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EU/INT-Förderdepesche (22.10.2026)

Wissenswertes rund um Europäische und internationale Förderprogramme

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EU-TOOLBOX für Antragstellende und ProjektmanagerInnen der UHOH

Ihre Anregungen und Bedarfe aufnehmend, haben wir **alles Wichtige rund um die EU-Antragstellung und Projektimplementierung** in einer **A-Z Toolbox** zusammengestellt. Gern ergänzen wir diese auf Anregung.

1. Ausgewählte aktuelle Förderbekanntmachungen / Calls

EIC Pathfinder Challenge: Biotechnology for Healthy Ageing (HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDER CHALLENGES-01-02) Funding up to 100%, single stage, Deadline **28. Oktober 2026**, 4 Mill €/ Project | Individual or collaborative projects

European Cooperation in Science and Technology – COST Open Call 2026: Themenoffene Förderung neuer europäischer Forschungsnetzwerke. COST finanziert insbesondere Vernetzung, Workshops, Konferenzen, Training Schools, Short-Term Scientific Missions und Maßnahmen für Nachwuchsforschende, nicht jedoch die eigentliche Projektforschung | Multidisziplinäre Ansätze erwünscht. Es sollen ~80 neue COST-Actions finanziert werden | Deadline **28. Oktober 2026**

NEU: Simons Collaborations in Mathematics and the Physical Sciences: Große internationale Forschungskooperationen in den Bereichen Mathematik, theoretische Physik und theoretische Informatik. Einrichtungen außerhalb der USA können sich bewerben; bis zu 2 Mio. US-Dollar pro Jahr über einen Zeitraum von vier Jahren. Letter of Intent: **29. Oktober 2026**, 12:00 Eastern Time | Vollantrag: 24. Februar 2027

NEU: EIT Culture & Creativity: Innovation Projects: Startups, Scale-ups und KMU in den Sektoren Fashion, Architektur und Audiovisuelle Medien werden unterstützt, um validierte Innovationen (TRL 7–9) marktfähig zu machen und zu skalieren. Forschungseinrichtungen und Hochschulen dürfen nur dann teilnehmen, wenn sie einen direkten Beitrag zum Vermarktungsprozess nachweisen können. Deadline **Stage 1 – Concept Validation 30. Oktober 2026**, 17:00 CET | Stage 2 – Feasibility & Commercialisation Planning: 15. März 2027, 17:00 CET

NEU: CIFAR Global Scholars Program: Ein zweijähriges internationales Führungs- und Forschungsprogramm für neue unabhängige Projektleitende, das an ein CIFAR-Forschungsprogramm gekoppelt ist. Besonders relevant für die Bereiche Mikrobiom, One Health, Nachhaltigkeit und Innovationsforschung. Deadline: **4. November 2026**, 12:00 Eastern Standard Time

European Partnership Biodiversa+ BiodivFuture: Transnationale Forschung zu neuartigen Ökosystemen, ihren Biodiversitäts- und sozioökologischen Folgen sowie künftigen Entwicklungspfaden. Mindestens drei förderfähige Partner aus drei finanzierenden Ländern; Deutschland beteiligt sich über DFG und BMFTR/PtJ, deutsche Hochschulen sind förderfähig | Fristen: **Kurzantrag 10. November 2026**, 12:00 CET; Vollantrag 16. April 2027, 12:00 CEST

European Partnership Water4All Joint Transnational Call 2026 – Sustainable Water Management: Forschung und Innovation zu integriertem Monitoring, naturbasierten Ansätzen, resilienter Wasserinfrastruktur sowie Governance. Mindestens drei geförderte Partner aus drei Ländern; deutsche Hochschulen sind über BMFTR förderfähig | Fristen: **Kurzantrag 10. November 2026**, 15:00 CET; Vollantrag 6. April 2027, 15:00 CEST

NEU: EIT FOOD: Future Fit Dairy Initiative Landscape Call sucht nach wissenschaftlich fundierten Kriterien und Bewertungsansätzen für eine regenerative Milchviehhaltung, einschließlich einer Kosten-Nutzen-Analyse. Relevant für die Tierwissenschaften, Agrarökonomie und Nachhaltigkeitsforschung; Deadline **10. November 2026**.

European Partnership Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership – Fourth Joint Transnational Call: Transnationale Forschung zur nachhaltigen blauen Wirtschaft; für Hohenheim besonders relevant sind nachhaltige marine Bioressourcen, Aquakultur, Küstenresilienz und ökosystembasierte Nutzung. Mindestens drei geförderte Partner aus drei teilnehmenden Ländern; Deutschland beteiligt sich über das BMFTR. Der Start ist laut Vorankündigung für den 14. September vorgesehen | Fristen: **Kurzantrag 16. November 2026**, 15:00 CET; Vollantrag 14. Juni 2027

European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions (DUT) Call 2026: Transnationale Verbünde zu zirkulären urbanen Wirtschaftssystemen und Positive Energy Districts; mindestens drei geförderte Partner aus drei Ländern und eine Kommune bzw. lokale Behörde. Deutsche Hochschulen sind grundsätzlich förderfähig, jedoch nur in den durch die deutschen Förderorganisationen geöffneten Themen; nationale Regeln vorab prüfen | Fristen: **Kurzantrag 17. November 2026**, 13:00 CET; Vollantrag 15. April 2027, 13:00 CEST

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – MSCA (European Commission): Doctoral Networks 2026: International, intersectoral and interdisciplinary doctoral programmes in all research fields. | Deadline: **24. November 2026**

NEU: DFG-Schwerpunktprogramm "Combinatorial Synergies" (SPP 2458): Unterstützt Projekte an der Schnittstelle zwischen mathematischer Grundlagenforschung und Anwendungen. Besonders relevant für daten-, modellierungs- und KI-orientierte Forschungsteams in Hohenheim. Deadline: **30. November 2026** (Beratung durch AF2 – Nationale Fördermittelgeber).

NEU: Utilizing the Full Power of Empire AI: Rechenintensive Grundlagenforschung, darunter computergestützte Biologie, Mathematik, Neurowissenschaften und theoretische Physik. Forscher der UHOH können als zusätzlicher Projektleiter im Rahmen eines Untervertrags mitwirken; die Leitung muss bei einer Empire-AI-Mitgliedsinstitution liegen. Deadline: **1. Dezember 2026**, 12:00 Eastern Time

NEU: EIT/EIC – Europäischer Preis für Innovatorinnen 2027: Der European Innovation Council (EIC) und das European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) vergeben 2027 den European Prize for Women Innovators. Ausgezeichnet werden Gründerinnen, junge Innovatorinnen unter 35 Jahren sowie Frauen aus der EIT-Community, die mit Innovationen und unternehmerischem Engagement neue Lösungen entwickeln. Deadline: **1. Dezember 2026**, 17:00 CET

European Partnership FOREST: JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS 'FOREST Pathways | Building Knowledge and Solutions for Resilient Forests and Sustainable Forest-Based Futures': TOPIC 1 – Climate-Resilient Forest Systems ("How forests function and respond to climate change"); TOPIC 2 – Adaptive and Multifunctional Forest Management Systems ("How forests should be managed under changing conditions"); TOPIC 3 – Timber and Innovative Wood-Based Products ("How wood is transformed into innovative products"); TOPIC 4 – Forest Value Chains, Markets and Governance ("How forest-based sectors, markets and governance are organised") | Deadline for submission of pre-proposals: **02. Dezember 2026** | Antragstellende konsultieren den dt. Projektträger PtJ bis zum **17.11.2026** | Deadline Vollantrag nach Aufforderung: 02.06.2027

NEU: Simons Postdoctoral Fellowships in Plant Biology: Dreijährige Postdoktorandenstipendien im Bereich Pflanzenbiologie, bis zu 360.000 US-Dollar. Für die UHOH als Mobilitätsoption relevant: Die Fördermittel werden an eine gemeinnützige Gastinstitution in den USA vergeben, nicht an die UHOH. Deadline: **3. Dezember 2026**, 12:00 Eastern Time

Daimler & Benz Stiftung: Ladenburger Horizonte fördert klar definierte Forschungskooperationen zwischen deutschen und afrikanischen Einrichtungen. Die Fördermaßnahme bezieht sich auf ausgewählte Regionen in Ost-, West- und Subsahara-Afrika (Westsahara, Marokko, Algerien, Tunesien, Libyen, Ägypten und Südafrika fallen nicht unter diese Ausschreibung) | max. 300.000 EUR (mind. mindestens 60% davon für afrikanische Partner) | min 2,5 Jahre Projektlaufzeit | Deadline: **15. Dezember 2026** | Support Dr. Hege, AF2)

European Research Council: **ERC Consolidator Grant 2027**: Das Antragsberechtigungsfenster wurde auf 5-15 Jahre nach Promotion erweitert. Themenoffene Förderung für **wissenschaftlich bahnbrechende, risikoreiche und potenziell das wissenschaftliche Feld transformierende Forschungsprojekte**. Budget bis zu 2 Mio. Euro für 5 Jahre, mit möglicher Zusatzfinanzierung für besondere Anschaffungen/ Aktivitäten | Deadline **12. Januar 2027**

NEU: IKI Medium Grants 2026 (International Climate Initiative): Das Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (BMUKN) startet die siebte Förderrunde der IKI Medium Grants (IMG). Die IKI unterstützt Vorhaben, die zur Umsetzung des Pariser Klimaschutzabkommens und der Biodiversitätskonvention in Entwicklungs- und Schwellenländern beitragen. Lokale Partnerorganisation im Globalen Süden ist verpflichtend. Für UHOH ist besonders der „Themenschwerpunkt I: Klimawende vor Ort: Mit Green Skills zum Erfolg" relevant. Deadline: **12. Januar 2027**, 11:59 CET (Beratung durch AF2 – Nationale Fördermittelgeber).

NEU: European Partnershiop FutureFoodS: Pre-announcement of the 3rd co-funded call for transnational research and innovation projects "GETS - Getting Everyone Together for Sustainable food systems: empowered consumers, innovative sustainable products and trusted value chains" | Vorankündigung zu Forschung und Innovation in den Bereichen vertrauenswürdige, transparente und nachhaltige Wertschöpfungsketten, Verbraucherrechte und innovative Lebensmittelverarbeitung. Deutschland (BMFTR/PTJ) finanziert voraussichtlich nur den „Topic 3: Innovative processing for sustainable, safe and nutritious food products" | Veröffentlichung: Anfang November 2026 | Deadline **Skizze Mitte Januar 2027** | Vollantrag Ende Juni 2027

NEU: EUREKA – Globalstars Call with Japan 2026: Die Ausschreibung ermöglicht bi- und multilaterale Projekte mit Partnerinnen und Partnern aus Japan. Die Mindestvoraussetzung für Konsortien ist, dass je ein Unternehmen aus einem der beteiligten Eureka-Länder und aus Japan beteiligt ist. Für deutsche Projektpartnerinnen und -partner stellt das Bundesministerium für Forschung, Technologie und Raumfahrt (BMFTR) Fördermittel für Projekte in den Bereichen Cybersicherheit, Kommunikationstechnologien, Künstliche Intelligenz und Software-Engineering bereit. | Deadline **20. Januar 2027** (Beratung durch AF2 – Nationale Fördermittelgeber).

NEU: NIH - Collaborative International Research Project (PF5): Zur Förderung internationaler Forschungskooperationen vergibt das NIH inländische Hauptzuschüsse in Verbindung mit unabhängigen ausländischen Zuschüssen, die mit dem Hauptzuschuss verknüpft sind. Die federführende Antragstellerorganisation muss in den USA ansässig sein, und PF5-Anträge müssen mindestens ein ausländisches Teilprojekt enthalten. | Nächster Deadline **25. Januar 2027**; weitere Deadlines: 25. Mai 2027, 25. September 2027.

NEU: Baden-Württemberg Stiftung – Internationale Spitzenforschung: Gefördert werden Projekte von international hochkarätigen Forschungsgruppen aus Baden-Württemberg gefördert, die für ihr Gelingen und eine besondere Qualität in Kooperation mit einem internationalen Spitzenwissenschaftler bzw. einer internationalen Spitzenwissenschaftlerin realisiert werden. Auch die Zusammenarbeit mit mehreren Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftlern ist möglich. Das Vorhaben muss in die strategische Ausrichtung der Hochschule passen und einen hohen Innovationsgrad aufweisen. | Deadline **1. Februar 2027**, 23:59 Uhr (Beratung durch C. Callenius, AF4).

NEU: EUREKA – Eurostars-Ausschreibungen (themenoffen): Dieses Förderprogramm richtet sich speziell an innovative KMU. Es fördert bi- und multilaterale Projekte, bei denen KMU die Federführung haben. Bei Bedarf können KMU auch Forschungseinrichtungen, Hochschulen oder Großunternehmen in die grenzüberschreitenden Projekte einbinden. Eurostars-Anträge können in der Regel zu **zwei Stichtagen pro Jahr** eingereicht werden. | Nächster Stichtag: **4. März 2027** (14:00 CET) (Beratung durch AF2 – Nationale Fördermittelgeber).

NEU: DAAD-PRIME-Programm für Fördermittel für internationale Mobilität von Postdoktoranden mit einer Rückkehrphase an einer deutschen Hochschule oder Forschungseinrichtung. Das Programm bietet eine befristete Stelle (TV-L E13) mit einer Laufzeit von 18

Monaten, bestehend aus einem 12-monatigen Forschungsaufenthalt im Ausland und einer 6-monatigen obligatorischen Integrationsphase an einer deutschen Hochschule. Deadline **15. April 2027** (Beratung durch das Akademische Auslandsamt).

European Molecular Biology Organization – EMBO Scientific Exchange Grants: Kurzfristige internationale Forschungsaufenthalte zum Aufbau neuer Kooperationen, zum Transfer von Methoden und Fachwissen oder zur Nutzung von Infrastruktur, die am Heimatinstitut nicht verfügbar ist. Relevante Felder umfassen molekulare und zelluläre Biologie, Pflanzenwissenschaften, Mikrobiologie, Evolution, Ökologie und verwandte Lebenswissenschaften | Aufenthalte von 7 Tagen -3 Monaten Mittel für Reise und Lebensunterhalt beantragen. Anträge werden ganzjährig angenommen (min. drei Monate vor Reisebeginn einreichen) | **keine feste Deadline; Einreichung jederzeit.**

Advanced Research and Invention Agency (ARIA, UK) Rolling Opportunity Seeds: Förderung für risikoreiche Forschungsprojekte in den Bereichen *Mathematics for Safe AI*, *Nature Computes Better,* und *Scoping Our Planet* (KI-Sicherheit, bio-inspirierte Systeme, Erdbeobachtung); offen für internationale Antragsteller einschließlich Deutschland, sofern eine klare Umsetzung im Vereinigten Königreich oder ein deutlicher UK-Impact gegeben ist | keine feste Deadline; **Einreichung jederzeit**, bis ~£500k pro Projekt.

NEU: Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership: Rolling Transnational Access Call to Research Infrastructures: Finanzierter Zugang zu rund 50 europäischen Meeres- und maritimen Forschungsinfrastrukturen, darunter Labore, Testanlagen, Schiffe und digitale Infrastrukturen. Die Zugangskosten werden übernommen; die Personal- und Reisekosten jedoch nicht; **Einreichung jederzeit**, offen bis 29. Februar 2028; Begutachtung etwa alle vier Monate.

NEU: DFG-Walter Benjamin-Programm: ermöglicht es Wissenschaftler*innen in der Qualifizierungsphase im Anschluss an die Promotion, ein eigenes Forschungsvorhaben am Ort ihrer Wahl selbständig umzusetzen. Das Vorhaben kann an einer Forschungseinrichtung in Deutschland oder im Ausland durchgeführt werden, wobei die gastgebende Einrichtung das Vorhaben unterstützt. Eine Förderung im Ausland kann nur erfolgen, sofern Wissenschaftler*innen in das deutsche Wissenschaftssystem integriert sind. Dies ist der Fall, wenn sie unmittelbar vor der Antragstellung mindestens drei Jahre während der Promotions- und/oder Postdoc-Phase ununterbrochen wissenschaftlich in Deutschland gearbeitet haben. Dauer der Förderung: i.d.R. bis zu 2 Jahren. Offen für alle Fachrichtungen | keine feste Deadline: **Einreichung jederzeit** (Beratung durch AF2 – Nationale Fördermittelgeber).

NEU: Wellcome Trust: Wellcome Discovery Awards: Mittel für etablierte Forschende und Forschungsteams aller Fachrichtungen, die mutige und kreative Forschungsideen verfolgen möchten, um das Verständnis in Bezug auf das menschliche Leben, die Gesundheit und das Wohlbefinden entscheidend voranzubringen. Discovery Awards sind im Schnitt £3,5 Mio wert und dauern von 3 bis 8 Jahre (im Schnitt 7 Jahre). Ab dem 29.10.2026 werden nur Anträge von Hauptantragstellenden akzeptiert, die bei förderfähigen Durchführungsorganisationen im Vereinigten Königreich sowie in Ländern mit niedrigem und mittlerem Einkommen in Afrika, Südasien und Südostasien ansässig sind. Der Hauptstandort der Forschungsarbeiten, einschließlich der Leitung des Programms, muss sich im Vereinigten Königreich, in der Republik Irland und/oder in einem Land mit niedrigem oder mittlerem Einkommen befinden. UHOH-Forschende können sich als „Coapplicants" teilnehmen. **Einreichung jederzeit**.

Horizon Europe (HE) Arbeitsprogramm 2026/27 >>> Call-Suche mit Stichworten

HE Cluster 1 - Health, verschiedene Deadlines, e.g.

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-05: Development of novel small molecule antiviral therapeutics for pathogens with epidemic potential: Deadline **13 April 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-08: Development of innovative antimicrobials against pathogens resistant to antimicrobials: Deadline **13 April 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-10: Prevention and management of chronic non-communicable diseases in children and young people (GACD): Deadline **13 April 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE-01-two-stage: Innovative healthcare interventions for non-communicable diseases: Deadline: **13 April 2027** | Two-stage

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-TOOL-01-two-stage: Development of predictive biomarkers of disease progression and treatment response by using AI methodologies for chronic non-communicable diseases: deadline: **13 April 2027** | Two-stage

HE Cluster 2 - Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society: verschiedene Deadlines, e.g.

NEU: HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-01: Impact of access to nature-positive environments in promoting social cohesion and reducing inequalities in urban and peri-urban settings: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-02: Impact of in-kind benefits on income distribution and on vulnerable populations: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-03: Rethinking sustainable competitiveness beyond traditional perspectives: role and contribution of the Social Economy: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-04: The impact of EU labour mobility on the Member States of the EU: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-03: Crafting routes to a circular economy: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-04: Addressing the impact of artificial intelligence, cyberviolence, and deepfakes on equality, democracy and inclusive societies: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

HE Cluster 3 - Civil security for society: verschiedene Deadlines, e.g.

HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-DRS-02: Societal resilience, engagement of the younger generations and digital innovation for disaster resilience: Deadline: **4 November 2027** | Single-stage

HE Cluster 5 - Climate, energy and mobility: e.g.

HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1-13: Generation scenarios for informing climate and sustainability transitions: Deadline: **04. März 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1-10: Understanding and avoiding maladaptation to climate change: Deadline: **04. März 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D3-10: Renewable Energy Valleys in Africa to increase energy security and energy access in Africa: Deadline: **31. März 2027** | Single-stage

HE Cluster 6 - Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-01-two-stage: Strengthening plant health: addressing emerging plant pest risks: Deadline **08 April 2027 (Skizze)**| Two-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-02-two-stage: Optimising the water-nutrient-energy nexus for sustainable and climate smart agriculture in Africa (FNSSA): Deadline: **08 April 2027 (Skizze)** | Two-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-02: Improving analytical capacity for sustainable competitiveness of the agricultural sector: Deadline **11 May 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-03: International dimension of the circular bio-based economy: seeking win-win opportunities: Deadline **11 May 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-05: Increasing knowledge flows to practice within AKIS via EU thematic knowledge hubs: Deadline **11 May 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-05: Accelerating the transition to a nature positive economy: Integrating biodiversity into the private sector: Deadline: **22 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-09: Enhancing the competitiveness of organic crop breeding: focus on intercropping adapted varieties: Deadline **22 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-06: Towards a Europe of Bioeconomy Places: Deadline **22 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-07: Improving biomass flows for a sustainable and circular bioeconomy: Deadline **22 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-09: Increasing the circularity of bio-based sector: upcycling and recycling for higher value and environmental benefits: Deadline **22 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-02: Increasing mitigation of GHG emissions and feed efficiency through feed additives: Deadline **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-03: Microbiome for terrestrial livestock sustainability and health within a One Health approach: Deadline **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-04 (CSA): Improving understanding of the contribution of the organic farming sector to sustainability: Deadline **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-05: Enhancing farmer's profitability and resilience through innovations for diversified crops and value chains: Deadline: **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-07: Towards commercialization of food systems microbiome solutions: Deadline **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-08: AI-powered foodome characterization: Deadline **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-09: African Union – European Union Partnership on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA): Deadline **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-02: Strengthening evidence-based policies for the resilience of European agriculture and forestry and related supply chains against crises and systemic risks: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

NEU: HORIZON EUROPE Horizontal Activities: Nature & Bridging Actions >>> Call-Suche mit Stichworten

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-01: Understanding the nature and the extent of the effects of PFAS on biodiversity and ecosystem services: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-02: Better understanding, anticipating and addressing the biodiversity benefits and impacts of the clean and digital industries: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-03: Systemic approaches to accelerate transformative change for biodiversity: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-01: Assessing direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity decline of invertebrates: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-02: Living labs co-creating solutions for the restoration of ecosystems addressing implementation bottlenecks and improving resilience to risks: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-03: Networking to scale up living labs for nature restoration solutions and to address bottlenecks to implementation: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-04: Innovative solutions to fight wildlife trafficking and to reduce invasion of invasive alien species: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-05: Cost-effective biodiversity monitoring for EU policies: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-02-05: Advancing promising results from Pillar II collaborative research through the innovation journey: **Deadline: 28. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-06-02: Valorising Horizon project results via innovation ecosystems: **Deadline: 16. Februar 2027** | single-stage

2. Förderprogramm des Monats Oktober: Neue EU-INT-Seed Funding

Die UHOH-Richtlinie zur EU-Anschubfinanzierung wurde angepasst. Hier finden Sie einen **Überblick** über die Neuerungen.

Neue UHOH-Richtlinie zur Anschubfinanzierung für die Vorbereitung von EU/INT-Anträgen und ERC-Grants

Hintergrund: ERC-Grants und von der Universität Hohenheim koordinierte internationale oder EU-Verbundprojekte mit mindestens 750.000 € UHOH-Förderanteil sind von herausragender strategischer Bedeutung für die UHOH. Aufgrund des deutlich gestiegenen Antragsaufkommens wird **die bisherige Anschubfinanzierung neu ausgerichtet** und **ist ab sofort gültig**. Laufende Anträge sind von dieser Regelung nicht betroffen.

- **Koordination von Verbundanträgen bei Ausschreibungen der EU und der internationalen Fördermittelgeber):** Für die Vorbereitung von EU- und internationalen Verbundanträgen können Koordinator*innen bis zu **5.000 €** beantragen. Für besonders komplexe oder strategisch relevante Koordinationen sind bei begründetem Bedarf zusätzliche Mittel möglich (Antragsformular).
- **ERC-Grants: Das neue Förderpaket umfasst folgende Instrumente:**
  1. einen UHOH-internen ERC-StG/CoG-Workshop im Januar jeden Jahres,
  2. individuelles externes Coaching bis **3.000 €** nach Prüfung des Konzepts und des CV (Template),
  3. Anschubmittel für notwendige Vorstudien (Budget- und bedarfsabhängig) (Antragsformular-ERC),
  4. bis zu **2.500 €** für die Interviewvorbereitung nach Einladung.

Verwendungsrichtlinien: Die durch das MWK und die UHOH zur Verfügung gestellten Mittel dürfen ausschließlich für die Antragsvorbereitung verwendet werden – die Einbindung externer Beratungsfirmen ist (mit Ausnahme des ERC-Coachings) grundsätzlich ausgeschlossen. Erfolgt keine Einreichung mit UHOH, sind Fachgebietsleitung und EU-Office umgehend zu informieren; die Mittel können in diesem Fall zurückgefordert werden.

Antragstellung: Bitte senden Sie die ausgefüllten Anträge an eu-grants@uni-hohenheim.de.

Bei weiteren Fragen wenden Sie sich gerne an das EU-Office: eu-grants@uni-hohenheim.de.

3. Für Projekt-KoordinatorInnen & ManagerInnen

- Monatliches Vernetzungstreffen EU&Lunch: Montag, **7. Dezember 2026**, 12:00 – 13:00 Uhr (Online)
  Thema: wird noch mitgeteilt.

  Zoom-Link: https://uni-hohenheim.zoom-x.de/j/4592459043?pwd=Y1JsRHRjcFo2SnRuRGQvUXMwMW1RUT09

4. Fortbildung und Events der Nationalen EU-Kontaktstellen (NKS)

- Online-Seminarreihe RP Aktiv Modul 3 „Der Antrag auf der Zielgeraden“**, 02. Dezember 2026**, 10:00 – 11:30 Uhr

5. Aktuelles und Wissenswertes

- **Biohub: Virtual Biology Initiative** – Internationale Forschungskooperation: Biohub erweitert seine Virtual Biology Initiative, um KI-gestützte biologische Forschung durch offene, standardisierte biologische Datensätze voranzutreiben. Internationale Forschende sind eingeladen, Möglichkeiten zur Zusammenarbeit zu prüfen.
- **Die EU-Kommission will mit einer neuen Initiative Investitionen eine nachhaltige Wasserwirtschaft beschleunigen und begleitet dafür 20 Pilotprojekte.** Weitere Informationen erhalten Sie auf der Seite der EU-Kommission. (22.10.2026)
- EU Rat stellt Zugang zu Horizont Europa für Ungarische Universitäten wieder her (22.10.2026)
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- **Aktualisiertes kommentiertes Antragstemplate für 2026/2027** für Forschungs- und Innovationsmaßnahmen (RIA) und Innovationsmaßnahmen (IA) der Nationalen Kontaktstellen für Horizon Europe (Stand: August 2026)
- Neues Factsheet zu Cluster 2 „Kultur, Kreativität und inklusive Gesellschaft": Relevante Ergebnisse und Zahlen zur Forschungsförderung in diesem Cluster zeigen die weitreichende Bedeutung, die Sozial- und Geisteswissenschaften in der Forschung.

6. Service, Kontakt, Feedback und Anregungen

Sie suchen **die neuesten Referenzdokumente für HORIZON-Calls** und/ oder haben Anregungen, wie der Service für EU- und internationale Förderanträge und die Projektimplementierung verbessert werden kann?

- Nutzen Sie unsere **EU-Toolbox für Förderanträge und Projektmanagement** – wir ergänzen diese gern
- Nutzen Sie unsere **„Wunschbox"** für allgemeine Verbesserungsvorschläge
- Rufen Sie uns an: -24615 / -24688
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- Nutzen Sie unsere **Veranstaltungsangebote** oder **laden Sie uns zu Ihren Events ein**, falls Sie EU-spezifische Informationen für einen größeren Kreis wünschen.

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EU-TOOLBOX for Applicants and Project Managers at the UHOH

Taking your various suggestions and needs into account, we compiled information and guidelines you might need for your EU application and project implementation into an **A-Z Toolbox**, which we happily extend or adapt based on your feedback.

1. Selected Research Funding Options / Calls

EIC Pathfinder Challenge: Biotechnology for Healthy Ageing (HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDER CHALLENGES-01-02) Funding up to 100%, single stage, deadline **28 October 2026**, EUR 4 million/project | Individual or collaborative projects

European Cooperation in Science and Technology – COST Open Call 2026: Bottom-up funding for new European research networks. COST primarily funds networking, workshops, conferences, Training Schools, Short-Term Scientific Missions and measures for early-career researchers, but not the research itself | Multidisciplinary approaches are encouraged. Around 80 new COST Actions are expected to be funded | Deadline: **28 October 2026**

NEW: Simons Collaborations in Mathematics and the Physical Sciences: Major international research collaborations in the fields of mathematics, theoretical physics and theoretical computer science. Organisations outside the US are eligible to apply; up to US$2 million per year over a period of four years. Letter of Intent: **29 October 2026**, 12:00 Eastern Time | Full proposal: 24 February 2027

NEW: EIT Culture & Creativity: Innovation Projects: Start-ups, scale-ups and SMEs in the fashion, architecture and audiovisual media sectors will receive support to make validated innovations (TRL 7–9) market-ready and to scale them up. Research organisations and universities may only participate if they can demonstrate a direct contribution to the commercialisation process. Deadline **Stage 1 – Concept Validation: 30 October 2026**, 17:00 CET | Stage 2 – Feasibility & Commercialisation Planning: 15 March 2027, 17:00 CET

NEW: CIFAR Global Scholars Program: A two-year international leadership and research programme for new independent project leaders, linked to a CIFAR research programme. Particularly relevant to the fields of the microbiome, One Health, sustainability and innovation research. Deadline: **4 November 2026**, 12:00 Eastern Standard Time

European Partnership Biodiversa+ BiodivFuture: Transnational research on novel ecosystems, their biodiversity and socio-ecological impacts, and future development pathways. At least three eligible partners from three funding countries; Germany participates through DFG and BMFTR/PtJ, and German universities are eligible | Deadlines: Pre-proposal **10 November 2026**, 12:00 CET; full proposal 16 April 2027, 12:00 CEST

European Partnership Water4All Joint Transnational Call 2026 – Sustainable Water Management: Research and innovation on integrated monitoring, nature-based approaches, resilient water infrastructure and governance. At least three funded partners from three countries; German universities are eligible through BMFTR | Deadlines: **pre-proposal 10 November 2026**, 15:00 CET; full proposal 6 April 2027, 15:00 CEST

NEW: EIT FOOD: Future Fit Dairy Initiative Landscape Call funds scientifically sound criteria and evaluation approaches for regenerative dairy farming, including a cost-benefit analysis. Relevant to animal sciences, agricultural economics and sustainability research; Deadline **10 November 2026**.

European Partnership Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership – Fourth Joint Transnational Call: Transnational research on the sustainable blue economy; particularly relevant for Hohenheim are sustainable marine bioresources, aquaculture, coastal resilience and ecosystem-based use. At least three funded partners from three participating countries; Germany participates through BMFTR. According to the pre-announcement, the call is scheduled to launch on 14 September | Deadlines: **pre-proposal 16 November 2026**, 15:00 CET; full proposal 14 June 2027

European Partnership Driving Urban Transitions (DUT) Call 2026: Transnational consortia on circular urban economies and Positive Energy Districts; at least three funded partners from three countries and one municipality or local authority. German universities are generally eligible, but only under topics opened by the German funding organisations; national rules should be checked in advance | Deadlines: **pre-proposal 17 November 2026**, 13:00 CET; full proposal 15 April 2027, 13:00 CEST

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – MSCA (European Commission): Doctoral Networks 2026: International, intersectoral and interdisciplinary doctoral programmes in all research fields. | Deadline: **24 November 2026**

NEW: DFG Priority Programme "Combinatorial Synergies" (SPP 2458) supports projects at the interface between fundamental mathematical research and its applications. Particularly relevant for data-, modelling- and AI-oriented research teams in Hohenheim. Deadline: **30 November 2026** (Support by AF2).

NEW: Utilizing the Full Power of Empire AI: Computationally intensive basic research, including computational biology, mathematics, neuroscience and theoretical physics. Researchers from the UHOH may participate as additional project leaders under a subcontract; the lead must be held by an Empire AI member institution. Deadline: **1 Dezember 2026**, 12:00 Eastern Time

NEW: **EIT/EIC – European Prize for Women Innovators 2027**: The European Innovation Council (EIC) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) will award the European Prize for Women Innovators in 2027. The award recognises female founders, young female innovators under the age of 35, and women from the EIT community who are developing new solutions through innovation and entrepreneurial commitment. Deadline: **1 December 2026**, 17:00 CET

European Partnership FOREST: JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS 'FOREST Pathways | Building Knowledge and Solutions for Resilient Forests and Sustainable Forest-Based Futures': TOPIC 1 – Climate-Resilient Forest Systems ("How forests function and respond to climate change"); TOPIC 2 – Adaptive and Multifunctional Forest Management Systems ("How forests should be managed under changing conditions"); TOPIC 3 – Timber and Innovative Wood-Based Products ("How wood is transformed into innovative products"); TOPIC 4 – Forest Value Chains, Markets and Governance ("How forest-based sectors, markets and governance are organised") | Deadline Pre-proposals: **02 December 2026** | Applicants must consult the German Project Management Agency PtJ until **17.11.2026** | Deadline full proposal upon invitation: 02.06.2027

NEW: **Simons Postdoctoral Fellowships in Plant Biology**: Three-year postdoctoral fellowships in the field of plant biology, worth up to 360,000 US dollars. Relevant to the UHOH as a mobility option: the funding is awarded to a non-profit host institution in the USA, not to the UHOH. Deadline: **3 December 2026**, 12:00 Eastern Time

Daimler & Benz Foundation: Ladenburger Horizonte funds clearly defined research collaborations between German and African institutions. The funding initiative covers selected regions in East, West and Sub-Saharan Africa (Western Sahara, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt and South Africa are not covered by this call) | max. EUR 300,000 (at least 60% for African partners) | minimum project duration 2.5 years | Deadline: **15 December 2026** | Support: Dr Hege, AF2)

European Research Council: **ERC Consolidator Grant 2027: The eligibility window has been extended to 5–15 years after the PhD.** Bottom-up funding for **scientifically ground-breaking, high-risk research projects with the potential to change the scientific field. Budget** of up to EUR 2 million for five years, with possible additional funding for specific purchases/activities | Call opens on 24 September 2026; deadline **12 January 2027**

NEW: **IKI Medium Grants 2026 (International Climate Initiative)**: The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN) is launching the seventh funding round of the IKI Medium Grants (IMG). The IKI supports projects that contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity in developing and emerging economies. A local partner organisation in the Global South is mandatory. For UHOH, 'Thematic Focus I: Local Climate Action: Achieving Success through Green Skills' is particularly relevant. Deadline: **12 January 2027**, 11:59 CET (Support by AF2).

NEW: **European Partnershiop FutureFoodS: Pre-announcement of the 3rd co-funded call for transnational research and innovation projects "GETS - Getting Everyone Together for Sustainable food systems: empowered consumers, innovative sustainable products and trusted value chains"** | Advance notice regarding research and innovation in the areas of trustworthy, transparent and sustainable value chains, consumer rights and innovative food processing. Germany (BMFTR/PTJ) is expected to fund only 'Topic 3: Innovative processing for sustainable, safe and nutritious food products' | Publication: early November 2026 | Deadline **Pre-Proposal mid-January 2027** | Full proposal: End of June 2027

NEW: **EUREKA – Globalstars Call with Japan 2026**: This call for proposals is open to bilateral and multilateral projects involving partners from Japan. The minimum requirement for consortia is that they must include one company from each of the participating Eureka countries and one from Japan. For German project partners, the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) provides funding for projects in the fields of cyber security, communications technologies, artificial intelligence and software engineering | Deadline **20 January 2027** (Support by AF2).

NEW: **NIH - Collaborative International Research Project (PF5)**: To promote international research collaboration, the NIH awards domestic core grants in conjunction with independent foreign grants that are linked to the core grant. The lead applicant organisation must be based in the USA, and PF5 applications must include at least one foreign sub-project | next Deadline **25 January 2027**; further Deadlines: 25 May 2027, 25 September 2027.

NEW: **Baden-Württemberg Foundation – International Cutting-Edge Research**: Funding is provided for projects carried out by internationally renowned research groups from Baden-Württemberg, which are realised in collaboration with a leading international scientist and are characterised by their success and exceptional quality. Collaboration with several scientists is also possible. The project must align with the university's strategic direction and demonstrate a high degree of innovation | Deadline **1 February 2027**, 23:59h (Support C. Callenius, AF4).

NEW: **EUREKA – Eurostars Calls (open topic)**: This funding programme is specifically aimed at innovative SMEs. It supports bilateral and multilateral projects led by SMEs. Where necessary, SMEs may also involve research organisations, universities or large enterprises in these cross-border projects. Eurostars applications can generally be submitted on **two deadlines per year** | Next deadline: **4 March 2027** (14:00 CET) (Support by AF2).

NEW: **DAAD-PRIME-Programm** for funding to support the international mobility of postdoctoral researchers, including a return phase at a German university or research institution. The programme offers a fixed-term post (TV-L E13) lasting 18 months, comprising a 12-month research stay abroad and a compulsory 6-month integration phase at a German university. Deadline **15 April 2027** (Support by International Office).

Horizon Europe Bridging Actions 2027: New cross-programme calls to advance mature results from Horizon Europe Pillar II projects and bring them to use. Particularly relevant to agri-food systems, bioeconomy and health. | **Opening: 20 October 2026 | Deadlines: 28 January and 16 February 2027**

European Molecular Biology Organization – EMBO Scientific Exchange Grants: Short-term international research stays to establish new collaborations, transfer methods and expertise, or use infrastructure not available at the home institution. Relevant fields include molecular and cellular biology, plant sciences, microbiology, evolution, ecology and related life sciences | For stays of 7 days to 3 months, funding can be requested for travel and subsistence. Applications are accepted year-round (submit at least three months before travel begins) | No fixed deadline; **applications may be submitted at any time**

Advanced Research and Invention Agency (ARIA, UK) Rolling Opportunity Seeds: Funding for high-risk research projects in *Mathematics for Safe AI*, *Nature Computes Better* and *Scoping Our Planet* (AI safety, bio-inspired systems, Earth observation); open to international applicants including those from Germany, provided there is clear implementation in the United Kingdom or a clear UK impact | No **fixed deadline; submissions possible at any** time, rolling review in 2026, up to ~£500k per project)

NEW: Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership: Rolling Transnational Access Call to Research Infrastructures: Funded access to around 50 European marine and maritime research infrastructures, including laboratories, test facilities, vessels and digital infrastructures. Access costs are covered; however, staff and travel costs are not; **applications may be submitted at any time**, open until 29 February 2028; reviews take place approximately every four months.

NEW: DFG-Walter Benjamin-Programme: enables researchers in the early-career phase following their PhD to independently carry out their own research project at a location of their choice. The project may be carried out at a research institution in Germany or abroad, with the host institution providing support for the project. Funding for projects abroad is only available if researchers are integrated into the German research system. This is the case if, immediately prior to submitting their application, they have worked continuously in a research capacity in Germany for at least three years during their doctoral and/or postdoctoral phase. Duration of funding: generally up to 2 years. no fixed deadline: **applications may be submitted at any time** (Support by AF2).

NEW: Wellcome Trust: Wellcome Discovery Awards: Funding for established researchers and research teams across all disciplines who wish to pursue bold and creative research ideas to significantly advance our understanding of human life, health and wellbeing. Discovery Awards are worth an average of £3.5 million and run for between 3 and 8 years (7 years on average). From 29 October 2026, only applications from principal investigators based at eligible implementing organisations in the United Kingdom and in low- and middle-income countries in Africa, South Asia and South-East Asia will be accepted. The main location of the research activities, including programme management, must be in the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and/or a low- or middle-income country. UHOH researchers may participate as 'co-applicants' | **applications may be submitted at any time**

Horizon Europe (HE) Work Programme 2026/27 >>> Call-Search with keywords

HE Cluster 1 - Health, various deadlines, e.g.

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-10: Prevention and management of chronic non-communicable diseases in children and young people (GACD): Deadline **13 April 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE-01-two-stage: Innovative healthcare interventions for non-communicable diseases: Deadline: **13 April 2027** | Two-stage

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-TOOL-01-two-stage: Development of predictive biomarkers of disease progression and treatment response by using AI methodologies for chronic non-communicable diseases: Deadline: **13 April 2027** | Two-stage

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-05: Development of novel small molecule antiviral therapeutics for pathogens with epidemic potential: Deadline **13 April 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-08: Development of innovative antimicrobials against pathogens resistant to antimicrobials: Deadline **13 April 2027** | Single-stage

HE Cluster 2 - Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society: various Deadlines, e.g.

NEU: HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-01: Impact of access to nature-positive environments in promoting social cohesion and reducing inequalities in urban and peri-urban settings: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-02: Impact of in-kind benefits on income distribution and on vulnerable populations: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-03: Rethinking sustainable competitiveness beyond traditional perspectives: role and contribution of the Social Economy: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-04: The impact of EU labour mobility on the Member States of the EU: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-03: Crafting routes to a circular economy: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-04: Addressing the impact of artificial intelligence, cyberviolence, and deepfakes on equality, democracy and inclusive societies: Deadline: **23 Sept. 2027** | Single-stage

HE Cluster 3 - Civil security for society: various Deadlines, e.g.

HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-DRS-02: Societal resilience, engagement of the younger generations and digital innovation for disaster resilience: Deadline: **4 November 2027** | Single-stage

HE Cluster 5 - Climate, energy and mobility: e.g.

HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1-13: Generation scenarios for informing climate and sustainability transitions: Deadline: **04 March 2027**

HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1-10: Understanding and avoiding maladaptation to climate change: Deadline: **04 March 2027**

HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D3-10: Renewable Energy Valleys in Africa to increase energy security and energy access in Africa: Deadline: **31 March 2027**

HE Cluster 6 - Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-01-two-stage: Strengthening plant health: addressing emerging plant pest risks: Deadline: **08 April 2027** | Two-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-02-two-stage: Optimising the water-nutrient-energy nexus for sustainable and climate smart agriculture in Africa (FNSSA): Deadline: **08 April 2027** | Two-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-02: Improving analytical capacity for sustainable competitiveness of the agricultural sector: Deadline **11 May 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-03: International dimension of the circular bio-based economy: seeking win-win opportunities: Deadline **11 May 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-05: Increasing knowledge flows to practice within AKIS via EU thematic knowledge hubs: Deadline **11 May 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-05: Accelerating the transition to a nature positive economy: Integrating biodiversity into the private sector: Deadline e: **22 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-09: Enhancing the competitiveness of organic crop breeding: focus on intercropping adapted varieties: Deadline **22 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-06: Towards a Europe of Bioeconomy Places: Deadline **22 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-07: Improving biomass flows for a sustainable and circular bioeconomy: Deadline **22 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-09: Increasing the circularity of bio-based sector: upcycling and recycling for higher value and environmental benefits: Deadline **22 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-02: Increasing mitigation of GHG emissions and feed efficiency through feed additives: Deadline **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-03 Microbiome for terrestrial livestock sustainability and health within a One Health approach: | Deadline **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-04 (CSA): Improving understanding of the contribution of the organic farming sector to sustainability: Deadline **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-05: Enhancing farmer's profitability and resilience through innovations for diversified crops and value chains: Deadline: **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-07: Towards commercialization of food systems microbiome solutions | **23 September 2027**

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-08: AI-powered foodome characterization: Deadline **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-09: African Union – European Union Partnership on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA): Deadline **23 September 2027** | Single-stage

NEU: HORIZON EUROPE Horizontal Activities: Nature & Bridging Actions >>> Call-Suche mit Stichworten

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-01: Understanding the nature and the extent of the effects of PFAS on biodiversity and ecosystem services: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-02: Better understanding, anticipating and addressing the biodiversity benefits and impacts of the clean and digital industries: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-03: Systemic approaches to accelerate transformative change for biodiversity: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-01: Assessing direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity decline of invertebrates: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-02: Living labs co-creating solutions for the restoration of ecosystems addressing implementation bottlenecks and improving resilience to risks: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-03: Networking to scale up living labs for nature restoration solutions and to address bottlenecks to implementation: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-04: Innovative solutions to fight wildlife trafficking and to reduce invasion of invasive alien species: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-05: Cost-effective biodiversity monitoring for EU policies: **Deadline: 14. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-02-05: Advancing promising results from Pillar II collaborative research through the innovation journey: **Deadline: 28. Januar 2027** | single-stage

NEU: HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-06-02: Valorising Horizon project results via innovation ecosystems: **Deadline: 16. Februar 2027** | single-stage

2. Funding Programme of the Month October: New EU/INT Seed Funding

Revised Rules for Seed Funding supporting the development / preparation of EU/International Proposals and ERC Grants

Background: ERC Grants and EU collaborative projects coordinated by the University of Hohenheim with an UHOH funding share exceeding €750,000 are of an outstanding strategic importance for the University. In response to the significant increase in proposal activity, **the existing seed-funding scheme has been realigned** and **is effective immediately**. Ongoing applications are not affected by this revision.

- **Coordination of collaborative project proposals (EU and international funding agencies):** Up to **€5,000** may be requested by UHOH coordinators for the preparation of EU and international collaborative proposals. Additional funding may be available for particularly complex or strategically relevant coordination tasks, where justified (Application form).
- **ERC Grants:** The new support package comprises the following instruments:
    1. an internal UHOH ERC Starting/Consolidator Grant workshop taking place in January each year;
    2. individual external coaching of up to **€3,000**, following assessment of the project concept and CV (template);
    3. seed funding for necessary preliminary studies, subject to available budget and demonstrated need (Application Form-ERC); and
    4. up to **€2,500** for interview preparation following an interview invitation by the EU.

Regulations: The seed funds provided by the Ministry of Science, Research and Arts Baden-Württemberg (MWK) and UHOH must be used for proposal preparation. The engagement of external consultancy firms is generally excluded, with the exception of ERC coaching. If the proposal is not submitted with UHOH, the department and EU Office must be informed without delay; in such cases, the funding may be reclaimed.

Application: Please send completed applications to eu-grants@uni-hohenheim.de.

For further questions regarding seed funding please contact: eu-grants@uni-hohenheim.de.

3. For Project Coordinators & Managers

- Monthly networking meeting EU&Lunch: Next meeting: Mon, **7 December 2026**, 12:00 – 13:00 h, online (zoom)
  Topic: *to be announced*

  Zoom link: https://uni-hohenheim.zoom-x.de/j/4592459043?pwd=Y1JsRHRjcFo2SnRuRGQvUXMwMW1RUT09

4. Trainings and Events of the National Contact Points (NCPs)

- RP Active online seminar series, Module 3 'The proposal at the finish line', **2 December 2026**, 10:00–11:30 a.m. (in German)

5. News

- **Biohub: Virtual Biology Initiative** – Biohub is expanding its Virtual Biology Initiative to advance AI-driven biology through open, standardized biological datasets. International researchers are encouraged to explore opportunities for collaboration.
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- **Building the future of predictive biology**
- **Updated annotated proposal template for 2026/2027** from the National Contact Points for Horizon Europe.
- New **factsheet** on Cluster 2 "Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society": Relevant results and figures on research funding in this cluster demonstrate the broad importance of the social sciences and humanities in research.

6. Contact, Feedback and Suggestions

Are you looking for the **most current reference documents for HORIZON Europe Calls** and/ or have suggestions on how the service for EU and international funding applications and project implementation can be improved?

- Check out our EU-Toolbox for grant applications and project management – we are happy to adjust and extend based on your feedback
- Use our '**Make-a-Wish' Box** for general improvements
- Call us: -24615 / -24688
- Write to us: eu-grants@uni-hohenheim.de or global-grants@uni-hohenheim.de
- Visit us at Wollgrasweg 43 for bilateral discussion and consultancy
- Take advantage of our events or invite us to your events if you would like to share EU-specific information with a wider audience.