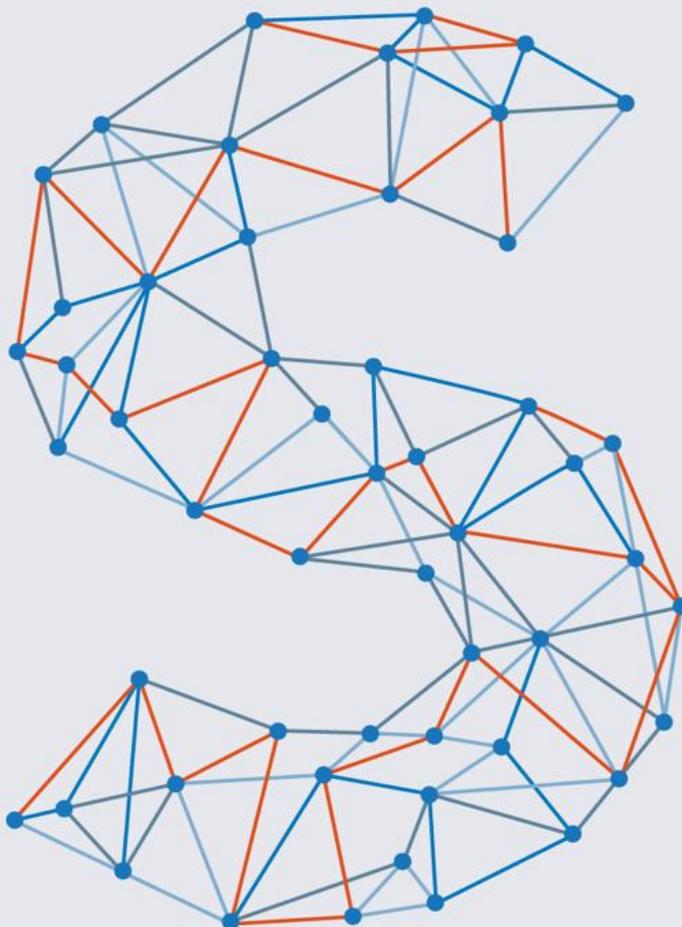




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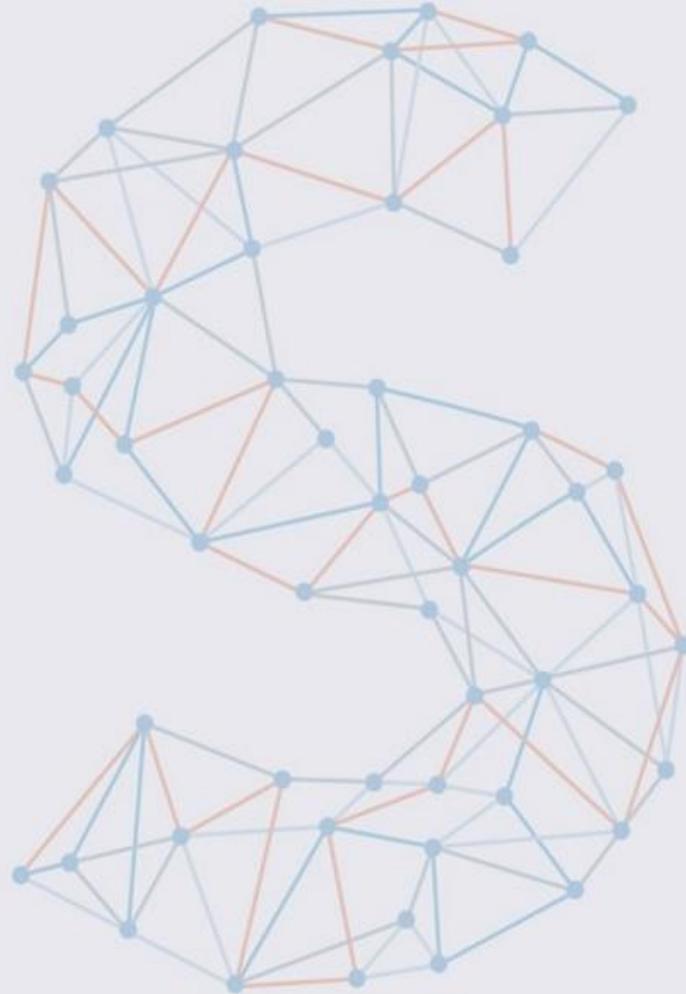
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Opportunities in the call-2026 of Cluster-3 “Civil Security” Horizon Europe



24th February 2026

Just a reminder...

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2026-2027/wp-6-civil-security-for-society_horizon-2026-2027_en.pdf

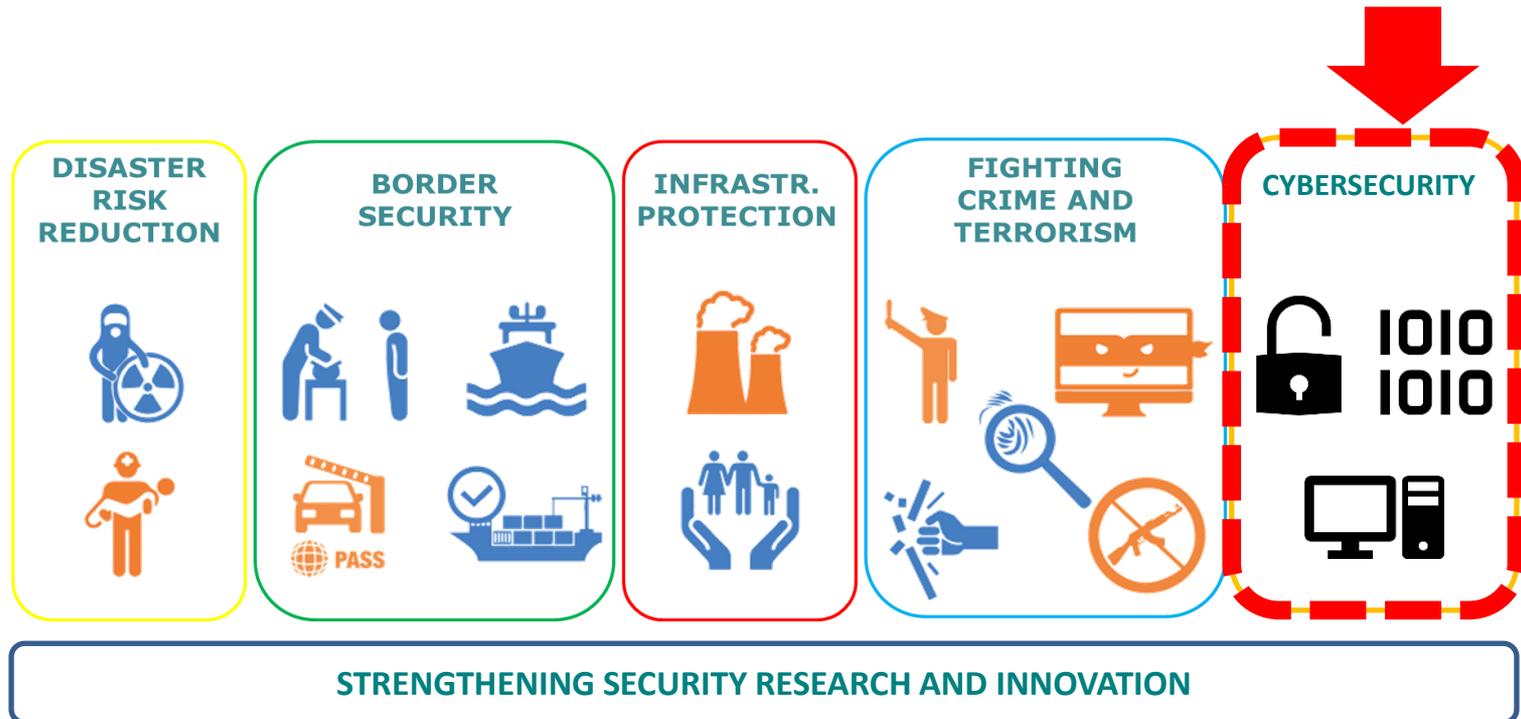


Opening: 06 May 2026 (**Cybersecurity 03 Mar 2026**)
Deadline: 05 Nov 2026 (**Cybersecurity 15 Sep 2026**)

Evaluation: From Nov 2026 → March 2027
Projects Starting: May 2027 → Sep 2027

Just a reminder...

Cybersecurity destination is moved to “Other actions”...



Main features of the programme...

- ✓ **“Challenge-driven”** → Focus on testing, validating and developing capacities based on R&I of technologies, new methodologies and services for identified end-users & practitioners. → **Most of the topics in this call are “top-down”** focussed on **disaster risk management, pandemic preparedness, protection of critical infrastructures, maritime security, customs, civil protection,...**
- ✓ The **end-users in security** are **COMPULSORY PARTNERS in the consortia of your proposals** (check eligibility conditions for each of the topics). → Police forces /LEAs, forensic institutes, border and coast guards, customs authorities, civil protection, firefighters, emergency units...
- ✓ Stronger involvement of **Civil Society Entities (Associations, NGOs, Volunteers), including SSH aspects!**
- ✓ **Some projects may be Classified, for Security reasons**, as they may contain, generate or use (background/foreground) Sensitive Information.
- ✓ Projects proposed for funding will follow an **ETHICAL SCREENING** previous to the signature of the GA and the project start → Thus, ethical aspects matter!



SSH Integration



- **SSH integration** = transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to projects involving different actors. The goal is to develop more robust knowledge and/or better solutions.
- “SSH flagging” refers to [topics that require effective contribution of SSH disciplines](#) (Social Sciences and Humanities). [5 Topics in the Cluster 3 2026/27 are “SSH flagged”](#).
- Filter upcoming Cluster 3 topics at the [Funding and Tender Portal](#) along “socio-economic sciences and humanities” in cross-cutting priority.
- [Impact on society](#) and consideration of [societal aspects](#) are in general an important element in all Cluster 3 topics.
- For lessons learned from SSH integration (also in Cluster 3) look at the [“1st Monitoring report on SSH-flagged projects”](#)

Other interesting features of the programme ...

- ✓ **Close-to-market projects / almost operational** (TRL 5 → 8 in the majority of the topics)
- ✓ **Exclusive civil application**, although some technologies could be further developed for dual use... outside Horizon Europe!
- ✓ **International collaboration**, specially in **DRS topics**, is welcome/encouraged!
- ✓ **Pilots, demos, “test-beds”** in real or semi-real environment → Strong **collaboration** among **“end-users”** and **industry (including SMEs), academia & civil society.**



In the call-2026...

- ✓ If in the destinations there is an **“OPEN” topic** → Check **previously similar funded projects** and outcomes
- ✓ Consider actions **engaging with the activities of the corresponding EU Agency**, i.e., **FRONTEX, EUROPOL, EU-LISA, EU Drugs Agency, JRC, CEPOL, EUSPA, EMSA ...**, along the lifetime of the project
- ✓ Envision to connect with other EU funds for deploying capabilities, i.e., **ISF/BVMI, Customs Control Equipment Instrument (CCEI), EU Civil Protection Mechanism, etc.**
- ✓ Where possible and relevant, **synergy-building and clustering initiatives with successful proposals in the same area** should be considered, including the organisation of international conferences in close coordination with the **Community for European Research and Innovation for Security (CERIS) activities and/or other international events.**
- ✓ **Legal entities established in China are not eligible to participate in both RIAs and IAs in the majority of the destinations.**

FRONTEX

 **EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY**

 **EU-LISA**

 **EUROPOL**

 **EUDA**
EUROPEAN UNION DRUGS AGENCY

 **JRC**
EUROPEAN COMMISSION

 **CEPOL**
EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

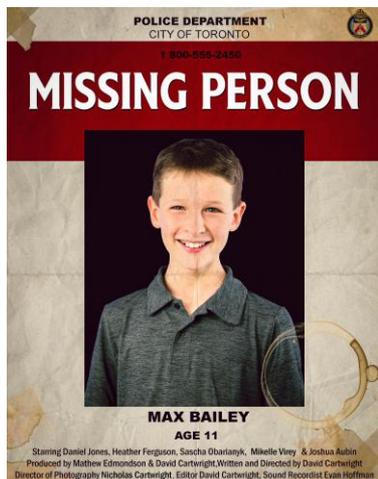
Destination FCT: Better protect the EU and its citizens against Crime & Terrorism



Opening: 06 May 2026
 Deadline(s): 05 Nov 2026

Destination - Better protect the EU and its citizens against Crime and Terrorism

Topics call-2026	M€ per topic	M€ per grant	ToA	TRL	Min. eligibility conditions
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-01: Improving capabilities of law enforcement to counter climate-related challenges	8	4	RIA	5	2 Police Authorities from at least 2 different EU MS or AC 
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-02: Open topic on preventing and countering the misuse of emerging technologies for criminal purposes, including issues related to lawful access to data	9	4,5	RIA	5	2 Police Authorities from at least 2 different EU MS or AC 
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-03: Missing persons: prevention and investigation	5	5	IA	6-8	2 Police Authorities and at least 2 CSO (or NGOs) from at least 3 different EU MS or AC (*) 



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Opening: 06 May 2026
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Destination - Better protect the EU and its citizens against Crime and Terrorism

Topics call-2026	M€ per topic	M€ per grant	ToA	TRL	Min. eligibility conditions
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-04: Crime prevention approaches, online and off-line, tackling the nexus between addictions and crime	6	3	RIA	5	2 Police Authorities and at least 2 CSO (or NGOs) from at least 3 different EU MS or AC
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-05: Enhancing the security of citizens against terrorism and lone-actor violence in confined spaces such as schools	9,67	4,8	IA	6-8	3 Police Authorities and at least 2 CSO (or NGOs) from at least 3 different EU MS or AC
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-06: Prevention and mitigation of misuse of synthetic biology for bioterrorism purposes	3	3	RIA	4-5	



Destination BM: Effective management of EU external borders



Opening: 06 May 2026
 Deadline(s): 05 Nov 2026

Destination - Effective management of EU external borders

Topics call-2026	M€ per topic	M€ per grant	ToA	TRL	Min. eligibility conditions
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-BM-01: Advanced border surveillance and situational awareness	12	6	IA	6-7	2 Border or Coast Guard Authorities from at least 2 different EU MS or AC (*)
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-BM-02: Accessible and available travel facilitation	8	4	IA	6-7	2 Customs Authorities from at least 2 different EU MS or AC (*)
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-BM-03: Reliability of age assessment methods in the context of security and border management	1,33	1,33	CSA		2 Border or Coast Guard Authorities from at least 2 different EU MS or AC



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Destination INFRA: Resilient Infrastructure



Opening: 06 May 2026

Deadline(s): 05 Nov 2026

Destination - Resilient Infrastructure

Topics call-2026	M€ per topic	M€ per grant	ToA	TRL	Min. eligibility conditions
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-01: Tools and processes to support stress tests of critical infrastructure	9,67	4,8	IA	6-7	3 relevant practitioners from EU MS or AC. Depending on the proposal, these practitioners should represent one or several of the following (*): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • critical infrastructure operator • authority responsible for critical infrastructure resilience • civil protection authority • law enforcement or private companies providing security for critical infrastructure
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-02: Security challenges of the green transition in urban/peri urban areas	4	4	RIA	5	3 relevant practitioners from EU MS or AC. Depending on the proposal, these practitioners should represent one or several of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • critical infrastructure operator • authority responsible for critical infrastructure resilience • civil protection authority • safety or security first responders,
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-03: Targeted innovative capabilities for the resilience of critical entities to natural and human-induced disasters, including hybrid scenarios	9	4,5	IA		3 relevant practitioners from EU MS or AC. Depending on the proposal, these practitioners should represent one or several of the following (*): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • critical infrastructure operator • authority responsible for critical infrastructure resilience • civil protection authority • first responders' organisations or agencies • authority in charge of managing NaTech events • law enforcement or private companies providing security for critical infrastructure



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Destination DRS: A Disaster-resilient society for EU



Opening: 06 May 2026

Deadline(s): 05 Nov 2026

Destination - Disaster-Resilient Society for Europe

Topics call-2026	M€ per topic	M€ per grant	ToA	TRL	Min. eligibility conditions
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-01: Designing new ways of risk awareness and enhanced disaster preparedness	6	3	RIA	5	3 organisations from at least 3 different EU MS/AC as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least one CSO • at least one authority in charge of disaster risk • at least one organisation representing local or regional authorities
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-02: Multi-hazard approach and cumulative / cascading impacts	8	4	IA	6	2 authorities in charge of disaster risk or crisis communication and 2 representatives of local or regional authorities in charge of disaster response from at least 3 different EU MS or AC
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-03: Development of innovative tools, processes, equipment and technologies through responses to disasters and emergencies for search and rescue in hazardous conditions	8	4	IA	7-8	2 practitioner organisations (first responders) and 2 medical emergency authorities from at least 3 different EU MS or AC (*)



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Opening: 06 May 2026
 Deadline(s): 05 Nov 2026

Destination - Disaster-Resilient Society for Europe

Topics call-2026	M€ per topic	M€ per grant	ToA	TRL	Min. eligibility conditions
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-04: Open topic on driving innovation uptake of disaster risk solutions	6	3	IA	8	3 first responders or authorities in charge of disaster risk from at least 3 different EU MS or A (*)
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-05: Climate security and civil preparedness – new ways to develop pre- and post-crisis climate-change related scenarios for a more resilient Europe	4,5	4,5	IA	7-8	3 authorities in charge of disaster risk or crisis communication



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Destination SSRI: Strengthened Security Research and Innovation



Opening: 06 May 2026
 Deadline(s): 05 Nov 2026

Destination - Strengthened Security Research and Innovation

Topics call-2026	M€ per topic	M€ per grant	ToA	TRL	Min. eligibility conditions
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-01: Open topic on supporting disruptive technological innovations for civil security	3	1,5	RIA	4-5	2 relevant practitioners and 1 RTO 
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-02: Demand-led innovation in security	5,8	5,8	PCP	6-8	3 practitioners and 3 public procurers from at least 3 different EU MS or AC
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-03: Public procurement of innovation for security	2	2	PPI		3 practitioners and 3 public procurers from at least 3 different EU MS or AC
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-04: Development of ecosystem and next-generation capabilities for a secured European Critical Communication System in civil security	3	3	IA	6-8	3 first responders' organisations (*) 

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Other actions: Cybersecurity



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Opening: 3 March 2026

Deadline(s): 15 September 2026

Call - Increased Cybersecurity

Topics call-2026	M€ per topic	M€ per grant	ToA	Min. eligibility conditions
HORIZON-CL3-2026-02-CS-ECCC-01: Approaches and tools for security in software and hardware development and assessment	20	3-4	RIA	Participation in this topic is limited to legal entities established in MS and AC
HORIZON-CL3-2026-02-CS-ECCC-02: Enhancing the Security, Privacy and Robustness of AI Models and Systems (SecureAI)	21,2	3-4	IA	Participation in this topic is limited to legal entities established in MS and AC
HORIZON-CL3-2027-02-CS-ECCC-03: Advanced cryptographic schemes and High-Assurance high-speed cryptographic implementations	15	2-3	RIA	Participation in this topic is limited to legal entities established in MS and AC

**Specifications of the 'Increased Cybersecurity' call to be launched by ECCC*



Last but not least...



Networking and information events...

https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/networks/ceris-community-european-research-and-innovation-security_en

CERIS - Community for European Research and Innovation for Security



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Registration opened!

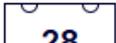
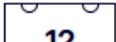
Call for Expression of Interest: CERIS Joint Demonstration Event on detection technologies for customs

Are you a European innovator and have you received EU funding to do research and innovation on possible future security detection equipment? This CERIS Joint Demonstration Event is a great opportunity to showcase potential, mid-to high Technology Readiness Level (TRL) innovation to members of the Customs Authorities and Law Enforcement Authorities from Europe. This event will be organised in Geel, Belgium, on 17-19 June and will allow presentations to members of the European Customs Authorities and Law Enforcement Authorities of European prototype innovative solutions for border/customs detection capabilities developed or being developed from EU-funded research and innovation on border management within the EU Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation. The deadline to apply is 16 March 2026.

 11	date	17/06/2026 - 19/06/2026
	venue	Geel, Belgium
	Registration	ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CERISdemo20...

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CERISdemo2026>

Registration opened!

 28 APR 2026	Training and workshops CERIS Workshop on innovative approaches to combating the trafficking of goods
 12 MAR 2026	Training and workshops CERIS workshop on Innovation uptake on wildfire preparedness

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Programming for all 2026!

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CERIS events 2026

CERIS and CERIS-supported events (tbc):

- **3 March** National Contact Points Day, **4 March** Info Day for Cluster 3,
- **5-6 March** Borderless Border Management (Narva, Estonia),
- **12 March** Wildfire Prevention,
- **28 April** Combatting the Trafficking of goods and illegal transactions,
- **5-6 May** Combatting drugs,
- **19-21 May** CBRN event (Arcachon, France),
- **15-17 June** Innovative detection technologies (Geel, Belgium),
- **30 June-2 July** Disaster Resilient Societies Days,
- **15 September** CERIS biometrics event at EAB week (Darmstadt, Germany),
- **29-30 September** Uptake workshop,
- **20-21 October** Critical Infrastructure event,
- **2nd half November**, Disaster Resilient Societies Days (Germany),
- **8-10 December** The Hub event and CERIS expert group annual meeting

<https://eu.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=200295816&language=eng>



You are kindly invited to register for the **Info Day – Horizon Europe Cluster 3**, taking place on **4 March 2026** in Brussels.

Meeting venue

Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre

Avenue du Boulevard 17

1210 Brussels

SMI2G

Security Mission Information & Innovation Group

2026 Brokerage event
23 & 24 April

Conseil régional d'Île-de-France (Paris / St-Ouen-sur-Seine)

Save-the-date!

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