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Horizon Europe

Selection of open and forthcoming calls

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Call	Opening Date	Deadline for proposals
MSCA COFUND 2024 Forthcoming	03/04/2024	26/09/2024
MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024 Forthcoming	10/04/2024	11/09/2024
MSCA International Cooperation 2024 Forthcoming	14/05/2024	04/09/2024
MSCA Doctoral Networks 2024 Forthcoming	29/05/2024	27/11/2024
MSCA Staff Exchanges 2024 Forthcoming	19/09/2024	05/02/2025

European Research Council (ERC)

Call	Opening Date	Deadline for proposals
ERC Proof of Concept 2024 Open	16/11/2023	Next cut-off dates: 14/03/2024 and 17/09/2024
ERC Advanced Grant 2024 Forthcoming	29/05/2024	29/08/2024

Pillar II (Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness)

Calls (compendious list)	Opening Date	Deadline for proposals
Cluster 1: Health		
HORIZON-JU-IHI-2024: Support healthcare systems – various 2-stage calls Open	16/01/2024	16/04/2024 (Stage 1) 10/10/2024 (Stage 2)
HORIZON-JU-IHI-2024: Support healthcare systems – various single stage calls Open	16/01/2024	22/05/2024
HORIZON-HLTH-2022-CARE- 10-01: Innovate to Prevent: Personalised Prevention in Health and Care Services Open	23/02/2024	14/05/2024

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2024: Research on health solutions for sub-Saharan Africa – various 2-stage calls Open	18/01/2024	04/04/2024 (Stage 1) 17/09/2024 (Stage 2)
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE: Pandemic preparedness and response – various single stage calls Open	26/10/2023	11/04/2024
Cluster 3: Civil Security		
HORIZON-CL3-2024: Various calls Forthcoming	27/06/2024	20/11/2024
Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility		
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D2-01: Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition Open HORIZON-CL5-2024-D5-01: Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes Open	07/12/2023	18/04/2024
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D6-01: Safe, resilient transport and smart mobility services for passengers and goods Forthcoming	04/05/2024	05/09/2024
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D2-02: Post-Li-ion technologies and relevant manufacturing techniques for mobility applications Forthcoming	07/05/2024	05/09/2024
HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02: Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply Forthcoming	17/09/2024	21/01/2025

Do not hesitate to contact us at euresearch@uni-potsdam.de if you need further information about these or other Horizon Europe calls. The European Commission publishes the calls in the [Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal \(FTOP\)](#).

Switzerland's association to Horizon Europe

On December 15, 2023 the European Commission and Switzerland concluded their exploratory talks on their bilateral relationship and are now ready to **start formal negotiations on Switzerland's participation in EU programmes like Horizon Europe in 2024**. The EU is also holding out the **prospect of a "transitional arrangement"**: similar to the United Kingdom, Swiss organisations could participate in proposals as participants of an associated country and receive EU funding even before association (provided that the association has entered into force by the time the Grant Agreement is signed).

A timely start of the official negotiations would allow the European Research Council (ERC) the funding of proposals submitted by researchers from Switzerland under the 2024 calls. This could even be possible for the next ERC Advanced Grants call (opening on May 29, 2024).

The Transitional Arrangement could also be extended to calls for proposals under the 2025 work programme in other areas of Horizon Europe as soon as the agreement on Switzerland's participation in Union programmes has been initiated.

You find more information on the state of negotiations [here](#).

New Horizon Europe projects at the University of Potsdam

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At the University of Potsdam, there are currently 23 ongoing projects funded by the Horizon Europe programme. The complete list of projects can be consulted on the [website of the University of Potsdam](#).

In the **EDUC Alliance**, a new project funded by Horizon Europe recently started in 2024. EDUC-WIDE is coordinated by the EDUC Partner University of Masaryk in Brno (Czech Republic) and focuses on open science, research collaboration, evaluation of research and the diversity of research careers.

EDUC-WIDE: "EmpoWering EDUC for Inclusive Development of the ERA"

Widening Participation – Coordination and Support Action

UP Status: Beneficiary Partner

UP Project Leader: Dr. Britta van Kempen

Institution: Vice President for Teaching, Studies and Europe

Duration:

March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2027

UP Funding: EUR 172,759.38



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Furthermore, the University of Potsdam is partner in **two Research and Innovation Actions which started in early 2024:**

ALFAFUELS: "Sustainable jet fuels from CO² by micro-algal cell factories in a zero waste approach"

Cluster 5 (Climate, Energy and Mobility) – Research and Innovation Action

UP Status: Beneficiary

UP Project Leader: Prof. Dr. Zoran Nikoloski

Institution: Faculty of Science – Institute for Biochemistry and Biology

Duration: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2027

UP Funding: EUR 344,375.00

ZOE: "Zoonoses Emergence across Degraded and Restored Forest Ecosystems"

Cluster 6 – Research and Innovation Action

UP Status: Beneficiary

UP Project Leader: Prof. Dr. Damaris Zurell

Institution: Faculty of Science – Institute for Biochemistry and Biology

Duration: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2027

UP Funding: EUR 299,610.00

In 2023, the **European Research Council (ERC)** announced another 102 **Proof of Concept grants** to ERC grantees to bridge the gap between the results of their pioneering research and the early phases of its commercialization. One of them is **Prof. Jan Haerter (professor of climate physics) with his project DakE (High-resolution automatic weather monitoring system east of Dakar)**. The project will start in July 2024 and deal with a novel methodology for flood and storm early warning.

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NCP ERC Portraits: call for testimonials



Are you an ERC Grantee and want to make your efforts more visible? Are you interested in telling your success story and inspire other researchers in Germany? KoWi, as part of the National Contact Point ERC (NCP ERC), presents successful researchers, EU officers and ERCEA staff in a special portrait section on the NCP website.

The portraits illustrate the wide range of funded projects, institutions and researchers in terms of research area, institution size and professional background. At the same time, the EU officers provide an insight into their work, in which they support researchers from initial information to project management. Besides, ERCEA staff report on their day-to-day work in Brussels. If we have piqued your interest, please go to the [NCP website](#). KoWi is looking forward to exciting interviews.

Information note of the European Research Executive Agency for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellows in postdoctoral fellowships

In December 2023, the European Research Executive Agency of the European Commission published a short guide aiming to provide information related to the implementation of MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship projects. The document can be consulted and downloaded [here](#).

Upcoming events in Horizon Europe

Date/Time	Event	Place	Organisation
10/04/2024 10:00–12:00	Kostenabrechnung in Horizont Europa → Please register here	Online	NKS Recht und Finanzen
24/04/2024 09:30–15:00	RP Aktiv - Horizont Europa für Antragstellende → Please register here (limited to 25 persons!)	Online	DLR
23/04/2024– 24/04/2024	EU-Forschungsförderung und -politik, Hintergründe und Akteure – ein Einstieg für Sozial- und Geisteswissenschaftler/innen → Please find more information here	Brussels	KoWi & NKS Gesellschaft
22/04/2024 9:30	Horizon Europe info day - WIDERA Work Programme 2023-2025 → You can find more information here	Online	DG for Research and Innovation

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Research in Europe Day, organized together with KoWi at the Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development (HNEE) on April 18, 2024



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No matter what career stage, at “Research in Europe” you will find out who can support you in your next step. Many of the most important German research organisations and research funders will be presenting their offers - from doctoral scholarships and research professorships to large international collaborative projects. You will also have the opportunity to discuss your individual questions with representatives of the institutions and other researchers at the information stands.

KoWi together with the Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development (HNEE) and the EU-Kompetenznetzwerk der Brandenburgischen Hochschulen is organising the one-day information event “Research in Europe” on April 18, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held in English.

Anyone interested in a research stay in Poland will also receive first-hand information from the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA).

The event is primarily aimed at researchers from universities in Brandenburg, but is also open to all interested parties. Participation is free of charge.

Registration will open on March 7 and will be possible until April 11 via the following link: <https://eveeno.com/research-in-europeday>.

European Partnerships and other EU co-funded programmes

Selection of open and forthcoming calls

Joint Call Title	Network	Opening Date	Deadline Pre-proposal	Deadline Full-proposal
AGROECOLOGY 1st Co-funded Call Fostering agroecology at farm and landscape levels Open	AGROECOLOGY Partnership	15/02/2024	26/04/2024	19/09/2024
SBEP Second Joint Transnational Call Unified paths to a climate-neutral, sustainable, and resilient blue economy: engaging civil society, academia, policy, and industry Open	Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP)	01/02/2024	10/04/2024	06/11/2024

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Digital Europe Programme

New call

The Digital Europe Programme has opened the following call for proposals targeting the healthcare sector: "Support for Health Data Access Bodies to foster efficient pathways for AI in healthcare" [DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-HEALTHCARE-AI](#). The objective of the call is to identify processes for the development, testing and use of artificial intelligence in healthcare.

Erasmus+ Actions 2 and 3 and Jean Monnet Actions

Calls in Actions 2 and 3 and Jean Monnet Actions

Below you find a list of the current Erasmus+ calls for proposals that are relevant for higher education institutions.

Key Action 2	Deadline for proposals
Erasmus+ Teacher Academies	06/06/2024

Key Action 3	Deadline for proposals
<p>European Policy Experimentations</p> <p>Topics covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 1 – Digital Education • Topic 2 – Vocational Education and Training • Topic 3 – Adult Education • Topic 4 – School Education • Topic 5 – Micro-credentials • Topic 6 – Higher education (National/regional support to European Universities alliances) 	04/06/2024

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The calls are published in the [Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal \(FTOP\)](#). Applications must be submitted electronically through the FTOP. The [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#) provides the details of each action (aims, eligible organisations, budget, duration, etc.).

Further Erasmus+ calls (e.g., Cooperation Partnerships, Capacity Building Projects, Erasmus Mundus Action and Jean Monnet Actions) are expected to be launched in autumn 2024.

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

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

EDUC Travel Grants



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The University of Potsdam invites applications for travel funds for the establishment and expansion of cooperation between the University of Potsdam and the EDUC partner universities Paris Nanterre (France), Rennes I (France), University of Cagliari (Italy), Masaryk University (Brno, Czech Republic), University of Pécs (Hungary), University of Southeast Norway (Norway), and University of Jaume I (Spain). Professors, research assistants and Ph.D. students from all faculties of the University of Potsdam are eligible to apply. **The travel funds (max. 915 € per person) should be used to initiate new or continue existing joint teaching and research projects with scholars at EDUC partner universities**, e.g., for the purpose of developing virtual exchange scenarios, digital content for joint study modules, joint publications or research proposals, or the development and implementation of EDUC Summer Schools.

Please find more information [here](#) or contact Wiebke Giese, Mobility Manager of EDUC (wiebke.giese@uni-potsdam.de , phone – 153037).

Deadline for applications: April 1, 2024.

About us

EU Research Funding

In Dezernat 1 you find guidance on EU Research Funding in the following ways:

Consultancy (pre award support)	Application (pre award support)	Management (post award support)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the right funding for your research in Horizon Europe and Erasmus+ • Organization of workshops and information events • Support through local, regional, national and international networks • Other information (i.e. success rates) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative issues • Formal assessment of the proposal • Funding & Tenders Portal • Detailed feedback on the structure and formal issues of the proposal • Elaboration and checking of the budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation and signature of the Grant Agreement • Elaboration and signature of the Consortium Agreement • Coordination and support to the administrative and financial management of Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects

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EU Cohesion and Structural Policy - European Structural Funds for universities in the state of Brandenburg

We advise you to the funding opportunities in the state of Brandenburg and support you in project and cost planning as well as the completion of the necessary cooperation agreements.

For more internal information please follow the link:

<https://z-wiki.uni-potsdam.de/x/XQToBQ>

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