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EPICUR Hubs Kick-Off Sustainable Transformation

“Funding Opportunities ”

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Funding opportunities

- Local funding
- National funding
- EU funding
 - HORIZON Europe
 - Erasmus +
 - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)
 - Interreg Europe
 - European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)
 - European Research Council (ERC)





Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe is the EU's key funding programme for research and innovation. The indicative funding amount for Horizon Europe for the period 2021-2027 is **€ 93.5 billion**.

It tackles climate change, helps to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and boosts the EU's competitiveness and growth.

New elements in Horizon Europe

- **European Innovation Council:** Support for innovations with potential breakthrough and disruptive nature with scale-up potential that may be too risky for private investors. This is 70% of the budget earmarked for SMEs.
- **Missions:** Sets of measures to achieve bold, inspirational and measurable goals within a set timeframe. There are 5 main mission areas as part of Horizon Europe.
- **Open science policy:** Mandatory open access to publications and open science principles are applied throughout the programme
- **New approach to partnerships:** Objective-driven and more ambitious partnerships with industry in support of EU policy objectives



Erasmus plus

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe. It has an estimated budget of **€26.2 billion**. This is nearly double the funding compared to its predecessor programme (2014-2020).

The 2021-2027 programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people's participation in democratic life.

It supports priorities and activities set out in the European Education Area, Digital Education Action Plan and the European Skills Agenda.

The programme also:

- supports the European Pillar of Social Rights
- implements the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027
- develops the European dimension in sport



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

The MSCA fund excellent research and innovation and equip researchers at all stages of their career with new knowledge and skills, through mobility across borders and exposure to different sectors and disciplines. The MSCA help build Europe's capacity for research and innovation by investing in the long-term careers of excellent researchers. The budget for the MSCA under Horizon Europe is **€6.6 billion**.

Excellence

- support excellent researchers and foster excellence in research and innovation collaborations, and knowledge transfer.

Mobility

- support the mobility of researchers between countries, sectors and disciplines.

Bottom-up and open to the world

- open to all domains of research and innovation and encourage international cooperation to set-up strategic collaborations.

Effective supervision and career guidance

- promote effective supervision and adequate mentoring and career guidance.

Open science and responsible research and innovation

- support Open Science and Responsible Research and Innovation.

European Green Deal

- support bottom-up and applied research supporting the European Green Deal and tackling climate and environmental-related challenges.

Synergies

- The MSCA promote strong links with the Cohesion policy funds and the Recovery and Resilience Facility.



Opportunities:

Apply for PhD and postdoctoral vacancies funded by Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.



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Interreg Europe

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Interreg Europe

Interreg Europe is an interregional cooperation programme. The EU strives to reduce disparities in the levels of development, growth and quality of life in and across Europe's regions. With a budget of **€394 million** Interreg Europe helps local, regional and national governments to develop and deliver better policy, by creating an environment and opportunities for sharing solutions across 36 countries.

The programme contributes to all EU priorities and strives for better regional governance through capacity building.



- Smarter Europe
- Greener Europe
- More connected Europe
- More social Europe
- Europe closer to citizens
- Better regional governance

European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

COST is a funding organisation for research and innovation networks. The Actions help connect research initiatives across Europe and beyond and enable researchers and innovators to grow their ideas in any science and technology field by sharing them with their peers. COST Actions are bottom-up networks with a duration of four years that boost research, innovation and careers.

Statistics at a glance

All data refers to 2024



COST Actions are:





European Research Council

European Research Council (ERC)

The ERC, set up by the European Union in 2007, is the premier European funding organisation for excellent frontier research. It funds creative researchers of any nationality and age, to run projects based across Europe.

The ERC offers 5 core grant schemes:

[Starting Grants](#) (2-7 years after PhD)

[Consolidator Grants](#) (7-12 years after PhD)

[Advanced Grants](#) (established principal investigator)

[Synergy Grants](#) (two to maximum four Principal Investigators)

[Proof of Concept Grants](#) (ERC grantees)



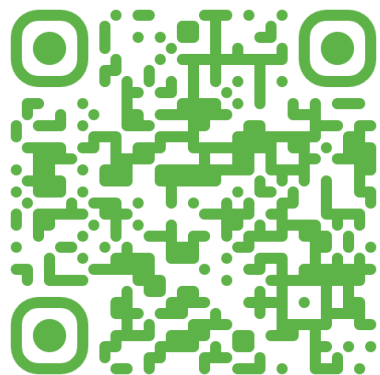
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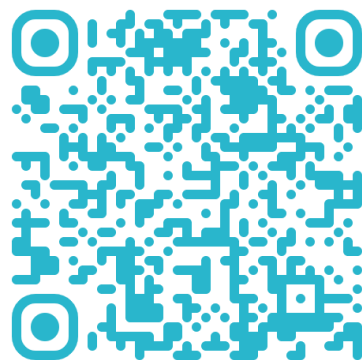
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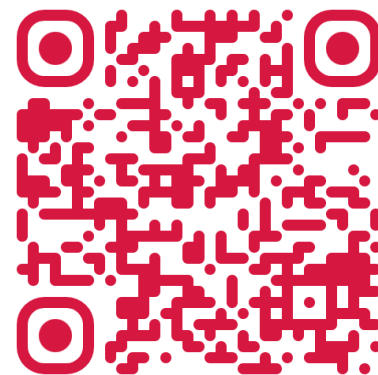
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