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Innovation and Collaboration in Horizon Europe

Welcome to the October issue of our newsletter! As autumn arrives, it brings a season of renewed energy and possibilities. Whether you are a National Contact Point or a potential applicant, GREENET strives to provide you with the tools and information that empower you to engage in wide-ranging European collaborations and drive sustainable advancements. In this issue, we reveal essential updates, upcoming events, and promising opportunities.



Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP): a new approach to EU funding to boost investment in critical technologies in Europe

The Strategic Technology European Platform is a new initiative which focuses on projects in the development and manufacturing stages in three sectors relevant to the green and digital transitions:

- Digital technologies and deep technology innovation
- Clean and resource efficient technologies
- Biotechnologies

STEP is not a new fund, but pools funds from **11 existing EU programmes** such as Digital Europe, the European Defence Fund, EU4Health, Horizon Europe, the Innovation Fund, InvestEU, the Instrument for Recovery and Resilience, and cohesion policy funds including the Cohesion Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund+ and the Just Transition Fund, to support key projects.

To qualify under STEP, projects must have **a strong innovative profile, reduce the Union's dependencies** in these technology sectors.

STEP also aims to help address emerging skills gaps on these critical technologies. As long as the projects respect those conditions, companies, including SMEs, could be eligible.

Through the [STEP funding dashboard](#) it is possible to explore the current and upcoming funding opportunities and their respective rules.

In addition, to stay up-to-date on STEP and STEP-related initiatives, you can subscribe to the [STEP task force newsletter](#). The task force is the STEP one-stop shop ensuring coordination and cooperation between the wide range of stakeholders involved and providing information and support to interested parties.

Further information

Request for feedback: Methodology to determine the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission savings of low-carbon fuels

Low-carbon fuels may play a role in the energy transition, particularly in the short and medium term, as they emit fewer emissions than existing fuels and support the uptake of renewable fuels.

The EU has a certification procedure in place to ensure that low-carbon fuels reduce emissions in practice.

This delegated act sets out the methodology to determine the GHG emission savings of low-carbon fuels. It is based on a life cycle assessment of the total GHG emissions of these fuels.

The draft act is open for feedback for 4 weeks. Feedback will be taken into account for finalising this initiative.

Give feedback

18th SET Plan Conference

Scaling up research, innovation
and competitiveness in clean
energy technologies

14-15 November 2024
Budapest, Hungary



European
Commission



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On **Thursday 14 November** and **Friday 15 November 2024**, the 18th SET Plan Conference will be held in Budapest, Hungary.

The event, organised under the patronage of the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the EU in cooperation with the Commission, will have as its main theme ‘**Scaling up research, innovation and competitiveness in clean energy technologies**’, with the aims of strengthening cooperation and synergies between national and European policies, facilitating collaboration in energy R&I, and gathering the most promising results of energy R&I

The conference [will feature](#) high-level speakers and provide a platform for policy makers, researchers and energy practitioners to establish connections and expand collaborations aimed at developing and demonstrating innovative clean energy solutions and accelerating their deployment.

In addition, **two side events** will be held on **13 November**:

Workshop with the Secretariats of Implementation Working Groups (IWGs) and European Technology and Innovation Platforms (ETIPs) funded under [Horizon Europe](#) (by invitation only).

CETPartnership event on how to work together on crosscutting areas between the [CETPartnership](#) and the SET Plan with a focus on the 5 task forces and funding opportunities, especially in the context of the Horizon Europe

Further information



European Week of Regions and Cities

From the 7 to 10 October, it will be held in Brussels the **European Week of Regions and Cities 2024**, organised by the European Commission.

The event will feature more than 100 sessions, including EU session, political workshops, participatory labs and brief innovative formats and will be mainly focused on four themes:

- Competitiveness and convergence
- Regions strengthening European democracy
- **Smart** and **sustainable** growth for regions
- Regions got talent

The European Week of regions and cities is not only a chance to discuss common challenges for European regions and cities, but also a great opportunity to exchange ideas, get in touch with European regions and cities and expand your network.

[Further information](#)



European Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport Partnership reports on record investments in 2023

The Partnership Board of the Co-Programmed Partnership on Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport adopts its Additional Activities Report 2023, providing an overview of investments made by the sector to enable, Europe to demonstrate deployable zero-emission maritime and inland ships by 2030.

[Press release](#)



GREENET supports your mission to build strong consortia for your Cluster 5 proposal!

The GREENET Partner Search Tool brings together organisations (coordinators as well as partners) from across the world. This tool is a unique opportunity to generate new contacts and collaborate on potential Horizon Europe projects (including related missions and partnerships).

Finding partners has never been easier! Simply register, express your interest in a specific topic/s and browse for existing profiles.

[Join the community](#)

New and updated GREENET factsheets on Partnerships and more

We have redesigned the way factsheets are displayed on our GREENET website and added new factsheets. Here you can find factsheets on European Partnerships and other relevant funding programmes and initiatives, as well as some other pertinent facets of Cluster 5 and GREENET activities. We will also be adding more factsheets in the future.

[Have a look](#)

Calls



Horizon Europe: EUR 98 million available for new Cities Mission call

The European Commission has launched a new call for projects to support research and innovation under the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission: Changing urban spaces and mindsets to accelerate the transition to climate neutrality .

The EU Mission on Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities (Cities Mission) is supporting 100 cities from the 27 EU Member States, and 12 cities from countries associated, or with the potential of being associated to Horizon Europe, in their transformation towards climate neutrality by 2030. A total of

EUR 98 million is available under this new call for project applications, with a deadline of 11 February 2025. The call covers four topics:

- Rethinking urban spaces towards climate neutrality
- Zero-pollution cities
- Mobility management plans and behavioural change
- Integrated peri-urban areas in the transition towards climate neutrality

[Further information](#)



Horizon Europe Cluster 5 – Energy Call Topics Open!

The European Commission has launched two new calls for energy projects under Horizon Europe's Work Programme for 2023-2024 Cluster 5. A total of EUR 188.6 million in EU funding is available under these calls with a deadline for application of 4 February 2025. The calls cover the following subject areas or 'destinations':

- Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply (HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02)
- Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use (HORIZON-CL5-2024-D4-02)

[See details](#)

News for NCPs



Supporting clients as an EU Mission NCP: Basic knowledge

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new four-module course designed for National Contact Points (NCPs) on the EU Missions. This course provides NCPs with essential knowledge to support stakeholders in achieving the objectives of the EU Missions, which address major challenges facing Europe.

Module 1 introduces the EU Missions, explaining their structure, governance, and goals .

Module 2 offers guidance on Proposal Writing, covering the steps from project idea development to submission .

Module 3 focuses on Finding Consortium Partners, providing practical tips for identifying the right collaborators and organizing brokerage events.

Module 4 explores Funding Opportunities Beyond Horizon Europe, highlighting additional EU and private funding options to support mission activities.

All courses include a list of useful resources. This course is a valuable resource for NCPs working with EU Missions. It is the first in a series of e-learning courses that will be published on the Horizon Europe NCP Portal over the course of 2024 and 2025. Stay tuned!

[Visit the NCP Virtual Campus](#)

Guidelines
Cluster 5 NCP



GREENET handbook for cooperation between NCP and EEN now available!

In the framework of the GREENET activities on match making a handbook has been developed to explain the functionalities of both NCP and the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN).

The handbook is written for both newcomers and more experienced NCPs, it aims at presenting in a single document the good practices and practical advice for NCP-EEN collaboration collected from previous network projects and updated to the latest 2024 evolutions for Horizon Europe and EEN, with a focus on Cluster 5 specificities. and covers the following topics:

- Presentation of Horizon Europe, NCPs and EEN
- EEN-NCP overlaps: what is to gain from collaborating?
- Methods for collaboration – toolbox
- Best practices from previous NCP Networks & outlook on GREENET activities

[Download the handbook](#)

Missed the Cluster 5 Masterclass in London?

Access Insights and Expertise Online!

In July, GREENET successfully hosted the second Masterclass for Horizon Europe Cluster 5 National Contact Points in London. If you weren't able to join us in person, we've got you covered. All the Masterclass presentations are now conveniently available on the GREENET website (please log in to access). Alongside these resources, you'll find a wealth of [other relevant training content](#).

Download the presentation

Events and opportunities

Horizon Europe Brokerage Event: Development of smart concepts of integrated energy driven bio-refineries for co-production of advanced biofuels, bio-chemicals and biomaterials

The European Union and the Government of India have agreed to join forces to jointly address the global challenges and to achieve climate neutrality. The Government of India will co-fund the successful Indian entities in earmarked calls under the Horizon Europe Programme.

As part of this collaboration, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) will co-fund successful Indian entities in the Horizon Europe call on Development of smart concepts of integrated energy driven bio-refineries:

HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02-03: Development of smart concepts of integrated energy driven bio-refineries for co-production of advanced biofuels, bio-chemicals and biomaterials – (RIA) Deadline(s): 4 February 2025

The Delegation of the European Union to India and EURAXESS India, in association with Department Biotechnology (DBT) Government of India (GoI) is organising an online brokerage event. This international networking event will help you to build your consortium for above call.

When: Tuesday, 22 October 2024

Timing: 2:00 to 4:30 pm Indian Time | 10:30 to 13:00pm Brussels Time

Virtual Event: Zoom

Registration

Events:

- [Info Day on the 2024 CEF Transport calls](#), 2 October 2024, Online
- [European Week of Regions and Cities](#), 7-10 October 2024, Brussels, Belgium
- [Battery Show North America](#), 7-10 October 2024, Detroit, USA
- [Li-ion Battery Europe](#), 8-10 October 2024, Brussels, Belgium
- [CINEA at the European Aeronautics Science Network \(EASN\) Conference](#), 8-11 October 2024, Thessaloniki
- [LIFE Platform Meeting: Agriculture for the Benefit of Biodiversity](#), 9-11 October 2024, Leuven, Belgium
- [EMFAF 2024 Info Day: Smart specialisation for a sustainable blue economy and regenerative ocean farming](#), 15 October 2024, Online
- [Wingspan 2024: Partnerships for a bird-friendly energy transition](#), 15-17 October 2024, Brussels, Belgium
- [Energy Storage Global Conference](#), 15-17 October 2024, Brussels, Belgium
- [12th ERA Budapest workshop 2024](#), 16 October 2024, Online
- [EIT InnoEnergy Business Booster 2024](#), 16-17 October 2024, Barcelona, Spain
- [Batteries Event 2024](#), 16-18 October 2024, Lyon, France
- [International Congress on Innovation in Atmospheric Water Collection and Environmental Restoration Techniques](#), 17-18 October 2024, Canary Islands, Spain
- [Webinar: The sustainability of plastics - LIFE networking meeting](#), 19-20 October 2024, Online
- [Community-Driven Building Renovation for a Climate-Neutral Europe – #EURegionsWeek Webinar](#), 21 October 2024, Online
- [CETPartnership Annual Conference](#), 22-23 October 2024, Online
- [Sustainable Economy in Horizon Europe International INSE 2024](#), 23-24 October 2024, Warsaw, Poland
- [Conference on Battery Direct Recycling](#), 29-30 October 2024, Wuerzburg, Germany
- [ElectROBatt](#), 31 October - 1 November 2024, Bucharest, Romania
- [5th PCI Energy Days](#), 4-5 November 2024, Brussels, Belgium
- [Future Battery Forum](#), 5-6 November 2024, Berlin, Germany & Online
- [Smart City Expo World Congress](#), 5-7 November 2024, Barcelona, Spain
- [Hungarian Battery Week](#), 6-8 November 2024, Budapest, Hungary
- [SESAR Innovation Days 2024](#), 12-15 November, Rome, Italy
- [European Hydrogen Week](#), 18-22 November 2024, Brussels, Belgium
- [Pitch your H2project idea at #EUH2week2024](#), 19 November 2024, Brussels
- [The Annual Research Conference 2024 | Europe in a changing world: navigating the challenges, seeking opportunities, and building resilient economies](#), 21-22 November 2024, Ispra, Italy

- [LIFE at Pollutec 2024](#), 26-27 November 2024, Paris, France
- [Rail Live 2024](#), 26-27 November 2024, Zaragoza, Spain
- [Battery Innovation Days \(4th edition\)](#), 26-27 November, Barcelona, Spain & Online
- [Platform Meeting – Plastic waste prevention and reuse systems](#), 10-12 February 2025, Brussels & Mechelen, Belgium
- [RTR Conference](#), 11-13 February 2025, Brussels, Belgium
- [SESAR JU Annual Conference 2025](#) (save-the-date), 18 February 2025, Brussels
- [European Conference on Connected and Automated Driving](#), 13-15 May 2025, Ispra, Italy

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