinar is aimed at organisations running mobility programmes that are planning or considering an application to this call. Additionally, they will introduce the **call and its application requirements, share practical experience from a successful applicant** and provide a reviewer’s perspective on what makes a strong proposal.
*The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary until **February 3rd 2026**.*
When: **February 4th 2026**, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Where: online
Further information can be accessed [here](#) (GER).
- **‘KoWi’ AND ‘NKS MSC’ | INFORMATION EVENT ON MSCA STAFF EXCHANGES 2026** (ENG)
The event provides a concise overview of *MSCA Staff Exchanges* and the value of cooperation with third countries. The currently open calls will be presented from the perspective of the European Commission and the REA, while they give **practical insights from an ongoing German MSCA project**, followed by a **Q&A session**.
*The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary until **February 9th 2026**.*
When: **February 11th 2026**, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Where: online
Further information can be accessed [here](#) (ENG).

- **‘KoWi’ | WEBINAR ON PROJEKTMANAGEMENT IN HORIZON EUROPE** (GER)

The event focuses on the **fundamentals of administrative and financial project management** in *Horizon Europe*, covering key contractual documents, cost calculation and reimbursement, audits, and the use of project results. It is a two-part seminar aimed primarily at beginners, while also being suitable for more experienced participants. Participation is intended for **staff of German public institutions** and registrations from outside this group may be declined.

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.

When: **January 21st** and **23rd 2026**, 09:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: online

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

- **EP PERMED | HACKATHON – THE USE OF NON-INVASIVE BIOMARKERS WITHIN PERSONALISED MEDICINE APPROACHES** (ENG)

“The Hackathon will bring together interdisciplinary teams of researchers, innovators, engineers and clinicians to address relevant challenges in personalised medicine, and will explore novel **uses and approaches of non-invasive biomarkers**. Participants will focus on the ideation of solutions that improve patient outcomes and experiences. In addition, the event will provide a platform for participants to **network** and build meaningful **partnerships**.”

The event is free of charge and open to anyone residing in the EU and/or affiliated with Horizon Europe. Registration is necessary.

When: **March 3rd** and **4th 2026**

Where: Osstende, Belgium

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

- **NCP HEALTH | INFO EVENT ON THE HORIZON EUROPE HEALTH CALLS 2026/2027** (GER)

During the information event you will receive an overview of *Horizon Europe*, information on the current **calls for proposals in the field of health**, as well as practical **tips on submitting applications and support options**. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the presentations.

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary until February 6th 2026.

When: **February 9th 2026**, 01:00 p.m. – 02:30 p.m.

Where: online

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

- **EC | INFO EVENT ON HADEA PROJECTS** (ENG)

The event showcases **EU-funded projects and synergies from HaDEA’s portfolio**, through key note speeches and panel discussion.

Furthermore, there will opportunities to **network with project leaders, innovators and policymakers** and explore concrete results and collaborations driving Europe’s competitiveness and preparedness.

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary until February 6th 2026.

When: **January 19th 2026**, 08:30 a.m. – 07:00 p.m.

Where: Charlemagne Conference Centre, Brussels **and** online

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

- **NCP HEALTH | INFO EVENT ON THE HORIZON EUROPE HEALTH CALLS 2026/2027** (GER)

The *Medical Faculty of the University of Tübingen*, together with the *National Contact Point Health*, is organizing an information event on current calls for proposals in the field of health.

During the event, you will receive an **overview of Horizon Europe**, information on current calls for proposals in the field of health (Health Cluster, *Cancer Mission*, Innovative Health Initiative), and practical **tips on submitting applications**. You can also **book an individual consultation** in advance to take place after the event.

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.

When: **February 22nd 2026**

Where: online

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

EURICE AND 'NKS DIT' | INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN HORIZON PROJECTS (GER)

The seminar explains how in *Horizon Europe* collaborative projects intellectual property management is a key consideration, including the ownership of project results, patentability, licensing arrangements and alignment with open science principles, and how its problems can be solved.

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.

When: **January 22nd 2026**, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Where: online

More information may be seen [here](#) (GER).

➤ **EC | INFO DAY ON HORIZON EUROPE'S CLUSTER 1** (ENG)

“The *Horizon Europe* 'Health' (Cluster 1) Info Day will focus on the 2026 topics of the forthcoming *Horizon Europe* Work Programme 2026-2027. The event will be streamed online via the *European Commission's* web platform. Ahead of the event, you are encouraged to watch the pre-recorded presentations that will be made available and to **send your questions in advance via Sli.do** by using **#HORIZON**, so that they can be answered fully and in priority during the live event.”

The event is free of charge. Registration is not necessary.

When: **February 10th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.

Where: online

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

➤ **SCALE INITIATIVE | WORKSHOP ON HORIZON EUROPE'S CLUSTER 1** (ENG)

The initiative supports the creation and strengthening of international consortia and the preparation of applications for the *Horizon Europe* 2026–2027 work programme, with additional financial support from *Enterprise Ireland*. It focuses on Cluster 1 (Health) and Mission Cancer, addressing selected calls identified through a participant survey. The goal is to **connect leading researchers, innovators, and organisations from Scotland, Italy, Ireland, and Germany** to form strong, high-impact consortia for upcoming *Horizon Europe* calls.

There will be an information event regarding the Cluster 1 2026 on **January 21st**.

*The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary until **January 14th**.*

When: **February 5th** and **6th 2026**, 01:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.

Where: *Sandymount Hotel*, Dublin

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

CURRENT funding & tenders.

➤ **'BMFTR' | COMBINATION THERAPIES AND THERAPY ADHERENCE**

As part of this joint call for proposals, by the European partnership *One Health Antimicrobial Resistance (OHAMR)*, a limited number of transnational research projects will be funded that are intended to contribute to the fight against antimicrobial resistance.

The development of **new or alternative treatment strategies for infectious diseases** and the improvement, maintenance, and strengthening of the clinical effectiveness of current antimicrobial treatment methods are of crucial importance.

The estimated **total call budget** is over **31 mil. €**. The maximum contract duration is **3 years**.

Additionally, *OHAMR* has launched a [survey](#), to assess needs, barriers, and potential opportunities for collaboration, to gather suggestions on how to strengthen research capacities.

The **submission deadline** for the first proposal (2-step-process) is **February 2nd 2026**.

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

➤ **IHI | FUNDING MEASURE CALL 12** (ENG)

“Call 12 will invite applicants to explore new opportunities for **projects in the IHI Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda**. It will be a **standard, single-stage call** for proposals, meaning that applicants will have to ensure that half of their project’s costs are covered by in-kind contributions from IHI’s industry members.”

There will be an **online information event** regarding the call and connected information, like IHI’s rules and procedures as well as the financial aspects of proposals, on **January 19th and 20th 2026**.

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.

The **submission deadline** is **April 21st 2026**.

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

➤ **‘BMFTR’ | UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY (PREVENT-OO)**

The overall goal of the funding measure is to reduce the burden of overweight and obesity in Europe. To this end, the underlying mechanisms need to be better understood, in order to enable innovative preventive measures and new therapeutic approaches in the long term.

The results should **reinforce data-driven policy and practice, enabling a transition in overweight and obesity management from late intervention to early prevention**. By identifying the main factors influencing weight trajectories, the work will support timely, targeted actions and guide the design of impactful public policies and health programmes.

The **submission deadline** for the first proposal (3-step-process) is **January 21st 2026**.

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

➤ **EC | HADEA CALL ON STRENGTHENING NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF ORGAN TRANSPLANT PRACTICES, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND PROFESSIONAL SECTOR ASSOCIATIONS**

“The subject of this call is to **strengthen national implementation of organ transplant practices**, in particular through cooperation between national authorities and professional sector associations.

Professionals and staff from competent authorities or delegated bodies will be trained in the field of organ transplant practices to strengthen their organ donation and transplantation systems.”

The **total budget** of this call is **2 mil. €**. The maximum duration is **36 months**.

The **submission deadline** is **February 27th 2026**.

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

➤ **EC | WORK PROGRAM FOR THE HORIZON EUROPE HEALTH CLUSTER AND THE CANCER MISSION**

The *European Commission* has published the work program for the *Health Cluster* and the *Cancer Mission* with the calls for proposals for 2026/2027.

Additionally, the general introduction and general annexes have also been published. There you will find important information, including the **currently applicable rules for participation**.

The work program for the Health Cluster is divided into **four calls** with different submission deadlines and a one- or two-stage submission.

The call for tenders **will open on February 10th 2026**, on the Funding and Tenders Portal.

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

➤ **GLOBAL HEALTH EDCTP3 | WORK PROGRAM 2026**

The work program of the *Global Health EDCTP3 JU (European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership Joint Undertaking)* has been published.

It includes **three calls with a total of six tenders**. The budget amounts to a total of **147 million €**. Funding will be provided for **collaborative research projects** in areas such as **tuberculosis, lower respiratory tract infections, HIV co-infections and co-morbidities, and climate and health**. In addition, healthcare in Africa is to be improved through digital innovations and artificial intelligence, and training and innovation networks are to be established in the areas of ethics, regulation, and pharmacovigilance.

The calls will **open in January 2026**. The **deadline for the first stage will be in March 2026**.

An **online Info Day** will take place on **February 5th 2026**.

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

NEW announcements.

➤ **KoWi AND ‘NKS MSC’ | APPLICATION REVIEW**

The **proof-reading of applications** regarding the programs in 2026, *MSCA COFOUND* and *MSCA Staff Exchanges*, is only possible if the coordinating institution is based in Germany. Every application will only be read and commented on once and the B section of the applications needs to be complete.

The **submission deadline** is **March 16th** (*COFOUND*) and **March 26th 2026** (*Staff Exchanges*), 05:00 p.m. Submit your application, stating the acronym, to nks-msc@dlr.de.

➤ **DESCA | UPDATED MODEL CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT PUBLISHED**

The *DESCA (Development of the Simplified Consortium Agreement)* working group has published an updated model consortium agreement for collaborative projects in *Horizon Europe*.

The updated *DESCA HE AP (Horizon Europe, Associated Partner)* 2.0 version now provides a **comprehensive contractual framework for projects** with associated partners. Two models can now be downloaded, depending on whether the project is funded on the basis of actual costs or a lump sum:

- ✦ **DESCA HE 2.0:** The **standard model** for projects under Horizon Europe based on actual costs and a lump sum.
- ✦ **DESCA HE AP 2.0:** The **adapted model** for Horizon Europe projects funded on the basis of actual costs or a lump sum, **allowing the consortium to include associated partners.**

Both models aim to **simplify the contracting process for consortia** and ensure compliance with the rules for participation in *Horizon Europe* and the model grant agreements.

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

➤ **EC | LAUNCH OF RESOURCE FOR AI SCIENCE IN EUROPE**

“This new virtual institute is a flagship initiative under the *Apply AI Strategy* and the *European Strategy for Artificial Intelligence in Science*. It will bring together **essential resources for developing AI and applying it to drive transformative scientific breakthroughs**, like improving cancer treatments to solving environmental issues, improving predictions of the impact of earthquakes and more.

RAISE will be a **virtual European institute, pooling and coordinating core AI resources**, including computational power, data, talent and research funding across the EU Member States and the private sector.”

The project will be **funded with 107 mil. €** under *Horizon Europe*.

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

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

*We look forward to assisting you.
Please feel free to forward this newsletter to interested colleagues and friends.*

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