TAKE YOUR IDEA TOTHE NEXT

Horizon Europe, a programme of the **European Union**

ARE YOU ON THE HUNT FOR FUNDS, PARTNERS AND BUSINESS COACHING IN THE SPACE DOMAIN?

ARE YOU TRYING TO TAKE YOUR IDEA FROM CONCEPT TO MARKET?

THIS GUIDE WILL HELP YOU FIND THE BEST MATCH FOR YOUR NEEDS

Where to find EU R&I funding opportunities



Funds key technologies and solutions underpinning EU policies & Sustainable Development Goals. Who can apply? Entities from EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries. Further criteria are dependant on each specific call.

European Research Council (ERC)

Starting Grant* @@

Funds early career scientists to establish their independent research team. Who can apply? Individual researchers with 2-7 years of experience. Duration of funding: 5 years.

Consolidator Grant* @ Funds scientists to consolidate and strengthen their independent

research team. Who can apply? Individual researchers with 7-12 years of experience. Duration of funding: 5 years. Advanced Grant* © 6

Funds established scientists to pursue high-risk/high-gain research

projects. Who can apply? Individual researchers with at least 10 years of experience. **Duration of funding:** 5 years. Synergy Grant* 666

Funds collaborative, ambitious research projects involving researchers from different disciplines and/or institutions.

Who can apply? 2 to 4 Principal Investigators with at least 10 years of experience. **Duration of funding:** 6 years. **Proof of Concept Grant*** () Funds ERC-funded ideas to progress on the path from

ground-breaking research towards innovation. Who can apply? All Principal Investigators in one of the ERC frontier research main grants which is ongoing of has ended in the previous year. **Duration of funding:** 18 months.

* In all cases, applicants should be hosted by a Host Organisation for the whole duration of the funding period.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Postdoctoral Fellowship* (3)

Funds the mobility of researchers within and outside Europe in order to carry out their research activities and acquire new skills. Who can apply? Researchers with a PhD and max. 8 years of experience, together with a host organisation (university, research institution, business, SME or other organisation based in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country). **Duration of funding:** 1-3 years.

Staff Exchange* (Funds short-term international and inter-sectoral exchanges of staff members involved in research and innovation activities. Who can apply? International consortia of universities, research institutions, businesses, SMEs and other non-academic organisations. **Duration** of funding: 1-12 months for the mobility of seconded staff members.

* For each MSCA the funding is provided for research, training and networking activities; management and indirect costs; a top-up allowance and a special needs allowance

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European Innovation Council (EIC)

EIC Pathfinder G

Funds high-risk/high-gain research projects that have the potential to lead to breakthrough innovations. Who can apply? Consortia involving universities, research organisations, SMEs, start-ups, industrial partners or natural persons.

EIC Transition 66

Funds the maturation and validation of novel technology in the lab beyond the experimental proof of concept. Who can apply? Research organisations, universities, small consortia, SMEs, spin-offs, start-ups. Duration of funding: Up to 3 years.

EIC Accelerator 600

Funds the development and scale-up of game-changing innovations. Who can apply? Researchers from single start-ups and SMEs, spin-off, individuals intending to launch a start-up/SME and, in exceptional cases, small mid-caps.

Applications that meet all the criteria, but are not recommended for funding due to budget limits, will be awarded a **Seal of Excellence** to help them secure funding from other sources.

CASSINI Space Entrepreneurship Initiative

CASSINI Seed and Growth Funding Facility 6000 Provides capital to Venture Capital funds to be invested into EU-based companies developing and marketing space

technology and digital services using space data. It offers access to investment training and awareness raising of opportunities. Who can apply? SMEs.

CASSINI Hackathons & Mentoring (Funds the creation of innovative digital applications and provides business mentoring. Who can apply?

Students, graduates, researchers and very early stage start-ups. **CASSINI Challenges (** Supports the development of innovative commercial

solutions that leverage EU Space data (Galileo and Copernicus) and provides qualified mentoring. Who can apply? Researchers, students and entrepreneurs.

CASSINI Prizes (3(3) Funds the development of close-to-market digital applications, based on European space data, capable of tackling global environmental and societal challenges.

Who can apply? SMEs. **CASSINI Business Accelerator (6)** Boosts the commercial growth of top space startups through a 6-month, intensive acceleration programme with e.g. mentoring and fund raising support

Who can apply? Start-ups and scale-ups

ARE YOU SEEKING GUIDANCE, PRACTICAL INFORMATION, OR ASSISTANCE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF PARTICIPATING **IN HORIZON EUROPE?** Find your National Contact Points here.

How to protect your work

European IP Helpdesk

Provides European SMEs and researchers participating in EU-funded projects with free-of-charge support on Intellectual Property (IP) rights and advice on how to better manage and valorise IP in collaborative R&I efforts.

How to find synergies/partners and involve stakeholders

European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT)

Business Acceleration Services Facilitates cooperation and co-creation with international business partners and as well as the exploration of the commercialisation potential with industry. Who can apply? A single project or a project group (from which at least one project was funded under FP7, Horizon 2020 (H2020) or Horizon Europe (HE),

that is either ongoing or closed.

Horizon Results Platform Provides an online networking platform with public access where EU-funded researchers can showcase their project's results to potentially create synergies and/or partnerships with other actors. Who can publish results? Researchers and organisations with projects funded under FP7, H2020 or HE.

research institutions and companies, and provides seed funding to attract investors and leverage existing investments. Who can apply? Research organisations, educational institutions, SMEs and start-ups.

Fosters the creation of Innovation Communities, i.e., pan-European partnerships between leading universities,

European Innovation Ecosystems Brings together people or organisations whose goal it is to innovate and fosters the links between resources

(such as funds, equipment and facilities), organisations, investors and policymakers. Who can apply? Education institutions, research and technology organisations, companies, investors.

CASSINI Matchmaking

Offers a series of matchmaking events that provide Europe-wide networking opportunities for new businesses and helps them expand their professional networks, find new product development partners, customers and investors. Who can apply? Start-ups and SMEs.

Innovation Radar

Provides a publicly accessible platform with detailed information about EU-funded R&I projects, including market potential assessments conducted by independent experts. It aims to foster the growth of a dynamic ecosystem of incubators, entrepreneurs, funding agencies and investors, to speed up the uptake of EU-funded innovations. Who can publish results? Projects funded under FP7, H2020 or the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme.

Partner search Offers the possibility to find partners and to post offers directly in the same portal used

for accessing funding opportunities. Who can use it? Educational and research institutions, private companies and other non-academic organisations.

Enterprise Europe Network Provides a database including offers and requests from companies and R&D institutions looking to collaborate on business, technology and research.

Who can use it? The platform is publicly accessible.

ON HOW TO **BEST USE** THESE TOOLS.

HERE YOU WILL

FIND A GUIDE

MSCA Doctoral Networks Implements doctoral programmes through partnerships among organisations from different sectors across

Europe and beyond. It exposes researchers to the academic and non-academic sectors and offers research training. Who can apply? International consortia of universities, research institutions, businesses, SMEs and other non-academic organisations.

How to determine the commercial potential of your work

Horizon Results Booster

Offers free-of-charge support services to boost the exploitation potential of your research results, disseminate effectively and go to market. Who can apply? A single project or a project group (from which at least one project was funded under FP7, H2020 or HE), that is either ongoing or closed.

Business Acceleration Services Explores the commercialisation potential with industry and gives access to global partners. Who can apply? All EIC Awardees.

EIT Innovation Communities

Nine Innovation Communities, each focusing on a distinct societal challenge, which are helping find solutions to major global issues in areas rich with high innovation potential. They strengthen cooperation among businesses (including SMEs), higher education institutions and research organisations. They also form dynamic pan-European partnerships and create environments conducive to creative thought processes and innovations. Who can apply? Businesses, entrepreneurs, public authorities, researchers, students and universities.

How to find out more about technology transfer

Horizon Results Booster

Offers free consulting services on business development and management to Horizon projects. Who can apply? A single project or a project group (from which at least one project was funded under FP7, H2020 or HE), that is either ongoing or closed.

How to access special

equipment/facilities/infrastructures

Develops an integrated and efficient ecosystem of research infrastructures (RIs) in Europe, which encompass single-sited facilities, distributed facilities integrating resources across the European Research Area, as well as networks of national facilities. It serves researchers and engineers in all scientific and technological fields, from basic to applied research.

INFRASERV Provides access to

high-quality resources, based on clear conditions and with appropriate funding. It allows researchers to move within or from outside Europe to perform their

Research **Infrastructures JRC**

Provides access to the JRC's scientific laboratories and facilities to people working in academia, research organisations, industry and SMEs.

INFRATECH Develops ground-breaking RI technologies, including scientific instruments tools, methods and advanced digital solutions, to enable new discoveries and keep RIs in the EU at the highest level of scientific excellence.

