

Boosting mental health of young cancer survivors through the European Cancer Patient Digital Centre (ECPDC)

Horizon Europe

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Descrizione

Objectives

This incentive aims to develop an online platform as a module for the European Cancer Patient Digital Centre (ECPDC), focusing on adolescents and young adults (AYA), aged 15-39 at first cancer diagnosis, to address mental health needs throughout the cancer journey, including diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship. The platform targets young cancer patients, survivors, and their caregivers, providing innovative digital solutions for psychosocial support. Healthcare professionals and researchers are included as primary beneficiaries, enabling them to access reliable patient-reported data and enhanced tools to support, monitor, and better understand the mental health of this population. Multidisciplinary consortia are encouraged, bringing together clinical, social sciences, IT, AI specialists, patient representatives, and charities.

Project Types

Supported projects must design, develop, and validate a digital platform integrated with the ECPDC, including personalized, evidence-based, and interactive features to address cognitive, affective, and behavioral mental health aspects of AYA cancer survivors. Projects should deliver multi-device solutions with multilingual support and actively involve end-users in co-creation and validation. Eligible expenses include software development, AI-powered tools (e.g., chatbots, mood/symptom tracking, guided meditations), peer-to-peer support group moderation, gamified health challenges, safe social networking features, and data collection tools for Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) and Patient Reported Experiences Measures (PREMs). Projects must also develop European Health Data Space (EHDS) aligned guidelines for data collection and reporting, and include budgets for networking and collaboration within the EU Cancer Mission's quality-of-life cluster.

Funding

The total indicative budget for this topic is €7,000,000, with an expected EU contribution per project of around €7,000,000. Only one project is expected to be funded. The funding is provided in the form of a lump sum under a Horizon Europe Innovation Action (IA) instrument. The maximum co-financing rate is 70% of eligible costs for for-profit entities, and up to 100% for non-profit legal entities. Proposals are expected to realistically budget for all necessary networking and coordination activities with other EU projects.

Key Aspects

Projects should ensure a maximum project duration consistent with Horizon Europe Innovation Actions, typically up to 36 months, though the specific time limit will be set contractually. Performance indicators include: the number of end-users engaged, demonstrable improvement in mental health outcomes through validated PROMs/PREMs, level of platform uptake, and degree of alignment with EHDS guidelines. Key rules require direct engagement of survivor representatives and social sciences partners, operational integration with the ECPDC and EU-CIP components, and strict adherence to ethical, data protection, and open science standards as stipulated in Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreements.

Date e Scadenze

DATA DI PUBBLICAZIONE

Non definita

DATA DI APERTURA

10 febbraio 2026

Fasi di Candidatura

- Deadline: 15 settembre 2026 alle ore 15:00 (140 giorni rimanenti)

Dettagli Finanziari

TIPO DI SUPPORTO

Contributo a Fondo Perduto

TASSO MASSIMO DI FINANZIAMENTO

100%

BUDGET

7M€

VALORE DI PROGETTO AMMISSIBILE

Up to 7M€

DURATA MASSIMA

36 mesi

Criteri e Documenti

Spese Ammissibili

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

Condizioni di Accesso

- Legal entities from EU Member States and Associated Countries

- Consortium must include partners from at least three different EU Member States or Associated Countries
- Compliance with general and specific admissibility and eligibility criteria

Criteria di Selezione

- Excellence (scientific and technical merit)
- Impact (contribution to policy and partnership KPIs)
- Quality and efficiency of implementation

Informazioni Obbligatorie

- Application form (Part A and Part B)
- Budget

Indicatori di Risultato

- Number of AYA users reached
- Improvements in patient-reported mental health metrics
- Integration level with ECPDC/EU-CIP
- Multilingual and device compatibility achievements

Dettagli Programma UE

ID BANDO

HORIZON-MISS-2026-02

CLUSTER

Cancer Mission

DESTINAZIONE

European Cancer Patient Digital Centre (ECPDC)

MODALITÀ DI PRESENTAZIONE

Single-stage

CONTRIBUTO UE

around €7,000,000

PROGETTI PREVISTI

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REGOLA DEL TASSO DI FINANZIAMENTO

70% for for-profit entities; 100% for non-profit legal entities

Idoneità

Settori Idonei

- Salute e Life Sciences
- ICT e Software
- Economia Sociale

Dimensioni Aziendali

- Micro
- PMI
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Grande
- Enti privati non profit

- Enti pubblici

Modalità di Candidatura

- Consorzio / Co-promozione

Tipi di Azione

- Digital platform development
- Innovative mental health support
- Software and AI solution creation
- Integration with ECPDC
- Patient and caregiver engagement
- Multilingual, multi-device access
- Relevant social science and humanities expertise

Link Ufficiali

Regolamento Ufficiale:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-05?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502&programmePart=43108557&frameworkProgramme=43108390&deadlineDate=1780182000000,1798675200000>

Pagina Grantavia: <https://grantavia.com/it/incentives/boosting-mental-health-of-young-cancer-survivors-through-the-european-cancer-patient-digital-centre-ecpdc>

Prenota un incontro: <https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao>