



---

# Horizon Europe Partnership for Brain Health

**Mr Kaylen Borg**  
Executive, Internationalisation Unit

28 January 2026



Co-funded by  
the European Union

# European Partnerships



Part of Horizon Europe  
(2021-2027)



European Commission  
+  
National & Private partners

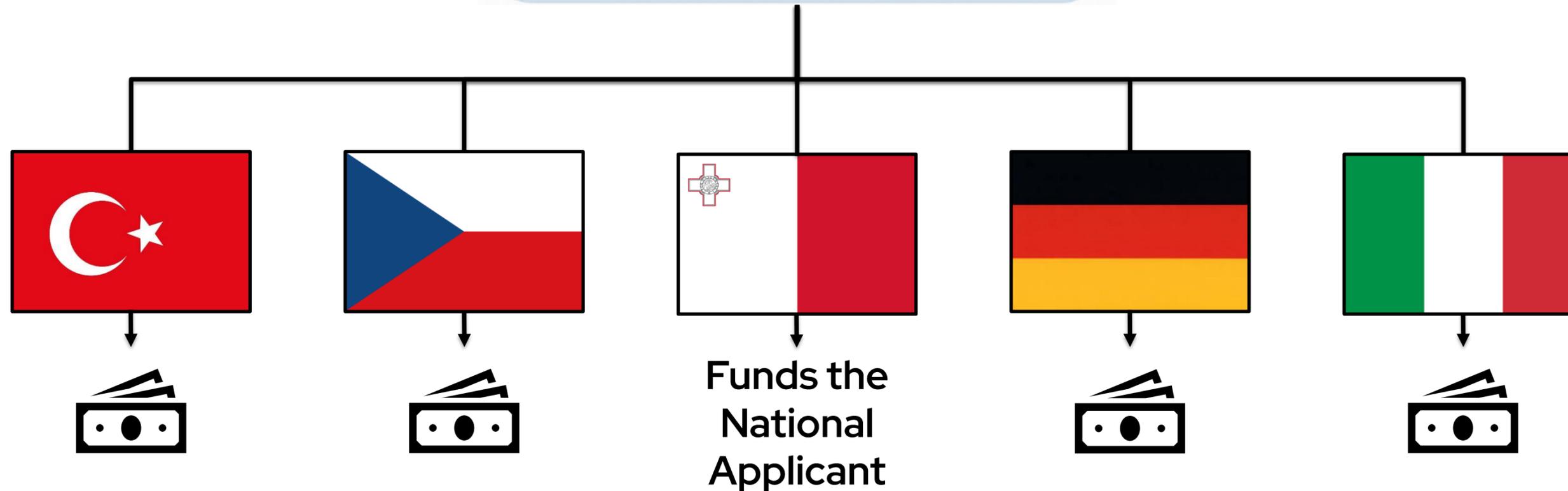


Addressing pressing EU challenges  
*Climate Energy Health Innovation*



Implementing Joint Transnational Calls  
for R&I Project Proposals

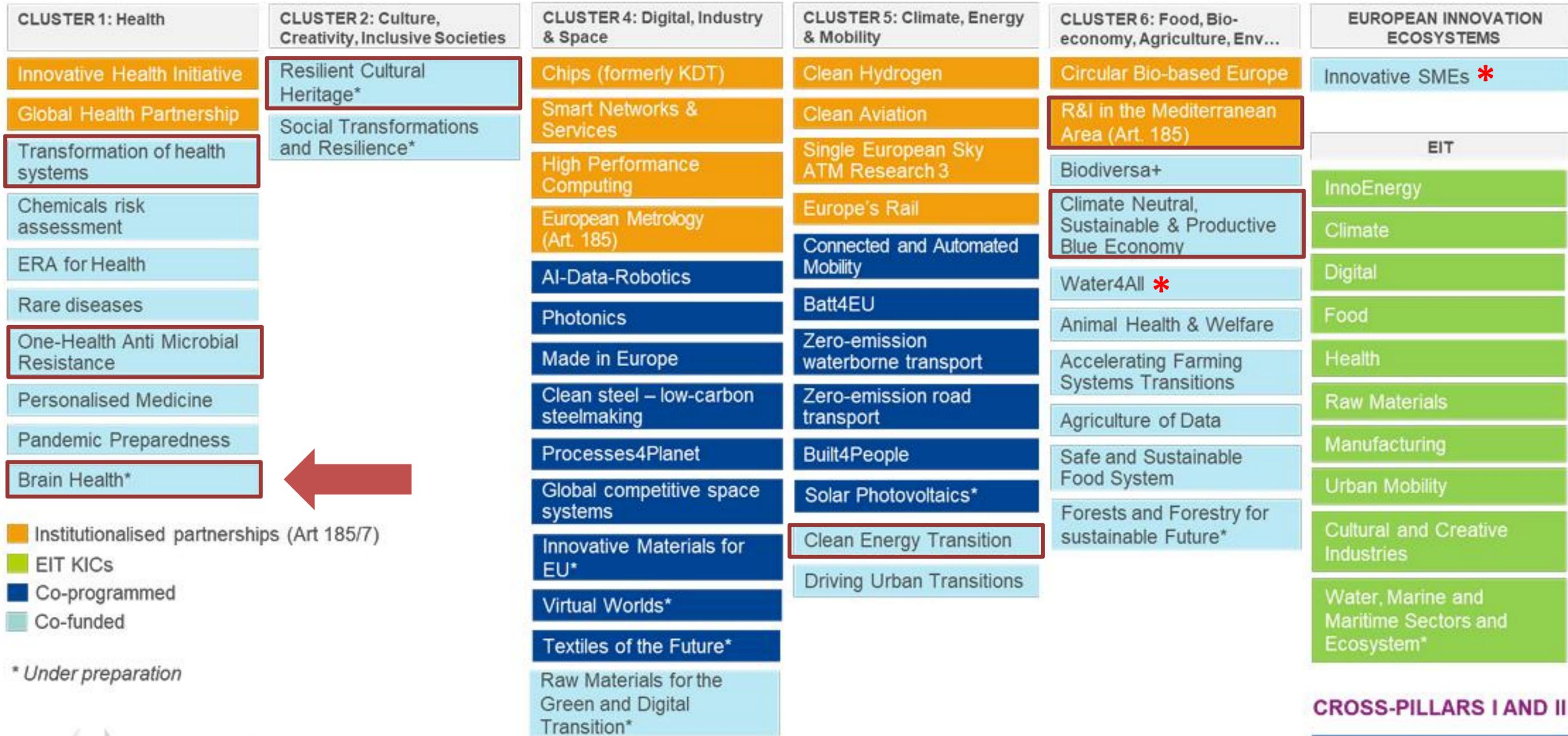
# Joint Transnational Calls



National Partners collaborate through a common call,  
each beneficiary funded by their own national funding agency

## PILLAR II - Global challenges & European industrial competitiveness

## PILLAR III - Innovative Europe



- Institutionalised partnerships (Art 185/7)
- EIT KICs
- Co-programmed
- Co-funded

\* Under preparation



**CROSS-PILLARS I AND II**  
European Open Science Cloud

# EP BrainHealth - Introduction

## Vision:

To improve brain health by:

- **Preventing** and **treating** brain diseases,
- **Enhancing** the **wellbeing** of people living with neurological and mental disorders.

## Mission:

To support brain health R&I, leading to:

- Enhanced **understanding of the brain**
- Translating results into **accessible solutions** for prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care.

- **54 partners from 33 countries** (EU and beyond)
- **Planned budget € 488 M** (**€ 3.5 M allocated by Malta**)
- **Launching 14 Calls** (2026-2032)



# 2026 Joint Transnational Calls

Biological, social and environmental factors that impact the trajectory of brain health across the lifespan, in the field of:

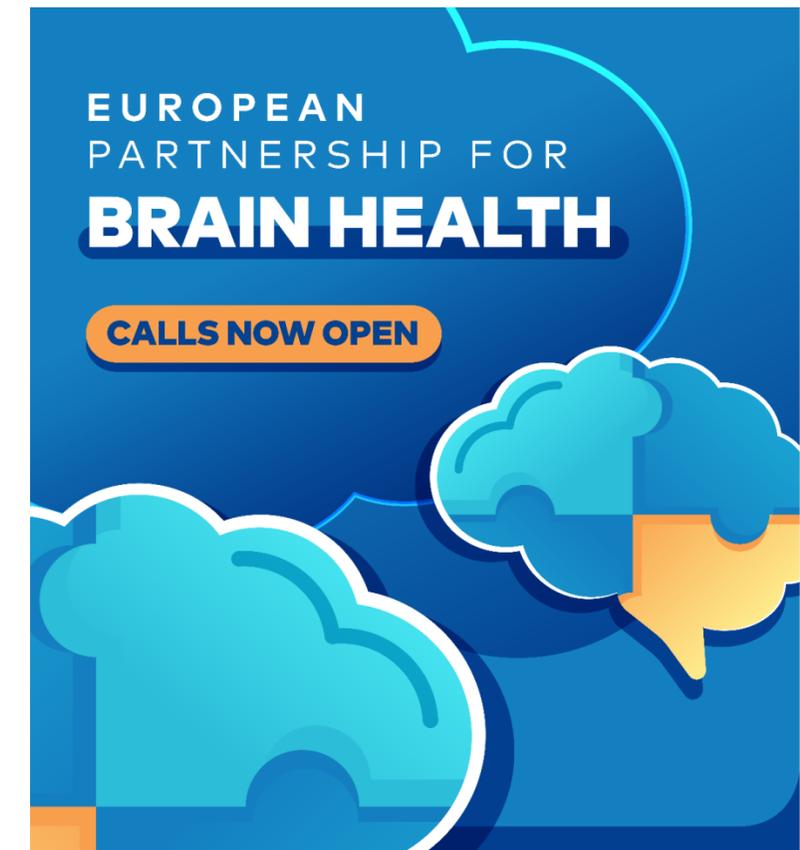
Call 1

*neurological, mental and sensory disorders*

&

Call 2

*neurodegenerative disorders*



# 2026 Joint Transnational Calls

## General Call Specifications



**CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR MULTINATIONAL & TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS**

BIOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS THAT IMPACT THE TRAJECTORY OF BRAIN HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN, IN THE FIELD OF:

**CALL ONE**  
NEUROLOGICAL, MENTAL AND SENSORY DISORDERS

**CALL TWO**  
NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDERS

**CALL DEADLINE  
10 MARCH 2026**

2-Stage Call

€ 500,000  
per Project  
(MT Partners)

Up to  
36 months

3  
Independent  
Entities

3  
Participating  
Countries

1 Project  
Coordinator

# 2026 Joint Transnational Calls

## Participating Countries

**Member States:** *Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, **Malta**, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden*

**Associated Countries/Non-EU Countries:**

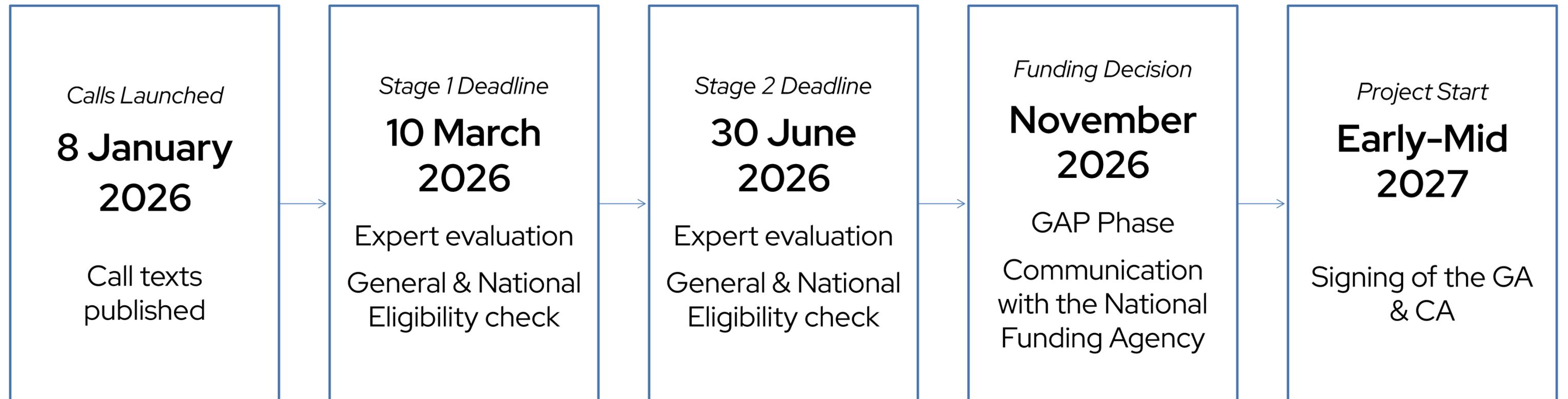
*Australia, Iceland, Israel, Moldova, Norway, Taiwan, Turkey*

*Call 1 only: New Zealand, Switzerland*

*Call 2 only: Austria, Luxembourg, Slovenia, Canada*



# Timeline of Calls



# Eligibility Criteria (Entities & Costs)



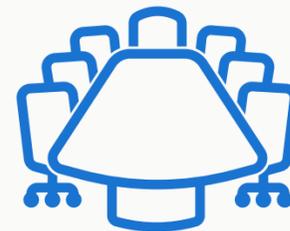
Public & Private  
Research  
Organisations



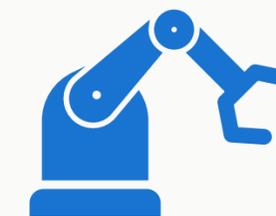
SMEs & Large  
Enterprises



NGOs &  
Professional Bodies  
Engaged in  
Research and  
Innovation



Personnel



Equipment &  
Consumables



Subcontracting



IP & Knowledge  
Transfer Activities



Travel &  
Subsistence



Overheads &  
other costs

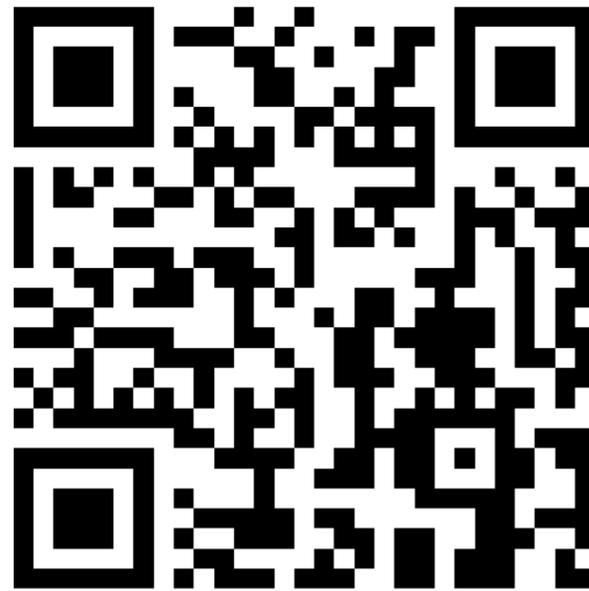
*Must be registered and have an operating base in Malta, consult the National Rules – Xjenza Malta*

# Getting Acquainted & Finding Partners



HORIZON EUROPE

[HE Funding & Tender Portal](#)



<https://www.plumtri.org/member/login>

Join Our Online Information  
Session

5 February @11:00



# CONTACT |

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



[eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt](mailto:eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt)



[kaylen.borg.1@gov.mt](mailto:kaylen.borg.1@gov.mt)



XJENZA MALTA  
VILLA BIGHI, DAWRET FRA GIOVANNI BICHI  
KALKARA, KKR 1320

