

Create a thriving and competitive Virtual Worlds and Web 4.0 ecosystem (CSA) (Virtual Worlds Partnership)

Horizon Europe

● PENDING

Code

HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN-02

Scope

International

Location

Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type

Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate

100%

Budget

3M€

DATES & DEADLINES

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October 12, 2026

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November 17, 2026

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March 18, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+1

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This topic aims to support the development of a thriving, competitive and human-centric European Virtual Worlds and Web 4.0 ecosystem, strengthening Europe's position in the next generation of internet technologies. The action seeks to bring together industry, research organisations, policymakers, developers, standards bodies and civil society to foster collaboration, interoperability and innovation across the Virtual Worlds value chain.

The objective is to accelerate the uptake of Virtual Worlds technologies in Europe, promote open and interoperable ecosystems aligned with European values, and support the implementation of the European strategy on Web 4.0 and Virtual Worlds. Particular emphasis is placed on strengthening cooperation between stakeholders, identifying barriers to adoption and competitiveness, and supporting the emergence of a sustainable European ecosystem capable of competing globally.

Funding

Funding is provided under a Horizon Europe Coordination and Support Action (CSA) within Cluster 4 – Digital, Industry and Space. The topic has an indicative budget of €3 million, with the European Commission expecting to fund one project. The expected EU contribution is around €3 million per project, although proposals requesting different amounts may be considered where appropriately justified.

As a Horizon Europe Coordination and Support Action, projects are eligible for 100% funding of eligible costs, in accordance with Horizon Europe funding rules.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode

Consortium / Copromotion

Action Types

Coordination and Support Action

Eligible Sectors

- Industry
- Health & Life Sciences
- Mobility & Transport

Company Typologies

- Micro
- SME
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Large
- Non-business entities of the R&I system (ENESII)
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

Call ID	Cluster
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN-02	4. Digital, Industry and Space
Destination	Submission Mode
D5. Digital and industrial technologies driving human-centric innovation	Single-stage
EU Contribution	Expected Projects
Around €3,000,000.00 per project	1
Funding Rate Rule	
100% for eligible direct costs under Horizon Europe Coordination and Support Actions (CSA) lump sum grant.	

OFFICIAL LINKS

Official Regulation

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN-02?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=relevance&keywords=HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN-02&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503>

Grantavia page

<https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/create-a-thriving-and-competitive-virtual-worlds-and-web-40-ecosystem-csa-virtual-worlds-partnership>

Schedule a meeting

<https://calendly.com/sandra-cardoso-epsa/reuniao>