Advancing promising results from Pillar II collaborative research through the innovation journey

Horizon Europe

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Code
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-02-05

Scope
International - Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
32.5M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 2.5M€

Bonuses & Majorations

- STEP Seal awarded to eligible proposals exceeding all evaluation thresholds
- Fast Track to Research and Innovation Procedure for faster access to funds
- Portfolio balance: top 2 ranked proposals per Pillar II Cluster funded if thresholds met

The support is provided as a non-refundable lump sum grant. The maximum EU contribution per project is 2.500.000 EUR, with a total topic budget of 32.500.000 EUR. Up to 13 grants are expected to be awarded. Funding covers eligible costs as defined in the Horizon Europe lump sum model grant agreement.

DATES & DEADLINES

Opening Date
October 20, 2026

Deadline
January 28, 2027 at 05:00 PM (85 days left)

OBJECTIVES

This call aims to advance promising results from completed Horizon Europe Pillar II collaborative projects along the innovation pathway, supporting their uptake and deployment in the EU and Associated Countries. The objective is to translate research and innovation solutions into high-value products, services, processes, or business models, strengthening the capacity of European public and private organisations to use innovative solutions. The call targets consortia that own or have access to the knowledge assets (including intellectual property) generated in eligible completed Pillar II projects. Applicants must justify the consortium composition and demonstrate ownership or access to the relevant results. End users, both public and private, must be represented as beneficiaries in the consortium to ensure solutions meet demand-side needs. Eligible applicants include consortia of up to 6 independent entities from eligible countries, based on results from completed multi-beneficiary projects funded directly under Pillar II Clusters 1 to 6 (RIA, IA, or PCP actions).

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Personnel Costs
- Travel costs
- Equipment costs
- Other goods, works and services costs
- Subcontracting
- Indirect Costs

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Company Typologies

- Micro
- SME
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Large
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

Action Types

- Prototyping and iterative testing in real-world settings
- Large-scale product validation and market replication
- Business plan and exploitation strategy development
- Stakeholder and end-user engagement and co-creation

- Market entry and commercialisation planning
- Regulatory compliance, standardisation, and certification
- Scaling operations and supply chain preparation
- Demonstration and piloting of innovative solutions
- Investment bridging and partnership building
- Use of research and technology infrastructures
- User/customer feedback and product refinement
- Deployment planning in the EU and/or Associated Countries
- Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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Cluster
Horizontal Activities

Destination
Bridging Actions

Submission Mode
single-stage

EU Contribution
Up to €2,500,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
13

Funding Rate Rule
Up to 70% of eligible costs for Innovation Actions (IA); up to 100% for non-profit legal entities

OFFICIAL LINKS

Official Regulation
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-02-05

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/advancing-promising-results-from-pillar-ii-collaborative-research-through-the-innovation-journey

Schedule a meeting
https://calendly.com/filipa-silva-epsa/reuniao