

Reliability of age assessment methods in the context of security and border management

Horizon Europe

● CLOSING SOON

Code

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-BM-03

Scope

International

Location

Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type

Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate

100%

Budget

1.3M€

Eligible Project Value

1.3M€ - 1.3M€

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 improve the reliability and appropriateness of age assessment methods in the context of security and border management, with a focus on protecting minors and supporting authorities in combating human trafficking. The action is designed to expand European-based knowledge on the reliability, accuracy, and effectiveness of various age assessment methods, while minimizing the use of intrusive techniques and safeguarding fundamental rights. Eligible applicants are consortia that must include at least two Border or Coast Guard Authorities from at least two different EU Member States or Associated Countries. The call is open to a broad range of legal entities, including public authorities, research organizations, and other stakeholders relevant to border management and civil security.

Funding

The support is provided as a non-refundable grant in the form of a lump sum, covering up to 100% of eligible costs for the Coordination and Support Action. The total available budget for this topic is €1.33 million, and

only one grant is expected to be awarded. The grant amount is fixed at €1.33 million. Eligible costs and budget details must be presented according to the Horizon Europe lump sum model.

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 Border or Coast Guard Authorities from different EU/Associated Countries
- Synergies with other Horizon Europe Cluster 3 Destinations
- Cooperation with EU-led or EU-funded initiatives
- Liaison with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- Clustering with projects in the same area via CERIS
- Consideration of citizens' and societal perspectives

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Logistics
- Health & Life Sciences
- Social Economy
- Other

Company Typologies

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

Action Types

- Analysis and comparison of age assessment methods
- Assessment of scientific reliability, sensitivity and specificity
- Evaluation of risks for fundamental rights and minimisation strategies
- Development of evidence-based recommendations for age assessment
- Facilitation of exchange of practices among European authorities
- Engagement with practitioners and stakeholders
- Review of previous research and EU/national guidelines
- Education, training and awareness raising for practitioners and citizens
- Alignment with European Border and Coast Guard Capability Roadmap
- Coordination and Support Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

Call ID	Cluster
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01	Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society
Destination	Submission Mode
D2. Effective management of EU external borders	single-stage
EU Contribution	Expected Projects
€1,330,000.00 per project	1
Funding Rate Rule	
Up to 100% of eligible costs for Coordination and Support Actions (CSA)	

OFFICIAL LINKS

Official Regulation

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-BM-03>

Grantavia page

<https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/reliability-of-age-assessment-methods-in-the-context-of-security-and-border-management>

Information Video

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

Schedule a meeting

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