



RESEARCHERSnewsletter.

upcoming events, current tenders, new announcements

December 2025

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

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UPCOMING events.

➤ **GERMAN POSTDOC NETWORK (GPN) | NAVIGATING HORIZON EUROPE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & SUPPORT OFFERS** (ENG)

“This lunch talk with Cornelia Schneider will introduce the broader *Horizon Europe* funding landscape, **focusing on Pillar II** and its thematic clusters. Participants will **learn about current calls, funding options, and how to build strong consortia and networks**. It will outline personalized support available through the EU Bureau of the ‘*BMFTR*’ and the *National Contact Points (NCP)*.”

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.

When: **December 8th 2025**, 01:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.

Where: online

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

➤ **EC | HORIZON EUROPE INFO DAYS** (ENG)

The *Info Days* will inform potential applicants about the **new calls for proposals**, within the framework of the five European missions. You will have the opportunity to **engage and ask questions** with ‘Slido’, before the event and during the sessions.

The **Cancer Mission** will be presented on **January 20th 2026**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The online *NCP4Missions* Brokerage Event 2026 will take place on **January 28th and 29th 2026**.

The events are free of charge. Registration is not necessary.

When: **January 20th – 21st 2026**, 09:00 a.m.

Where: online

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

➤ **HNN3.0 | BROKERAGE EVENT ON HORIZON EUROPE CLUSTER 1 2026 CALLS** (ENG)

The online Brokerage Event is dedicated to consortium building for the Health Cluster. This event is scheduled ahead of the Health Cluster Info Day, giving potential applicants more time to **connect with partners** and prepare strong proposals.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in **online bilateral meetings** with partners interested in the same 2026 Health call topics, present their ideas and expertise during **pitching sessions**, and use a **user-friendly matchmaking tool** to pre-arrange meetings after registering and submitting a high-quality cooperation profile.

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary until January 21st 2026.

When: January 26th – 30th 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Where: online

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

➤ **'BMFTR' | INFORMATION EVENT: EP BRAINHEALTH** (GER)

The event will provide information on what the **partnership EP BrainHealth is planning**, who is **able to participate**, and how civil society organizations, research institutions, and companies from Germany **can get involved**. Afterwards, there will be time for **questions and discussion**.

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

When: December 9th 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.

Where: online

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

➤ **NCP DIT | INFORMATION EVENT: SEARCH FOR PROJECT PARTNERS FOR COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS IN HORIZON EUROPE** (GER)

The *National Contact Point for Digital and Industrial Technologies (NCP DIT)* is organizing an information event that provides guidance on partner search strategies. The event also offers **practical tips** for participation in upcoming online and on-site **brokerage events**.

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary until December 7th 2025.

When: December 12th 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: online

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

➤ **IHI | WEBINAR: REGULATORY IMPACT: WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO ACHIEVE IT WITH YOUR IHI PROJECT** (ENG)

The event will explain what regulatory science and innovation are, **why regulatory recognition of project results is essential**, and why it is important to define a regulatory strategy from the outset. You will also **learn about the support services** offered by the *European Medicines Agency (EMA)* to applicants and consortia, and how projects can best collaborate with regulatory authorities.

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.

When: December 10th 2025, 02:00 p.m. – 04:00 p.m.

Where: online

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

➤ **NCP HEALTH | ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM 2026** (GER)

The symposium will provide information on political trends, key content, and the **underlying strategies of the current and upcoming Horizon Europe calls** in the field of health. Other experts from the field of research will share their experiences and strategies with regard to the next calls and review processes. The trends and perspectives will be discussed on a panel and explored in greater depth with the audience in an interactive format. There will be opportunities for **questions, discussion, and networking**, between presentations, during the panel discussion, and at themed tables, with the experts and the *NCP Health*.

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.

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

Where: Cologne

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

CURRENT funding & tenders.

➤ **EC | CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND PARTNER SEARCH ON CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMS**

The *EU4Health 2026* work programme launches 9 calls addressing key health priorities across the EU. These include the **implementation of cancer screening programmes** for gastric, lung, and prostate cancers, and initiatives focused on cardiovascular health, prevention, the use of **AI and health data** and the **development of medical tools and devices**.

Please note: The *EU4Health 2026* calls provide funding for only **up to 60% of eligible project costs** (with the possibility of a higher rate only in exceptional cases).

The following proposals, **open until January 6th 2026**, are available:

- ✘ **EU4H-2026-SANTE-PJ-01**: This action will contribute to the implementation of **gastric cancer** screening programmes, in a stepwise approach to ensure the gradual and appropriate planning, piloting, and roll-out of the screening programs.
Budget: 3.000.000,- €
Partner search from Portugal:
“**‘ULS São José in Lisbon’** is a leading healthcare center in Portugal, consisting of eight university hospitals and 28 primary care centers. The facility has comprehensive infrastructure and expertise for piloting and implementing screening initiatives for lung, prostate, and stomach cancer. Please feel free to contact the project team Teresa Machado Luciano at centro.investigacao@ulssjose.min-saude.pt or teresa.luciano@ulssjose.min-saude.pt”

- ✘ **EU4H-2026-SANTE-PJ-02**: This action will contribute to the implementation of **lung cancer** screening programmes, to enhance early detection and programme efficiency.
Budget: 7.440.000,- €
Partner search from Portugal:
“**‘ULS São José in Lisbon’** (see above)”

- ✘ **EU4H-2026-SANTE-PJ-03**: This action will contribute to the implementation of **prostate cancer** screening programmes, in a stepwise approach to ensure the gradual and appropriate planning, piloting, and roll-out of the screening programs.
Budget: 7.440.000 €
Partner search from Portugal:
“The **‘Serviço de Saúde da Região Autónoma da Madeira’ (SESARAM)** is the public health service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira and combines hospital and primary care under a single management structure. With two hospitals and 47 health units, *SESARAM* serves around 250.000 residents and a large tourist population. Please feel free to contact the project team: Carina Ferro, Head of European Projects Office, at carina.ferro@sesaram.pt or Sofia Velosa, Member of the Board of *SESARAM*, at sofia.velosa@sesaram.pt”
“**‘ULS São José in Lisbon’** (see above).”

- × **EU4H-2026-SANTE-PJ-04**: a European flagship initiative leveraging AI and health data for cardiovascular health and related non-communicable diseases

Budget: 20.000.000,- €

Partners sought from Germany and Portugal:

“**TMF** – *Technology and Methods Platform for Networked Medical Research e. V.* is the central association for cooperative medical research in Germany. [...]The aim is to improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of medical research in the long term. Please contact Dr. Stefanie Märschensch at stefanie.maerschensch@tmf-ev.de”

“Hospital do Divino Espírito Santo de Ponta Delgada, **Azores Hospital**; please contact the project team at ana.ra.borba@azores.gov.pt or claudia.ma.branco@azores.gov.pt”

INSA – National Laboratory; please contact the project team Carlos Dias and Ana Paulo Rodrigues at carlos.dias@insa.min-saude.pt or ana.rodrigues@insa.min-saude.pt

SESARAM (see above)

- × **EU4H-2026-SANTE-PJ-05**: call for proposals on lifelong prevention for a healthy life with focus on cardiovascular diseases

Budget: 2.000.000,- €

Partners sought from Portugal:

“The **Municipality of Torres Vedras** has many years of experience in developing and implementing local strategies and European projects in the areas of health promotion, social participation, and sustainability. With a strong focus on prevention and healthy lifestyles, the municipality is particularly committed to the prevention of cardiovascular disease, cancer, and mental illness. If you are interested, please contact the project team Dr. Vanessa Ribeiro, PhD Director of the health and wellbeing development unit *Municipality of Torres Vedras* at vanessaribeiro@cm-tvedras.pt”

SESARAM (see above)

Azores Hospital (see above)

INSA (see above)

- × **EU4H-2026-SANTE-PJ-06**: call for proposals to support the development of a medicine pricing, reimbursement and access tracker through the *EURIPID* database

Budget: 750.000,- €

Partners search from Portugal:

“**INFARMED**, National Pharmaceutical Authority; If you are interested, please contact the project team Cláudia Furtado at Claudia.furtado@infarmed.pt”

“The **Portuguese Institute of Oncology Lisbon Francisco Gentil (IPO Lisboa)** is the leading oncology hospital in the Portuguese health service with over 100 years of experience in cancer treatment and research. [...] If you are interested, please contact the project team Rui Pedro Marques at rpmarques@ipolisboa.min-saude.pt”

- × **EU4H-2026-SANTE-PJ-07**: call for proposals for a programme on orphan medical devices, in particular targeting paediatric patients

Budget: 1.200.000,- €

- × **EU4H-2026-SANTE-PJ-08**: call for proposals for health data for biotech innovation leveraging the *European Health Data Space*

Budget: 14.386.810,- €

Partners sought from Germany and Portugal:

TMF (see above)

- × **EU4H-2026-SANTE-PJ-09**: call for proposals to contribute to the organisation of conferences and events

Budget: 600.000,- €

➤ **EP PERMED | TWINNING CALL 2026**

“The Twinning Call 2026 is designed to accelerate the **implementation of personalised medicine solutions or approaches from one country to another** through peer-to-peer exchanges.

This Call offers **up to 50.000,- €**, for activities that facilitate the exchange of solutions or approaches in personalised medicine and build up the capacities and capabilities of one or both participating parties. Twinning partnerships should last **between 6 and 12 months.**”

There will be an **information webinar on December 17th 2025** as well as an **online matchmaking event on January 15th 2026**.

The **submission deadline** is **February 26th 2026**.

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

➤ **EP PERMED | JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL (JTC) 2026**

The *EP PerMed* funding organisations have agreed to launch the JTC2026 “Personalised Medicine for **CARDiovascular, MEtabolic, and kidNey diseases**” (CARMEN2026), co-funded by the *European Union*, to fund, with a budget of up to **38 mil. €**, multinational, innovative research **projects in personalised medicine (PM)**, which should bring together academic, clinical/public health and private research teams, thus enhancing the competitiveness in Europe and beyond in this field.

There will be an **information webinar on December 16th 2025**.

The **submission deadline** for the pre-proposal (2-step-process) is **February 10th 2026**.

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

➤ **ERDERA | JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL (JTC) 2026**

“On 10 December 2025, *ERDERA* will launch its 2026 Joint Transnational Call, *Resolving unsolved cases in rare genetic and non-genetic diseases*.

The goal of this call is to **solve undiagnosed rare genetic diseases** and to **address complex, multifactorial rare non-genetic diseases** by identifying causative variants in patients with no molecular diagnosis after prior genetic or genomic testing and providing diagnostic clarity for conditions of unknown or mixed pathogenesis.”

There will be an **information webinar on December 16th 2025**.

The **submission deadline** for the pre-proposal (2-step-process) is **February 12th 2026**.

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

➤ **EUP OHAMR | JTC 2026 - TREATMENTS AND ADHERENCE TO TREATMENT PROTOCOLS**

“This first *European Partnership on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance (EUP OHAMR)* joint transnational call for projects will **explore new treatments to tackle AMR**. The call “Treatments and adherence to treatment protocols”, involves 37 funding organisations from 28 different countries with an estimated total call **budget of over 31 million Euro**.

This first *EUP OHAMR* Call aims to **improve the treatment success rates** of the patients/animals/plants affected by bacterial or fungal infections by providing new treatment options while **reducing the risk of resistance** in the different One Health settings.”

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

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

➤ **ERC | PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WITH RESEARCH AWARD 2026**

The *ERC Public Engagement with Research Award* rewards up to **8 outstanding science communicators, among its Principal Investigators**, who successfully engage audiences outside their domain with *ERC*-funded research.

For the purposes of this prize, public engagement is defined as the **involvement of the public in the design, conduct, or dissemination of activities** funded by the *ERC*. Engagement is a two-way process, involving interaction and mutual understanding for mutual benefit.

The award is endowed with **10.000,- €** each.

The **submission deadline** is **January 15th 2026**.

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

➤ **EC | 3 NEW CALL TOPICS**

Three new health-related call topics, **open until March 3rd 2026**, have been launched in the Digital Europe Program:

- ✘ [DIGITAL-2026-AI-09-DS-HEALTH-TOOL](#): This action aims to **enhance the European genomic data infrastructure** by supporting the **deployment of advanced tools** for data curation and use and its alignment with the *European Health Data Space*.
Budget: 5 mil. €
- ✘ [DIGITAL-2026-AI-09-DS-HEALTH-STORAGE](#): This action contributes to **boosting the capacity of Member States to sequence human genomes** through scaling up dedicated secure data storage and processing environments.
Budget: 17,5 mil. €
- ✘ [DIGITAL-2026-AI-09-SOLUTIONS-CANCER-STEP](#): Deployment of cutting-edge multi-modal **AI-based solutions in medical imaging**.
Budget: 14,4 mil. €

NEW announcements.

➤ **EIC | EIC 2026 WORK PROGRAM**

On November 6th 2025, the *European Innovation Council (EIC)* published its 2026 work program. The program has a **budget of over 1.4 bil. €** and offers broad continuity with existing *EIC* programs (*Pathfinder, Transition, Accelerator, and EIC STEP Scale-up*). A **new program, EIC Advanced Innovation Challenges**, will be piloted with two themes (**AI/robotics** and **alternatives to animal testing**). The program has a two-stage approach and **supports high-risk, demand-driven deep tech innovations with transformative potential** in areas where extensive research is being conducted but no commercial use has yet taken place.

The eligibility criteria for *EIC Transition* have been changed so that results from *Horizon Europe* research infrastructure projects are now also eligible. In addition, applicants to *EIC Pathfinder* can now **apply for up to 4 mil. € for Pathfinder consortia**.

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

➤ **IARMM | EXTENSION OF SUBMISSION DEADLINE -THE 13TH WORLD CONGRESS OF CLINICAL SAFETY**

“The 13th World Congress of Clinical Safety 2026 in Kyoto is held jointly with 'The 3rd Academic Conference of Safety Psychology and Behavior for Healthcare'. The Congress covers a wide range of safety topics, such as healthcare safety (patient safety, medical worker safety, medication safety, and medical device safety), infectious disease outbreak, and other related safety subjects.”

The **submission deadline for oral/poster presentations and panel discussions** has been **extended until December 18th 2025**. Prizes will be offered to some **excellent presentations**.

The Congress will take place on **June 13th and 14th 2026** and can be attended online **and** in Kyoto.

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

➤ **EC | TIPS AND TOOLS FOR EU-FUNDED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROJECTS**

The *European Commission* now offers a starter kit for *EU-funded* research and innovation projects on the topics of **dissemination and exploitation**. The five-page document contains a selection of **practical steps and tools** to help *Horizon Europe* projects meet the expectations and requirements for the dissemination and exploitation of results.

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

➤ **EC | STUDY ON THE PROTECTION OF FREEDOM OF RESEARCH**

“This study offers a comprehensive legal, policy, and comparative analysis of the freedom of scientific research across the *EU* and selected non-*EU* countries. It examines both the formal (de jure) and practical (de facto) realities shaping researchers’ autonomy, institutional independence, and international collaboration. **Highlighting disparities between law and practice**, the report **identifies political, economic, and institutional pressures** that constrain scientific freedom and provides **evidence-based recommendations to strengthen protection, governance, and policy support** for open and independent research in Europe and beyond.”

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

➤ **EP BRAINHEALTH | LAUNCH OF TWO CALLS IN 2026**

EP BrainHealth has announced the publication of two calls for proposals for **multinational translational research projects**.

“The European Partnership for Brain Health gathers 51 partners from 31 countries, with the common goal of improving brain health for all by developing scientific knowledge as a foundation to promote brain health throughout the lifetime, to prevent and to cure brain diseases as well as to improve wellbeing of people living with neurological and mental disorders in Europe and beyond.”

These two calls are expected to be published in early 2026:

- ✦ Call 1: Biological, social, and environmental factors affecting the development of brain health across the lifespan, in the **field of neurological, mental, and sensory disorders**
- ✦ Call 2: Biological, social, and environmental factors affecting the development of brain health across the lifespan, in the **field of neurodegenerative diseases**

Further information can 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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