



## EU-Forschungsförderung Kompakt (16.03.2026)

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

### 1. Ausgewählte aktuelle Förderbekanntmachungen / Calls

**Human Frontier Science Programme HFSP Research Grants**: sucht Projektanträge für innovative und interdisziplinäre Ansätze zur Lösung grundlegender biologischer Probleme durch wissenschaftlichen Austausch über nationale und disziplinäre Grenzen hinweg | Frist für die Einreichung eines Letter of Intent (LoI obligatorisch) **17. März 2026** | Submission of **Letters of Intent**: **26. März 2026**

**NEU: British Advanced Research + Invention Agency (ARIA): Scaling Trust**: Aufruf an interdisziplinäre internationale Teams zur Entwicklung skalierbarer, technisch überprüfbarer Mechanismen, die eine vertrauenswürdige Koordination zwischen KI-Systemen und Menschen in komplexen, realen Umgebungen ermöglichen, in denen Anreize möglicherweise falsch ausgerichtet oder strategisch manipuliert werden | Deadline: **24. März 2026**

- **Track Tooling**: Open-Source-Agenten, die eine sichere Erfassung von Anforderungen, Verhandlungen, Protokollgenerierung und Verifizierung in Multi-Agenten-Umgebungen ermöglichen.
- **Track Fundamental Research**: Grundlagenforschung zu neuen cyber-physischen 'trust primitives' als grundlegende, technisch implementierbare Basiselemente, mit denen Vertrauen zwischen Akteuren – insbesondere in digitalen oder KI-basierten Systemen – formalisiert, überprüfbar gemacht und skalierbar umgesetzt werden kann.

**FFAR/GFI Grant Partnership: Verbesserung des Geschmacks von pflanzlichen und fermentierten Proteinen RFA** | Antragsfrist **25. März 2026**

**IBM Impact Accelerator-Programm: AI-Driven Solutions Shaping the Future of Work and Education** Berechtigte Antragsteller: u.a. Hochschulen weltweit | Antragsfrist: **25. März 2026**

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

**European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare "Shaping the Future of Animal Health and Welfare"** | Deadline: **30. März 2026** | Webinar for applicants: **02. Februar 2026, 10:00-12:00 CET**: <https://ptj-fzj.webex.com/ptj-fzj-en/j.php?MTID=m6250b1a9eaebe41de6fa6b170f728daf>

**International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the IDB Lab, the CGIAR Accelerate for Impact Platform (A4IP), the European Space Agency (ESA), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the International Innovation Hub (IIH) and the European Institute of Innovation for Sustainability (EIS) Moonshots for Development Open Innovation Challenge** | 4-phasig: Bootcamp and Phase 1-3 | Application deadline **30. März 2026**

**The European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism: ESPEN-Forschungsstipendium 2026**: **Zulassungskriterien**: (1) Antragsteller und Betreuer müssen [ESPEN-Mitglieder](#) sein (in Hohenheim: Prof. Stephan Bischoff); (2) Nachwuchswissenschaftler innerhalb von 5 Jahren nach dem akademischen Abschluss (PhD, MD, MSc) Bewerbung | Einreichungsfrist: **31. März 2026**

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

**Wellcome Trust [Climate Impacts Awards: Unlocking urgent climate action by making the health effects of climate change visible](#)**: Förderung bis zu 2.5 Mill £ für max. dreijährige Projekte; Deadline **08. April 2026**

**NEU:** **HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-02-WIDENING-01** "[Twinning-Partnerschaften](#)" für die Vernetzung von Forschungseinrichtungen und Forschungsinfrastrukturen von Widening-Länder mit mind. zwei führenden Forschungseinrichtungen aus EU-Mitgliedstaaten oder assoz. Ländern | Deadline: **09. April 2026**

**Europäische Partnerschaft für Pandemievorsorge (BE READY):** "[Advancing knowledge of host and pathogens dynamics to better combat emerging diseases](#)" | zweistufig: Skizzen-Deadline **13. April 2026**

**GOOGLE [IMPACT CHALLENGE: AI FOR SCIENCE - Accelerating scientific breakthroughs with the power of AI](#)** | Deadline **17. April 2026**

**NEU:** [International Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan](#): Möglichkeit für NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen unter Anleitung ihrer Gastgeber an Universitäten oder anderen Forschungseinrichtungen in Japan gemeinsame Forschungsprojekte durchzuführen: Bewerbungsfrist: **28. April, 2026** (JST) | Kontakt: F. Schenk, Dr. B. Gehring (Akademisches Auslandsamt)

**2026 MNI Grant**: 40.000 EUR für eine lokale Initiative oder ein Projekt mit dem Ziel, das Ernährungsmanagement in der Patientenversorgung zu verbessern | offen für alle Angehörigen der Gesundheitsberufe, Kliniker und **Forscher, die im Bereich der klinischen Ernährung tätig sind** | Einreichungsfrist: **30. April 2026**

**Human Frontier Science Programme [HFSP Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)** unterstützt Vorschläge für potenziell transformative Pionierforschung in den Biowissenschaften. Anträge für risikoreiche Projekte sind besonders erwünscht. Die Projekte sollten interdisziplinär angelegt sein und bestehende Paradigmen durch den Einsatz neuer Ansätze und Techniken in Frage stellen. In wissenschaftlicher Hinsicht sollten sie ein wichtiges Problem oder ein Hindernis für den Fortschritt auf diesem Gebiet angehen. Initiierung eines LoI bis zum **05. Mai 2026** | Deadline Submission Letter **12. Mai 2026**

**[EIC Pathfinder Open Call 2026](#)**: Mit rund 166 Millionen Euro werden hochriskante, interdisziplinäre Forschungsprojekte zur Entwicklung von Zukunftstechnologien gefördert. Konsortien aus mindestens drei unabhängigen Partnern aus drei EU- bzw. assoziierten Staaten können bis zu 4 Millionen Euro pro Projekt beantragen. Deadline: **12. Mai 2026**

**NEU:** **Simons Foundation ['Pivot Fellowships'](#)**: unterstützt NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen (in der Regel bis zu 12 Monate nach Promotion) weltweit beim Übergang zur eigenständigen Forschung in den Bereichen Mathematik, Physik und theoretische Biologie | Bewerbungsfrist **14. Mai 2026**

**NEU:** **EU/BMFTR: [PRIMA – Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area](#)**: Section 1 – (EU-finanziert) und Section 2 (national finanziert) | Themen siehe unter 2 (S.4) | Skizzen-Deadline **15. Mai 2026** | [Info Day](#) am **26. März, 11-13 CET**

**BMFTR: [Bioökonomie International \(Bioeconomy International\) 2027](#)**: Forschungsfelder: (1) Biologisches Wissen als Schlüssel der Bioökonomie; (2) Konvergierende Technologien und disziplinübergreifende Zusammenarbeit (Digitalisierung, Künstliche Intelligenz (KI), Nanotechnologie, Automatisierung, Miniaturisierung etc.) und (3) Transfer in die Anwendung (Wertschöpfungsnetze etc.) Skizzen-Deadline **03. Juni 2026**. Infos und Unterstützung für Anträge bekommen Sie von den [KollegInnen in AF2](#) (nationale Forschungsförderung).

**NEU:** **[Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)**: EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships unterstützen ForscherInnen bis zu 2 Jahren. Internationale Mobilität ist ein Schlüsselerfordernis. Nächste Deadline: **10. Juli 2026, 14:00 CEST**

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

**NEU:** **HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01-WIDENING-01** "[Teaming Synergies](#)" Deadline date: **24 Sep 2026**

**German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF): [2026 Call for AI in Science and Society](#)**: Das Program sucht innovative Forschungsanträge die auf die Entwicklung, Anwendung und gesellschaftliche Implementierung von künstlicher Intelligenz (KI) in MINT- und Gesellschaftswissenschaften zielen | GIF portal opens on 01 Sept. | Skizzen-Deadline: **15. Oktober 2026, [Webinare und Beratung auf Anfrage](#)**.

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

### HE [Cluster 1 - Health](#)

- Call - Cluster 1 - Health (einstufig - 2026) Opening: 10. Februar | Deadline(s): **16. Apr 2026**  
Destination - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society  
Destination - Living and working in a health-promoting environment Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden  
Destination - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare Destination – Developing/ using tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society Destination - Maintaining an innovative, sustainable, and competitive EU health industry

### HE [Cluster 2 - Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society](#): verschiedene Deadlines, z.B. **23. Sep 2026**

- CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-10: Digital and media literacy as drivers for democratic and civic resilience
- CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-05: Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality

### HE [Cluster 3 - Civil security for society](#): verschiedene Deadlines, z.B. **05. Nov 2026**

- HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-05: Climate security and civil preparedness
- HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-04: Open topic on driving innovation uptake of disaster risk solutions

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

- CL4-2026-02-DIGITAL-EMERGING-53: Innovative AI methods and technologies for the process industries  
**17. März 2026**
- CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING-06: International cooperation in AI (IA) **18. März 2027**

### HE [Cluster 5 - Climate, energy and mobility](#): verschiedene Deadlines, e.g., **15. April 2026**

- CL5-2026-07-D1-04: Fighting disinformation and effectively communicating on climate change
- CL5-2026-07-D1-03: Economics of climate change and cost of inaction
- CL5-2026-07-D1-01: Next generation climate monitoring and related capabilities
- CL5-2026-07-D1-05: Improving climate and weather models for Africa

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

- CL6 Call 01 – einstufig: Biodiversity and ecosystem services | Deadline **17. Sep 2026**, [WP, S.20 ff.](#)
- CL6 Call 02 – einstufig: Fair, healthy and environment-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption | Deadline **14. Apr 2026**, [WP, S.23 ff.](#)
- CL6 Call 03 – einstufig: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors | Deadline **15. Apr 2026**, [WP, S.26 ff.](#)
- CL6 Call 04 – einstufig: Clean environment and zero pollution | Deadline **26. Nov 2026**, [WP, S.28 ff.](#)
- CL6 Call 01 – zweistufig: Land, ocean and water for climate action | Deadline **16. Apr 2026**, [WP S.30 f.](#)
- CL6 Call 02 – zweistufig: Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities  
Deadline **14. Apr 2026**, [WP S.31 f.](#)
- CL6 Call 03 – zweistufig: Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal | Deadline **15. Apr 2026** (1. Stufe), [WP S.33 f.](#)

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

HE [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 | Deadlines im **September 2026**

HE [European Innovation Ecosystems \(EIC\) Work programme \(2026-27\)](#)

HE [MSCA Work programme \(2026-27\)](#): Doctoral Networks, Postdoctoral Fellowships and more

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

## 2. Förderprogramm des Monats März: PRIMA

**PRIMA (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area)** ist eine euro-mediterrane Forschungs- und Innovationsinitiative zur nachhaltigen Bewirtschaftung von Wasser-, Agrar- und Ernährungssystemen im Mittelmeerraum. Auch das [vorab veröffentlichte Arbeitsprogramm 2026 \(AWP2026\)](#) finanziert wie bisher transnationale Projekte zwischen EU- und Mittelmeer-Partnerländern mit dem Ziel, Klimaanpassung, Ressourceneffizienz und Ernährungssicherheit durch angewandte Forschung und Innovation in den folgenden drei Feldern zu stärken.

- Wassermanagement: Nachhaltige Nutzung und Schutz der Wasserressourcen.
- Landwirtschaftliche Systeme: Resiliente und nachhaltige Landwirtschaft.
- Lebensmittel-Wertschöpfungskette: Effizienz und Sicherheit in der Nahrungsmittelproduktion.

Es gibt zwei Förderstränge und Finanzierungsoptionen:

### Sektion 1 (EU-finanziert via Horizon Europe)

1. CALL Thematic Area 1 - Water management in the Nexus: Topic 1.1.1-2026 (IA): **Decentralised Brackish Water Desalination for Climate-Resilient and Resource-Efficient Mediterranean Agriculture**
2. CALL Thematic Area 2 - Farming systems in the Nexus: Topic 1.2.1-2026 (IA) **Next Generation of Sustainable and Alternative Animal Feeds for Circular and Resilient Mediterranean Farming Systems**
3. CALL Thematic Area 3 - Food value chain in the Nexus: Topic 1.3.1-2026 (IA) **Sustainable On-Site Transformation of Perishable Mediterranean Agri-food Products**
4. CALL Nexus Theme (cross-cutting): Topic 1.4.1-2026 (CSA) **Institutionalising and Scaling the Mediterranean WEF Nexus Community of Practice for Cross-Sectoral Governance and Policy Uptake**

TABLE 10. TIMETABLE FOR SECTION 1 CALL FOR PROPOSALS IN 2026

THEMATIC AREA	CALL TOPICS	CALL PUBLICATION AND OPENING	SUBMISSION DEADLINE STAGE 1	EVALUATION RESULTS STAGE 1	SUBMISSION DEADLINE STAGE 2	EVALUATION RESULTS STAGE 2
<b>Water management in the nexus</b>	Topic 1.1.1 (IA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	30.6.2026	18.9.2026	11.12.2026
<b>Farming systems in the nexus</b>	Topic 1.2.1 (IA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	30.6.2026	18.9.2026	11.12.2026
<b>Food value chain in the nexus</b>	Topic 1.3.1 (IA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	30.6.2026	18.9.2026	11.12.2026
<b>Nexus Theme</b>	Topic 1.4.1 (CSA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	30.6.2026		11.12.2026

### Sektion 2 (national finanziert durch Staaten der PRIMA-Partnerschaft, analog zu anderen EU-Partnerschaften)

5. Thematic Area 1-Water management in the Nexus: Topic 2.1.1-2026 (RIA\*30) **Leveraging Ecosystem Functions and Enhancing Water Allocation for the Protection and Restoration of Non-Perennial Watercourses in the Mediterranean**
6. Thematic Area 2-Farming systems in the Nexus: Topic 2.2.1-2026 (RIA\*31) **Novel remote and non-invasive ICT monitoring and control systems against disease and pest infestation**
7. Thematic Area 3-Food value chain in the Nexus: Topic 2.3.1-2026 (RIA\*32) **Empowering Mediterranean Food Value Chains through Context-Aware Digital Traceability**

### PRIMA-Calls 2026 Calendar

TABLE 14. TIMETABLE FOR SECTION 2 CALL FOR PROPOSALS IN 2026

THEMATIC AREA	CALL TOPICS	CALL PUBLICATION AND OPENING	SUBMISSION DEADLINE STAGE 1	EVALUATION RESULTS STAGE 1	SUBMISSION DEADLINE STAGE 2	EVALUATION RESULTS
<b>Water management</b>	Topic 2.1.1 (RIA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	3.7.2026	29.9.2026	16.12.2026
<b>Farming systems</b>	Topic 2.2.1 (RIA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	3.7.2026	29.9.2026	16.12.2026
<b>Agri-food chain</b>	Topic 2.3.1 (RIA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	3.7.2026	29.9.2026	16.12.2026

### 3. Für Projekt-KoordinatorInnen & ManagerInnen

- ◆ **EU@Lunch** am **13. April 2026**, 12:00-13:00 Uhr  
**THEMA: Startklar für EU-Projekte: Projektumsetzung kompakt**  
**zu Gast:** Oriane Petit (AW5, Drittmittel / EU-Kompetenzteam)  
[Zoom-Link](#) | Meeting-ID: 690 0617 8152 | Kenncode: wG02GN
- ◆ **Vertiefendes Webinar zur Erkundung der Booster-Dienste** der Europäischen Kommission für die Verbreitung und Verwertung Ihrer EU-Projektergebnisse: **26. März**, von 11:00 bis 12:00 Uhr MEZ | [Anmeldung](#)
- ◆ [10 steps to reach and inform policymakers](#)

### 4. Fortbildungsveranstaltungen und Events

1. **BIC-Webinar: Möglichkeiten für bio-basierten Industrieanwendungen in Australien, 19. März 2026**, 9:30 – 10:30 | [Registration](#) (UHOH ist BIC Associate Member, daher diese Option bei der Registrierung auswählen)
2. [Informationsveranstaltungen der Nationale Kontaktstelle Bioökonomie & Umwelt](#) (NKS B&U)
  - Gekürztes Antragstemplate – was ist zu beachten: **19. März 2026**, 14:00 - ca. 14:30 Uhr)
  - Kommentierte Antragstemplate der NKS B&U: **26. März 2026**, 10:00 - ca. 10:30 Uhr
  - IP in Horizont Europa: **17. April 2026**, 10:00 - ca. 11:30 Uhr
  - EU-Partnerschaften Cluster 6 kompakt:
    - Überblick sowie CBE JU und PRIMA: **16. April 2026**, 11:00 - ca. 12:30 Uhr
    - Fokus Ökosysteme: **20. April 2026**, 10:00 - ca. 12:30 Uhr
    - Fokus Landwirtschaft: **28. April 2026**, 13:00 - ca. 14:30 Uhr
3. [Veranstaltungsreihe ‚RP-Start‘](#) bietet einen **Einstieg in das Rahmenprogramm Horizont Europa**:
  - Das Projekt: **25. März 2026**
  - Der Projektantrag: **12. Mai 2026**
4. [EU LIFE 2026 info days](#)
  - #EULIFE26 (English; online) from **28-30. April 2026**
  - [Ausschreibungen der LIFE-Infotage](#) (Deutsch) >> [Anmeldung für den 12-13. Mai 2026](#)
5. [HDHL Conference “Turning Evidence into Action for Healthier, Sustainable and More Equitable Food Environments”](#) incl. Policy Lab Session co-created with partners at HDHL Food4Health, CLEVERFOOD, and EAT: **21 April 2026** in Brussels
6. [FoodBooster 2026: Emerging tools to improve our nutritional environment, 11 – 13 May 2026](#), Liège (BE), Registration bis April 17, 2026: [https://www.foodbooster.org/cms/c\\_20538747/fr/registration](https://www.foodbooster.org/cms/c_20538747/fr/registration)

### 5. Aktuelles und Wissenswertes

- ◆ [Dos and Don'ts für erfolgreiche EU-Forschungs- und Innovationsanträge](#): Die [European Research Executive Agency](#) hat dazu eine kompakte Übersicht mit den wichtigsten Dos und Don'ts veröffentlicht, die Antragvorbereitende bei der Strukturierung, inhaltlichen Ausrichtung und Zusammenarbeit unterstützen soll.
- ◆ [EU erwägt Modellverträge für akademische ForscherInnen](#) um die Mobilität von Forschern zu fördern und Standards für die berufliche Entwicklung festzulegen.
- ◆ Es gibt eine neue [Handreichung für die überzeugende Begründung von Personalsätzen](#) in unserer [EU-Toolbox](#) mit [Tipps und Beispielen](#) sowie den aktuellen [TVL-Personal- und HiWi-Kostensätzen](#).

### 6. Kontakt, Feedback und 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](mailto:eu-grants@uni-hohenheim.de) oder [global-grants@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:global-grants@uni-hohenheim.de)
- **Besuchen** Sie uns im Wollgrasweg 43 (EG) und nutzen Sie unsere Veranstaltungsformate.

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**Calls & information about European and international research funding**  
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## 1. Selected Research Funding Options / Calls

**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 March 2026** | Submission of **Letters of Intent**: **26 March 2026**

**British Advanced Research + Invention Agency (ARIA): [Scaling Trust](#):** Call for interdisciplinary and international teams to develop scalable, verifiable technical mechanisms that enable trustworthy coordination between AI systems and humans in complex, real-world environments where incentives may be misaligned or strategically manipulated | Deadline **24 March 2026**

- Track Tooling: Open-source agents and reusable components that enable secure requirement capture, negotiation, protocol generation, and verification in multi-agent settings. Must be usable by all Arena participants, built for adversarial environments, and designed to generalise beyond single tasks.
- Track Fundamental research: Foundational work that turns empirical security into provable guarantees, and unlocks new cyber-physical trust primitives for agents. Focus areas include formal AI security, generative protocol design and verification, and cyber-physical trust anchors.

**Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research: [Enhancing the Flavor of Plant-based & Fermentation-derived Proteins RFA](#)** | Application Deadline **March 25, 2026**

**IBM Impact Accelerator“-Program [AI-Driven Solutions Shaping the Future of Work and Education](#):** Deadline: **25 March 2026**

**Erasmus+ [Virtual Exchanges in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)** | Application Deadline: **26 March 2026** | single-stage | Contact: F. Schenk, Dr. B. Gehring (International Office)

**International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the IDB Lab, the CGIAR Accelerate for Impact Platform (A4IP), the European Space Agency (ESA), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the International Innovation Hub (IIH) and the European Institute of Innovation for Sustainability (EiIS) [Moonshots for Development Open Innovation Challenge](#)** | multiple stages: Application deadline **March 30, 2026**

**European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare “[Shaping the Future of Animal Health and Welfare](#)”** | Deadline: **30 March 2026** | Webinar for applicants: **02 February 2026, 10:00-12:00 CET**: <https://ptj-fzj.webex.com/ptj-fzj-en/j.php?MTID=m6250b1a9eaebe41de6fa6b170f728daf>

**[ESPEN Research Fellowship 2026](#):** Eligibility criteria: (1) Applicant and supervisor must be [ESPEN members](#) (in Hohenheim: Prof. Stephan Bischoff); (2) Early career researcher within 5 years of final academic degree (PhD, MD, MSc) Application | Submission Deadline: **31 March 2026**

**EMBO [Young Investigator Programme](#)** supports junior research group leaders in the life sciences in Europe and beyond | Application Deadline: **01 April 2026**

**Wellcome Trust [Climate Impacts Awards: Unlocking urgent climate action by making the health effects of climate change visible](#):** Funding duration up to 3 years; max funding: up to £2.5 million per award; Deadline **08 April 2026**

**NEW: HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-02-WIDENING-01 “[Twinning](#)”:** Project Applications shall enhance networking activities between the research institutions and research infrastructures of Widening countries acting as coordinators by linking it with at least two internationally leading research institutions from two different Member States or Associated Countries | Deadline date: **09 April 2026**

**European Partnership für Pandemievorsorge (BE READY): “[Advancing knowledge of host and pathogens dynamics to better combat emerging diseases](#)”** | two-stage, Pre-Proposal Deadline **13 April 2026**

**GOOGLE IMPACT CHALLENGE: AI FOR SCIENCE - Accelerating scientific breakthroughs with the power of AI**  
| Deadline: **17 April 2026**

**NEW:** **International Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan:** Opportunity to conduct collaborative research for young overseas researchers under the guidance of their hosts in universities or other research institutions in Japan **April 28, 2026** (JST) | Contact: F. Schenk, Dr. B. Gehring (International Office)

**2026 MNI Grant:** 40,000 EUR towards a local initiative or project with the aim of enhancing the nutritional management of patient care | open to all healthcare professionals, clinicians and **researchers working in clinical nutrition** | Submission deadline: **30 April 2026**

**Human Frontier Science Programme HFSP Postdoctoral Fellowships** supports proposals for potentially transformative pioneering research in the life sciences. Applications for high-risk projects are particularly welcome. Projects should be interdisciplinary in nature and challenge existing paradigms through the use of new approaches and techniques. From a scientific perspective, they should address an important problem or obstacle to progress in the field | Initiation of an LoI by **05 May 2026** | Deadline Submission of a Letter of Intent by **12 May 2026**

**EIC Pathfinder Open Call 2026:** Around €166 million will be allocated to support high-risk, interdisciplinary research projects for the development of future technologies. Consortia of at least three independent partners from three EU or associated countries can apply for up to €4 million per project. Deadline: **12 May 2026**

**NEW: Simons Foundation 'Pivot Fellowships':** support early-career postdoctoral researchers (typically within 12 months of starting postdoc work) anywhere in the world who are transitioning to independent research in mathematics, physical sciences, and theoretical biology. Application Deadline: **14 May 2026**

**NEW: EU/BMFTR: PRIMA – Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area:** Section 1 – (EU-funded) and Section 2 Calls (national funding pools) | Topics given under 2. (p. 9) | Pre-Proposal Deadline **15 May 2026** | [Info Day](#) on **26 March, 11-13 CET**

**BMFTR: Bioeconomy International 2027:** Research areas: (1) Biological knowledge as key to the bioeconomy; (2) Converging technologies and interdisciplinary collaboration (digitalization, artificial intelligence (AI), nanotechnology, automation, miniaturization, etc.) and (3) Transfer into application (value creation networks, etc.) | Deadline **03 June 2026**. Information and support for applications from our [colleagues in AF2](#) (national funding)

**NEW: EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships:** support scientists to carry out research for a period of up to two years. International mobility is a key requirement. Next Deadline: **10 July 2026, 14:00 CEST**

**Horizon Europe: InnoNext - Next Generation Innovation Talents' Initiative** Cascade funding; Deadline: **31 July 2026** | single-stage

**NEW: HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01-WIDENING-01 "Teaming Synergies"** Deadline date: **24 Sep 2026**

**HORIZON-JU-CBE-2026 Calls** | Deadline: **22 September 2026**, 17:00 CET

- Innovation actions – flagship (IA-flagship)
- Innovation actions (IA)
- Research and innovation actions (RIA)
- Coordination and support actions (CSA)

**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 | Deadlines in **September 2026**

**German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF): 2026 Call for AI in Science and Society:** This new program invites innovative research proposals focusing on the development, application, and societal implications of artificial intelligence (AI) across both STEM and Social Sciences & Humanities | GIF portal opens on 01 Sept | Deadline Pre-Proposals: **15 October 2026** | [Webinars and consulting sessions on demand](#)

**EIC Pathfinder Challenge: Biotechnology for Healthy Ageing** (HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDER CHALLENGES-01-02) Funding up to 100%, single stage, Deadline **28.10.2026**, 4 Mill €/ Project | Individual or collaborative projects

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](#)

## Horizon Europe (HE) [Work Programmes 2026/27](#)

### HE [Cluster 1 - Health](#)

- Call - Cluster 1 - Health (single-stage - 2026) Opening: 10 February | Deadline(s): **16 Apr 2026**  
Destination - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society  
Destination - Living and working in a health-promoting environment Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden  
Destination - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare  
Destination – Developing/ using tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society  
Destination - Maintaining an innovative, sustainable, and competitive EU health industry

### HE [Cluster 2 - Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society](#): various Deadlines, e.g. **23 Sep 2026**

- CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-10: Digital and media literacy as drivers for democratic and civic resilience
- CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-05: Research and Innovation Network for a Union of Equality

### HE [Cluster 3 - Civil security for society](#): various Deadlines, e.g. **05 Nov 2026**

- HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-05: Climate security and civil preparedness
- HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-04: Open topic on driving innovation uptake of disaster risk solutions

### HE [Cluster 4 - Digital, industry, space](#): various Deadlines, e.g.

- CL4-2026-02-DIGITAL-EMERGING-53: Innovative AI methods and technologies for the process industries **17 Mar 2026**
- CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING-06: International cooperation in AI (IA) **18 Mar 2027**

### HE [Cluster 5 - Climate, energy and mobility](#): various Deadlines, e.g. **15 Apr 2026**

- CL5-2026-07-D1-04: Fighting disinformation and effectively communicating on climate change
- CL5-2026-07-D1-03: Economics of climate change and cost of inaction
- CL5-2026-07-D1-01: Next generation climate monitoring and related capabilities
- CL5-2026-07-D1-05: Improving climate and weather models for Africa

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

- CL6 Call 01 – single-stage: Biodiversity and ecosystem services | Deadline **17 Sep 2026**, [WP, S.20 ff.](#)
- CL6 Call 02 – single-stage: Fair, healthy and environment-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption | Deadline **14 Apr 2026**, [WP, S.23 ff.](#)
- CL6 Call 03 – single-stage: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors | Deadline **15 Apr 2026**, [WP, S.26 ff.](#)
- CL6 Call 04 – single-stage: Clean environment and zero pollution | Deadline **26 Nov 2026**, [WP, S.28 ff.](#)
- CL6 Call 01 – two-stage: Land, ocean and water for climate action | Deadline **16 Apr 2026**, [WP S.30 f.](#)
- CL6 Call 02 – two-stage: Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities  
Deadline **14 Apr 2026**, [WP S.31 f.](#)
- CL6 Call 03 – two-stage: Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal | Deadline **15 Apr 2026** (1. Stage), [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 | Deadlines in **September 2026**

### [HE European Innovation Ecosystems \(EIC\) Work programme \(2026-27\)](#)

#### [HE MSCA Work programme \(2026-27\)](#)

- MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026: Call is open already | Deadline: **16 Apr 2026**
- MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026: Opening: 09 Apr 2026 >>> Deadline: **09 Sep 2026**
- MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026: Opening: 28 May 2026 >>> Deadline: **24 Nov 2026**
- MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2027: Opening: 08 Dec 2026 >>> Deadline: **06 Apr 2027**

[HE WIDERA Work Programme 2026-2027](#) (Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area), various Calls, e.g.

- ERA Fellowships (p.34ff); ERA Chairs (p.42ff); Excellence Hubs (p.53ff)

## 2. Funding Programme of the Month March

**PRIMA (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area)** is a Euro-Mediterranean research and innovation initiative for the sustainable management of water, agriculture, and food systems in the Mediterranean region. The program funds transnational projects between EU and Mediterranean partner countries with the aim of strengthening climate adaptation, resource efficiency, and food security through applied research and innovation in the following three areas.

- Water management: Sustainable use and protection of water resources.
- Agricultural systems: Resilient and sustainable agriculture.
- Food value chain: Efficiency and safety in food production.

There are two funding streams and project financing options:

1. CALL Thematic Area 1 - Water management in the Nexus: Topic 1.1.1-2026 (IA): **Decentralised Brackish Water Desalination for Climate-Resilient and Resource-Efficient Mediterranean Agriculture**
2. CALL Thematic Area 2 - Farming systems in the Nexus: Topic 1.2.1-2026 (IA) **Next Generation of Sustainable and Alternative Animal Feeds for Circular and Resilient Mediterranean Farming Systems**
3. CALL Thematic Area 3 - Food value chain in the Nexus: Topic 1.3.1-2026 (IA) **Sustainable On-Site Transformation of Perishable Mediterranean Agri-food Products**
4. CALL Nexus Theme (cross-cutting): Topic 1.4.1-2026 (CSA) **Institutionalising and Scaling the Mediterranean WEF Nexus Community of Practice for Cross-Sectoral Governance and Policy Uptake**

TABLE 10. TIMETABLE FOR SECTION 1 CALL FOR PROPOSALS IN 2026

THEMATIC AREA	CALL TOPICS	CALL PUBLICATION AND OPENING	SUBMISSION DEADLINE STAGE 1	EVALUATION RESULTS STAGE 1	SUBMISSION DEADLINE STAGE 2	EVALUATION RESULTS STAGE 2
<b>Water management in the nexus</b>	Topic 1.1.1 (IA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	30.6.2026	18.9.2026	11.12.2026
<b>Farming systems in the nexus</b>	Topic 1.2.1 (IA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	30.6.2026	18.9.2026	11.12.2026
<b>Food value chain in the nexus</b>	Topic 1.3.1 (IA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	30.6.2026	18.9.2026	11.12.2026
<b>Nexus Theme</b>	Topic 1.4.1 (CSA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	30.6.2026		11.12.2026

**Sektion 2** (national finanziert durch Staaten der PRIMA-Partnerschaft, analog zu anderen EU-Partnerschaften)

5. Thematic Area 1-Water management in the Nexus: Topic 2.1.1-2026 (RIA\*30) **Leveraging Ecosystem Functions and Enhancing Water Allocation for the Protection and Restoration of Non-Perennial Watercourses in the Mediterranean**
6. Thematic Area 2-Farming systems in the Nexus: Topic 2.2.1-2026 (RIA\*31) **Novel remote and non-invasive ICT monitoring and control systems against disease and pest infestation**
7. Thematic Area 3-Food value chain in the Nexus: Topic 2.3.1-2026 (RIA\*32) **Empowering Mediterranean Food Value Chains through Context-Aware Digital Traceability**

### PRIMA-Calls 2026 Calendar

TABLE 14. TIMETABLE FOR SECTION 2 CALL FOR PROPOSALS IN 2026

THEMATIC AREA	CALL TOPICS	CALL PUBLICATION AND OPENING	SUBMISSION DEADLINE STAGE 1	EVALUATION RESULTS STAGE 1	SUBMISSION DEADLINE STAGE 2	EVALUATION RESULTS
<b>Water management</b>	Topic 2.1.1 (RIA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	3.7.2026	29.9.2026	16.12.2026
<b>Farming systems</b>	Topic 2.2.1 (RIA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	3.7.2026	29.9.2026	16.12.2026
<b>Agri-food chain</b>	Topic 2.3.1 (RIA)	20.3.2026	15.5.2026	3.7.2026	29.9.2026	16.12.2026

### 3. For Project Coordinators & Managers

- ◆ **EU@Lunch** on **13 April 2026**, 12:00-13:00 CET  
**Topic: Ready for EU Projects: Implementation at a Glance**  
**Guest:** Oriane Petit (AW5, Third Party Funding/ EU Competence Team)  
**Zoom-Link:** <https://uni-hohenheim.zoom-x.de/j/69006178152?pwd=KsuIXrQXufKiGtCAadacC61BYdfaPtC.1> | Meeting-ID: 690 0617 8152 | Code: wG02GN
- ◆ **Deep-dive webinar to explore Booster Services** of the European Commission for Dissemination & Exploitation of your EU project results: **26 March**, from 11:00–12:00 CET | [Registration](#)
- ◆ [10 steps to reach and inform policymakers](#)

### 4. Trainings and Events

1. **BIC Webinar: Opportunities for bio-based industries in Australia, 19 March 2026**, 9:30 – 10:30 | [Registration](#) (select BIC Associate Member when register)
2. **Webinars of the National Contact Point Bioeconomy & Environment**
  - How to cope with the shortened proposal template: **19 March 2026**, 14:00 - ca. 14:30 CET
  - Kommentierte Antragstemplate der NKS B&U: **26 March 2026**, 10:00 - ca. 10:30 CET
  - IP in Horizont Europa: **17 April 2026**, 10:00 - ca. 11:30 CET
  - EU-Partnerschaften Cluster 6 kompakt:
    - Überblick sowie CBE JU und PRIMA: **16 April 2026**, 11:00 - ca. 12:30 CET
    - Fokus Ökosysteme: **20 April 2026**, 10:00 - ca. 12:30 Uhr
    - Fokus Landwirtschaft: **28 April 2026**, 13:00 - ca. 14:30 Uhr
3. **For Newbies: ‚RP-Start‘** to get an overview and introduction in **Horizont Europa**:
  - The Project: **25 March 2026**
  - The Proposal Parts: **12 May 2026**
4. [HDHL Conference “Turning Evidence into Action for Healthier, Sustainable and More Equitable Food Environments”](#) incl. Policy Lab Session co-created with partners at HDHL Food4Health, CLEVERFOOD, and EAT: **21 April 2026** in Brussels
5. **EU LIFE 2026 info days**
  - [#EULIFE26](#) (English; online) from **28-30 April 2026**
  - [LIFE-Info Days](#) (German) **12-13 May 2026** >>> [Registration](#)
6. **FoodBooster 2026: Emerging tools to improve our nutritional environment, 11 – 13 May 2026**, Liège (BE), Registration bis April 17, 2026: [https://www.foodbooster.org/cms/c\\_20538747/fr/registration](https://www.foodbooster.org/cms/c_20538747/fr/registration)

### 5. News

- ◆ [Dos and Don'ts for Successful EU Research and Innovation Proposals](#): The European Research Executive Agency has published a concise overview of the most important dos and don'ts to help applicants structure their proposals, define their content, and collaborate effectively.
- ◆ [EU considers model contracts for academic researchers](#) to boost researcher mobility and set standards for career development
- ◆ We have compiled a new guide [“How to Justify Personnel Effort Convincingly in EU Project applications”](#) for our Hohenheim [EU toolbox](#).

### 6. Contact, Feedback and Suggestions

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

- Use our [‘Make-a-Wish’ Box](#)
- Call us: -24615 / -24688
- Write to us: [eu-grants@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:eu-grants@uni-hohenheim.de) or [global-grants@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:global-grants@uni-hohenheim.de)
- Visit us and take advantage of our event formats