



# HORIZON EUROPE

#HorizonEU

Horizon Europe Missions

Empowering Local Communities

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Framework Programme Unit



# Welcome & Introduction to the session

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# Opening Speech

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# Ice Breaker



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# Introduction to Horizon Europe



# ABOUT US

## Framework Programme Unit

- **Xjenza Malta** is mandated by the national government to act as the National Contact Point (NCP) Organisation for the EU R&I Framework Programme as well as representing Malta as Programme Committee Member (PCM) for each thematic area.
- **NCPs** provide specialised knowledge and guidance in their respective areas to support and actively encourage local stakeholders to participate in the R&I Framework Programme.
- **PCMs** assist the European Commission in implementing the programme through strategic discussions on planning and ensuring links to nationally funded research activities. Negotiations of the Work Programmes and calls are the primary focus of the PCMs' work.



### *Mission Statement:*

*To provide highly professional support services by spreading awareness, giving specialised advice, and providing on-the-ground guidance to Maltese researchers and entities and ensuring that the new Framework Programme, Horizon Europe becomes known and readily accessible to all potential applicants.*

# Horizon Europe

## THREE PILLARS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

€95B



### Pillar 1 EXCELLENT SCIENCE

European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Research Infrastructures

€25.8B



### Pillar 2 GLOBAL CHALLENGES & EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS

Clusters

- Health
- Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry and Space
- Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

Joint Research Centre

€52.7B



### Pillar 3 INNOVATIVE EUROPE

European Innovation Council

European innovation ecosystems

European Institute  
of Innovation and Technology

€13.6B

## WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation and spreading excellence

Reforming and Enhancing the European R&I system



# Horizon Europe in brief

- Largest Research and Innovation fund at €95B
- Running from 2021 to 2027
- Divided into 3 main pillars overarched by the Widening element to foster an R&I community
- Pillar 1:
  - Helps researchers grow in their fields. Bottom up. Individual and consortium based calls.
- Pillar 2:
  - Topics chosen to help in EU policies. Top down. Consortium based (CSA can be mono)
- Pillar 3:
  - To strengthen innovative research amongst SME's, startups, etc. Both mono and consortium.
- Supports the 5 HE Missions, COST and Euratom
- Widening pillar: bottom up. Consortium based (CSA can be mono)



# Types of Actions

## Research and Innovation Action

Actions that establish new knowledge or develop new technologies or solutions.



EU funding rate: 100%  
Minimum: 3 beneficiaries  
TRL 1 - 5

## Innovation Actions

Actions that demonstrate the viability of new technologies and solutions or support their first deployment in the market.



EU funding rate: 70%\*  
Minimum: 3 beneficiaries  
TRL 5 – 8

*\*100% for non-profit legal entities*

## Coordinated and Support Actions

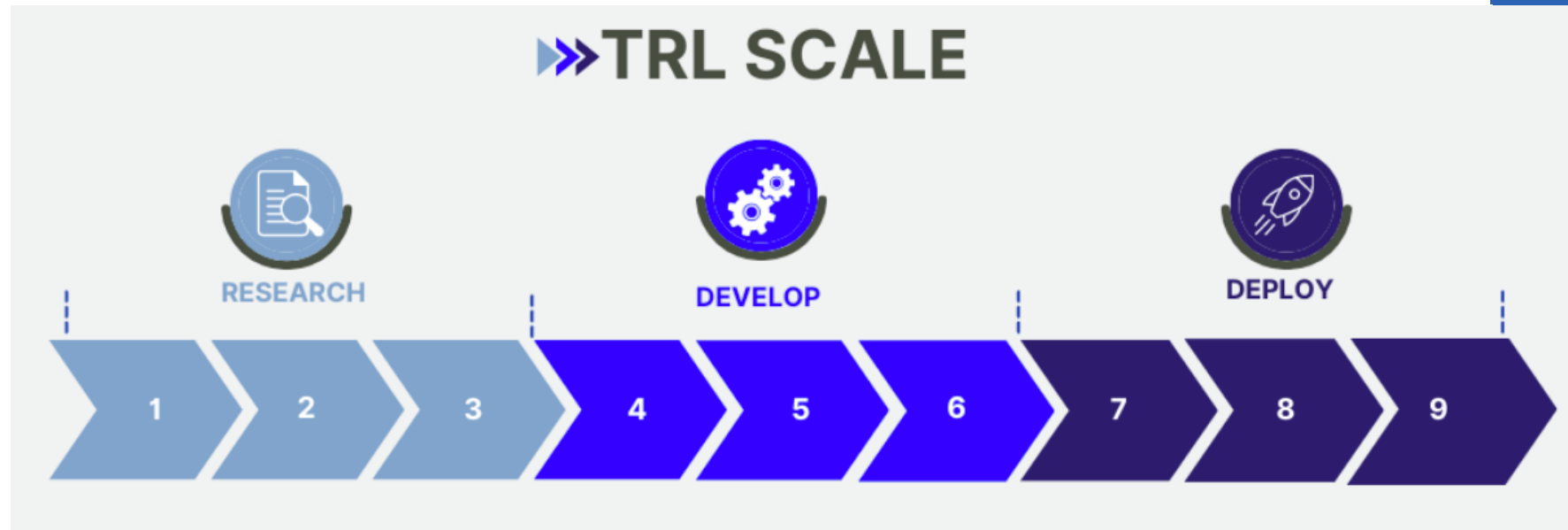
Actions that improve skills, mobilise large-scale investments or facilitate EU policy implementation.



EU funding rate: 100%  
Minimum: 1 beneficiary

25% Indirect Cost for all actions

# Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs)



- An estimate to measure the degree of maturity of a specific technology. This scale helps determine the level of readiness of a technology before it can be used on a large-scale.
- TRL spans from the initial conceptual stages, where innovators are struck by ideas, to the final stages making a fully developed technology available for customers.

# Participation Criteria

- 3 legal entities from 3 different Member States or Associated Countries\* and with at least one of them established in a Member State.
- You may bring on board other partners from any country;
- Allocate necessary resources for the duration of the project;
- Organisations must be registered in the Portal Participant Register and have their 9-digit Participant Identification Code (PIC number)
- Gender Equality Plans will be an eligibility criteria for public bodies, research organisations and higher education institutions.
- Always check the HE General Annexes for the updated list of Associate Countries.

*\* Different criteria applies to certain calls: EIC Accelerator, ERC, MSCA, CSAs or specified in the Work Programme calls.*

Disclaimer: Information not legally binding!



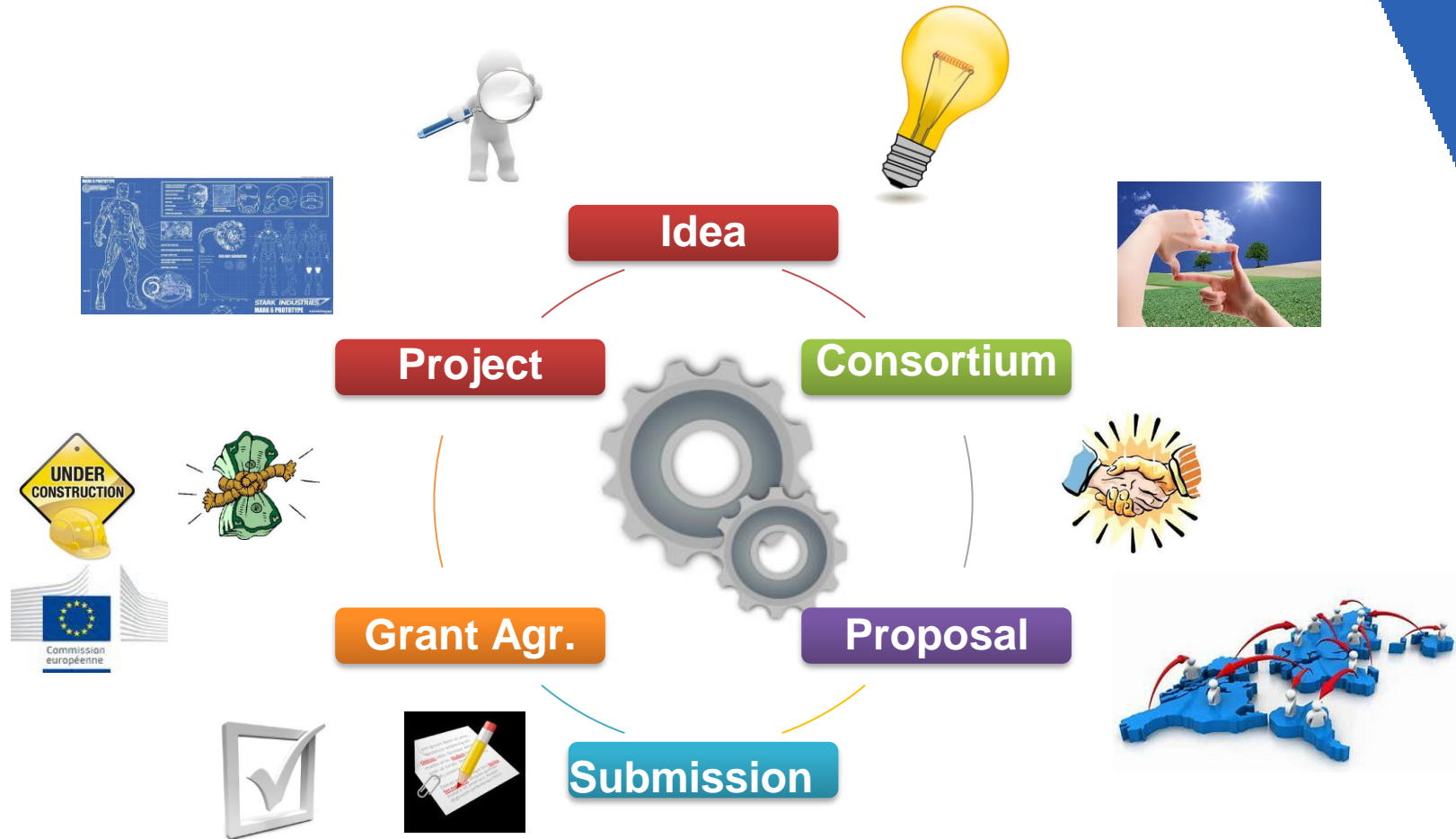
# EU Member States and HE Associated Countries

[Link for  
HE Associated Countries](#)

Albania, Armenia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Canada (associated to Pillar II 'Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness', including for the institutionalised European partnerships, and for award procedures implementing Union budget for the year 2024 and onwards) Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, New Zealand (associated to Pillar II 'Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness' as from the Work Programmes 2023 onwards, including for the institutionalised European partnerships) North Macedonia, Norway EU Grants: List of participating countries (HE): V3.2 – 12.11.2024 Serbia, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine & United Kingdom (associated to the entire Programme, with the only exception of the EIC funds, for award procedures implementing Union budget for the year 2024 and onwards<sup>6</sup>)

[Link for  
EU Member States](#)

# Project Cycle



# Funding and Tenders Portal



- Anyone may view calls
- Lists calls from other EU funding programmes
- To submit proposals, you need to be registered and logged in
- Submission of proposals to be done through the call on the portal
- Templates needed for the proposal submission must be downloaded from the call
- Management of projects
- Organisation registered, validated and applied for PIC number

Funding & tenders (europa.eu)

# Finding Partners

- Use Personal/Entity Networks,
- Attend Commission and B2B Events to share your details,
- Get involved with the NCP networks and register your partner search form with them,
- Fill in Partner Search Form with other NCPs aboard,
- Upload your partner search form on the [funding and tender portal](#) under your call of interest.
- Check previous funded projects on [Cordis.Europa.eu](#) and contact the coordinators,
- [Plumtri](#)



# The Roles in the Consortium

A consortium is made of at least 3 partners which must have:

- 1 Co-ordinator
- At least 2 Beneficiaries

Each projects needs to have assigned from the project partners:

- Work Package (WP) Leaders
- Task Leaders for each WP

# Make up of a Consortium

- Complementarity
- Interdisciplinarity
- Balance
- Excellence



# Eligible costs



## A. PERSONNEL COSTS

- **A.1** Employees
- **A.2** Natural persons under direct contract
- **A.3** Seconded persons
- **A.4** SME owners and natural person beneficiaries



## B. SUBCONTRACTING COSTS



## C. PURCHASE COSTS

- **C.1** Travel and subsistence
- **C.2** Equipment
- **C.3** Other goods, works and services



## D. OTHER COST CATEGORIES

- **D.1** Financial support to third parties
- **D.2** Internally invoiced goods and services
- **[D.3]** Transnational access to research infrastructure unit costs
- **[D.4]** Virtual access to research infrastructure unit costs
- **[D.5]** PCP/PPI procurement cost
- **[D.6]** Euratom Cofund staff mobility costs
- **[D.7]** ERC additional funding
- **[D.8]** ERC additional funding (subcontracting, FSTP and internally invoiced goods and services)



## E. INDIRECT COSTS

# Application



## Two parts:

- Part A of the proposal is generated by the IT system. It is based on the information entered by the participants through the submission system in the Funding & Tenders Portal (filled online)
- Part B of the proposal is the narrative part. Three sections that each correspond to an evaluation criterion (to be uploaded in pdf).

# Application – Part A

Coordinator inserts the Partner information here and info is automatically generated

- ✓ General information
- ✓ Participants
- ✓ Budget
- ✓ Ethics and security self assessment
- ✓ Other Questions (Gender equality plan, GDPR etc)

# Application – Part B (Technical)

- ✓ Excellence

(Project objectives, Ambitious, State of the Art, Soundness of methodology, consideration of gender, data management, open science measures, citizen engagement etc)

- ✓ Impact

(Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes in the work programme, Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts through the dissemination and exploitation plan)

- ✓ Quality and Efficiency of the implementation

Quality and effectiveness of the work plan (tables), assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall. Expertise capacity of consortium as a whole.

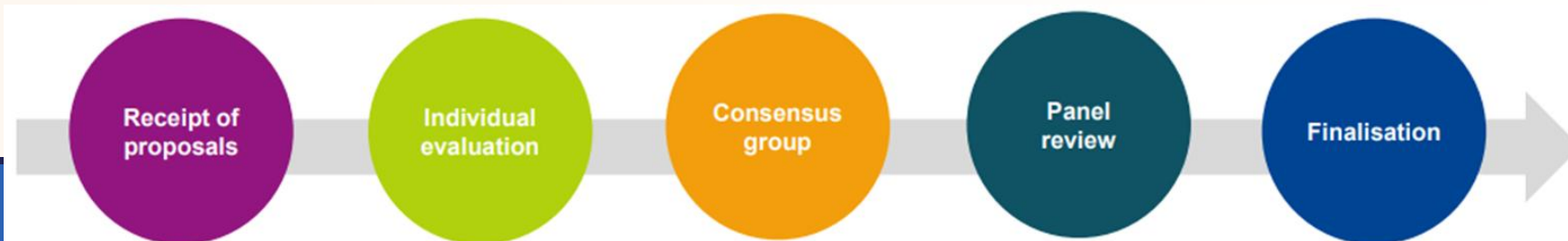
# Budget Table

			Estimated expenditure						Estimated income								
			Estimated eligible costs						Requested EU contribution		Revenues	Other sources of financing		Total estimated income  (s)=(n) +(o)+(p)+(q)+(r)			
			A. Personnel costs/€  (a1)	B. Subcontracting costs/€  (b)	C. Purchase costs			D. Other cost categories  (dx)	E. Indirect costs/€ (e) = 25% * [(a1) + (c1) + (c2) + (c3) + (d7)]	Total eligible costs (h) = (a1) + (b) + (c1) + (c2) + (c3) + (d) + (e)	EU contribution to eligible costs	Income generated by the action  (o)	Financial contributions  (q)		Own resources  (r)		
No	Participant name	Country			C.1 Travel and subsistence/€  (c1)	C.2 Equipment/€  (c2)	C.3 Other goods, works and services /€ (c3)	D.X [specific cost category] /€  (dx)			Funding rate  (U)			Maximum EU contribution to eligible costs  (i) = (U) * (h)		Requested EU contribution to eligible costs/€ (Requested grant amount)  (m) (n)	
1	Participant 1	NL	A. Personnel Costs	B. Subcontracting	C. Purchase Costs (travel; equipment; other goods, works and services)			D. Other cost categories	E. Indirect costs		Funding rate			Income	Other sources of financing		
2	Participant 2	LB															
	Affiliated Entity	LB															
3	Participant 3	DE															
	Associated Partner	AR															
Total																	



# Standard Evaluation Process

- Admissibility and eligibility checks.
- All proposals are evaluated by a board of independent expert evaluators
  - Phase 1 – Individual evaluation
  - Phase 2 – Consensus group
  - Phase 3 – Panel review
- Evaluations done both remotely and within EC institutions;
- All HE proposals pass through Ethical Review and Security Checks in the self assessment.
- Final rankings
  - A ranked list of proposals is made and the number of proposals in the list depends on the available budget.
- An ESR is drawn up for every project incl. marks for each section.



# Time to Grant



**5 months**  
for informing all applicants  
on scientific evaluation



3 months  
for signature of GA

- Some exceptions:
  - Shorter time-to-grant for EIC Accelerator;
  - Longer time-to-grant is possible for ERC projects and other exceptional cases;
  - In 2 stage process, time-to-grant counted from stage 2 deadline.

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# Introduction to Horizon Europe Missions



# HORIZON EUROPE FIVE MISSIONS



Climate mission – Support at least 150 EU regions and communities to become climate resilient by 2030.



Cities mission – 100 climate neutral and smart cities by 2030.



Soil mission – 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030.



Ocean mission – Restore our ocean and waters by 2030.



Cancer mission – Working with Europe's beating cancer plan to improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030 through prevention, cure and solutions to live longer and better.

# NOVELTY – NEW EUROPEAN BAUHAUS DESTINATION

The New European Bauhaus is an interdisciplinary initiative launched in 2020 that expresses the EU's ambition of creating beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive places, products and ways of living.

The New European Bauhaus destination is a novelty within the Missions' Work Programme launched in 2024.



Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Missions  
message from the Commission



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# Most relevant opportunities under the Missions for local councils/regional authorities





# Climate Mission

HORIZON-MISS-2025-01-CLIMA-03: Demonstrating solutions to help hotspots in coastal regions to adapt to climate change

*How to best adapt to different pressures -- ranging from sea level rise (e.g., coastal floods, coastal erosion, saltwater intrusion) to changing physical and chemical properties of the waters.*

HORIZON-MISS-2025-01-CLIMA-04: Testing and demonstrating innovative solutions to improve resilience to extreme heat, including addressing health impacts

*The goal of this topic is to accelerate the implementation of solutions that increase resilience to extreme heat and protect the health and well-being of the citizens, particularly in the built environment.*

# Climate Mission

HORIZON-MISS-2025-01-CLIMA-05: Better understanding incentives for private sector financing of adaptation solutions

*Identify possible economic incentives for the private sector to finance adaptation solutions....  
Develop minimum 10 case studies, in 3 different Member States / Associated Countries*

HORIZON-MISS-2025-01-CLIMA-06: Pre-commercial procurement of breakthrough solutions for climate proofing of public buildings

*The core of the consortium should be a qualified 'buyers group' (public procurement consortium), able to implement the action.... Pre-commercial procurement (PCP) in Horizon Europe is a way for public sector organizations to work with businesses and research organizations to develop and test new, innovative solutions before they are fully commercialized. It helps solve problems that are difficult to tackle with existing products or services. Instead of just buying off-the-shelf solutions, PCP allows the public sector to fund the development of new technologies or services through a series of steps.*

# Ocean Mission

HORIZON-MISS-2025-03-OCEAN-02: A toolbox for public authorities to address marine plastics and litter from river-to-ocean

*Public authorities and relevant stakeholders have access to a toolbox to address marine plastic litter from land-to-river-to-ocean;*

HORIZON-MISS-2025-03-OCEAN-04: Restoring Ocean and Waters in Regions

*Involvement and increased readiness of regional and local authorities for testing, deploying and upscaling systemic innovative solutions for restoring their coastal and riparian areas, incl. by strengthening synergies with their own programmes and resources.*

HORIZON-MISS-2025-03-OCEAN-05: Restoring Ocean and Waters in waterfront Cities and their Ports

*Increased number of municipalities, cities and ports taking concrete measures to protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity, prevent and eliminate pollution of our ocean, seas and waters, and make the blue economy carbon-neutral and circular.*

# Ocean Mission

## HORIZON-MISS-2025-03-OCEAN-06: Restoring Ocean and Waters on Islands

*Increased number of islands taking concrete measures to protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity, prevent and eliminate pollution of our ocean, seas and waters, and make the blue economy carbon-neutral and circular.*



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# Cities Mission

HORIZON-MISS-2025-04-CIT-01: Coupling circularity and climate mitigation in industrial sites and their cities and regions

*At least 3 different demonstration sites and at least 3 replication sites must be part of the consortium as beneficiaries. At least one demonstration site should be situated in a mission city implementing a Climate City Contract . Demonstration sites must cover at least 2 different economic sectors and their related value chains and/or services.*

Proposals should work on a collaborative relationship between industries and urban areas (cities or metropolitan regions) where both sectors exchange resources, such as materials, energy, water, or waste, to reduce environmental impact and improve sustainability

Example of economic sector : Construction Sector

Value chain : Design and planning – procurement of materials – construction – project management – maintenance and renovation

Solution Example: Construction projects often generate large amounts of waste, including concrete, wood, metals, and plastics. Instead of disposing of this waste, urban areas and construction industries can collaborate to reuse it in other parts of the city or on new construction projects.

# Cities Mission

HORIZON-MISS-2025-04-CIT-02: Innovative, AI-based solutions for urban planning and management

*Proposals are invited to develop a Digital Twin that integrates within the urban planning process and practice and supports the development of medium- and long-term strategic visions at city level for achieving a climate-neutral city.*

*Proposals should support the creation of multidisciplinary communities, bringing together IT developers, urban planners, designers, local authorities, and other relevant actors.*

*Promote participatory urban planning and management and facilitating communication between different stakeholders, while enabling citizens to provide well-informed feedback and solutions.*

# Cities Mission

HORIZON-MISS-2025-04-CIT-03: Boosting the transformation towards climate-neutral cities, the net-zero economy and open strategic autonomy through Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP)

*This topic focuses on forward looking procurement of R&D to bring to the market new solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that can increase Europe's resilience and preparedness to tackle the climate challenge.*

*Public procurers leverage PCP to bring to the market innovative solutions in sectors relevant for climate change mitigation (such as energy efficiency in buildings, production and use of renewable energy, sustainable and smart mobility, digitalisation etc.) and implement those innovative solutions in the participant cities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;*



# Soil Mission

HORIZON-MISS-2025-05-SOIL-01: Co-creating solutions for soil health in Living Labs

*Enhancement of soil health in the areas where the living labs are deployed, detected through a robust and comprehensive monitoring framework.*

*What makes a living lab?*

*(a) co-creation with a large set of stakeholders*

*(b) carried out in real-life settings and*

*(c) involving the end-users.*

*Propose strategies (e.g., financial, organisational) to ensure the long-term sustainability and continuity, impact and ambition of the established living labs beyond the Horizon Europe funding, involving local authorities, social economy entities and social enterprises, business communities, SMEs, investors, entrepreneurs and co-funding schemes.*

# Soil Mission

HORIZON-MISS-2025-05-SOIL-02: Living Labs for soil remediation and green redevelopment of brownfields

*De-industrialisation and abandonment of areas previously developed for industrial or commercial purposes have produced many brownfields all over Europe, the living labs should be located in at least three different Member States and/or Associated Countries.*

*Identify real life sites that demonstrate high performance in terms of their actions and results on soil remediation and green redevelopment of brownfields, which may be converted into lighthouses*



# Soil Mission

## HORIZON-MISS-2025-05-SOIL-11: Citizen engagement for sustainable land management through local and regional authorities

*Substantially increased awareness and understanding among citizens and local and regional policy makers of the value of soils, soil health challenges and its drivers (both bio-physical and socio-economic dimensions) across Europe.*

*Local and regional authorities have improved access to capacity building activities on how to implement solutions for the protection and restoration of soil health and enhance citizen engagement in sustainable land management.*

*Provide training and technical support to public authorities to design and run inclusive and effective participatory processes at local and regional level that lead to the adoption of Territorial Management Agreements to foster sustainable land management and contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation.*

*Project output : An increased number of regions and municipalities across Europe have adopted Territorial Management Agreements co-designed with citizens and stakeholders to foster sustainable land management practices.*

# Cities – Cancer Mission

HORIZON-MISS-2025-06-CIT-CANCER-01: Increasing walking and cycling: to reap health benefits, emission reductions and integrate active mobility and micro-mobility devices, with smart technologies and infrastructure

*Cities advance in achieving their climate neutrality targets and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport by at least 15%, by promoting and implementing walking and cycling and by incorporating walking, cycling and micro-mobility infrastructure and services (e.g. bicycles, e-bikes and e-scooters) in multimodal transport networks.*

*Eligible costs for major infrastructure works related to the deployment/instalment of the walking and cycling solutions should not constitute more than 20% of the total eligible costs*



# New European Bauhaus

Connecting the green transformation, social inclusion and local democracy

The interplay between cultural participation, social connections and civic and democratic engagement, and how it can be used to support a fair green transition

The impact of the design of the built environment on social relations in neighbourhood communities

Beautiful, sustainable and inclusive street furniture, including energy infrastructures

Network of neighbourhoods for policy innovation on gentrification

# New European Bauhaus

Circular and regenerative approaches for the built environment

Applying regenerative  
design within the built  
environment

\*\*To offer pilot sites

Sufficiency measures  
in the built  
environment

\*\*To offer pilot sites

Sufficiency measures are policy measures and daily practices that avoid the demand for energy, materials, land, water, and other natural resources.





# Coffee Break



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# Funding and Tenders Portal live demo





# Funding & Tenders Portal Live demo

Funding and tenders portal :

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>





# Citizen Science

# What is citizen science?

Citizen science is when regular people help with scientific research by collecting data, making observations, or analyzing information. It allows scientists to gather large amounts of data and involves the public in fields like ecology, astronomy, and environmental monitoring.

Example : People participating in bird watching surveys



Citizen science is a  
partnership  
between the public  
and professional  
scientists



# Citizen Science has intangible benefits



Exposure to ideas  
Seeking answers

Connecting

Responding  
Presenting

Communicating

Contrasting  
Personal Sense  
making

Remixing

Collective meaning

Curation

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# Examples of Horizon Europe funded projects that work with citizen science





# Impetus



Topic: HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ERA-01-61

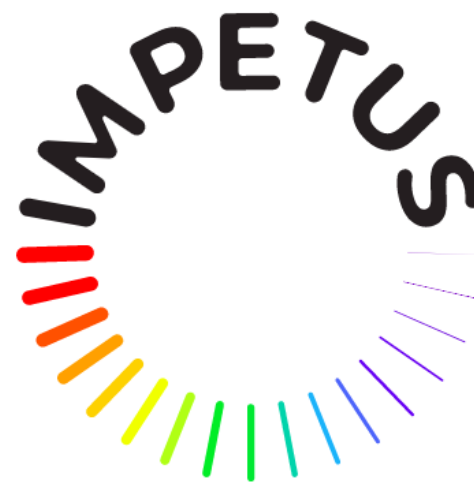
Action: CSA

EU Contribution: approx. €4.1M

Co-Ordinator: ZABALA INNOVATION CONSULTING SA

Co-ordinating country: Spain

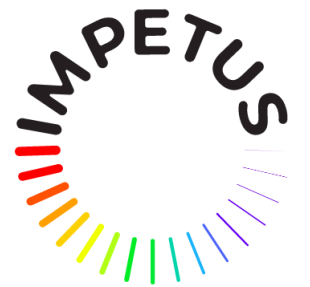
Participants: 4+2 UK partners



# Impetus



Brief: Supports and give recognition to citizen science (CS) by enabling a wider range of citizen science initiatives (CSIs) to access innovative funding. One of these initiatives saw the creation of app that is targeted to help promote active urban lifestyle amongst citizens over 55s to improve their physical activity.





# BlueNIGHTs



Topic: HORIZON-MSCA-2022-CITIZENS-01-01

Action: CSA

EU Contribution: approx. €622,835.00

Co-Ordinator: CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE  
DELLE RICERCHE (IT)

Participants: 9 including UoM (€38,550.00)



# BlueNIGHTs



Brief: Oceans are vast, covering over 70 % of the Earth's surface. Growing knowledge about this continuous body of salt water and the people that study it is key. The EU-funded BlueNIGHTs project seeks to help citizens better understand the many facets and faces of those working in ocean science and research. A series of interconnected EU Blue Researchers' Nights will demonstrate that not only is the ocean interesting and a source of inspiration, but it is also a field of study for people with diverse backgrounds and interests. BlueNIGHTs will connect people to important objectives, principles and priorities of the European Green Deal that relates to the ocean, thereby encouraging Europeans to become more knowledgeable about the ocean.



# PlasticPiratesEU



Topic: HORIZON-MISS-2021-OCEAN-IBA-02

Action: CSA

EU Contribution: approx. €1,999,775.00

Co-Ordinator: DEUTSCHES ZENTRUM FÜR  
LUFT - UND RAUMFAHRT EV (DE)

Participants: 0



# PlasticPiratesEU



Brief: The citizen science initiative 'Plastic Pirates – Go Europe!' aims to raise awareness throughout Europe of the importance of rivers, the protection of natural resources, and the significance of international research collaboration. The EU-funded PlasticPiratesEU project will upscale 'Plastic Pirates – Go Europe!' in countries across Europe by raising awareness among citizens and the youth of Europe on the impact and benefits of research and innovation and increasing the capacity to collect, organise and verify data on plastic waste pollution stemming from and in European rivers, coastlines, and seas. The project will test, replicate and refine best practice models to achieve Mission Ocean's objective.



# PALEOSIM



Topic: HORIZON-MSCA-2021-PF-01-01

Action: CSA

EU Contribution: approx.: €219,606.40

Co-Ordinator: University of Malta (MT)

Participants: 2 support the coordinator

# PALEOSIM



Brief: Arthropods play a vital role in ecosystem integrity. However, climate change and land-use change (LUC) have produced devastating effects in vulnerable regions such as the Mediterranean and its numerous small islands, causing variations in arthropod habitats. Funded by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions programme, the PALEOSIM project will provide new insight into the expected habitat changes arthropods may experience in the future, and help prevent the destruction of these fragile ecosystems. Specifically, PALEOSIM will use a regional climate model (RCM) to study climate and LUC impacts on arthropod habitats in the circum-Sicilian (including the Maltese) islands. For the first time, the RCM will combine convection permitting and palaeoclimate models to produce 2-km resolution simulations between 21000 BCE and 2100 CE. Here they also developed an app which helped track the spread of arthropods through the use from citizens.

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# Citizen Science interactive exercise



# Citizen Science Exercise



- Split into teams of 3
- Decide on one locality/area that you feel most comfortable in representing
- Together with your colleagues, identify what knowledge gaps there are (or something interesting worth investigating).
- Produce an example on how Citizen Science can help.
- All teams will have 1 minute to present their identified knowledge gap and solution





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# Horizon Europe Support Schemes



# Horizon Europe Support Schemes National Budget 2025 – Eur 200k

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HIPAS

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PF2MT

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ERC Support Scheme

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EIC Support Scheme

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NET2HE

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# HIPAS 1/3



- Support for Maltese entities intending to submit a Horizon Europe/partnership proposal as Coordinator to engage a service provider (proposal writer/graphic designer)
- Covers all Horizon Europe calls
- 3 Cut offs in 2025:
  - 15 April 2025
  - 27 June 2025
  - 7 November 2025 (final deadline)

Call page with documents and templates



# HIPAS 2/3



Financing through reimbursement:

- Up to Eur 8,000 of which max Eur 1,000 for graphic designer

Exceptions:

- Up to Eur 2,500 for the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship call

Important:

- the service provider cannot be part of the project consortium
- 1 year to implement the activities
- Final report + supporting documents

**Horizon  
Internationalisation  
Partnership Award  
Scheme – HIPAS**

First cut off: 15 April 2025  
Second cut off: 27 June 2025  
Third and final cut off: 7 November 2025



# HIPAS 3/3



External evaluators will score the proposal according to the following evaluation criteria:

- Excellence of the proposed project idea (project's brief) and relevance to the pre-identified call topic.
- Proven track record of the proposed consultancy individuals/firms, including a list of other Horizon Europe/Horizon 2020/FP7 projects that have been supported in the past.
- Quality of the proposed consortium partners, makeup, distribution, diversity (academic, public, private), if applicable.

# NET2HE

Support Scheme - Eligible costs



- Flights for travel related to the event (the total amount should be estimated as costing no more than €750 for both EU Member States and for Associated Countries and should be an economy class ticket, this capping also covers the travel insurance).



- Subsistence allowance of €150 flat rate per night (The flat rate will reflect the duration of the event and the number of nights required).

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- Max amount of days for same brokerage event/info is 5 days, reimbursed up to 5 nights

Upon receipt of the requested reporting documents, you will be reimbursed

[xjenzamalta.mt](http://xjenzamalta.mt)

# Application process



Step 1: Make use of the “list of suggested events” that is regularly updated on our website/email us with an event that you think is relevant for you to attend that has a Horizon Europe networking element.

Step 2 : Hand in your application at least 15 working days before the start of the event.

With your application you need to attach :

- Agenda of the activities
- Proof that your registration has been accepted by the organiser
- 3 flight quotations (direct flights are preferred)



# Upcoming events



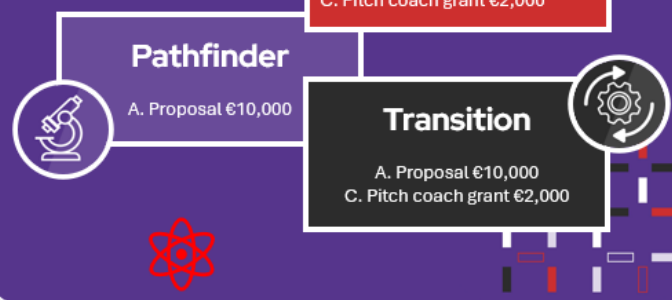
Event Name	Location	Dates	Thematic area/s	Details
Cities Mission conference	Vilnius, Lithuania	6 - 8 May	Cities mission	<a href="#">Cities Mission Conference 2025: Harnessing City Successes - Vilnius</a>

# Support for Horizon Europe participation



## EIC Support Scheme

- A. Proposal €10,000
- B. Business coaching €5,000
- C. Pitch coach grant €2,000



## NET2HE

- Open
- Max 2 person per organisation
- Max 5 nights @ €150 each
- HE events
- max €750 for flight
- Need to be approved by XM before purchasing any tickets



## PF2MT

- 50% financing following participation in masterclass
- 50% financing following submission of proposal for MSCA PF 2025
- Identify and contact a Maltese supervisor
- TC – flat rate €2000
- EU/AC – flat rate €800

## ERC Support Scheme

- Option A €5000 for mentoring
- Option B €2000 to write proposal
- Additional €3000 to support for interview preparation

## HIPAS

- Max €8000
- Maltese Coordinator
- 1yr to finish action
- Cannot be a beneficiary in the project
- 3 cut off dates



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## WIDERAEXPERTS.EU

- Maltese coordinators
- Maltese Work package leaders
- PRE-SCREENING PORTAL - NCP\_WIDERA.NET
- Pre-screening open for:  
Widening, ERA, Pillar II clusters,  
Institutionalised European Partnerships,  
and EIC Pathfinder schemes.





# Sharing of Experience in Horizon Europe projects

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# Interactive exercise elect your idea



# National STEM Community Fund



- The National STEM Community Fund provides financial support to local organisations enabling them to run community-based STEM-related projects
  - STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Projects need to fulfil a community need
- Local Councils/Regions can apply and have been successful in previous calls
- Max. grant per project: €10,000 euros
- Local Council/Region will need to collaborate with a STEM professional
  - STEM professional: a qualified person bringing project-relevant knowledge, research skills and STEM expertise

Contact: [stemengagement.esplora@gov.mt](mailto:stemengagement.esplora@gov.mt)

# Online information sessions



## Information Session 1 - English

10<sup>th</sup> March

10:00 – 11:00

<https://rb.gy/ei0ilm>



## Sessjoni ta' Informazzjoni 2 - Malti

12 ta' Marzu

15:00 – 16:00

<https://rb.gy/knu5uw>

