



EU-Forschungsförderung Kompakt (07.01.2026)

Wissenswertes rund um Europäische und internationale Förderprogramme - bei Interesse gern abonnieren

1. Neujahrsgriße



Liebe WissenschaftlerInnen, KollegInnen & Partner,
mit Rückenwind aus dem vergangenen Jahr und klarem Kurs auf das neue Horizon-Arbeitsprogramm 2026/27 starten wir ins neue Jahr.

Wir stehen Ihnen auch im Jahr 2026 als verlässlicher Support für Ihre Projektideen und Anträge zur Seite.

Danke für das vertrauensvolle Miteinander - wir freuen uns auf spannende neue Projekte und die Zusammenarbeit mit Ihnen.

Für 2026 wünschen wir Ihnen Gesundheit, Erfolg und stets die nötige Schubkraft für Ihre Vorhaben!

Ihr Hohenheimer EU-Office Team



2. Ausgewählte aktuelle Förderbekanntmachungen / Calls

Nestlé Foundation [Study of problems of nutrition in the world](#) | 2 Step Application: [STEP 1 - LETTER OF INTENT](#) >>> [STEP 2 - FULL GRANT APPLICATION](#) auf Einladung | A Letter of intent can be submitted at any time of the year >>> Cut-off dates: **10. Januar** und **10. Juni** Letter of intent (LoI) kann jederzeit eingereicht werden >>> Cut-off dates: 10. Januar und 10. Juni (MSc und PhD-KandidatInnen müssen Ihren LoI zusammen mit einer/einem Vorgesetzten einreichen)

Horizon Europe: [ERC CONSOLIDATOR GRANTS](#) Deadline: **13. Januar 2026** | 1 Antrag, mehrstufige Evaluierung

EMBO [Scientific Exchange Grants](#) ermöglicht die Zusammenarbeit von Forschungsgruppen in den Lebenswissenschaften für den Wissenstransfer und zur Nutzung spezieller Infrastrukturen, die am eigenen Standort nicht verfügbar sind. | Bewerbung jederzeit

ANR-DFG: [French-German Collaboration for Joint Projects in Natural, Life and Engineering Sciences](#) | DFG | Deadline: **14. Januar 2026** | Support: Christian Marchetti, Marianne Hege (AF2)

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- Interdisciplinary Pilot Project | seed funding | max. EUR 120,000 for one year
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European Partnership AGDATA: [1st co-funded Call: "EU-wide data-driven solutions to real problems"](#):
Deadline for short proposals **21. Januar**, 12:00h CEST; Deadline Vollantrag: **21. Juli**, 12:00h CEST – [BMFTR-Förderaufruf](#)

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AXA-Swiss Re Joint Risk Resilience Partnership: [3rd Call on Metabolic Health & Longevity](#): 9–18 months; grant of up to €150,000 | Deadline: **30. Januar 2026**, 12:00 CET

DAAD [JSPS-Forschungskurzstipendien für Doktoranden und Postdoktoranden nach Japan](#) – JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme (Short Term) Kontakt: F. Schenk, Dr. B. Gehring (Akad. AA)

- Stipendienantritt zwischen 01.10.- 31.12.2026 >>> Bewerbung bis spätestens **31.01.2026**
- Stipendienantritt zwischen 01.01.- 31.03.2027 >>> Bewerbung bis spätestens **30.04.2026**

Horizon Europe: [Establishing Climate-Smart Forestry and forest restoration pilots in Europe with citizen and stakeholder engagement](#) | Cascade funding | Deadline: **01. Februar 2026**

European Partnership on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance (OHAMR) [Call: Treatments and adherence to treatment protocols](#). Deadline: **02. Februar 2026**

NEU: Europäische Partnerschaft „Gesunde Ernährung, gesundes Leben“ (HDHL) Food4Health: [Call to establish a transnational, multidisciplinary network to provide recommendations for policy and practice on the link between food processing, human health, and sustainable food systems](#) | Frist für Interessenbekundung: **5. Februar 2026**, 14:00 Uhr | Das Submission-System My ZonMw wird am 12. Januar 2026 geöffnet. Bewerber können bereits im Voraus ein Konto erstellen

Europäische Partnerschaft für Personalisierte Medizin (EP PerMed) Call "[Personalised Medicine for Cardiovascular, Metabolic, and Kidney Diseases \(CARMEN2026\)](#)" | Einreichungsfrist Skizze: **10. Februar 2026, 14:00 CET**

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DFG-CONICET: [5. Bilateral Call für Deutsch-Argentinische Forschungsprojekte](#) in ausgewählten Themenfeldern (Physik, Chemie, Materialwissenschaften, Engineering, Geowissenschaften, Neurowissenschaften, Molekulare und klinische Infektiologie und Immunologie) DFG Deadline: **20. Februar 2026** | Kontakt: Christian Marchetti, Marianne Hege (AF2)

BMFTR-UNAM: [Mexican-German Joint Call for Proposals](#) | DFG-Deadline: **25. Februar 2026** | Kontakt: Christian Marchetti, Marianne Hege (AF2)

[Margaret Awards 2026](#): Annual, high-impact **entrepreneurship and innovation award programme recognizing young** women leaders in AI and technology, whose technological projects and innovations address the major challenges facing our society. Winners gain access to a one-year acceleration ecosystem valued at about €1 million — including mentorship, visibility, strategic support, and business growth opportunities. Deadline: **27. Februar 2026**.

Horizon Europe: [EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2025](#) | Deadline: **04. März 2026** | Einstufig
| Kontakt: Franziska Schenk (Akademisches Auslandsamt)

Wellcome Trust: [Genomics in Context Awards: collaborative research at the intersection of genomics, humanities, social sciences and bioethics](#) | Deadline: **16. März 2026**

NEU: [Human Frontier Science Programme \(HFSP\) Research Grants](#): Call for innovative basic research proposals focusing on fundamental biological problems with emphasis placed on novel and interdisciplinary approaches that involve scientific exchanges across national and disciplinary boundaries | Deadline **compulsory initiation of a letter of Intent** by obtaining an LOI ID number: **17. März 2026** | Submission of **Letters of Intent: 26. März 2026**

NEU: [Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges in Sub-Saharan Africa](#) | Deadline: **26. März 2026** | Einstufig | Kontakt: F. Schenk, Dr. B. Gehring (Akademisches Auslandsamt)

EMBO [Young Investigator Programme](#) unterstützt NachwuchsgruppenleiterInnen in den Lebenswissenschaften in Europa und darüber hinaus. Deadline: **01. April 2026**

NEU: [Human Frontier Science Programme \(HFSP\) Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) support proposals for frontier, potentially transformative research in the life sciences. Applications for high-risk projects are particularly encouraged. The projects should be interdisciplinary in nature and should challenge existing paradigms by using novel approaches and techniques. Scientifically, they should address an important problem or a barrier to progress in the field | Deadline Initiation of a Letter of Intent: **05. Mai 2026** | Deadline Submission Letter of Intent: **12. Mai 2026**

Horizon Europe: [InnoNext - Next Generation Innovation Talents' Initiative](#) Cascade funding: Deadline date: **31. Juli 2026** | Einstufig

Horizon Europe (HE) [Arbeitsprogramme 2026/27](#)

HE [Cluster 1 - Health](#)

- Call - Cluster 1 - Health (einstufig - 2026) Opening: 10. Februar | Deadline(s): **16. Apr 2026**
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Destination - Living and working in a health-promoting environment Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden
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HE [Cluster 2 - Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society](#): verschiedene Deadlines

HE [Cluster 3 - Civil security for society](#): verschiedene Deadlines

HE [Cluster 4 - Digital, industry, space](#): verschiedene Deadlines

HE [Cluster 5 - Climate, energy and mobility](#): verschiedene Deadlines

HE [Cluster 6 - Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment](#)

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- CL6 Call 02 - einstufig (2026) Opening: 14. Jan 2026 | Deadline(s): **14. Apr 2026**, [WP, S.23 ff.](#)
- CL6 Call 03 - einstufig (2026) Opening: 14. Jan 2026 | Deadline(s): **15. Apr 2026**, [WP, S.26 ff.](#)
- CL6 Call 04 - einstufig (2026) Opening: 25. Aug 2026 | Deadline(s): **26. Nov 2026**, [WP, S.28 ff.](#)
- CL6 Call 01 - zweistufig (2026) Opening: 12. Feb 2026 | Deadline(s): **16. Apr 2026** (1. Stufe), [WP S.30 f.](#)
- CL6 Call 02 - zweistufig (2026) Opening: 12. Feb 2026 | Deadline(s): **14. Apr 2026** (1. Stufe), [WP S.31 f.](#)
- CL6 Call 03 - zweistufig (2026) Opening: 12. Feb 2026 | Deadline(s): **15. Apr 2026** (1. Stufe), [WP S.33 f.](#)

[HORIZON-JU-CBE-2026 Call](#) | Deadline: **22 September 2026**, 17:00 CET

[Missions](#), incl. **Mission Soil, Adaptation to Climate Change Mission**, Cancer Mission, Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission, Restore our Ocean and Waters, and the European Bauhaus | Open: Feb 2026 | Deadlines in **September 2026**

Mehr Info und Links sowie Möglichkeiten für ein **[Anschubfinanzierung zur Vorbereitung von ERC und EU-Verbundanträgen](#)** finden sich auf der [EU-Office Webseite](#).

3. Förderprogramm des Monats Januar

Human Frontier Science Programme (HFSP)

Das Internationale HFSP ist ein gemeinnütziges Programm zur Förderung von Spitzenforschung in den Biowissenschaften, welches von 15 Ländern (einschließlich Deutschland) und der Europäischen Kommission unterstützt wird. Gefördert werden Projekte in der **Grundlagenforschung zu komplexen biologischen Systemen**, wobei der Schwerpunkt auf **risikoreicher und transformativer Wissenschaft** liegt.

1. **HFSP-Forschungsprojekte (Research Grants)** - Kriterien:

- transformative Grundlagenforschung in den Biowissenschaften
- obligatorische internationale Zusammenarbeit (Forschungsteams mit 2-4 ForscherInnen aus verschiedenen Ländern)
- Projekte stellen etablierte Paradigmen in Frage/ führen innovative konzeptionelle & methodische Ansätze ein
- interdisziplinäre Ausrichtung, d. h. aktive Förderung der Integration der Biologie mit Bereichen wie Physik, Chemie, Mathematik, Informatik und Ingenieurwesen.

Das HFSP öffnet den Call für Forschungsprojekte mit einem Budget von bis zu 500.000 \$ pro Jahr und Start in 2027 noch im Januar (siehe HFSP-Research Grants in Sektion 2).

HFSP legt besonderen Wert auf den wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs, indem Stipendien angeboten werden, welche die Mobilität von Forschern, die Diversifizierung ihrer Fähigkeiten und ihre frühe Unabhängigkeit unterstützen.

2. **Postdoktoranden-Stipendien** - Kriterien:

- unterstützt Vorschläge für potenziell transformative Pionierforschung in den Biowissenschaften
- Projekte mit hohem Risiko werden besonders gefördert
- die Projekte sollten interdisziplinär angelegt sein und bestehende Paradigmen durch den Einsatz neuer Ansätze und Techniken in Frage stellen
- ein wichtiges Problem oder ein Hindernis für den Fortschritt in diesem Bereich wissenschaftlich angehen
- Es gibt zwei Arten von Stipendien: (1) **Langzeitstipendien (LTF)** für BewerberInnen mit einem Dokortitel zu einem biologischen Thema, die ein neuartiges Pionierprojekt mit Schwerpunkt auf den Biowissenschaften in Angriff nehmen wollen; (2) **interdisziplinäre Stipendien (CDF)** für promovierte BewerberInnen in einem nicht-biologischen Fachgebiet (z. B. Physik, Chemie, Mathematik, Ingenieurwissenschaften oder Informatik), die bisher keine (oder nur wenig) Erfahrung in den Biowissenschaften haben.

Es gibt nur ein Auswahlverfahren pro Jahr für HFSP-Stipendien. [Bewerbungsrichtlinien für Stipendien ab 2027](#) und [ProposalCentral-Anweisungen](#) sind auf der HFSP Webseite verfügbar.

4. Für Projekt-KoordinatorInnen & ManagerInnen

Nächstes, hybrid veranstaltetes Vernetzungstreffen am **02. Februar 2026, 12-13 Uhr**

THEMA: Multiactor Approach & Stakeholder Engagement; zu Gast: Dr. Juliane Stoye, Geschäftsstelle Bioökonomie, WP-Lead im EU-Projekt HuMUS

- [Zoom-Link](#) | Meeting-ID: 690 0617 8152 | Kenncode: wG02GN, oder
- **vor Ort auf eine Tasse Kaffee/Tee:** EU-Office, Meeting-Raum, R. 0.33, Wollgrasweg 43 (EG rechts)

5. Fortbildungsveranstaltungen und Events

- ◆ **Fit für die Antragstellung in Cluster 6** – praxisorientierte Workshop-Reihe der NKS Bioökonomie & Umwelt:
 - SMARTe Ziele | 08. Januar 2026, 13:00 – ca. 15:00 Uhr
 - Multi-Actor-Approach (MAA) | 12. Januar 2026, 09:30 – ca. 12:00 Uhr
 - Pathway to Impact | 26. Januar 2026, 13:00 – ca. 15:00 Uhr
 - Dissemination, Exploitation, Communication | 29. Januar 2026, 09:30 – ca. 12:00 Uhr
- ◆ **The Global Health Coffee Session Virtual Series** des Harvard Global Health Institute
 - 30. Januar 2026, und danach jeden letzten Freitag im Monat
- ◆ **Horizon Europe info days - Cluster 1 Health: 10. Februar 2026**
- ◆ **Webinar on the CBE JU call 2026: 15. Januar 2026** Einführung in die Rahmenbedingungen und Call-Topics >>> [Registrierung](#). Am **11. Februar 2026** findet das jährliche Matchmaking Event im Sheraton Hotel Brussels

Airport statt. Diskussionen, 1:1 Meetings und Pitching Sessions für die CBE Calls 2026 >>> [Registrierung](#).

- ◆ [Horizon Europe info day – Cluster 5 Climate, Energy and Mobility](#): **15. Januar 2026**
- ◆ [Horizon Europe info days - EU Missions](#): **20. Januar 2026**
- ◆ [Info days - Cluster 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment](#): **22. Januar 2026**
- ◆ [Horizon Europe info days – WIDERA Work Programme Widening calls](#): **22. Januar 2026**
- ◆ UHOH-WEBINAR: [Information and training for potential ERC-Starting \(StG\) / Consolidator Grantees \(CoG\)](#): **30. Januar 2026**, 9:00 -15:00, online durch erfahrene ERC Coaches Dr Weiss-Brummer & Dr. Koch (Academic Futures)
- ◆ ELLS-Angebot an den wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs: [Navigating Brussels 2026 “How can the EU help you in developing your scientific career?”](#): **19.-21. Mai 2026** | Mehr Informationen zum Intensiv-Training-Course in Brüssel und Bewerbungsunterlagen für InteressentInnen finden Sie [hier](#).

6. Wissenswertes

- ◆ Das Fogarty International Center der U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) informiert Antragstellende im Bereich Global Health Research darüber, dass die Schulung zur Forschungssicherheit derzeit für extramural durch die NIH geförderte Forschende optional ist; [ab dem 25. Mai 2026 ist der Abschluss dieser Schulung jedoch für alle an diesem Datum oder später eingereichten Anträge verpflichtend](#).
- ◆ Die **Antrags- und Evaluierungstemplates** sowie das **Gutachterbriefing für Horizont Europa Anträge wurden aktualisiert**. Alle Templates wurden im Bereich "Impact" vereinfacht. Tabellen für die sonstigen Kostenkategorien (Part B, Tabelle 3.1i) und für die Sachleistungen Dritter (Part B, Tabelle 3.1j) wurden gestrichen. Der **Vollantrag** wurde von 45 **auf 40 Seiten reduziert (Lump-Sum-Finanzierung von 50 auf 45 Seiten)**. Sie finden die Antrags- und Evaluierungstemplates auf der Webseite der [EU-Kommission](#) unter den "Reference Documents", Gutachterbriefings auf der [Website der EU-Kommission](#).

7. Kontakt, Feedback and Anregungen

Sie haben Anregungen, wie der Service für EU- und internationale Förderanträge und die Projektimplementierung verbessert werden kann?

- Nutzen Sie unsere [Wunsch-Box](#)
- **Rufen Sie an:** -24615 / -24688
- **Schreiben Sie:** eu-grants@uni-hohenheim.de
- **Besuchen** Sie uns im Wollgrasweg 43 (EG) und nutzen Sie unsere [Veranstaltungsformate](#).

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Interesting facts about European and international research funding
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1. Happy New Year!

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2026



Dear researchers, colleagues, and partners,

Building on last year's momentum and with a clear course towards the new Horizon Work Programme 2026/27, we are looking forward to the new year.

Thank you for your trust – we are excited to embark on new projects with you. Rest assured that we will continue to provide reliable support for your project ideas and applications.

We wish you good health, success, and all the strength and determination you need for your projects in 2026!

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Horizon Europe: [InnoNext - Next Generation Innovation Talents' Initiative](#) Cascade funding, Deadline: **31 July 2026** | Single-stage

Horizon Europe (HE) [Arbeitsprogramme 2026/27](#)

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- CL6 Call 01 - two stage (2026) Opening: 12 Feb 2026 | Deadline(s): **16 Apr 2026** (First Stage), [WP S.30 f.](#)
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[Missions](#), incl. Mission Soil, Adaptation to Climate Change Mission, Cancer Mission, Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission, Restore Oceans and Waters, Links to the European Bauhaus | Open in Feb | Deadlines: **September**

More information and links, as well as opportunities for **[seed funding to prepare ERC and EU joint applications](#)**, can be found on the [EU Office website](#).

3. Funding Programme of the Month January

[Human Frontier Science Programme \(HFSP\)](#)

The International HFSP is a non-profit organisation supporting frontier research in the life sciences, backed by 15 countries (incl. Germany) and the European Commission. Funding is dedicated to **advancing fundamental, curiosity-driven research on complex biological systems** with a strong emphasis on **high-risk, high-reward science**.

1. HFSP Research Grants – main features:

<https://eu-office.uni-hohenheim.de/>

- transformative basic research in the life sciences
- mandatory international collaboration (research teams typically 2-4 investigators from different countries)
- projects challenge established paradigms and introduce innovative conceptual/ methodological approaches
- interdisciplinary orientation, i.e., actively promoting the integration of biology with fields such as physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, and engineering

HFSP is launching a Call for its 2027 Research Grants (up to \$500,000 per year; see section 2) in January 2026.

HFSP particularly supports early-career scientists, providing fellowships and grant opportunities that support researcher mobility, skill diversification, and early independence.

2. Postdoctoral Fellowships – main features:

- supports proposals for frontier, potentially transformative research in the life sciences
- high-risk projects are particularly encouraged
- projects should be interdisciplinary in nature and should challenge existing paradigms by using novel approaches and techniques
- scientifically address an important problem or a barrier to progress in the field
- 2 types: **(1) Long-Term Fellowships (LTF)** are for applicants with a PhD on a biological topic who want to embark on a novel and frontier project focussing on the life sciences; **(2) Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships (CDF)** for applicants who hold a doctoral degree from a non-biological discipline (e.g. physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering or computer sciences) and who have no (or little) experience in the life sciences.

There is only one competition per year for HFSP Fellowships. New [application guidelines for the 2027 cycle](#) and [ProposalCentral instructions](#) are available.

4. For Project Coordinators & Managers

Next networking and information event on **02 February 2026, 12-13 CET**

Topic: Multiactor Approach & Stakeholder Engagement

Guest: Dr. Juliane Stoye, Head Office Bioeconomy, WP-Lead EU-Project HuMUS

- Zoom-Link: <https://uni-hohenheim.zoom-x.de/j/69006178152?pwd=KsulXrQXufKiGtCAdacC61BYdfaPtC.1> | Meeting-ID: 690 0617 8152 | Code: wG02GN
- Face-to-face with a coffee/tea: EU-Office, Meeting Room, R. 0.33, Wollgrasweg 43 (ground floor to the right)

5. Trainings and Events

- ◆ **Fit for Applications in Cluster 6** – Workshop-Series of the NCP Bioeconomy & Environment:
 - SMART Objectives | **08 January 2026**, 13:00 – 15:00 CET
 - Multi-Actor-Approach (MAA) | **12 January 2026**, 09:30 – 12:00 CET
 - Pathway to Impact | **26 January 2026**, 13:00 - 15:00 CET
 - Dissemination, Exploitation, Communication | **29 January 2026**, 09:30 –12:00 CET
- ◆ **The Global Health Coffee Session Virtual Series** hosted by Harvard Global Health Institute
 - **30 January 2026**, recurring on last Friday of every month
- ◆ **Horizon Europe Info Days - Cluster 1 Health: 10 February 2026**
- ◆ **Webinar on the CBE JU call 2026: 15 January 2026** Introduction into the Call topics and application procedures >>> [Registration](#) | On **11 February 2026** there will be a Matchmaking Event at Sheraton Hotel Brussels Airport with discussions, 1:1 meetings and pitching sessions for the CBE Calls 2026 >>> [Registration](#)
- ◆ **Horizon Europe info day – Cluster 5 Climate, Energy and Mobility: 15 January 2026**
- ◆ **Horizon Europe info days - EU Missions: 20 January 2026**
- ◆ **Info days - Cluster 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment: 22 January 2026**
- ◆ **Horizon Europe info days – WIDERA Work Programme Widening calls: 22 January 2026**
- ◆ UHOH-WEBINAR: **Information and training for potential ERC-Starting (StG) / Consolidator (CoG): 30 January 2026**, 9 -15:00 hrs, online by ERC Coaches Dr Weiss-Brummer & Dr. Koch (Academic Futures)
- ◆ **Navigating Brussels 2026 “How can the EU help you in developing your scientific career?”: 19-21 May 2026** | More information [here](#).





6. News

- ◆ The Fogarty International Center at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) informs Global Health Research applicants that research security training is currently optional for NIH-funded extramural researchers; however, beginning May 25, 2026, completion of this training will be mandatory for all applications submitted on or after that date.
- ◆ The **application and evaluation templates** as well as the **expert briefing for Horizon Europe applications have been updated**. All templates have been simplified in the 'Impact' section and tables for other cost categories (Part B, Table 3.1i) and for in-kind contributions from third parties (Table 3.1j) have been removed. The **full application** has been reduced from 45 to **40 pages (lump sum financing from 50 to 45 pages)**. You can find the application and evaluation templates on the [European Commission](#) website under 'Reference Documents' and reviewer briefings on the [here](#).

7. Contact, Feedback and Suggestions

Do you have suggestions on how the service for EU and international funding applications and project implementation can be improved?

- α. Reply to our **Wish-Box** Survey >>> [Click here for the results and our follow-up](#)
- β. Call us: -24615 / -24688
- γ. Write to us: eu-grants@uni-hohenheim.de
- δ. [Visit us](#) and take advantage of our event formats:

 <p>Horizon Europe @ lunch</p>	 <p>Open Door & Coffee</p>	 <p>Book your consultation slot</p>	 <p>PM Best Practice Exchange</p>
<p>Semi-Annual Event</p> <p>Next event coming up in March/April 2026, info to follow</p>	<p>fridays from 13-17:00 at Wollgrasweg 43, ground floor</p>	<p>for undisturbed exchange on your project idea/ development</p>	<p>Intl. Project Managers, 1st Monday of the Month</p>