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## News of the Week - 09 | 2025

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## 1. INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

» SAVE the DATE: Workshop on **Supporting Competitive ERC, Marie Curie, and Collaborative Projects**

**9/04/2025 | Online | 10:00 – 13:00 CET**

Target Group: Research Managers

In the frame of the DIG4BIO project, a half-day workshop focused on the role of research managers in supporting competitive ERC, Marie Curie, and collaborative projects is being held.

This event will bring together experts from leading institutions, DTU, TU Berlin including IST-ID, to discuss best practices and ongoing activities in the preparation of grant proposals. The workshop will be an interactive discussion on strategies for motivating researchers and supporting impactful proposals while overcoming common challenges in the application process. **Program details and Registration Links will be shared with you shortly.**

» SAVE the DATE: Workshop on **Networking**

**17/04/2025 | Online | 10:00 – 11:30**

Target Group: Researchers

DPFC and Pre-Award Network is organizing a workshop on Networking. This workshop will help you preparing your networking activities, either online or at events, for Horizon Europe 2025 Collaborative projects. It will cover planning, tools and what type of information you should prepare in advance. Examples will be shared. **Program details and Registration Links will be shared with you shortly.**

Please disseminate it in your research community.

» **HORIZON EUROPE 2025 | Week 12 Statistics**

Results from the **CL3 2025 Call**, which closed in November 2024, were communicated to the applicants.

3 proposals were submitted by IST-ID and one by IST, as partners in the proposals.

Unfortunately, none were selected for funding.

» **Workshop Técnico-Indústria (cf NoW07)**

After a meeting with the company Fidelidade, it was decided to leave the workshop for further notice.

They will analyze new priority areas to propose to IST.

When we get the information we will contact you.

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## 2. POLICY NEWS

» **Widening Countries in Horizon Europe: Progress & Challenges** (source: European Commission)

While major EU states still steer consortia, [Widening](#) countries are gaining ground, thanks to EU policies promoting inclusivity.

Key takeaways:

- ◇ collaboration shares of Widening countries are increasing
- ◇ strategic 'bridge' countries enhance connectivity and knowledge exchange
- ◇ post-COVID, cooperation favors geographically and strategically aligned partners
- ◇ challenges remain, especially for Southeast European countries

Read the [Working Paper](#) supporting the interim evaluation of HE (released on EU publications website 17mar2025)

» **White Paper for European Defence Readiness 2030** (source: European Commission)

- DUAL USE is prominently present in this White Paper (with explicit reference to the future EIC activities)

- Cf the outcome of the “dual use” [consultation](#) by the EC in 2024

A few quotes from the White Paper on R&I:

☑ “Elaborating this strategic direction, the White Paper indicates that in the context of substantially increased defence expenditure, a higher share needs to be invested in defence research and development and technology, concentrating efforts and resources on Common European Projects”

☑ “In the realm of deep tech, the distinction between civilian and defence is blurred (...) As a result, innovative civilian startups and relevant R&I results can play a crucial role in developing

cutting-edge solutions that can significantly enhance military capabilities and improve operational readiness”

“The EU will come forward with a European Armament Technological Roadmap, leveraging investment into dual use advanced technological capabilities at EU, national and private level”

“In an initial phase the EU will focus on AI and quantum”

Read the [Joint White Paper](#) released 19mar2025

» **Portugal is contributing with 15M€ for R&D projects that contribute to aviation decarbonization** (source: Portuguese Ministry of Economy)

- 6 million euros to support R&D projects in sustainable aviation technologies, such as aircraft and green fuels
- 9 million to support R&D projects around aeronautics, space and defense, in partnerships with entities in Canada.

This investment will be made under the cooperation memorandum between Portugal and the [Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking](#) (CAJU). CAJU is a European partnership, established under the Horizon Europe program, dedicated to sustainable aviation.

The memorandum, signed by the National Innovation Agency and the National Civil Aviation Authority on behalf of the Portuguese state, also provides for the creation of a Joint Technical Roadmap to identify investment opportunities for the development of disruptive low-carbon aircraft.

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### 3. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & UPCOMING CALLS

#### » Innovative Health Initiative - IHI call 10

Deadline:

- Short proposal - 23 April 2025
- Full proposal - 14 October 2025

#### Topics

- [Topic 1 - Digital label: one source of comprehensive information for medical technology products](#)
- [Topic 2 - Enabling and safeguarding innovation in secondary use of health data in the European Health Data Space \(EHDS\)](#)
- [Topic 3 - Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl substance \(PFAS\) exposure, emissions, and end of life management in the healthcare sector](#)

(Related to this call, check also section **Networking & Partnership Opportunities**)

#### » **Reminder** [Calls 2025 List](#)

The detailed document compiling all Horizon Europe calls is being continuously updated. Please note that this is a mass data work document, and we're working on its structure to ease your path towards relevant information (more user friendly).

This is a Work in Progress tool.

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## 4. NETWORKING & PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### » **Seeking Partners for Innovative Health Initiative Call 10 Topic 1** (source CrowdHelix)

The consortium is looking for partners who could lead WPs/tasks related to:

- API development
- Development of AI-enhanced system covering voice, augmented reality and automatic update capabilities
- Blockchain and cybersecurity development and integration

They are targeting the Innovative Health Initiative Call 10 Topic 1 - Digital label: one source of comprehensive information for medical technology products.

To connect with this partnership opportunity check the [announcement](#) and send a message to Burcu Kiper (CrowdHelix Impact Acceleration Manager)

### » **Seeking Novel Solutions to Treat Rare Genetic Skeletal Muscle Diseases** (source InPart)

Deadline: 5th May 2025

Our client, a global leader in therapies for rare genetic diseases, is looking for **novel approaches to target the primary cause of rare genetic skeletal muscle diseases**, to transform the way patients feel, function, and survive.

The team is prioritising **oligonucleotide (RNAi, siRNA, ASO, saRNA), non-viral gene therapy and small molecule approaches**, but is also interested in **gene correction and editing, cell therapy, mRNA and protein replacement and substitution**. **Novel approaches with demonstrated in vivo proof-of-concepts are of particular interest.**

See all the information regarding this [Industry Call for Opportunities](#)

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» **Seeking international collaborators for upcoming Quantum Technology call** (Source Crowdhelix)

[Dr. Michal Hejduk](#) for [Faculty of Mathematics and Physics - PHYSICS](#), [Charles University](#)

Invitation to academic and industrial partners to collaborate on the development of **quantum sensors and quantum-computing platforms**. The approach is based on electrons levitating above planar stru-+ actively developing a planar, multi-frequency Paul trap designed for electron confinement. In their initial investigations, they are focusing on co-trapped, laser-cooled ions as candidates for quantum nondemolition measurements. In addition, they remain open to exploring other established and emerging techniques, including microwave cavity quantum electrodynamics (QED), Josephson junctions, and various superconducting approaches.

Looking forward to establishing a consortium that combines complementary expertise to drive forward the frontier of quantum technology.

Check their [Areas of Collaboration](#)

» **Advancing Topological Quantum Computing and Quantum Error Correction** (Source Crowdhelix)

Partner Offer **HORIZON-CL4-2025-03-DIGITAL-EMERGING-02: Quantum**

[Prof. Jiannis Pachos](#) for [University of Leeds](#)

Read more [HERE](#)

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## 5. UPCOMING EVENTS & SAVE THE DATE

### » Basics of ERC Synergy Grant Preparation

**03/04/2025 | Online**

A Crowdhelix event on understanding the essential characteristics of ERC SyG projects, developing the initial project idea accordingly, and carefully selecting potential SyG group members are all crucial steps toward a successful application.

[Register here](#)

### » Open Webinar - Using the Crowdhelix Open Innovation Platform

**15/04/2025 | Online**

An introduction to the Crowdhelix Platform and its matchmaking capabilities for international funding opportunities.

[Register here](#)

### » Circular Economy and Materials Matchmaking Event

**29-30/04/2025 | Barcelona, Spain**

Crowdhelix's Circular Economy and Materials event connects researchers, business leaders, and industry experts to form consortia for Horizon Europe's 2025 Pillar II Cluster 4 calls.

[Register here](#)

### » [Events Calendar](#)

*Moving forward, this section EVENTS & SAVE THE DATE will evolve to an interactive Events Calendar (e.g filters per area). For now, here's the model we're working with. It is a **Work in Progress** so ALL suggestions are Welcomed!!*

## 6. RESOURCES

### » **Mobilising the Future – Horizon Scanning for Emerging Technologies and Breakthrough Innovations in Mobility**

Emerging technologies and breakthrough innovations across the mobility sector—from automotive and rail to air, logistics, and urban systems—are key to enhancing sustainability, efficiency, and safety. This makes mobility one of the most critical domains for the EU’s green and digital transition and the overall competitiveness of our economy.

As the European Commission launches several initiatives to support these areas, now is the perfect moment to strengthen the foundation for a more innovative and sustainable mobility sector. Highlighting the promising technological and innovation fields and providing an overview of key contextual factors influencing their development and uptake.

The [REPORT](#) is part of the project FUTURINNOV, (FUTURE-oriented detection and assessment of emerging technologies and breakthrough INNOVation), a collaboration between the European Commission’s (EC) Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the European Innovation Council (EIC), the EC’s flagship program for deep tech, implemented by the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA).

» **Annotated proposal template EIC Pathfinder Open** - This guide was created to help applicants better understand the requirements of the template and write better applications. The [annotated template](#) is provided for information only, and reflects solely the view of the authors (source Access2eic)

**Still on the Topic of** - EIC Pathfinder 2025 [NoW08-24mar2025](#)

» **Pathfinder Challenges WEBINAR** (jul 14, 2022) - The aim of the webinar is to explain the EIC Pathfinder Challenges evaluation process (source Access2eic)

**Still on the Topic of** - EIC Pathfinder 2025 [NoW08-24mar2025](#)

### » MSCA COFUND 2025

Call overview with links to: Topic, MSCA COFUND 2024 statistics, Relevant resources, and more

Check out the [BRIEF \(mar2025\)](#)

### » KIT Horizon Europe Pilar 2 - Clusters

The initial version dates from oct 2024, and the current change focused on updating contacts but also introduces a new section - RESOURCES.

The updated document is available [HERE](#), with comments and bookmarks to ease its usability.

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## 7. ACCESS TO RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES

This is a New Section with relevant information regarding **Research Infrastructures** and how you can better explore their benefits.

Here is a list we gathered so far.

Starting next issue we'll bring you detailed aspects, including dates to keep in mind.

» EMSO ERIC call for physical access <<https://emso.eu/physical-access/>> 30th April 2025 (next cutoff date)

» RESILIENCE TNA call <[https://www.resilience-ri.eu/tna\\_fellowship\\_programme/](https://www.resilience-ri.eu/tna_fellowship_programme/)> (13th March - 1st May 2025)

» 2nd OSCARS Open Call <<https://oscars-project.eu/open-calls>> (14th March - 14th May 2025)

» 1st Call for Junior Scientists Staff Exchange <<https://riana-project.eu/2025/02/24/first-call-for-junior-scientists-staff-exchange/>> – RIANA project 31st May 2025

» Marine & Freshwater internships <<https://aquarius-ri.eu/training-resources/training-opportunities/open-call-internships/>>

» Aquaserv TNA call <<https://www.aquaserv-ri.eu/transnational-access-call>>

» MOSBRI TNA call for proposals <<https://www.mosbri.eu/apply-for-tna/>>