



European Commission



Horizon Europe encourages Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in Research & Innovation



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“The Mediterranean Initiative under Horizon Europe addresses our shared political priorities: health, renewable energy and climate change. Through international cooperation in R&I, we will improve the resilience of the Euro-Mediterranean region to current and future socio-economic challenges”.

Mariya Gabriel Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

Horizon Europe is open to researchers and innovators from around the globe who are encouraged to team up with EU partners in preparing proposals. It will also include dedicated initiatives to support and strengthen cooperation with key strategic regions.

MEDITERRANEAN INITIATIVE

The EU and the **Southern Mediterranean countries** seek to enhance their partnership based on co-creation, co-ownership and shared benefits. The cooperation in the region underlines the importance of common solutions to address major challenges, such as skills mismatch, youth unemployment and brain drain.

Accordingly, the **Horizon Europe** work programme 2023-2024 includes a Mediterranean Initiative with around 37 topics with a budget of around €320 million under *Calls for Proposals* that are particularly relevant for cooperation with the Mediterranean region. This contributes to the [R&I Roadmaps](#) on the three priorities for EU-Mediterranean cooperation in research and innovation adopted at the [UfM R&I Ministerial of 27 June 2022](#) on:



HEALTH



CLIMATE CHANGE



RENEWABLE ENERGY

The calls for proposals, open in different Work Programme parts, encourage the participation of Mediterranean entities. Topics range from:

- developing innovative and integrated renewable energies technologies;
- minimizing climate impact on activities like fisheries and aquaculture;
- improving the reliability of alternative water resources supply;
- acting to reduce plastic packaging pollution from the food system, among many others.

Research and Innovation

SYNERGIES WITH OTHER PARTNERSHIPS AND MISSIONS BETWEEN THE EU AND MEDITERRANEAN

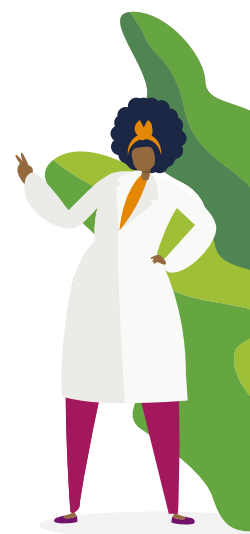
Research and innovation stakeholders are encouraged to apply to these initiatives as well.

HEALTH

- The [European partnership on Personalised Medicine](#)
- The [European Partnership on Rare Diseases](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE

- The European Partnership for a climate-neutral, sustainable and productive Blue Economy ([Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership](#))
- The European Partnership Water Security for the Planet ([Water4All](#))
- The Partnership for Research & Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ([PRIMA](#)) covering the food-water-agriculture nexus.
- The [Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030”](#) (in particular its Mediterranean lighthouse on preventing and eliminating marine pollution)
- The mission “[A Soil Deal for Europe](#)”
- The [Horizon Europe Partnership on Sustainable Food Systems for People, Planet and Climate](#)



RENEWABLE ENERGIES

- The [Clean Hydrogen Partnership](#)
- The [Batt4EU Partnership](#)



PRACTICAL INFORMATION on the MEDITERRANEAN Initiative:

The Calls for Proposals under the MEDITERRANEAN Initiative in the 2023-2024 Work Programme of Horizon Europe can be found on the [EU Funding & Tenders portal](#).

More information on cooperation in research and innovation between the EU and the Mediterranean can be found [here](#).

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