EU AI Media Platform – modular multilingual public-interest infrastructure for European news and audiovisual media (IA) - Apply AI

Horizon Europe

OPEN

Code
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-01-09

Scope
International - Europe

Curator

Marlene Faria

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
10M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 10M€

Bonuses & Majorations

- Inclusion of low-resource European languages
- Gender-responsive design and news diversity
- Open-source development approaches
- Onboarding pathways for small/local publishers and SMEs
- Participation of cultural and heritage institutions
- Cooperation with fact-checking and integrity actors

The support is provided as a non-refundable grant under the Horizon Innovation Actions (HORIZON-IA) scheme. The total available budget for this topic is 10.000.000 EUR, with the expectation to fund one project with a maximum contribution of 10.000.000 EUR. The grant covers eligible costs as defined in the Horizon Europe rules.

DATES & DEADLINES

Opening Date
October 20, 2026

Deadline
February 16, 2027 at 05:00 PM (104 days left)

OBJECTIVES

This call aims to support the development of a modular, trustworthy, and interoperable AI-enabled infrastructure for pan-European public-interest media platforms. The goal is to make real-time news and information from professional media outlets across the EU and associated countries accessible to wider audiences, including through multilingual and multimodal workflows. The infrastructure should strengthen media pluralism, resilience, and trust, embedding provenance and accountability by design. Eligible applicants include consortia of public and private media outlets, broadcasters, AI and language technology providers, platform developers, content creators, social media actors, fact-checking and integrity actors, rights-management organisations, and, where relevant, cultural and heritage institutions and civil society organisations. The action is open to legal entities from EU Member States and associated countries, as specified in the Horizon Europe rules.

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
- Large
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

Action Types

- Development of modular, interoperable AI-enabled media infrastructure

- Piloting and validation of AI-based media workflows
- Integration and scaling of existing AI media solutions
- Development of multilingual and multimodal content processing tools
- Implementation of governance and interoperability frameworks
- Testing of advanced open APIs and SDKs for media platforms
- Onboarding and training for diverse media organisations
- Development of provenance and traceability features for media content
- Fostering collaboration among media, tech, and civil society actors
- Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

Call ID
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-01-09

Cluster
Horizontal Activities

Destination
Bridging Actions

Submission Mode
single-stage

EU Contribution
€10,000,000.00

Expected Projects
1

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-2027-01-09

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/eu-ai-media-platform-modular-multilingual-public-interest-infrastructure-for-european-news-and-audiovisual-media-ia-apply-ai

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