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Open Calls

The European Innovation Council Has Launched 2 Calls for Prizes

- EU Prize for Women Innovators: The EU Prize for Women Innovators, dedicated to the memory of Dr Shimrit Perkol-Finkel, honor the women entrepreneurs behind game-changing innovations. In doing so, the EU seeks to raise awareness of the need for more female innovators, and create role models for women and girls everywhere. The award is given to the most talented entrepreneurs from across the EU and the countries accompanying the Horizon Europe program that have established a successful company and brought innovation to the market. Deadline: 30.6.21.
- The European Capital of Innovation Awards: The European Capital of Innovation Awards is an annual recognition prize awarded to the European cities and AC cities that best promote innovation in their communities. In particular, judges will recognize the contribution of cities to the development of local innovative ecosystems for the benefit of innovators and the well-being of their citizens. Deadline: 15.7.21.

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ERC-2021-CoG Call is Open

The submission link to the ERC Consolidator Grant call 2021 is now available on the Funding & Tenders portal. Proposals to the call must be submitted exclusively via the Funding and Tenders Portal. Deadline: 20.4.2021
The ERCEA published the list of [Panel Chairs of the ERC Peer Review Panels: ERC Consolidator Grant Panel 2021](#).

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Become an Expert Evaluator in Horizon Europe

The European Commission has launched a [call for new expert evaluators](#) who will help review proposals submitted to Horizon Europe and other EU programmes. The call seeks individuals who will be able to assist the EU services in a personal capacity as experts with the implementation of EU funding and tenders managed through the Funding & Tenders Portal.

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News and Updates

Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2021-2024 Published

The European Commission has adopted the first Strategic Plan for Horizon Europe. The Plan will cover the period of 2021-24 and guide the development of work programmes under Horizon Europe. The approach of having a strategic plan is a new feature for the Framework Programme. It sets out four strategic policy orientations for the period 2021-2024, namely:

- Promoting an open strategic autonomy by leading the development of key digital, enabling and emerging technologies, sectors and value chains;
- Restoring Europe's ecosystems and biodiversity, and managing sustainably natural resources;
- Making Europe the first digitally enabled circular, climate-neutral and sustainable economy;
- Creating a more resilient, inclusive and democratic European society.

Future work programmes will have to be aligned with these orientations. The Strategic Plan also includes a number of horizontal areas, such as international cooperation (which is to underpin the four orientations), or, for example, gender, ethics and open science. It also includes the EU Missions, one of the novelties in Horizon Europe and identifies the European co-funded and co-programmed Partnerships. Information on the Horizon Europe clusters, as well as a chapter that describes synergies between the three pillars of Horizon Europe also feature in the new Strategic Plan. For applicants, this can be a useful resource to consult to understand the direction the programme is going in over the coming years, but also to help inform the way project proposals address the impact evaluation criteria.

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EU Prize Dedicated to the memory of Dr Shimrit Perkol Finkel

The EU has chosen this year to dedicate the Women Innovators Award in memory of the late Shimrit Perkol Finkel, who won the prize in 2019. According to Commissioner Maria Gabriel: "Shimrit was a brilliant marine biologist and a visionary entrepreneur. With this prize, we want to create role models for women and girls everywhere, and inspire the next generation to follow in their footsteps". In 2012, Shimrit founded EConcrete, a company which she headed as CEO. The company develops sustainable concrete solutions for coastal and marine infrastructure, improving the structural performance of concrete while making it more hospitable to marine life. In 2019, she was one of four women awarded the [EU Prize for Women Innovators](#).

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New 'Women TechEU' Support Scheme

The EC announced a new initiative called 'Women TechEU' to support women leading deep tech start-ups in Europe and help grow their companies into tomorrow's deep tech champions. The new scheme will offer first-class coaching and mentoring to female CEOs and founders, as well as targeted funding to help take their business to the next level. A [call for mentors](#) was launched to provide coaching and mentoring for the women selected under the scheme. The call is part of the EIC Women Leadership Programme and the Commission is looking for women and men in leadership positions, experienced entrepreneurs, investors, tech experts, researchers and innovators.

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MSCA Under Horizon Europe – Information Event

The event was held on 23 March 2021, and the presentation is available. The 2021 MSCA calls for projects are expected to be launched on 18 May. A few novelties were introduced, including scientific age limits, new incentive to spend time in the non-academic sector, eligibility for family allowance, etc. Please see [MSCA 2021-2022 Draft Work Programme](#).

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ISERD Aid Fund – Track 37 Update

ISERD's Track 37 is currently being updated to correspond to the new Horizon Europe Funding Programme. As a result, this track will **not be launched in 2021**.

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Events

Horizon Europe Security, Digital, Industry and Space Webinars

Within ISERD's efforts to promote and increase the exposure and awareness to Horizon Europe funding opportunities and upcoming open calls, we invite you to participate in the following webinars:

- Civil Security for society (CL3), Tuesday, 20.4, 10:00 [Information & registration](#)
- Digital open calls (CL4), Tuesday, 20.4, 14:00 [Information & registration](#)
- Industry open calls (CL4) Tuesday, 27.4, 10:00 [Information & registration](#)
- Space open calls (CL4) Tuesday, 27.4, 14:00 [Information & registration](#)

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Opportunities for the SSHA Communities webinar

In variety of themes under the European Framework Programme, there are various opportunities for the Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts communities. At the webinar, these opportunities will be presented, with special emphasis on calls and topics, under the six thematic programmes in pillar "Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness", as well as programmes under pillar 1 "Excellent Science" (ERC, MSCA, RI).

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ISERD's 2021-2022 Life Science Webinar Series

ISERD invites you to a series of zoom sessions, where you will present the upcoming 2021-2022 Horizon-Europe calls for proposals, in the fields of health, transportation, energy, agriculture and food, environment and climate. Will be presented calls for proposals in which Submission is open for consortia of not less than three partners, in any legal entity, from three different countries.

[Register now](#)

Orientation Presentation on Horizon Europe (HEU)

ISERD invites you to learn about the European Funding Programme Horizon Europe. During the event we will present information on Horizon Europe, rules of participation, and different opportunities for funding. The event will take place online on Wednesday, 21.04.2021 between 11:00-12:30, and registration is available online. The recording will be available on [ISERD's YouTube Channel](#)

[Register now](#)

Orientation Presentation for the EIC Accelerator Program

ISERD has conducted an introductory presentation to the new EIC Accelerator program under HEU. The purpose of the presentation is to present the funding scheme, type of support, application process and more. The recording is available on [ISERD's YouTube Channel](#)

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