



# HORIZON EU WORK PROGRAMME 2026-2027

## Cluster 1 HEALTH

Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society

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

- **HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-04**

**Virtual Human Twins (VHTs) for integrated clinical decision support in prevention and diagnosis**

*Summary:* VHTs are digital representations and in-silico models of an individual's health and disease state at different levels of anatomy. Multi-scale, multi-organ VHT solutions have a potential for tailored prevention and diagnosis, particularly in areas of high disease burden, and can significantly benefit citizens' health and the efficiency of EU health systems.

*Budget:* €50M total (EU contribution €10-12M per project)

*Deadline:* 13 Apr 2027 (Opening 10 Feb 2027)

*Type of Action:* **RIA** (Research and Innovation Actions)

*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-04>

## Cluster 2. Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

### Innovative Research on Democracy and Governance

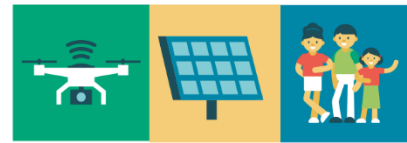
- **HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-06**

**Governing global commons sustainably**

*Summary:* Proposals should focus on enhancing democratic governance and sustainable management of shared resources, aiming to strengthen democratic resilience, trust in institutions, and evidence-based policy development. Objective: Develop innovative solutions and evidence-based policies for the sustainable, democratic governance of global commons (such as oceans, atmosphere, or cyberspace) It is part of the Horizon Europe Cluster 2 "Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society," emphasizing the strengthening of democratic governance, civic participation, and institutional trust. It addresses the urgent need for new governance frameworks, likely connecting to broader EU goals like the Green Deal and digital transformation. This topic is part of the 2026 call for proposals aimed at fostering sustainable, fair, and resilient societies, encouraging the involvement of social sciences and humanities.

*Budget:* €12M total (EU contribution €3.5-4M per project)

*Deadline:* 23 Sept 2026 (Opening 12 May 2026)



Type of Action: **RIA** (Research and Innovation Actions)

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## Innovative Research on Social and Economic Transformations

- **HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-02**

### **Strengthen Europe's social model and sustainable competitiveness through productivity**

*Summary:* Proposals should focus on strengthening Europe's social model and sustainable competitiveness by boosting productivity. The call supports Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) that analyze sustainable competitiveness in the context of changing global trade and geopolitics, aiming to align economic productivity with social equity. Key Focus: Analyzing the links between productivity, social models, and sustainable growth. Objectives: Projects should deliver insights on how to enhance competitiveness while maintaining strong social systems.

*Budget:* €12M total (EU contribution €3-4M per project)

*Deadline:* 23 Sept 2026 (Opening 12 May 2026)

Type of Action: **RIA** (Research and Innovation Actions)

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## Innovative Research on European Cultural Heritage and Cultural and Creative Industries

- **HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-01**

### **“Artistic intelligence” : harnessing the power of the arts to address complex challenges, enhance soft skills and boost innovation and competitiveness**

*Summary:* Promotes art-science-technology collaborations to address societal challenges. Projects develop guidance for policymakers, evaluation methodologies, and strengthen artist networks. Proposals focus on either enhancing soft skills through creative practices or demonstrating artists' engagement through three pilot demonstrators on emerging technologies. Solutions must include artists and creative professionals.

*Budget:* €15 M total (EU contribution €4.5-5M per project)

*Deadline:* 12 May 2026

Type of Action: **RIA** (Research and Innovation Actions)

*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals?callIdentifier=HORIZON-CL2-2026-01>

- **HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-03**

### **Crafting routes to a circular economy**



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*Summary: [HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-03 ("Crafting routes to a circular economy"). Proposals should focus on integrating cultural heritage into sustainable, circular economy practices. It supports research and innovation to valorize natural resources, preserve landscapes, and advance circularity within cultural and creative sectors. This topic aims to align cultural heritage with European Green Deal goals, covering sustainable resource management and reuse, notes the European Commission. Key Focus Areas: Sustainable management of natural resources, habitats, and cultural heritage, Developing repair and re-use networks, Integrating cultural, heritage-driven solutions for ecological transition, Strengthening the role of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) in sustainability*

*Budget: €10,5M total (EU contribution €3-3.5M per project)*

*Deadline: 23 Sept (Opening 13 May 2027)*

*Type of Action: **RIA** (Research and Innovation Actions)*

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#### □ **HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-06**

##### **Future-proofing sustainable cultural tourism**

*Summary: This initiative aims to develop innovative strategies for making cultural tourism more resilient to environmental and socio-economic challenges, focusing on long-term management models for cultural and natural sites, leveraging technology, and supporting policy development and community engagement.*

*Budget: €14,5M total (EU contribution €4-4.8M per project)*

*Deadline: 23 Sept (Opening 13 May 2027)*

*Type of Action: **RIA** (Research and Innovation Actions)*

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#### □ **HORIZON-CL2-2027-02-HERITAGE-09-two-stage**

##### **Open topic: Impact-driven research on realising the full potential of cultural heritage, arts and cultural and creative industries**

*Summary: Strengthens Europe's cultural heritage and creative industries as drivers of prosperity and social cohesion. Projects boost innovation through creative startups, AI technologies, and circular economy while supporting culture's role in well-being, sustainable tourism, and heritage safeguarding. Solutions must leverage European data infrastructures and foster European sense of belonging.*

*Budget: €20M total (EU contribution €2-4 M per project)*

*Deadline: 04 May 2027, 30 September 2027 (Opening 02 March 2027)*

*Type of Action: **RIA** (Research and Innovation Actions)*

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## Innovative Research on Social and Economic Transformations

### □ HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-01:

#### **Impact of access to nature-positive environments in promoting social cohesion and reducing inequalities in urban and peri-urban settings**

*Summary:* Proposals should focus on Innovative Research on Social and Economic Transformations, aiming to foster inclusive growth, mitigate inequalities, and support human capital development. It seeks evidence-based solutions for evolving European societies, enhancing policy recommendations for structural transformations. The topic examines how access to green spaces and nature-positive environments affects social cohesion and helps reduce inequality in urban and peri-urban areas.

*Budget:* €12M total (EU contribution €3-4M per project)

*Deadline:* 23 Sept (Opening 13 May 2027)

*Type of Action:* RIA (Research and Innovation Actions)

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### ● HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-02

#### **Strengthen Europe's social model and sustainable competitiveness through productivity**

*Summary:* The call aims to strengthen Europe's social model and sustainable competitiveness by analysing productivity in the context of shifting geopolitics and global trade patterns. Proposal should focus on fostering economic growth through enhanced productivity while maintaining social cohesion and resilience to analyse and bolster sustainable competitiveness and the European social model through increased productivity.

*Budget:* €12M total (EU contribution €3-4M per project)

*Deadline:* 23 Sept 2026 (Opening 12 May 2026)

*Type of Action:* RIA (Research and Innovation Actions)

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### □ HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-03:

#### **Rethinking sustainable competitiveness beyond traditional perspectives: role and contribution of the Social Economy**

*Summary:* Proposals should focus on redefining sustainable competitiveness by highlighting the vital role of the social economy. The aim is to move beyond traditional, purely profit-driven definitions of competitiveness to include environmental sustainability and social impact.

*Budget:* €12M total (EU contribution €3-4M per project)

*Deadline:* 23 Sept (Opening 13 May 2027)



*Type of Action:* **RIA** (Research and Innovation Actions)

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□ **HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-07**

**Fostering competences for the green transition**

*Summary:* proposals should focus on developing the skills necessary for Europe's sustainable, climate-neutral future to empower individuals and organizations with skills, competencies, and knowledge required for the green transition. Proposals should to include educational, training, and capacity-building measures to support the shift towards a greener economy.

*Budget:* €12M total (EU contribution €3-4M per project)

*Deadline:* 23 Sept (Opening 13 May 2027)

*Type of Action:* **RIA** (Research and Innovation Actions)

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## Cluster 3 Civil Security for Society

### 2026 Calls

#### Fighting Crime and Terrorism

• **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-01**

**Improving capabilities of law enforcement to counter climate-related challenges**

*Summary:* Support research and innovation to strengthen law enforcement capabilities to prevent, detect and investigate climate-related criminal activities (e.g., environmental crime, resource-related crime), including tools, methodologies, training, regulatory and cross-border cooperation aspects.

*Budget:* €8 million (total EU budget)

*Expected EU contribution per project:* ~€4 million

*Deadline:* 05 Nov 2026 (opens 06 May 2026)

*Type of Action:* Research and Innovation Action (RIA)

*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-fct-01>

• **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-02**

**Preventing and countering misuse of emerging technologies for criminal purposes**



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*Summary:* Address misuse of emerging technologies by criminals, including tools, methods, lawful access to data and policy frameworks to prevent, detect and investigate tech-enabled crime.

*Budget:* €9 million

*Expected EU contribution per project:* ~€4.5 million

*Deadline:* 05 Nov 2026 (opens 06 May 2026)

*Type of Action:* Research and Innovation Action (RIA)

*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-fct-02>

- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-03**

**Missing persons: prevention and investigation**

*Summary:* Enhance prevention strategies and investigation tools for missing persons cases, including cross-border cooperation, data sharing, forensic methods and training.

*Budget:* €5 million

*Expected EU contribution per project:* ~€5 million

*Deadline:* 05 Nov 2026

*Type of Action:* Innovation Action (IA)

*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-fct-03>

- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-04**

**Crime prevention approaches online & offline; nexus between addictions and crime**

*Summary:* Foster innovative prevention frameworks for crime in physical and digital environments, with emphasis on links between addiction (e.g., substance use, gambling, online behavioural addiction) and criminal behaviours.

*Budget:* €6 million

*Expected EU contribution per project:* ~€3 million

*Deadline:* 05 Nov 2026

*Type of Action:* Research and Innovation Action (RIA)

*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-fct-04>

- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-05**

**Enhancing the security of citizens against terrorism in confined spaces**

*Summary:* Develop solutions and capabilities to protect citizens from terrorism and lone-actor violence in confined settings (e.g., schools, transport hubs), including risk assessments, detection and response tools, training and community engagement.

*Budget:* ~€9.67 million



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*Expected EU contribution per project: ~€4.835 million*

*Deadline: 05 Nov 2026*

*Type of Action: Innovation Action (IA)*

*Link: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-fct-05)*

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- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-06**

**Prevention and mitigation of misuse of synthetic biology for bioterrorism**

*Summary:* Research to assess bioterror risks from synthetic biology, develop mitigation strategies (including detection, regulation, training and ethical frameworks) to prevent harmful dual-use of biological technologies.

*Budget: €3 million*

*Expected EU contribution per project: ~€3 million*

*Deadline: 05 Nov 2026*

*Type of Action: Research and Innovation Action (RIA)*

*Link: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-fct-06)*

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## Critical Infrastructure

- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-01**

**Tools and processes for stress-testing critical infrastructure**

*Summary:* Solutions and methodologies to evaluate resilience and stress tolerance of critical infrastructure under various natural and human-induced threat scenarios.

*Budget: ~€9.67 million*

*Expected EU contribution per project: ~€4.835 million*

*Deadline: 05 Nov 2026*

*Type of Action: Innovation Action (IA)*

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- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-02**

**Security challenges of the green transition in urban and peri-urban areas**

*Summary:* Address risks and vulnerabilities arising from the green transition (e.g., energy systems, mobility) in urban settings, improving security and societal acceptance.

*Budget: €4 million*

*Expected EU contribution per project: ~€4 million*

*Deadline: 05 Nov 2026*



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*Type of Action: Research and Innovation Action (RIA)*

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- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-03**

**Innovative capabilities for resilience of critical entities**

*Summary: Development of capabilities enhancing resilience of critical societal entities to natural, technological and hybrid hazards.*

*Budget: €9 million*

*Expected EU contribution per project: ~€4.5 million*

*Deadline: 05 Nov 2026*

*Type of Action: Innovation Action (IA)*

*Link: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-infra-03>*

## Disaster Risk & Resilience

- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-01**

**New methods for risk awareness and enhanced disaster preparedness**

*Summary: Advance approaches to increase risk awareness and preparedness for disasters across populations and institutions.*

*Budget: €6 million*

*Expected EU contribution per project: ~€3 million*

*Deadline: 05 Nov 2026*

*Type of Action: Research and Innovation Action (RIA)*

*Link: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-drs-01>*

- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-02**

**Multi-hazard approaches and cumulative/cascading impacts**

*Summary: Tackle multi-hazard scenarios and cascading impacts across sectors to improve crisis prediction, mitigation and recovery strategies.*

*Budget: €8 million*

*Expected EU contribution per project: ~€4 million*

*Deadline: 05 Nov 2026*

*Type of Action: Innovation Action (IA)*

*Link: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-drs-02>*



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- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-03**

**Innovative tools for search & rescue in hazardous conditions**

*Summary:* Technologies and processes to improve operational search & rescue in extreme and hazardous environments.

*Budget:* €8 million

*Expected EU contribution per project:* ~€4 million

*Deadline:* 05 Nov 2026

*Type of Action:* Innovation Action (IA)

*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-drs-03>

- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-04**

**Open topic for strengthening disaster resilience**

*Summary:* Open challenge for innovative solutions improving disaster risk uptake, deployment or cross-sector resilience.

*Budget:* €6 million

*Expected EU contribution per project:* ~€3 million

*Deadline:* 05 Nov 2026

*Type of Action:* Innovation Action (IA)

*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-drs-04>

## Security Research & Innovation

- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-02**

**Demand-led security innovation**

*Summary:* Pre-commercial procurement (PCP) for security innovation based on practitioner demand.

*Budget:* ~€5.83 million

*Deadline:* 05 Nov 2026

*Type of Action:* PCP

*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-ssri-02>

- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-03**



### **Public procurement of innovation for security**

*Summary:* Support public procurement actions to procure and scale innovative security solutions.

*Budget:* €2 million

*Deadline:* 05 Nov 2026

*Type of Action:* PPI

*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-ssri-03>

- **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-04**

#### **Ecosystem for next-generation secured European Critical Communication System**

*Summary:* Build technological and ecosystem foundations for future secured EU critical communications in security contexts.

*Budget:* €3 million

*Deadline:* 05 Nov 2026

*Type of Action:* Innovation Action (IA)

*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2026-01-ssri-04>

## **2027 Calls**

### **Fighting Crime and Terrorism**

- **HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-FCT-01**

#### **Online harms detection & investigation tools (short development cycle)**

*Summary:* Focuses on rapid-development digital tools enabling authorities to detect, analyse, and investigate online harms.

*Budget:* ca. €8 million (indicative)

*Type of Action:* Innovation Action (IA)

*Deadline:* 04 Nov 2027

*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2027-01-fct-01>

- **HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-FCT-02**

#### **Community policing in diverse societies**

*Summary:* Supports solutions that strengthen trust, communication, and collaboration between police and diverse communities.

*Budget:* €6 million (indicative)

*Type of Action:* Innovation Action (IA)

*Deadline:* 04 Nov 2027



*Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2027-01-fct-02>

- **HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-FCT-03**

- **Open topic on prevention/detection of crime-related societal issues**

- *Summary:* Open-themed call encouraging novel approaches to address emerging crime-linked societal risks, both preventive and investigative.

- *Budget:* ca. €6 million (indicative)

- *Type of Action:* Research and Innovation Action (RIA)

- *Deadline:* 04 Nov 2027

- *Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2027-01-fct-03>

- **HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-FCT-04**

- **Increasing security of citizens in public spaces**

- *Summary:* Targets innovative, deployable solutions to strengthen security and resilience of public spaces against evolving threats.

- *Budget:* €9 million (indicative)

- *Type of Action:* Innovation Action (IA)

- *Deadline:* 04 Nov 2027

- *Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2027-01-fct-04>

- **HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-FCT-05**

- **Responses to increased availability and use of synthetic drugs**

- *Summary:* Focuses on new tools, strategies, and coordinated responses addressing synthetic drug production, distribution, and societal impacts.

- *Budget:* €8 million (indicative)

- *Type of Action:* Innovation Action (IA)

- *Deadline:* 04 Nov 2027

- *Link:* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2027-01-fct-05>

## Critical Infrastructure

- **HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-INFRA-01**

- **Enhancing physical protection of critical infrastructures**

- *Summary:* Research and innovation to strengthen the physical protection of critical infrastructure against threats (e.g., sabotage, terrorism, hybrid attacks), securing key assets vital to public safety and service continuity. Projects should develop, demonstrate or validate technologies, methods and operational frameworks for resilience of physical infrastructure.



*Budget (indicative): €12 million total for the topic*  
*Expected EU Contribution per Project: ~€6 million*  
*Deadline: 04 Nov 2027 (opening 05 May 2027)*  
*Type of Action: Innovation Action (IA)*  
*Link: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2027-01-infra-01>*

- **HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-INFRA-02**

- **Malicious use of OSINT and its impact on critical infrastructure continuity**

*Summary:* Projects should examine how malicious use of Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) affects the continuity and security of critical infrastructure, including extraction of sensitive insights from publicly available data and resulting vulnerabilities. Solutions may include risk models, counter-OSINT tools, policy frameworks and resilience strategies.

*Budget (indicative): €7.67 million*

*Expected EU Contribution per Project: ~€3.835 million*

*Deadline: 04 Nov 2027 (opening 05 May 2027)*

*Type of Action: Innovation Action (IA)*

*Link: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2027-01-infra-02>*

## Disaster Risk & Resilience

- **HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-DRS-04**

- **Enhancing preparedness for large-scale cross-border disasters**

*Summary:* Support R&I to improve preparedness and response strategies for large-scale, cross-border disasters (natural, technological or combined). Projects should address multi-actor coordination, early warning, risk communication, transnational response frameworks and resilience planning.

*Budget (indicative): €8 million*

*Expected EU Contribution per Project: ~€4 million*

*Deadline: 04 Nov 2027 (opening 05 May 2027)*

*Type of Action: Innovation Action (IA)*

*Link: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2027-01-drs-04>*

## Security Research & Innovation

- **HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-SSRI-01**

- **Advanced SME innovation – open proposals**

*Summary:* Open topic inviting SMEs and innovators to propose security research or innovation with high potential for impact, adoption and market uptake. Projects should



address pressing security challenges and include plans for validation and practitioner engagement.

*Budget (indicative): €4.5 million*

*Expected EU Contribution per Project: ~€1.5 million*

*Deadline: 04 Nov 2027 (opening 05 May 2027)*

*Type of Action: Innovation Action (IA)*

*Link: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2027-01-ssri-01>*

- **HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-SSRI-02**

**Grounds for future pre-commercial procurement of security technologies**

*Summary:* Preparatory action to lay the groundwork for future pre-commercial procurement (PCP) in civil security. Projects should help define user needs, procurement frameworks and innovation pathways to stimulate market supply of advanced security technologies.

*Budget (indicative): €2 million*

*Expected EU Contribution per Project: ~€1 million*

*Deadline: 04 Nov 2027 (opening 05 May 2027)*

*Type of Action: Coordination and Support Action (CSA)*

*Link: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2027-01-ssri-02>*

## Cluster 4 Programme 2026–2027

### Data and AI

- **HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DATA-08**

**Demand-side 3C pilot demonstrators on converged Telco Edge Cloud Infrastructure**

*Summary:* The call aims to validate demand-driven pilots for open orchestration platforms across the telco-cloud-edge continuum (3C networks), leveraging AI and advanced connectivity features to boost EU competitiveness and sustainability. Projects should integrate domain-specific applications in sectors like smart mobility and another vertical (e.g., energy, health, manufacturing), using open APIs, secure multi-cloud deployments, and innovative technologies such as XR/AR, generative AI, and swarm intelligence. Proposals must include robust data governance aligned with EU principles (Gaia-X, Common European Data Spaces), ensure security against quantum threats, and demonstrate benefits for agile, green IoT-edge computing and decentralized intelligence. Collaboration with supply-side pilots, use of open-source frameworks, and



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clear commercialization strategies are essential for creating a vibrant ecosystem for SMEs and startups.

*Budget:* Total budget EUR 38 mio.; 2 projects for 19 mio. each.

*Deadline:* March 18, 2027

*Type of Action:* IA

*Link:*

## Digital and Emerging Technologies

- **HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING-09**

- **Advanced Local Digital Twins using AI for Early Warning and Preparedness**

*Summary:* The call seeks projects that develop open AI models for proactive disaster management, focusing on predicting, responding to, and mitigating natural hazards—especially urban and riverine flooding—through Local Digital Twins. Solutions should integrate advanced AI algorithms with high-resolution hydrological and hydraulic models, combining diverse datasets (terrain, land cover, meteorological data, drainage infrastructure) to enable accurate flood simulation and damage estimation. Proposals must prioritize frugal, locally adaptable AI for low-connectivity environments, ensure interoperability with European initiatives like Copernicus and Destination Earth, and deliver open-source, modular tools for reuse globally. Projects should include interactive interfaces for scenario planning, strong validation components, and alignment with the Apply AI Strategy and the 2025 Mission on Local Digital Twins.

*Budget:* EUR 6 mio. Only 1 project will be funded.

*Deadline:* April 15, 2026

*Type of Action:* IA

## Human-Centric Technologies (Virtual Worlds & Web 4.0)

- **HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN-02**

- **Create a thriving and competitive Virtual Worlds and Web 4.0 ecosystem**

*Summary:* The call supports a Coordination and Support Action (CSA) to strengthen the European Partnership for Virtual Worlds by updating its Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), fostering an inclusive ecosystem, and promoting adoption of open, interoperable, and trustworthy virtual worlds technologies. Activities include reinforcing links across EU, national, and regional initiatives, driving standardization efforts, and implementing outreach programs to build awareness and trust. Proposals should involve key stakeholders from academia, industry (including SMEs), and SSH experts to ensure societal impact and alignment with EU values. The CSA will provide continuous support to the partnership, coordinate stakeholders, and promote widespread uptake of Virtual Worlds solutions across Member States.

*Budget:* €3M (Only 1 project will be funded)

*Deadline:* March 18, 2027



Type of Action: **CSA** (Virtual Worlds Partnership)

## Cluster 5 Programme 2026–2027

### Urban Energy & Infrastructure

- **HORIZON-CL5-2027-D4-01-01 – Innovative microgrids for efficient urban energy integration**  
*Summary:* This call promotes **novel microgrid architectures and control systems** for urban contexts. Emphasis is on resilience against outages, smooth integration of renewable sources, and demand-side flexibility. Projects should validate how microgrids can provide reliable, cost-effective, and sustainable energy for communities, public services, and local businesses.  
*Budget:* ~€20M  
*Deadline:* 09 Sep 2027 (Opening 07 May 2026)  
*Type of Action:* **IA**

### Urban Mobility & Transport

- **HORIZON-CL5-2026-10-D6-09 - Road Safety and resilience of rural areas**  
*Summary:* Focus on **extending NWRSA (network-wide road safety assessment) to all rural roads**, develop low-cost tools for safety evaluation, and create targeted prevention and enforcement strategies **addressing high-risk behaviors and vulnerable groups**, including older or impaired drivers. Additionally, local authorities must enhance resilience against extreme weather and natural disasters. **Projects** should include diverse European regions to ensure representativeness and practical applicability. *Budget:* ~€13M  
*Deadline:* 18 Dec 2027  
*Type of Action:* **IA**
- **HORIZON-CL5-2027-D6-01-01 – Climate-resilient multimodal passenger hubs**  
*Summary:* Focused on **designing and adapting passenger hubs** to withstand climate impacts such as heatwaves, flooding, or storms, while ensuring continued service. Solutions may include nature-based measures, advanced materials, or digital management systems for resilience.  
*Budget:* ~€15M  
*Deadline:* 09 Sep 2027  
*Type of Action:* **IA**
- **HORIZON-CL5-2027-D6-01-04 – Sustainable urban logistics and last-mile delivery solutions**  
*Summary:* Aims at **low-emission, efficient, and equitable logistics** in cities. Projects should demonstrate zero- or low-carbon last-mile delivery solutions, integration of urban consolidation centres, and innovative digital platforms, reducing congestion and emissions while improving service quality.  
*Budget:* ~€12–15M



*Deadline:* 09 Sep 2027  
*Type of Action:* **RIA**  
*Link:*

## Circular Economy & Urban Systems

- **HORIZON-CL5-2027-D4-01-02 – Urban circular economy for reducing waste and emissions**  
*Summary:* Supports **innovative urban pilots** that apply circular economy principles in practice (e.g. re-use, recycling, urban symbiosis). Projects should generate scalable business models and governance approaches for waste reduction and emissions mitigation.  
*Budget:* ~€15M  
*Deadline:* 09 Sep 2027  
*Type of Action:* **RIA**  
*Link:*

## Cross-Cutting Calls

- **HORIZON-CL5-2027-CC-02 – Digital twins for urban planning and resilience**  
*Summary:* Focused on developing **digital twin technologies** for urban areas, combining real-time data, AI, and modelling. Projects should demonstrate how digital twins can support climate adaptation, sustainable planning, emergency management, and citizen engagement.  
*Budget:* ~€10M  
*Deadline:* 09 Sep 2027  
*Type of Action:* **RIA**  
*Link:*

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## Cluster 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

### Biodiversity and ecosystem services

- **HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-04**

**Ensuring continuous effectiveness of protected areas in conserving habitats and species while facing intensifying drivers of biodiversity loss**

*Summary:* Protected areas are key to ensure the conservation of species and habitats. Call focus on evaluating how current and future drivers of biodiversity loss will affect the effectiveness of protected areas. Developing predictive tools and adaptive management approaches to safeguard species and habitats amid climate and land-use pressures.

*Budget:* €13M – 2 grants

*Deadline:* 17/09/2026

*Type of Action:* RIA

*Link:* [EU Funding & Tenders Portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-04](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-04)

- **HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-05**

**Advancing integrated scenarios and prediction models for informing transition to a nature positive society**

*Summary:* [Develop an integrated European modelling and scenario framework to predict ecosystem responses to combined human pressures, linking ecological functions with socio-economic drivers. Strengthen reliability and comparability of ecosystem projections through long-term data integration, model intercomparison, and alignment with IPBES/IPCC frameworks.

*Budget:* €10M – 2 grants

*Deadline:* 17/09/2026

*Type of Action:* RIA

*Link:* [EU Funding & Tenders Portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-05](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-05)

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-06**

**Living labs driving transformative change via knowledge integration and inclusive governance**

*Summary:* focus on establish living labs as real-world testing environments to experiment with policy solutions, stakeholder engagement, and new economic models,



while strengthening collective capacities and well-being, develop inclusive, intersectional and adaptive governance strategies that foster systemic transformative change, based on both biodiversity and socio-economic metrics and emphasising equity and sustainability.

*Budget:* €14M

*Deadline:* 22/09/2027]

*Type of Action:* RIA

*Link:* EU Funding & Tenders Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-06>

## Fair, healthy and environment-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-06**

**Unleashing the potential of sustainable small-scale aquatic food production and recreational fisheries for prosperous local communities**

*Summary:* Advance knowledge and develop tools, including Nature-based Solutions, for managing and further developing small-scale aquatic food production. Develop innovative methodologies to assess environmental and socio-economic contributions of relevant small-scale actors to the prosperity of local communities within the broader aquatic food system,

*Budget:* €16M

*Deadline:* 23/09/26

*Type of Action:* IA

*Link:* EU Funding & Tenders Port <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-06a1>

## Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors

- **HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-04**

**Demonstrating and deploying innovative collection, sorting-for-reuse and repair systems for textiles at city/region level (Circular Cities and Regions Initiative topic)**

*Summary:* Develop, test, and scale innovative circular solutions that boost textile reuse, repair, and traceability at city and regional levels, engaging citizens, businesses, and public authorities. Strengthen data, digital tools, and incentives to make textile repair accessible and affordable, while generating actionable models for replication across European cities and regions.

*Budget:* €10M – 2 grants



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*Deadline:* 17/09/2026

*Type of Action:* IA

*Link:* [EU Funding & Tenders Portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-04](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-04)

- **HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-09**

**Balancing food security, bioeconomy, climate and biodiversity objectives to unlock sustainable value chains**

*Summary:* Develop strategies, business models, and accounting tools that balance emerging bioeconomy and nature-market opportunities with food security, ensuring farmers can diversify income sustainably. Assess economic, environmental, and land-use impacts of non-food biomass demand to provide policy recommendations that align bioeconomy, climate, biodiversity, and fair-income objectives.

*Budget:* €12M

*Deadline:* 17/9/2026

*Type of Action:* RIA

*Link:* [EU Funding & Tenders Portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-09](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-09)

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-02**

**Enhancing ecodesign and circularity of construction products**

*Summary:* Develop, test, and demonstrate ecodesigned construction materials and products that enable durability, reuse, repair, disassembly, recyclability, and high-quality recycled content. Identify and recommend effective mechanisms and incentives—such as extended guarantees or VAT reductions—to reward circular design and overcome related trade-offs.

*Budget:* €10M

*Deadline:* 22/09/2027

*Type of Action:* IA

*Link:* [EU Funding & Tenders Portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-02](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-02)

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-04**

**Capacity building for extending product lifecycles through repair and refurbishment**

*Summary:* Develop modular, scalable training and accessible repair/refurbishment services to extend product lifecycles across electronics, furniture, textiles and footwear, supporting a circular economy and sustainable consumption. Evaluate the



environmental, social and economic impacts of these solutions to demonstrate their contribution to climate, biodiversity, and inclusive access goals.

*Budget:* €9M

*Deadline:* 22/09/2027

*Type of Action:* RIA

*Link:* EU Funding & Tenders Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-04>

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-06**

### **Towards a Europe of Bioeconomy Places**

*Summary:* Define what qualifies a “Bioeconomy Place” and pilot the concept in multiple regions— including one in Ukraine—by developing benchmarks, governance structures, capacity-building, and investment-ready plans that enable sustainable, circular, locally rooted bioeconomy transitions. Mobilise multi-stakeholder partnerships to map resources and needs, strengthen skills and entrepreneurship, and create policy and financing pathways that support environmentally, socially and economically sustainable bioeconomy solutions.

*Budget:* €12M

*Deadline:* 22/09/2027

*Type of Action:* IA

*Link:* EU Funding & Tenders Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-06>

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-07**

### **Improving biomass flows for a sustainable and circular bioeconomy**

*Summary:* Develop and scale business models, platforms, and technological innovations that enable efficient aggregation, pre-treatment, and valorisation of under-utilised biomass and bio-waste, strengthening local-to-EU bioeconomy value chains. Create tools and recommendations to optimise bio-waste logistics, traceability, and ecosystem-friendly resource use, while engaging communities and authorities to ensure socially, environmentally and economically sustainable biomass valorisation.

*Budget:* €14M

*Deadline:* 22/09/2027

*Type of Action:* IA

*Link:* EU Funding & Tenders Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-07>

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-09**



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### **Increasing the circularity of bio-based sector: upcycling and recycling for higher value and environmental benefits**

*Summary:* Develop and scale safe, sustainable, circular bio-based materials, products, and value chains—supported by digital tools, upgraded bio-waste valorisation solutions, and a digital marketplace—to boost biomanufacturing and resource circularity in key sectors. Provide actionable recommendations to strengthen bio-based value chains by addressing regulatory, financial, skills and standards needs across urban, rural and coastal contexts.

*Budget:* €12M

*Deadline:* 22/09/2027

*Type of Action:* IA

*Link:* [EU Funding & Tenders Portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-09](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-09)

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-01-two-stage**

#### **Deploying circular systemic solutions through living labs in cities and regions (Circular Cities and Regions Initiative topic)**

*Summary:* Proposals for topics under this destination should set out a credible pathway contributing to “achieving healthy soils and forests, as well as clean air, fresh and marine water, whilst ensuring water resilience and the transition to a clean, competitive and circular economy and sustainable bioeconomy”, and more specifically to one or more of expected impacts

*Budget:* €10M

*Deadline:* 8/4/2027 – 16/09/2027

*Type of Action:* IA

*Link:* [EU Funding & Tenders Portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-01-two-stage](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-01-two-stage)

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-02-two-stage**

#### **Open topic: Using the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative to strengthen urban manufacturing in support of the Clean Industrial Deal**

*Summary:* Implement and demonstrate circular systemic solutions that help urban manufacturers overcome key barriers and challenges in their clean and circular transition and in adapting to new requirements aiming to mitigate environmental degradation, climate change and biodiversity loss.

*Budget:* €18M

*Deadline:* 8/4/2027 – 16/09/2027

*Type of Action:* IA



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*Link:* EU Funding & Tenders Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCbio-02-two-stage>

## Clean environment and zero pollution

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-02**

### **Developing effective air quality planning strategies through innovative multi-scale modelling**

*Summary:* Develop integrated, user-friendly multi-scale air-quality modelling chains—extending to micro-scale and temporal dynamics—to more accurately simulate pollutant behaviour from regional to street level and indoors-to-outdoors, enabling effective air-quality planning. Improve, harmonise, and validate high-resolution models and datasets, and provide guidelines to support Air Quality Plans, Roadmaps, and monitoring-network design under the revised EU Ambient Air Quality Directive.

*Budget:* €12M

*Deadline:* 22/09/2027

*Type of Action:* RIA

*Link:* EU Funding & Tenders Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-02>

## Land, ocean and water for climate action

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01-two-stage**

### **Open topic: Innovative solutions for the European Water Resilience Strategy**

*Summary:* Develops breakthrough innovation for the European Water Resilience Strategy across three areas: restoring water cycles through retention solutions and climate-resilient infrastructure; advancing water-smart economies via efficiency indicators, sustainable pricing, and circular reuse; and ensuring equitable water access for vulnerable groups while improving participation and water footprint methodologies. Projects must employ multi-actor approach with stakeholder involvement and demonstrate testing and validation of solutions.

*Budget:* €11M

*Deadline:* 8/4/2027 – 14/09/2027

*Type of Action:* IA

*Link:* EU Funding & Tenders Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01-two-stage>



Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES-01**

**Strengthening rural communities' resilience to shocks**

*Summary:* Strengthen rural resilience by assessing shocks affecting livelihoods and well-being, measuring communities' recovery capacity, and co-creating inclusive, anticipatory governance and adaptation strategies with women, youth and vulnerable groups. Equip all levels of government with evidence-based insights and community-designed solutions to better anticipate, prepare for and respond to climate, environmental, socio-economic and infrastructural disruptions in rural areas.

*Budget:* €15M

*Deadline:* 23/09/2027

*Type of Action:* RIA

*Link:* EU Funding & Tenders Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES-01>

- **HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES-02**

**Empowering local urban food systems entrepreneurship and innovation**

*Summary:* Develop and pilot decentralised food-innovation incubators, accelerators and hubs that empower entrepreneurship and co-create sustainable, climate-smart urban food-system solutions with strong support, mentoring and access to capital. Use these local pilots to drive wider urban food-system transformation by enabling market uptake, scaling and replication across the EU, while connecting to existing R&I initiatives and assessing sustainability impacts.

*Budget:* €12M

*Deadline:* 23/09/2027

*Type of Action:* IA

*Link:* EU Funding & Tenders Portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES-02>

## Missions Work Programme 2026–2027

- **HORIZON-MISS-2026-06-01-CIT-NEB-B4P.**



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## **Introducing circular economy models in the construction sector, from buildings to city scale**

*Summary:* This call aims to transform the construction sector by embedding circular economy practices at every level — from the design of buildings to the planning of entire urban districts. It will demonstrate large-scale pilots showing how resource efficiency, reuse, recycling, and sustainable materials can be systematically integrated. Strong links are foreseen with the Cities Mission, the New European Bauhaus (NEB), and the Built4People (B4P) partnership, making it central to sustainable urban transformation.

*Budget:* €38M (~€9.5M/project; ~4 projects expected)

*Deadline:* 17 Sep 2026

*Type of Action:* IA

- **HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-05**

## **Demonstrating solutions to protect and preserve cultural heritage from the impacts of climate change**

*Summary:* Focuses on heritage sites in urban and rural settings facing risks from floods, sea level rise, heatwaves, or storms. Projects should test and scale innovative protective technologies (e.g. new materials, climate shelters, monitoring systems), as well as governance and financial models for safeguarding Europe's cultural assets. Cities will be key actors, since much heritage is located in densely populated areas.

*Budget:* €20.74M (~€6–7.5M/project; ~3 projects expected)

*Deadline:* 23 Sep 2026

*Type of Action:* IA

- **HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-06**

## **Improving climate resilience of inland waterways, their surroundings and related water infrastructures**

*Summary:* Supports solutions to make urban and peri-urban waterways (rivers, canals, reservoirs) more resilient to climate change. Demonstrations may address drought management, flood control, biodiversity restoration, and integration with transport and tourism. The projects will contribute to both urban climate resilience and the protection of critical infrastructures that serve millions of citizens.

*Budget:* €15M (~€7.5M/project; ~2 projects expected)

*Deadline:* 23 Sep 2026

*Type of Action:* RIA

- **HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-01**

## **National Adaptation Hubs – Bringing together the national level with engaged regional and local levels**



*Summary:* Establishes national adaptation hubs as coordination points to bridge national, regional, and local levels. These hubs will pool expertise, support municipalities in developing adaptation strategies, and ensure that local urban actions are embedded in national policy frameworks. The hubs will serve as long-term knowledge and cooperation platforms.

*Budget:* €10M (1 project)

*Deadline:* 23 Sep 2026

*Type of Action:* CSA

- **HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-02**  
**Actionable solutions for climate adaptation to the knowledge of the regions and local authorities**

*Summary:* This call translates scientific and technical knowledge into practical tools that city and regional authorities can use in planning. Projects should develop methodologies, guidance, and user-friendly platforms that help municipalities design climate-resilient infrastructure, housing, mobility, and public services.

*Budget:* €5M (1 project)

*Deadline:* 23 Sep 2026

*Type of Action:* CSA

- **HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-03**

#### **Standardising and supporting climate services to serve climate adaptation**

*Summary:* Strengthens climate data and services by creating common standards and frameworks that cities and regions can rely on for planning. This includes harmonising monitoring, forecasting, and modelling tools, ensuring that urban authorities can use consistent, reliable climate information for risk assessments and adaptation strategies.

*Budget:* €10M (1 project)

*Deadline:* 23 Sep 2026

*Type of Action:* RIA

- **HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-04**

#### **Bridging the gap between disaster risk management and climate adaptation**

*Summary:* Focuses on better integration between short-term disaster risk management (DRM) and long-term climate adaptation strategies. Urban areas are particularly exposed to floods, fires, and heatwaves; this call seeks to align emergency response with broader adaptation planning, making cities both safer and more resilient.

*Budget:* €4M (1 project)

*Deadline:* 23 Sep 2026



*Type of Action: CSA*

- **HORIZON-MISS-2026-CROSS-01-02**

**Citizen engagement and governance for climate-neutral and resilient cities**

*Summary:* Encourages inclusive, participatory governance in municipalities, where citizens co-create climate-neutral and resilient urban solutions together with policymakers. Projects will test engagement tools (digital platforms, participatory budgeting, living labs), helping to build trust and ownership of transitions to climate-neutral cities.

*Budget:* ~€5–7M (1–2 projects)

*Deadline:* 2026 (exact date in Cross-cutting Calls section)

*Type of Action: CSA*

- **Digital and Data Innovation for Urban Twins & Smart Mobility**

**Digital twin and data-driven innovation for resilient and smart urban mobility systems**

*Summary:* Advances digital twin technology for cities, integrating real-time data, AI, and advanced modelling. Applications include mobility (traffic optimisation, public transport planning), air quality monitoring, resilience scenarios (floods, heat), and urban logistics. These projects aim to support smarter urban decision-making and more efficient, inclusive city governance.

*Budget:* ~€10M/project (1–2 projects expected)

*Deadline:* 2026–2027 (depending on final work programme section)

*Type of Action: RIA*



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## Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) WORK PROGRAMME 2026-2027

- **CERV-2026-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT**

### **Call for proposals for Town-Twinning**

*Summary:* Promotes town-twinning exchanges to foster EU citizenship and mutual understanding. Projects should strengthen local democratic participation, promote inclusion and equality, raise awareness of EU values, prevent violence, encourage cultural engagement, and improve accessibility for persons with disabilities. Solutions must create lasting bonds between municipalities, enhance cross-border cooperation, and engage marginalized communities with Europe's cultural heritage.

*Budget:* 6.000.000

*Deadline:* 23 September 2026

*Targeted applicants:* Towns/municipalities or their twinning committees or networks; other levels of local/regional authorities; federations/associations of local authorities; non-profit organisations representing local authorities..



## OTHER CALLS

- **Urban Urgencies**

*Summary:* Supports collaborative primary research addressing urgent urban challenges including climate emergency, housing insecurity, pandemics, threats to democracy, and inequality. Partnerships between academic researchers and non-academic organizations must link evidence to theory and practice, challenge existing understandings of intersecting urban crises, and identify pathways toward justice and sustainability. Solutions should employ innovative methodologies, produce academic publications and accessible outputs for policy/practice, and contribute to urban governance and equity with global significance.

*Founding entity:* Urban Studies Foundation

*Duration of the project:* 18 months

*Budget:* GBP £35,000

*Deadline:* 23 March 2026

*Link:* <https://www.urbanstudiesfoundation.org/funding/urban-urgencies/>

- **EUI - Innovative Actions**

*Summary:* The EUI-IA aims at strengthening the transformative power of EU cities to innovate and respond to current challenges for the resilient, sustainable and inclusive urban life by turning ambitious and creative ideas into practice that can be tested in real urban settings and daily municipal operations. Urban authorities should seize the opportunity offered by the EUI-IA to pilot innovative approaches and working methods going further than the conventional approaches implemented in their city.

*Only eligible urban authorities as defined above can submit an Application Form*

*Budget:* max €2 million per project

*Deadline:* 15 June 2026

*Link*

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