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April 2025

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UPCOMING events.

➤ HORIZON EUROPE | INFO DAYS REGARDING THE 2025 WORK PROGRAM

The European Commission is organizing various information days regarding Horizon Europe from April to June 2025, where the calls for proposals for the 2025 work programme will be presented. There will also be brokerage events for some parts of the programme to enable potential applicants to find cooperation partners.

The following information days and associated brokerage events have been announced so far:

- Cluster 1 Health: Info day online May 22nd 2025 and online brokerage event May 5th 6th 2025
- ★ WIDERA: Info day online May 20th 2025
- **EU Missions**: Info day online May 22nd 23rd 2025
- MSCA Doctoral Networks: Info day online June 24th 2025
- EIC Pathfinder: Info day in Brussels/online April 4th 2025

> NKS | 'SSH-STEM VernetzBar' - INFORMATION EVENT (GER)

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 NCP Health is organizing an online information event on the calls for proposals of the Health Cluster and the Cancer Mission.

When: May 26th 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: online

The event is free of charge, but registration is required and can be done here (GER).

NKS MSCA | SEMINAR SERIES REGARDING POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS AND DOCTORAL NETWORKS IN 2025

The NCP MSCA is organizing a series of online seminars on the application process. Registration for each event is necessary.

- x May 15th 2025, 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Postdoctoral fellowships (GER)
- **May 27th 2025**, 09:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. **Postdoctoral fellowships (ENG)**
- **June 5th 2025**, 03:00 p.m. 05:00 p.m. Postdoctoral fellowships (ENG)
- June 25th 2025, 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Doctoral Networks (GER)

Further information may be found on each website.

> International Clinical Trials Day (ICTD) 2025

"To launch the discussion *ECRIN* ("European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network") and *SCReN* ("Spanish Clinical Research Network") will develop a common understanding of key words such as inclusivity and underserved and explain why they should be on everyone's mind. Three use cases will be featured to reflect the real-world application in the academic and industry trials. The panels will be held in the morning ('engaging with underserved populations') and afternoon ('building a clinical trial environment to support inclusivity') to encourage greater discussion between stakeholders and attendees."

When: May 20th 2025, 09:00 a.m. – 05:30 p.m.

Where: hybrid (in Madrid or online)

Due to high demand, onsite registration is now closed. You may add yourself to the waitlist.

More information can be seen <u>here</u> (ENG).

> NKS HEALTH | INFORMATION EVENT (GER)

The *National Contact Point (NCP)* Health is organizing an online information event on the work programme of the Health Cluster and the Cancer Mission 2025.

Funding opportunities for collaborative research projects in the Health Cluster and the Cancer Mission with a **submission deadline in September 2025** will be presented.

Registration is free of charge, but necessary.

When: April 10th 2025, 01:00 p.m. – 02:30 p.m.

Where: online

More information can be seen here (GER).

➤ EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND TRANSFER MANAGEMENT (EURESTMA)

"The EURESTMA certificate is a new program for European research managers. The program is organized by the *University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück*. Together with leading experts from renowned institutions we provide up-to-date knowledge on research and transfer management in a European context. The overall objective is to contribute to the professionalization of European research management and to establish an active international community of research managers."

Applications are accepted between March 1st 2025 and October 15th 2025.

The participation fee is 3.950,- €. When: December 2025 – June 2026.

Where: in Brussels or online

More information may be accessed here (ENG).

URBAN HEALTH SUMMIT 2025

"Experts will discuss solutions to promote urban health, with a focus on urbanization trends, the role of national academies and the exchange of ideas from various research areas to improve the quality of life in cities"

There is no fee for attendance, but registration is essential.

When: April 9th - April 11th 2025, 12:00 p.m. - 02:00 p.m.

Where: Xplanatorium Herrenhausen, Hanover Further information may be seen <u>here</u> (ENG).

➤ 'HNN3.0 | Brokerage event on Horizon Europe Cluster 1 2025 Calls'

The *Health National Contact Points Network* (*HNN 3.0*), is organizing an online brokerage event for the call topics of the Health Cluster 2025.

The event will include **bilateral meetings** with partners interested in the same topics for the 2025 Health calls and there will be **pitching sessions** where participants can present their expertise and themselves as potential project coordinators or partners.

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary till April 21st 2025.

When: May 5th - 6th 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 07:00 p.m.

Where: online

More information can be found **here** (ENG).

NEW announcements.

> EUROPEAN REA | 'BECOME AN EVALUATOR OF EU RESEARCH PROJECTS'

"The European Research Executive Agency (REA) invites experts from a wide range of fields to register in the European Commission's experts database.

Experts evaluate project proposals applying for EU funding. This is done by scoring proposals and exchanging views with fellow evaluators.

You might also be asked to monitor the implementation of a funded project and provide an independent assessment of the project's progress."

More information can be found **here** (ENG).

➤ HORIZON EUROPE | HEALTH EXPERTS AND RAPPORTEURS NEEDED FOR PROJECT EVALUATIONS

The *HaDEA* is looking for **independent experts and rapporteurs** for upcoming evaluations in the Health Cluster and the Cancer Mission.

You will be tasked to **evaluate project proposals** competing for *EU* funding in 2025-2027. Knowledge and experience in one of the following (or related) areas is a criteria for applicability:

Al, clinical trials, environmental science, medical devices, diseases, cancer, medicine, health systems, pre-commercial procurement, and communication.

Further information can be found **here** (ENG).

> EUROPEAN HEALTH DATA SPACE REGULATION (EHDS)

"The EHDS Regulation aims to establish a common framework for the use and exchange of electronic health data across the EU. It enhances individuals' access to and control over their personal electronic health data, while also enabling certain data to be reused for public interest, policy support, and scientific research purposes."

The regulation was published in the official journal of the *European Union* and will be applied, from **March 26th 2025** onward, in different phases depending on the type of data.

The most important milestone will be on March 26th 2029, when the data exchange for the first group of priority categories in the context of primary use will come into force. At the same time, the rules for secondary use will be applied to most data categories.

More information can be seen here (ENG).

> EC | (UPDATE) CFS-TEMPLATE

The European Commission has published an updated version of the template for the Certificate on the Financial Statements (CFS) on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal. The CFS template is used in several EU programmes.

In addition, an application form for a Systems and Process Audit (SPA), including a questionnaire and an information sheet, is also available.

The new template for the CFS can be found here (ENG) and the application form for the SPA here (ENG).

> Report on the KoWi workshop for CFS auditors

"On 11 and 12 November 2024, *KoWi* organized a workshop in Brussels for auditors at German universities and research institutions who audit EU projects for their organizations and prepare the Certificate on the Financial Statements (CFS). At the workshop, the auditors, together with auditors from the European Court of Auditors and the ERC Executive Agency, **discussed the challenges they expect to face in the upcoming first level audits of Horizon Europe projects**.

A report summarizing the most important topics discussed at the event is now available." The report can be found $here_{(ENG)}$.

➤ EC | WARSAW DECLARATION ON THE STRATEGIC ROLE OF THE FUTURE EU R&I FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

On March 11th 2025, the European Research Ministers adopted the *Warsaw Declaration* on the strategic role of the next *Framework Programme for Research and Innovation* (FP10). It emphasises the importance of the programme, as it has **contributed to improving the prosperity and security of European citizens**, as well as promoting transnational cooperation in science and innovation. It also calls for FP10 to be an independent framework programme dedicated to excellence in research and innovation, as well as strategic technology development. The budget should be significantly increased to achieve the spending target of 3% of gross domestic product and to be able to fund at least 75% of the excellent applications submitted.

The full documents can be found on the <u>website of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union</u> (ENG) and on the <u>website of the European Parliament</u> (ENG).

> (UPDATED) ANNOTATED GRANT AGREEMENTS PUBLISHED

"The AGA serves as a guide for interpreting and explaining the various articles of the Grant Agreements and applies not only to *Horizon Europe*, but to numerous other EU programmes."

The updated version contains some clarifications that supplement, but do not change, the existing rules. Among other things, it explains in more detail **how the reimbursable costs of personnel working on the final report, after the end of the project, are to be calculated**. The *Horizontal Ceiling* must always be applied in the case of the *Personnel Unit Costs*-option and when billing *SME owners*, even if a person only works on one EU grant. There is also a new option for calculating daily equivalents if the contractual working time fluctuates seasonally.

The updated version can be seen here (ENG).

> **EU COMMISSION:** 'SURVEY ON THE USE OF CODES OF CONDUCT FOR KNOWLEDGE VALORISATION'

In a short survey, the *EU Commission* is asking for contributions from researchers, research managers and transfer experts on the **use of the four Codes of Practice on Knowledge Valorisation** and how their acceptance can be increased.

The survey is open until May 30th 2025 and can be done here (ENG).

> **EIT HEALTH** | PROGRAMME ARCHIVE

"Our programmes are designed to strengthen the healthcare innovation ecosystem so that we can be truly transformational as a collective. We provide continuous learning opportunities for healthcare stakeholders, and support businesses to build, grow and expand."

These 70+ programmes provide you with the opportunity to **learn new skills**, **connect with a vast network** of experts, access new markets and learn about **project financing possiblities**.

More information can be accessed here (ENG).

> (UPDATED) MSCA SUPERVISION GUIDELINE

"The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are the European Union's flagship funding programme for doctoral education and postdoctoral training of researchers, with a strong structuring effect on participating institutions.

These lately updated guidelines on supervision constitute a set of recommendations to be adopted on a best-effort basis by participants in the programme – both individuals and institutions – in order to help institutions and supervisors in guiding MSCA researchers."

More 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.

Kind regards, on behalf of Univ.-Prof. Dr. Hansjörg Schild ViceDean for Research

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