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# Horizon Europe

## Horizon Europe Funding opportunities

Grant writing seminar

Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

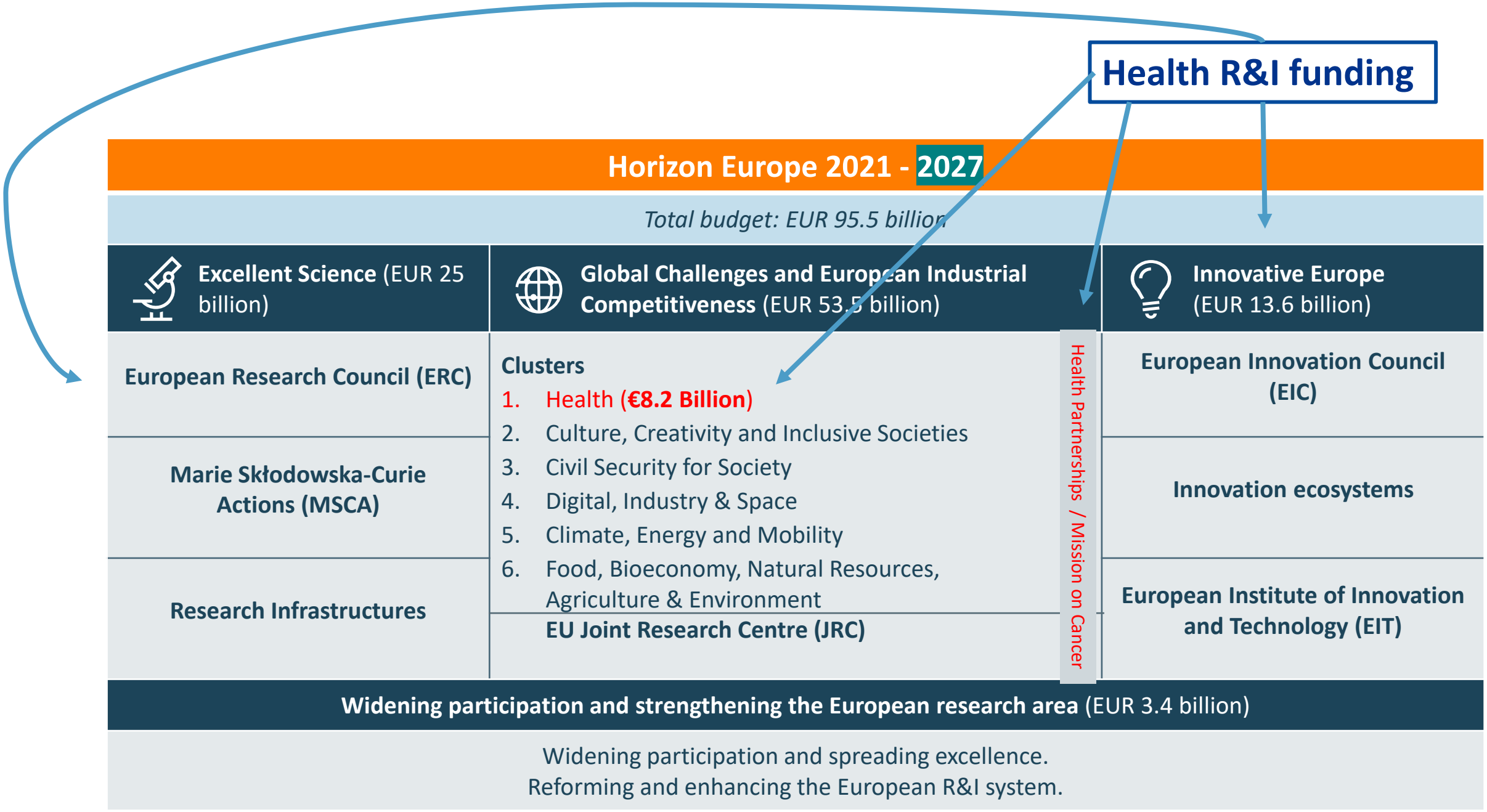
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# Main take home messages

- There are several opportunities for funding of global health research in Horizon Europe.
- Most are published at the official Funding and Tenders Portal…
- … but not all… Important to follow also Horizon Europe partnership web sites.
- Global health relevant calls are for collaborative projects.
- Norwegian environments are eligible to get funding from both Horizon Europe and most often the relevant partnerships.
- The current Horizon Europe ends in 2027 but health is a proposed priority also for the next period (2028-34).
- Horizon Europe NCPs can advice in finding and interpreting calls and proposal preparation




Health R&I funding
Horizon Europe 2021 - 2027
Total budget: EUR 95.5 billion
Excellent Science (EUR 25 billion)
Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness (EUR 53.5 billion)
Innovative Europe (EUR 13.6 billion)
European Research Council (ERC)
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)
Research Infrastructures
Clusters
1. Health (€8.2 Billion)
2. Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Societies
3. Civil Security for Society
4. Digital, Industry & Space
5. Climate, Energy and Mobility
6. Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment
EU Joint Research Centre (JRC)
Health Partnerships / Mission on Cancer
European Innovation Council (EIC)
Innovation ecosystems
European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
Widening participation and strengthening the European research area (EUR 3.4 billion)
Widening participation and spreading excellence.
Reforming and enhancing the European R&I system.

# Horizon Europe Cluster Health 2021-2027 – Impacts/Destinations




European Commission

- Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society
- Living and working in a health-promoting environment
- Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden
- Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable and high-quality healthcare
- Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society
- Maintaining an innovative, sustainable and competitive EU health industry

There is also a Horizon Europe Mission on Cancer with separate calls dedicated to this initiative

# Three main global-health investments in Horizon Europe

- Global Health EDCTP3 partnership
- Global Alliance of Chronic Diseases
- Global health security (pandemic preparedness)
- Contributions to CEPI calls/projects

- Cross-cutting framework:
  - The Africa Initative
  - AU-EU Innovation Agenda





# Global Health EDCTP3

# Who we are

Established in 2021, Global Health EDCTP3 is the **largest research funding partnership** between **Europe** and **Africa**.

It brings together **the European Union**, represented by the European Commission, and the **EDCTP Association**, representing currently governments of 15 European and 31 sub-Saharan African countries.

Global Health EDCTP3

contributes to:

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

EU Global Health Strategy

Agend A 2063 The Africa we Want

and many other priorities for Europe and Africa

**Global Health EDCTP3** builds on its predecessors, EDCTP1 and EDCTP2.

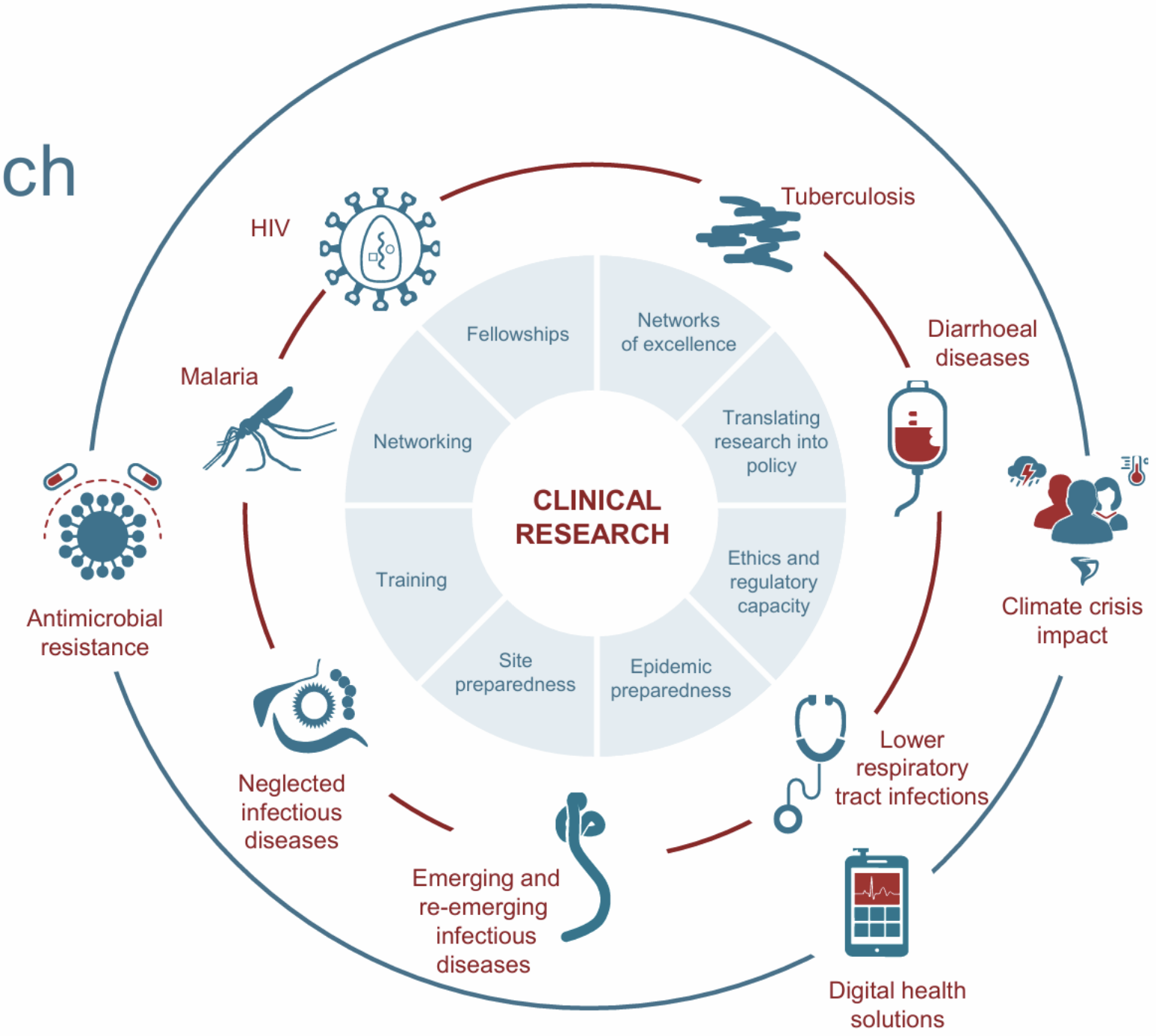


# Our scope and integrated approach

We focus on the **major infectious disease threats** facing sub-Saharan Africa.

We tackle all stages of clinical evaluation, but particularly **late-stage studies** with a special focus on **vulnerable population groups** and unmet medical needs.

We strengthen **research capacities and ecosystems** in Europe and sub-Saharan Africa, ensuring that **global health security** is increased.



# Example – 2026 call

## 2026 Working Programme – 3 open competitive calls, with **6 Topics**

| Calls | Topic Code | Call Topic Title | Budget (€) | Total budget (€) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 01 | HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-01-TB-01-two-stage | Global Collaboration Action for the development of TB drugs for therapy and chemoprophylaxis in adults and children in sub-Saharan Africa | 30 M | 88.9 M |
| | HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-01-LRTI-02-two-stage | Global Collaboration Action for Prevention and treatment of Lower Respiratory Tract Infections (LRTIs) in sub-Saharan Africa | 33.9 M* | |
| | HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-01-HIV-03-two-stage | Global collaboration action towards a better prevention, treatment and clinical management of HIV co-infections or co-morbidities in sub-Saharan Africa | 25 M | |
| 02 | HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-02-CH-01-two-stage | Global Collaboration Action on climate and health in sub-Saharan Africa | 25 M | 25 M |
| 03 (single-stage) | HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-03-SERP-01 | Training networks for sustained capacity building related to ethics, regulatory and pharmacovigilance | 15 M* | 33 M |
| | HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-03-DIGIT-02 | Enhancing Integrated Research and Healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa Through Digital Innovation and Artificial Intelligence in SSA | 18 M* | |

+ Mobilisation of research funds in case of **Public Health Emergencies** € 1 M
+ HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-KHUB-01-IBA: Expansion and consolidation of the EDCTP Knowledge Hub € 1 M

*The budget for this call topic may increase, subject to confirmation of a contributing partner's contribution.

Global Health EDCTP3

**2027 work programme expected in December/January**



# Global Health opportunities in Cluster Health Work Programme 2027

# GACD and health security topics in HEU 2027 work programme

**Deadline 17 February, 2027**

| Topic ID (HORIZON-HLTH…) | Topic Title | Type of Action | Budget |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2027-01-DISEASE-10 | Prevention and management of **chronic NCDs** in **children and young people** (GACD) | RIA | €11.8 M ~3 projects |
| -2027-01-DISEASE-05 | Development of novel small molecule **antiviral therapeutics** for pathogens with epidemic potential | RIA | €44.2 M ~5 projects |
| -2027-01-DISEASE-06 | Development of **monoclonal antibodies** to prevent and treat infections from **Flaviviruses** | RIA | €37.3 M ~4 project |
| 2027-01-DISEASE-07 | Development of **monoclonal antibodies** to prevent and treat infections from **Filo-, Nairo-, Phenui-, Picorna- and Toga viruses** | RIA | €37.3 M ~4 project |
| 2027-01-DISEASE-08 | Development of innovative **antimicrobials against pathogens resistant to antimicrobials** | RIA | €44.2 M ~5 projects |

# Finding Horizon calls: Funding and Tenders Portal

European Commission | EU Funding & Tenders Portal

Sign in EN

Ho… | Fun… | Procure… | Projects & re… | News & ev… | Work as an ex… | Guidance & docum… | Search...

**Filters**

**Quick search**

hlth

Programming period

Programme

Call

Submission status

All filters

**3** item(s) found

Relevance

Programme Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

European partnership for pandemic preparedness

HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-12-01 | Call for proposal

Opening date: **25 April 2024** | Next deadline: **26 November 2024** | Single-stage

Open For Submission

Type of action: **HORIZON Programme Cofund Actions**

Implementation research for management of multiple long-term conditions in the …

HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-13-01 | Call for proposal

Opening date: **25 April 2024** | Next deadline: **26 November 2024** | Single-stage

Open For Submission

Type of action: **HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions**

# The entire health ecosystem is needed

- Complex challenges
- Citizens and patients are at the core
- Knowledge based policy and solutions
- Solutions needs to be put into practice
- Require collaboration across discipline, sectors and countries – to be reflected in project design



# Who can join Cluster Health calls?

- **Large collaborative projects:** cross-disciplinary and cross-sectoral
- **Thematic calls:** pre-defined topics
- **Consortium**: One coordinator – several partners
- **Min 3 independent legal entitites** from different EU or Associated countries – At least one from EU
- Other (third) countries can most often participate but not receive funding (exception: LMIC).
- Research and innovation actions (RIA) - Funding rate: 100% of eligible costs

# EDCTP calls – main differences

- Min 3 independent legal entities from different EU/EDCTP countries – **At least one EU, or AC EDCTP member**; **At least one sub-Saharan African EDCTP member.**
- Coordinator should be based in EU/AC or South Africa
- Scientific Project Leader should be from Sub-Saharan African EDCTP member
- Funding rate 100% eligible costs, BUT often ask for in-kind by contributing members (not EDCTP)





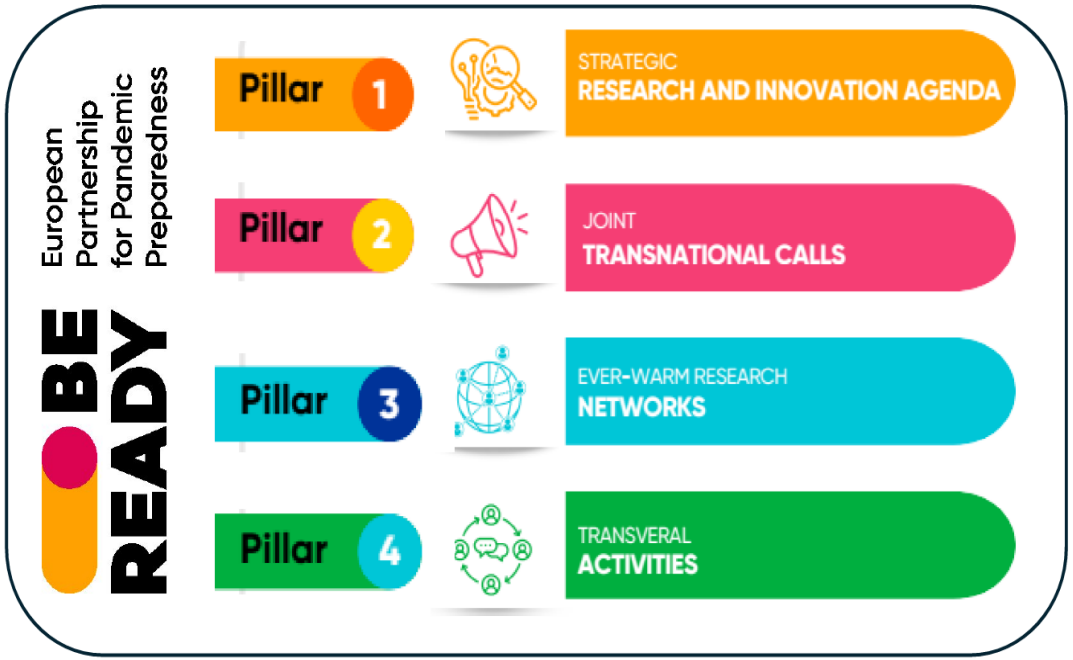
# Other Horizon Partnerships with Global health security opportunities

# BE READY – European Partnership or Pandemic Preparedness

## VISION AND ACTIVITIES

**Vision of the Partnership**

*To establish a European research and innovation ecosystem that is optimally prepared for future health crises caused by infectious diseases, that can respond to them swiftly and efficiently, and that is fully integrated in the wider European institutional Health Security framework.*




Funded by the European Union

More info on
beready4pandemics.eu

# JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALLS

**Calls are open to applicants from countries with participating funding agencies.**
**RCN aim to participate in several of the calls**

**Pillar 2**

JOINT
**TRANSNATIONAL CALLS**

| Joint | Transnational | Call |
|---|---|---|
| done together by several funding agencies | research teams from different countries work together | official invitation to apply for funding for a research project |




- ✓ Translation of SRIA priorities into concrete actions
- ✓ Planned on a yearly basis
- ✓ Next call expected Jan 2027

Funded by the European Union

More info on
bereready4pandemics.eu

Factsheet Joint Transnational Calls

# Pre-announcement, OH AMR

## EUP OHAMR | JTC 2027

# Understand, Model and Stop AMR Transmission

**Deadline 2 Feb, 2027 (pre-proposal)**

OH AMR | European Partnership on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance

Co-funded by the European Union

https://ohamr.eu/2026/10/19/pre-announcment-call-to-advance-research-on-amr-transmission/





# Proposal preparation tips

# Tips for finding opportunities and preparing proposals

- Start now, early is better
- Learn how to read the topics! Read carefully and address all required points!
- Link proposal up the chain to a policy, missions
- Even more important to look at where your expertise can help solve a problem/challenge (NOT where can you find funding for your existing project), you are the supplier here
- Consortium composition
  - Who is Challenge owners?
  - From project outputs to outcomes

- AI during preparation is allowed, but should be disclosed and use it wisely! (AI not allowed during evaluations)

- **Attend EC infodays!**
- Learn to write more concisely

# Reading topics

- Check specific conditions (e.g. blind evaluation)
- Scope (background/challenge, societal and research needs)
- Expected outcomes (at end of project)
- Expected impacts (in the future)
- Other matters:
  - Envisaged collaboration (e.g. SME) and SSH contribution
  - Stakeholders (user participation?)
  - Open access etc
- **Where do my expertise or idea fit?**

**HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-02: Innovative interventions to prevent the harmful effects of using digital technologies on the mental health of children and young adults**

There is an urgent need for more robust data to foster a safer, responsible and healthier use of digital technologies among children and young adults, prioritising the protection of their mental health.

The applicants should address all the following aspects:

- Generate the neuro-biological and cognitive/behavioural evidence base on the correlation and impact of digital technologies on mental health, including brain development (both positive and negative).
- Develop and test innovative digital interventions aiming for example at: counteracting addictive design patterns (e.g. on social media and gaming platforms), gaining insights into risk patterns and enabling early risk detection (e.g. detecting early warning signs of mental disorders or digital addiction), redirecting users towards healthy use and positive engagement with digital technologies, and/or reducing exposure to harmful content.
- Assess the changes in behaviour in children and young adults of the newly developed interventions, aiming at fostering their resilience and promoting responsible use and healthy digital habits.

burden". To that end, proposals under this topic should aim to deliver results that are directed at, tailored towards and contributing to all the following expected outcomes:

- Researchers and healthcare professionals have an improved understanding of the neuro-biological and cognitive/behavioural evidence base on the correlation and impact of digital technologies on mental health, including brain development.
- Policymakers and digital technology and content developers are provided with a robust evidence base on the impact (positive or negative) of digital technologies on mental

# Useful to know

Evaluation:

- **Experts evaluate the proposals** – but not necessarily experts in your field
- **Read evaluation criteria** and **expert briefings** from previous calls.
- Common comments: «**Not sufficiently addressed**» (eg State of the Art, SSH integration etc etc)
- For Ex-Aequo proposals: **Gender balance among researchers in a leading role in the consortium is often decisive**!

Particular for Cluster 1:

- **Clinical studies/trials template** – encouraged/required for all studies using or producing health data
- **Threshold** is 12 (4/4/4 (or 3))

Check out the NCP network's resources!

- Health NCP network (HNN3.0): HNN 3.0 - Supporting Tools | Health-NCP-Net (e.g. annotated Clinical Studies template)
- HE NCP Portal: Home | Horizon Europe NCP Portal. E.g. annotated proposal template; analysis of ESRs

# Characteristics of winning proposals from the health cluster

Among RIA and IA actions from Health Cluster (HE)

- Average proposal success rate: **21 %**
- On avarage **14.7** participants per consortium
- Average duration: **4 years and 3 months** (span: 12-84 months)
- Germany, Netherlands, Spain and Italy participate in most winning proposals
- Germany has the most collaborations with other countries …
- … but Norway collaborate most with the Netherlands



# How do I find consortia?

- NETWORK! Talk with your network, your friends. Go to conferences!
- Ask for help
- Join, and be active in, European networks and umbrella organisations (or make friends with someone who is)
- COST Networks can be a starting point
- Look at running projects (CORDIS, EU Networks etc)
- Partner search and brokerage events
- Does your institution has formalised agreements with other organisations?

THINK LONG-TERM!

# What happens after 2027?

- New Horizon Europe programme proposed for 2028-2034 – strongly integrated with a new European Competetiveness Fund.
- Proposal and conditions are currently under discussion in EU.
- Norway is discussing association and an intention declaration is expected in February 2027.

- Health remains a priority-
- Discussions about partnerhips are ongoing. EDCTP continuation looks promising as of now.
- The current Horizon Europe partnerships BE READY and OH AMR recently started and will run for several more years.

# How can NCPs help me?



BACKGROUND – Information about call



TRAINING – Assistance on proposal writing



GUIDANCE – Choosing relevant topics



ADVICE – Advise participants on establishment of networks, contacts, partner

There are NCPs in all MS and AC, and a dedicated network for Health NCPs with resources for applicants

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THE NEXT EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAMME (2021 – 2027)



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