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upcoming events, current tenders, new announcements

July 2025

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

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UPCOMING events.

- **NCC-DE | WORKSHOP 'APPLYING FOR HORIZON EUROPE AND DIGITAL EUROPE'** (GER)
In this workshop, organized by the 'Nationales Koordinierungszentrum für Cybersicherheit' (NKCS), you will gain a **comprehensive insight into the current cybersecurity** calls for proposals from the two European funding programmes *Horizon Europe* and *Digital Europe*. You will have the option to **prepare an application** and **network** with like-minded people in small groups.
The event is free of charge. The registration deadline is July 09th 2025.
When: **July 16th 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 04:00 p.m.**
Where: DLR-Projektträger - Joseph-Beuys-Allee 4, 53113 Bonn
More information may be found [here](#) (GER).
- **EP PERMED & IC PERMED | JOINT CONFERENCE – '10 YEARS SUPPORTING PERSONALIZED MEDICINE'** (ENG)
The conference marks the 10th anniversary of the first 'Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)' on personalized medicine. The event offers insight on significant progress over the last decade, made possible by political initiatives and international cooperation. **Three thematic sessions will reflect on successes and developments** in personalized medicine:
 - ✕ 'Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the SRIA and Council Conclusions on Personalised Medicine'
 - ✕ 'Advancing Personalised Medicine through International Collaboration: 10 Years of Inspirations and Collaborations'
 - ✕ 'Integrating Personalised Medicine Approaches into Clinical Practice: 10 Years of Strategy and Policy Development'*The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.*
When: **November 26th and 27th 2025**
Where: Prague, Czech Republic
More information may be found [here](#) (ENG).

- **‘LEIBNIZ GEMEINSCHAFT’ | 11TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON RESILIENCE RESEARCH** (ENG)
- Under the motto ‘**New Challenges, New Solutions**’, this event will explore how we can find our bearings in an unsafe world, maintain mental stability, and support those most affected by trauma. The workshop will present both fundamental and applied research explicitly animal and human studies, in the field of resilience. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to **discuss the latest advancements in the field with leading experts**. There is going to be a **free [Methods Workshop](#)** regarding ‘Resilience quantification in humans’ on **September 23rd 2025**.
- The **deadline** for the registration and abstract submission is **July 21st**.
- There will be a participation fee ranging from 125,- € to 238,- €. Employees of the LIR pay 10,- €*
- When: September 24th – 26th 2025**
- Where: JGU - Duesbergweg 10-14, 55128 Mainz**
- Further information can be accessed [here](#) (ENG).
- **ERC | INFORMATION EVENT ABOUT ERC STARTING AND CONSOLIDATOR GRANT CALLS** (ENG)
- The *National Contact Point for the European Research Council (NCP ERC)* is hosting an online event on the upcoming Grant calls under the *ERC Work Programme 2026*.
- “Experts from the *ERC Executive Agency (ERCEA)* will present both funding schemes and **highlight key changes to the proposal template**. In addition, two *ERC* grantees will share insights from their application experiences. The event will conclude with a **Q&A session** and **information on advisory services** offered by the *NCP ERC*.”
- When: July 16th 2025, 09:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
- Where: online**
- More information may be seen [here](#) (ENG).
- **ERC | INFORMATION EVENT ABOUT THE SYNERGY GRANT CALL** (ENG)
- “The event will focus on key information and **practical guidance regarding the application and evaluation process**. The *ERC Executive Agency (ERCEA)* will present the main aspects of the call, highlighting any new features. In addition, an *ERC* grantee and a panel member will share their personal insights and tips, offering applicants a **hands-on perspective to support their proposal preparation**.”
- Open to all interested participants without a participant limit.*
- There are no participation fees. Registration is necessary.*
- When: July 15th 2025, 01:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.**
- Where: online**
- Further information may be accessed [here](#) (ENG).
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CURRENT funding & tenders.

- **MSCA | POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS CALL 2025**
- The *MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships* aim to support the creative and innovative potential of postdoctoral researchers wishing to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility.
- “Postdoctoral researchers are encouraged to engage with society at large to make the results of their research visible to citizens and to involve citizens, civil society and end-users in co-creation of research content when relevant.”
- The **application deadline** is **September 10th 2025**.
- Further information can be seen [here](#) (ENG).

➤ **HORIZON EUROPE | 10 MIL. € TOP-UP FOR THE MSCA4UKRAINE INITIATIVE**

The *European Commission* will provide a 10 mil. € top-up for the *MSCA4Ukraine* initiative.

The extra budget will allow an **organization or a consortium to select doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers from Ukraine**, who will be able to **continue their work safely** in academia, businesses, research centres and public institutions based in the EU and countries associated to *Horizon Europe*. The **call** to select a new organization or consortium, that will manage the next phase of the fellowship scheme, is now **open until September 16th 2025**.

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

➤ **EP PERMED | 'GUIDE TO PERSONALISED MEDICINE FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS'**

"The objective of this Call is to provide subgrant **funding to support the provision and development of educational content aimed at healthcare professionals (HCPs)** in the implementation of personalised medicine (PM). The gaps in the PM knowledge and skills among HCPs have been identified as one key barrier to the implementation of PM. This initiative will enhance the capacity of HCPs to integrate PM into their daily practice, ensuring they are equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills, and competencies." There will be an **online Q&A session on September 2nd, 12:00 p.m.**

The **application deadline** is **September 9th 2025**.

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

➤ **IHI | CALL 11**

The *Innovative Health Initiative (IHI)* published **5 new topics** in its latest Call, which **aims to fund large-scale European research and innovation projects** in the healthcare sector. A wide range of stakeholders such as universities, SMEs, clinics, patient organizations and regulatory authorities can participate. The participating IHI associated companies are already determined in the call text and are not initially included in the consortium of applicants for the 1st stage. The best-rated consortium in the first phase will then submit the full application for the second phase together with these industry partners.

The **submission deadline** for the 1st project outline (2-step process) is **October 9th 2025**.

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

➤ **ERC | ADVANCED GRANTS**

"The *ERC Advanced Grants* are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are already established research leaders with a recognized track record of research achievements. Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their research proposal."

These grants may be awarded for **up to 5 years**, with a budget of max. **2,5 mil. €**.

The **submission deadline** is **August 28th 2025**.

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

➤ **EIC AND EIT | INTERSHIPS FOR MSCA FELLOWS IN SCOPE OF THE INNO NEXT PROJECT**

The *InnoNext* project offers researchers, funded under European programmes, the opportunity to **complete internships in highly innovative companies** supported by the *EIC* and the *EIT*. The programme is open to **MSCA doctoral students and postdocs as well as fellows in COFUND projects**. The internships enable researchers to further develop their entrepreneurial thinking and innovative start-ups to gain access to new ideas and findings from cutting-edge research.

The **application deadline** is **July 2026**.

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

➤ **MSCA | DOCTORAL NETWORKS CALL 2025**

The *MSCA Doctoral Networks* aim to train entrepreneurial, innovative and resilient doctoral candidates, able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit.

The **application deadline** is **November 25th 2025**.

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

NEW announcements.

➤ **EC | RECOMMENDED ADAPTATIONS OF THE ERA POLICY AGENDA HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED**

This agenda forms a comprehensive strategy to strengthen the European research and innovation area and addresses key challenges such as knowledge mobility, sustainability and international competitiveness. It encompasses **11 long-term structural ERA policies and 8 short-term ERA actions**, which are implemented voluntarily by the member states according to the principle of variable geometry. The focus is on **open science, gender equality, research security, AI in science, international cooperation and the reduction of excellence gaps within the EU**.

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

➤ **EC | HERA WORK PROGRAM 2025**

The EC has presented the 2025 work programme of the *Health Emergency Response Agency (HERA)*, which aims to further **strengthen European efforts to prevent and respond to health threats**. The programme continues to focus on the **development, production and provision of medical countermeasures** such as vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics. Priorities include preparing for pandemics and CBRN threats, promoting innovative therapies (e.g. phage therapy), expanding early warning systems and production capacities as well as international cooperation. Despite budget cuts, *HERA* is to continue its central tasks without restrictions.

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

➤ **NCP4MISSIONS | MATCHMAKING PLATFORM**

The online brokerage event, and the matchmaking platform created for it, have been used for networking for the 2025 call topics of the missions, including the cancer mission. Following the brokerage event, the matchmaking platform has now also been opened up for long-term networking.

After registering on the platform, you can arrange bilateral meetings and network with potential collaboration partners.

The platform is open until **September 30th 2025**.

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

➤ **EC | PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE GENDER EQUALITY STRATEGY**

“Gender equality is a fundamental right for all and a fundamental value of the *EU*. The roadmap for women’s rights, adopted in March 2025, sets out a long-term vision for fully achieving women’s rights in Europe.

To help turn this vision into reality, **the new 2026-2030 gender equality strategy will outline the concrete measures** that the *European Commission* intends to carry out over the next five years to advance gender equality in Europe.”

The **submission deadline** is **August 11th 2025**.

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

➤ **EC | PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON HIGH-RISK AI-SYSTEMS**

“The *European Commission* has launched a public consultation to **gather input on implementing the AI Act’s rules** on high-risk AI systems.

The consultation will **collect practical examples and clarify issues relating to high-risk AI systems**. This feedback will be taken into account in the upcoming Commission guidelines on classifying high-risk AI systems, and related requirements and obligations. It will also collect input on responsibilities along the AI value chain.”

The **submission deadline** is **July 18th 2025**.

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

➤ **HORIZON EUROPE | REVISED APPLICATION TEMPLATE**

The application templates for research and innovation measures have been revised for the *Horizon Europe* calls for proposals 2025, in order to simplify the application process. The most important changes are:

- ✖ **‘Do No Significant Harm’ (DNSH):** This principle has been removed from the application and evaluation forms and only needs to be taken into account, if it is explicitly requested in the call text.
- ✖ **Gender balance criterion:** In the event of a tie, only the gender distribution among the researchers in leading roles listed in Part A under “Researchers involved in the project” will count in future.
- ✖ **AI applications:** The presentation of the robustness of AI tools, used in the excellence chapter, is no longer required unless explicitly requested in the call. In the ethics self-assessment form (Part A), the assessment of trustworthiness, robustness and security remains mandatory.

In addition, a modified version of 'Information on clinical trials' was published, which should be used for appropriate project planning, from now on.

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

➤ **ERC | REPORT ABOUT PROOF OF CONCEPT-FUNDING**

A new report highlights how *PoC grants* have successfully transformed frontier research into real-world applications, achieving **strong results in innovation and commercialization with just 1% of the ERC’s total budget** (259 mil. € from 2014–2023). Health and medical technologies lead the portfolio, often in combination with AI, materials science, and manufacturing. Other key areas include quantum technologies, green innovation, and social or creative sectors. *PoC grants* not only bridge the gap between research and impact but also act as a launchpad for further funding—**former grantees have attracted over 200 mil. € in funding**, particularly through the *EIC Transition scheme*.

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

➤ **NCP MSC | REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS**

The NCP MSC offers to **proofread your application** for the *PF-2025* call for applications.

Please make sure that the B part of the application is complete and that you provide the designated acronym.

Only applications submitted by a **German host organization as beneficiary** will be read.

The **deadline** for sending the application is **August 13th 2025, 05:00 p.m.**

Please send your application to nks-msc@dlr.de.

➤ **EC | SEARCH FOR EXPERTS ON ‘ECONOMIC AND SOCIETAL IMPACT OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (ESIR4)’**

The EC is looking for **up to 21 experts** for the 4th mandate period (2026-2027) of the *ESIR4 group*. **The group supports the executive Directorate for Research and Innovation** in the development of evidence-based, transformative R&I policy and offers concrete recommendations for action. Key topics include **productivity, safety, new technologies, evidence-based policy-making and attracting top talent**. The members work independently in the public interest and should have extensive technical and advisory experience at EU or international level.

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

➤ **EC | ‘CHOOSE EUROPE TO START AND SCALE’ STRATEGY**

The EC’s strategy has the aim of positioning Europe as an attractive location for technology-oriented start-ups and scale-ups. The 26 measures in the strategy range from the **expansion of the European Innovation Council** to **new financing instruments** such as the ‘Scaleup Europe’ fund and initiatives to promote entrepreneurship and talent acquisition at universities.

The official paper may be seen [here](#) (ENG).

➤ **EC | SRIA ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH**

“The ‘Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda on Health and Climate Change’ **provides an overview of the research needs and knowledge gaps** related to human health and climate change. The agenda emphasizes topics such as **facilitating research uptake, promoting a fair research ecosystem** and **fostering international cooperation**. Cross-cutting areas covered by the agenda include inter- and transdisciplinary collaboration, climate-driven health inequalities, data infrastructures and innovative tools and technologies.”

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.

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