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Clean technology funding opportunities

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UK, European and international funding opportunities for businesses developing clean technologies.

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Check the funder’s website for current dates, eligibility and terms.

Summary of Grant Opportunities by Deadline

Grant	Collaboration	Funding %	Deadline	Funding
EIC Accelerator 2027 - Short proposal	Single	70%	Rolling	Max: €2,500,000
Innovation Loans Expression of Interest	Single	100% Loan	Paused to Jan 2027	£100,000 to £5,000,000
Data sharing to support the training and development of AI foundation models in the energy sector	3+ partners across 3+ Countries	70% SME	Dec 1, 2026	€4,500,000 to €40,000,000
Sustainable, inclusive, affordable and beautiful solutions for thermal comfort in buildings	3+ partners across 3+ Countries	70% SME	Dec 1, 2026	€3,500,000 to €6,300,000
De-risking renewable fuel technologies through transnational pre-commercial procurement of renewable fuel industrial value chains	3+ partners across 3+ Countries	70% SME	Dec 1, 2026	€4,500,000 to €40,000,000
5th Innowwide call for market feasibility projects – Autumn 2026	Single	60%	Dec 1, 2026	Max: €60,000
Battery Innovation: Concept Development Rd 3	Optional	70% SME	Dec 2, 2026	£500,000 to £4,000,000
Battery Innovation: Feasibility Studies Rd 3	Optional	70% SME	Dec 2, 2026	£70,000 to £500,000
Unlocking Space for Business Grant Call: Environmental Intelligence and Emissions	Optional	70% SME	Dec 11, 2026	Max: £400,000
Testing and validating underground hydrogen storage components	Optional	70% SME	Jan 13, 2027	£5,000,000

Better understanding, anticipating and addressing the biodiversity benefits and impacts of the clean and digital industries	3+ partners across 3+ Countries	70% SME	Jan 14, 2027	€4,000,000 to €6,000,000
Globalstars call with Japan 2026	2+ partners across 2+ Countries	50-80% SME	Jan 20, 2027	Not Specified
Advancing promising results from Pillar II collaborative research through the innovation journey	3+ partners across 3+ Countries	100%	Jan 28, 2027	Max: €2,500,000
Eureka collaborative R&D: Globalstars Japan 2027	2+ partners across 2+ Countries	50-80% SME	Jan 20, 2027	£2,000,000
Automated Scientific Discovery - Materials Science (RAISE pilot) (RIA)	3+ partners across 3+ Countries	100%	Feb 2, 2027	€1,000,000 to €9,000,000
Fast Track to Innovation for breakthroughs in the Chemical Industry Action Plan (Research and Innovation Action)	3+ partners across 3+ Countries	100%	Feb 2, 2027	Max: €2,500,000
Efficient energy input from renewable sources and energy management in the process industries (IA) (Processes4Planet and Innovative Advanced Materials for the EU partnerships)	3+ partners across 3+ Countries	70% SME	Feb 2, 2027	€4,000,000 to €9,000,000
Large-Scale piloting of next-generation AI-driven digital platforms for a more affordable, secure and sustainable European energy system (IA) - Apply AI	3+ partners across 3+ Countries	70% SME	Feb 16, 2027	€10,000,000 to €15,000,000
Bringing innovative climate preparedness and resilience solutions closer to the market	3+ partners across 3+ Countries	70% SME	Feb 16, 2027	€5,000,000 to €20,000,000
Eurostars Call 12 for projects – deadline March 2027	2+ partners across 2+ Countries	50-80% SME	Mar 4, 2027	Not Specified

Decarbonising the health and social care system (Year 3)	Optional	70% SME	Mar 11, 2027	Min: £200,000

Detailed Grant Call Descriptions by Funder

EIC | EIC Accelerator 2027

Supports start-ups and SMEs developing and scaling high-impact innovation.

Step 1: Short proposal

Open on a rolling basis. A successful short proposal is generally required before applicants can submit a full proposal.

Step 2: Full proposal

Full proposals are assessed in batches. The first 2027 cut-off is 20 January 2027. Check the official timetable for later batches.

Funding and eligibility

Grant support is up to EUR 2.5 million. Check the official work programme for funding options, eligible applicants and country-specific conditions.

Official EIC Work Programme 2027

Innovate UK | Innovation Loans Expression of Interest

Status: Applications paused until January 2027 | Loan amount: £100,000 to £5 million

Quick Summary: Innovate UK is offering innovation loans to UK-registered SMEs developing highly innovative late-stage experimental development projects with a clear route to commercialisation and economic impact. The funding supports new or significantly improved products, processes, services or business models in the UK's Industrial Strategy sectors, including advanced manufacturing, clean energy, creative industries, defence, digital and technologies, and life sciences.

Eligible Countries

- **United Kingdom** only.
- The business must be **UK-registered** and the project must be carried out **from or in the UK**.
- Applicants in **Northern Ireland** may be subject to **Windsor Framework / State aid-related restrictions** for some eligible costs.

Eligible Legal Entities

- **Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)** only.
- Must be a **single business** applicant; **collaborations are not funded**.
- **Not eligible:** individuals, large companies, not-for-profits, charities, academic institutions, and research organisations.

Total Funding Amounts

No fixed overall funding pot is stated in the competition brief.

- Funding is delivered through **Innovate UK Loans Ltd** and awards are made subject to portfolio and policy considerations.

Grant Funding Amount

- Loan size per project: **£100,000 to £5 million**.
- Loans can cover **up to 100% of eligible project costs**.
- Final loan amount, term and conditions are determined by the **Innovate UK Loans Ltd credit committee**.
- The loan is structured as a **project period** plus a **repayment period**, with the **total loan term not exceeding seven years**.

Key Dates

- **Competition opens: 6 June 2026**

The linked expression of interest closed on 9 October 2026 at 11am UK time. Applications are paused until January 2027. Check Innovate UK for relaunch details, including updated drawdown dates and project start requirements.

Technology Readiness Level

- **Experimental Development only**
- Suitable for projects at the stage of **prototyping, demonstrating, piloting, testing and validation**.
- The brief explicitly states that if the project is **not** at Experimental Development stage, it will be **ineligible**.

Key Grant Call Themes

- Projects must align with at least one of the UK Government's Industrial Strategy sectors:
  - **Advanced Manufacturing**
  - **Clean Energy Industries**
  - **Creative Industries**
  - **Defence**
  - **Digital and Technologies**
  - **Life Sciences**
- The project must deliver **highly innovative late-stage R&D** with a **clear route to commercialisation** and **economic impact**.
- Examples include innovative products, processes, services, or business models, with emphasis on **commercial readiness** and **repayment capacity**.

Link: https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2505/overview/8ef63f10-ea07-4ffd-9812-e944542751b6

Innovate UK | Battery Innovation: Concept Development Rd 3

Deadline: Dec 2, 2026 | **Total Funding:** £25,000,000 | **Grant Amount:** £500,000 to £4,000,000

Quick Summary: This grant funds collaborative industrial research and development projects that strengthen the UK battery value chain, particularly in cell manufacturing, module manufacturing, and pack manufacturing and battery management systems. It is aimed at UK-led consortia, including businesses and SMEs, developing innovations such as automated manufacturing, non-destructive testing, AI-enabled design and simulation, and scale-up from laboratory to pilot or pre-commercial production.

Eligible Countries

- **UK**-registered organisations only can lead and receive funding.
- Projects must be carried out in the **UK**, with results intended to be exploited in the **UK**.
- **Non-funded partners** may include organisations from the **UK, EU and other non-UK countries**, but they cannot claim grant funding.
- Overseas subcontractors are permitted only where justified and where UK subcontracting is not suitable.

Eligible Legal Entities

- **UK registered businesses** of any size can lead a collaborative project.
- Eligible project partners can include:
  - **businesses** of any size
  - **academic institutions**
  - **charities**
  - **not-for-profit organisations**
  - **public sector organisations**
  - **research and technology organisations (RTOs)**
- **Academic institutions cannot lead** this competition.
- A collaborative project must include at least **one UK-registered SME** claiming grant funding.

Total Funding Amounts

- Total funding available across the competition: **GBP 25,000,000**
- Funding is provided as a **grant**
- Funding is subject to receiving a sufficient number of high-quality applications and may be adjusted depending on policy or budget considerations.

Grant Funding Amount

- Minimum grant per project: **GBP 500,000**
- Maximum grant per project: **GBP 4,000,000**
- Project duration must be between **12 and 36 months**
- No single organisation may claim more than **70%** of total project costs
- Industrial research funding rates:
    - **up to 70%** for micro/small organisations
    - **up to 60%** for medium organisations
    - **up to 50%** for large organisations
- Research organisations undertaking non-economic activity may claim:
    - **up to 100%** of eligible costs for RTOs, charities, not-for-profits, public sector organisations or research organisations
    - **80% of FEC** for academic institutions

Key Dates

- Competition opens: **11 September 2026**
- Online briefing event: **16 September 2026**
- Competition closes: **2 December 2026 at 11:00am UK time**
- Invite to interview: **13 January 2027**
- Interview panel: **3 February 2027**
- Applicants notified: **12 February 2027**
- Earliest project start date: **1 May 2027**
- Projects must **not start before 1 May 2027** and must **end by 31 March 2031**

Technology Readiness Level

- This competition funds **industrial research** projects.
- The call is aimed at innovation moving from **laboratory to pilot and pre-commercial manufacturing**, broadly aligning with **TRL 4–6**, with emphasis on development, prototyping and scale-up readiness rather than early discovery research.

Key Grant Call Themes

- **Cell manufacturing**
- **Module manufacturing**
- **Pack manufacturing and battery management systems (BMS)**
- High-performance cell technologies
- Automated manufacturing techniques
- Non-destructive testing

- AI-driven design and simulation of manufacturing processes
- Supply chain resilience and localisation
- Scale-up of UK battery manufacturing capability
- Low-carbon manufacturing and industrial deployment
- Relevant application sectors include:
    - **automotive**
    - **aerospace**
    - **battery energy storage systems**
    - **rail**
    - **maritime**
    - **defence** (must be dual use and relevant beyond defence)

Link: https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2572/overview/7410b013-814e-4db6-9011-c39efe67e2d6

Innovate UK | Battery Innovation: Feasibility Studies Rd 3

Deadline: Dec 2, 2026 | **Total Funding:** £25,000,000 | **Grant Amount:** £70,000 to £500,000

Quick Summary: This grant funds collaborative feasibility studies to develop and commercialise advanced battery technologies in the UK, with projects lasting 6 to 18 months and focused on moving promising ideas towards market readiness. It is aimed at UK businesses working with partners across the battery value chain, and supports work on raw materials, material processing, cell production, module and pack integration, diagnostics, and recycling. Projects should address clear market demand and help solve industry challenges by improving cost, performance, safety, reliability, sustainability or compliance, while strengthening the UK battery supply chain and competitiveness. The competition is particularly interested in applications for sectors such as automotive, aerospace, energy storage, rail, maritime and dual-use defence.

Eligible Countries

- **UK**-registered organisations must lead and carry out the project work in the UK.
- The project must intend to **exploit the results in the UK** and spend **most of the funding within the UK**.
- **Non-funded partners** may be based in the **UK, EU and other non-UK countries**, but they cannot claim grant funding.

Eligible Legal Entities

- **UK registered businesses of any size** can lead a collaborative project.
- The consortium must include at least one **UK registered SME** claiming grant funding.
- Eligible project partners can include:
  - **businesses** of any size
  - **academic institutions** (cannot lead)
  - **charities**
  - **not-for-profit organisations**
  - **public sector organisations**
  - **research and technology organisations (RTOs)**
- **Subcontractors** are allowed, including overseas subcontractors where fully justified.

Total Funding Amounts

- The competition has a total funding pot of **GBP 25,000,000**.

- Funding is subject to receiving a sufficient number of high-quality applications.
- Innovate UK reserves the right to adjust allocations depending on policy and portfolio considerations.

Grant Funding Amount

- Each project must request between **GBP 70,000** and **GBP 500,000** in eligible grant funding.
- Project duration must be between **6 and 18 months**.
- For feasibility studies, grant intensity can be up to:
  - **70%** for micro or small organisations
  - **60%** for medium organisations
  - **50%** for large organisations
- Research organisations undertaking non-economic activity may claim up to **100%** of eligible costs, while academic institutions may claim **80% of FEC**.

Key Dates

- **11 September 2026** — Competition opens
- **16 September 2026** — Online briefing event
- **2 December 2026, 11:00am UK time** — Competition closes
- **12 February 2027** — Applicants notified
- **1 May 2027** — Earliest project start date
- Projects must **not start before 1 May 2027** and must **end by 31 March 2031**

Technology Readiness Level

- This is a **feasibility studies** competition, supporting early-stage innovation and commercialisation.
- The call is most aligned with **TRL 1–4**, with some projects potentially exploring early **TRL 5** adaptation where appropriate.
- It is aimed at **trialling novel approaches, tools and methods**, and supporting first-time trials of advanced or very novel battery technologies.

Key Grant Call Themes

- **Battery innovation feasibility studies**
- **Material extraction**
- **Material processing**
- **Cell production**
- **Module and pack integration, diagnostics and use phase**
- **Recycling and circular economy**

- Application sectors include:
  - **automotive**
  - **aerospace**
  - **battery energy storage systems**
  - **rail**
  - **maritime**
  - **defence** (dual-use only, with relevance beyond defence)

The competition seeks projects that accelerate the development and commercialisation of advanced battery technologies in the UK, strengthen the battery supply chain, improve performance, safety, reliability and sustainability, and support UK competitiveness in global battery markets.

Link: https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2571/overview/f45e5f00-e663-4c9e-a2e7-562a696561d7

Innovate UK | Eureka collaborative R&D: Globalstars Japan 2027

Deadline: Jan 20, 2027 | **Total Funding:** £2,000,000 | **Grant Amount:** Not Specified

Quick Summary: This grant funds collaborative industrial research and development projects between UK registered organisations and partners in Japan, with the option to include organisations from selected Eureka countries. It is aimed at collaborations involving at least one UK business and a Japanese SME, supporting international innovation partnerships and joint R&D.

Eligible Countries

- **UK**
- **Japan**
- Other **participating Eureka countries**
- The competition is open to **collaborations only**, and must include at least one **UK registered business** and at least one **Japan registered SME**.

Eligible Legal Entities

- **UK registered businesses**
- **Japan registered small or medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)** as a minimum partner
- Other **UK registered organisations**
- Other organisations from **participating Eureka countries**

Total Funding Amounts

- Total funding pot across all awards: **GBP 2,000,000**

Key Dates

- **Publication date: 9 October 2026**
- **Opening date: 7 October 2026, 9:00am UK time**
- **Closing date: 20 January 2027, 11:00am UK time**

Technology Readiness Level

- This call supports **collaborative industrial research and development (R&D)** projects.
- The wording indicates support for **industrial research / experimental development**, typically aligned with **TRL 4–7** activity, although no explicit TRL range is stated in the call text.

Key Grant Call Themes

- **Collaborative industrial R&D**
- **International collaboration**

- **UK–Japan partnerships**
- Projects involving **select Eureka countries**
- Broad innovation scope, with no single sector theme specified in the excerpt
- The call is aimed at organisations developing collaborative projects with a clear **commercial and innovation focus**

Link: https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/eureka-collaborative-rd-globalstars-japan-2027/

UK Research and Innovation | Testing and validating underground hydrogen storage components

Deadline: Jan 13, 2027 | **Total Funding:** £5,000,000 | **Grant Amount:** Not Specified

Quick Summary: UK registered organisations can apply for collaborative funding to accelerate the development and validation of critical technologies for the safe, reliable and cost-effective use of underground hydrogen storage. The call is aimed at collaborations involving businesses, academic institutions and research technology organisations, with a focus on advancing hydrogen storage components and related validation work.

Eligible Countries

- **UK** only, as the call states that **UK registered organisations** can apply.

Eligible Legal Entities

- **UK registered businesses of any size**
- **Academic institutions**
- **Research technology organisations**
- The competition is **open to collaborations only**, so applications must be made as part of a collaborative project.

Total Funding Amounts

- Total funding pot across all awards: **GBP 5,000,000**

Grant Funding Amount

- The call states that applicants can apply for **a share of up to £5 million**.
- No minimum or maximum grant per project is specified in the provided call text.

Key Dates

- **Publication date: 26 October 2026**
- **Opening date: 23 October 2026, 9:30am UK time**
- **Closing date: 13 January 2027, 11:00am UK time**

Technology Readiness Level

- Not explicitly stated in the provided call text.

Key Grant Call Themes

- **Underground hydrogen storage**
- **Testing and validation of storage components**
- **Safe, reliable and cost-effective deployment**

- **Development of critical technologies**
- **Collaborative programme** to accelerate innovation in hydrogen storage infrastructure

Link: https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/testing-and-validating-underground-hydrogen-storage-components/

NIHR | Decarbonising the health and social care system

Deadline: Mar 11, 2027 | **Total Funding:** £5,000,000 | **Grant Amount:** Min: £200,000

Quick Summary: This programme funds research to decarbonise the health and social care system, supporting work that develops, evaluates or implements innovations, service models, care pathways or policy changes aligned with net zero goals. It is for multidisciplinary teams proposing high-quality, evidence-based projects with clear carbon measurement, proof of concept and a pathway to impact, while also encouraging capacity building and training.

Eligible Countries

- Not specified in the grant call.

Eligible Legal Entities

- **Multidisciplinary teams** are required.
- **Solo applicants are not eligible**.
- Applications may be submitted by **consortiums or collaborative partnerships**.
- The call specifically references **SMEs** in its webinar support, but SME eligibility is not explicitly stated as a formal requirement.
- The opportunity is run by **NIHR**, so applicants should align with NIHR funding guidance.

Total Funding Amounts

- Total funding available across the 5-year programme is **£25 million**.
- For **Year 3**, the total budget available is **£5 million**.

Grant Funding Amount

- Guideline minimum grant per project: **£200,000**.
- The call states that projects will range in size and scope, but no maximum grant amount is specified.

Key Dates

- Opening date: **9 November 2026 at 1:00 pm**
- Closing date for outline applications: **11 March 2027 at 1:00 pm**
- Research Support Service (RSS) bookable online support sessions: **December 2026 / January 2027**
- Full application opening date: **June 2027**
- Full application closing date: **August 2027**
- Funding decision for Year 3 full applications: **November 2027**

- Year 4 of the funding opportunity opens for outline applications: **November 2027**

Technology Readiness Level

- The call supports research at **proof of concept** stage.
- It covers **development, evaluation and/or implementation** of interventions, service models, care pathways, or policy developments.
- This suggests activity broadly around **TRL 3–6**, depending on the nature of the proposed innovation.

Key Grant Call Themes

- **Decarbonising the health and social care system**
- **Net zero** and carbon reduction in health and social care
- **Carbon emissions**, **greenhouse gas emissions**, and **carbon dioxide equivalent** outcomes
- Innovations and/or existing:
  - interventions
  - service models
  - care pathways
  - policy developments
- **Early assessment of economic and environmental impact**
- **Capacity building and training**
- Research with a clear **pathway to impact** and demonstrable benefit to **patient health and wellbeing**

Link: https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/decarbonising-health-and-social-care-system-year-3/97065

Horizon Europe | Fast Track to Innovation for breakthroughs in the Chemical Industry Action Plan

Deadline: Feb 2, 2027 | **Total Funding:** €33,600,000 | **Grant Amount:** Max: €2,500,000

Quick Summary: This Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action funds fast-track innovation projects that can accelerate market uptake of breakthrough solutions for the chemical industry. It is aimed at projects starting from around TRL 4 and focuses on decarbonisation, circular economy approaches, breakthrough production technologies, and alternatives to substances of concern, with SSbD considered where relevant.

Eligible Countries

- Open to applicants from countries eligible under **Horizon Europe** rules.
- The call does not specify a restricted list of countries in the provided content.

Eligible Legal Entities

- The call is a **Horizon Research and Innovation Action** and is therefore typically open to a wide range of eligible organisations under Horizon Europe.
- The provided content does not specify exact legal entity types, so no further eligibility detail can be confirmed from the grant text alone.

Total Funding Amounts

- Total funding pot across all awards: **EUR 33,600,000**
- The budget is split across two related topic actions, with the relevant topic here allocated **EUR 13,600,000** and expected to fund **6 grants**.

Grant Funding Amount

- Maximum grant per project: **EUR 2,500,000**
- Minimum grant per project: **not specified** in the provided content

Key Dates

- Call opening date: **13 October 2026**
- Application deadline: **2 February 2027**
- Deadline model: **single-stage**
- Project start date: **Q4 2027**

Technology Readiness Level

- The call supports innovations starting at **TRL 4**
- This indicates activity from **proof of concept / early validation** onwards, with a strong focus on accelerating uptake and market readiness

Key Grant Call Themes

- **Fast Track to Innovation** for breakthroughs in the **Chemical Industry Action Plan**
- **Decarbonisation of the chemical industries**
- **Alternatives to substances of concern**
- **Circular economy**
- **Breakthrough production technologies**
- **Decarbonisation of energy-intensive industries**
- Consideration of the **Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD) Framework** where appropriate

Link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-62

Horizon Europe | Large-Scale piloting of next-generation AI-driven digital platforms for a more affordable, secure and sustainable European energy system

Deadline: Feb 16, 2027 | **Total Funding:** €55,000,000 | **Grant Amount:** €10,000,000 to €15,000,000

Quick Summary: This grant funds a large-scale cross-border pilot of next-generation AI-driven digital platforms for Europe's energy system, with a focus on real-world deployment rather than basic research. It is aimed at consortia of energy operators, digital technology providers, mobility actors, energy communities and public authorities to improve grid flexibility, renewable integration, energy efficiency, secure data exchange and lower emissions and costs.

Eligible Countries

- EU Member States
- Associated Countries to Horizon Europe

Eligible Legal Entities

- Not explicitly specified in the provided call text
- The call requires participation from:
    - Energy actors such as TSOs, DSOs, retailers and aggregators
    - Digital technology providers from AI, cloud, edge and IoT
    - Mobility actors such as EV manufacturers, EV fleet operators and charging operators
    - Energy communities
    - Research organisations
    - Public authorities

Total Funding Amounts

- Total funding pot across all awards: **EUR 55,000,000**

Grant Funding Amount

- Minimum grant per project: **EUR 10,000,000**
- Maximum grant per project: **EUR 15,000,000**
- Expected number of grants: **1**

Key Dates

- Call opening date: **20 October 2026**
- Application deadline: **16 February 2027**
- Funding model: **single-stage**

- Expected project duration: approximately **36 months**

Technology Readiness Level

- Expected end-of-project TRL: **TRL 7–8**
- This indicates support for late-stage demonstration, testing and validation in real operational environments

Key Grant Call Themes

- AI-driven digital platforms for the European energy system
- Large-scale cross-border piloting
- Grid operation and flexibility management
- Renewable energy integration and utilisation
- Energy storage integration
- Data centre and critical infrastructure grid integration
- Electrification and energy efficiency
- Secure, interoperable cross-border data exchange
- European data spaces, AI factories, digital twins, cloud-to-edge infrastructures
- Smart charging, smart grids and mobility-energy integration
- Open APIs, interoperability standards and open-source components
- Technological sovereignty and reduced vendor lock-in
- Participation in the BRIDGE collaborative initiative

Link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-01-12

Horizon Europe | Efficient energy input from renewable sources and energy management in the process industries

Deadline: Feb 2, 2027 | **Total Funding:** €82,500,000 | **Grant Amount:** €4,000,000 to €9,000,000

Quick Summary: This Horizon Europe Innovation Action funds pilot-scale demonstrations of technologies that improve renewable energy use and energy management in energy-intensive process industries. It supports solutions for decarbonising industrial heat and power, including electrification, hybrid systems, energy storage and advanced materials, with a focus on cutting greenhouse gas emissions and improving industrial resilience and scalability.

Eligible Countries

- Open to applicants from **EU Member States** and **associated countries** eligible under Horizon Europe.
- The call is part of the **Horizon Europe 2021–2027** programme.

Eligible Legal Entities

- **SMEs**
- **Large companies / industry**
- **Universities**
- **Research organisations**
- **Public bodies**
- **Other legal entities** eligible under Horizon Europe rules

Total Funding Amounts

- Total funding pot across all awards: **EUR 82,500,000**

Grant Funding Amount

- Minimum grant per project: **EUR 4,000,000**
- Maximum grant per project: **EUR 9,000,000**

Key Dates

- Call opening date: **13 October 2026**
- First-stage deadline: **2 February 2027**
- Second-stage deadline: **2 September 2027**
- The call uses a **two-stage** submission model.

Technology Readiness Level

- Projects are expected to start at **TRL 4–5**

- Projects should reach **TRL 6–7** by the end of the project

Key Grant Call Themes

- **Efficient energy input from renewable sources** in process industries
- **Energy management** and integration in industrial production
- **Decarbonisation of energy-intensive industrial processes**
- **Low- and medium-temperature process heat** solutions, including renewable alternatives and heat upgrading
- **High-temperature process** solutions, including electrified and hybrid systems
- **Energy storage** for industrial applications, including innovative thermal storage
- **Advanced materials** for heat capture, storage and retrieval
- **Pilot-scale demonstrations** in real industrial environments
- **Business case, exploitation and scalability** for industrial decarbonisation technologies
- The topic supports the **Processes4Planet** and **Innovative Advanced Materials** European partnerships

Link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-MAT-PROD-32-two-stage

Horizon Europe | Bringing innovative climate preparedness and resilience solutions closer to the market

Deadline: Feb 16, 2027 | **Total Funding:** €35,000,000 | **Grant Amount:** €5,000,000 to €20,000,000

Quick Summary: This grant supports coordination and support actions that help innovative climate preparedness and resilience solutions, including nature-based solutions, move closer to market readiness. It is aimed at consortia that can pool demand, connect innovators with public and private buyers, and provide financial and advisory support to businesses, especially SMEs, working across sectors such as water, food and agriculture, transport, energy, health, civil security and critical infrastructure.

Eligible Countries

- This is a **Horizon Europe** call, so eligibility is generally open to organisations established in **EU Member States** and **associated countries** participating in the programme.
- The call text does not list a narrower country restriction in the provided content.

Eligible Legal Entities

- The call is a **HORIZON Coordination and Support Action** and also includes a **HORIZON Research and Innovation Action** component.
- Eligible applicants are therefore likely to include:
  - **SMEs**
  - **Large companies**
  - **Research organisations**
  - **Universities**
  - **Public authorities / public bodies**
  - **Other legal entities able to participate in Horizon Europe consortia**
- The call places particular emphasis on **SMEs** for the financial support to third parties.

Total Funding Amounts

- **Total funding pot across all awards: EUR 35,000,000**

Grant Funding Amount

- **Minimum grant per project: EUR 5,000,000**
- **Maximum grant per project: EUR 20,000,000**
- The call includes multiple topic strands with different award sizes:

    - **EUR 20,000,000** for one CSA topic
    - **EUR 5,000,000** for one CSA topic
    - **EUR 10,000,000** for one RIA topic

Key Dates

- **Call opening date: 6 October 2026**
- **Application deadline: 16 February 2027**
- **Project start date:** not explicitly stated in the provided content
- The **first cascade call** must be launched **within the first 12 months of the project**

Technology Readiness Level

- The call is aimed at solutions already **close to market**
- Target maturity is **TRL 7**
- This corresponds to **testing and demonstration / market-ready pilot stage**

Key Grant Call Themes

- **Climate preparedness and resilience**
- **Nature-based solutions**
- **Market uptake and commercialisation of climate adaptation solutions**
- **Public procurement / demand aggregation**
- **Buyer mapping and matchmaking**
- **Scaling solutions across sectors**, especially:
    - **Water**
    - **Food and agriculture**
    - **Transport**
    - **Energy**
    - **Health**
    - **Civil security**
    - **Critical infrastructure, including buildings**
- Strong focus on:
    - **SME support**
    - **Business development**
    - **Regulatory and financial planning**
    - **Market-ready pilots**
    - **Policy-relevant insights and bottleneck removal**

Link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-04-03

Department for Science Innovation and Technology | Unlocking Space for Business Grant Call: Environmental Intelligence and Emissions

Deadline: Dec 11, 2026 | **Total Funding:** £2,000,000 | **Grant Amount:** Max: £400,000

Quick Summary: The UK Space Agency's Unlocking Space for Business Environmental Intelligence and Emissions Grant Call funds near-market pilot projects that use satellite data, services and technologies to solve real business challenges. It is aimed at UK end-user businesses, working with UK space suppliers and integrators, to develop space-enabled solutions for environmental intelligence and emissions monitoring and verification. The call focuses on climate, nature and natural capital, and on improving emissions detection, reporting and compliance across sectors such as energy, infrastructure, agriculture and financial services.

Eligible Countries

- **United Kingdom**
- Non-domestic partners, including organisations within the **EU**, may participate **if they bring their own funding** and still meet the core eligibility requirements.

Eligible Legal Entities

- **UK registered end-user businesses**
- **SMEs**
- **Lead consortium organisations** with a UK space supplier and any relevant integrator organisations
- **University-led academic research proposals**
- **Industry-led commercial research proposals**
- Other **UK organisations** able to act as project lead and demonstrate effective project management
- Project partners may include **non-domestic organisations**, subject to eligibility and due diligence requirements

Total Funding Amounts

- Total funding pot across all awards: **GBP 2,000,000**

Grant Funding Amount

- Maximum grant per project: **GBP 400,000**

Key Dates

- **Webinar: Tuesday 3 November 2026, 11:00 GMT**

- **Application deadline: Friday 11 December 2026, 16:00 GMT**
- **Expected project start: January 2027**
- **Maximum project duration: 9 months**
- First milestone to be delivered by **31 March 2027**

Technology Readiness Level

- **Near-market solutions**
- Projects should demonstrate solutions at approximately **TRL 6–8**, with a clear route to operational adoption and commercial implementation

Key Grant Call Themes

- **Environmental intelligence for climate, nature and natural capital**
- **Environmental emissions monitoring and verification**
- Use of **space-enabled technologies** such as:
  - **Earth Observation (EO)**
  - **Satellite Communications (SatCom)**
  - **Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT)**
  - **AI / geospatial analytics**
- Priority end-user sectors include:
  - **Financial services**
  - **Insurance**
  - **Asset management**
  - **Energy**
  - **Utilities**
  - **Infrastructure**
  - **Agriculture**
  - **Land management**
  - **Environmental services**

Link: https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/unlocking-space-for-business-grant-call-environmental-intelligence-and-emissions-1

Horizon Europe | Automated Scientific Discovery - Materials Science

Deadline: Feb 2, 2027 | **Total Funding:** €30,500,000 | **Grant Amount:** €1,000,000 to €9,000,000

Quick Summary: This grant funds research and innovation actions to develop closed-loop scientific experimentation systems that combine laboratory automation with trustworthy AI-driven decision-making. It is aimed at advanced, digitally enabled labs working in materials science, with a focus on autonomous or semi-autonomous experimentation, robust data infrastructures, human oversight, and improved efficiency, reproducibility and resource use.

Eligible Countries

- Open to applicants from **EU Member States** and **associated countries** eligible under **Horizon Europe**.
- The call text also states that **international collaboration is encouraged**.

Eligible Legal Entities

- The call is a **Horizon Research and Innovation Action (RIA)**, so it is typically suitable for:
  - **Universities**
  - **Research organisations**
  - **SMEs**
  - **Large enterprises**
  - **Public bodies**
  - **Other legal entities eligible under Horizon Europe**
- The topic specifically expects **close interdisciplinary collaboration** between **computer/AI scientists** and **domain scientists**.

Total Funding Amounts

- **Total funding pot across all awards: EUR 30,500,000**

Grant Funding Amount

- **Minimum grant per project: EUR 1,000,000**
- **Maximum grant per project: EUR 9,000,000**

Key Dates

- **Call opening date: 13 October 2026**
- **Application deadline: 2 February 2027**
- **Deadline model: Single-stage**

- The call is planned under the **2027 work programme year**.

Technology Readiness Level

- The call is focused on **research and innovation**, supporting development and testing of advanced solutions rather than full commercial deployment.
- It is best aligned with **TRL 3–6**, covering:
  - proof of concept,
  - prototype development,
  - validation in relevant laboratory environments,
  - early demonstration of closed-loop systems.

Key Grant Call Themes

- **Automated scientific discovery**
- **Materials science**
- **Closed-loop scientific experimentation systems**
- **Laboratory automation**
- **AI-driven decision-making**
- **Trustworthy and safe AI**
- **Robotics and autonomous/semi-autonomous experimentation**
- **Data infrastructures, interoperability and secure data sharing**
- **Human oversight in AI-enabled lab systems**
- **Resource optimisation** for energy, reagents and materials
- **Networked and collaborative laboratories**
- Potential application areas include:
  - **battery technologies**
  - **photovoltaics**
  - **carbon capture and storage**
  - **water purification**
  - **soil remediation**
  - **drug discovery**
  - **sustainable fabrics**

Link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-RAISE-2027-01-01

Eureka Network - Eurostars | Eurostars Call 12 for projects

Deadline: Mar 4, 2027 | **Total Funding:** Not Specified | **Grant Amount:** Not Specified

Quick Summary: Eurostars funds international collaborative R&D and innovation projects led by an innovative SME, with partners such as large companies, universities and research organisations, to develop commercially viable products, processes or services. The call is open to projects in all fields, provided they are civil in nature and involve cross-border collaboration between at least two Eurostars countries.

Eligible Countries

- **Eurostars countries participating in this call** include a wide international network across Europe and associated countries, with national funding available varying by country.
- Countries explicitly listed in the call text include: **Austria, Belgium (Flanders/Wallonia/Brussels), Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Türkiye, United Kingdom**.
- Some countries have **no allocated budget** for this call and may only participate on a **self-funded** basis.

Eligible Legal Entities

- **Innovative SMEs** must lead the consortium.
- Other eligible project partners may include:
  - **Large companies**
  - **Universities**
  - **Research organisations**
  - **Public bodies / public hospitals** in some national schemes
  - **Charities / non-profit organisations** where permitted by national rules
- Eligibility is ultimately determined by both **Eurostars international rules** and **national funding body criteria**.
- The consortium must include **at least two independent entities** from **at least two Eurostars countries**.

Total Funding Amounts

- Eurostars funding is delivered through **national funding bodies**, so there is **no single programme-wide total budget** stated for all countries in the text.

- Country-level budgets mentioned include:
  - **United Kingdom: £2.5 million** total budget for the call
  - **Greece: €1 million** national budget
  - **Hungary: €1 million** yearly budget for two Eurostars calls
- Several countries also specify **per-project or per-participant caps**, which vary significantly by national funder.

Grant Funding Amount

- Funding is **country-specific** and depends on the organisation type and national rules.
- Examples of stated caps include:
  - **UK SMEs:** up to **60%** of project costs; max **€360,000** per project
  - **Germany:** max **€500,000** for all German partners per project
  - **Denmark:** max **€300,000** per participant; **€500,000** for all Danish participants
  - **Ireland:** max **€250,000**
  - **France:** up to **40%** for SMEs; research organisations/universities up to **€120,000** per participant if a French SME is involved
- Non-Eurostars-country partners may participate on a **self-funded** basis.

Key Dates

- **Call opens: 17 December 2026**
- **Application deadline: 4 March 2027, 14:00 CET / Brussels time**
- National follow-on deadlines and decision timelines vary by country.
- Examples:
  - **UK:** expected contract within **90 days** after national funding notification
  - **Canada:** decision expected within **7–8 months** after the Eurostars deadline
  - **Netherlands:** decision within **6–7 months** on average

Technology Readiness Level

- Eurostars supports projects up to **TRL 7–9 in practice only where national rules allow**, but the core call is primarily aimed at **R&D and innovation projects**.
- The call text explicitly requires **development of products, processes or services that can be commercialised**.
- Several national funders restrict support to **industrial research / experimental development**, and **Germany explicitly limits funding to TRL 6 and below**.

Key Grant Call Themes

- **Open thematic scope**: funding is available for **international collaborative R&D and innovation projects in all fields**.
- Core Eurostars emphasis:
    - **Commercialisable

Link: https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes-and-calls/eurostars/eurostars-call-12-for-projects-deadline-march-2027/

Eureka Network - Innowwide | 5th Innowwide call for market feasibility projects

Deadline: Dec 1, 2026 | **Total Funding:** €4,200,000 | **Grant Amount:** Max: €60,000

Quick Summary: This call funds six-month market feasibility projects led by innovative SMEs from eligible European and associated countries, helping them test and validate new product, process or service ideas in pilot markets across the Americas, Africa, Asia or Oceania. Projects should include a local subcontractor in the target country and focus on assessing technical, market, legal and socio-economic conditions for international deployment, with the aim of informing future commercial or R&I decisions.

Eligible Countries

- **Applicant countries:** EU Member States, **Iceland, Israel, Norway, Switzerland, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom**
- **Target countries for the market feasibility study:** countries in **the Americas, Africa, Asia, or Oceania**
- The call information also lists participating countries including **Austria, Belgium (Brussels/Flanders/Wallonia), Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, Iceland, Israel, Norway, Switzerland, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom**

Eligible Legal Entities

- **Innovative SMEs** only
- The applicant must be a **legally constituted SME** under **EU Recommendation 2003/361**
- The SME must have been **legally established for at least two years** by the call deadline
- The project must include **one independent local subcontractor** in the target country
- The call is **mono-beneficiary**, meaning the grant is awarded to the SME coordinator, with the local counterpart involved as a subcontractor rather than a grant recipient

Total Funding Amounts

- **Total funding pot: EUR 4,200,000**
- The call aims to fund **70 projects**
- Indicative funding level: **EUR 60,000 per market feasibility project**

Grant Funding Amount

- **Maximum grant per project: EUR 60,000**
- Funding rate: **70%**
- Minimum total eligible project costs: **EUR 86,000**
- Beneficiaries must self-fund any project costs above the grant cap
- Payment structure:
    - **70% pre-financing: EUR 42,000**
    - **30% final payment: EUR 18,000** after completion and acceptance of the final report

Key Dates

- **Call opens: 1 October 2026**
- **Submission deadline: 1 December 2026, 14:00 CET**
- Project duration: **6 months**
- Final payment is made at the end of the project following submission and acceptance of the final report

Technology Readiness Level

- Supported innovation must have a **minimum TRL of 4**
- The innovation must **not exceed TRL 8** in the target country
- Where further R&I is expected, **TRL 7** is the indicative upper limit

Key Grant Call Themes

- **Market feasibility studies** for innovative business solutions
- **Bottom-up call**: applicants define the project focus
- Product-, process-, or service-market combinations
- Validation in **new and emerging global value chains**
- International deployment in collaboration with a **local counterpart**
- Potentially includes **frugal innovation**
- Preliminary work for future international R&I collaboration

Link: https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes-and-calls/innowwide/5th-innowwide-call-for-market-feasibility-projects-autumn-2026/

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