
News of the Week - 02 | 2025

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1. INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

» **ERC Club** is back on track! The goal is to foster meaningful discussions, offer valuable guidance, and foster peer-to-peer support including feedback session with ERC grantees.

What's in it for ERC applicants?

- ERC candidates can connect, share insights, and support each other through this journey.
- Regular meet-ups (every 2 weeks for 1h to 1h30). Next: Feb 3rd, 2025

» **Opportunities for Defence workshop** (23/01) | Here you can find the [PRESENTATION](#) and [SUMMARY](#).

Furthermore, we are building a competences database for Defense and Security and you can still ask your researcher to [REGISTER](#)

» Check the Calendar of Research and Management training opportunities in the framework of [DIG4BIO](#) project

» **Website [IST-ID](#) in online!** *The Research & Innovation Pre-award Advisory Unit, including the Pre-Award Network, has now a webpage in the IST-ID website.*

Expectations are that its visibility and structured support to research units and researchers will be increased.

Next step: as discussed between us for so long, the communication strategy.

2. POLICY NEWS

» Country participation in the EU R&I framework programmes

A retrospective on the first three years of Horizon Europe (2021-2023) : monitoring and evaluation report

This report compares country participation in Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020. It finds that the two programmes have similar numbers of applicants, on average, and that the quality of proposals has increased overall and for every country group.

Particularly, non-Widening Member States applied more for funding than Widening Member States; Nevertheless, even accounting for data lags, some Widening countries like Greece, **Portugal**, Czechia, Romania and Cyprus have already seen an increase in the number of applications sent by year.

Read it all [HERE](#)

3. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & UPCOMING CALLS

» *The detailed document compiling all Horizon Europe calls has been updated, including with the latest WP2025 versions drafts.*

[Calls 2025 List updated](#)

Please note that this is a mass data work document, and we'll be adding labels and filters to ease your path towards relevant information.

» **Cost Action Open Call 2025 is open. The deadline for submissions is 21 October 2025 at 12:00 (noon) CEST.**

Please note that a new Technical Annex template has been introduced and all proposals must be submitted using the new template.

[Open Call 2025 infographic](#)

COST Funding [Documents and Guidelines](#)

5. UPCOMING EVENTS & SAVE THE DATE

» European Defence Fund Industry & Matchmaking Day - [Space4Defence 2025](#)

The event aims at bringing together European space actors interested in and eligible to apply for EDF calls for proposals, helping them connect with partners who have specific expertise or solutions, form consortia, and spark new ideas through collaborative meetings.

Register [HERE](#), until February 21st

About the European Defence Fund (EDF) and the “Enhancing Opportunities for All” (EOA) project

The European Defence Fund (EDF) is a European programme for cutting edge defence and development, which spans from 2021 until 2027. The EDF offers financial support at all stages: starting with research and ending with the development of prototypes and certification.

“Enhancing Opportunities for All” (EOA) is a project funded by the European Defence Fund with two main target groups: enhancing skills network and tools for National Focal Points (NFPs) and supporting possible applicants for EDF projects to engage in consortia.

» **Save the date | EUIndTech2025 | 2-5 June 2025 | Kraków, Poland**

The [EUIndTech2025](#) is the European Union's flagship event organised under the Polish presidency of the EU.

It will take place from 2-4 June in Kraków and is a continuation of the cyclical flagship EU events: the **Conference on Industrial Technologies (IndTech)** and the **Euro Nano Forum**.

The event brings together stakeholders from research organizations, industry, industry associations, NGOs, and policymakers to discuss the state-of-the-art technologies, technological challenges, and future trends in the field of industrial technologies.

More details coming soon.

6. RESOURCES

» On the topic of - **DEFENCE**

EDF 2023 Call Results - [General Factsheet](#)

You can also check the [Selected Projects](#)

» [Analysis of Evaluation Summary Reports \(ESR\)](#)

(a Horizon Academy project deliverable)