

HORIZON EUROPE - Overview of the Topics 2026

Work Programme "European Innovation Council" (EIC)



According to the Work Programme: EIC Work Programme 2026 (Published on November 5th, 2025)

| EIC Pathfinder | | | |
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| EIC Pathfinder Open | Opening | Deadline | Type of Action |
| HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDEROPEN: EIC Pathfinder Open 2026 | 05.02.2026 | 12.05.2026 | HORIZON EIC |
| EIC Pathfinder Challenges | Opening | Deadline | Type of Action |
| HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-01: Advanced Materials for Miniaturised Energy Harvesting Systems | 28.07.2026 | 28.10.2026 | HORIZON EIC |
| HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-02: Biotechnology for Healthy Ageing | 28.07.2026 | 28.10.2026 | HORIZON EIC |
| HORIZON-EIC-2026-PATHFINDERCHALLENGES-01-03: DeepRAP: Deep Reasoning, Abstraction & Planning towards trustworthy Cognitive AI Systems | 28.07.2026 | 28.10.2026 | HORIZON EIC |
| EIC Transition | | | |
| EIC Transition Open | Opening | Deadline | Type of Action |
| HORIZON-EIC-2026-TRANSITIONOPEN: EIC Transition Open 2026 | 22.04.2026 | 16.09.2026 | HORIZON EIC |
| EIC Advanced Innovation Challenges - Pilot | | | |
| EIC Advanced Innovation Challenges | Opening | Deadline | Type of Action |
| HORIZON-EIC-2026-AIC-01: Accelerating Physical AI: Embodied Intelligence for the Next Frontier of AI-Powered Robotics | 03.12.2025 | 26.02.2026 18.06.2027 | HORIZON EIC |
| HORIZON-EIC-2026-AIC-02: Translating Disruptive New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) into Practice | 03.12.2025 | 26.02.2026 18.06.2027 | HORIZON EIC |

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| EIC Accelerator | | | |
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| EIC Accelerator Open | Opening | Deadline | Type of Action |
| <u>HORIZON-EIC-2026-ACCELERATOR-01: EIC Accelerator Open</u> | 06.11.2025 | 17.12.2026 | HORIZON-EIC Accelerator |
| EIC Accelerator Challenges | | Deadline | Type of Action |
| <u>HORIZON-EIC-2026-ACCELERATOR-01: Advanced Materials for Renewable Energy and Energy Storage Systems</u> | 06.11.2025 | 17.12.2026 | HORIZON-EIC Accelerator |
| <u>HORIZON-EIC-2026-ACCELERATOR-02: Alternative Concepts and Key Enabling Technologies for Fusion Power Plants</u> | 06.11.2025 | 17.12.2026 | HORIZON-EIC Accelerator |
| <u>HORIZON-EIC-2026-ACCELERATOR-03: Biotech for Regenerating Agricultural Soils</u> | 06.11.2025 | 17.12.2026 | HORIZON-EIC Accelerator |
| <u>HORIZON-EIC-2026-ACCELERATOR-04: Boosting the European Critical Raw Materials value chain</u> | 06.11.2025 | 17.12.2026 | HORIZON-EIC Accelerator |
| <u>HORIZON-EIC-2026-ACCELERATOR-05: Deep Tech for Climate Adaptation</u> | 06.11.2025 | 17.12.2026 | HORIZON-EIC Accelerator |
| EIC Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP) Scale Up | | | |
| EIC Accelerator STEP scale-up call | Opening | Deadline | Type of Action |
| <u>HORIZON-EIC-2026-STEP: EIC Accelerator STEP scale-up call</u> | 06.11.2025 | 25.11.2026 | HORIZON-EIC-EQU |
| Business Acceleration Services | | | |
| Business Acceleration Services | Opening | Deadline | Type of Action |
| EIC business coaches (Direct EIC Services) | Q1 2026 | - | Expert contract action |

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| International Trade Fairs 4.0 | Q1 2026 | - | Ppa |
| <u>HORIZON-EIC-2026-BAS-01-ECOSYSTEM: Financial support to access services from Ecosystem partners</u> | 08.01.2026 | 26.03.2026 | HORIZON-CSA |
| EIC Scaling Club 2.0 | Q1 2026 | 00.06.2026 | HORIZON-CSA |
| Strategic access to innovation procurement | Q1 2026 | - | Ppa |
| Corporate Partnership 4.0 | Q1 2026 | - | Ppa |

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| Key: |
| HORIZON-EIC: HORIZON EIC Grants |
| HORIZON-CSA: HORIZON Coordination and Support Actions |
| HORIZON-EIC-EQU: HORIZON Equity Only |
| Ppa: Public Procurement Action |