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Funding Opportunities Ahead

for DialogueInnoHub members

The Platform: DialogueInnoHub



Because cooperation needs resources.

The **DialogueInnoHub** Platform is a communication and information hub for a cross-border network bringing together organisations of different types and at different levels of governance across the Black Sea Basin region.

Through a series of informative notes — a periodic review of open EU calls, updates on network membership and news on joint initiatives — the Platform helps members identify the resources available to them and turn shared priorities into joint projects.

The DialogueInnoHub Funding Notes are written for innovation stakeholders across the quadruple helix: businesses and business support organisations, academia and research institutions, public authorities and administrations, and civil society organisations from the Black Sea Basin area.

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11 Open calls

selected for DialogueInnoHub members

3 Thematic Areas:

green, innovation, cross-border

Deadlines:

between October - December, 2026

Where the money is, by theme



Green transition, climate and blue growth

Three calls support the green and blue economy — and the first of them was built for a region like ours. The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership counts Bulgaria, Romania, Türkiye, Georgia and Ukraine among its 28 funding countries — a rare case where a Black Sea consortium is the expected shape rather than the exception. Its first stage is only a short pre-proposal, due 16 November. Alongside it, Horizon Europe is funding a major agricultural data partnership (26 November) and research into how neighbourhoods shape the health and well-being of the people living in them, demonstrated across three countries (1 December).

See the calls



Innovation, SMEs and digital skills

The two I3 Instrument calls are the reason to read this section. Unlike the research topics elsewhere in this issue, I3 funds innovations that already work — from TRL 6 to market, with companies in the lead and a business case at the end. Strand 2a is the more reachable of the two: three organisations, three regions, two countries, with a deliberate focus on less developed regions. Both close 12 November, and both are open to EU-based members only. Also here: AI for transport resilience, closing 8 October, and a quantum computing call for specialist groups, closing 17 November.

See the calls



Cross-border cooperation and civil security

Three Horizon Europe topics, all closing on 5 November, all built around the authorities who will use the results. The open topic on disaster risk is the most accessible: applicants choose the challenge themselves, and the purpose is to move solutions already proven in earlier projects into the hands of civil protection services. The other two are narrower — new methods for climate-crisis scenarios, and faster, safer movement across EU external borders, which needs two border authorities as partners. For the public administrations in this network, participation itself is the qualification.

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Before you write: the policy behind the calls

Most of the calls in this issue put two EU strategies into practice: the **European Green Deal** and the **Digital Decade**. If you want to understand the priorities behind them before you start writing a proposal, our Practical Outlines explain both in plain terms, along with Horizon Europe, the programme behind most of the calls above.

Read the Practical Outlines

Where to find partners?

Nearly all of the calls ask for three to five partners from different countries — the kind of consortium this network exists to make possible. if you are preparing an application, explore the Platform to find a partner or an expert.

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