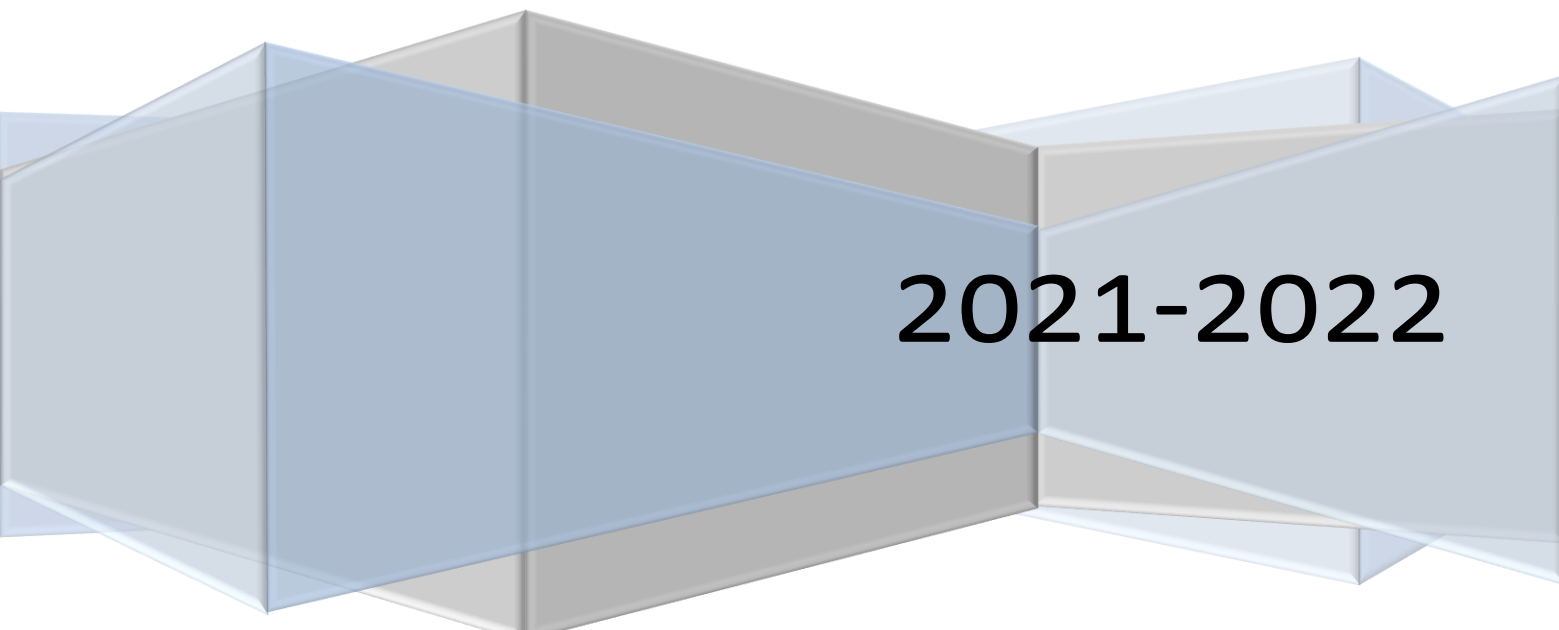# Opportunità di finanziamento UE extra Horizon Europe

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Premessa

Il Gruppo di Lavoro ha preso in esame alcune tra le principali categorie di finanziamenti UE 2021-27 con l'obiettivo di produrre delle schede informative finalizzate alla promozione di opportunità di finanziamento alla ricerca internazionali meno note, ma altrettanto interessanti, rispetto a *Horizon Europe*. Nello specifico, ci si è focalizzati su alcuni *Programmi*, *Fondi*, *Strumenti di finanziamento* e su *Altre opportunità di finanziamento* UE quali le *COST Actions*, i finanziamenti della *European Space Agency* e le *Calls for Tender*.

Il lavoro, che si è svolto tra metà maggio e metà ottobre 2021, ha prodotto quattordici schede informative sulle singole opportunità di finanziamento. Si tratta di schede sintetiche ma complete delle informazioni utili, redatte in lingua inglese e pensate per un utilizzo da parte degli Uffici competenti, così come dei ricercatori e docenti in autonomia.

Ciascuna scheda include quattro sezioni: una dedicata alla generale descrizione dell'opportunità di finanziamento, una seconda con i contatti utili, una terza dedicata ai dettagli (opzionale) e una quarta che illustra ampiamente le tipologie di azione associate. In calce a ogni scheda è altresì riportata la data del relativo aggiornamento. Al fine di facilitare eventuali operazioni di aggiornamento da parte dei fruitori, sono stati inoltre indicati i link ai siti istituzionali che presentano le call.

È appena il caso di sottolineare che le schede non sono esaustive dell'intero panorama delle opportunità di finanziamento esistenti, ma intendono approfondirne alcune tra quelle ritenute di maggiore interesse, al fine di ampliare il quadro delle opportunità normalmente diffuse e gestite dagli Uffici ricerca. Le schede sono state inoltre copilate solo con rigurado alle tipologie di azione per le quali le Università risultano eleggibili e alle informazioni ufficiali disponibili al momento della compilazione.

Tali schede posso essere fruite anche tramite la ricerca di parole chiave.

I lavori sono stati svolti tramite incontri da remoto, con il supporto di una piattaforma online per la condivisione della documentazione.

I lavori hanno permesso ai partecipanti di confrontarsi anche su ulteriori temi, quali le modalità di scouting e diffusione delle opportunità di finanziamento, nonché di monitoraggio delle proposte presentate.

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Programmi UE 2021-27

CERV - Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values

Section I - Programme/Fund/Instrument

Name Programme/Fund/Instrument: Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Short description of the programme: The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme (CERV) brings together the former Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC) and Europe for Citizens programmes.

This programme aims to protect and promote Union rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights. It will contribute to sustain and further develop open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies based on the rule of law.

Regulations establishing the programme (link to Eur-lex) (optional):

[Regulation (EU) 2021/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014](#)

Duration: 2021 - 2027

Sub programmes/programme structure:

CERV work programme 2021-2022 supports the accomplishment of **four main objectives** which correspond to four strands of activities:

1. To protect and promote Union values (Union values strand);
2. To promote rights, non-discrimination and equality, including gender equality, and to advance gender mainstreaming and the mainstreaming of non-discrimination (equality, rights and gender equality strand);
3. To promote citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union and exchanges between citizens of different Member States, and to raise awareness of their common European history (citizens' engagement and participation strand);
4. To prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children (Daphne strand).

Thematic areas: (utilizzare il primo livello ERC - rif. "Panel structure for ERC calls 2021 and 2022" https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_Panel_structure_2021_2022.pdf)

- SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems
- SH3 The Social World and Its Diversity
- SH5 Cultures and Cultural Production

Purpose of funding: CERV Work Programme 2021-2022 provides financial assistance for training activities, workshops, conferences, mutual learning and cooperation, capacity building, town twinning, media campaigns, awareness raising and dissemination activities.

Eligible countries

At present, the Countries participating in the CERV Programme are only EU Member States, as no other Countries have expressed interest in joining it. (link)

Link to the programme website

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/cerv

Link to the calls:

Search Funding & Tenders

Contact persons/NCP:

Dott.ssa Alessandra Lucchese

Ministero per i Beni e le Attività Culturali e per il Turismo

Segretariato Generale – Servizio III

Relazioni Internazionali

Tel. 06 6723 2082

email: alessandra.lucchese@beniculturali.it

Section III - Further details

Corresponding programmes in previous EU programming:

- Europe for Citizens programme
- Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme

Section IV - Type of action

Type of action: Call for proposals, Procurements

Consortium:

- **Mono-beneficiary/Multi-beneficiary**: Multi-beneficiary, but to check in each call
- **Minimum no. of partners / minimum no. of countries**: to check in each call
- **Partner search tool**: via Funding & Tender Portal

Applicants (both coordinators and partners): To check in each call

Contribution:

- maximum amount: to check in each call
- **actual costs or unit costs**: The funding mechanism under this programme works through both eligible costs and lump sums.
- **% financing**: grants will involve co-financing. The maximum possible rate of EU co-financing is 90% of the total eligible costs of the action.
- **% or amount for overheads / indirect costs**: 7%

Duration of projects: (Min/max) to check in each call

Type of deadline: variable

Eligible costs: to check in each call

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CREATIVE EUROPE

Section I - Programme/Fund/Instrument

Name Programme/Fund/Instrument:

Creative Europe

Short description of the programme:

Creative Europe brings together actions supporting the European cultural and creative sectors.

The term **'Cultural and creative sectors'** means all sectors whose activities are based on cultural values or artistic and other individual or collective creative expressions. The activities may include the development, the creation, the production, the dissemination and the preservation of goods and services, which embody cultural, artistic or other creative expressions, as well as education or management, related to these activities. The sectors include, inter alia, architecture, archives, libraries and museums, artistic crafts, audiovisual (including film, television, video games and multimedia), tangible and intangible cultural heritage, design (including fashion design), festivals, music, literature, performing art (including theatre and dance), books and publishing, radio, and visual arts.

The general objectives of the Programme are:

- to safeguard, develop and promote European cultural and linguistic diversity and heritage;

- to increase the competitiveness and the economic potential of the cultural and creative sectors, in particular the audiovisual sector.

Duration:

2021-2027

Sub programmes/programme structure:

Three strands:

- enhancing artistic and cultural cooperation at the European level, in order to support the creation of European works and strengthen the economic, social and external dimension of and innovation and mobility in Europe's cultural and creative sectors (**CULTURE strand**);

- promoting the competitiveness, scalability, cooperation, innovation, and sustainability, including through mobility in the European audiovisual sector (**MEDIA strand**); and

- promoting policy cooperation and innovative actions supporting all strands of the programme, promoting a diverse, independent and pluralistic media environment, and media literacy, thereby fostering freedom of artistic expression, intercultural dialogue and social inclusion (**CROSS SECTORAL strand**).

Thematic areas: (use the first ERC level - ref. "Panel structure for ERC calls 2021 and 2022" https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_Panel_structure_2021_2022.pdf) SH5

Purpose of funding: The call does not properly finance research, but has as its objectives: 1) the transnational circulation of works and artists and 2) innovation, to develop the evolution and competitiveness of the creative sector. Capacity building activities, preparation of artistic works, circulation of artists, digitization, training, networking, conferences, workshops, symposia, seminars, research, studies, policy analysis, surveys, laboratories, studies, etc. are funded.

In case of research funding, **Type of research that is funded**: fundamental/experimental development; bottom-up/top-down; mobility yes/no

Eligible countries

EU Member States and Associated Countries (see here)

For European Partnerships, **Funding Agency for Universities**:

For ERA-NET, **Interactions with Ministers** (pre and after grant)

Section II - Useful links and contact persons

Link to the programme website

https://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/creative-europe-2021-2027-programme-launch

Link to the calls:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=CREA-CULT-2021-COOP;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=null;programCcm2Id=null;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=callTopicSearchTableState

Link for the proposal submission:

Other useful links: (template, guide to proposers, administrative rules/reporting, contract, etc.) Useful documents in the "Topic conditions and documents" session

Contact persons/NCP:

Section III - Further details

Not available

Section IV - Type of action

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)

Consortium:

- Multi-beneficiary
- Minimum no. of partners / minimum no. of countries:
    - Category 1 (topic CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-1) — Small-scale projects: minimum 3 entities from 3 different eligible countries
    - Category 2 (topic CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-2) — Medium-scale projects: minimum 5 entities from 5 different eligible countries
    - Category 3 (topic CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-3) — Large-scale projects: minimum 10 entities from 10 different eligible countries

- Partner search tool (if available)
  https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/interested-org-list/43994622

Applicants (both coordinators and partners): research organisation, enterprise, public body, other entity (legal person), natural person

Private or public entities

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team): researchers/professors

Contribution:

- maximum amount
  -        For small-scale projects (topic: CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-1): maximum EU grant amount EUR 200 000 per project.
  -        For medium-scale projects (topic: CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-2): maximum EU grant amount EUR 1 000 000 per project.
  -        For large-scale projects (topic: CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-3): maximum EU grant amount EUR 2 000 000 per project
- actual costs or unit costs
  customized lump sum
- % financing

  -For small-scale projects (topic: CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-1): funding rate of maximum 80%.
  - For medium-scale projects (topic: CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-2): funding rate of maximum 70%.

- For large-scale projects (topic: CREA-CULT-2021-COOP-3): funding rate of maximum 60%

- % or amount for overheads / indirect costs: **7%**

Duration of projects: (Min/max) Max 48 months

Type of deadline: always open/annual/variable Annual

Eligible costs:
A. Personnel costs - without volunteers /€ (a1) A. Personnel costs – volunteers /€ (a2) B. Subcontracting costs/€ (b) C. Purchase costs - Travel and subsistenc e/€ (c1) C. Purchase costs - Equipmen t/€ (c2) C. Purchase costs - Other goods, works and services/€ (c3)

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DIGITAL EUROPE

Section I - Programme/Fund/Instrument

Name Programme/Fund/Instrument:
Digital Europe Programme (DEP)

Short description of the 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 strategic funding to make Europe greener and more digital, supporting projects in **five key capacity areas**: in supercomputing, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, advanced digital skills, and ensuring a wide use of digital technologies across the economy and society, including through Digital Innovation Hubs. With a planned overall budget of €7.5 billion (in current prices), 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**.
The Digital Europe Programme will not address these challenges in isolation, but rather **complement** the funding available through other EU programmes, such as the **Horizon Europe** programme for research and innovation and the **Connecting Europe Facility** for digital infrastructure, the **Recovery and Resilience Facility** and the **Structural funds**, to name a few. It is a part of the next long-term EU budget, the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027.

Regulations establishing the programme (link to Eur-lex):
https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R0694&qid=1623079930214

Duration:
2021-2027

Programme structure:
Five key capacity areas:

a.   Supercomputing;
b.   Artificial intelligence;
c.   Cybersecurity;
d.   Advanced digital skills;
e.   Wide use of digital technologies across the economy and society, including through Digital Innovation Hubs.

Thematic areas: (use the first ERC level - ref. "Panel structure for ERC calls 2021 and 2022" https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_Panel_structure_2021_2022.pdf)

PE1 Mathematics

PE6 Computer Science and Informatics

PE7 Systems and Communication Engineering

SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations

SH3 The Social World and Its Diversity

SH4 The Human Mind and Its Complexity

Purpose of funding:
Testing, experimental development, training.
Top-down.
No mobility.

Eligible countries

a.   Member States

The Programme shall be open to the participation of the following third countries through association or partial association:

b.   Members of the European Economic Area;
c.   Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates to EU;
d.   European Neighbourhood Policy countries;
e.   Other third countries, in accordance with the conditions laid down in a specific agreement covering the participation of the third country to any Union programme.

Section II - Useful links and contact persons

Link to the programme website
https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/digital-programme

Link to the calls:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/digital
Link for the proposal submission:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/digital

Other useful links: (template, guide to proposers, administrative rules/reporting, contract, etc.)
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents;programCode=DIGITAL

Contact persons/NCP:

Dott. Marta Calderaro (APRE)

Section III - Further details

Corresponding programmes in previous EU programming:
New programme

Section IV - Type of action

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)

a.   Grants for procurement;

b.   Grants for procurement of advanced capacities;

c.   Simple grant;

d.   Grant for financial support to third parties;

e.   SME support Action;

f.   Coordination and support action;

g.   Single entity procurement;

h.   Joint procurement.

Consortium:

- Mono-beneficiary/Multi-beneficiary
- Minimum no. of partners / minimum no. of countries
- Partner search tool (if available)

Applicants (both coordinators and partners): research organisation, enterprise, public body, other entity (legal person), natural person

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team): PhD Students/post-doc/researchers/professors

Contribution:

- maximum amount
- actual costs or unit costs
- % financing
- % or amount for overheads / indirect costs.

Duration of projects: (Min/max)

Type of deadline: always open/annual/variable

Tavolo di Lavoro "Progetti Internazionali"

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ERASMUS+

Name Programme/Fund/Instrument
Erasmus+ 2021-2027

Short description of the programme:
Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe.
The 2021-2027 programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people's participation in democratic life.
It supports priorities and activities set out in the European Education Area, Digital Education Action Plan and the European Skills Agenda. The programme also:
- supports the European Pillar of Social Rights
- implements the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027
- develops the European dimension in sport

Erasmus+ offers mobility and cooperation opportunities in higher education, vocational education and training, school education (including early childhood education and care), adult education, youth, and sport.

Regulations establishing the programme (link to Eur-lex):
Regulation (EU) 2021/817 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013
http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/817/oj

Duration:
2021-2027

Sub programmes/programme structure:
The Programme covers threes sectors:
- **Education**: higher education, vocational education and training, school education (including early childhood education and care), adult education
- **Youth**
- and **Sport**

For each sector, three Key Actions are planned:
- **Key Action 1 - Mobility of Individuals.** It deals with the mobility of learners and teachers, young people, operators of youth organisations as well as operators in sport organisations;
- **Key Action 2 – Cooperation among organisations and institutions**: it supports collaborative projects involving organisations from the interested sectors to share best practices, improve the educational offer, to foster the sectoral excellence at European level
- **Key action 3 – Support to policy development and cooperation**: it supports initiatives aimed at preparing and supporting the implementation of the EU policy agenda in the three sectors.

In addition to these three Key Actions, the **Jean Monnet Actions** will support teaching and research on European integration and promote policy debate and exchanges involving the academic world and policymakers on Union policy priorities in higher education and (since 2021) in other in schools and vocational education and training (VET) institutes.

This table sums up the main structure of the Erasmus+ Programme:

Key Actions	Education	Youth	Sport
KA 1 Mobility of Individuals	✓	✓	✓
KA2 Cooperation among organisations and institutions	✓	✓	✓
KA3 Support to policy development and cooperation:	✓	✓	✓
Jean Monnet	✓		

Under each Key Action, different types of actions are supported. Some of them are managed centrally by the European Commission through the EACEA (European Education and Culture Executive Agency), some others are managed at national level by National agencies (one or more per each Programme country).

The detailed sheets under Section IV "Type of Action" cover only the actions of interests to Universities.

Thematic areas:
The Erasmus+ has a bottom-up approach. Therefore, **all ERC thematic areas are relevant**, according to the specific discipline or business sector considered by the individual project proposed.
As far the focus is on methodology, social sciences like education, psychology and other social sciences might play a pivotal role in many applications.

Purpose of funding:
Erasmus+ Programme is not a research funding programme. Nonetheless, it supports studies, analyses and other type of "applied" research activities to improve the policies and the actions in the three sectors.

Eligible countries
Eligible countries are divided into two groups, Programme countries and Partners countries. Although Programme countries are eligible for all actions of Erasmus+, Partner countries can only take part in some, and are subject to specific conditions.

Programme countries are:
- EU Member States
- Non-EU Programme Countries (currently Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey).

In addition, other countries not associated to the Programme (called **Partner countries**) can only take part in some and are subject to specific conditions.

Further information on the Programme Guide: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/programme-guide/part-a/who-can-participate/eligible-countries_en

Link to the programme website
European Commission's website
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

Italian National Agencies website:
http://www.erasmusplus.it/nuovo-programma/programma-2021/

Link to the calls:
Calls managed at European level by EACEA are published on the **Funding and Tenders Portal**:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,0;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43353764;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState

Calls managed by the National Agencies are published on the **Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps platform:**
https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc/index/

Link for the proposal submission:
FT Portal (Calls managed by EACEA)
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,0;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43353764;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState

Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps platform (Calls managed by national)
https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc/index/

Other useful links: (template, guide to proposers, administrative rules/reporting, contract, etc.)
Programme Guide:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide_en

How to apply:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/how-to-apply_en

Annual Work Programmes di Erasmus+:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/annual-work-programmes_en

Call 2021: Call for proposals 2021 – EAC/A01/2021 Erasmus+ Programme 2021/C 103/11
https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3AC2021%2F103%2F11

Programme's documents:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants_en

Contact persons/NCP:
National Agencies are published on the EACEA website:
https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/national-agencies

As for Italy, following agencies are in charge of different strands of the programme.

Agenzia nazionale per i giovani (ANG)
Youth, Italy
National Agency Code: IT03
Address: Via Sabotino, 4 00195, Roma Italy
Phone number: +390637591201
Email: direzione@agenziagiovani.it
Website: http://www.agenziagiovani.it/

Agenzia Nazionale Erasmus+ (INDIRE)
School Education, Higher Education, Adult Education, Italy
National Agency Code: IT02
Address: Via Cesare Lombroso 6/15 50134, Firenze Italy
Phone number: +39 055 238 03 48
Email: erasmusplus@indire.it
Website: http://www.erasmusplus.it/

Istituto per l'analisi delle politiche pubbliche (INAPP)
Vocational Education and Training, Italy
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Website: http://www.erasmusplus.it/

Strand managed by EACEA do not have dedicated NCPs in the Programme countries.

Corresponding programmes in previous EU programming:
Erasmus+ 2014-2020

Additional information: (e.g. funded projects)
A presentation of the Erasmus+ funded projects is available under the Erasmus+ Project Results platform:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects_en

Section IV - Type of action:

KA2 Partnerships for Cooperation: Cooperation Partnerships

Managed by National Agencies

The aim of the Cooperation partnerships is to enable participating organisations to increase the quality and relevance of activities; to develop and strengthen networks of partners; to encourage the internationalisation of activities and the exchange of new practices and methods.
Projects should develop results which are reusable, transferable, replicable, shareable at local, regional, national and transnational level and which have a strong transdisciplinary dimension.
Further information on the Programme Guide:
https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/key-action-2/cooperation-partnerships

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)
Call for proposals

Consortium:
- Multi-beneficiary
- *Min. no. of partners*: 3
- *Min. no. of countries*: 3

Applicants (both coordinators and partners):
- **Applicant (Coordinator):** Any participating organisation established in a Programme Country may apply. This organisation applies as Lead Partner to the relevant National Agency.
- **Partner:** any public or private organisation established in one of the Programme Countries or in any partner country of the world Organisations from Partner Countries cannot participate as project coordinators.
- **Associated Partners:** Organisations belonging to the public or private sector which contribute to the implementation of specific tasks/activities of the project or which support

the dissemination and sustainability of the project but which do not receive any funding from the Programme.

Usually the consortium has up to 10 partners due to budget constraints.

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team):
Permanent faculty and their team

Contribution:
- *maximum amount*: Contribution between € 100.000 and € 400.000
- *actual costs or unit costs*: Unit costs
- % financing: Not applicable, except for some types of costs
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: Not applicable

Duration of projects: (Min/max)
Between 12 and 36 months.

Type of deadline: always open/annual/variable
Annual.

Eligible costs:
Eligible cost items: Project management and implementation, Transnational project meetings, Project results, Multiplier events, Inclusion support, Exceptional costs, Travel support, Individual support, Language support

KA2 Partnerships for Cooperation: Small-Scale Partnerships

Managed by the National Agencies

The aim of small-case partnerships, which are characterised by smaller amounts of grants awarded, a shorter duration and simpler administrative requirements than cooperation partnerships, is to enable participating organisations to:
- Attract new participants, less experienced organisations and small operators and widen their access to the programme;
- Support the inclusion of target groups with fewer opportunities.
- Support active European citizenship and bring the European dimension to the local level.

Further information on the Programme Guide:
https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/key-action-2/small-scale-partnerships

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)
Call for proposals

Consortium:

- Multi-beneficiary
- *Min. no. of partners*: 2
- *Min. no. of countries*: 2

Applicants (both coordinators and partners):
Applicant (Coordinator): Any participating organisation established in a Programme Country may apply. This organisation applies as Lead Partner to the relevant National Agency.
Partner: any public or private organisation established in one of the Programme Countries.

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team):
Permanent faculty and their team

Contribution:
- *maximum amount*: Two separate predefined lump sums according to the activities: € 30.000 and € 60.000
- *actual costs or unit costs*: Unit costs
- % financing: Not applicable
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: Not applicable

Duration of projects: (Min/max)
Between 6 and 24 months.

Type of deadline: always open/annual/variable
Twice a year, except for small-scale partnerships in the field of sport which have an annual deadline.

Eligible costs:
Not foreseen. The planned activities must indicate the share of the grant allocated to each of them.

KA2 Partnerships for Excellence: Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)

Managed by EACEA

Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) promotes **transnational collaborative platforms**, which would be difficult for isolated member states to establish in the absence of EU incentives. Vocational education and training (VET) is an integral part of skills ecosystems and contributes to regional development, innovation, inclusion and smart specialization strategies; it is also part of the **knowledge triangle**, as it interacts closely with other sectors of **education and training, with the scientific community and with businesses.**

The centers of professional excellence operate at two levels:
1. **at national level** in a given local context, integrating centers of professional excellence into local innovation ecosystems and linking them at European level;

2. **transnationally**, through platforms of centers of professional excellence, to establish world-class reference points for vocational training, bringing together the CoVEs that share a common interest in specific sectors or innovative approaches to address societal challenges.

The platforms thus created are intended for organizations providing education and vocational training, at any level, including upper secondary level, post-secondary non-tertiary level and tertiary level (e.g. universities of applied sciences, polytechnics, etc.).

Further information on the Programme Guide:
https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/key-action-2/centres-vocational-excellence

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)
Call for proposals

Consortium:
- Multibeneficiary
- *N. of partner / n. of countries*: at least 8 full partners from at least 4 countries participating in the Erasmus + program (including at least 2 EU Member States) and must involve:
  a) at least 1 company,
  b) at least 1 VET provider (at secondary and / or tertiary level).

Applicants (both coordinators and partners):
Applicants/ organisations eligible to participate:
- VET providers
- Companies, industry or sector representative organisations
- National/regional qualification authorities
- Research institutes
- Innovation agencies
- Regional development authorities

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team):
Permanent faculty and their team

Contribution:
- *maximum amount*: 4 Million €
- *actual costs or unit costs*: Lump Sum II (see below)
- *% financing*: 80%
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: 7%

The contribution is based on the Lump Sums II mechanism. The applicant draws up a budget using an excel file (available here), estimating the costs divided by (i) partners, (ii) WPs and (iii) expense categories.

Thus, the EACEA defines the budget, by partner and WP, at the time of the Grant Agreement Preparation. The grant is issued at the time of the financial report on the basis of the completion of each WP by all partners. So, please pay attention to the timing set for the WPs.

For more information, see the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTSy8T2_yHg

Duration of projects: (Min/max)
4 years

Type of deadline: always open/annual/variable
Annual

Eligible costs:
A. Direct personnel costs;
B. Subcontracting costs
C. Purchase costs: Travel and subsistence per travel or day; C.2 Equipment; C.3 Other goods, works and services
D. Other cost categories,

KA2 Partnerships for Excellence: Erasmus+ Teacher Academies

Managed by EACEA

Erasmus+ Teacher Academies aims to train and support competent, motivated and highly qualified teachers, trainers, educators and school leaders, to promote their continuous professional development and high quality training. It responds to the need to ensure that all teachers and trainers have the confidence and skills to use technologies effectively and creatively in order to engage and motivate their learners and ensure that everyone develops the digital skills to learn, live and work in an increasingly digitalized world.

Overall objective is to promote european partnerships of education and training providers for teachers with the aim of establishing, within the framework of Erasmus +, **teachers' academies** that develop a European and international perspective in teacher training. These academies will be **characterized by multilingualism and cultural diversity**, will develop teacher training by adhering to the EU priorities set by education policies and will contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the European Education Area.

Further information on the Programme Guide:
https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/key-action-2/teacher-academies

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)
Call for Proposals

Consortium:
- Multibeneficiary

- *N. of partner / n. of countries*: at least 3 full partners from a minimum of 3 Programme countries (including at least 2 EU Member States) involving:
  - At least two nationally recognised providers of initial teacher education from 2 different Programme countries, and
  - At least one nationally recognised provider of continuing professional development (in-service training) for teachers.

  as full partner or associated partner, at least one practice/training school.

Applicants (both coordinators and partners):
- Teacher Education Institutions (colleges, institutes, universities providing initial teacher education and/or continuing professional development) for teachers at ISCED level 1-3, including VET teachers;
- Ministries or similar public bodies responsible for school education policies;
- Public (local, regional or national) and private bodies responsible for developing policies and offer for teacher education as well as defining standards for teachers' qualifications;
- Teacher associations or other nationally recognised providers of teacher education and continuous professional development;
- Authorities responsible for education and training of teachers and supervision of their continuous professional development and qualifications;
- Schools working with teacher education providers to allow for practical training as part of teacher education;
- Other schools (from primary schools to initial VET) or other organisations (e.g. NGOs, teacher associations) relevant for the project.

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team):
Permanent faculty and their team

Contribution:
- *maximum amount*: 1,5 Million €
- *actual costs or unit costs*: Actual costs
- *% financing*: 80%
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: 7%

Duration of projects: (Min/max)
3 years

Type of deadline: always open/annual/variable
Annual

Eligible costs:
A. Direct personnel costs;
B. Subcontracting costs
C. Purchase costs: Travel and subsistence per travel or day; C.2 Equipment; C.3 Other goods, works and services
D. Other cost categories

Erasmus Mundus aims at fostering excellence and worldwide internationalisation of higher education institutions via study programmes – at Master course level – jointly delivered and jointly recognised by higher education institutions (HEIs) established in Europe, and open to institutions in other countries of the world.

The Erasmus Mundus action comprises:
- Lot 1: **Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)**
- Lot 2: **Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)**

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

EMJM supports high-level integrated transnational study programmes at Master level delivered by an international consortium of higher education institutions (HEIs) from different countries worldwide.

The EMJM includes compulsory physical mobility for all enrolled students (holders or not of an EMJM scholarship), which consists of at least two periods of study in two countries, of which at least one must be a Programme country.

The EMJM aims to enhance the attractiveness and excellence of European higher education in the world and attract talent to Europe.

Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)

EMDM plans to strengthen the capacities of universities to modernize and internationalize their study programs and teaching practices, developing common mechanisms relating to quality assurance, accreditation and recognition of degrees and credits.

Objectives are to promote the development of transnational and integrated curricula for new, innovative and high-level masters. Design measures should involve a) Erasmus + countries, b) institutions and / or c) thematic areas underrepresented in the Erasmus Mundus catalog.

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)
Call for Proposals

Consortium:
Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters and Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
- Multibeneficiary
- *N. of partners / n. of countries*: at least 3 full partner HEIs from 3 different countries, of which at least 2 must be Programme Countries.

Applicants (both coordinators and partners):
Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters
Applicants/ organisations eligible to participate:

- any public or private organisation, with its affiliated entities (if any) established in a Programme Country or in a Partner Country that contributes directly and actively to the delivery of the EMJM.

HEIs established in a Programme Country must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE).
An ECHE is not required for participating HEIs from Partner Countries, but they will have to commit to its principles. At application stage full partner HEIs must demonstrate to have fulfilled the external Quality Assurance (QA) requirements of their jurisdiction (e.g. accreditation or evaluation) for the joint programme.

Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
Any higher education institution established in a Programme or Partner Country can submit an application.

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team):
Permanent faculty and their team

Contribution:
Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters
- *maximum amount*: Not Applicable
- *actual costs or unit costs*: Unit cost (see below)
- *% financing*: Not applicable
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: Not applicable

EMNJM adopts a unit costs contribution. The EMJM grant is calculated on the basis of the following three components:
- a contribution to the institutional costs for the implementation of the programme;
- a maximum number of student scholarships to be awarded throughout the duration of the agreement.
- a top-up intended to cover individual needs of students with disabilities

Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
- *maximum amount*: € 55.000
- *actual costs or unit costs*: Lump Sum II (see below)
- *% financing*: 80%
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: 7%

The contribution is based on the Lump Sums II mechanism. The applicant draws up a budget using an excel file (available here), estimating the costs divided by (i) partners, (ii) WPs and (iii) expense categories.
Thus, the EACEA defines the budget, by partner and WP, at the time of the Grant Agreement Preparation. The grant is issued at the time of the financial report on the basis of the completion of each WP by all partners. So, please pay attention to the timing set for the WPs.
For more information, see the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTSy8T2_yHg

Duration of projects: (Min/max)
<u>Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters</u>
6 academic years to finance at least four editions of the Master programme, each lasting 1 to 2 academic years (60, 90, or 120 ECTS credits).

<u>Erasmus Mundus Design Measures</u>
15 months

Type of deadline: always open/annual/variable
<u>Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters and Erasmus Mundus Design Measures</u>
Annual

Eligible costs:
<u>Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters</u>
Personnel costs (teaching, travel), invited teachers, promotion, dissemination, organizational costs (including full insurance coverage for enrolled students, financial support for enrolled students with individual needs if they are not covered by complementary mechanism, housing assistance and other student services), administrative costs.

<u>Erasmus Mundus Design Measures</u>
All costs directly linked to the activities necessary to set up the new Master programme, such as meetings and conferences, studies/surveys, accreditation/evaluation process, etc. The contribution can also be used to cover staff costs, travel and accommodation costs, administrative costs and sub-contracted activities.

KA2 Partnerships for Innovation: Alliances for innovation

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Alliances for Innovation aim to strengthen Europe's innovation capacity by boosting innovation through cooperation and flow of knowledge among higher education, vocational education and training (both initial and continuous), and the broader socio-economic environment, including research. They also aim to boost the provision of new skills and address skills mismatches by designing and creating new curricula for higher education (HE) and vocational education and training (VET), supporting the development of a sense of initiative and entrepreneurial mindsets in the EU.

Lot 1: Alliances for Education and Enterprises
Alliances for Education and Enterprises aim to foster innovation in higher education, vocational education and training, enterprises and the broader socioeconomic environment. This includes confronting societal and economic challenges such as climate change, changing demographics, digitalisation, artificial intelligence and rapid employment changes through social innovation and community resilience, as well as labour market innovation.

Lot 2: Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills (implementing the "Blueprint")
Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills aim to create new strategic approaches and cooperation for concrete skills development solutions in given economic sectors, addressing the needs of the labour market, supporting green and digital transitions as well as national, regional and local skills and growth strategies

Further information on the Programme guide:
https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/key-action-2/alliances-innovation

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)
Call for proposals

Consortium:
Lot 1: Alliances for Education and Enterprises
- Multi-beneficiary
- Minimum **8 partners** / minimum **4 Programme Countries**

The partnership must include:
- at least 3 labour market actors (enterprises or companies, or representative intermediary organisations, such as chambers, trade unions or trade associations);
- at least 3 education and training providers (VET and/or HEIs)
- at least 1 HE institution at least 1 VET provider

Lot 2: Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills
- Multi-beneficiary
- Minimum **12 partners** / minimum **8 Programme Countries**

The partnership must include:
- at least 5 labour market actors (enterprises or companies, or representative intermediary organisations, such as chambers, trade unions or trade associations);
- at least 5 education and training providers (VET and/or HEIs)
- at least 1 HE institution
- at least 1 VET provider

Applicants (both coordinators and partners):
Both Lots
Any full partner legally established in a Programme Country

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team):
Permanent faculty and their team

Contribution:
Lot 1: Alliances for Education and Enterprises
- *maximum amount*: 1 million € (2 years project) - 1,5 million € (3 years project)

- *actual costs or unit costs*: Lump Sum II (see below)
- *% financing*: 80%
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: 7%

Lot 2: Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills
- *maximum amount*: 4 million €
- *actual costs or unit costs*: Lump Sum II (see below)
- *% financing*: 80%
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: 7%

The contribution is based on the Lump Sums II mechanism. The applicant draws up a budget using an excel file (available here), estimating the costs divided by (i) partners, (ii) WPs and (iii) expense categories.

Thus, the EACEA defines the budget, by partner and WP, at the time of the Grant Agreement Preparation. The grant is issued at the time of the financial report on the basis of the completion of each WP by all partners. So, please pay attention to the timing set for the WPs.

For more information, see the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTSy8T2_yHg

Duration of projects: (Min/max)
Lot 1: Alliances for Education and Enterprises: Min. 2 years - Max 3 years
Lot 2: Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills: Exactly 4 years.

Type of deadline: always open/annual/variable
Both Lots: Annual

Eligible costs:
Both Lots: Staff costs; travel and subsistence costs; equipment depreciation costs; subcontracting; other costs.

Jean Monnet Actions in the Field of Higher Education

Managed by EACEA

The Jean Monnet Action in the field of Higher Education supports teaching and research in the field of European Union studies worldwide. EU studies should promote active European citizenship and values and deal with the role of the EU in a globalised world, enhancing awareness of the Union and facilitating future engagement as well as people-to-people dialogue.

The Jean Monnet in the Field of Higher Education must take one of the following forms:

Jean Monnet Modules: Modules are **short teaching programmes or courses** in the field of European Union studies at offered at a higher education institution. Each Module has a **minimum duration of 40 teaching hours per academic year** for a duration of **three years**. Modules may concentrate on one particular discipline in European studies or be multidisciplinary in approach and therefore call upon the academic input of several professors and experts. They can also take the form of short specialised or summer programmes.

Jean Monnet Chairs: Chairs are teaching posts with a specialisation in **European Union studies** for university professors for a duration of **three years**. A Jean Monnet Chair is held by **only one professor,** who provides the minimum of **90 teaching hours per academic year**. The Chair may also have a team to support and enhance the activities of the Chair, including the provision of additional teaching hours.

Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence: Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence are **focal points of competence and knowledge on European Union subjects**. They should gather the expertise and competences of high-level experts aiming to at develop **synergies between the various disciplines and resources** in European studies as well as at creating **joint transnational activities**, they also ensure openness to civil society. Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence have a major role in reaching out to **students** from faculties not normally dealing with European Union issues as well as to **policy makers**, civil servants, **organised civil society** and the **general public** at large.

Jean Monnet beneficiaries must organise activities and events that shall ensure openness to policy makers, civil servants, civil society and the general public at large.

Further information on the Programme Guide:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/programme-guide/part-b/jean-monnet-actions/jean-monnet-actions-field-higher-education_en

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)
Call for proposal

Consortium:
For all Jean Monnet Actions
- Mono-beneficiary
- *Minimum no. of partners / minimum no. of countries*: Not applicable
- *Partner search tool (if available)*: Not applicable

Other HEIs from any country in the world can participate as partner.
HEIs established in Erasmus+ Programme Countries must hold a valid ECHE (Erasmus Charter for Higher Education).

Applicants (both coordinators and partners):
For all Jean Monnet Actions: A higher education institution (HEI) established in any country in the world.
Remark: Only one Jean Monnet Center of Excellence will be supported at the same time in any participating HEI. The host institution coordinates the activities for one or more Faculties/Departments

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team):
For all Jean Monnet Actions: Permanent faculty and their team

Remark: Jean Monnet Chair holders must be permanent staff members at the applicant institution.

Contribution:
Jean Monnet Modules
- *maximum amount*: between 22.000 € and 30.000 €
- *actual costs or unit costs*: Unit costs
- *% financing*: Not applicable
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: Not applicable

The grant is calculated on the basis of the total teaching hours over three years (at least 40 hours for each academic year). For Italian HEIs, the EU grant is between 22.000 € and 30.000 €.

Jean Monnet Chairs
- *maximum amount*: between 37.000 € and 50.000 €
- *actual costs or unit costs*: Unit costs
- *% financing*: Not applicable
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: Not applicable

The grant is calculated on the basis of the total teaching hours over three years (at least 90 hours for each academic year). For Italian HEIs, the EU grant is between 37.000 € and 50.000 €.

Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence
- *maximum amount*: € 100.000
- *actual costs or unit costs*: Lump Sum II (see below)
- *% financing*: 80%
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: 7%

The contribution is based on the Lump Sums II mechanism. The applicant draws up a budget using an excel file (available here), estimating the costs divided by (i) partners, (ii) WPs and (iii) expense categories.
Thus, the EACEA defines the budget, by partner and WP, at the time of the Grant Agreement Preparation. The grant is issued at the time of the financial report on the basis of the completion of each WP by all partners. So, please pay attention to the timing set for the WPs.
For more information, see the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTSy8T2_yHg

Duration of projects: (Min/max)
For all Jean Monnet Actions: 3 years

Type of deadline: always open/annual/variable
For all Jean Monnet Actions: Annual

Eligible costs:
Jean Monnet Modules: Not applicable
Jean Monnet Chairs: Not applicable

<u>Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence:</u>

Costs can cover staff costs, travel and subsistence costs, equipment costs and subcontracting as well as other costs (such as dissemination, publishing or translation).

InvestEU

Short description of the programme:

The general objective of the InvestEU Programme is to support the policy objectives of the Union by reaching the following specific objectives:
a.   supporting financing and investment operations related to sustainable infrastructure;
b.   supporting financing and investment operations related to research, innovation and digitisation, including support for the scaling up of innovative companies and the rolling out of technologies to market;
c.   increasing the access to and the availability of finance for SMEs and for small mid-cap companies and to enhance the global competitiveness of such SMEs;
d.   increasing access to and the availability of microfinance and finance for social enterprises, to support financing and investment operations related to social investment, competences and skills, and to develop and consolidate social investment markets.

The InvestEU programme is focused on the following **4 policy windows:**
a.   **a sustainable infrastructure** policy window which comprises: sustainable investment in the areas of transport, energy, buildings renovation, digital connectivity and access, supply and processing of raw materials, space, oceans, water, waste management and circular economy, nature and other environment infrastructure, cultural heritage, tourism, climate resilience or social sustainability
b.   **a research, innovation and digitisation** policy window which comprises research, product development and innovation activities, the transfer of technologies, support market enablers and cooperation between enterprises, demonstration and deployment of innovative solutions, support for the scaling up of innovative companies, digitisation of Union industry;
c.   an **SME** policy window which comprises: access to and the availability of finance primarily for SMEs;
d.   a **social investment and skills** policy window which comprises: microfinance, social enterprise finance, social economy, measures to promote gender equality, skills, education, training and related services, social infrastructure, inclusion and accessibility, cultural and creative activities with a social goal, the integration of vulnerable people.

Regulations establishing the programme (link to Eur-lex):

- REGULATION (EU) 2021/523 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 24 March 2021 establishing the InvestEU Programme and amending Regulation (EU) 2015/1017-
https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0523&from=EN

Duration: 2021-2027

Sub programmes/programme structure:

The InvestEU Programme consist of **3 Building Blocks**:

1. **InvestEU Fund**: The InvestEU Fund aims to mobilise more than €372 billion of public and private investment through an EU budget guarantee of €26.2 billion that backs the investment of implementing partners such as the European Investment Bank (EIB) Group and other financial institutions.
2. **InvestEU Advisory Hub**: The InvestEU Advisory Hub provides technical support and assistance to help with the preparation, development, structuring and implementation of investment projects, including capacity building.
3. **InvestEU Portal**: The InvestEU Portal brings together investors and project promoters on a single EU-wide platform, by providing an easily-accessible and user-friendly database of investment opportunities available within the EU.

Thematic areas: (use the first ERC level - ref. "Panel structure for ERC calls 2021 and 2022" https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_Panel_structure_2021_2022.pdf)

Not applicable

Purpose of funding: (e.g. research, training, dissemination of scientific culture, cooperation, ...)
In case of research funding, **Type of research that is funded**: fundamental/experimental development; bottom-up/top-down; mobility yes/no

The **InvestEU Fund** shall only support financing and investment operations that:

(a) comply with the conditions set out in points (a) to (e) of Article 209(2) of the Financial Regulation, in particular regarding **market failures, suboptimal investment** situations and where appropriate, maximising private investment;

(b) **contribute to the Union policy objectives** and fall within the scope of the areas eligible for financing and investment operations under the **appropriate policy window**.

The **InvestEU Advisory Hub** and the **InvestEU Portal** do not provide funding.

Funding Rate
N/A, negotiated between the eligible organisation and the implementing partner (BEI Group and other approved implementing Partner/investors)

Eligible countries

The InvestEU Fund may support financing and investment operations that provide finance to final recipients which are **legal entities established in any of the following countries or territories**:
(a) a Member State or an overseas country or territory linked to a Member State as set out in Annex II to the TFEU;
(b) a third country associated to the InvestEU Programme in accordance with Article 5;
(c) a third country referred to in point (a) of paragraph 2, where applicable;
(d) other third countries, where necessary for the financing of a project in a country or territory referred to in points (see Purpose of Funding)

Link to the programme website, to the calls & **for the proposal submission**
https://ec.europa.eu/investeuportal/desktop/en/index.html

Other useful links: (template, guide to proposers, administrative rules/reporting, contract, etc.)

- **Results of period 2015-2020**: https://europa.eu/investeu/results-2015-2020_it
- **FAQ**: https://europa.eu/investeu/investeu-fund/frequently-asked-questions-about-investeu-fund_en

Contact persons/NCP:

Contact form available at: https://europa.eu/investeu/form/contact_en

At Italian level, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti may play the role of Implementing Partners (selection is ongoing): https://europa.eu/investeu/form/contact_en

Section III - Further details

Corresponding programmes in previous EU programming: Junker Plan, EIAH (The European Investment Advisory Hub), JASPERS (Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions), ELENA (European Local ENergy Assistance), IFA (InnovFin Advisory), EaSI (EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation).

Success rates for previous calls (if available): NA

Additional information:

The Call for implementing partner is currently open. Information on the webste of CDP:
"Nel programma InvestEU la garanzia totale di 26,1 miliardi di euro è implementata per il 75% tramite il Gruppo BEI, il restante 25% tramite gli Istituti Nazionali di Promozione (INP), cui è garantito l'accesso diretto alla garanzia (nel Piano Juncker, l'intero ammontare della garanzia era riservato a BEI e CDP agiva da intermediario per l'Italia).
CDP è candidata a diventare Implementing Partner della Commissione ed a beneficiare così dell'accesso diretto alla garanzia ."

Section IV- Type of action

Section IV.1 – InvestEU Fund

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)

Two forms of Funding:

(a) **loans, guarantees**, counter-guarantees, capital market instruments, any other form of funding or credit enhancement, including subordinated debt, or equity or quasi-equity investments, provided directly or indirectly through financial intermediaries, funds, investment platforms or other vehicles to be channelled to final recipients ("Project Promoters");

(b) funding or guarantees by an **implementing partner** to another financial institution enabling the latter to undertake financing referred to in point (a).

Project promoters should apply:

a)   **Either directly to implementing partners** who will offer tailor-made financing solutions based on the financial products supported by the EU guarantee or

b)   **via Financial intermediaries** that will consult the offering of implementing partners active in their regions proposing relevant products.

Eligible InvestEU Implementing Partners, in addition to the EIB Group, will be listed on https://europa.eu/investeu/investeu-fund/how-get-financing_it .

Consortium:

- No need of Consortium
- Partner search tool (if available): NA. The list of Implementing Partners that will provide funding will be available at https://europa.eu/investeu/investeu-fund/investeu-implementing-partners_en

Applicants:

The InvestEU Fund provides support to **final recipients ("Project Promoters")** that are deemed economically viable according to internationally accepted standards. The eligible final recipients can be natural or legal persons established in an EU country or in a Third Eligible Country, including:
- Private entities such as special-purpose vehicles (SPV) or project companies, large corporates, midcap companies, including small midcap companies, and SMEs
- Public sector entities (territorial or not) and public-sector type entities
- Mixed entities, such as public–private partnership (PPPs) and private companies with a public purpose
- Non-for-profit organisations

NB: **Small mid-caps, SMEs and social or micro-enterprises** should **NOT** apply to the InvestEU fund but to the *Access to finance* mechanism (https://europa.eu/youreurope/business/finance-funding/getting-funding/access-finance/index_en.htm) through their local commercial or public banks.

Categories of researchers interested: researchers/professors in collaboration with University administration and governing boards

Contribution: The contribution offered to the legal entity requesting support (**Project Promoters**) is subject to the provision of the *Guarantee Agreement* negotiated between the European Commission and the **Implementing Partner** that will issue the contribution.

Duration of projects: no limit specified

Type of deadline: no deadline/open opportunity

Eligible costs: cost included in the investment plan

Section IV.2 – InvestEU Advisory Hub

Type of action: Open service (Servizio a Sportello)

The InvestEU Advisory Hub will:

- Support the identification, preparation, development, structuring, procurement and implementation of investment projects
- Enhance the capacity of promoters and financial intermediaries to implement financing and investment operations
- Support awareness raising and preparatory activities for investment areas that show a clear market gap

The support of the InvestEU Advisory Hub does not require its beneficiaries to also apply for the financing through the InvestEU Fund, nor does it entitle them to receive such financing support.

It provides advice/support on the following:

- **Project Advisory:** Project identification/generation, Project preparation & development, Coaching and training in project preparation, Planning and implementation of investment projects, Financial structuring, Establishment of investment platforms and blending facilities
- **Capacity building:** Capacity building to promoters, financial and other intermediaries, including for the planning, development and implementation of investment projects, Environmental and/or social sustainability structuring and impact assessments, Procurement and compatibility with State aid rules
- **Market development activities**: Market development activities, Communication and awareness raising

The InvestEU Advisory Hub support will be available via a central point of entry on this website from Q3 2021. If organisation need to anticipate the request it should contact the European Investment Advisory Hub (EIAH) to check what EU advisory programmes and initiatives are already available.

More information on: https://europa.eu/investeu/investeu-advisory-hub/how-to-get-advisory-support_en

Consortium:

- No need of Consortium
- Partner search tool (if available): NA.

Applicants:

The InvestEU Advisory Hub will provide advisory support services to:

- Private project promoters
- Public promoters (including Member States central and local authorities) and
- Financial and other intermediaries implementing financing and investment operations for the benefit of entities that face difficulties in obtaining access to finance.

Categories of researchers interested: researchers/professors in collaboration with University administration and governing boards

Contribution: no contribution is provided. Only advice

Duration of projects: no limit specified

Type of deadline: no deadline/open opportunity

Eligible costs: NA

Section IV.3 – InvestEU Portal

Type of action: Open service (Servizio a Sportello)

The InvestEU Portal allows project promoters to reach investors that they may not be able to reach otherwise. The Portal continues the work started under the European Investment Project Portal (EIPP) and is the online EU 'marketplace' connecting EU-based project promoters to investors worldwide. It provides project promoters with more options to finance their projects.

Since the InvestEU Portal provides a list of pre-checked quality projects, qualified investors have the opportunity to easily screen various projects before deciding on which ones to invest in.

Furthermore, the European Commission will transmit the projects received for publication on the InvestEU Portal to:

- The InvestEU implementing partners (the EIB group and other financial institutions such as National Promotional Banks and International Financial Institutions) who shall then examine projects falling within their geographic and activity scope
- The central entry point of the InvestEU Advisory Hub, as appropriate, where an advisory initiative exists and if the project promoters are requesting advisory support

How to access the InvestEU Portal: In order to submit a project for publication on the InvestEU Portal (the Portal), promoters have to log in and register on the Portal. The submission process is quick and easy, and a dedicated user-friendly tool guides promoters through the registration process.

Promoters have their own user profile to submit projects. Publication on the Portal is free of charge. However, to be published on the Portal, projects have to fulfil specific admission/eligibility criteria.

In order to contact promoters of projects published on the Portal, investors have to be registered on the Portal too. A dedicated tool guides users through the registration process in completing their user profile.

More information on: https://europa.eu/investeu/investeu-advisory-hub/how-to-get-advisory-support_en

Consortium:

- No need of Consortium
- Partner search tool (if available): The portal is an "investor" search tool

Applicants:

Any project promoter (see Applicant section in Section IV.1)

Categories of researchers interested: researchers/professors in collaboration with University administration and governing boards

Contribution: no contribution is provided. Only to support matchmaking with investors

Duration of projects: no limit specified

Type of deadline: no deadline/open opportunity

Eligible costs: NA

JUSTICE

Section I - Programme/Fund/Instrument

Name Programme/Fund/Instrument:
Justice Programme 2021-2027

Short description of the programme:
The Justice Programme provides funding to support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters such as training to judges and other legal practitioners and effective access to justice for citizens and businesses. It contributes to the further development of a European area of justice based on the rule of law, including independence and impartiality of the judiciary, on mutual recognition, mutual trust and judicial cooperation. It is strengthening democracy, rule of law, and fundamental rights.

Regulations establishing the programme (link to Eur-lex):
Regulation (EU) 2021/693 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Justice Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013
http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/693/oj

Duration:
2021-2027

Sub programmes/programme structure:
Not applicable

Thematic areas: (use the first ERC level - ref. "Panel structure for ERC calls 2021 and 2022" https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_Panel_structure_2021_2022.pdf)

SH2 and, to a lesser extent, PE6

Purpose of funding:
Justice Programme is not a research programme, but it supports some research activities as well as transfer of knowledge and training activities towards specific stakeholders.
Among the research activities we cane mention analytical and monitoring activities; collection of data and statistics; development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, of indicators or of benchmarks; studies, research, analyses and surveys; evaluations; impact assessment; and the development and publication of guides, reports and educational material.

Eligible countries
EU Member States except Denmark

Link to the programme website
DG Justice and Consumers
https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/justice-and-consumers/justice-and-consumers-funding-tenders_en

Link to the calls:
Funding and Tenders Portal:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=0;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=null;programCcm2Id=null;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=true;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState

Link for the proposal submission:
Funding and Tenders Portal:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=0;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=null;programCcm2Id=null;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=true;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState

Other useful links: (template, guide to proposers, administrative rules/reporting, contract, etc.)

FT Portal:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/just2027

Sito Commissione:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/justice-and-consumers/justice-and-consumers-funding-tenders_en

Documenti di riferimento su FT Portal:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents;programCode=JUST2027

Progetti Justice 2014-2020
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-results;programCode=JUST

Contact persons/NCP:

There is no NCP system, but a relevant network is the European Judicial Network:

https://www.ejn-crimjust.europa.eu/ejn/EJN_Home.aspx

Corresponding programmes in previous EU programming:

Justice Programme (2014-2020)

Success rates for previous calls (if available):

Not available

Additional information: (e.g. funded projects)

Funded projects are to be found under each call page of the FT Portal.

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)

Call for proposal

Consortium:

- *Mono-beneficiary/Multi-beneficiary:* Usually multi-beneficiary
- *Minimum no. of partners / minimum no. of countries*: Usually 2 entities from 2 different countries
- *Partner search tool (if available)*: not avaialble

Usually projects must involve minimum 2 entities (beneficiaries, not affiliated entities) from different eligible countries and must include at least one public body, private non-profit organisation or international organisation as beneficiary (not as affiliated entity).

In some cases, also national projects (with beneficiaries from the same country) or mono-beneficiary projects (with just 1 entity involved) are allowed.

There is no partner search tool.

Applicants (both coordinators and partners): research organisation, enterprise, public body, other entity (legal person), natural person

(a)   any legal entity established in:

(i) a Member State, or an overseas country or territory linked to it;

(ii) a third country associated to the Programme;

(b)   any legal entity created under Union law, or any international organisation.

Coordinator must be usually a public body, a private non-profit organisation or an international organization.

Justice Programme is usually addressed to stakeholders and actors of the Justice system.
Universities are often both coordinators and partners in Justice proposal.
Calls can require certain composition patterns for the consortia.

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team): PhD Students/post-doc/researchers/professors
Permanent faculty and their team.

Contribution:
- *maximum amount*: according to call
- *actual costs or unit costs*: actual cost
- *% financing*: 90%
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: 7%.

Duration of projects: (Min/max)
Usually 24 months. Refer to the call for details

Type of deadline: always open/annual/variable
Annual callas. The Work programme is biennial.

Eligible costs:
A1 - Employees or equivalent
A2 - Natural persons under direct contract and seconded persons
B1 - Direct travel costs
B2 - Direct subsistence costs
C - Direct costs of subcontracting
E1 - Equipment
E2 - Other goods and services
F – Indirect costs (7%)

LIFE

Name Programme/Fund/Instrument: Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) (now referred as 'LIFE Programme')

Short description of the programme: The LIFE Programme should contribute to a just transition towards a sustainable, circular, energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and -resilient economy, to the protection, restoration and improvement of the quality of the environment, including the air, water and soil, and of health, and to halting and reversing biodiversity loss, including by supporting the implementation and management of the Natura 2000 network and tackling the degradation of ecosystems, either through direct interventions or by supporting the integration of those objectives in other policies.

The LIFE Programme shall have the following **specific objectives**:

(a) to develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches for reaching the objectives of Union legislation and policy on the environment, including nature and biodiversity, and on climate action, including the transition to renewable energy and increased energy efficiency, and to contribute to the knowledge base and to the application of best practice, in particular in relation to nature and biodiversity, including through the support of the Natura 2000 network;

(b) to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of relevant Union legislation and policy on the environment, including nature and biodiversity, and on climate action and the transition to renewable energy or increased energy efficiency, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular by enhancing the capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;

(c) to act as a catalyst for the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy-related solutions for implementing relevant Union legislation and policy on the environment, including nature and biodiversity, and on climate action and the transition to renewable energy or increased energy efficiency, by replicating results, by integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, by mobilising investment and by improving access to finance.

Regulations establishing the programme (link to Eur-lex):

(Eur-lex) [Regulation (EU) 2021/783 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 establishing a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE), and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013](#)

Duration: 2021 - 2027 (the LIFE programme, whereas the Work Programme is defined for 2021-2024)

Sub programmes/programme structure:

- field 'Environment', including:
  - subprogramme Nature and Biodiversity
  - subprogramme Circular Economy and Quality of Life
- field 'Climate Action', including
  - subprogramme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
  - subprogramme Clean Energy Transition

Programme Budget:

Type of action	Allocation in million Euros					Co-financing rate[34]	Maximum eligibility period
	Nature and Biodiversity	Circular Economy and Quality of LIFE	Climate Mitigation and Adaptation	Clean Energy Transition	Total		
Standard Action Projects	547,77	350,30	280,44	20,50 (from 2023)	1.199,01	Max 60% Max 67% or max 75% under specific conditions	10 years
Strategic Nature Projects	280,00				280,00	Max 60%	14 years
Strategic Integrated Projects		210,70	125,00	0,00	335,70	Max 60%	14 years
Technical Assistance	15,42	13,28	2,85	1,60	33,16	Max 60% Max 95% under specific conditions	5 years
Other Actions	55,50	19,00	0,30	379,12	453,92	Max 95% Max 100% for the continuation of the BEST programme	10 years
Operating grants	28,00	6,00	10,48	11,00	55,48	Max 70%	3 years
Total	926,69	599,29	419,07	412,22	2.357,27		

Thematic areas: (ref. "Panel structure for ERC calls 2021 and 2022"
https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_Panel_structure_2021_2022.pdf)
A selection of the most relevant ERC levels is the following, but it is not exhaustive:
- PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter
- PE3 Condensed Matter Physics
- PE4 Physical and Analytical Chemical Sciences

- PE5 Synthetic Chemistry and Materials
- PE8 Products and Processes Engineering
- PE10 Earth System Science
- PE11 Materials Engineering
- LS1 Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures and Functions
- LS8 Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolution
- LS9 Biotechnology and Biosystems Engineering
- SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations
- SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems
- SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, and Space

Purpose of funding: (e.g. research, training, dissemination of scientific culture, cooperation, ...)
Grants may finance the following types of action:

- strategic nature projects under the subprogramme Nature and biodiversity;
- strategic integrated projects under the subprogrammes Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Clean Energy Transition
- technical assistance projects
- standard action projects
- other actions needed for the purpose of achieving the general objectives, including coordination and support actions aimed at capacity building, at dissemination of information and of knowledge, and at awareness-raising to support the transition to renewable energy and increased energy efficiency.

LIFE is not a research funding program: research activities can be considered eligible only if they are very limited compared to other project activities, clearly explaining the role that the scientific contribution plays in supporting the objectives of the project and implementing the planned actions. The involvement of universities can also be defined as a technical contribution or consultancy.

Eligible countries

In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:
- be legal entities (public or private bodies)
- be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:
    - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))
    - non-EU countries:
        - listed EEA countries and countries associated to the LIFE Programme (participating countries) or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature
    - the coordinator must be established in an eligible country.
Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions, etc. See also Specific cases at the Eligibility section of the calls.

Section II - Useful links and contact persons

Link to the programme website
https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_en
https://www.mite.gov.it/pagina/il-nuovo-programma-l-ambiente-e-l-azione-il-clima-life-2021-2027

Link to the calls:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/life2027

Further details at:
https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life/life-calls-proposals_en
https://www.mite.gov.it/pagina/call-2021

Link for the proposal submission:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/life2027

Other useful links: (template, guide to proposers, administrative rules/reporting, contract, etc.)
European Green Deal
https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2019%3A640%3AFIN
Work Programme 2021-24
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/wp-call/2021-2024/wp_life-2021-2024_en.pdf
Documentazione utile (MGA, template, ecc)
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents;programCode=LIFE2027

Contact persons/NCP:
https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life/life-european-countries_en
https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/search

Section III - Further details

Corresponding programmes in previous EU programming: LIFE
https://wayback.archive-it.org/12090/20210412124812/https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/life
Success rates for previous calls (if available): https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-03/eval_italy.pdf

Additional information:

BEST PROJECTS AND AWARDS:

https://wayback.archive-it.org/12090/20210412134444/https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/section/life/life-best-projects

DATABASE:

Section IV - Type of action

Standard Action Projects (SAP)

Type of action: call for proposals
These projects represent the traditional LIFE projects aimed to:

• develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches;

• contribute to the knowledge base and to the application of best practices;

• support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;

• catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy related solutions for implementing the relevant Union legislation and policy by replicating results, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, mobilising investment and improving access to finance.

Consortium composition:
Proposals must be submitted by:

- Multibeneficiary, minimum 2 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities)

→ The national authority responsible for the plan/strategy/action plan should be in principle participating in the consortium as coordinator. In well justified cases it may participate not as coordinator, but it should in any case be part of the consortium

- Partner search tool (if available): https://eu-life-info-sessions-2021.b2match.io/

Applicant:
In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:

- be legal entities (public or private bodies)
- be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:
  - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))
  - non-EU countries:
    - listed EEA countries / countries associated to the LIFE Programme (participating countries) or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature
  - the coordinator must be established in an eligible country.

Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions, etc.
See also Specific cases at the Eligibility section of the calls.
Countries currently negotiating association agreements — Beneficiaries from countries with ongoing negotiations may participate in the call and can sign grants if the negotiations are concluded before grant signature (with retroactive effect, if provided in the agreement).

Interested categories of researchers: researchers, professors

Contribution:

- Maximum contribution: SAP-NAT EUR 2-13 Mln; SAP-NAT-GOV EUR 0,7-2 Mln; SAP-ENV EUR 2-10 Mln; SAP-ENV-GOV EUR 0,7 - 2 Mln
- on actual cost with some exceptions of unit costs: SME owner/natural person (unit cost), volunteers unit cost. <u>To be checked in the related call document</u>!!
- Funding rate: Max 60%, with the exception of the projects for Nature and Biodiversity:
  - project targeting exclusively priority habitats/species -> max 75%,
  - project targeting priority and non-priority habitats/species -> max 67%
- Funding rate for overheads / indirect costs: 7%

Duration of projects:
- NAT: between 36 and 84 months,
- ENV: between 24 and 120 months indicatively.

The maximum eligibility period for SAPs shall be 10 years. This is justified taking into account the complexity of certain projects and the fact that prolongations may be required for unforeseen events (e.g. extreme weather conditions).

Deadline: may become annual.

Eligible costs:

Documents to check: Call document, AMGA, WP 2021-2024, Life regulation, further possible call documents, proposal templates.

Budget categories for this call:

A. Personnel costs

A.1 Employees - costs for employees or equivalent, limited to salary, social security contributions, taxes and other costs linked to the remuneration, if they arise from national law or the employment contract/equivalent appointing act. For calculation: max 215 days per year; daily rates x nr of day equivalents worked on the action (rounded to nearest half)

A.2 Natural persons under direct contract (other than employment contracts)

A.3 Seconded persons by a third party against payment

A.4 SME owners and natural person beneficiaries → Owners not receiving a salary: Unit cost*

A.5 Volunteers → Persons who freely work for an organisation, on a non-compulsory basis and without being paid: unit cost **

B. Subcontracting costs

C. Purchase costs

C.1 Travel and subsistence (travel, accomodation, subsistence)

C.2 Equipment (equipment, infrastructures, other assets) → a) depreciation costs **OR** b) full cost + depreciation for listed equipment. <u>To be checked in the related call document</u>!!

Full costs for **renting or leasing** are eligible, if they do not exceed the depreciation costs of similar equipment, infrastructure or assets and do not include any financing fees.

C.3 Other goods, works and services include, for instance, consumables and supplies, promotion, dissemination, protection of results, translations, publications, certificates and financial guarantees, if required under the Agreement.

D. Other cost categories

D.1 Financial support to third parties → in the forms of prizes, grants or similar forms of support (max amounts per third party/per action to be checked); eligible if: in line with the call conditions;

they fulfil general eligibility conditions; calculated on the basis of costs actually incurred; in line with conditions set out in Annex 1 (e.g. objective and transparent selection procedures, etc)

D.2 Land purchase

E. Indirect costs → 7% of direct costs - categories A-D, except volunteers costs and exempted specific cost categories (land purchase), if any

Strategic Nature Projects (SNAP)

Type of action: call for proposals.

SNAPs support the full implementation of the following plans and strategies:

- **Prioritised Action Frameworks (PAF**) pursuant to **Article 8 of Council Directive 92/43/EEC** on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (the **Habitats Directive**); and
- Other plans or strategies adopted at international, national, regional or multiregional level by nature and biodiversity authorities, that implement EU nature and/or biodiversity policy or legislation and include specific and measurable actions, or targets, with a clear timeline and budget.

The SNAP shall:

- include strategic actions to **catalyse a process** and **mobilise supplementary commitments and funding** that will lead, in due time, to the full implementation of the plan or strategy;
- promote the **coordination** with and **mobilisation of other relevant Union, national or private funding sources** for the implementation of the **complementary measures** or actions outside of the SNAP;
- **actively involve** the main **stakeholders -** in both the design and implementation of the given project- necessary for the implementation of the targeted plan or strategy. This involvement is expected to be achieved by including them - where possible and reasonable - as associated beneficiaries of the SNAP, or through their active participation in the implementation of the SNAP itself and/or of the complementary actions.

The set of measures to be included in a SNAP programme of **actions** shall include the following:

- institutional support and capacity building actions;
- mobilisation and coordination of additional finance for complementary actions, in particular from other EU funding instruments and programmes;
- concrete conservation and restoration measures, in particular where these cannot be supported through other EU funding programmes.

→ A SNAP full proposal cannot be submitted in the absence of a PAF approved/adopted at the appropriate level and submitted to the European Commission which considered it of acceptable quality.

The SNAP complexity requires an adaptive approach in the design of the implementing mechanism. For this reason, SNAPs will be implemented based on a revolving programming mechanism structured in phases (i.e. Phase 1, Phase 2, etc.). Each phase should normally last at least 3 years, to reduce administrative burden, although duration might be shorter if properly justified.

Special attention to the Additional conditions - section 2 on TABLE OF CONTENTS on pag 16 - regarding :

- Ongoing and recurring activities
- Activities aiming at establishing the targets and or measures for other strategies not targeted by SNAP
- Participation to the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process
- Requirements related to complementary funds mobilisation/coordination

Consortium composition:
Proposals must be submitted by:

- Multibeneficiary, minimum 2 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities)
  → The national authority responsible for the plan/strategy/action plan should be in principle participating in the consortium as coordinator. In well justified cases it may participate not as coordinator, but it should in any case be part of the consortium
- Partner search tool: Partner search -through the participant portal

Applicant:
see SAP (Type of Action). See also Specific cases at the Eligibility section of the calls.

Interested categories of researchers: researchers, professors

Contribution:
→ SNAP **must** be able to **mobilize at least** one relevant Union, national or private funding source <u>other than LIFE</u> to finance complementary actions needed for the implementation of the targeted plan or strategy. The general concept of a SNAP is illustrated in the following schematic diagram:

In particular, the LIFE Programme should be **complementary to other major Union funding programmes**. In addition, international (e.g. EFTA, UNESCO funds, etc.), national or private donors will be equally considered.
Please note that international, national, and private funds (excluding EU funds) can also contribute **cofinancing to the 40%** *of the eligible costs of the SNAP itself, which have to be provided by its beneficiaries*.
- Maximum funding:60%
- actual costs, with unit cost and flat-rate elements;
- indirect cost flat-rate: 7% of the eligible direct costs

Duration of projects: (Min/max): 60 - 120 months

Deadline: yearly.
The proposals will have to follow a **two-stage submission procedure**.

In the first stage, applicants will be requested to submit only an outline application, which will be evaluated against a first set of award criteria. Successful applicants will be invited to submit a full application for the second stage which will then be evaluated against the full set of award criteria. Between stage 1 and 2, there will be a written question and answer phase, during which successful applicants can submit questions on the preparation of full proposals.

Eligible costs: *see SAP*

Strategic Integrated Projects (SIP)

Type of action: call for proposals
Projects that implement, on a regional, multi-regional, national or transnational scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans developed by Member States' authorities and required by specific environmental, climate or relevant energy legislation or policy of the Union, while ensuring that stakeholders are involved and promoting coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other Union, national or private funding source.

Consortium composition:
Proposals must be submitted by (for all topics of this Call):
- Multibeneficiary, minimum 2 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities)
 → The national authority responsible for the plan/strategy/action plan should be in principle participating in the consortium as coordinator. In well justified cases it may participate not as coordinator, but it should in any case be part of the consortium
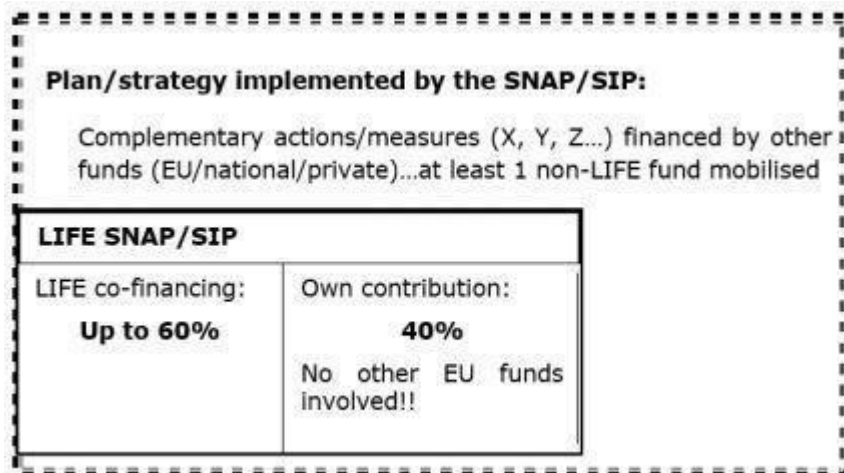
Applicant:
see SAP (Type of Action). See also Specific cases at the Eligibility section of the calls.

Interested categories of researchers: researchers, professors

Contribution:
See SNAP.

Duration of projects: max 14 years

Deadline: probably yearly

Eligible costs: *see SAP (Type of Action)*

Technical Assistance Projects (TA)

Tipologia di azione: call for proposals
Projects that support the development of capacity for participation in standard action projects, the preparation of strategic nature projects and strategic integrated projects, the preparation for

accessing other Union financial instruments or other measures necessary for preparing the upscaling or replication of results from other projects funded by the LIFE programme, its predecessor programmes or other Union programmes, with a view to pursuing the LIFE programme objectives set out in Article 3; such projects can also include capacity-building related to the activities of Member States' authorities for effective participation in the LIFE programme.

Consortium composition:
Proposals must be submitted by:
- Multibeneficiary, minimum 2 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities)
→ The national authority responsible for the plan/strategy/action plan should be in principle participating in the consortium as coordinator. In well justified cases it may participate not as coordinator, but it should in any case be part of the consortium
- Partner search tool (if available): https://eu-life-info-sessions-2021.b2match.io/

Applicant:
see SAP (Type of Action). See also Specific cases at the Eligibility section of the calls.
The national authority responsible for the plan/strategy/action plan should in principle be the coordinator

Interested categories of reseachers: researchers/professors

Contribution:
See SNAP.

Duration of projects: max 24 months

Deadline: probably yearly

Eligible costs: *see SAP (Type of Action)*

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Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)

Section I - Programme/Fund/Instrument

Name Programme/Fund/Instrument:
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)

Short description of the programme:
The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) is one of the three funds managed by the DG Home Affairs. It finances actions in the field of asylum, legal migration and integration, return and countering irregular migration.
The AMIF will contribute in particular to:
- strengthening and developing all aspects of the Common European Asylum System, including its international dimensions,
- strengthening and developing legal migration to the Member States and the effective integration and social inclusion of third country nationals,
- countering irregular migration enhancing effective, safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as effective initial reintegration in third countries, and
- enhance solidarity and responsibility sharing between the Member State.

Regulations establishing the programme (link to Eur-lex):
Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund
http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1147/oj

Duration:
2021-2027

Sub programmes/programme structure:
The largest share of the AMIF is managed and implemented by the singular EU member States through multiannual national programmes.
A smaller share is managed by the European Commission to implement actions of particular EU added-value - the Union actions. These Union actions implemented directly by the Commission or indirectly with international organisations are concentrated in the areas that have a particularly high impact at EU-level.
This sheet is dedicated to the later strand of AMIF.

Thematic areas: (use the first ERC level - ref. "Panel structure for ERC calls 2021 and 2022"
https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_Panel_structure_2021_2022.pdf)
- SH2_3 Conflict resolution, war, peace building, international law
- SH2_4 Legal studies, constitutions, human rights, comparative law
- SH2_5 International relations, global and transnational governance
- SH2_6 Humanitarian assistance and development
- SH3_2 Inequalities, discrimination, prejudice
- SH3_4 Social integration, exclusion, prosocial behaviour

- SH3_8 Social policies, welfare, work and employment
- SH3_9 Poverty and poverty alleviation
- SH3_11 Social aspects of teaching and learning, curriculum studies, education and educational policies
- SH7_2 Migration

Purpose of funding: (e.g. research, training, dissemination of scientific culture, cooperation, ...) In case of research funding, **Type of research that is funded**: fundamental/experimental development; bottom-up/top-down; mobility yes/no

Eligible countries
   a.   legal entities established in:
  i.a Member State, except Denmark;
 ii.a third country associated to the Fund;
iii.a third country listed in the work programme;
   b. legal entities created under Union law or any international organisation relevant for the purposes of the Fund.

Section II - Useful links and contact persons

Link to the programme website
Funding and Tenders Portal:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/asylum-migration-and-integration-fund_en

Link to the calls:
Funding and Tenders Portal:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43251447;

Link for the proposal submission:
Funding and Tenders Portal:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,2;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43251447;

Other useful links: (template, guide to proposers, administrative rules/reporting, contract, etc.)
FT Portal - Reference Documents webpage:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents;programCode=AMIF2027

Contact persons/NCP:
Not available

Corresponding programmes in previous EU programming:
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)

Success rates for previous calls (if available):
Not available

Additional information: (e.g. funded projects)
Funded projects are to be found under each call page of the FT Portal.

Section IV - Type of action

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)
Consortium:
- Mono-beneficiary/Multi-beneficiary
- Minimum no. of partners / minimum no. of countries
- Partner search tool (if available)

Applicants (both coordinators and partners): research organisation, enterprise, public body, other entity (legal person), natural person

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team): PhD Students/post-doc/researchers/professors

Contribution:
- maximum amount
- actual costs or unit costs
- % financing
- % or amount for overheads / indirect costs.

Duration of projects: (Min/max)

Type of deadline: always open/annual/variable

Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI), strand of the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

Name Programme/Fund/Instrument:

Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI), strand of the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

Short description of the programme:

The Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme is a financing instrument at EU level to promote a high level of quality and sustainable employment, guaranteeing adequate and decent social protection, combating social exclusion and poverty and improving working conditions.

For the period 2021-2027 the EaSI programme is part of European Social Fund + (ESF+) ⬜ The European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) is the European Union's main instrument for investing in people.

For the period 2021-2027 EaSI strand has a budget of € 762 million.

Regulations establishing the programme (link to Eur-lex):
Regulation (EU) 2021/1057 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 establishing the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1057/oj

Duration:

2021-2027

Sub programmes/programme structure:

EaSI has four main policy priorities:
1) employment and skills;
2) labour markets and labour mobility;
3) social protection and active inclusion;
4) working conditions;

Thematic areas: (use the first ERC level - ref. "Panel structure for ERC calls 2021 and 2022" https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_Panel_structure_2021_2022.pdf)

- SH3_8 Social policies, welfare, work and employment

Purpose of funding: (e.g. research, training, dissemination of scientific culture, cooperation, ...)
In case of research funding, **Type of research that is funded**: fundamental/experimental development; bottom-up/top-down; mobility yes/no

EaSI finances applied research activities through studies, training and support the international collaboration with surveys, statistical data, methodologies, classifications, etc. Thanks to these activities and to specific social policies, it contributes to promote inclusion, working conditions and equity between citizens and workers.

Eligible countries
- Member States;
- Third countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) : Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway;
- Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates to EU: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey;

Third country not associated to the EaSI strand listed in the work programme shall be exceptionally eligible to participate. They shall, in principle, bear the cost of their participation.

Section II - Useful links and contact persons

Link to the programme website

EASI: https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/esf-direct-easi
EFS+: https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en

Link to the calls:

Funding and Tenders Portal:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,0;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43254019;programDivisionCode=43254027;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState

Link for the proposal submission:

Funding and Tenders Portal:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1,0;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43254019;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState

Other useful links: (template, guide to proposers, administrative rules/reporting, contract, etc.)

FT Portal - Reference documents

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents;programCode=ESF

DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: Publications

https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?advSearchKey=monitoring+good+practices&mode=advancedSubmit&catId=22&policyArea=0&policyAreaSub=0&country=0&year=0#navItem-1

Contact persons/NCP:

Under the 2021 Annual Work Programme the Commission will establish National Contact Points operating on behalf or within the national, regional and/or local authorities to promote the EaSI strand and its results in the Member States and other participating countries. The contact details of those NCPs will be made available in due time on this page: https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/easi-your-country.

Section III - Further details

Corresponding programmes in previous EU programming:

EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) 2014-2020

Success rates for previous calls (if available):

Not available.

Additional information: (e.g. funded projects)

Funded projects are to be found under each call page of the FT Portal.

Section IV - Type of action

Type of action:

Call for proposals

Consortium:

- *Mono-beneficiary/Multi-beneficiary:* it depends on the calls
- *Minimum no. of partners / minimum no. of countries*: it depends on the calls
- *Partner search tool*: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/partner-search

The requirements for consortia composition are defined by the call for proposal. We advise to read carefully the call.

Applicants (both coordinators and partners): research organisation, enterprise, public body, other entity (legal person), natural person

The eligible applicants are defined by the calls. The most common are:
- EURES members or partners;
- Social partner organisations at European, national or regional level (trade union and organizations representing employers);
- Public or private employment services;
- Non-profit organisations.

Natural persons are not eligible.

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team): PhD Students/post-doc/researchers/professors

Professors and their research teams

Contribution:
- *maximum amount*: The maximum amount is defined by the calls;
- *actual costs or unit costs*: Actual costs with the possibility of unit costs for some categories;
- *% financing:* The funding rate is generally 80%
- *% or amount for overheads / indirect costs*: indirect cost flat-rate: 7% of the eligible direct costs

Duration of projects: (Min/max)

It depends on the calls, with an average between 18 and 24 months.

Type of deadline:
Annual

Eligible costs:
These categories costs are eligible:
1. Personnel costs (a. Costs for employees (or equivalent), b. Costs for natural persons working under a direct contract other than an employment contract, c. Costs for seconded persons by a third party against payment, d. SME owners, e. Volunteers);
2. Subcontracting costs;
3. Purchase costs (a. Travel and subsistence, b. Equipment, c. Other goods, works and services);
4. Other costs categories (Financial support to third parties (if and as declared eligible in the call conditions);
5. Indirect costs (7% of the eligible direct costs categories 1-4, except volunteers' costs and exempted specific cost categories, if any).

Indirect costs are not accepted for entities that already receive operating grants.

European Defence Fund (EDF)

Section I - Programme/Fund/Instrument

Name Programme/Fund/Instrument: European Defence Fund (EDF)

Short description of the programme:

The general objective of the Fund is to **foster the competitiveness, efficiency and innovation capacity of the European defence technological and industrial base (EDTIB)** throughout the Union, which contributes to the Union strategic autonomy and its freedom of action, by supporting **collaborative actions and cross-border cooperation** between legal entities throughout the Union, in particular SMEs and mid-caps, as well as by strengthening and improving the agility of both defence supply and value chains, widening cross-border cooperation between legal entities and fostering the better exploitation of the industrial potential of innovation, research and technological development, at each stage of the industrial life cycle of defence products and technologies.

Regulations establishing the programme (link to Eur-lex):

Regulation (EU) 2021/697 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 establishing the European Defence Fund and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/1092 (Text with EEA relevance) - https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/697

Duration: 2021-2027

Sub programmes/programme structure:
The Programme is divided in **18 Categories of Actions** :
1. Defence medical support, CBRN, biotech and human factors
2. Information superiority
3. Advanced passive and active sensors
4. Cyber
5. Space
6. Digital transformation
7. Energy resilience and environmental transition
8. Materials and components
9. Air combat
10. Air and missile defence
11. Ground combat
12. Force protection and mobility
13. Naval combat
14. Underwater warfare
15. Simulation and training
16. Disruptive technologies
17. Open calls for innovative and future-oriented defence solutions
Other actions

Each category of action can provide funding for one or both of the following **2 type of actions**:

RESEARCH: to support collaborative research that could significantly boost the performance of future capabilities throughout the Union, aiming to maximise innovation and introduce new defence products and technologies, including disruptive technologies for defence, and aiming to make the most efficient use of defence research spending in the Union;

DEVELOPMENT: to support the collaborative development of defence products and technologies, thus contributing to the greater efficiency of defence spending within the Union, achieving greater economies of scale, reducing the risk of unnecessary duplication and thereby fostering the market uptake of European defence products and technologies and reducing the fragmentation of defence products and technologies throughout the Union, ultimately leading to an increase in the standardisation of defence systems and a greater interoperability between Member States' capabilities.

Thematic areas: (use the first ERC level - ref. "Panel structure for ERC calls 2021 and 2022" https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_Panel_structure_2021_2022.pdf)

PE6 Computer Science and Informatics
PE7 Systems and Communication Engineering
PE8 Products and Processes Engineering
PE11 Materials Engineering
LS7 Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Human Diseases

Purpose of funding: (e.g. research, training, dissemination of scientific culture, cooperation, ...)
In case of research funding, **Type of research that is funded**: fundamental/experimental development; bottom-up/top-down; mobility yes/no

As mentioned in the "Subprogramme/Programme structure" the EFD provide funding for Research and Development actions. The Fund <u>does not support basic research</u>, but its support may include defence-oriented fundamental research likely to form the basis of the solution to recognised or expected problems or to create new possibilities.

In particular the following actions are eligible:

Eligible Activities		Type of Action	
Title	**Description**	**Research**	**Development**
Generating Knowledge	a) activities that aim to create, underpin and improve knowledge, products and technologies, including disruptive technologies for defence, which can achieve significant effects in the area of defence;	X	X

Integrating Knowledge	b) activities that aim to increase interoperability and resilience, including secured production and exchange of data, to master critical defence technologies, to strengthen the security of supply or to enable the effective exploitation of results for defence products and technologies;	X	X
Study	c) studies, such as feasibility studies to explore the feasibility of new or upgraded products, technologies, processes, services and solutions;	X	X
Design	d) the design of a defence product, tangible or intangible component or technology as well as the definition of the technical specifications on which such a design has been developed, including any partial tests for risk reduction in an industrial or representative environment;	X	X
System prototyping	e) the system prototyping of a defence product, tangible or intangible component or technology;		X
Testing	f) the testing of a defence product, tangible or intangible component or technology;		X
Qualification	g) the qualification of a defence product, tangible or intangible component or technology;		X
Certification	h) the certification of a defence product, tangible or intangible component or technology;		X
Increasing efficiency	i) the development of technologies or assets increasing efficiency across the life cycle of defence products and technologies.		X

Eligible countries

EU Member States and Associated Countries (Norway). Additional Associated Countries could join the programme in the future

Section II - Useful links and contact persons

Link to the programme website: https://ec.europa.eu/defence-industry-space/eu-defence-industry/european-defence-fund-edf_en

Link to the calls and proposal submission:: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=0,1,2;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=null;programCcm2Id=44181033;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState

Other useful links: (template, guide to proposers, administrative rules/reporting, contract, etc.)

Link to Guide for Applicant and Application form: https://ec.europa.eu/defence-industry-space/calls-tenders/european-defence-fund-edf-2021-calls-documentation-submission-forms-and-guidance_en

First Infoday Presentation: EDF Info Day 2021 presentation.pdf

Contact persons/NCP:

Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space
DEFIS-EDF-PROPOSALS@EC.EUROPA.EU

At national level additional support may be provided by:
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comandante Cetta: r5u2s2@sgd.difesa.it .

Section III - Further details

Corresponding programmes in previous EU programming:

European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP)

Success rates for previous calls (if available):

19/40=47,5%

Additional information:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/european-defence-industry-results-calls_en

Section IV - Type of action

Type of action: Call for proposal

Consortium:

- Multi-beneficiary
- The project must involve at least **three independent eligible legal entities** established in **at least three eligible entities established in at least three different MS/AC** (exception: calls for disruptive technologies: at least two MS/AC)

The recipients (including subcontractors) involved in the action must not be subject to control by a non-associated third country or by a non-associated third-country entity, unless guarantees approved by the Member State or the associated country are made available to the Commission.

- Partner search tool (if available): via Participant Portal

Applicants (both coordinators and partners): Any legal entity established in a European Union Country or Associated Country (currently limited to Norway).

Categories of researchers interested: NA

Contribution:

- Two different type of contribution:

A.   For calls under 16. Disruptive technologies and 17. Open calls for innovative and future-oriented defence solutions actual costs Lumpsum

B.   For call under all other topics actual costs under the following rules

- % financing: funding percentage depend on the type of activity (see table below).

Type of activity	Research	Development	
	EU Funding Rate	EU Baseline Funding Rate	EU Max Funding Rate
Generating Knowledge	100%	NA	NA
Integrating Knowledge	100%	65%	100%
Study	100%	90%	100%
Design	100%	65%	100%
System prototyping	NA	20%	55%
Testing	NA	45%	80%
Qualification	NA	70%	80%
Certification	NA	70%	80%
Increasing efficiency	NA	65%	100%

EU funding for Research action is 100%. Different EU baseline funding rates are available for Development actions, that may be increased under the following conditions (bonus system):

Condition for application	Value of the bonus
PESCO Bonus	
Action developed in context of PESCO	+10% for **all activities** in the action
'Mid-cap' bonus	
% eligible costs allocated to 'Midcaps' established in the EU (and NO) ≥ 15%	+10% **for the activity**
SME Bonus	
% eligible costs allocated to 'SMEs' established in the EU (and NO) ≥ 10%	% of eligible costs allocated to '**non cross-border SMEs**' established in the EU and NO (maximum 5%) + 2 x % of eligible costs allocated to '**cross-border SMEs**' established in the EU and NO

- % or amount for overheads / indirect costs: two methods:
    - flat rate of 25 % of the total direct eligible costs of the action, excluding subcontracting and support to third parties, or
    - in accordance with the recipient's usual cost accounting practices on the basis of actual indirect costs provided that those cost accounting practices are accepted by national authorities for comparable activities in the defence domain and that they have been communicated to the Commission by the recipient.

Duration of projects: Max 48 months. A duration beyond 48 months should be duly justified and substantiated, in Part B of the proposal

Type of deadline: Annual calls

Eligible costs:

A. For calls under 16. Disruptive technologies and 17. Open calls for innovative and future-oriented defence solutions actual costs Lumpsum

B. For call under all other topics actual costs (R&D Staff, Equipment, Subcontracting, Other direct costs, indirect costs)

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ERANET

Name Programme/Fund/Instrument:

Short description of the programme:

ERA-NET is designed to support Public-Public Partnerships, including Joint Programming Initiatives between Member States, in their preparation, establishment of networking structures, design, implementation and coordination of joint activities as well as Union topping-up of a trans-national call for proposals. It is implemented by using "programme co-fund actions". It allows for programme collaboration in any part of the entire research-innovation cycle.

The main and compulsory activity of the ERA-NET programme is the implementation of the co-funded joint call for proposals that leads to the funding of trans-national research and/or innovation projects.

ERA-NET is one of the EU Partnerships identified in according to Article 8 (1) (a and b) of the FP Regulation. They are addressed to overcome the fragmentation in the R&I sector, to coordinate public/public and/or public/private initiative, to avoid the duplication in the scientific efforts, and boost the competitiveness.

They include public and, if any, private partners engaged in a specific sector and bring the European Commission and private and/or public partners together to address some of Europe's most pressing challenges through concerted R&I initiatives. The aim of EU partnerships with EU and associated countries, the private sector, foundations and other stakeholders is to deliver on global challenges and modernise industry.

Specifically, ERANET are co-funded EU partnerships involving EU countries, with research funders and other public authorities at the core of the consortium.

Sub programmes/programme structure:
The ERANETs include different topics: https://www.era-learn.eu/network-information/overview-jointcalls

Thematic areas:
ERANET integrate various areas ranging from quantum chemistry to artificial intelligence, to food systems, to bioenergy, neuronal science and so on. The different thematic can be found under the above-mentioned link.

ERA-NET allows flexibility for the scope of activities (compulsory joint call with or without additional activities) and whether the MS contributions are made in cash (classical ERA-NET) or in kind (institutional funding ERA-NET) which are described below.

Joint Programming Initiatives are the following:
1. Neurodegenerative diseases (JPND) (Alzheimer's)
2. Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE)
3. Cultural Heritage and global change: a new challenge for Europe

4. Healthy diet for a healthy life
5. More Years, Better Lives (Demographic Change)
6. Anti-Microbial resistance
7. Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans
8. Water Challenges for a Changing World
9. Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU)
10. Urban Europe

Purpose of funding:

ERANETs are top-down research funding, focused on specific thematics, interesting for the EC and the national funding entities. For the purposes of point (a), top-up funding shall be conditional on the demonstration of added value of the action at Union level and on prior indicative financial commitments in cash or in kind of the participating entities to the joint calls and actions. The ERA-NET instrument may include, where possible, an objective to harmonise rules and implementation modalities of the joint calls and actions. It may also be used in order to prepare for an initiative pursuant to Article 185 TFEU.

http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-cofund-(h2020).aspx
https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9079
https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/temi/p2_3_ricerca.html

Eligible countries

Each call publishes the eligible countries involved.

Section II - Useful links and contact persons

Link to the programme website
https://www.era-learn.eu/network-information/overview-jointcalls

Link to the calls:

Each call has a specific website.
The links for the calls funded by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture are collected in this website:
https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9067
The links for the calls funded by the Italian Ministry of University are collected in this website:
http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-cofund-(h2020).aspx.
Currently this link is not updated with the EU Partnership of Horizon Europe.

Link for the proposal submission:

Each call has a specific link for the submission, available in the website.

MIUR: link submission documenti nazionali https://banditransnazionali-miur.cineca.it/Classic/Default.aspx

Other useful links: (template, guide to proposers, administrative rules/reporting, contract, etc.)

As regards with the administrative rule and relating reporting, the applicants of ERANET shall respect the rules of the national funding entities.
In defining the eligibility for funding of project costs co-funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Italian applicants must refer to the rules described in the standing User's Manual, available at the

Link MIPAAF:
https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/10656

link MUR:
http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/media/29862/lineeguida_al_dm593_2016_09_10_2018.pdf

Contact persons/NCP:

The contact personal at the national funding entity is established for each call.
Usually, the national contact points for the Italian Universities are:
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<u>Ministry of University</u>:

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Section III - Further details

Not available

Section IV - Type of action

Type of action: (call for tenders/proposals)

Consortium:

- Multi-beneficiary
- The rules for the composition of the consortium (e.g. minimum no. of partners / minimum no. of countries) are established in the specific call
- Partner search tool (if available): not available

Applicants

The eligible organisations are defined in the national regulations of the specific call.

Categories of researchers interested

Eventual specifications are detailed in the national regulations, which are reported in the call.
Link MIUR: http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/evidenza/normativa-prog-internazionali.aspx
Link MIPAAF:
https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/10656

Contribution:

The rules are defined at national level and are included in the national regulations of the specific call.

This is a classical contribution scheme from the MUR:

All activities classifiable as Basic research, Industrial research and Experimental research are eligible for funding. Furthermore, Basic Research and Industrial research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental research activities (in terms of costs).
All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: Personnel, Equipment, Consulting and equivalent services, Consumables and Overheads. Overheads ("Spese generali") shall be calculated as a percentage of the personnel costs and cannot be higher than 50% of them. Travel expenses, dissemination and coordination costs are to be included in the overheads.
The amount of funding which can be granted to each beneficiary is calculated multiplying the eligible costs for the funding rate listed in the following table:

Activity typology \ Applicant typology		Funding Rates			Universities, public research institutions, research organizations (public and private) in accordance with Reg. EU n. 651/2014 of the Commission - June 17, 2014)
		Enterprises and private research bodies (which meets the requirements of research organization under EU Reg. no. 651/2014 of the Commission - June 17, 2014)			
		Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Big Enterprises	
Basic Research	grant	40%	30%	20%	70%
Industrial Research	grant	40%	30%	20%	50%
Experimental Research	grant	30%	20%	10%	25%

On request of applicants a pre-payment may be done. The amount of the pre-payment is defined in the "Avviso integrativo nazionale". The remaining part of contribute will be paid in instalments after each financial and progress reporting period.

Eligible costs:

MUR: Any participant, in order to be eligible, must comply with the eligibility criteria listed in the art. 2.4 of the "Linee guida al DM 593/2016": http://attiministeriali.miur.it/anno-2016/luglio/dm-26072016-(3).aspx

MIPAAF: Typical call text about eligible costs

In defining cost of the projects national applicants must refer to regulations indicated in the standing User's Manual
https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/10656
The selected national institutions will be financed up to 99% of the approved eligible costs.
- Eligible costs
A) Personnel
1) Salaries – For public institutions/universities only non-permanent scientific staff; for private no-profit institutions also permanent scientific staff; administrative staff can be included only in the coordination activity, if the research unit is also coordinator.
2) Travel expenses – for permanent and non permanent staff declared in the project
B) Consumables
C) External activity costs – advisory/consultant services, services supply (scientific, logistics for meetings, devices and machine rent and/or , etc.)
The costs at point C) need to be indicated and detailed as "Other costs" in the financial plan of the joint call application form (online submission)
D) Equipments – Only use cost (related to the project duration) for scientific equipment will be reimbursed.
E) Overheads – no more than 12% of the total amount of the above mentioned costs (A+B+C+D)
F) Coordination - if the Italian institution is also playing the role of coordinator the eligible costs are those indicated in the User's manual. In the joint call Mipaaf will pay the coordination cost calculated on the total request of the project, including the amount not paid with national resources.

Duration of projects: (Min/max)
The duration of the projects can vary from 2 to 5 years. Usually, the projects have a duration of 3 years (36 months)

Type of deadline:
ERANET proposal have to be submitted in English to the responsible European agency or ministry. The national documentation has to be submitted to the national ministry/agency at the same step as the European documentation or in a second step.

The European evaluation occurs very often in 3 steps.

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Calls for Tender

Tender Instrument

A call for tenders is a procedure that the European Institutions use to procure a wide variety of goods, services or works in support of its EU objectives. Every year numerous contracts are awarded through calls for tenders (public procurement procedures), ranging from supply of office furniture, provision of translation services to maintenance of buildings. These call for tenders result in the conclusion of a public contract. The rules that apply to call for tenders have been specifically designed to ensure that all economic operators operate on a level playing field and that the winning tender ensures the best value for money for the EU taxpayer.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/tenders

Framework contract

A Framework Contract (FWC) is an agreement between one or more *Contracting Authorities*, and one or more *Economic Operators*. The *contracting and awarding procedures* followed by the Contracting Authorities are used to identify a consultant, supplier, contractor or beneficiary, to request them to provide defined services, supplies, works with the objective of concluding contracts with them.

For Framework Contracts, the *request for tender submission* is the Request for Service; the *providers of the service* are the Framework Contractors (sole or part of a consortium); and the *procedure and award type* is a Specific Contract under a Framework Contract. Specific Contracts can have a Fee-based or Global Price *payment modality*.

Once a Request for Service has been *authorised for publication*, the OPSYS system automatically sends the *Request for Service* to the selected Framework Contractors that receives an invitation to submit a tender submission – via the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal (Funding & Tenders Portal). After *acknowledging the invitation*, *expressing willingness* to participate in the tender, *creating and submitting* an offer via eSubmission, the Contractors are automatically notified by OPSYS if the proposal submitted has been *awarded*, *reserved* or *rejected* by the Evaluation Committee.

When *awarded* and *notified*, the best tenderer *signs* the Contract via the Funding & Tenders Portal, where they will also *manage* the full life-cycle of the Contract (deliverables, invoices and payments, amendments, closure, etc.).

Ref.
https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/ExactExternalWiki/Introduction+and+Context#IntroductionandContext-1.1FrameworkContracts

Tender Procedure – Steps

Preparation

- Parties – *identification of the participant(s)*
- Tender Data – *formulation of the financial offer/breakdown and uploading of required documents*

Validation - *Not required for FWC AUDIT 2018 as the financial breakdown is uploaded in the Tender Data, and the pre-financing is always 0% for AUDIT*

- **Financial Offer Preview** – *preview of the financial offer*
- **Pre-financing** – *request pre-financing and bank guarantee requirements*

<u>Submission</u>

- **Submission Report** – *generated summary report of submission and uploaded documents*
- **Submit** – *submission of the offer for tender*

Searching Tools:

- **Tenderblade**
    - is a tool developed by EUROPARTNERS, a team of consultants with different styles and expertise who have decided to work together in order to develop synergies and learn from each other Tendering is one of the great opportunities for those who want to try their hand at the European market. The European Union itself invests a great deal in this form of procurement, providing around 2 billion euros a year (equal to 17% of its GDP) for the purchase of the most varied goods and services. Despite the attractive opportunity, the participation in tenders by Italian subjects is relatively low compared to the potential.
    - can extract relevant data from TED, the official gazette of the European Union, and define a final report highlighting the best opportunities and the approach with which to deal with them.

- EC **Funding and tenders**
    - The Funding & Tenders Portal allows now for searching in all calls for tenders and calls for proposal of the Commission that are currently published in the Tenders Electronic Daily **(TED)**.
    https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/tenders
    - TED portal: Mid-value and higher value tenders from EU institutions, agencies or other bodies **are published** on the Tenders Electronic Daily (TED) portal, the **online version of the Supplement to the Official Journal of the EU** where all higher value European public procurement tenders are published
    - https://ted.europa.eu/TED/browse/browseByMap.do
- **ResearchProfessional**
    - It is a commercial source of intelligence on funding opportunities and research policy
    - Search for any sort of EU and International funding opportunity
    - Personalized alerts
    - Search by keywords
- SPINBASE
    - Uses Artificial Intelligence tools to analyze sentences
    - Partners recurring in projects and consortia
    - https://app.hubspot.com/documents/4908926/view/71468800?accessId=10e6a8
- INNOLOOP
    - AI-platform for the design and financing of innovation projects

Documentations:

- Notices on TED will give the basic information to decide whether to participate or not in a call for tender.

  Main documents for a tender are
  a) the call for tenders or other advertising measures

  b) invitation to submit the offers, containing the procedure for submitting proposals (date, time, address, etc.)
  Acceptance of the tender documents' terms and conditions, the submission of the offer binds the bidder during the contract's execution if he is the successful bidder; the period of validity of the offers, during which the bidder is required to keep all of the conditions of his offer unchanged; the restriction of any contact between the contracting authority and the bidder during the procedure;

  c) specifications or documents including technical requirements and pertinent criteria: exclusion and selection criteria; contract award criteria; technical specifications; variations and minimum requirements to be met;

  d) contract forms with general and special conditions setting, among others, payments schedule (interim payment,payment of the balance); intellectual property rights rules (pre-existing rights and ownership of the rights in the results; liquidated damages claimed if the contractor fails to perform its contractual obligations within the applicable time limit; reduction in price if the contractor fails to provide the service in accordance with the expected quality levels specified in the tender specifications; applicable law and settlement of disputes.

Example:

PART A: IDENTIFICATION OF THE TENDERER
Cover letter signed by an authorised representative
Legal Entity Form and supporting evidence attached to the submission e-mail
Financial Identification Form and supporting evidence attached to the submission e-mail
PART B: NON-EXCLUSION
Annex 1 – Declaration on honour
PART C: SELECTION
Annex 1 – Declaration on honour
Evidence of the legal and regulatory capacity attached to the submission e-mail
Evidence of the economic and financial capacity criteria attached to the submission e-mail
Technical and professional capacity criteria and evidence
PART D: TECHNICAL OFFER
PART E: FINANCIAL OFFER
Annex 2 - Financial offer

COST Actions (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)

Name Programme/Fund/Instrument: COST Actions (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)

Short description of the programme: COST is a funding organisation for research and innovation networks. COST Actions help connect research initiatives across Europe and beyond and enable researchers and innovators to grow their ideas in any science and technology field by sharing them with their peers. COST Actions are bottom-up networks with a duration of four years that boost research, innovation and careers.

Regulations establishing the programme (link to Eur-lex):
- Statutes of the COST Association – 5 December 2018
https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2018/12/20181205_COST-Association_-Statutes_EN_Final_entry-into-force-on-5-December-2018-1.pdf
- Internal Rules of the COST Association – 2 December 2020
https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2020/12/20201202-Internal-Rules-of-the-COST-Association.pdf

Duration: Established in 1971

Thematic areas:
https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_Panel_structure_2021_2022.pdf)
COST provides international research funding for researchers and innovators to set up interdisciplinary research networks in Europe and beyond, this can include all fields of science and technology   (PE1-PE2-PE3-PE4-PE5-PE6-PE7-PE8-PE9-PE10-PE11-LS1-LS2-LS3-LS4-LS5-LS6-LS7-LS8-LS9-SH1-SH2-SH3-SH4-SH5-SH6-SH7)

Purpose of funding: (e.g. research, training, dissemination of scientific culture, cooperation, …) set up of interdisciplinary research networks

Type of research funded: all fields of science and technology, based on a bottom-up approach, are eligible for funding. The supported activities are: meetings, short term scientific missions, training schools and dissemination activities.

Eligible countries: COST is an intergovernmental framework consisting of 38 Members (Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, The Netherlands, The Republic of North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom), 1 Cooperating Member (Israel) and 1 Partner Member (South Africa)

Section II - Useful links and contact persons

Link to the programme website: https://www.cost.eu/

Link to the calls: https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/open-call-a-simple-one-step-application-process/

Link for the proposal submission: https://e-services.cost.eu/user/login

Other useful links: (template, guide to proposers, administrative rules/reporting, contract, etc.) https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/documents-guidelines/

Contact persons/NCP:

COST National Contact Point: Dr.ssa Mariacristiana Gobbi, Uff. VIII della Direzione Generale per il coordinamento, la promozione e la valorizzazione della ricerca, Dipartimento per la Formazione Superiore e per la Ricerca – MUR, e-mail: cnc@miur.it (note: this address, indicated on the web page, is apparently not working at the time of this writing), Tel.: +39-0658497777

Contact link: https://www.cost.eu/contact/; https://www.mur.gov.it/it/aree-tematiche/ricerca/ricerca-internazionale/programma-cost

Section III - Further details

Corresponding programmes in previous EU programming: the COST actions were available also during the previous EU funding cycle, 2014-2020.

Success rates for previous calls (if available): information not available

Additional information: since the funding scheme is focused on the mobility, mostly for short periods, of a high number of scientists, practical organizational difficulties arise.
A first aspect is related to the formal fulfillments related to unusual situations such as, for example, the organization/management by an institution based in country C1 of the travel arrangements for a scientist based in country C2 and going to country C3.
A second aspect concerns the reimbursement of subsistence and lodging costs. For this cost category, COST rules foresee a lump sum reimbursement. The Italian legislation favors instead the reimbursement of actual costs; it allows indeed also the reimbursement of lump sums but enforces in this case the application of taxes. The resulting fiscal complication is a source of problems which creates, among others, an additional burden in the project management efforts. For the reasons mentioned above, Italian institutions tend not to take the coordinator role, with project management responsibilities, but rather to engage in scientific coordination tasks.

Section IV - Type of action

Type of action: open call for proposals – COLLECTION OC-2021-1 (opening: 3 December 2020; closing: 29 October 2021)

Consortium:

● Multibeneficiary

● Proposals for a COST Action must represent a network composed of proposers from at least seven COST Members amongst which at least 50% shall be from COST Inclusiveness Target Countries

(ITC). The list of ITC Contries includes: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia and Turkey.

● Partner search tool: Not available

Applicants (both coordinators and partners): Universities, research centres, companies, in particular small and medium-sized companies, as well as other relevant actors

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team): Any category

Contribution:

- maximum amount: the presently open call does not mention a maximum amount but rather a typical reference amount ("Selected proposals for COST Actions will get a financial support in the range of EUR 129.000 p.a. [per annum, ndr], normally for four years, subject to available budget.")
- actual costs or unit costs: the funding scheme recognizes a mixture of real costs and of flat rate unit costs
- % financing: 100%
- % or amount for overheads / indirect costs: 12,5%

Duration of projects: (Min/max) Normally four (4) years

Type of deadline: annual

Eligible costs: meetings, short term scientific missions, training schools and dissemination activities.

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European Space Agency (ESA)

Section I - Programme/Fund/Instrument

Name Programme/Fund/Instrument: ESA (European Space Agency), active in every sector of space activity, which makes the benefits deriving from space available to both companies and people in their daily lives.

Short description of the programme: the European Space Agency supports the exploration and use of space for peaceful purposes for the common good. Established in 1975, the agency currently has 22 Member States and has been promoting Europe's scientific and industrial interests in space for more than 40 years.

Its mission is to develop European space capabilities and to ensure that the investments made in the conquest of space continue to produce benefits and positive effects for all European citizens.

Thanks to the coordination of the financial and intellectual resources of its members, the Agency is able to undertake programs and activities far superior to those possible for individual European nations.

Link: https://www.esa.int/Space_in_Member_States/Italy

Regulations establishing the programme (link to Eur-lex):

> ➢ ESA Procurement Regulations and related Implementing Instructions
> ➢ Security Regulations
> ➢ ESA Financial Regulations
> ➢ Policy on the Prevention, Detection and Investigation of Fraud
> ➢ ESA Staff Regulations and Rules
> ➢ Rules on Information, Data and Intellectual Property
> ➢ Personal Data Protection Framework

All regulations are available at the following address:

https://www.esa.int/About_Us/Law_at_ESA/Highlights_of_ESA_rules_and_regulations

Duration: Established in 1975

Sub programmes/programme structure: ESA's task is to outline the European space program and then to implement it. The Agency's projects are designed to discover as much as possible about the Earth, the surrounding space environment, the Solar System and the Universe in general, but also aim at the development of satellite technologies and services and the promotion of European industries. ESA also actively collaborates with extra-European space organizations.

Thematic areas: (use the first ERC level - ref. "Panel structure for ERC calls 2021 and 2022" https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_Panel_structure_2021_2022.pdf)

> ➢ Observing the Earth
> ➢ Telecommunications
> ➢ Satellite navigation
> ➢ Downstream

The thematic areas are presented at the following address:

https://www.esa.int/Applications

Purpose of funding: research

Type of research that is funded: fundamental and experimental development;

Eligible countries

ESA member states: Austria Belgium Denmark Estonia Finland France Germany Greece Ireland Italy Luxembourg Norway Netherlands Poland Portugal United Kingdom Czech Republic Romania Spain Sweden Switzerland Hungary
Associate members: Latvia Lithuania Slovenia

European states with cooperation agreements: Bulgaria Cyprus Croatia Malta Slovakia

State with a long-term cooperation agreement: Canada

Section II - Useful links and contact persons

Link to the programme website: https://www.esa.int/

Link to the calls: https://www.esa.int/Applications

Link for the proposal submission:

Other useful links: (template, guide to proposers, administrative rules/reporting, contract, etc.)

Section III - Further details

Corresponding programmes in previous EU programming: previous ESA funding programmes
Success rates for previous calls (if available): not available

Section IV - Type of action

Type of action: call for tenders/proposals

The page with the calls can be found at the address:

https://www.esa.int/Enabling_Support/Space_Engineering_Technology/CALLS_FOR_PROPOSALS

Open Discovery Ideas: This call for new ideas is part of ESA's strategy for the future of European space activities.

ESA is looking for new ideas related to space activities and novelty is the differentiating factor for this research tool. It is therefore very important to describe the idea in a short, direct and clear way, and to specifically emphasize why the idea is new compared to the state of the art and published approaches and how it relates to the space.

ESA Discovery implementation schemes: they provide for three main implementation paths**:**

1. co-financed research: at doctoral or post-doctoral level, max. 50% and up to 90.000 € from ESA. The researcher should highlight the novelty of his idea and the latest published research in this field. The researcher should refer to Google Scholar or ESA's publication repositories.

2. pre-competitive technological development activities: (max 175.000 € of ESA funding), the researcher should already specify the difference that he would provide with respect to the state of the art in the specific technical domain. Early technology development activities are typically implemented in two phases (proof of concept, demonstration) with an intermediate assessment point where ESA will decide whether the activity should continue or not. A written declaration of industrial interest from the client interested in using the technology should be provided for this funding instrument. More than one industrial letter of interest is allowed and encouraged.

3. system studies: (max 100.000 € of funding), the researcher should already describe the novelty at the system level compared to previous system studies and the specific focus it suggests.

For all implementation paths, selection will be a two-stage process: an idea stage and a proposal stage.

The first step is to propose an idea through the dedicated ESA website. Ideas that are deemed suitable for implementation within ESA and are positively evaluated by the evaluation committee will be invited to the second phase, the proposal phase, which:

• **for pre-competitive study and technological development activities** they will be implemented under ESA's standard procurement approach; the activities will follow the Agency's procurement rules and ultimately lead to the signing of a contract with ESA.

• **for the co-financed research activities** an accelerated implementation mechanism will be followed with the disbursement of a grant to the researcher directly by ESA.

Ideas will be evaluated monthly, typically during the third week of each month.

The first phase (idea phase) ends with the evaluation of the idea which is based on the novelty and information provided in the description of the idea itself.

Depending on the implementation path, during the second phase (proposal drafting phase) the researcher will be invited to describe his idea in a project proposal.

The ideas that will be successfully implemented will be made public on the ESA website with the title and abstract provided in the proposal (second phase).

If the idea is selected, the researcher will be invited to formulate his project proposal on a special online form.

- **for co-funded research activities**: the researcher should complete the research proposal on OSIP as quickly as possible, but no more than 4 months after the selection of the idea. The research proposals are then also evaluated monthly and the best five per month will be directly funded without further technical iterations necessary.
- **for pre-competitive study and technological development activities**: they will be selected for implementation through ESA's standard procurement scheme. Shortly after the selection of the idea, the researcher will receive a formal invitation to submit a proposal to the Agency, with further detailed information on the process. The sending will be made with the ESASTAR tool.

Some selected businesses will not need a contractual implementation. For those who have a contractual implementation, ESA will choose the most suitable option. The two standard options are ESA's standard procurement approach or ESA's grant such as the EISI scheme. ESA will make this decision on the basis of its assessment of the direct application of the results of the activities to ESA projects.

• The standard procurement approach involves signing a standard ESA procurement contract.

• The grant approach involves the signing of an EISI Agreement (EISI Discovery Agreement).

In both cases, the contractual clauses are non-negotiable and must be accepted at the time of submitting the complete proposal after passing the idea selection stage.

Consortium:

- Mono-beneficiary
- Minimum no. of partners / minimum no. of countries: 1
- Partner search tool (if available): not known

Applicants (both coordinators and partners): natural person

Categories of researchers interested (PI and research team): PhD Students/post-doc/researchers/professors

Contribution:

- maximum amount: depending on the type of action foreseen by the ESA Discovery implementation schemes
- actual costs or unit costs
- % financing:
- % or amount for overheads / indirect costs.

Duration of projects: (Min/max)

Type of deadline: always open/annual/variable

Eligible costs: proposed by the applicant

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