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upcoming events, current tenders, new announcements

February 2026

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

- **UPCOMING** events.
- **CURRENT** funding & tenders.
- **NEW** announcements.

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UPCOMING events.

➤ ***NCP HEALTH AND 'MEDIZIN.NRW' | 'SNAPSHOT: AKTUELLE FÖRDERMÖGLICHKEITEN IN HORIZONT EUROPA'***

The experts from the *NCP Health*, Uta Baddack-Werncke and Patrick Guidato, will provide **information on funding opportunities in the Health Cluster of Horizon Europe**. Participation is also open to individuals and institutions outside North Rhine-Westphalia.

When: **February 23rd 2026**, 03:00 p.m. – 04:00 p.m.

Where: online

Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary.

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

➤ ***NCP HEALTH | SEMINAR ON APPLICATION FOR HORIZON EUROPE'S HEALTH CLUSTER OR CANCER MISSION***

The seminars will provide detailed information, in sessions of **approximately 45 mins.**, on the **application template and tips for completing the different sections** in *Horizon Europe* applications for *Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)*. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

The following 5 events are happening soon:

- × *„Antragsteil Part A und Ethik“ – **March 2nd***
- × *„Antragskapitel Excellence“ – **March 3rd***
- × *„Antragskapitel Impact“ – **March 4th***
- × *„Antragskapitel Implementation“ – **March 5th***
- × *„Klinische Studien“ – **March 6th***

Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary, but not open yet.

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

➤ **KoWi | STANDARDS AND NORMS: KEY SUCCESS FACTORS FOR EU PROJECTS** (GER)

The *European Commission's Knowledge Valorisation Policy* aims to increase the usability and impact of research results. A key component of this policy is the development of norms and standards, which play an important role in *Horizon Europe* collaborative projects. The seminar will introduce **how standardisation can positively support research and innovation, offering practical insights for advisory work**. It is aimed at technology transfer- and research managers interested in standardisation within *EU-funded* research projects.

When: **February 24th 2026**, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Where: online

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

➤ **KoWi | HORIZON EUROPE COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH IN A NUTSHELL** (ENG)

The series of events is explicitly aimed at researchers and research managers working at German universities, research institutes or other public organisations interested in applying for *Horizon Europe* collaborative project grants and who would like to understand the key ingredients and background information for successful proposals.

This mini-webinar series will shed light on different aspects of the proposal preparation process through weekly, short introductory seminars **every Thursday between 01:30 p.m. - 02:15 p.m.** on the following dates:

- ✘ *Horizon Europe and FP10: Status Quo* - **February 12th**
- ✘ *Strategic preparation and network building for involvement in Horizon Europe* - **February 19th**
- ✘ *Time planning for proposal preparation* - **February 26th**
- ✘ *How to read a call topic* - **March 5th**
- ✘ *Proposal and Evaluation* - **March 12th**
- ✘ *Impact in Horizon Europe* - **March 19th**

Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary.

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

➤ **NCP HEALTH | SYMPOSIUM ON HEALTH RESEARCH – WELL PREPARED FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF HORIZON EUROPE**

“A representative of the *European Commission* from the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation will provide **insights into policy trends, key topics, and the underlying strategies of the current and upcoming *Horizon Europe* calls in the field of health**. Additionally, experts from the research community will share their experiences and strategies regarding the upcoming calls and evaluation procedures. The identified trends and perspectives will be discussed in a panel session and explored interactively with the audience, with ample **opportunity for questions, exchange and networking**. The symposium is aimed at researchers, multipliers, and all those interested in collaborative research in the health area of the *Horizon Europe* programme.”

Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary.

When: **February 11th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 04:30 p.m.

Where: KOMED, Cologne

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

CURRENT funding & tenders.

➤ **EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS | JTC 2026 - ADVANCING**

KNOWLEDGE OF HOST AND PATHOGENS DYNAMICS TO BETTER COMBAT EMERGING DISEASES

The aim of the funding guideline, from the *BE READY* partnership, is to **improve the response to health crises caused by infectious agents** in Europe. This first call for proposals aims to advance scientific understanding of the interaction between human hosts and pandemic-relevant pathogens. On this basis, new **pathogen-specific targets for treatment are to be identified and the development of medical countermeasures** initiated. In addition, the resources, infrastructures, and existing expertise of many countries are to be pooled and new evidence-based knowledge is to be gathered.

The **submission deadline** for the pre-proposal is **April 13th 2026**.

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

➤ **EP PERMED | CALL FOR TENDER ON SURVEYS 2026 – ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS OF GENETIC TESTING**

“The topic of the tender is the assessment and analysis of genetic testing related to personalised medicine approaches for different countries and health systems.”

The **application deadline** is **February 17th 2026**.

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

➤ **IHI | TOPICS OF THE CALL 12**

The scope of each of the topics is to harness new science and technologies, that will foster the **development of health innovations to prevent, intercept, diagnose, treat and manage diseases and enable recovery more efficiently**, and could ultimately be integrated/implemented into the healthcare ecosystem for the benefit of patients and society.

Applicant consortia should ensure that out of the total project budget, at least 45 % needs to be covered by contributions provided by project participants.

The following topics are open in the scope of the call:

- ✘ Boosting innovation for a better understanding of the determinants of health
- ✘ Boosting innovation through better integration of fragmented health R&I efforts
- ✘ Boosting innovation for people-centred integrated healthcare solutions
- ✘ Boosting innovation through exploitation of digitalisation and data exchange in healthcare
- ✘ Boosting innovation for better assessment of the added value of innovative integrated healthcare solutions

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

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

➤ **EP BRAIN HEALTH | 2 NEW TENDERS ON THE JTC2026**

The calls aim to support **multinational, collaborative and interdisciplinary research** that address key translational questions on how biological, social and environmental factors influence the trajectories of neurological, mental and sensory disorders across the lifespan. There are two open calls; Call 1 on **Neurological Mental Sensory Disorders** and Call 2 on **Neurodegenerative Disorders**.

Proposals must **cover at least two of these three domains; Biological-, lifestyle and social- and environmental factors** and investigate at least two aspects, such as underlying mechanisms, early recognition, diagnosis or prognosis, or prevention, treatment, intervention, technological development, care and support.

The **submission deadline** for the first outline (two-step process) is **March 10th 2026**.

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

NEW announcements.

EC | SURVEY ON THE ACTION PLAN FOR WOMEN IN RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND STARTUPS

“The EU’s action plan will address persistent gender gaps and promote diversity, equality and inclusiveness in the European Research Area (ERA).

The plan aims to make the ERA the world’s most attractive place for women to work in research, innovation and startups by 2030. Mobilising all talents, regardless of gender, will foster the EU’s sustainable competitiveness.”

Feedback can be submitted, until **February 23rd 2026**.

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

➤ **EP PERMED | OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES, INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS RELATED TO PERSONALISED MEDICINE**

“As part of its mapping activities, *EP PerMed* has compiled a comprehensive list of European research infrastructures, as well as research and innovation projects and initiatives related to personalised medicine. These lists serve two purposes. On the one hand, they provide an **up-to-date overview of personalised medicine initiatives and infrastructures** and on the other, they will be used by the entire partnership as a **tool for outreach and cooperation activities**. Furthermore, the lists will be useful for identifying and selecting the key players setting the gold standard in personalised medicine development.”

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

➤ **HORIZON EUROPE | UPDATED APPLICATION- AND EVALUATION TEMPLATES**

The application and evaluation templates, as well as the expert briefing for *Horizon Europe* applications, have been updated.

All templates in the *Impact* section have been simplified. The description of the scope and significance of the project in terms of expected results and impacts (*scale and significance*) has been deleted. Furthermore, the tables for other cost categories (Part B, Table 3.1i) and for contributions from third parties (Part B, Table 3.1j) have been removed from the full application. The **full application has been reduced** from 45 to 40 pages and for lump sum financing from 50 to 45 pages.

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

➤ **EC | EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR VIRTUAL WORLDS**

“The *European Partnership for Virtual Worlds* aims to ensure that the *EU* fully benefits from the potential of virtual worlds. It aims to promote excellence in research, innovation, standardisation and skill development, while **encouraging the deployment and adoption of human-centric virtual worlds**.

Under the partnership, the *European Commission* plans to allocate **up to 200 mil. €**, within the current *Multiannual Financial Framework*, to research and innovation activities. *Virtual Worlds Association* members will match this investment with **at least 200 mil. €** between 2025 and 2030, ensuring **strong public-private collaboration** to scale virtual worlds across sectors.”

Further information can be found [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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