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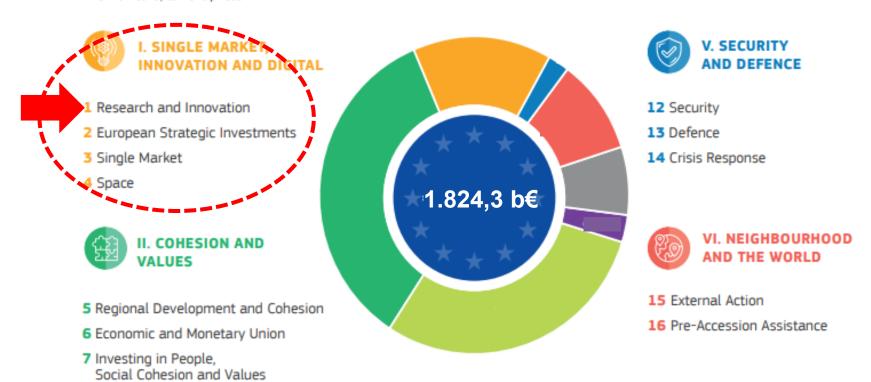


Recordem...

...Ón trobem Horizon Europe dins el pressupost de la Unió (MFF 2021-2027)

THE NEW MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK 2021 - 2027
A BUDGET FOR A UNION THAT PROTECTS, EMPOWERS AND DEFENDS

In billion euro, current prices





- 8 Agriculture and Maritime Policy
- 9 Environment and Climate Action



- 10 Migration
- 11 Border Management

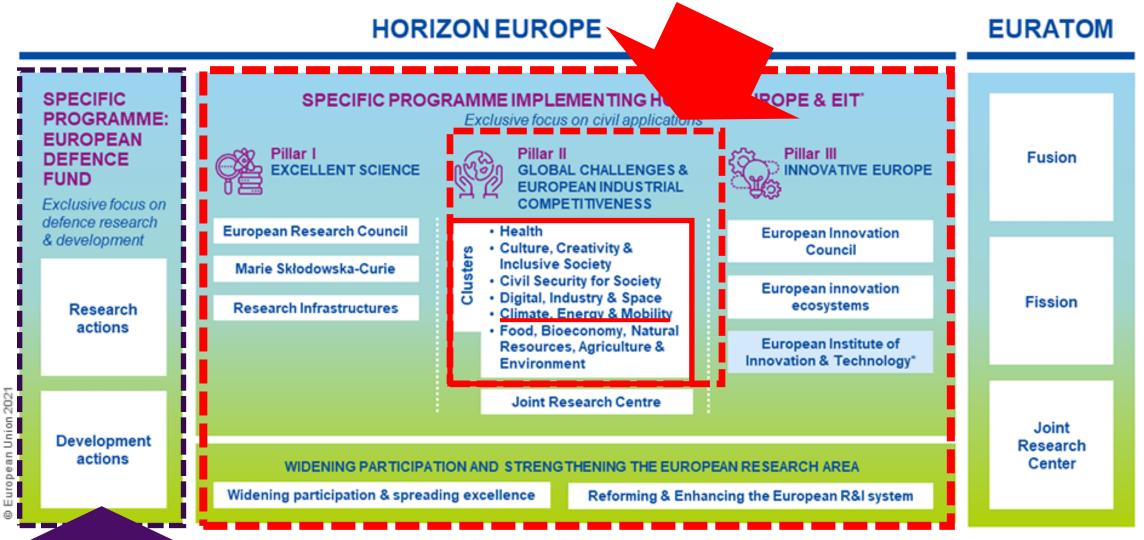


VII. EUROPEAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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Horizon Europe: An evolution, not a revolution?



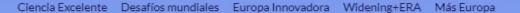
* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme

Attention: R&I in technologies applied in the defense domain...





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Horizonte Europa: Programa Marco de Investigación e Innovación

¿Qué es?



Webinar "A Successful Proposal For Horizon Europe: Scientific-Technical Excellence Is Key, But Don't Forget The Other Aspects

La Comisión Europea organiza un nuevo seminario para er sobre cómo prepar Seguridad Civil para la Sociedad

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Where to find the drafts WPs 2026-27...

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The Horizon Papers

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Horizon Europe

Science | Business is publishing the Commission's sector-by-sector plans for its Horizon Europe programme Science | Business Reporting

2026-27 Work Programmes

- Cluster 1 Health: April 2025, May 2025, June 2025
- . Cluster 2 Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society: workshop destination 1, workshop destination 2, workshop destination 3, April 2025, presentation (May 2025), July 2025
- Cluster 3 Civil security for society: May 2025, June 2025
- Cluster 4 Digital, industry, space: industry (May 2025), industry bis (May 2025), space (May 2025), May 2025, July 2025
- Cluster 5 Climate, energy and mobility: draft orientations (February 2025), May 2025, August 2025
- Cluster 6 Food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment: undated initial draft, May 2025, July 2025
- Widening: February 2025, March 2025, May 2025, June 2025
- · Research infrastructures: draft orientations (February 2025), July 2025
- Missions: January 2025, climate adaptation (February 2025), July 2025
- European Innovation Council: June 2025
- European Innovation Ecosystems: June 2025
- New European Bauhaus Facility: July 2025
- European Research Area: February 2025



On this page, you can find the draft Horizon Europe work programmes 2026-27, and the drafting history for the work programmes for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. These are the documents that spell out the research topics, timing and budgets the European Commission plans.

For a long time, the Commission kept the work programme drafting process behind closed doors. But the drafts would leak from the Commission to research offices around Europe, most often into the hands of those closest to the policymaking process, giving them an unfair advantage in the preparation for funding calls.





Where to find the drafts WPs 2026-27...





Horizonte Europa: nuevo Programa Marco de la UE

La Comisión Europea publica los borradores de los Programas de Trabajo 2026-2027 de Horizonte Europa





https://www.horizonteeuropa.es/la-comision-europeapublica-los-borradores-de-los-programas-de-trabajo-2026-2027-de-horizonte



La Comisión Europea publica los borradores de los Programas de Trabajo 2026-2027 de Horizonte Europa

La Comisión Europea (CE) ha publicado en el registro de comitología los borradores de los Programas de Trabajo (WP) para los dos últimos años de Horizonte Europa.

Los borradores sirven para prepararse con antelación de cara a convocatorias de propuestas futuras, pero es muy importante tener en cuenta que se trata de documentos provisior Únicamente serán válidos, y tendrán valor legal, los documentos que se publiquen en el "EU Funding and Tenders Portal" una vez adoptados por la CE. Por ese motivo es posible que a en su descripción o alcance, o se añadan nuevos elementos, así como ajustes en los presupuestos o fechas de apertura y cierre de las convocatorias de propuestas.

A continuación incluimos los enlaces a los documentos disponibles:

Introducción general (NUEVO)

Draft Implementing Decision - Horizon Europe 'main' work prorgramme 2026/2027 - Part 1 General Introduction - version 2 01/10/2025

· Clúster 1: Salud (nueva versión)

Draft Implementing Decision - Work Programme 2026-2027 - Part 4 - Health - version 3 of 20/06/2025

Clúster 2 - Cultura, Creatividad y Sociedad Inclusiva

Draft Implementing Decision - Work Programme 2026-2027 part 5. Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society - version 2 of 7 July 2025

Clúster 3: Seguridad civil para la sociedad

Draft Implementing Decision - Work Programme 2026-2027 - Part 6 - Civil Security for Society - version 3

Clúster 4 - Digital, Industria y Espacio (nueva versión)

Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-27 - Part 7. Digital, Industry and Space - version 3 - 14 07 2025

Clúster 5 - Clima, Energía y Movilidad (NUEVA versión)

Draft Work programme 2026-2027 - Part 8. Climate, Energy and Mobility - Version 4 of date 10/10/2025

Clúster 6 - Alimentación, Bioeconomía, Recursos Naturales, Agricultura y Medioambiente (NUEVA versión)

Draft Implementing Decision - Work Programme 2026-2027 - Part 9. Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment v. 4 of 30/09/2025

Misiones UE (NUEVA versión)

Draft Implementing Decision - Horizon Europe 'main' work programme 2026/2027 - part 12 Missions - version 4 01/10/25

Nueva Bauhaus Europea (NUEVA versión)

Draft Implementing Decision - Horizon Europe 'main' work programme 2026-2027 - part 13 New European Bauhaus Facility (NEB) and Horizontal Activities-version 4 01/10/2025

Anexos generales (NUEVO)

Draft Implementing Decision - Horizon Europe 'main' work programme 2026/2027- Part 15 General Annexes - version 2 01/10/2025

Consejo Europeo de Investigación

https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/comitology-register/screen/documents/108197/1/consult?lang=en

Consejo Europeo de Innovación 2026 (nueva versión)

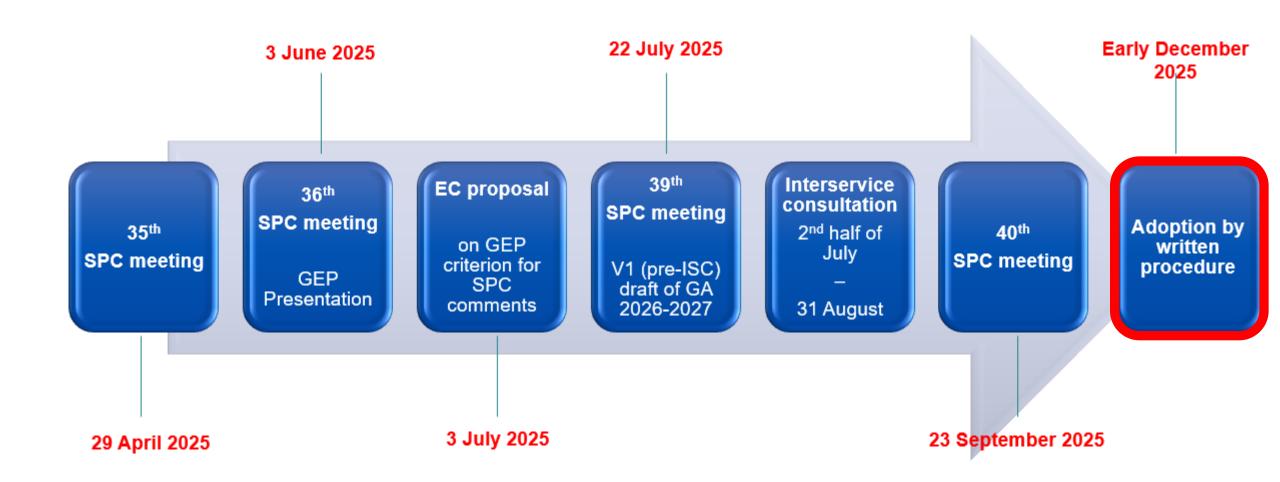
Draft Commission implementing Decision-Work Programme 2026 - European Innovation Council (EIC)

. Reforzar el Espacio Europeo de Investigación y Ampliar la participación (WIDERA)





Timeline for publication of the WPs 2026-2027 documents...





Upcoming info days



Info days

Horizon Europe - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks 2024 -Coordinators' Information Day

- Thursday 13 November 2025, 09:30 12:30 (CET)
- Online only
- (+) Live streaming available





Info days

Horizon Europe info days - Cluster 6

- Thursday 22 January 2026, 09:00 Friday 23 January 2026, 18:00 (CET)
- Brussels, Belgium
- (+) Live streaming available





Before starting...

Remider of the current types of projects & funding instruments in Horizon Europe



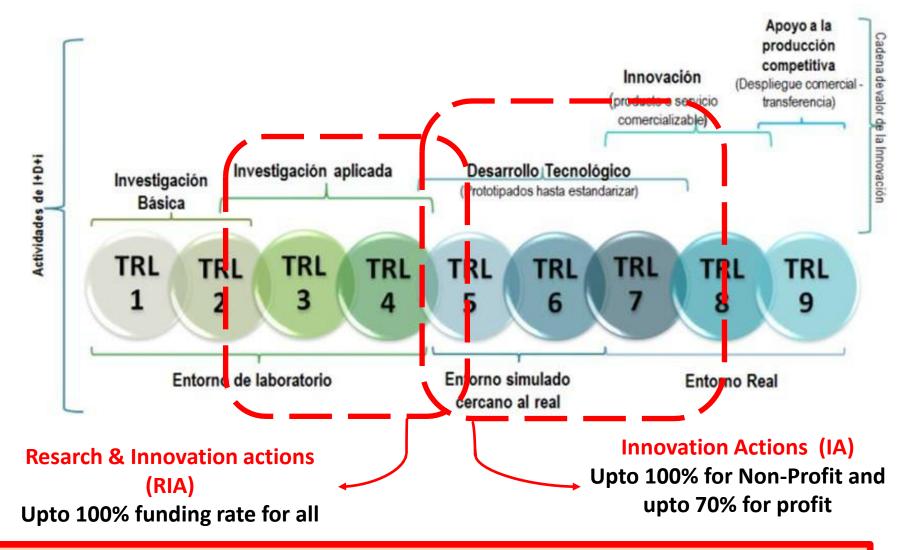


Types of actions...

- □ Research and innovation action (RIA) → Activities aiming primarily to establish new knowledge and/or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution. This may include basic and applied research, technology development and integration, testing, demonstration and validation on a small-scale prototype in a laboratory or simulated environment.
 - ✓ Min. 3 entities from 3 different MS or AC (at least 1 MS)
 - ✓ All beneficiaries are funded 100%
- □ Innovation action (IA) → Activities directly aimed at producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services, possibly including prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication.
 - ✓ Min. 3 entities from 3 different MS or AC (at least 1 MS)
 - ✓ Non-profit beneficiaries are funded 100% but, for-profit beneficiaries are 70% funded
- □ Coordination and support action (CSA) → Activities contributing to the objectives of the Horizon Europe programme, excluding research and innovation activities.
 - → Events, dialogues, good practices, policy studies,...
 - ✓ Min. 1 entities from 1 MS and all beneficiaries are funded 100%



... and regarding their Technology Readiness Level (TRL)



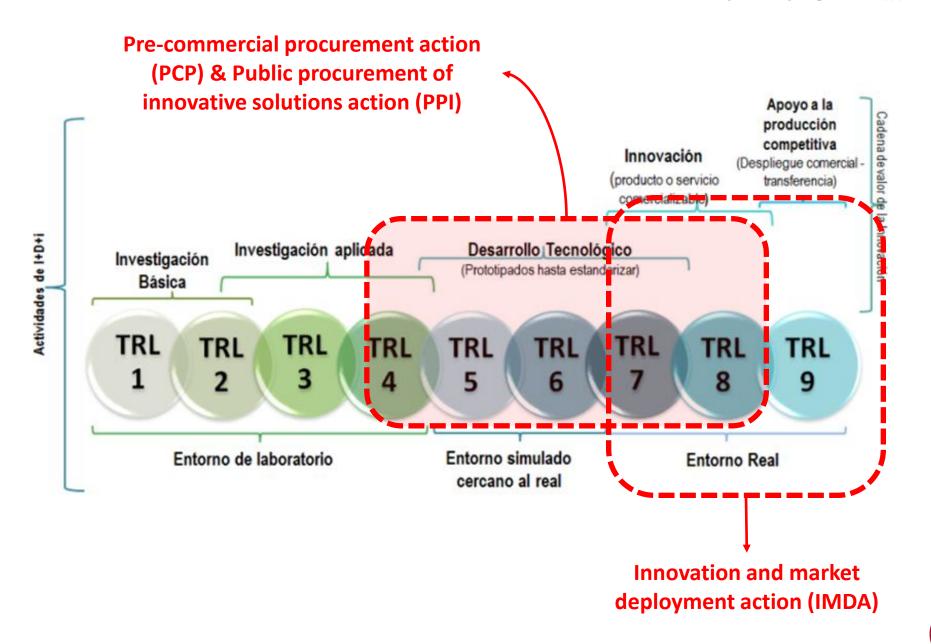
ATTENTION: In all these schemes, and for all sort of partners in your consortium, you will get 25% additional INDIRECT COSTS



Only, but also...

- □ Programme co-fund action (CoFund) → They may support networking and coordination, research, innovation, pilot actions, and innovation and market deployment actions, training and mobility actions, awareness raising and communication, dissemination and exploitation, any relevant financial support, such as grants, prizes, procurement, as well as Horizon Europe blended finance or a combination thereof.
- □ Innovation and market deployment action (IMDA) → Activities embedding an innovation action and other activities necessary to deploy an innovation in the market, including the scaling-up of companies, providing Horizon Europe blended finance (a mix of grant-type funding and private finance). → EIC actions!!!!
- ☐ Training and mobility action (TMA) → Activities geared towards the improvement of skills, knowledge and career prospects of researchers based on mobility between countries, and, if relevant, between sectors or disciplines.
- □ Pre-commercial procurement action (PCP) & Public procurement of innovative solutions action (PPI) → Public entities with capacity for public tendering of tehcnologies, services and innovative products that you cannot find in the market.

Within the TRL...





Who can participate in these COLLABORATIVE projects?

ANY organisation (PUBLIC or PRIVATE) can participate as a partner or coordinator, receiving <u>upto</u> 100% funding... → FOR PUBLIC is ALWAYS 100% funded

In general, the MINIMUM in the CONSORTIUM are 3 partners from <u>3 MMSS or Associated Countries</u> (out of them, AT LEAST 1 comes from a MMSS)

EU Member States (27) ATTENTION to EXCLUSIONS!!! **Associated Countries (16+1)** Albania Armenia Bosnia & Herzegovina Faroe Islands Georgia Iceland Israel The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* Republic of Moldova Montenegro **Norway** Serbia Tunisia Turkey

Morocco.... AND UK (only pilar-II), Canada & New Zealand... as well Korea & Egypt!

Ukraine



https://ec.europa.eu/info/fundingtenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rdcountry-participation_horizon-

euratom en.pdf

List of Participating Countries in Horizon Europe

Third countries associated to Horizon Europe

Association to Horizon Europe is governed by the Horizon Europe Regulation 2021/695¹. Legal entities from associated countries can participate under equivalent conditions as legal entities from the EU Member States, unless specific limitations or conditions are laid down in the work programme and/or call/topic text. Such measures could include the limitation of participation in certain actions to legal entities established in the EU alone, or in the EU and specified non-EU countries, in order to safeguard the EU's strategic assets, interests, autonomy or security. Limitations or conditions may also be attached to the participation of legal entities established in an eligible country but which are controlled directly or indirectly by an ineligible country². The eligibility will be clearly defined in the work programme. There could also be criteria on the place of lishment of the legal entity to take into account specific policy requirements or the e and objectives of the action³.

teen non-EU countries associated to the previous programme, Horizon 2020, have xpressed interest to become associated to Horizon Europe. Other third countries have also expressed an interest in association.

The association agreements with the following countries have now started to produce legal effects (either through provisional application or their entry into force) (listed in alphabetical order):

- 1. Albania
- 2. Armenia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Canada (associated to Pillar II 'Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness', including for the institutionalised European partnerships, and for award procedures implementing Union budget for the year 2024 and onwards)
- Faroe Islands
- 6. Georgia
- 7. Iceland
- 8. Israel
- 9. Kosovo⁴
- 10. Moldova
- 11. Montenegro
- New Zealand (associated to Pillar II 'Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness' as from the Work Programmes 2023 onwards, including for the institutionalised European partnerships)
- 13. North Macedonia

14. Norway

- Republic of Korea (associated to Pillar II 'Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness', including for the institutionalised European partnerships, for award procedures implementing Union budget for the year 2025 and onwards)
- 16. Serbia
- 17. Tunisia
- 18. Türkiye
- 19. Ukraine
- United Kingdom (associated to the entire Programme, with the only exception of the EIC fund⁵, for award procedures implementing Union budget for the year 2024 and onwards⁶)

Until association agreements start producing legal effects either through provisional application or their entry into force, transitional arrangements may apply if provided for in the particular Horizon Europe Work Programme. The transitional arrangements apply with regard to the following countries and legal entities established in these countries, with which association negotiations are being processed or where association is imminent (listed in the alphabetical order):

- Egypt (applicable to the entire Programme for award procedures implementing Union budget for the year 2025 and onwards)
- 2. Morocco (applicable for the entire Programme)
- Switzerland (applicable to calls under the ERC Work Programme 2024 with opening date after 18 March 2024 and applicable to the entire Programme for award procedures implementing Union budget for the year 2025 and onwards)

Liechtenstein does not intend to associate to Horizon Europe.

This list will be updated to reflect the status of the negotiations for association.





Who can **NOT** participate in these collaborative projects? Limitations continue in 2025 regarding the so called "High risk suppliers"...

Since 14th - Mar-2024

[...] New eligibility condition devised to prevent the participation of "high risk supplier entities" in actions that are relevant to the development of technologies linked to the evolution of European communication networks.

This new eligibility condition, based on **article 22(6)** of the Horizon Europe regulation [...]. → https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/communication-commission-implementation-5g-cybersecurity-toolbox

The protection of European communication networks has been identified as an important security interest of the Union and its Member States and the development of future network technologies and European capacities in this area by leveraging the EU research and innovation framework programme is seen as a strategic risk mitigation measure. This entails the need to avoid the participation of "high-risk supplier entities" in the development of technologies linked to the evolution of European communication networks to prevent technology transfer and the persistence of dependencies.

Following in-depth discussions within the Commission and with Member State representatives in the Horizon Europe strategic programme committee, this new eligibility condition will be inserted in the General Annexes of the amended 2023-2024 Horizon Europe work programme. [...] A specific topic condition, namely "Subject to restrictions for the protection of European communication networks", will also be added to those upcoming actions in the various work programme parts that have been identified by Commission services as being relevant for this new eligibility condition.

As a result, "high risk supplier entities" will not be eligible to participate within the topics where the following sentence appears:

Eligibility	The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following
conditions	exceptions apply:
	The following exceptions <u>apply:</u> subject to restrictions for the protection of European communication networks.



Additional restrictions on China participation

Extension of restrictions to RIAs - Article 22 (6) Horizon Europe

• Unless otherwise stated, legal entities established in China are not eligible to participate in *any* Horizon Europe **Research and Innovation Action (RIA)**.

Restrictions on control in IAs in critical technology areas – Article 22 (5) Horizon Europe

- In the **specific call/topic conditions** of the Horizon Europe Work Programme.
- Four technological areas: advanced semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence (AI), quantum technologies and biotechnologies.
- Entities established in a Member State, Associated Country or in an eligible third country.

Restriction of the participation of **Chinese universities linked to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT)** – *Article 22(6) Horizon Europe*

Three cumulative conditions:

- Universities (higher education establishments) established in China
- Public bodies
- Administered by or fall under the supervision of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT)

Few words on your consortium...

- □ Partners with critical mass
 □ Complementary roles
 □ Avoiding duplications... or very well justified (i.e., same technology tested in different
- ☐ Partners with not necessary previous experience but, really committed to their tasks!

geographical areas, under different environmental conditions).

□ Consortium made of partners with good knowledge of their sector, including SMEs, citizen & consumers associations, ONGs, end-users, public administration (local/regional)...



Opportunities within the clusters...





Cluster-5 "Climate, <u>Energy</u> and Mobility"



Specific Impact for Cluster-5...

Specific Impacts of Cluster-5:

[...] Actions will **support the implementation of the Paris Agreement**, the European **Green Deal** (greater ambition for 2030 requires faster technological development and accelerated economic and societal transformation); [...]

Achieving deep decarbonisation of the energy and transport sectors and decoupling their environmental impacts from economic growth is crucial. [...]





Estructure of Cluster-5...

- Destination 1 Climate Sciences and Responses (CSR)
- Destination 2 Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition
- Destination 3 Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply -2021-2024
- Destination 4 Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use
- Destination 5 Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes
- Destination 6 Safe Resilient Transport and Smart Mobility services for passengers and goods





HORIZON-CL5-2026-03-D3-23: AI-driven forecasting algorithms for Grid and

Consumer friendly Energy Sharing - Societal Readiness pilot

Opening: 18 Dec 2025

Call: Cluster 5 Call 03-2026 (WP2026-2027)

Deadline(s): 31 Mar 2026

Specific conditions			
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 6.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.		
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 12.00 million.		
Type of Action	Innovation Actions		
Eligibility conditions	The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply: If projects use satellite-based earth observation, positioning, navigation and/or related timing data and services, beneficiaries must make use of Copernicus and/or Galileo/EGNOS (other data and services may additionally be used).		
Technology Readiness Level	Activities are expected to achieve TRL 6-8 by the end of the project – see General Annex B. Activities may start at any TRL.		
Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements	The rules are described in General Annex G. The following exceptions apply: Eligible costs will take the form of a lump sum as defined in the Decision of 7 July 2021 authorising the use of lump sum contributions under the Horizon Europe Programme – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027) – and in actions under the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2021-2025) ¹⁸⁵ .		

Expected Outcome: Projects are expected to contribute to all the following expected outcomes:

- · Develop and test AI-driven forecasting algorithms that use machine learning processes to optimise the value of collective self-consumption through energy sharing for communities and citizens
- · Upscale AI tools and models for grid balancing and forecasting to ensure consumer participation in a distributed energy system.
- · Analysis of social interactions using advanced methods like game-theoretic models to highlight the role of active consumers and communities in energy systems.
- · Deeper understanding of the needs and concerns of diverse social groups involved in or potentially affected by the R&I development of the technology, thereby increasing the potential for beneficial societal uptake and building trust in results and outcomes.
- · Improvement of operation and maintenance of the grid and distributed assets.







This topic requires the involvement of SSH experts in the consortium!

HORIZON-CL5-2026-09-D4-04: Validating policies and business models for affordable and sustainable housing (Built4People Partnership)

Opening: 05 May 2026 Call: Cluster 5 Call 09-2026 (WP2026-2027) Deadline(s): 15 Sep 2026 Specific conditions Expected EU The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 5.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. contribution per Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a project proposal requesting different amounts. The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 15.00 million. Indicative budget Type of Action Research and Innovation Actions LUMP-SUM

- Better understanding of the factors and interdependencies that influence levels of renovation of rental properties in the affordable housing sector;
- Increased number of policy makers revise policies, regulations, instruments and business
 models to increase the rate of renovation of rental properties in the affordable housing
 sector.



More detail and information on the 3 focus areas









Energy poverty

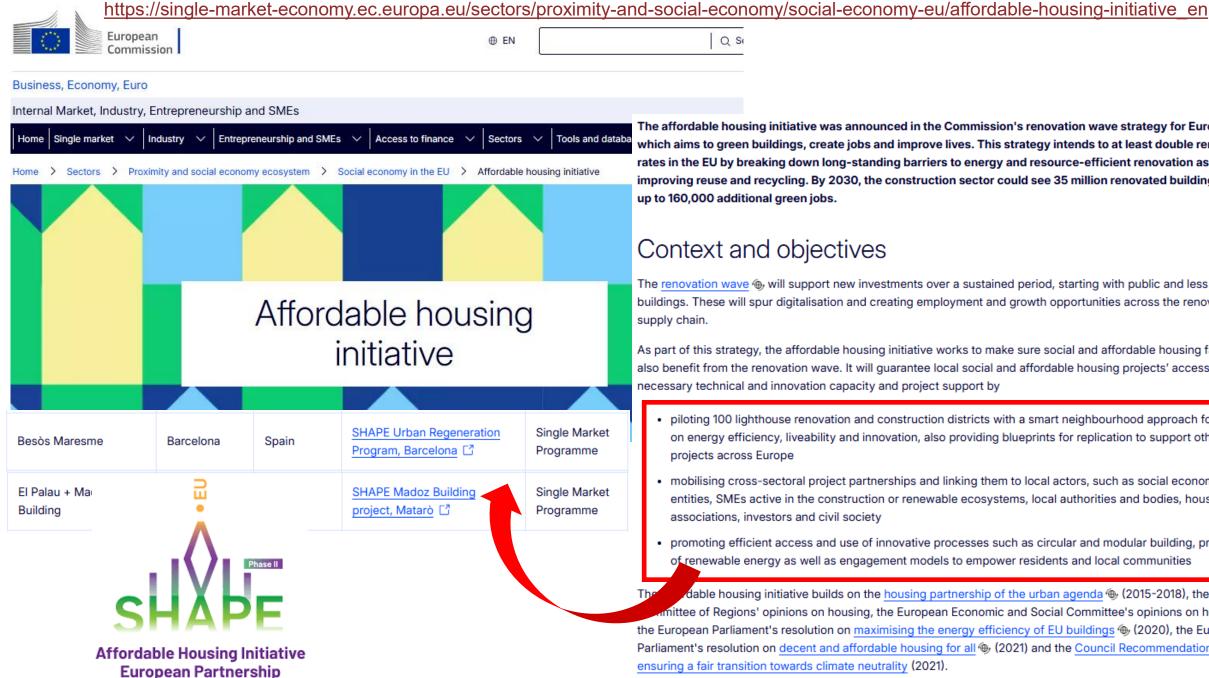
Renovation of public buildings

Heating and cooling

<u>Scope</u>: The Renovation Wave strategy sets out measures across the whole renovation chain that aim to increase the rate and depth of renovations. One of the key principles for housing renovation towards 2030 and 2050 is affordability, i.e. making energy efficient, comfortable, healthy, sustainable and climate-resilient buildings widely available, in particular for medium and lower-income households and vulnerable people and areas. A better understanding of the impact of current policy frameworks on the affordable housing sector and on energy poverty is needed.

Proposals are expected to address all of the following:

- Research the effectiveness and implications of existing policies at different levels of governance (from local to European), regulations, support instruments and business models on the renovation and provision of rental properties in the affordable housing sector.
- Validate a methodology for comparing the affordability of different types of rented properties located in different local housing markets, with different climate conditions, and for different demographic groups, including vulnerable ones;
- Design and validate new or improved solutions (policies, regulations, support instruments and/or business models) that improve affordability while still meeting decarbonisation targets for the housing sector. Quantify the effects of those solutions on the cost of a 'deep renovation' of rental properties in the affordable housing sector, considering the scale of the renovation (e.g. small multi-apartment buildings, large multi-apartment buildings; groups of buildings) and the type of governance and ownership models.



The affordable housing initiative was announced in the Commission's renovation wave strategy for Europe, which aims to green buildings, create jobs and improve lives. This strategy intends to at least double renovation rates in the EU by breaking down long-standing barriers to energy and resource-efficient renovation as well as improving reuse and recycling. By 2030, the construction sector could see 35 million renovated buildings and up to 160,000 additional green jobs.

Context and objectives

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The renovation wave , will support new investments over a sustained period, starting with public and less efficient buildings. These will spur digitalisation and creating employment and growth opportunities across the renovation supply chain.

As part of this strategy, the affordable housing initiative works to make sure social and affordable housing facilities also benefit from the renovation wave. It will guarantee local social and affordable housing projects' access to necessary technical and innovation capacity and project support by

- piloting 100 lighthouse renovation and construction districts with a smart neighbourhood approach focused on energy efficiency, liveability and innovation, also providing blueprints for replication to support other projects across Europe
- mobilising cross-sectoral project partnerships and linking them to local actors, such as social economy entities, SMEs active in the construction or renewable ecosystems, local authorities and bodies, housing associations, investors and civil society
- promoting efficient access and use of innovative processes such as circular and modular building, production of renewable energy as well as engagement models to empower residents and local communities

dable housing initiative builds on the housing partnership of the urban agenda 🖦 (2015-2018), the mittee of Regions' opinions on housing, the European Economic and Social Committee's opinions on housing, the European Parliament's resolution on maximising the energy efficiency of EU buildings @ (2020), the European Parliament's resolution on decent and affordable housing for all (a) (2021) and the Council Recommendation on ensuring a fair transition towards climate neutrality (2021).



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El Palau + Madoz Building	Matarò	Spain	SHAPE Madoz Building project, Matarò ☐	Single Market Programme

Aiming high

In Phase II - from 2024 to 2026 - we will...

Support 35 Lighthouse Districts across Europe to showcase innovative housing renovations, providing tangible examples of success.

Host practical workshops to enable direct exchanges of best practices and solutions.

Offer tallored seminars for public, cooperative, and social housing providers, SMEs, and local authorities, focusing on integrated housing strategies.



Organise study visits to EU neighbourhoods, demonstrating effective technologies and methodologies.

Deliver online classes and weblnars on renovation techniques, financing, and energy efficiency for EU experts.

Engage the renovation community in-person and online to exchange knowledge.

Stay informed

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The Accelerator Programme of the Affordable Housing Initiative - the point of reference for a New Housing Paradigm

Transforming and creating neighbourhoods that are inclusive, energy-efficient, and environmentally sustainable while ensuring affordability remains at the core.

Barcelona



https://shape-affordablehousing.eu/what-will-we-do-what-happened-in-phase-i/

https://housing.ec.europa.eu/affordable-housing-dialogue en



The Affordable Housing Dialogue

To prepare the first ever European Affordable Housing Plan, the Commission is carrying out an Affordable Housing Dialogue throughout 2025. The scope is to collect knowledge and data from stakeholders across Member States.

Get the overview of what to expect and how to participate here.

12 May - 4 June 2025

Closed for feedback: Call for evidence

313 stakeholders and citizens have contributed to the **call for evidence** that closed 4 June 2025. It will help outline the Commission's intended approach to the European Affordable housing Plan.

30 June 2025

2025

Upcoming

Kick-off meeting of the Housing Advisory Board

The Housing Advisory Board is an expert group tasked with providing concrete, independent policy recommendations for the Commission to consider in preparing the European Affordable Housing Plan. Over 200 qualified individuals applied for the 15 seats on the board, underscoring the significant interest and commitment towards tackling the challenges of affordable housing.

11 July 2025 - 17 October

Closed for feedback: Public consultation

The Commission launched a public consultation, aiming at collecting views from general public and experts on possible policy solutions.

The European Affordable Housing Plan

Based on the input from the dialogue, the Commission will present the European Affordable Housing Plan.



https://www.europarl.europa.eu/committee s/en/hous/home/highlights

European Parliament

Special committee on the Housing Crisis in the European Union



Public Hearing on Tourism, Short-Term Rentals and Housing Affordability

05-11-2025 - 09:20 HOUS

On 4 November 2025, the HOUS Special Committee held a public hearing entitled "Tourism, Short-Term Rentals and Housing Affordability: Balancing Economic Growth with Housing Accessibility in Europe.



Public Hearing Housing Challenges for Young Europeans

05-11-2025 - 09:20 HOUS

On 4 November 2025, in the afternoon, the HOUS Special Committee held a public hearing entitled "Housing Challenges for Young Europeans: Student Accommodation, Youth Emancipation and Talent Retention in the EU".







Dynamics in the housing crisis: Vulnerable groups, short-term rentals & construction

05-11-2025 - 09:19 HOUS

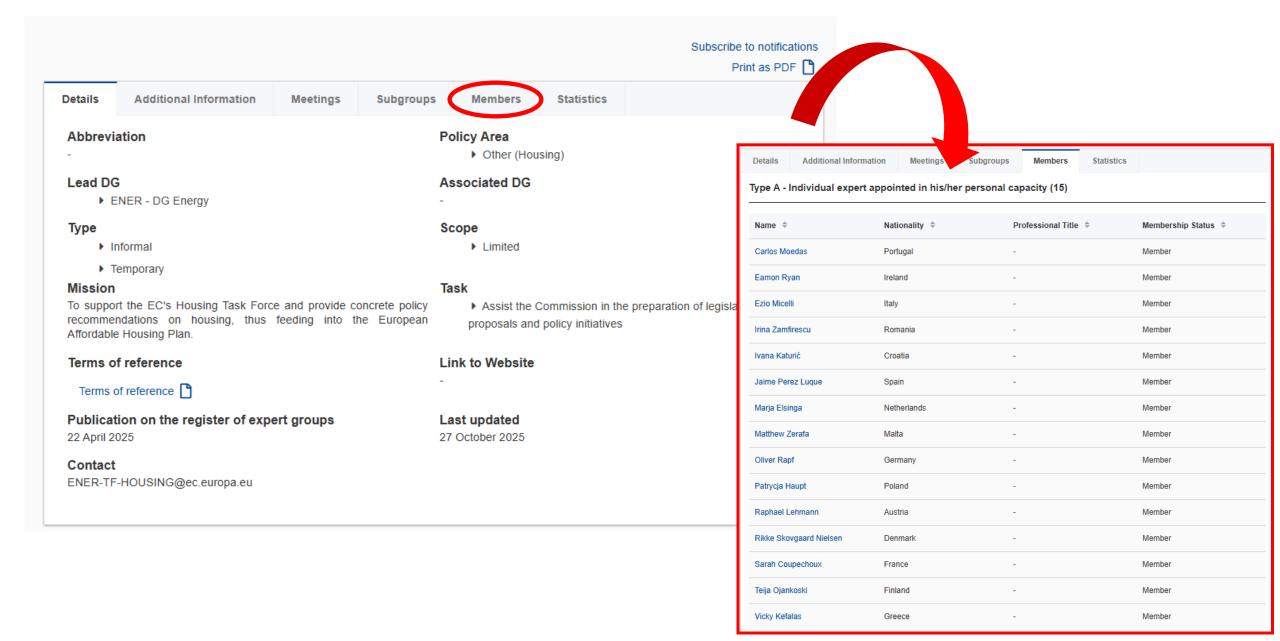
The workshop on dynamics in the housing crisis, looking specifically at vulnerable groups, short-term rentals, and construction and renovation, took place on Monday 3 November during the HOUS Committee meeting.





https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/expert-groups/consult?lang=en&groupID=3986



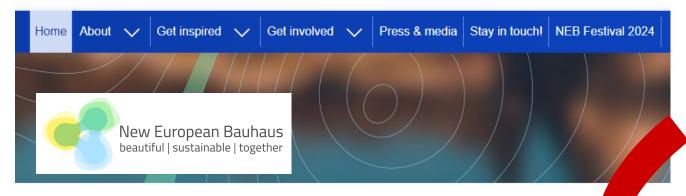


Parallel initiatives...





New European Bauhaus



beautiful | sustainable | together

The **New European Bauhaus (NEB)** is an EU policy and funding initiative launched by the European Commission in 2021 that fosters sustainable solutions for transforming the built environment and lifestyles under the green transition.

It is looking for solutions that are not only **sustainable**, but also **inclusive** and **beautiful**, while respecting the diversity of places, traditions, and cultures in Europe and beyond.

The New European Bauhaus works by

- engaging people at a grassroots level, focusing on neighbourhoods
- providing tools and guidance
- · offering tailor-made solutions for different communities
- · incorporating the views of various stakeholders into the process of design and implementation
- prioritising people and social inclusion but also the economy to boost competitiveness and EU strategic autonomy

https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/index_en

Dashboard

The dashboard is a dynamic interactive map showing information on New European Bauhaus (NEB) projects and key actors across Europe and beyond. The map evolves as the NEB community continues to grow.



What can I find on the dashboard?

The New European Bauhaus is about supporting those who make change happen through their work and about encouraging others to bring their ideas to life. On the dashboard you can see many entities and projects of the NEB community:

- · NEB projects benefiting from EU funds
- · Projects and ideas that have won NEB prizes
- · NEB partners and friends
- · NEB high-level roundtable members

Architectural Masterpieces in the Cinquantenaire Park







The Caterpillar

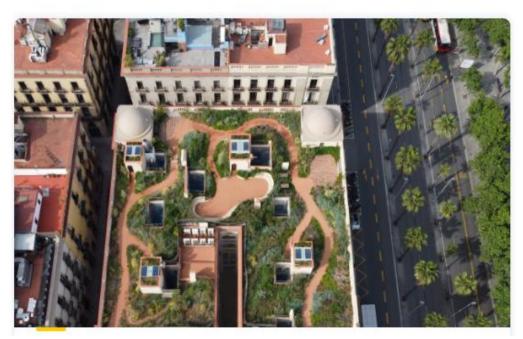
The Portable City

The Bamboo Trilix Pavilion

PROJECT

Xifré's Rooftop: Floating Wild Garden

When a heritage building rooftop renovation meets biodiversity, social interaction & self-sufficiency, a project like Xifré's Rooftop: Floating Wild Garden is born.



Reference Prizes 2021, Award Winner

Project locations Barcelona, Spain





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HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-01: Addressing homelessness through housing-led approaches aligned with the New European Bauhaus	12.90	Around 4.30	3
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-02: Creative experimentation with architectural-, spatial planning- and design-based approaches for the green transition in neighbourhoods	10.50	Around 3.50	3
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-03: Understanding inhabitant's experience Opening: 05 May 2026 their health and well-being Deadline(s): 01 Dec 2026	15.00	Around 5.00	3
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-REGEN-01: Sustainable, inclusive and beautiful solutions for thermal comfort in buildings inspired by vernacular knowledge, bioclimatic design and frugal innovation	12.00	Around 4.00	3
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-REGEN-02: Advancing sustainable maintenance and repair strategies for existing buildings	10.00	Around 5.00	2
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-REGEN-03: Sustainable and creative solutions for vertical space use	15.00	Around 5.00	3
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-01: Structurally addressing homelessness through integrated social infrastructure and services in neighbourhoods	10.50	Around 3.50	3
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-02: Addressing capital market failures towards increased investment in New European Bauhaus projects in neighbourhoods	7.00	Around 3.50	2
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-03: New approaches for turning vacant, obsolete and underutilised sites, buildings, and infrastructures into thriving community spaces	9.00	Around 4.50	2



HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-REGEN-01: Sustainable, inclusive, affordable and beautiful solutions for thermal comfort in buildings

Call: Beautiful, inclusive and sustainable neighbourhoods for communities				
Specific conditions				
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 4.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.			
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 12.00 million.			
Type of Action	Innovation Actions			
Technology Readiness Level	Activities are expected to achieve TRL 5-7 by the end of the project – see General Annex B. Activities may start at any TRL.			
Legal and financial set-up of the Grant	The rules are described in General Annex G. The following exceptions apply:			
Agreements	Eligible costs will take the form of a lump sum as defined in the Decision of 7 July 2021 authorising the use of lump sum contributions under the Horizon Europe Programme – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027) – and in actions under the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy			
LUMP-SUM	Community (2021-2025) ⁶¹ .			



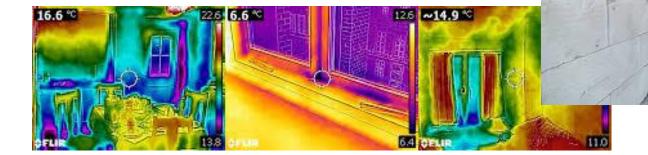
Opening: 05 May 2026

Deadline(s): 01 Dec 2026

Examples...

Proposals are expected to address all of the following:

- Develop and demonstrate at least two solutions for achieving thermal comfort in buildings based on vernacular principles, nature-based solutions, bioclimatic design and/or frugal innovation. Demonstrate the two solutions on new and/or existing buildings – including at least one cultural heritage building – located in at least two different climatic zones.
- Evaluate the reduction in life cycle energy use and costs as well as the improvement in affordability compared to solutions currently on the market.
- Ensure the accessibility of the solution to vulnerable groups and the aesthetic appeal of the solutions developed.
- Identify barriers hindering the implementation, scalability and replicability of the proposed solutions, including regulatory aspects, and provide recommendations and guidance to overcome them.





And finally, the MISSIONS...







The R&I Missions

R&I Missions

Connecting to citizens: Missions will relate EU's research and innovation to society and citizens' needs, with strong visibility and impact

A mission will consist of a portfolio of actions intended to achieve a bold and inspirational as well as measurable goal within a set timeframe, with impact for science and technology, society and citizens that goes beyond individual actions

Horizon Europe proposal defines mission characteristics and criteria

Specific missions will be **co-designed with Member States**, **stakeholders and citizens** and programmed within the Global Challenges and Industrial Competitiveness pillar (drawing on inputs from other pillars)

About 10% Budget of Pillar-II will be devoted to Missions + MMSS contributions & other programmes, initiatives or sources!



Áreas para misiones, que empezaron en 2021...

Adaptation to climate change, including societal transformation



Healthy oceans, seas, coastal and inland waters



Mission areas



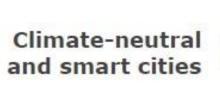
Cancer



Developing new urban planning and design practices to enable transition to sustainability, resilient, climate neutral and human centred solutions.



Large scale pilots acting as demonstrators for deployment of R&I and off the shelf solutions in lead European cities and districts.







Soil health and food





What are EU Missions?

EU Missions are a new way to bring concrete solutions to some of our greatest challenges. They have ambitious goals and will deliver concrete results by 2030.

The 5 EU Missions are:

- Adaptation to Climate Change: support at least 150 European regions and communities to become climate resilient by 2030 @,
- 2. Cancer: working with Europe's Beating Cancer Plan to improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030 through prevention, cure and solutions to live longer and better ,
- 3. Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030 @
- 4. 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030 @,
- A Soil Deal for Europe: 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030 6.

They put research and innovation into a new role, combined with new forms of governance and collaboration, as well as by engaging citizens.

EU Missions are a novelty of the Horizon Europe research and innovation programme for the years 2021-2027.

They support Commission priorities, such as the <u>European Green Deal</u> , <u>Europe fit for the Digital Age</u>, <u>Beating Cancer</u> , and the <u>New European Bauhaus</u> , For instance, Mission Climate is a concrete element of the new <u>Climate Adaptation Strategy</u> , Mission Cancer of the Europe's <u>Beating Cancer Plan</u> and the Mission Soil is a flagship initiative of the <u>Long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas</u> .

EU Missions are a coordinated effort by the Commission to pool the necessary resources in terms of policies and regulations, as well as other activities. They also aim to mobilise and activate public and private actors, such as EU Member States, regional and local authorities, research institutes, farmers and land managers, entrepreneurs and investors to create real and lasting impact. Missions engage with citizens to boost societal uptake of new solutions and approaches.

EU Missions support Europe's transformation into a greener, healthier, more inclusive and resilient continent. They aim to bring tangible benefits to people in Europe and engage Europeans in their design, implementation and monitoring.

"100 climate-neutral cities by 2030 in EU"

Mission area: Climate-neutral and smart cities

What this mission area is, how missions will be chosen, mission boards, meetings, news

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What are missions and mission areas?

Partly inspired by the Apollo 11 mission to put a man on the moon, the European research and innovation missions aim to deliver solutions to some of the greatest challenges facing our world. They are an integral part of the Horizon Europe framework programme beginning in 2021.

Individual missions will be chosen from the 5 mission areas that were identified during the negotiations of Horizon Europe.

What this mission area deals with

The importance of climate-neutral and smart cities

More than half of the world's population now lives in urban areas. This is expected to reach 80% by 2050. Cities and metropolitan areas are centres of economic activity, knowledge generation, innovation and new technologies.

They impact upon the quality of life of citizens who live and/or work in them and they are major contributors to global challenges.

Aims of missions in this area

A mission in this area will help us meet the goals and targets set out by international policy frameworks such as the COP21 Paris Agreement, the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (notably SDG11), the Urban Agenda for the EU and the Habitat III New Urban Agenda as cities play a key role in all of them.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/horizoneurope/missions-horizoneurope/climate-neutral-and-smartcities en



An efficient mobility for all, clean, safe and accessible including carbon free and alternative fuels, promotion of public transport, walking and cycling, smart multimodal solutions such as mobility as a service (MaaS), and automation;



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Cities Mission - Work Programme 2026-27: Overview

Nr	Draft topic title	Joint action with	Budget	Nr. Of Projects				
	2026							
1	HORIZON-MISS-2026-04-CIT-01: Energy efficient urban and sub-urban public transport, complemented by shared mobility		20 M	2				
2	HORIZON-MISS-2026-04-CIT-02: Transition to low-temperature heating solutions in multi-apartment buildings		18 M	2				
3		New NEB Facility Built4People Partnership Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI)	20 M + 10 M + 8 M + 9.5 M	5				
	2027							
4	HORIZON-MISS-2027-04-CIT-01: Innovative microgrids for improved energy system integration and efficiency in urban contexts		20 M	3				
5		Consecutive call with Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking	5 M	1				
6	HORIZON-MISS-2027-04-CIT-03: Inclusive and climate resilient multimodal passenger hubs enhancing modal shift towards sustainable transport and shared mobility		18 M	2				
7	HORIZON-MISS-2027-04-CIT-CCRI-04: Advancing circular logistics solutions in cities	CCRI	15 M + 7.5 M	3				
8	HORIZON-MISS-2027-04-CIT-05: Innovative Procurement action		26. <mark>82</mark> M	3				
9	·	Mission Adaptation NEB Facility	15 M + 15 M + 10 M	4				
10	valorisation solutions in European cities and regions in the context of climate change	Mission Adaptation CCRI	10 M + 10 M + 8.5 M	3				



Opening: 04 Feb 2026

Deadline(s): 08 Oct 2026

HORIZON-MISS-2026-04-CIT-02: Transition to low-temperature heating solutions in multi-apartment buildings

Call: Supporting the implementation of the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission						
Specific conditions						
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 6.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.					
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is CUR 18.00 million					
Type of Action	Innovation Actions					
Eligibility conditions	The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply: The following additional eligibility criteria apply:					
\$ LUMP-SUM	At least two cities, represented by a local authority or by an entity with an explicit consent from the local authority, each from a different Member State or Associated Country, must participate as beneficiaries. At least one of the two cities must be one of the 112 cities selected for the EU Mission on Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities ²³⁵ .					
Technology Readiness Level	Activities are expected to achie to TRL 7-8 by the end of the project – see General Annex B.					



Proposals are expected to address at least two of the following:

- Demonstrate system design and technical solutions at district and building level, to enable regulations in at least four residential multi-apartment buildings of at least 1000 m2 each. The solutions should be transferrable and standardised.
 - Demonstrate building-level heating solutions for hot water and heating needs in at least four residential multi-apartment buildings of at least 1000 m2 each that use either on-site renewable energy sources or an ambient or geothermal loop shared with other buildings / facilities, or a connection to district heating systems for the heat supply.
- At a building, district or city level, demonstrate approaches, including business models, for connecting buildings via district heating networks and ambient or geothermal loops to reduce the overall energy demand, to facilitate the deployment of low-temperature district heating systems and to improve heating systems' flexibility via the integration of heat storage, including in heat networks, by or with the inclusion of energy communities.
- Ensure the participation of local energy communities to assess their socio-economic benefits for the local community and heating system operators.



Joint actions...

Topics	Total indicative budget (EUR million)	Contribution per project (EUR million)	Expected number of projects
	V2 draft	V2 draft	V2 draft
Joint topics			
HORIZON-NEB-2027-02-NEB-SOIL-01: Reducing soil sealing through sustainable urban design in the New European Bauhaus	15.00 (10 + 5)	Around 7.50	2
HORIZON-MISS-2026-06-01-CIT-NEB-B4P: Introducing circular economy models in the construction sector, from buildings to city scale	47.50 (10 + 20 + 8+ 9.5)	Around 9.50	5
HORIZON-MISS-2027-06-01-CLIMA-CIT-NEB: Urban nature: supporting restoration of urban ecosystems, including along urban transport networks and in the built environment	40.00 (10 + 15 + 15)	Around 10.00	4



Sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions in cities

Towards an EU Research and Innovation policy agenda for

Nature-Based Solutions & Re-Naturing Cities



Strategies and policies

As sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions in the cities are key determining factors for the quality of life in cities, the partnership on Sustainable Land Use worked on proposals for better regulation, funding and knowledge in this area.

The EU's biodiversity strategy for 2030 is a comprehensive, ambitious and long-term plan to protect nature and reverse the degradation of ecosystems, that aims to put Europe's biodiversity on a path to recovery by 2030. A key part of the strategy is to promote healthy and vibrant urban ecosystems.

This strategy aims to stop the loss of green urban space including tree canopy cover, and then steadily increase them. It also calls upon all cities and towns over 20,000 in habitants to develop ambitious urban greening plans – to ensure that green infrastructure and nature-based solutions are systematically integrated into urban planning process.

https://commission.europa.eu/eu-regional-and-urbandevelopment/topics/cities-and-urban-development/priority-themes-eucities/sustainable-use-land-and-nature-based-solutions-cities en



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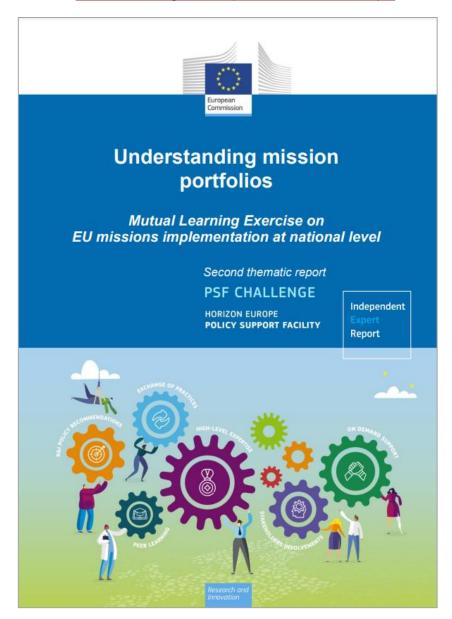


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July 2025

EU MISSION: CLIMATE-NEUTRAL AND SMART CITIES

WHAT ARE THE EU MISSIONS?

EU Missions are large-scale initiatives under Horizon Europe designed to tackle major global challenges, such as climate change, cancer, soil health, ocean restoration, and the development of climate-neutral and smart cities. They set clear, time-bound goals and bring together research, policy, and stakeholders to drive innovation and deliver concrete solutions for societal benefit.

MISSION CLIMATE-NEUTRAL AND SMART CITIES

The Cities Mission supports 112 cities in their journey to climate neutrality by 2030, positioning them as pioneers of urban transformation. These cities serve as innovation hubs for testing and scaling solutions that will enable all European cities to achieve climate neutrality by 2050.

Targets:

- 100 climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030
- Ensure that these cities act as experimentation and innovation hubs to enable all European cities to follow suit by 2050.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 112 cities selected as frontrunners in climate neutrality they are developing Climate City Contracts and receiving tailored support and help with access to funding.
- Cities have set out to achieve 200 million tons CO₂eq (carbon dioxide equivalent) reduction, equal to the emissions of the Netherlands and Croatia combined.
- Mission Cities engages local stakeholders and citizens, gathering on average
 40 co-signatories per Climate City Contract.
- Member States are establishing national support structures Romania, for example, allocated EUR 300 million to its 3 mission cities and 10 additional cities.
- The European Investment Bank offers financial advisory services and a €2 billion lending envelope.

https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/d1f8b9b7-5ba7-11f0-a9d0-01aa75ed71a1

SUCCESS STORY

Barcelona shows how the Cities Mission drives climate action with an emission reduction strategy across sectors, in-depth stakeholder and citizen engagement and effective use of funding opportunities:

- Governance: applying a Whole-of-Government Approach to convey the necessary political, organisational and economic capital.
- Industry collaboration: engaging businesses through innovation challenges (low carbon paving stones, industrialised public housing) for Mediterranean climate and voluntary agreements (zero plastics initiative).
- Citizen participation: involving residents through <u>climate assemblies</u>, participatory budgets and the collaborative challenge on decarbonisation.
 - Social perspective: tackling energy poverty through structured advice, a shared municipal renewable energy at low price, support to grassroots energy communities and targeted building retrofit grants.
 - Finance: adding the purposeful use of tourist tax overheads and an EIB loan of EUR 175 million under the Cities Mission envelope to attract investment in decarponisation.

https://ajuntament.barcelo na.cat/arxiumunicipal/arxi uhistoric/en/news/solarpower-generated-by-thecity-council-available-tothe-public-1443563



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Solar power generated by the City Council, available to the public

The coming weeks will see a new shared self-consumption service launched, with solar energy generated from municipal photovoltaic installations in public space to be made available to local residents without them having to invest in infrastructures.



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The new cutting-edge service comes within the context of the Climate Plan. The initiative will start with a pilot project at two such installations, the pergola over the Ronda de Dalt, in Passeig Vall d'Hebron, and the pergola in Plaça d'Alfonso Comín.

Between the two photovoltaic pergolas, service will be provided for 86 consumers through a public competition, reserving capacity for 41 vulnerable households. The provision is that the households which make use of the service can save around 100 or 150 euros a year on their electricity bill.

The shared self-consumption service has an associated **public price of 70 euros a year** per 500 watts of energy shared, with a 100% discount in cases of vulnerable households.

Requisites for accessing the service

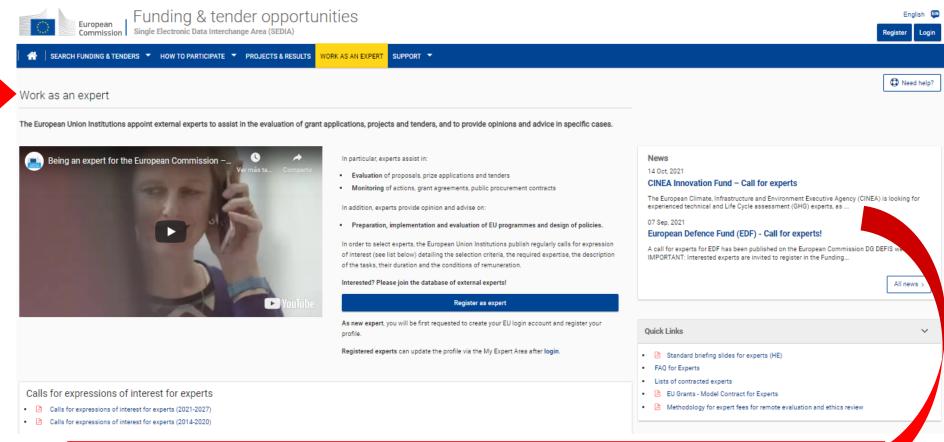
Users who energy will be shared with will be chosen in a public competition, meaning those interested must apply within the established time frame, meet the requirements and receive a score. For residential consumers, these will be the homes where the most people live.

Local shops and businesses can also apply, with priority given to those that have been part of the Comerç+Sostenible network for more than two years.

Last but not least...



https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert





The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) is looking for experienced technical and Life Cycle assessment (GHG) experts, as well as seasoned fin experts to evaluate projects applying for grants to the Innovation Fund.

Objective is to support projects which bring on significant emission reductions. Eligible technologies encompass sectors such as renewable energy (wind, solar, geothermal, bioenergy, ocean), carbon capture storage and utilisation (CCS/CCU), and energy intensive industries covered under ETS (metals, chemicals, cement, refineries, paper, glass/ceramics, hydrogen, energy storage). Would you be interested to play a key part in a major new EU funding programme for decarbonising Europe's industry?

If so, apply today to become an Innovation Fund expert and help us select the most innovative cleantech projects with a knock-on effect on the market.

More information and how to apply here.



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