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# Horizon Europe: Cluster 1 Health and Cancer Mission

## 2026/2027 Funding Opportunities

*Dr Irene Castellano Pellicena*

*National Contact Point*

December 2025

Research. Evidence. Action.

## HORIZON EUROPE

## EURATOM

### SPECIFIC PROGRAMME: EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

*Exclusive focus on  
defence research  
& development*

Research  
actions

Development  
actions

### SPECIFIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE & EIT\*

*Exclusive focus on civil applications*



**Pillar I**  
EXCELLENT SCIENCE

European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

Research Infrastructures



**Pillar II**  
GLOBAL CHALLENGES &  
EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL  
COMPETITIVENESS

Clusters

**Health**

- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

**EU missions**



**Pillar III**  
INNOVATIVE EUROPE

European Innovation  
Council

European innovation  
ecosystems

European Institute of  
Innovation & Technology\*

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

Fusion

Fission

Joint  
Research  
Center

\* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme

# Other EU funding for Health

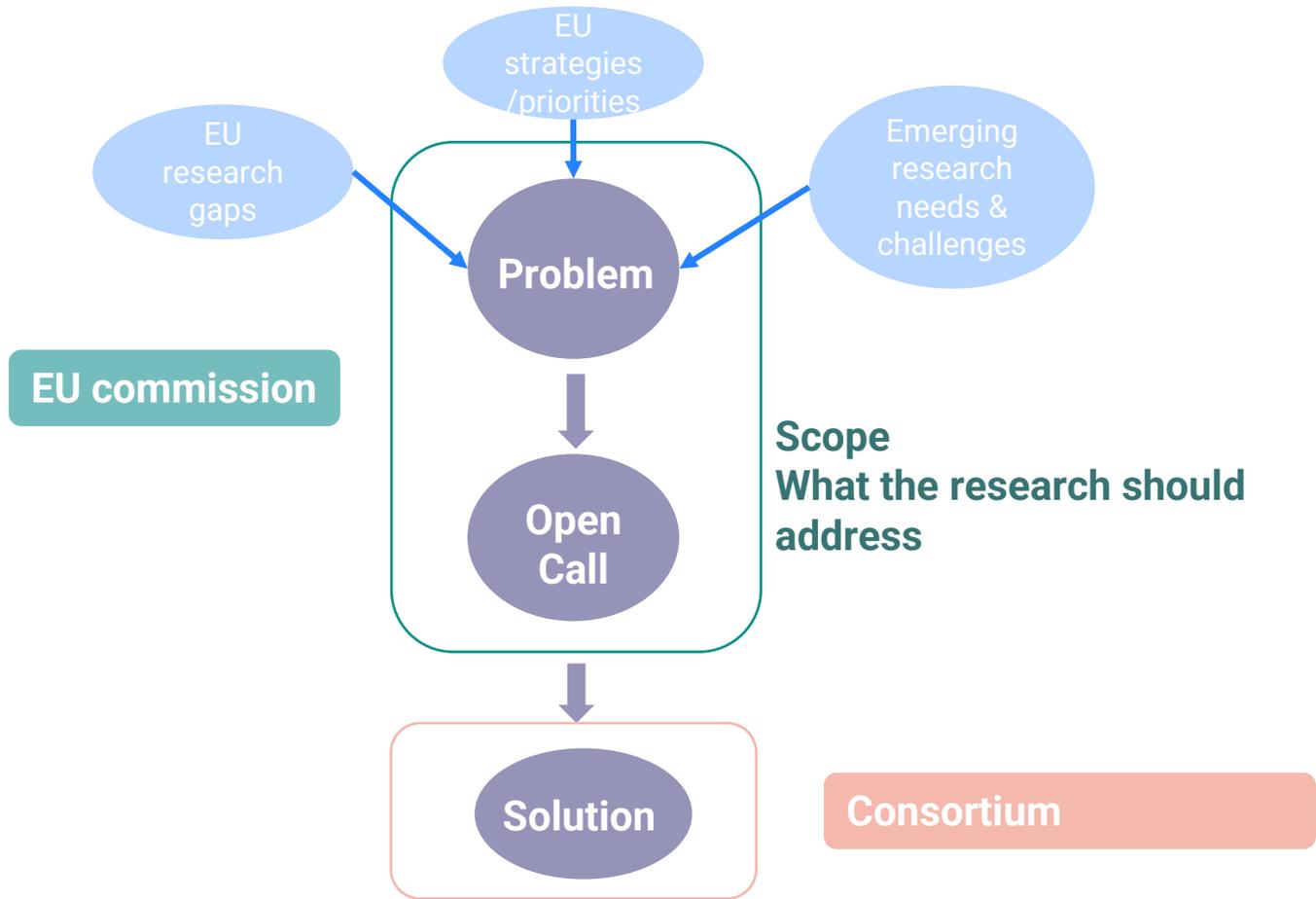
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## Digital Europe





# Health Policy drivers for EU R&I

- Policy developments which will influence HE Health Cluster & beyond (FP10):
  - Commission priorities: [Draghi report](#), [commissioner mission letters](#), [interim evaluation report of HE](#)
  - New [biotech strategy](#) (March 2024) -> Biotech Act 2026.
  - [Bioeconomy strategy](#) (Nov 2025)
  - [Critical Raw Materials Act](#) (2024) -> Biomaterials initiative
  - European Health Data Space ([EHDS](#)) regulation (April 2024)
  - EU [life science strategy](#) (July 2025)
  - [Apply AI Strategy](#) (Nov 2025): healthcare sector
  - Cardiovascular health
  - European Competitiveness Fund (2028-2034)

# Horizon Europe Health guide for researchers





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# Finding call topics

## The Work Programme

*Horizon Europe - Work Programme 2026-2027*  
*Health*

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**Annex IV**

**Horizon Europe**

**Work Programme 2026-2027**

*4. Health*

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Home Funding Procurement Projects & results News & events

# General HE conditions can be found in the general annexes

- Any **legal entity** is eligible to participate
- Legal entities must be eligible for funding (beneficiaries):
  - EU Member State
  - [Countries associated to Horizon Europe](#)
  - Low- and middle-income countries
- **Consortium** eligibility:
  - at least 1 independent legal entity established in a Member State; and –
  - at least two other independent legal entities, each established in different Member States or Associated Countries



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**Horizon Europe**  
**Work Programme 2025**

*14. General Annexes*

*(European Commission Decision C(2025) 2779 of 14 May 2025)*

# HE Health Cluster

# The Health Cluster: a top-down programme with calls under 6 themes or destinations

1. Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society



2. Living and working in a health-promoting environment



3. Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden



4. Ensuring access to innovative, sustainable and high-quality healthcare



5. Developing and using new tools, technologies & digital solutions for a healthy society



6. Maintaining an innovative, sustainable and competitive health industry



# In-Touch: Transforming dementia care in Europe

Cluster 1 Health project funded under call:

[HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-03-01 - Novel approaches for palliative and end-of-life care for non-cancer patients](#)

**The problem:** The care of individuals with advanced dementia in European nursing homes presents significant challenges

**The solution:** Developing non-pharmacological palliative care interventions to improve the comfort, quality of life, and social engagement of people with advanced dementia in 56 nursing homes across 7 European countries

**The results:** Improve the care and quality of life care for people with advanced dementia, in the palliative phase of their illness

13 partners from 10 countries across the EU, UK and Canada

**Project coordinator:** Nicola Cornally, University College Cork

**Civil society partner:** European Association for Palliative Care

€7.5M budget  
Jan 2024 – Dec 2028





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Indicative timeline	Activity/milestone
Dec 2025	2026/2027 WP publication
26-30 Jan 2026	<a href="#">CLUSTER Health Horizon Europe Brokerage Event 2026</a>
10 Feb 2026	<a href="#">Horizon Europe Health Cluster 1 Info Day</a>
<b>10 Feb 2026</b>	<b>Open calls 2026-01</b>
<b>16 Apr 2026</b>	<b>Close 2026-01 call (18 topics)</b>
10 Feb 2027	Open calls 2027-01, 2027-02-two-stage
13 Apr 2027	Close 2027-01 (10 topics), Stage 1 of 2027-02-two-stage (4 topics)
3 June 2027	Open 2027-03
22 Sept 2027	Close Stage 2 of 2027-02-two-stage (4 topics), 2027-03

# DRAFT

**Budget: 1.21 billion**  
**35 call-topics**



**Health  
Cluster  
2026/27 call-  
topics**

## Topics:

- **Destination 1: PREVENTION (3)**

Behavioural interventions for prevention of NCDs in young people; Addressing disabilities, Public trust in life sciences

- **Destination 2: ENVIREMENT (5)**

Impact of climate change on health, carbon neutral healthcare systems, human exposome, +1CSA, +1PCP

- **Destination 3: DISEASE (13)**

12 RIAs – CTs and interventions (digital tech and young people&NCDs), GACDs, vaccines for pandemics, post-infection long term conditions, Sex and gender mechanisms in cardiovascular disease, therapeutics to prevent and treat infections, antimicrobials. 1 CSA on cardiovascular

- **Destination 4: HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS (3)**

Low-value care research and adverse drug reactions. 1PPI

- **Destination 5: TOOLS (8)**

AI biomarkers for NCDs, reg medicine (IA), bioprinting, virtual human twins, NAMs, +3CSA,

- **Destination 6: INDUSTRY (3)**

Regulatory science for patient-centred technologies, productions of biologicals and PoC diagnostics

Quality of life relevant calls	Instrument	No of Stages	Budget	Projects	B/P
<b>Health Cluster</b>					
<b>HORIZON-HLTH-<u>2027</u>-01-STAYHLTH-01: Addressing disabilities through the life course to support independent living and inclusion</b>	RIA	Single stage	€39.3	5	6-8
<b>HORIZON-HLTH-<u>2026</u>-01-DISEASE-03: Advancing research on the prevention, diagnosis, and management of post-infection long-term conditions</b>	RIA	Single stage	€39.3m	5	€6-8m
<b>HORIZON-HLTH-<u>2026</u>-01-DISEASE-09: Multisectoral approach to tackle chronic non-communicable diseases: implementation research maximising collaboration and coordination with sectors and in settings beyond the healthcare system (GACD)</b>	RIA	Single stage	€9.8m	3	€3-4m
<b>HORIZON-HLTH-<u>2027</u>-01-DISEASE-10: Prevention and management of chronic non-communicable diseases in children and young people (GACD)</b>	RIA	Single stage	€11.8m	3	€3-4m

Other relevant calls	Instrument	No of Stages	Budget	Projects	B/P
<b>Health Cluster</b>					
<b>HORIZON-HLTH-<u>2026</u>-01-CARE-03: Identifying and addressing low-value care in health and care systems</b>	RIA	Single stage	€38m	4	€10m
<b>HORIZON-HLTH-<u>2027</u>-01-CARE-02: Personalised approaches to reduce risks from Adverse Drug Reactions due to administration of multiple medications</b>	RIA	Single stage	€38	4	€8-10m
<b>HORIZON-HLTH-<u>2027</u>-03-TOOL-08: Towards Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) for healthcare</b>	CSA	Single stage	€2.9m	1	€2.9m
<b>HORIZON-HLTH-<u>2026</u>-01-IND-03: Regulatory science to support translational development of patient-centred health technologies</b>	RIA	Single stage	€1.6m	4	€4-6m

# EU Cancer Mission

# EU Cancer Mission

- EU Missions were introduced under the Horizon Europe programme, as a new instrument designed to deliver **concrete solutions to some of Europe's greatest challenges**.
- The EU Cancer Mission, together with [Europe's Beating Cancer Plan](#), is the European Commission's response to addressing the **increasing cancer burden**.
- The 4 Cancer Mission objectives (see [CM implementation plan](#)):
  1. Understanding of cancer
  2. Prevention and early detection
  3. Diagnosis and treatment
  4. Quality of life for patients & their families
- EU Cancer Mission [website](#)



# Record funding for Ireland under Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

Ireland secured over €4.4 million for cancer-related projects through Horizon Europe's Cancer Mission and EU4Health Programme in 2024.



# Mission project clusters

1 - Cluster Understanding (risk factors & determinants)	- launched Sept. 2022
1 - Cluster Understanding (tumour-host interactions)	- launched Sept. 2023
2 - Cluster Prevention & early detection (screening)	- launched Sept. 2022
2 - Cluster Prevention & early detection (implementation research)	- launched Jan. 2023
2 - Cluster Prevention & early detection (behavioural change)	- launched Sept. 2023
2 Cluster Prevention & early detection (heritable cancers)*	- launched Jan. 2025*
3 - Cluster Diagnosis and Treatment (refractory cancers)	- launched Jan. 2023
3 - Cluster Diagnosis & treatment (diagnostics)	- launched Sept. 2023
4 - Quality of Life	- launched Sept. 2023
4 - Quality of Life*	- launched Jan. 2025*

# Cancer Mission: flagship initiatives



Understand

ACCESS

**Uncan.eu:** aiming at improving understanding of cancer mechanisms



Prevention

EQUITABLE

**European Cancer Prevention Centre:** aiming at providing evidence on cancer prevention

Not started



Diagnostic & treatment

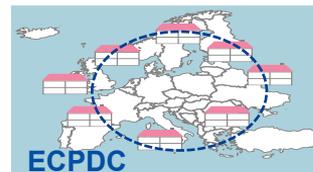
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**Network of Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures:** aiming at strengthening research capacities of CCIs

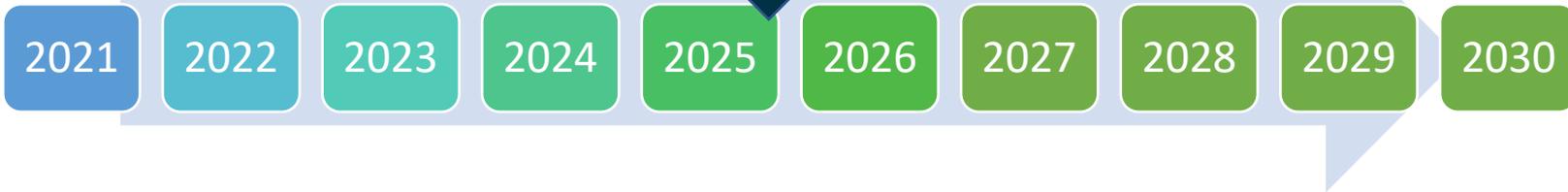


Support QoL

**European Cancer Patient Digital Centre:** aiming at supporting QoL of patients



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Timeline	Activity/milestone
Dec 2025	Publication of 26/27 WP
20 <sup>th</sup> January	<u>Cancer Mission Info Day (12:00 – 14:00)</u>
28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<u>EU Missions Brokerage event</u>
Sept 2026	2026 calls closing
Sept 2027	2027 calls closing

Cancer Mission 2026-2027	Instrument	No of Stages	Budget	Projects	B/P
<b>Budget: 243.51M</b> <b>14 call-topics</b>					
<b>HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-04: Earlier and more precise palliative care</b>	RIA	Single stage	€15m	3	€5m
<b>HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-05: Boosting mental health of young cancer survivors through the European Cancer Patient Digital Centre (ECPDC)</b>	IA	Single stage	€7m	1	€7m
<b>HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07: Improve the Quality of Life of older cancer patients</b>	RIA	Single stage	€27m	5	€5-6m
<b>HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-04: Improving equitable health outcomes for cancer patients through health-economics research, health systems research and outcomes research</b>	RIA	Single stage	€10m	3	€5-7m
<b>HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-05: Pre-commercial procurement of affordable solutions for healthcare systems in the areas of cancer technologies, cancer medical devices, or cancer medicines</b>	PCP	Single stage	€26m	3	€8-10m
<b>HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-06: Support a Young Cancer Survivor Quality of Life (QoL) research programme by cancer charities and funding agencies</b>	CSA	Single stage	€3m	1	€3m

# HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-04: Earlier and more precise palliative care

## Scope

### Address most of:

- Develop innovative models for earlier, more precise and integrated palliative care to predict patients' care preferences, to assign clear roles of carers and to avoid obstacles such as unequal access
- Testing and validation of these models in real-world settings through implementation research and clinical trials
- Address staff training, roles and adherence of conditions
- Usage of AI and digital remote tools to allow real-time communication and to predict care needs
- Adoption of guidelines for optimal referrals, efficient and sustainable workforce allocation and retention
- Collaboration with EU4Health projects

## Expected outcome

### All of (3)

- Better access to earlier, more person-centred palliative care models including digital remote tools and options for home-based care
- Carers will benefit from real-time information tools and better communication
- Clinicians will benefit from guidelines on optimal patient referral and care predictions



# Events, resources and tips

# Events and resources

## EU Cancer Mission

- [Cancer Mission Info Day](#) – 20 January (12:00 – 14:00)
- [Online EU Missions Brokerage event](#) – 28-29 January

Recorded webinars:

- EU Cancer Mission [webinar](#) (national) 2025

## Horizon Europe Health Cluster

- [Online HE Health cluster brokerage event](#) – 27-30<sup>th</sup> January
- [HE Health Cluster Health Info Day](#) – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 (8am)

Events & Calls

January 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	31	1	2		
5	6	7	8	9		
12	13	14	15	16		
19	20	21	22	23		
26	27	28	29	30		

Events & Calls calendar details:

- 12: EU ForMed Research Innovation and Technology Call (RTT) event
- 19: Horizon Europe Info Day (EU Missions, 2026 Calls)
- 20: Present OO: Understanding and Promoting Overweight and Obesity
- 27: H403.0: Brokerage event on Horizon Europe Cluster 1 2026 calls
- 27: Multi-country Investigator-led Clinical Trials in Cardiovascular, Endocrine and Metabolic Diseases (Trials4Health)
- 28: HE Health NCP meeting

26 January 2026 - 30 January 2026

# CLUSTER Health Horizon Europe Brokerage Event 2026

[Register now](#)



Don't miss the opportunity to get involved in the next Horizon Europe 2026 Health



## CLUSTER Health Horizon Europe Brokerage Event 2026



26-30 January 2026

- Create an account
- Participation type
- Complete your profile
- Organisation details
- Plan your schedule

**You MUST sign up for networking**



Irene CPGGEVM

NCP

Dublin, Ireland

Activation pending

Your profile is **waiting to be activated**, until then you are not visible to other participants.

Go to my profile



Share on LinkedIn

Hello Irene!

Congratulations on successfully registering for the CLUSTER Health Horizon Europe Brokerage Event 2026. Follow the steps below to finish setting up your networking profile and explore its possibilities.

Next Steps

### Create a Cooperation profile

Highlight what you're offering or looking for to increase your visibility and the likelihood of successful networking.



Add opportunities

- Title
- Short description
- Full description
- Topic
- Type of cooperation (Coordinator vs. Partner)
- Images, file and videos are optional

**ADD 1 COOPERATION PROFILE PER TOPIC OF INTEREST**



# HE support grants



Travel Grants



Coordinator Support  
Grants



ERC Proposal Support



Other Supports

- Open to applications aligned with the call topic of interest
- Requirement to meet your NCP before submission
- How to apply: <https://horizoneurope.ie/enterprise-irelands-horizon-europe-funding-supports>

# Tips: Golden rules for proposal writing

1. Fit to the call topic information
2. Follow the proposal template
3. Address the evaluation criteria
  - Excellence
  - Impact
  - Implementation
4. Extra requirements (SSH, lump sum, blind evaluation, gender equality, sex and gender dimension in research, ethics, clinical study template, etc.)



# New resources

## EU funding & me

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The new mobile app that brings EU funding *closer to people*

# Your New Favorite EU funding App

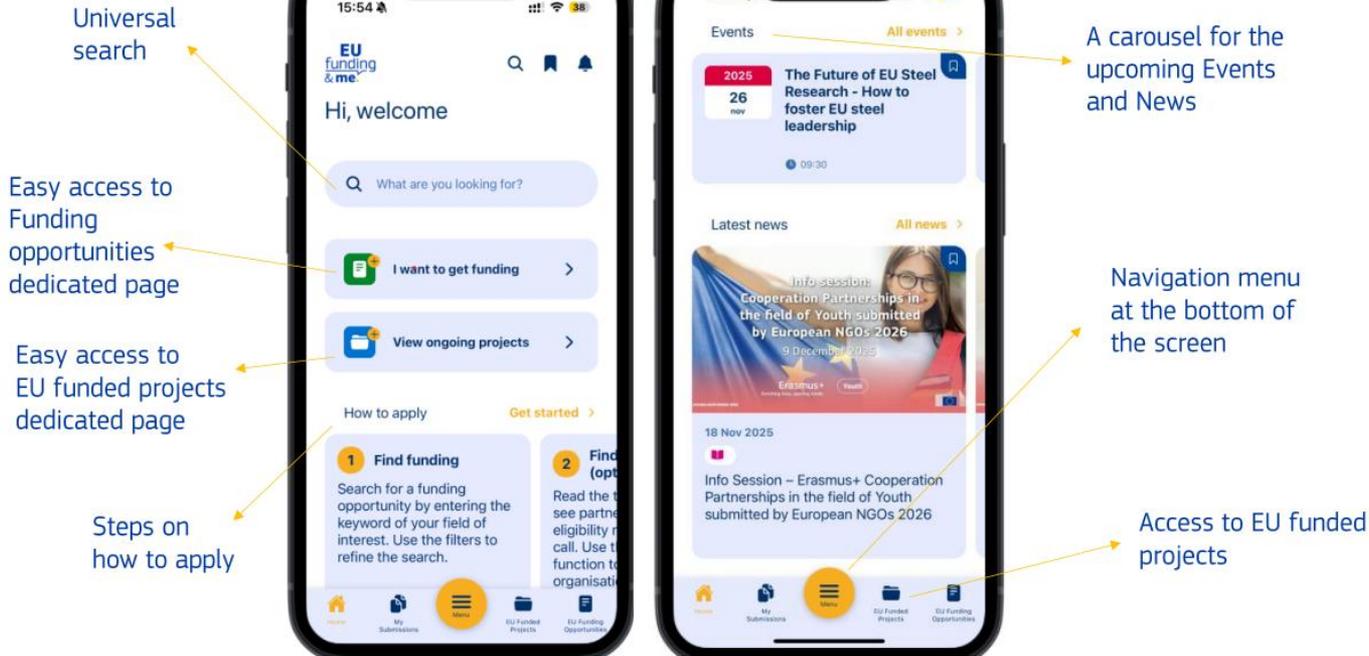


The app is fully synchronised with the **Funding & Tenders Portal**, helping users **find opportunities and access their projects** directly from their mobile and tablet devices.

With the new app, users can:

- **Navigate quickly** to EU funding opportunities
- **Check** the latest EU funding **news and events**
- **Save searches, subscribe** to topics, and get **personalised alerts**
- Receive **real-time notifications**
- **Integrate** seamlessly with tools like **calendars** and **share with one click**
- **Check** the real-time status of users' **proposals and projects**
- Exchange **direct messages** between **project coordinators and project officers**
- **Provide feedback** directly to improve the app

# App's Home Page



# Conclusions

- Find your call of interest
- 2026/2027 HE Work Programmes are being published shortly, Dec 2025
  - Health Cluster
  - Cancer Mission
- Build your consortium NOW
- EU events will take place in Jan/Feb 2026
- Contact me (your NCP) to understand your call of interest, its policy drivers, whether your idea fits the call and how you can get further support

Building a  
consortium





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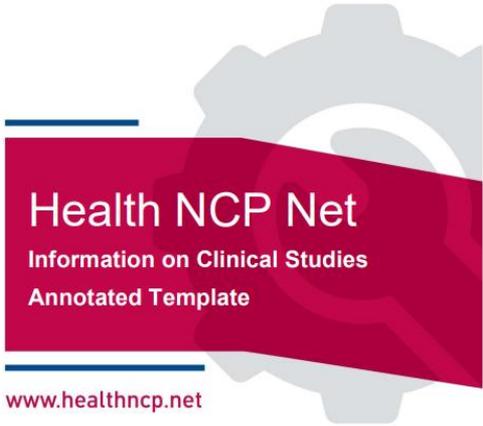
[www.healthncp.net](http://www.healthncp.net)

# Funding instruments in Horizon Europe

Instrument	Funding rate	Description
Research and Innovation Action (RIA)	100%	Establish new knowledge and/or explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology
Innovation Action (IA)	70%	Produce plans or designs for new or improved products, processes or services including prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication.
Coordination and Support Action (CSA)	100%	Improve cooperation among countries to strengthen the ERA including, for example, standardisation, dissemination, awareness-raising, communication and networking activities, policy dialogues, mutual learning or studies.
Pre-commercial procurement (PCP)	-	An approach to public procurement of research and development services
Programme co-fund action (COFUND)	30-70%	Provides multi-annual co-funding for European partnerships bringing together public and private partners

# The clinical study template

EU Grants: Information on clinical studies (HE): V4.3 - 07.04.2025

The cover of the annotated template features a large, light gray gear icon in the background. A dark red banner with a white border is positioned across the center, containing the text 'Health NCP Net' in a large, white, sans-serif font, followed by 'Information on Clinical Studies' and 'Annotated Template' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The banner is flanked by two horizontal blue lines.

Health NCP Net  
Information on Clinical Studies  
Annotated Template

[www.healthncp.net](http://www.healthncp.net)

 HNN3.0 (The Cluster 1 Health consortium of NCPs for Horizon Europe) has received funding from the European Union's Horizon EUROPE research and innovation programme under Grant Agreement number 101057279

Files will be available on  
Past Events - The Palliative Hub  
Professional  
([professionalpalliativehub.com/events](http://professionalpalliativehub.com/events))

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Thank you for your time



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