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Open/foreseen calls in Horizon Europe (selection)

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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Call	Call Opening	Submission Date
MSCA- Staff Exchanges 2023 foreseen	05.10.2023	28.02.2024
MSCA- Postdoctoral Fellowships 2023 OPEN	12.04.2023	13.09.2023
MSCA-Doctoral Networks 2023 OPEN	30.05.2023	28.11.2023

European Research Council (ERC): preliminary dates

Call	Call Opening	Submission Date
ERC-Starting Grant 2024 foreseen	11.07.2023	24.10.2023
ERC-Consolidator Grant 2024 foreseen	12.09.2023	12.12.2023
ERC-Advanced Grant 2024 foreseen	29.05.2023	29.08.2023
ERC-Synergy Grant 2024 foreseen	12.07.2023	08.11.2023
ERC-Proof of Concept 2024 foreseen	16.11.2023	14.03.2024 17.09.2024

Digital Europe (see Factsheet at the end of this Newsletter)

Call	Call Opening	Submission Date
European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO)- National and multinational Hubs OPEN	11.05.2023	26.09.2024
Support to Dissemination and exploitation (D&E) OPEN	11.05.2023	26.09.2024
EU Cybersecurity Resilience, Coordination and Cybersecurity Ranges OPEN	25.05.2023	06.07.2023
Coordination between the cybersecurity civilian and defence spheres OPEN	25.05.2023	26.09.2023

Call	Call Opening	Submission Date
Standardisation in the area of Cybersecurity OPEN	25.05.2023	26.09.2023
Boosting Digital skills of young pupils, in particular girls OPEN	11.05.2023	26.09.2023

For information on calls for other types of funding (e.g., collaborative projects in Horizon Europe Clusters) please contact Teresa Rodríguez.

Horizon Europe and United Kingdom

The UK government has announced an extension to the Horizon Europe guarantee scheme to cover all Horizon Europe calls that close on or before 30 September 2023. This extension will support eligible, successful UK applicants to continue their important work in research and innovation.

Read more in UKRI's Horizon Europe Guarantee fund guidance: https://orlo.uk/w6hlm and

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/horizon-europe-guarantee-open-letter-to-the-uk-research-and-development-sector

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Registration as Evaluator

The European Union Institutions appoint external experts to assist in the evaluation of grant applications, projects and tenders, and to provide opinions and advice in specific cases.

You may obtain more information and register under https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert

Knock-on financing (Anschubfinanzierung) provided by BMBF for German coordination proposals in Horizon Europe: Next Call

The Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) offers as of spring 2021 and till September 2023 knock-on financing for the preparation of proposals within Horizon Europe with the condition that the coordinator is a German institution.

The beneficiaries of this financing are German universities, research institutions and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) acting as coordinator in a Horizon Europe proposal. The funding amounts to € 50.000, -/proposal with a maximal duration of twelve months. The knock-on financing will support network meetings, workshops, travel and stay costs and is restricted to the "Global Challenges" in Pillar II.

This funding follows the guidelines of BMBF and will be announced through the usual BMBF "Förderbekanntmachungen". You may sign for the Newsletter here: https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/de/service/newsletter/newsletter_node.html and in this website: https://www.eubuero.de/de/foerderung-anschubfinanzierung-aheu-2646.html

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Horizon Europe projects at the University of Potsdam

There are presently eleven projects in the framework of Horizon Europe at the University of Potsdam. You may see an overview of these under this link.

Among them, there are three Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellows (see below):

REGRAMM: „Relationships of receptive grammar acquisition with musical rhythm processing and executive functions"
Marie-Skłodowska-Curie- PostDoctoral Fellowship-2021
Fellow: Dr. Enikö Ladanyi
Institution: Faculty of Human Sciences- Cognitive Sciences

Duration: 01.07.2022 - 30.06.2024
Funding UP: EUR 189.687,36

You find more information in German here and in English here.

A Theory of Opinion: "Certainty in an uncertain world: A philosophy of opinion"
Marie-Skłodowska-Curie- PostDoctoral Fellowship-2021
Fellow: Dr. Eric-John Russel
Institution: Faculty of Arts- Department of Philosophy
Duration: 01.07.2022 - 30.06.2024
Funding UP: EUR 189.687,36

You find more information in German here and in English here.

Protest-airt: „ Protesting the global air transport industry: social movements fighting for the preservation of local communities and the planet"
Marie-Skłodowska-Curie- PostDoctoral Fellowship-2021
Fellow: Herr Dr. Alexander Araya López
Institution: Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences-Sociology
Duration: 01.07.2022 - 30.06.2024
Funding UP: EUR 173.847,36

You find more information in English here and here

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New Erasmus+ project at the University of Potsdam

TEAM: Teacher Education Academy for Music: Future-Making, Mobility and Networking in Europe

TEAM is one of the 16 new Erasmus+ Teacher Academies selected in 2023 by the European Commission to provide teachers with learning opportunities at all stages of their careers. The University of Potsdam coordinates the partnership, which is formed by 15 full partners (music teacher education institutions and training schools) from 12 different EU countries and 26 associated partners from 19 different European countries, thus assuring the development of a pan-European network that provides teachers with professional development opportunities. TEAM will strengthen international mobility in music teacher education, will develop evidence-based future-making music open educational resources for initial and continuous music teacher education, and will sum up the learning outcomes in a policy paper to advocate for high-quality music teacher education and school music education.

Key project data
Erasmus+ Key Action 2: Erasmus+ Teacher Academies
Project Director: Prof. Dr. Isolde Malmberg
Duration: June 15, 2023–June 14, 2026
Overall EU-Funding: EUR 1.498.962,93
UP Funding (coordinator): EUR 396.268,08

Further information about the action "Erasmus+ Teacher Academies" can be found on the website of the European Commission.

You find the list of the Erasmus+ projects of the University of Potsdam in Key Actions 2 and 3 on the following webpages:

- In German.
- In English.

Funding of travel costs for the preparation of Erasmus+ projects through the NA DAAD

The National Agency of the German Academic Exchange Service (NA DAAD) provides funding to cover travel expenses related to the preparation of Erasmus+ cooperation projects. Detailed information about the application process is available on the website of the NA DAAD.

ERA-NET and other European Partnerships Calls

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Joint Call Title	Network	Launch Date	Deadline Pre-proposal	Deadline Full-proposal
TRANSCAN-3 Joint Transnational Call for Proposals 2023 Translational research on cancer epigenetics Open	TRANSCAN-3	09/05/2023	21/07/2023	15/12/2023
ForestValue Joint Call 2023 Transnational collaborative R&I projects that produce knowledge to support the best possible use of forests and forest resources as well as to provide multiple benefits for society and the economy Open	Forest Value	02/05/2023	N/A	01/09/2023
ACT Open Call Innovative and international Carbon Capture Use and Storage projects Open	Accelerating CCS Technologies (ACT)	01/01/2023	N/A	31/12/2023
CETPartnership Joint Call 2023 Covering different energy technologies and/or systems and RDI approaches Upcoming	Clean Energy Transition Partnership (CETPartnership)	20/09/2023	22/11/2023	27/03/2024
Biodiversa+ Call Nature-based solutions for biodiversity, human well-being and transformative change – BiodivNBS Upcoming	European Biodiversity Partnership (Biodiversa+)	11/09/2023	November 2023	April 2024

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Digital Europe Programme

What is the Digital Europe Programme?

The Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL) is a new EU funding programme focused on bringing digital technology to businesses, citizens and public administrations. The Digital Europe Programme will provide in the period of 2021-2027 strategic funding to answer these challenges, supporting projects in 5 key capacity areas: <u>supercomputing, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, advanced digital skills, and ensuring a wide use of digital technologies across the economy and society</u>, including through Digital Innovation Hubs.

The Programme counts with € 7,5 billion (in current prices) and it aims to accelerate the economic recovery and shape the digital transformation of Europe's society and economy, bringing benefits to everyone, but in particular to small and medium-sized enterprises.

Who is eligible to participate in the Programme?

While the purpose of the Programme is first and foremost to strengthen the Union's digital capacities, it allows the possibility to have third countries associated to the Programme. Therefore, the funding will be available for entities from the EU Member States as well as other countries associated to the Programme.

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The decision to associate a country (or not) is left to the Commission based on the scope and objectives of the Programme. At this time only EFTA countries that are members of the EEA are associated (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway).

Types of Actions and Funding:

The Digital Europe Programme uses among other the following actions to implement grants:

- <u>Simple Grants</u>: are a flexible type of action used by a large variety of topics and can cover most activities. The consortium will mostly use personnel costs to implement action tasks, activities with third parties (subcontracting, financial support, purchase) are possible but should be limited.

  Funding Rate: 50%

- <u>SME Support Actions</u>: are a type of action primarily consisting of activities directly aiming to support SMEs involved in building up and the deployment of the digital capacities. This type of action can be used if SMEs need to be in the consortium and make investments to access the digital capacities.

  Funding Rate: 50% except for SMEs where a rate of 75% applies

- <u>Lump Sum Grants</u>: reimburse a general lump sum for the entire project and the consortium as a whole. The lump sum is fixed ex-ante (at the latest at grant signature) on the basis of a methodology defined by the granting authority (either on the basis of a detailed project budget or other pre-defined parameters). The lump sum will cover all the beneficiaries' direct and indirect costs for the project. The beneficiaries do not need to report actual costs, they just need to claim the lump sum once the work is done. If the action is not properly implemented only part of the lump sum will be paid.

Funding Rate: 100% and 75% for SMEs.

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Relevant Sources

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- Website of the European Commission:
  https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/digital-programme
- Funding and Tender Portal
- Call for proposals:
  https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/digital/wp-call/2023/call-fiche_digital-2023-cloud-ai-04_en.pdf

About us

In Dezernat 1 you find guidance on EU Research funding (Horizon 2020-Horizon Europe) in the following ways:

Consultancy (pre award support)	Application (pre award support)	Management (post award support)
• Identification of the right funding for your research in Horizon 2020 • Organization of workshops and information events • Support through local, regional, national and international networks • Other information (i.e. success rates)	• Administrative issues • Formal assessment of the proposal • Funding & Tenders Portal • Detailed feedback on the structure and formal issues of the proposal • Elaboration and checking of the budget	• Preparation and signature of the Grant Agreement • Elaboration and signature of the Consortium Agreement • Coordination and support to the administrative and financial management

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You also find guidance on the preparation and submission of proposals in the frame of

ERASMUS + (Key Actions 2 and 3 and Jean Monnet Actions):

Consultancy (pre award support)	Application (pre award support)
• Identification of the right funding for your research in Erasmus+ • Organization of workshops and information events • Support through local, regional, national and international networks • Other information (i.e. success rates)	• Administrative issues • Formal assessment of the proposal • Funding & Tenders Portal • Detailed feedback on the structure and formal issues of the proposal • Elaboration and checking of the budget

UP project managers can address the EU Research Funding Team at D1 if they have administrative-related questions.

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