

### **GREENET Newsletter #9**

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# Innovation and Collaboration in Horizon Europe

The July edition of the GREENET newsletter brings again the latest news in Horizon Europe and other Climate, Energy and Mobility related funding programs. Read on for fresh updates and practical tips for applicants and National Contact Points alike.

We at GREENET wish a great summer to all our stakeholders!



# The Horizon Europe work programme for 2025 has been adopted and the first calls are now open!

The European Commission is investing over €7.3 billion through its newly adopted Horizon Europe work programme for 2025 to strengthen Europe's research and innovation engine and global edge.

The first sets of calls are now open and published in the <u>Funding and Tenders</u> portal.

There are over EUR 630 million available to fund new climate, energy and mobility research projects under <u>Cluster 5</u>.

Furthermore, the Commission has published drafts of several parts of the Work programme 2026-2027 for Horizon Europe. The Cluster 5 draft Work programme can be downloaded from the Commission's <a href="Commission">Comitology Register</a> website.

Read more



# "Annual Report on Research and Technological Development Activities 2024" is out now!

The report provides an overview of the EU's key research and innovation (R&I) activities and monitoring of Horizon Europe and the Euratom Research and Training Programme in 2024.

A significant part of the annual report is dedicated to the research related policy activities of 2024. In addition to recurring themes such as the twin transition and international cooperation, this year we focussed on the EU's sustainable prosperity, competitiveness, strategic autonomy and economic security. In the monitoring part we took a closer look at the results and performance of the different Horizon Europe parts and the Euratom programme in 2024.

Go to the report

# Terminal operators and port equipment manufacturers and suppliers to join the Waterborne Technology Platform

The Terminal Industry Committee 4.0 (TIC4.0) joins the Waterborne Technology Platform, further strengthening the waterborne ecosystem and the coordinated approach to research, development, innovation and its deployment.

Full press release

### Opportunities outside Horizon Europe



### Innovation Fund 2024: Investing into the future of netzero technologies and electric vehicle battery cell manufacturing

The two Innovation Fund 2024 calls officially closed on 24 April and received a remarkable total of 373 project proposals, signalling European industry's unwavering commitment to the EU's journey toward climate neutrality while boosting competitiveness. Under the calls, the Commission will allocate up to €3.4 billion in funding from the revenues of the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) to facilitate the deployment of pioneering clean technologies.

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#### **LIFE Calls for proposals 2025**

LIFE is EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action. LIFE Calls for proposals 2025 were published on 24 April.

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# Nature, climate, and circular economy projects emerge as winners at the 2025 LIFE Awards

The annual LIFE Awards honoured pioneering projects across Europe which restore habitats and wildlife, boost circularity, and help us strengthen climate resilience.

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# **CEF Transport: over €1 billion requested for alternative fuel supply infrastructure**

95 project proposals requesting more than €1 billion in co-funding have been submitted to the CEF Transport Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility (AFIF) by the second cut-off deadline of 11 June 2025.

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#### **Publications**

### EU guidance on ensuring electricity grids are fit for the future

On June 2 2025, the European Commission published new guidance to support anticipatory investments in electricity grids. As the EU moves toward a decarbonized and electrified economy, modernizing the grid is crucial to integrate renewable energy, support electrification, and ensure energy security.

The guidance focuses on:

- Better network planning, based on long-term energy scenarios.
- Smarter regulation, with streamlined approval processes.

• Improved cost frameworks, to incentivize early investment and reduce future bottlenecks.

With €1.2 trillion in investments needed by 2040, the Commission urges Member States and regulators to adopt these recommendations and prepare for future energy demands. A European Grids Package is expected by the end of 2025, with <u>public consultation</u> open until August 5.

More information

# Commission publishes 2025 report on EU blue economy

The report presents the economic performance of the EU blue economy sectors and provides estimations of their economic performance.

More information



### **GREENET** supporting applicants

#### Finding the right (i.e. winning) consortium partners

One of the most frequent questions NCPs are asked is how to find consortium partners. There are several things to maximise your chances of building the right consortium.

Learn more

#### **Funding opportunities and Factsheets**

The GREENET Factsheets concisely and effectively outline the range of partnerships and funding programs available within Cluster 5's thematic areas, in addition to covering topics like the integration of Social Sciences and Humanities. Stay tuned as we continually refresh this list with the latest information to keep you informed and engaged.

More about the factsheets

# 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

# From Idea to Proposal – On-site Training Event for Applicants

On May 19, the GREENET project organized a hands-on training at the Lithuanian Energy Institute to help young researchers improve their Horizon Europe proposal skills. The event, timed alongside the CYSENI conference, brought together 20 participants from 9 countries, including PhD students and newcomers to Horizon Europe.

The training covered key aspects of proposal preparation, such as Horizon Europe rules, templates, risk management, and budgeting, with guidance from experienced NCPs and trainers. Participant feedback highlighted the session's practical value and strong execution.



### **Events and opportunities**



#### **European Research and Innovation Days**

The Commission's flagship research and innovation event brings together policymakers, researchers, stakeholders and the public to debate and shape the future of research and innovation in Europe and beyond.

Find out more



#### **Urban Mobility Days**

The UMD 2025 conference places urban mobility within the context of the new European Union priorities ("A new plan for Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness", "Supporting people, strengthening our societies and our social model").

This will be highlighted by the cross-cutting topics of competitiveness, innovation and tourism throughout the three days of the conference, each dedicated to urban nodes, cycling and public transport.

Find out more

#### Other events

- ERTRAC Conference 2025, 1 July 2025, Brussels, Belgium
- India EV Show 2025, 27-28 June 2025, Chennai, India
- 21st European Symposium on Fluorine Chemistry, 3-9 August 2025, Lisbon, Portugal
- ITS World Congress 2025, 24-28 August 2025, Atlanta, USA
- 5th International Conference on Electrolysis 2025, 25-29 August 2025, Freiburg, Germany
- 2nd Sodium-Ion Technology Research Innovations and Key
  Enhancements (STRIKE) Symposium, 27-29 August 2025, Swansea, UK.
- Cenex Expo 2025, 3-4 September 2025, Millbrook, UK
- CISBAT 2025: The Built Environment in Transition, 3-5 September 2025, Lausanne, Switzerland
- The Faraday Institution Conference 2025, 9-11 September 2025, Warwick, UK

- <u>European Research and Innovation Days</u>, 16-17 September 2025, Brussels, Belgium
- CESB25 Central Europe towards Sustainable Building 2025, 16-19
  September 2025, Prague, Czech Republic
- EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK, 16-22 September 2025
- <u>European Fuel Cells and Hydrogen "PIERO LUNGHI CONFERENCE"</u>
  2025, 17-19 September 2025, Capri, Italy
- <u>European Hydrogen Week</u>, 29 September 3 October 2025, Brussels, Belgium & online
- <u>Future of Road Mobility Forum FORM Forum 2025</u>, 30 September 1
  October 2025, Brussels, Belgium
- <u>Urban Mobility Days 2025</u>, 30 September 2 October 2025, Vilnius, Lithuania
- Rural Energy communities: bridging local action and clean energy transition, 1 October 2025, Vigo, Spain
- Zero Emission Bus Conference 2025, 7-9 October 2025, Brussels
- European Biomethane Week, 13-17 October 2025, Brussels, Belgium
- <u>Energy Storage Global Conference 2025</u>, 14-16 October 2025, Brussels,
  Belgium
- 15th EASN International Conference, 14-17 October 2025, Madrid, Spain
- <u>Transport and Pollution international conference (TaP 2025)</u>, 4-6
  November 2025, Rueil-Malmaison, France
- Hungarian Battery Days, 6-7 November 2025, Budapest, Hungary
- ZBT Hydrogen Energy Symposium 2025, 12 November 2025, Duisburg, Germany
- <u>CLEPA Innovation Awards 2025</u>, 18 November 2025, Brussels
- 6th Future Battery Forum, 25-26 November 2025, Berlin, Germany
- <u>Battery Innovation Days (5th edition)</u>, 2-3 December 2025, Graz, Austria & online
- BEPA 11th General Assembly, 4 December 2025, Graz, Austria & online
- <u>Transport Research Arena (TRA) 2026</u>, 18-21 May 2026, Budapest, Hungary





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