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Other relevant European Programmes for SMEs

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Additional European programmes – Their scopes

Horizon Europe	Eurostars	Digital Europe	EU4Health	EIT Health
Research and Innovation	R&D and innovation projects led by SMEs	Deployment of digital solution	Adoption/implementation of solutions in health systems	Innovation & Business Ecosystem activities



Eurostars is part of the European Partnership on Innovative SMEs.

R&D to create
innovative products,
processes or services
for commercialization

At least 2 entities
from 2 participating
countries. SME must
be the lead

Between 0,5M€ and
1,5M€ funding

29% applications
received funding

45% participants
reach new markets

Co funded by EC and
regional/national
funder

No compulsory topics

84% project partners
form long term
relationships

- **Next call:**

- Start Date: 16 January 2026, 12:00 AM CET
- End Date: 19 March 2026, 2:00 PM CET

→ <https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes-and-calls/eurostars/eurostars-march-2026/>

- **Webinar for applicants:** 22 January 2026 – 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM CET:

→ <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1309982794386356824?source=website>

Your resources

<https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes-and-calls/eurostars/eurostars-march-2026/>:

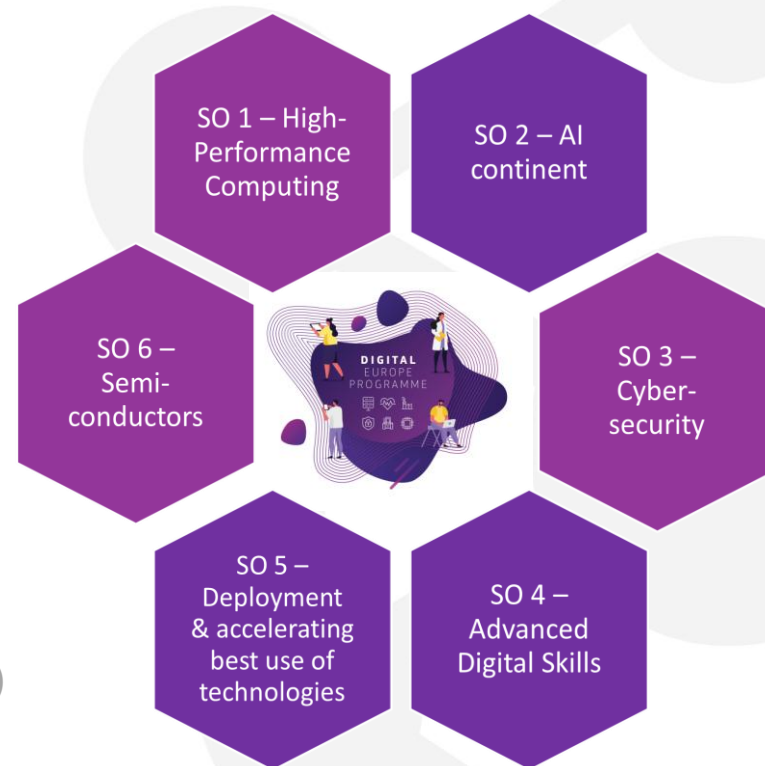
- Country information
- Application process

Objectives and scope:

- Fostering the uptake of digital technologies by businesses, citizens and public administrations
- Enhancing digital skills of the (future) workforce
- A very broad range of different sectors
- **Does not fund research**
- Restricted participation due for security reasons and to strengthen EU's strategic autonomy

Funding instrument and rate: Simple grant (up to 50%); **SME Support Action** (up to 75% for SMEs); Coordinated and support actions (up to 100%); Financial Support to Third Parties (up to 100% for consortium, 50% for cascading grants)

Targets/Stakeholders: SMEs and larger companies; Knowledge and higher education institutions and research centres; Public sector organisations



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TIMELINE: 11/2025 – 03 MARCH 2026

- **Health: Data ingestion capacities and data services for the European Genomic Data Infrastructure in the European Health Data Space** Enhance the European Genomic Data Infrastructure by supporting the deployment of advanced data curation and use. **First work strand: data tools** € 5 Mio | Simple grant **Second work strand: data storage and processing capacity** € 17,5 Mio | Grant for procurement
- **Virtual worlds test beds** Support testing, experimentation and integration of state-of-the-art Virtual Worlds, immersive and extended reality technologies in specific sectors. One test bed for societal applications (such as education, cultural heritage or healthcare). 17 Mio € | Simple grant URL to EU Funding 1
- **Deployment of cutting-edge multi-modal AI-based solutions in medical imaging** Accelerate the adoption of EU AI-driven solutions for deployment in healthcare settings for patient care, which can also be leveraged for research purposes. € 14,4 Mio | SME support action

Reference documents

[Call document.](#)

Eligible participants must be legal entities and be established in eligible countries ([list of participating countries](#)).

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CALL 10

INDICATIVE TIMELINE: Q2 2026 – Q3 2026

- **Apply AI: Piloting AI-based image screening in medical centres** Pilot project(s) to deploy a cloud-based AI/GenAI system using trustworthy and safe AI/GenAI algorithms that were developed, trained, and validated with large patient datasets. € 9 Mio | Simple grant
- **Excellence in higher education and training programmes in key digital areas and applied technologies | Second work strand: Advanced Digital Skills for Digital Health** Expand the offer of education and training opportunities in digital health jointly designed between higher education and training institutions, research organisations and industry. € 7,8 Mio | Lump sum grant
- **Building capacity to deploy the EHRxF and digital health services and systems to support the rights of citizens and reuse of health data under EHDS** Capacity building of public authorities and healthcare providers to deploy, at a large-scale, services and systems that support the rights of natural persons foreseen under the EHDS € 14,4 Mio € | Grant for financial support to third parties

Reference documents

Digital Europe WP 2025-2027

→ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/work-programmes-digital>

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CALL 11

INDICATIVE TIMELINE: Q1 2027 – Q2 2027

- **Testing GenAI4EU applications at scale and under real-world conditions** Integrate GenAI into sectorial testing and experimentation facilities (TEFs) to facilitate the transition of GenAI solutions from lab environments to real-world applications. € 16 Mio | Simple grant
- **Virtual Human Twins and AI in health | Work strand 2: Uptake incubator** Support an uptake incubator for VHT and related AI solutions targeted to developers and innovators € 7,2 Mio | Simple grant

Your resources

Digital Europe WP 2025-2027

→ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/work-programmes-digital>

[List of National Contact Points for DIGITAL](#)



DEP4ALL
THE NCP NETWORK FOR THE
DIGITAL EUROPE PROGRAMME

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/dep4all/>

[EU Funding & Tenders Portal – Calls for proposals](#) (Call 9)

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Focus: Improving the resilience of European healthcare systems through funding to national authorities, health organisations and other bodies.

Funding instrument and rate: grants, tenders and procurement, up to 60%, up to 80% for “exceptional utility”.

Targets/Stakeholders: Local/regional/national authorities, academia, industry, networks.

Types of projects: Health policy implementation, health crisis management, public health campaigns, training programs, and digital health initiatives.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION:

- CRISIS PREPAREDNESS
- HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION
- CANCER, CARDIOVASCULAR AND OTHER NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES
- HEALTH SYSTEMS AND HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DIGITAL
- OTHER ACTIONS

- **No current call open**
 - E.g. [Call for proposals for health data for biotech innovation leveraging the European Health Data Space](#)
 - E.g. [Call for proposals for a programme on orphan medical devices, in particular targeting paediatric patients](#)
- No information yet available on Work Programme 2026. Stay tuned.

Your resources

Programme webpage: https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/eu4health_en



<https://www.nfp4health.eu/>

List of National Focal Points:

https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/eu4health/national-focal-points_en

[Fact Sheet on Health funding in EU4Health and Horizon Europe](#)

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Mission is to **drive healthcare innovation** and create positive societal impact in Europe.

What EIT Health offers – Examples:

- Education Programme (MOOC, Master, certifications...)
 - [Science4Pandemics](#), [Value-Based Healthcare Pioneer](#), [International Master in Innovative Medicine](#)
- Support to start-ups/scale up programme (e.g. accelerators)
 - [Venture Centre of Excellence](#)
- Industry Challenge

Note: Organized until now in seven Innovation hubs. Organisational changes can be expected as the EIT Health prepares for financial sustainability beyond 2029.

Your resources

<https://eithealth.eu/>

[Official list of EIT National Contact Point](#)

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