
R&I Groups Webinars

From Ideas to European Partnerships

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European Partnerships

What are they & Why should researchers care?

🧡 European Partnerships are:

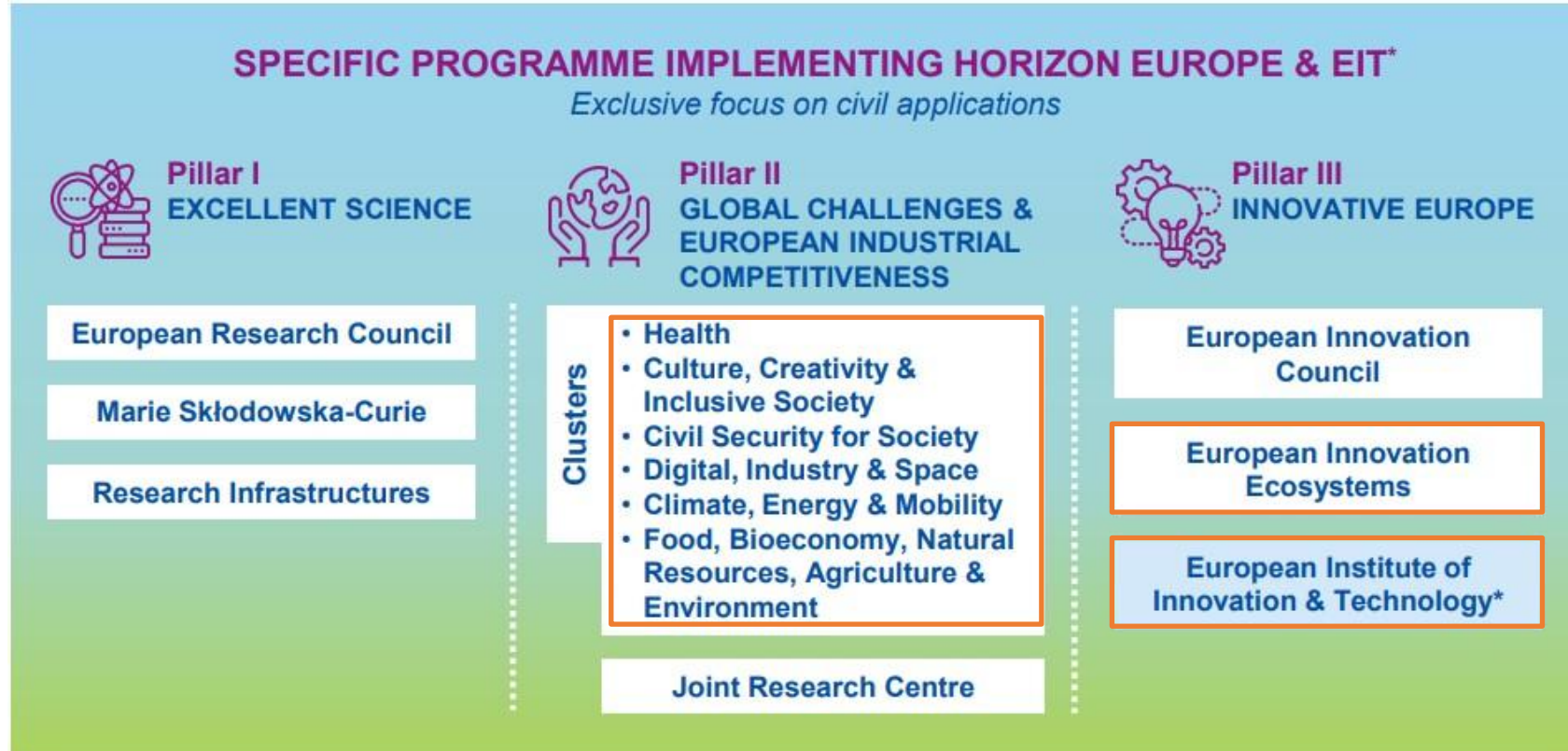
- **Long-term collaborations** between **the European Commission, Member States, industry** and **research communities**
- Designed to **address major societal** and **technological challenges** through **coordinated research and innovation** investments.
- Positioned as **major drivers of EU competitiveness and resilience**
- **One of the largest funding instruments under Horizon Europe (~€57.7B combined investments)**

🎯 Why they matter for researchers:

- **Recurring funding** opportunities over several years
- Strategic **topics** aligned with **EU priorities**
- Access to European **research & innovation communities**
- **Networking** and **consortium-building** opportunities
- **Long-term** visibility and positioning

European Partnerships

Where do they sit in Horizon Europe?



2021-2027

"European Partnerships are primarily implemented across Pillar II and Pillar III"

European Partnerships

How are Partnerships different from a normal Horizon call?

Typical Horizon Europe call

European Commission + experts + stakeholders



Work Programme defines call topics



Consortia apply per call topic



Several projects funded (when applicable)

European Partnerships

European Commission + Member States + Industry + Stakeholders



Co-develop a long-term Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (SRIA) / Roadmap



Launch calls every many year (7-10)



Many projects funded



Long-term R&I **Community**

“Partnerships fund projects but also build long-term European communities and strategic agendas”

Three models

◆ Co-programmed (CP)

- European Commission + Industry / Stakeholder organisations
- Common strategic agenda and roadmap

◆ Co-funded (CF)

- European Commission + Member States / National Agencies
- Joint funding of calls and activities

◆ Institutionalised (KICs, Joint Undertakings, etc.)

- European Commission + Dedicated structures
- Long-term governance and investments

Monitoring & Performance

 European Partnerships are regularly monitored by the European Commission through the **Biennial Monitoring Report (BMR)**.

 Results help assess impact, guide future investments and shape strategic priorities.

Scale of Investment

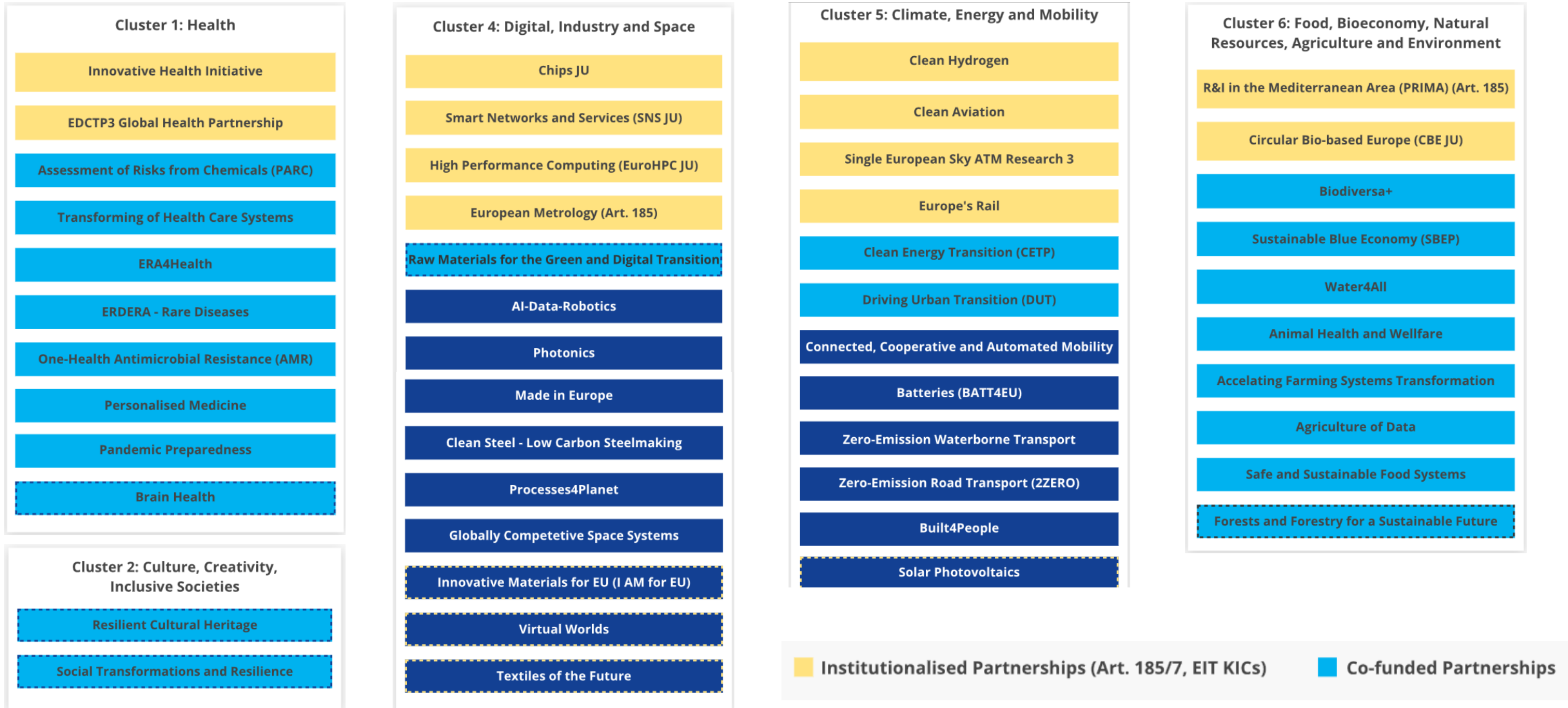
 **€57.7 billion** estimated combined public and private investments under Horizon Europe.

Largest Partnership portfolios

- Digital, Industry & Space → **€8.2B**
- Climate, Energy & Mobility → **€7.2B**
- Health → **€2.7B**
- Food, Bioeconomy & Environment → **€2.0B**

European Partnerships

Overview of Pillar II - Global Challenges & European Industrial Competitiveness



European Partnerships

Overview of Pillar III - Innovative Europe & Cross-Pillars



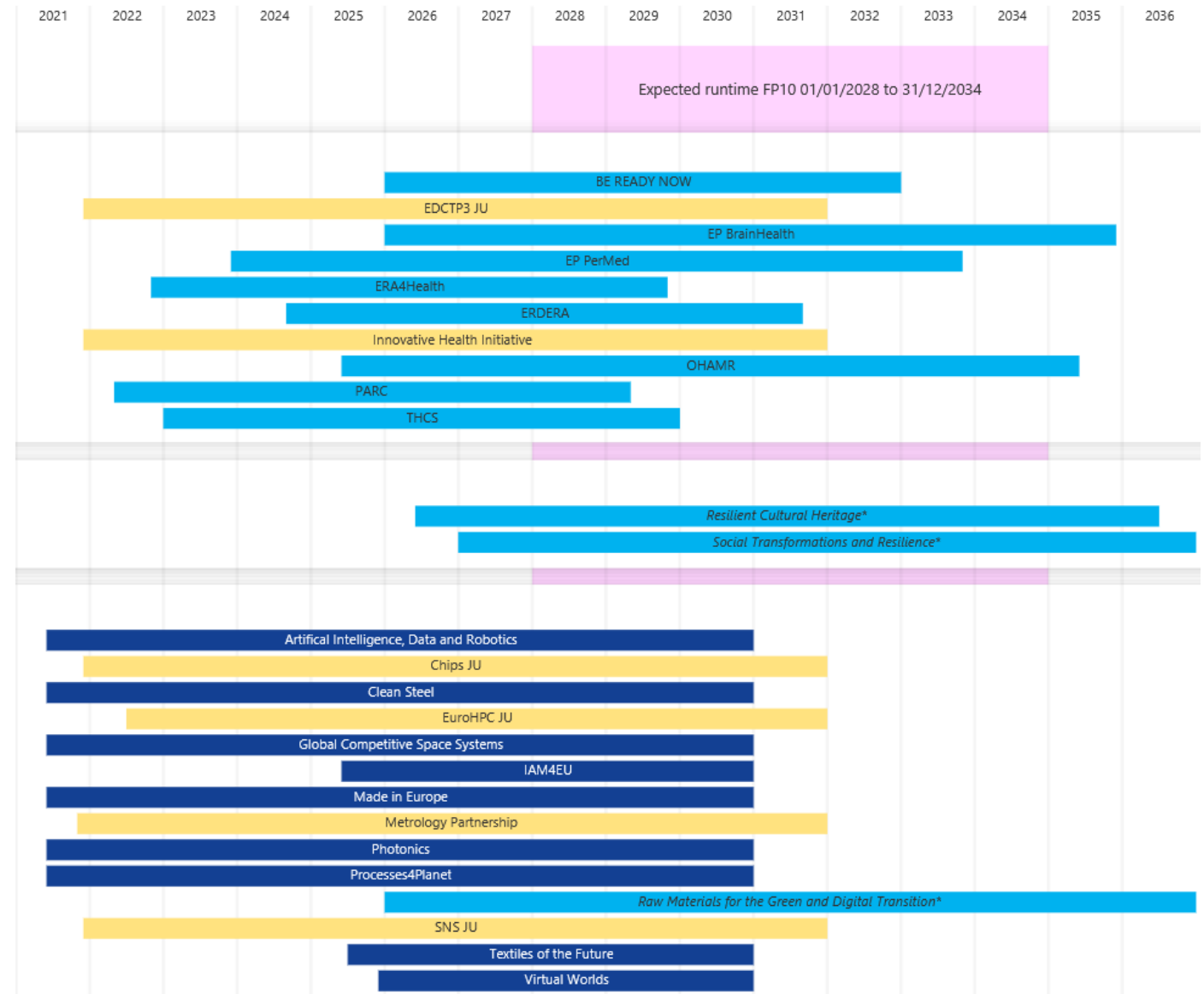
- **60 European Partnerships** currently operate across Horizon Europe
- Cover Health, Digital, Climate, Energy, Mobility, Food, Environment, Culture and Innovation
- **Most funding opportunities** for **researchers** are concentrated in **Pillar II**
- **Partnerships launch regular calls**, networking activities and strategic roadmaps

**Source: ERA-LEARN*

European Partnerships

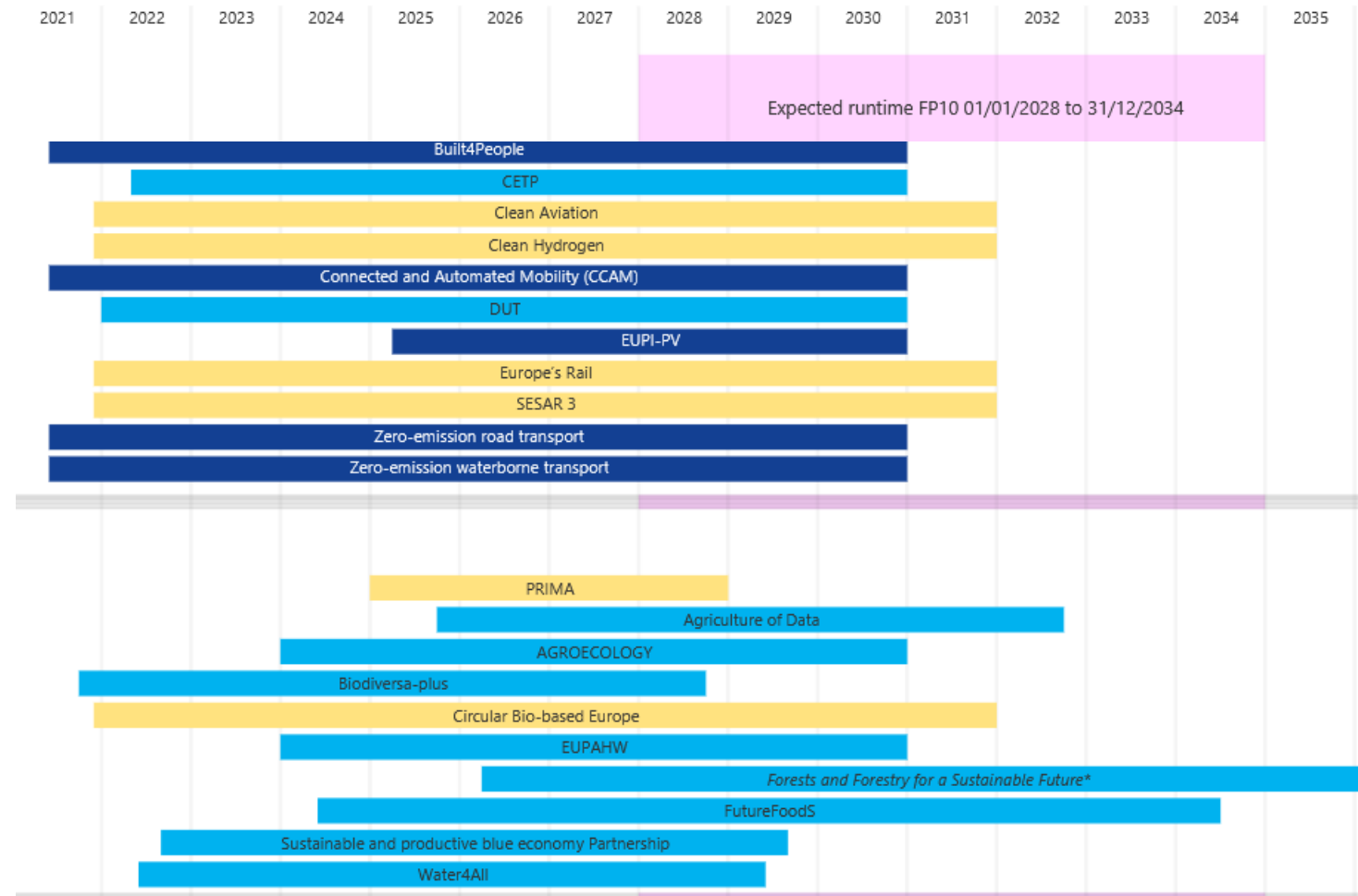
European Partnerships are Long-Term Communities

- Most partnerships **operate over 7–10 years**
- **Calls are launched regularly** throughout the lifecycle
- **Building relationships early** creates long-term opportunities
- Researchers should **think beyond a single call**



Recently launched Partnerships (2024–2026):

- **ERDERA**
- **BrainHealth**
- **Resilient Cultural Heritage**
- **Social Transformations & Resilience**
- **Innovative Materials for EU**
- **Virtual Worlds**
- **Agriculture of Data**
- **Forests & Forestry for a Sustainable Future**
- **EIT Water**



European Partnerships

Which ones are relevant to Ulysseus / R&I groups? - Non-Exhaustive

Thematic Focus Area	Most Relevant Partnership(s)
Digital & AI Transformation for Society	AI-Data-Robotics; Virtual Worlds* ; Smart Networks & Services (SNS JU); European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)
Sustainability, Energy & Climate Action	Clean Energy Transition (CETP); Driving Urban Transitions (DUT); Clean Hydrogen; Forests & Forestry for a Sustainable Future ; Built4People; EIT Water
Health, Ageing & Life Sciences	BrainHealth ; Innovative Health Initiative (IHI); ERDERA (Rare Diseases); EP PerMed (Personalised Medicine); OHAMR (One Health AMR); Be Ready Now
Culture, Society & Creative Transformation	Resilient Cultural Heritage ; Built4People; Social Transformations & Resilience ; EIT Culture & Creativity
Social Inclusion, Citizenship & Education	Social Transformations & Resilience ; Built4People
Advanced Materials & Industrial Engineering	Innovative Materials for EU (IAM4EU); Raw Materials for the Green and Digital Transition ; Made in Europe; Clean Steel; Processes4Planet; EIT Raw Materials

** In bold: Recently Launched / Emerging Partnerships*

European Partnerships

Case Study

Thematic focus area: Health, Ageing & Life Sciences

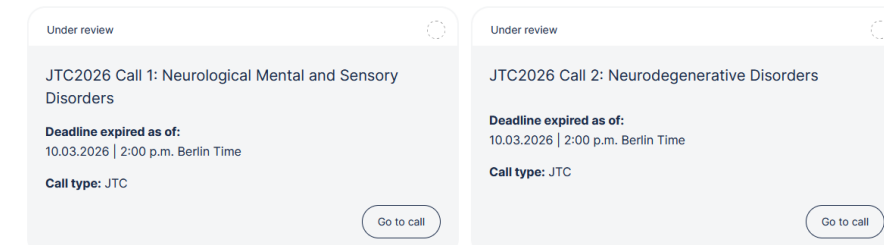
Potential European Partnership: BrainHealth



Identified Calls from Partnerships website: Biological, social and environmental factors that impact the trajectory of brain health across the lifespan

- EP BrainHealth **Call 1:** Neurological, mental and sensory disorders
- EP BrainHealth **Call 2:** Neurodegeneration

Have a look on open EP BrainHealth calls and get funding for neuroscience research.



“Partnerships maintain **dedicated websites** where future **calls, events, roadmaps** and **networking opportunities** are regularly published”

European Partnerships

Examples of identified open calls from Funding & Tender Portal (*Non-Exhaustive*)

Pillar II / Cluster 1:

[European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness \(Phase 2\)](#)

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-03-DISEASE-13 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 10 February 2027 | Deadline date: 13 April 2027 | Single-stage

[European Partnership on Rare Diseases \(ERDERA\) \(Phase 2\)](#)

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-02-DISEASE-12 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 10 February 2026 | Deadline date: 15 September 2026 | Single-stage

Pillar II / Cluster 2 :

[Creative alliances: Fostering global partnerships in cultural policies and CCI innovation](#)

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-05 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 12 May 2026 | Deadline date: 23 September 2026 | Single-stage

[Co-funded European Partnership for Social Transformations and Resilience](#)

HORIZON-CL2-2026-02-TRANSFO-01 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 12 May 2026 | Deadline date: 13 October 2026 | Single-stage

Pillar II / Cluster 4 :

[Circular innovative advanced materials: facilitating the transition from design to markets \(RIA\) \(Innovative Advanced Materials for the EU and Made in Europe partnerships\)](#)

HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-06 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 22 September 2026 | Deadline date: 2 February 2027 | Single-stage

[Advanced manufacturing for key products \(IA\) \(Made in Europe partnership\)](#)

HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-02 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 22 September 2026 | Deadline date: 2 February 2027 | Single-stage

[Factory processes and automation for de- and re-manufacturing \(RIA\) \(Made in Europe partnership\)](#)

HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-03 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 22 September 2026 | Deadline date: 2 February 2027 | Single-stage



European Partnerships

Examples of identified open calls from Funding & Tender Portal (*Non-Exhaustive*)

Pillar II / Cluster 5:

[Innovative Solutions for mitigating the environmental impact of waterborne transport in marine and aquatic Ecosystems \(ZEWT Partnership\)](#)

HORIZON-CL5-2027-03-D5-17 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 15 December 2026 | Deadline date: 14 April 2027 | Single-stage

[Data-driven circular economy for e-mobility ecosystem \(2ZERO Partnership\)](#)

HORIZON-CL5-2027-03-D5-03 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 15 December 2026 | Deadline date: 14 April 2027 | Single-stage

[Enhanced electric operation and battery durability \(ZEWT Partnership\)](#)

HORIZON-CL5-2027-03-D5-18 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 15 December 2026 | Deadline date: 14 April 2027 | Single-stage

[Production technologies for solar photovoltaics beyond the state-of-the-art \(EUPI-PV Partnership\)](#)

HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D3-15 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 03 December 2026 | Deadline date: 31 March 2027 | Single-stage

[Sustainable and Competitive Cell Production Techniques for Lithium-ion And Sodium-ion Batteries \(BATT4EU Partnership\)](#)

HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D2-06 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 03 December 2026 | Deadline date: 31 March 2027 | Single-stage

Pillar II / Cluster 6 :

[Additional activities for the European Partnership of Agriculture of Data](#)

HORIZON-CL6-2026-04-GOVERNANCE-01 | Calls for proposals

Opening date: 25 August 2026 | Deadline date: 26 November 2026 | Single-stage



European Partnerships: Long-Term Funding Opportunities

Key Takeaways

- 💰 European Partnerships represent one of the largest funding instruments in Horizon Europe (~€58B).
- 🔄 They provide recurring funding opportunities over many years through strategic research and innovation roadmaps.
- 👥 Partnerships are more than calls: they create long-term European research, innovation and stakeholder communities.
- 🎯 Most Ulysseus thematic areas can be linked to one or several relevant Partnerships.
- 🔍 Partnership opportunities can be identified through: Partnership websites; Funding & Tenders Portal; Brokerage & stakeholder events ; IPO funding intelligence activities
- 🚀 Early engagement in Partnership communities can create long-term collaboration and funding opportunities.
- 💡 The IPO can support you in identifying relevant Partnerships, monitoring calls, developing concepts and building consortia.

Thank you

Questions/Opportunities:

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