

Open topic on supporting disruptive technological innovations for civil security

Horizon Europe

● CLOSING SOON

Code

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-01

Scope

International

Location

Europe

Curator

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type

Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate

100%

Budget

3M€

Eligible Project Value

1.5M€ - 1.5M€

DATES & DEADLINES

Publication Date

December 12, 2025

Opening Date

May 6, 2026

Deadline

November 5, 2026 at 05:00 PM GMT+1 (8 days left)

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This call aims to support the integration of disruptive technological innovations into civil security by strengthening research and innovation activities that enhance preparedness, response capabilities, and risk mitigation. The focus is on bridging the gap between early-stage, low Technology Readiness Level (TRL) research and applied security solutions, ensuring that emerging technologies are effectively transitioned into operational use. The call is open to consortia including at least two relevant practitioners and one Research and Technology Organisation (RTO) from EU Member States or Associated Countries. Practitioners are defined as entities with operational responsibilities or regulatory mandates relevant to civil security, such as public authorities, first responders, law enforcement, civil protection, and critical infrastructure operators. RTOs are public or private non-profit organisations dedicated to research and development in collaboration with public and industrial partners.

Funding

The support is provided as a non-refundable grant under the Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) scheme. The funding rate is up to 100% of eligible costs, with each project receiving a lump sum contribution of €1.5 million. The total budget for the topic is €3 million, with an expected two grants to be awarded. Eligible costs are defined according to the Horizon Europe lump sum model, and detailed budget tables must be submitted with the application.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Active involvement of at least 2 relevant practitioners and 1 Research and Technology Organisation (RTO)
- Use of Copernicus and/or Galileo/EGNOS data if satellite-based services are involved
- Synergy-building and clustering with other successful proposals in the area

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Industry
- ICT & Software
- Health & Life Sciences
- Other

Company Typologies

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

Action Types

- Research and development of disruptive security technologies
- Testing and validation of low TRL innovations
- Collaboration between researchers, industry, and public authorities
- Transition of early-stage research to operational use
- Co-development with security practitioners
- Ethical and societal assessment of new technologies
- Integration of validated technologies into civil security operations
- Research and Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

Call ID	Cluster
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-01	Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society
Destination	Submission Mode
Strengthened Security Research and Innovation	single-stage
EU Contribution	Expected Projects
€1,500,000.00 per project	2
Funding Rate Rule	
Up to 100% of eligible costs for Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)	

OFFICIAL LINKS

Official Regulation

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-01>

Grantavia page

<https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/open-topic-on-supporting-disruptive-technological-innovations-for-civil-security>

Information Video

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/46sBAgRpL5o>

Schedule a meeting

<https://calendly.com/filipa-silva-epsa/reuniao>