



International Cooperation in Horizon Europe: focus on Mediterranean Initiative II

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International Cooperation in R&I

Global approach to Research and Innovation

Guiding principles:

- Commitment to openness
- Values & Principles
- Pursuit of a level playing field and reciprocity
- Pool global efforts to tackle global challenges



International Cooperation in Horizon Europe

HORIZON EUROPE

EURATOM

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME: EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

Exclusive focus on defence research & development

Research actions

Development actions

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE & EIT*

Exclusive focus on civil applications

**Pillar I
EXCELLENT SCIENCE**

European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

Research Infrastructures

**Pillar II
GLOBAL CHALLENGES & EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS**

Clusters

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Joint Research Centre

**Pillar III
INNOVATIVE EUROPE**

European Innovation Council

European Innovation Ecosystems

European Institute of Innovation & Technology*

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

Fusion

Fission

Joint Research Center

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

An illustration on the left side of the slide shows a stylized globe with several figures interacting with it. One figure is climbing a ladder on the right side of the globe, another is holding a lightbulb, and others are positioned around the globe, suggesting global collaboration and innovation. The background of the slide is a gradient from light blue at the top to green at the bottom.

International Cooperation in Horizon Europe

Based on:

- Openness
- Access to EU funding
- Targeted international cooperation actions



International Cooperation in Horizon Europe

Openness

- Horizon Europe ‘by-default’ open to almost all countries
- Non-discriminatory: researchers and innovators of any nationality can apply for grants (MSCA, ERC...)
- Association to the Programme:
 - 16 Countries associated to HE:
Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine
 - In the “process of Association”: Egypt, Morocco, UK
 - Negotiations under way: New-Zealand, Canada...
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International Cooperation in Horizon Europe

Targeted international cooperation actions

- Flagging of call topics specifically relevant for International Cooperation in the Work Programmes, e.g. in:
 - Strategic thematic areas (topics)
 - Geographical areas (countries/regions)
 - Multilateral initiatives
 - Collaboration with key partners
- WP 25: **35%** International Cooperation-flagged topics; see F&T [Portal](#) – filter for International Cooperation
- Cooperation with MED and Africa under the ‘**Mediterranean Initiative**’ and the ‘**Africa Initiative**’



Horizon Europe Mediterranean Initiative



Mediterranean Initiative I

Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-2024

- **320 MEUR, 37 topics** under **calls for proposals**, over 2 years- period:



HEALTH



CLIMATE
CHANGE



RENEWABLE
ENERGY

Mediterranean Initiative II

Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025

- **165 MEUR, 12 topics** under **calls for proposals**, over 1 year- period:



HEALTH



CLIMATE
CHANGE



RENEWABLE
ENERGY

- Infectious diseases with epidemic potential

- Taxonomy
- Innovative Phytosanitary measures
- Migration and Climate Change

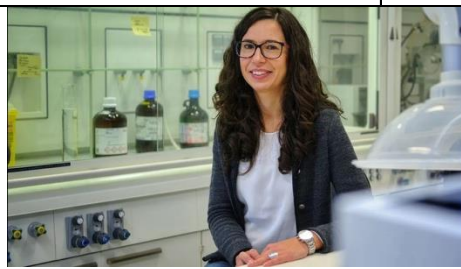
- Environmental impacts of offshore wind energy



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List of calls

Topic/action ID	Topic/action title	ToA	Budget	Opening	Deadline	Max. contribution	Exp. grants
HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-DISEASE-03	Development of antibodies and antibody-derived proteins for the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases with epidemic potential	HORIZON-RIA	50.000.000,00	22/05/2025	16/09/2025	10.000.000,00	5
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-11	Migration and climate change: building resilience and enhancing sustainability	HORIZON-CSA	2.000.000,00	15/05/2025	16/09/2025	2.000.000,00	1
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-02	Fostering the consolidation of European science diplomacy	HORIZON-CSA	3.000.000,00	15/05/2025	16/09/2025	3.000.000,00	1
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-04	Open strategic autonomy, economic and research security in EU foreign policy	HORIZON-RIA	7.000.000,00	15/05/2025	16/09/2025	3.500.000,00	2
HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-07	The autocratic appeal: nature, drivers and strategies	HORIZON-RIA	10.500.000,00	15/05/2025	16/09/2025	3.500.000,00	3
HORIZON-CL5-2026-01-D5-17	Real time monitoring of regulated and non-regulated emissions from all types of vessels and other port activities in order to enforce emission limits in waterfront cities	HORIZON-IA	16.000.000,00	16/09/2025	20/01/2026	8.000.000,00	2



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HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3-08	Understand and minimise the environmental impacts of offshore wind energy	HORIZON-RIA	15.000.000,00	16/09/2025	17/02/2026	5.000.000,00	3
HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV-03	Strengthening taxonomic approaches for biodiversity	HORIZON-RIA	24.000.000,00	06/05/2025	17/09/2025	12.000.000,00	2
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-16	Developing a joint AU-EU Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) supporting the Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) partnership	HORIZON-RIA	6.000.000,00	06/05/2025	16/09/2025	6.000.000,00	1
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-03	Overcoming the barriers for scaling up circular water management in agriculture	HORIZON-IA	12.000.000,00	06/05/2025	16/09/2025	6.000.000,00	2
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-05	Developing innovative phytosanitary measures for plant health - focus on systems approach for pest risk management	HORIZON-RIA	12.000.000,00	06/05/2025	16/09/2025	6.000.000,00	2
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-05-two-stage	Developing agroecology living labs and lighthouses for climate action under the Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) partnership	HORIZON-RIA	12.000.000,00	06/05/2025	18/02/2026	6.000.000,00	2



MAIN ACTIONS INVOLVING THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

In parallel, UfM Member States will step up their involvement in these initiatives to drive growth and create stronger synergies:

Communication & Stakeholders

■ The Euro-Med HUB for R&I

- One stop-shop for information and resources useful for the R&I stakeholders' community in the region



Working Groups

■ Working Groups under the UfM Platform

- 1) Mobility and capacity building,
- 2) Open data and digitalisation,
- 3) Innovation scalability

Will further drive implementation of the strategic priorities, mobilise additional resources, and align national and regional R&I initiatives and funding with the EU's ones.



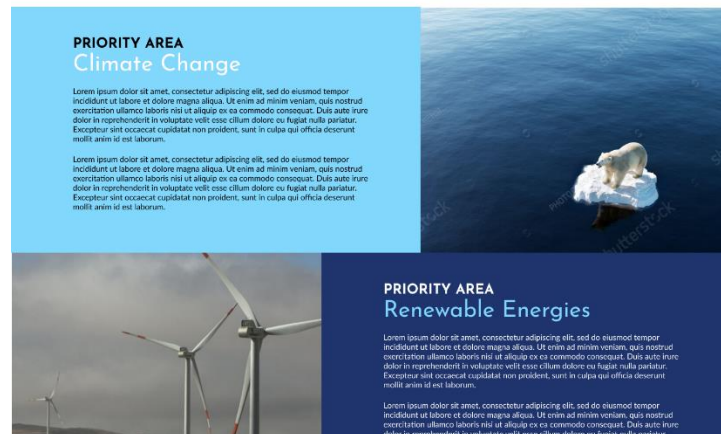
The Euro-Med HUB for R&I (euromedhub-ri.org)

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European Union opportunities

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National opportunities

EU countries

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus

European non-EU countries

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia



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Other EU funding

PRIMA - Partnership on Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area boosts R&I on water scarcity, food security, and sustainable agriculture, aligning with UfM and EU goals. It fosters regional collaboration and capacity-building for a sustainable future.

- **Blue Mission MED**: supports the mediterranean sea basin for the implementation of the EU Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters.
- **Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership**: promotes a climate-neutral, sustainable, productive, and competitive blue economy, to restore the health of the ocean, its resilience, and the services it provides to people.



Africa Initiative III

In Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025



- Building on the positive outcomes of the **Africa Initiative I+II** of Horizon Europe Work Programmes 2021-2024.
- In the WP 2025 a total budget of **488.5 MEUR** through **23 topics** under **calls for proposals** to boost **EU-Africa cooperation on Research & Innovation (R&I)**.
- Enabling the implementation of the **short-term and medium-term actions** of the **AU-EU Innovation Agenda**, aiming to **translate R&I into tangible positive impact on the ground**, particularly in the areas of ¹:
 1. **Green Transition** (229 MEUR) 
 2. **Innovation & Technology** (173 MEUR) 
 3. **Capacities for Science** (36.5 MEUR) 
- Publication of **Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025: 15 May 2025, please check also for date of closing of calls** ([EU funding & tenders' portal](#)).

Examples of calls

Action ID	Topic title	Budget
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-17 RIA	Nutrition in emergency situations - Ready-to-use Supplementary Food (RUSF) and Ready-to-use Therapeutic Food (RUTF)	8 MEUR
HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-16 RIA	Developing a joint AU-EU Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) supporting the Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) partnership	6 MEUR
HORIZON-CL4-2025-04-HUMAN-08 RIA	GenAI for Africa	5 MEUR; Up to 1-1.5 MEUR per grant



Main upcoming events

- The EU-MED Senior Officials Meeting on 22 October 2025/Brussels
- The EU-AU Innovation Fair on 23 October 2025/Brussels
- Senior Officials Meeting of the EU-AU High-Level Policy Dialogue on Science, Technology and Innovation SOM and Innovation on 24 October 2025/Brussels



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- [Horizon Europe Funding & Tenders' Portal](#)
- [National Contact Points \(NCPs\) Portal](#)
- [Coronavirus Global R&I Collaboration Portal](#)
- [EU-Africa Cooperation in Research and Innovation](#)
- [AU-EU High-Level Policy Dialogue on Science, Technology and Innovation](#)
- [EU-Africa R&I Cooperation Factsheet](#)
- [Horizon Europe website](#)
- [Africa Initiative I Factsheet](#)
- [Joint AU-EU Innovation Agenda: Presentation, Promotional Video, Working Document and Pre-print of Commentary Paper](#)





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