European Commission

EUROPE'S BUDGET

HORIZON EUROPE (2028-2034)

JULY 2025

Horizon Europe (2028-2034) will build on the achievements of its predecessors, scaling what works, simplifying what is possible, and focusing investment where Europe needs it most. It will be tightly connected to the European Competitiveness Fund.

Why is this a priority?

Horizon Europe (2028-2034) will boost Europe's productivity and competitiveness, while also improving the well-being of millions of people across the continent.

What is the Commission proposing?

With a proposed **€175 billion** budget, the new programme will be based on four pillars.

Pillar I

EXCELLENT SCIENCE

€44.079 BILLION

- EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL
- MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS
- SCIENCE FOR EU POLICIES

Pillar II

COMPETITIVENESS AND SOCIETY

€75.876 BILLION

COMPETITIVENESS[1] :
1. Clean Transition and Industrial Decarbonisation
2. Health, Biotech, Agriculture and Bioeconomy
3. Digital leadership
4. Resilience and Security, Defence Industry and Space

SOCIETY:
1. Global societal challenges
2. EU Missions
3. New European Bauhaus Facility

Pillar III

INNOVATION

€38.785 BILLION

- EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL
- INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS AND THE KNOWLEDGE TRIANGLE

Pillar IV

EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

€16.262 BILLION

- ERA POLICIES
- RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURES
- WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND SPREADING EXCELLENCE

[1] Consistent with activities under the European Competitiveness Fund

How will the budget make a difference in this area?

Simpler, faster access

- Less red tape with shorter work programmes, open-topic calls by default, and unified funding rates
- Speedier grants, reducing time between application and funding
- Simplified costs with lump-sum funding options for easier budgeting

Strengthened European Research Council

- Funds frontier research by excellent researchers
- Promotes Choose Europe

Expanded European Innovation Council to boost innovation

- Supports deep tech startups in sectors like quantum, biotech, clean tech
- Offers agile funding for innovative projects
- Supports high-tech dual use and defence startups and scaleups

Collaborative research

- Addresses societal challenges like disinformation and climate change and boosts EU competitiveness, aligned with the objectives of the European Competitiveness Fund

Streamlined partnerships with Member States and the private sector

- Simplifies their organisation and operations
- Envisions more focused partnerships aligned with strategic industrial sectors for our competitiveness, security and resillience
- Leverages private investments
- Pulls R&I investments between the EU and Member States

More support for research and technology infrastructures

- Funds cutting-edge research and technology infrastructures
- Supports facilities, resources and services

Spreading excellence

- New tailored approach, focusing on actions to increase R&I performance, enhance research capacity and ecosystems and combat brain drain.

Moonshots

Objective: ambitious technology driven projects that boost the EU's strategic autonomy through research, development and deployment.

▸ the future circular collider ▸ clean aviation ▸ quantum computing ▸ next-generation AI ▸ data sovereignty ▸ automated transport and mobility ▸ regenerative therapies ▸ fusion energy ▸space economy ▸ zero water pollution ▸ ocean observation

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