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The Scotland representative, *Dr. Sigrid Rieuwerts*, from the *Ministry of Science and Health*, Rhineland-Palatinate is looking for researchers who are planning a *Horizon Europe* **application in the Cluster 1 or 6** and are interested in **collaborating with Scottish universities**. Additionally, a **networking event** will take place at the University of Glasgow **on September 18th, 2025**, on the topics of 'Brain Health/Healthy Aging' and 'Bioeconomy'. Suggestions for suitable projects and interested researchers are welcome!
Interested parties may contact us, at **forschung.um@uni-mainz.de**, for more information.

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

➢ **UPCOMING** events.

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UPCOMING events.

➢ *EC | AI IN SCIENCE CONFERENCE 2025* (ENG)
The *European Commission*, the *University of Copenhagen* and the *Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science* are hosting the first high-level conference *AI in Science* (*AIS25*). The event marks **the launch of the European AI strategy in science**, introducing new markets, presenting funding possibilities and offering networking opportunities.
When: November 3rd - 4th 2025
Where: *Bella Sky* (Martha Christensens Vej 10 Copenhagen, Denmark)
More information may be found **here** (ENG).

➢ *EC | EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION DAYS* (ENG)
The *EC's* flagship research and innovation event brings together policymakers, researchers, stakeholders and the public to **debate how research and innovation drives Europe's competitiveness**, sustainability and industrial leadership, **underpinning the EU's top priorities**.
The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.
When: September 16th - 17th 2025
Where: *The Square*, Brussels and online
More information may be seen **here** (ENG).

- ***ERA4HEALTH | WEBINAR ON 'EVIDENCE-BASED WELLNESS PRACTICES - A CONSENSUAL EVALUATION FRAMEWORK FOR NON-PHARMACOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS (NPIS)'***

  This webinar brings together leading European experts to present the newly developed framework for defining, validating, and registering Non-Pharmacological Interventions (NPIs). These include evidence-based, non-invasive health practices that support prevention, care, and precision medicine. Furthermore, the event will offer practical insights on implementation of the framework across research and its regulation, in addition to training workshops and digital tools.
  When: **September 10th 2025**, 01:00 p.m.
  Where: online
  Further information can be seen **here** (ENG).

- ***IHI | BROKERAGE EVENT 2025*** (ENG)

  The aim of the event is to provide people interested in *IHI's* next single-stage call for proposals, with the opportunity to **network face-to-face** and **start forming consortia**. There will also be pitching and poster sessions to give research organisations, patient groups and companies the chance to **showcase their capabilities**.
  An online networking platform, to provide additional opportunities for applicants to **share ideas and network**, both before and after the event, is planned as well.
  When: **November 4th - 5th 2025**
  Where: Brussels, Belgium
  More information may be seen **here** (ENG).

CURRENT funding & tenders.

- ***EU4HEALTH | WORK PROGRAM 2025***

  The *EU4Health* program is the *EU*'s most comprehensive health initiative and was launched in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It strengthens prevention, crisis preparedness, access to medical products, and the digitization and cooperation of health systems. It also supports strategies and programs such as *HERA*, the *European Cancer Plan*, and the *EU Global Health Strategy*.
  The **work program 2025 provides a budget of 571.3 mil. €**. The funds are divided among **five key funding areas**:

  - ✗ Crisis preparedness
  - ✗ Health promotion and disease prevention
  - ✗ Health systems & health personnel
  - ✗ Digital transformation
  - ✗ Cancer, cardiovascular diseases and other non-communicable diseases

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

- ***ECCC* AND *DIGITAL* | CALL FOR PROPOSALS – 'DEDICATED ACTION TO REINFORCING HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS'***

  The call, **aimed at hospitals, healthcare providers, and cybersecurity providers**, is intended to strengthen the security and resilience of the healthcare sector. To achieve this, pilot projects will be funded to analyze the current state of security, identify needs, and develop customized cybersecurity plans for different types of healthcare providers. The tender aimed at **public and private institutions** offers funding for **2 years** and comes with a **budget of 3-5 mil. €** per project.
  The **application deadline** is **October 7th 2025**.
  Further information may be seen **here** (ENG).

➢ *EIC* AND *EIT* | 'EUROPEAN PRIZE FOR WOMEN INNOVATORS'

The offered prize celebrates the women entrepreneurs behind Europe's most game-changing innovations. The prize awards **women from across the EU and countries associated to *Horizon Europe***, whose disruptive innovations are driving **positive change for people and planet**.
There are three prize categories:

× *EIC* Women Innovators category: three prizes of **100.000,- €, 70.000,- € and 50.000,- €** are awarded to the three highest-ranked applications

× *EIC* Rising Innovators: three prizes of **50.000,- €, 30.000,- € and 20.000,- €** are awarded to the three highest-ranked applications from promising 'Rising Innovators' under the age of 35

× *EIT* Women Leadership Award: three prizes of **50.000,- €, 30.000,- € and 20.000,- €** are awarded to exceptional women leaders from the *EIT* Community.

The **application deadline** is **September 25th 2025**
More information may be seen **here** (ENG).

➢ *EUROSTARS* | CALL FOR PROJECTS

"*Eurostars* is part of the European partnership on innovative SMEs. The partnership is co-funded by the *European Union* through *Horizon Europe*.
The funding instrument **supports innovative SMEs and project partners** (large companies, universities, research organisations and others) by funding international collaborative R&D and innovation projects."
Funding is available for **innovative, multilateral project collaborations** that **develop new or improved products, processes or services that are easy to market**. The project content can be freely determined by the participants ('**bottom-up**'). In addition, German universities and non-university research institutions can participate if they cooperate with at least one SME in Germany in a *Eurostars 3* project.
The **submission deadline** is **September 4th 2025**.
More information can be found **here** (ENG).

➢ *EC* | PUBLISHED PROPOSALS FOR THE NEXT 'MFF' AND 'FP10'

The *EC* presented its proposal for the **2028–2034 multiannual financial framework** with a total volume of just under **2 tril. €**. The program will be closely linked to the new *European Competitiveness Fund* (*ECF*) in order to **create more efficient transitions from basic research to application and market readiness**. The total budget for *Horizon Europe* is significantly increased to around 175 bil. €. The structure of the program is based on four pillars:

× **Pillar I** (Excellent Science | approx. 44 bil. €): *European Research Council* (*ERC*); *Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions* (*MSCA*); non-nuclear direct actions of the *Joint Research Centre* (*JRC*)

× **Pillar II** (Competitiveness and Society – Collaborative Research | 75 bil. €): green transformation and decarbonisation, health and bioeconomy, digital leadership, resilience and security, and defence and space. In addition, there will be a separate area for open-topic research on societal challenges (e.g. migration, democracy, disinformation).

× **Pillar III** (Innovation | approx. 39 bil. €): Expanded *European Innovation Council* (*EIC*) with a focus on high-risk projects, start-ups, scale-ups, dual-use and innovation ecosystems

× **Pillar IV** (European Research Area | approx. 16 bil. €): Support for the ERA process, research and technology infrastructures, dissemination of excellence and broader participation

The official proposal can be seen **here** (ENG).

➢ *MSCA STAFF EXCHANGES 2025 |* CO-FUNDING OF BRAZIL-EU PARTNERSHIPS

In collaboration with *CONFAP* (*Brazilian National Council of State Financing Agencies*), various Brazilian state-funded research foundations (*FAPs*) will supplement selected *MSCA Staff Exchanges* projects to enable research and innovation organisations, in their respective fields, to carry out joint research projects with European and international partners. The co-funding will enable these organisations to send their staff to European research institutions to **undergo training, develop skills and careers and exchange knowledge**.

The **application deadline** is **October 8ᵗʰ 2025**.

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

NEW announcements.

➢ *EC |* PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE 'EUROPEAN INNOVATION ACT'

The *European Commission* is conducting a public consultation on the new proposed 'European Innovation Act'. This act aims to **create an innovation-friendly environment, that supports innovative companies in their growth,** within the European Union.

"Innovative companies are crucial for the EU's competitiveness and economic security. However, they still face several barriers that hinder their growth, including **administrative burden and difficulties in accessing funding, talent, infrastructures and the market.**" The consultation **gives stakeholders the opportunity to address these important issues**.

More information and the consultation can be found **here** (ENG).

➢ HORIZON EUROPE | CONSORTIA MATCHMAKING SUPPORT FOR EU-ISRAEL PARTNERSHIPS

There is a potential opportunity for **cooperation with Israeli partner organizations**, within the framework of the upcoming *Horizon Europe* calls for proposals. The initiative is coordinated by Israel's national innovation center, *HealthIL*, in collaboration with *ISERD*.

A list of over 100 Israeli organizations—including start-ups, research institutes, and clinics—has been compiled. These **organizations have expressed interest in participating in consortia** on the following call topics:

- ✗ Mental, behavioral, and neurodevelopmental disorders (DISEASE-02)
- ✗ Artificial intelligence for pandemic preparedness (DISEASE-04)
- ✗ End-user-oriented generative AI in healthcare (CARE-01, GenAI4EU)
- ✗ Multimodal data and generative AI for biomedical research (TOOL-03, GenAI4EU)
- ✗ Multinational clinical trials on orphan or breakthrough technologies (IND-03)

Contact information and further requirements can be found **here** (ENG).

➢ *NCP MSC |* PROOF-READING OF *MSCA* APPLICATIONS

The NCP MSC will again offer **application revisions for the *Postdoctoral Fellowships*, *Staff Exchanges*, and *Doctoral Networks* programs in 2025**, provided that the host or coordinating institution is located in Germany. Applications without German participation will not be reviewed.

Each application will be commented on only once. Please submit complete B parts, the application acronym and a prior review by the institution's *EU* department.

In order to guarantee detailed feedback, **please send your application to** nks-msc@dlr.de by the following deadlines:

- ✗ Postdoctoral Fellowships: August 13ᵗʰ 2025
- ✗ Staff Exchanges: September 17ᵗʰ 2025
- ✗ Doctoral Networks: November 4ᵗʰ 2025

➤ *EC |* NEW 'LIFE SCIENCE STRATEGY' PUBLISHED

The *European Commission* presented a new 'Life Science Strategy' to make the EU a global leader in life sciences. The strategy focuses on **three interlinked areas of action**: an optimized, connected research and innovation system, easier market access and the promotion of social acceptance of innovations. Specific measures include the **establishment of a network for advanced therapies (ATMP)**, **investment in clinical trials**, **support for health and climate innovations**, an AI-based regulatory navigation tool, and increased use of data and AI. A new coordination group will ensure better coordination in policy and financing.

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

➤ *EC |* CALL FOR EXPERTS ON LUNG CANCER COMMITTEE

The *Commission's Joint Research Centre* (*JRC*), in collaboration with *DG Health and Food Safety*, develops clinical guidelines and quality assurance schemes for cancer care, focusing on the six most common types: breast, colorectal, cervical, lung, prostate, and gastric.

With this call the *JRC* is establishing a **working group to develop guidelines for lung cancer primary prevention, screening and diagnosis** together with requirements for lung cancer services covering the entire care pathway.

The **application deadline** is **August 31ˢᵗ 2025**.

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

➤ *HNN 3.0 |* NEW SUPPORTING TOOLS

The transnational network *Health-NCP-Net 3.0* (*HNN 3.0*) has published new supporting tools for applicants. These include a **comprehensive document on the 2025 call topics in the Health cluster** and a **3ʳᵈ video on the *Horizon Europe* Dashboard**. The Q&A collection links directly to the EU Commission's answers and to presentation videos from the '*Horizon Europe* Info Day: Cluster 1'. The new dashboard video explains how to use the 'self-service BI page' to create individual evaluations with your own parameters and key figures.

The tools can be found **here** (ENG).

➤ *EC |* CALL FOR **AI**-EXPERTS TO JOIN NEW SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The *European Commission* launched a call for applications for a new AI committee. This committee will **support the implementation of the 'AI Act'** by providing advice on general-purpose AI systems (GPAI), systemic and emerging risks, and the classification and evaluation of AI-models, among other things. **Sixty independent experts** will be selected for a **renewable term of 24 months**. Applicants must have a **PhD or equivalent level of experience** and must not belong to any AI provider organisation. The initiative aims to achieve a balanced representation of *EU* and *EFTA* countries as well as gender balance.

The **application deadline** is **September 14ᵗʰ 2025**.

More information may be accessed **here** (ENG).

➤ *MSCA* MATCHMAKING PLATFORM | *RADIANCE*

The new matchmaking platform connects academic institutions, companies, NGOs, supervisors, and other stakeholders across Europe and beyond. It offers a unique opportunity to **build contacts and foster collaborations for current and future *MSCA calls***. Users can publish their profiles, **promote hosting offers**, and **attract Postdoctoral Fellows and Doctoral Candidates**. The platform supports partner searches for *MSCA* schemes such as *Doctoral Networks*, *Staff Exchanges*, *COFUND*, and *MSCA CITIZENS* proposals.

Registration on the platform is necessary.

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

➢ *EC|AI ON DEMAND* **PLATFORM**

The platform, developed jointly by the EU-funded projects *AI4Europe* and *DeployAI*, offers **trustworthy AI tools and solutions** to both researchers and industry.

Innovators will find a researcher-focused ensemble of **datasets, tools, and computing resources**.

Some of these include an AI marketplace, low-code development tools, and secure access to generative AI and large language models.

More information may 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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