



# HORIZON EUROPE

A large, 3D-style text "HORIZON EUROPE" is set against a green grassy hill. The letters are white with a grey shadow. Various small, colorful illustrations of people are scattered around the base of the text: a person sitting under a tree, a couple on a pink bench, a person in a wheelchair, a family walking, a person with a laptop, and a person holding a gear. In the sky above, there are white clouds, yellow stars, and a yellow rocket ship with red fins.

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HORIZON EUROPE INFORMATION AND NETWORKING  
SESSION FOR CAS

# Session: Horizon Europe networking, & consortium



# Agenda – HE Information & Networking CAS

Thursday, 22 January 2026

15.00 – 15.30	<b>Coffee break &amp; networking</b>
15.30 – 15.45	<b>Example of successful participation in a Horizon Europe project: partner from the Kyrgyz Republic</b> <b>Marat Abzhalbekovich Cholponkulov</b> , National Coordinator from Kyrgyzstan of the European Union Project “Sustainable Energy Connectivity in Central Asia” (SECCA) (2023–2026)
15.45 – 16.30	<b>Networking for the preparation of Horizon Europe project proposals</b> , Manfred Spiesberger, GSF <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Contact Points (NCPs) for Horizon Europe and the support they provide</li><li>• NCP projects aimed at strengthening networking, e.g. Horizon Europe Cluster 4 — NCP 4Industry</li><li>• How to build and join a consortium for preparing a Horizon Europe project proposal</li><li>• Networking and partner search tools</li><li>• Q&amp;A session</li></ul>
16.30	Free guided tour of the museum - offered to all interested participants

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## HORIZON EUROPE INFORMATION & NETWORKING CAS

National Contact Points (NCPs) for Horizon Europe and the support they provide NCP projects aimed at strengthening networking, e.g. Horizon Europe Cluster 4 — NCP 4Industry



# National Contact Points (NCPs)



## Role of NCPs in Horizon Europe and NCP support

Support interested entities in participating in the European framework programme for research and innovation, Horizon Europe:

- Advise on the **application process, project management and project implementation**
  - ✓ Guidance on choosing relevant Horizon Europe topics and types of action
  - ✓ Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
  - ✓ Training and assistance on proposal writing
  - ✓ Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)
  - ✓ Assistance in partner search

# NCP networking projects



## NCPs support each other!

Horizon Europe is complex and it takes time to understand the different aspects to offer high-quality support to national applicants.

Seasoned (national) NCP colleagues from other thematic areas might help new NCPs in the on-boarding process.



Additionally, the EU Commission is financing NCP networking projects. These projects offer, among other things, NCP best-practice exchanges across borders and capacity building activities in the same thematic area.

An overview of NCP networking projects can be found on the [Horizon Europe NCP Portal](#).

# NCP networking projects in CL4



Each thematic area has its own NCP project (CSA)



## [Idealist2027](#) (Digital)

- First NCP networking project; established in 1996
- 33 project partners



## [NCP4Industry Plus](#) (Industry)

- Established in 2004 (as COOREERS and NMT TEAM projects)
- 20 project partners



## [COSMOS4HEplus](#) (Space)

- Established in 2007
- 15 project partners

# Partner search

- European **NCP networks, National NCPs**

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp>

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How to build and join a consortium for a  
HE project proposal & Networking and  
partner search instruments



# How to build a consortium?

## Type of participation within a Consortium

- Coordinator
- Participants
- Third-parties

} Beneficiaries

### Keep in mind how the coordinator sees a right consortium

- Well balanced: geographical spread, expertise and type of organisation (Academia, Research centers, Industry, SMEs,...)
- Complementary partners: no overlaps
- Clear roles & functions
- Right size

# How to build a consortium?

Keep in mind how the coordinator sees consortium partners

- Should have **added value** in the project
- Could be from Academia, Industry, SMEs, NGOs, etc. – depending on the roles in the project
- Should be **committed**
- Should have skills in a **particular field**
- Should have **reputation – for core partners**
- Should ideally (not obligatory) have previous **experience** in international cooperation projects
- Should be reliable => **personal networks** are important!

# How to build a consortium?

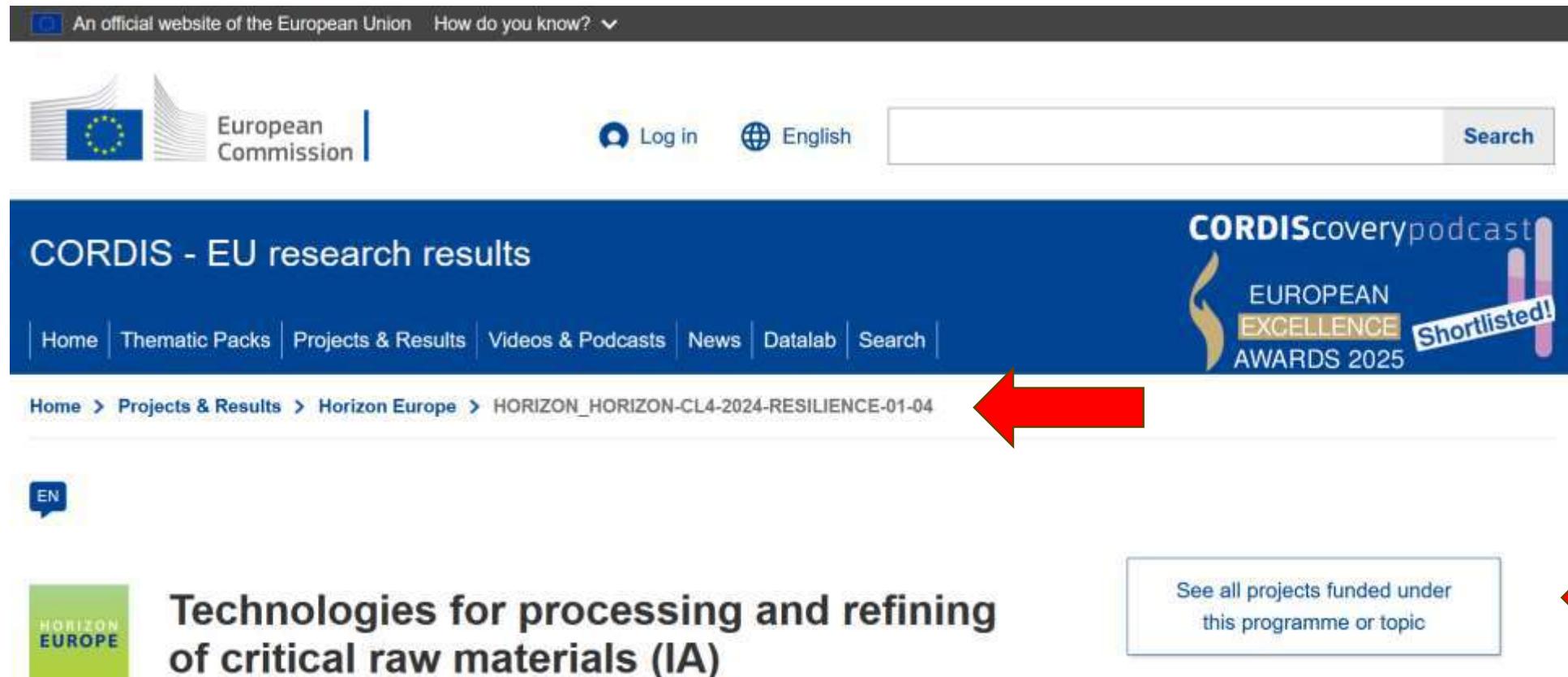
- Check carefully the call text!
- Analyse what is requested, which partners and competences should be involved:
  - research,
  - industry,
  - small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs),
  - non-governmental organisations (NGOs),
  - municipalities/cities
  - international partner countries of the EU,
  - etc.
- Example HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MATERIALS-PRODUCTION-12:  
“The mining industry and users of targeted raw materials should assume a prominent role in the proposed actions, supported by adequate allocation of resources .”

# How to build a consortium?

- Use **existing contacts with experience** of EU funding programmes
- Use **social media** (e.g. LinkedIn forums)
- Search the EC's **CORDIS database** for participants in similar projects in H2020 and Horizon Europe, in previous similar calls.  
Which type of partners are involved in such projects?  
What are the objectives of such projects?
- [http://cordis.europa.eu/projects/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/projects/home_en.html)

# How to build a consortium?

- EC's CORDIS database



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CORDIS - EU research results

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Home > Projects & Results > Horizon Europe > HORIZON\_HORIZON-CL4-2024-RESILIENCE-01-04

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**Technologies for processing and refining of critical raw materials (IA)**

See all projects funded under this programme or topic

A red arrow points to the breadcrumb navigation: Home > Projects & Results > Horizon Europe > HORIZON\_HORIZON-CL4-2024-RESILIENCE-01-04. Another red arrow points to the 'See all projects funded under this programme or topic' button.

# How to build a consortium?

- EC's CORDIS database – example of funded project



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**[SCIMIN-CRM] Sustainable & Circular Production of MINeral Critical Raw Materials**

Fact Sheet

**Project description**

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**Sustainable European production of raw materials**

Europe's dependence on raw materials, often imported from external sources, has created significant sustainability challenges. The demand for raw materials across various sectors, coupled with current methods that are highly polluting and harmful to the environment, has made the transition to sustainable practices very challenging. The EU-funded SCIMIN-CRM project aims to leverage European material-waste frameworks to enhance access to primary and secondary raw materials. It plans to develop streamlined processes and a digital platform that will improve the assessment of raw material sites and provide more sustainable methods for extracting and transporting resources. Additionally, the project will focus on developing techniques for recycling discarded materials into valuable resources.

**Project Information**

**SCIMIN-CRM**  
Grant agreement ID: 101177746

**DOI** [10.3030/101177746](https://doi.org/10.3030/101177746)

**EC signature date**  
21 August 2024

**Start date**  
1 October 2024

**End date**  
30 September 2028

**Funded under**  
Digital, Industry and Space

European Commission

# Networking - COST programme - <https://www.cost.eu/>

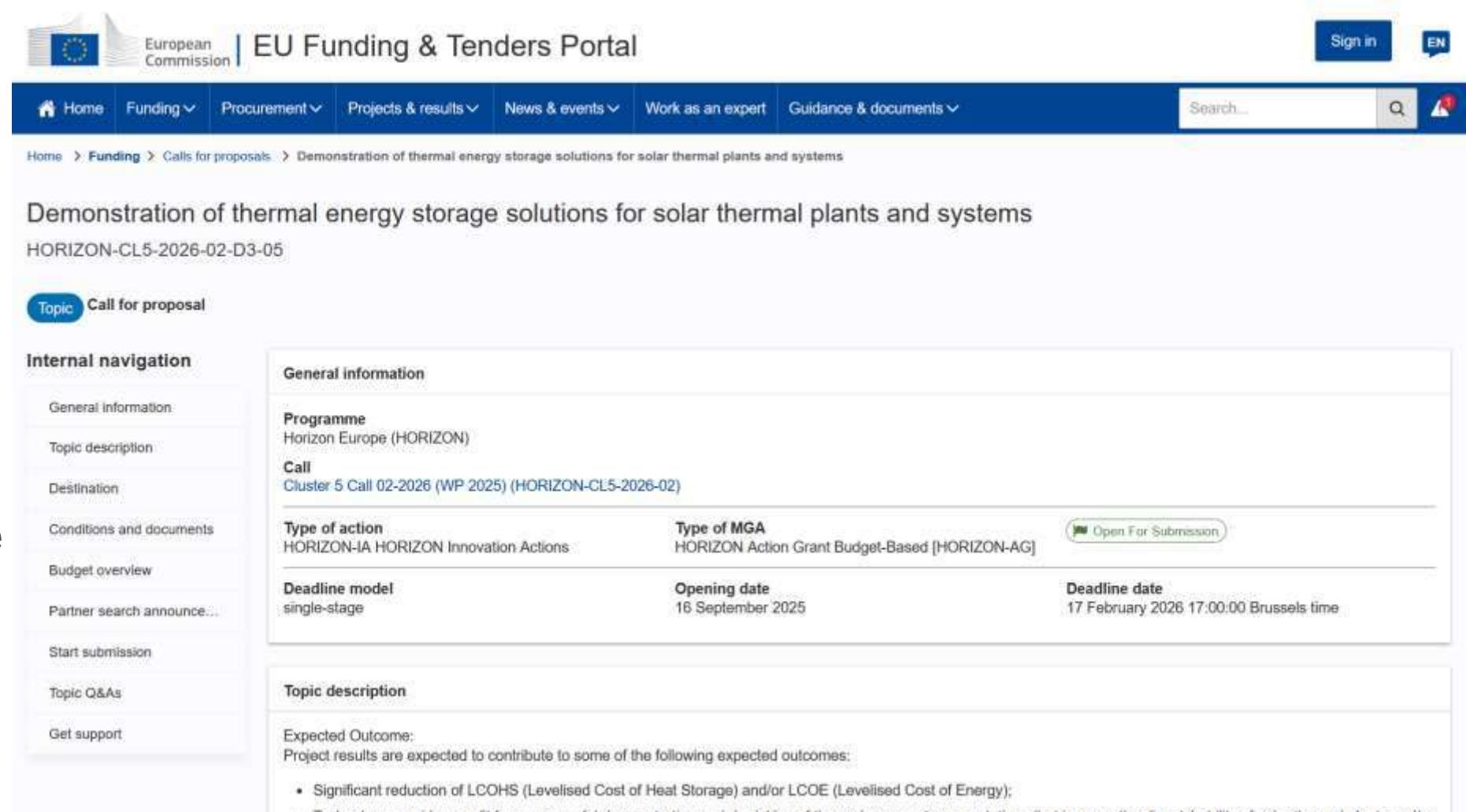
## COST - European Cooperation in Science and Technology

- a funding organisation for research and innovation networks
- Mobility, conferences, short-term stays, networking, small-scale funding
- bottom-up networks with a duration of four years that boost research, innovation and careers
- **Good opportunity for building R&I networks & preparing HE projects**
- Colleagues from CAS are participating in some actions



# Partner search

Use Partner Search on the Funding and tenders portal – under the specific topic you are interested in.



The screenshot shows the EU Funding & Tenders Portal. At the top, there is a logo for the European Commission and a search bar. The main navigation menu includes Home, Funding, Procurement, Projects & results, News & events, Work as an expert, and Guidance & documents. Below the menu, a breadcrumb navigation shows the path: Home > Funding > Calls for proposals > Demonstration of thermal energy storage solutions for solar thermal plants and systems. The main content area displays the title 'Demonstration of thermal energy storage solutions for solar thermal plants and systems' and the identifier 'HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3-05'. A 'Topic' button is highlighted, and the page is identified as a 'Call for proposal'. On the left, there is an 'Internal navigation' sidebar with links to General information, Topic description, Destination, Conditions and documents, Budget overview, Partner search announce..., Start submission, Topic Q&As, and Get support. The main content area contains sections for General information, Programme (Horizon Europe (HORIZON)), Call (Cluster 5 Call 02-2026 (WP 2025) (HORIZON-CL5-2026-02)), Type of action (HORIZON-IA HORIZON Innovation Actions), Type of MGA (HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based [HORIZON-AG]), Deadline model (single-stage), Opening date (16 September 2025), Deadline date (17 February 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time), and Topic description. The Topic description section includes an 'Expected Outcome' paragraph and a bulleted list of outcomes.

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Demonstration of thermal energy storage solutions for solar thermal plants and systems

HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3-05

Topic Call for proposal

Internal navigation

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General information

Programme

Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

Call

Cluster 5 Call 02-2026 (WP 2025) (HORIZON-CL5-2026-02)

Type of action

HORIZON-IA HORIZON Innovation Actions

Type of MGA

HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based [HORIZON-AG]

Open For Submission

Deadline model

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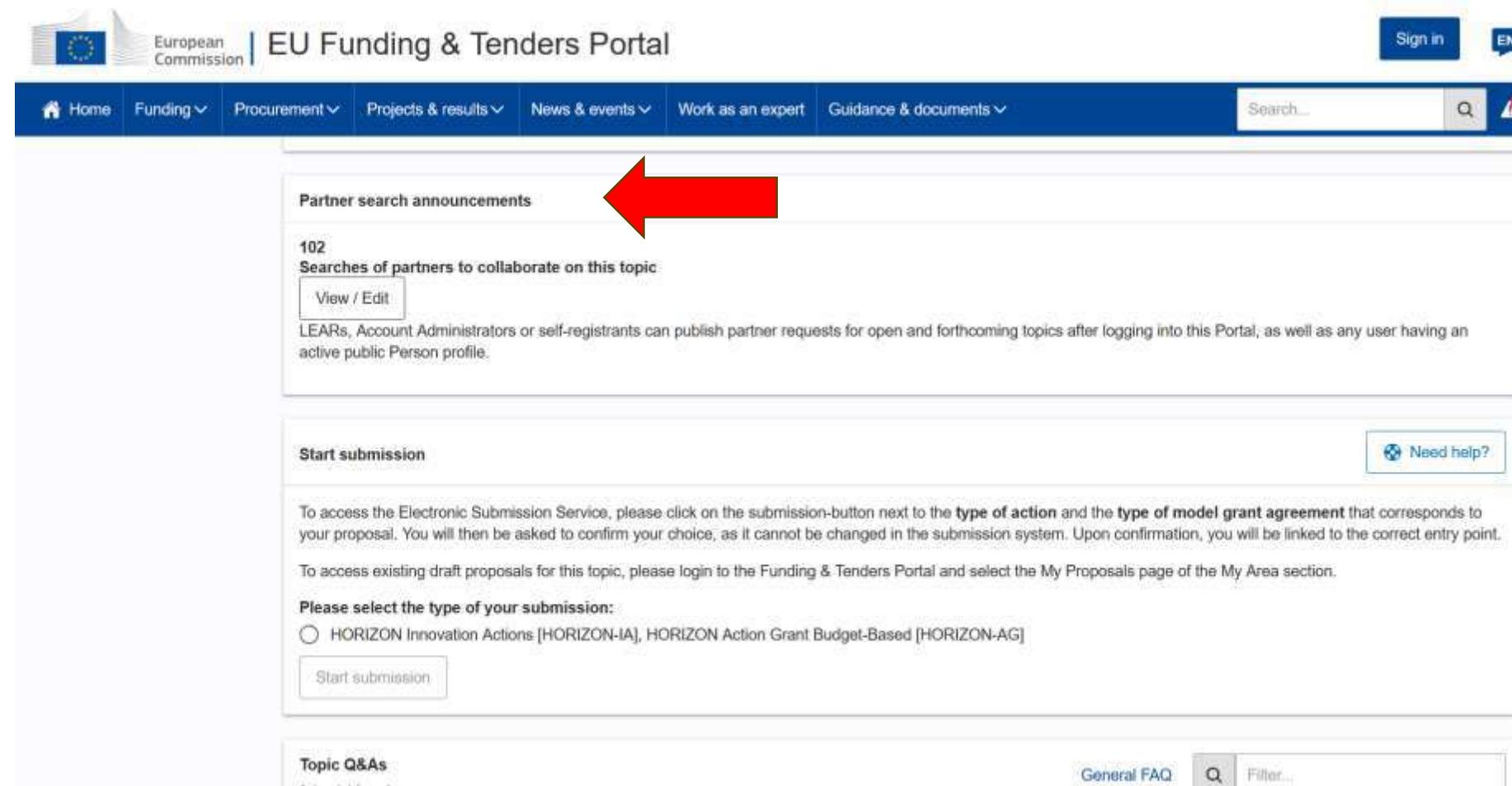
Expected Outcome:

Project results are expected to contribute to some of the following expected outcomes:

- Significant reduction of LCOHS (Levelised Cost of Heat Storage) and/or LCOE (Levelised Cost of Energy);

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Sign in

Partner search announcements

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View / Edit

LEARs, Account Administrators or self-registrants can publish partner requests for open and forthcoming topics after logging into this Portal, as well as any user having an active public Person profile.

Start submission

Need help?

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the type of action and the type of model grant agreement that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

Please select the type of your submission:

HORIZON Innovation Actions [HORIZON-IA], HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based [HORIZON-AG]

Start submission

Topic Q&As

1 item(s) found

General FAQ

Filter...

Example:

**HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3-05**

Cluster 5 – Energy

Open call – deadline  
17 Feb. 2026

Solar energy

# Partner search - HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D3-05

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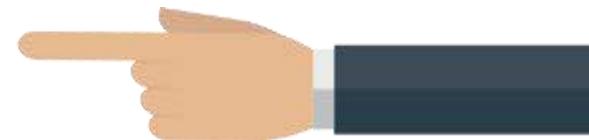
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## Partner search announcements for the topic

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# Horizon Europe info days

- [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/events/horizon-europe-info-days\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/events/horizon-europe-info-days_en)



## Horizon Europe info days

The EU research and innovation programme 2021 – 2027

The Horizon Europe info days give to prospective applicants and other stakeholders of EU research and innovation the opportunity to get information and ask questions about the main funding instruments, processes of Horizon Europe.

You can contact the [Research Enquiry Service](#) to find out more about research in Europe, the EU's research and innovation funding programmes as well as calls for proposals and project funding.

### Upcoming info days



# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

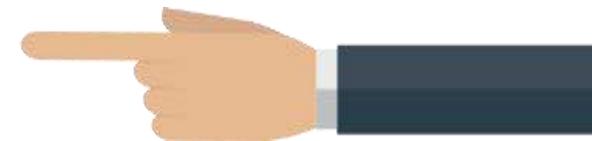


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# The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

**Particularly interesting in our context:**

- Doctoral Networks (MSCA-DN)
- Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA –PF)
- Staff Exchanges (MSCA-SE)



# The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Matchmaking Platform

- <https://www.b2match.com/e/radiance-msca>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Matchmaking Platform. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the platform's name, a logo, and links for Home, Institutions, Companies, Supervisors - IPs, Log in, and Register. Below the navigation bar, there is a horizontal menu with links for INFO (which is highlighted in pink), HOW IT WORKS, MSCA-PF, MSCA-DN, MSCA-SE, MSCA-COFUND, MSCA-CITIZENS, and FAQ. The main content area features a world map with a network of lines connecting various global locations, symbolizing international collaboration. The text "THE MSCA MATCHMAKING PLATFORM" is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters. The word "Radiance" is visible at the bottom left, and the MSCA logo is at the bottom right. A "Register now" button with a pink arrow is located in the bottom right corner of the main content area.

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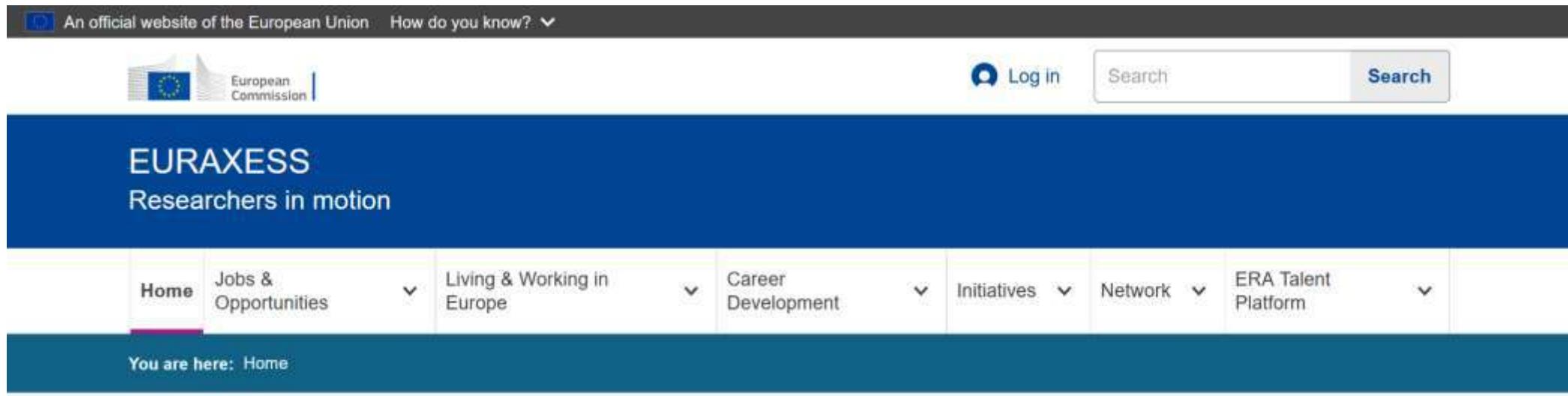
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Radiance MSCA

Register now

# EURAXESS – researcher mobility & job opportunities (e.g. of MSCA DN & Choose Europe)

- <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>



The screenshot shows the EURAXESS website homepage. At the top, a banner states "An official website of the European Union" and "How do you know?". The European Commission logo is on the left, and a "Log in" button and a search bar are on the right. The main header "EURAXESS" and "Researchers in motion" is centered. Below the header is a navigation menu with "Home" (highlighted in pink), "Jobs & Opportunities", "Living & Working in Europe", "Career Development", "Initiatives", "Network", and "ERA Talent Platform". A breadcrumb trail "You are here: Home" is shown. The main content area features the text "EURAXESS - researchers in motion" and "The leading portal for the research community". It also includes a message for researchers and a call to join the network. To the right is a video player showing a video titled "Euraxess - 20 years" with a play button and the text "43 countries".





# Thank you!

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