

# Topic Preview 2026

## Horizon Europe Work Programme

### Cluster 3 “Civil Security for Society”

## Swiss Participation in Horizon Europe

Switzerland is an Associated Country to Horizon Europe and Swiss entities may participate as beneficiaries and coordinators. Call restrictions may apply.

## 1. Work Programmes, Calls, and Topics

Every thematic area under Horizon Europe has its own Work Programme. Work Programmes are divided into destinations, calls, and topics.

The Work Programme Civil Security for Society 2026 consists of the following destinations:

- Better protect the EU and its citizens against Crime and Terrorism (FCT)
- Effective management of EU external borders (BM)
- Resilient Infrastructure (INFRA)
- Disaster-Resilient Society for Europe (DRS)
- Strengthened Security Research and Innovation (SSRI)
- Increased Cybersecurity (CS)

The following tables give a preview of the open and forthcoming topics under the Call HORIZON-CL3-2026-01 - Civil Security for Society 2026 for the first five destinations and under the call HORIZON-CL3-2026-02-CS-ECCC for the Destination “Increased Cybersecurity”, actions indirectly managed by the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC).

Note that the Work Programme is always the leading document and should always be checked, in case the information has been incorrectly transferred into the Funding and Tender Portal.

## Destination: Better Protect the EU and its citizens against Crime and Terrorism

Deadline: 05.11.2026

Topic Identifier	Topic Title	Type of Action	Overall EU Budget	No. of Grants
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-01</u>	Improving capabilities of law enforcement to counter climate-related challenges	RIA	8,000,000 €	2
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-02</u>	Open topic on preventing and countering the misuse of emerging technologies for criminal purposes, including issues related to lawful access to data	RIA	9,000,000 €	2
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-03</u>	Missing persons: prevention and investigation	IA	5,000,000 €	1
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-04</u>	Crime prevention approaches, online and off-line, tackling the nexus between addictions and crime	RIA	6,000,000 €	2
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-05</u>	Enhancing the security of citizens against terrorism and lone-actor violence in confined spaces such as schools	IA	9,670,000 €	2
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-06</u>	Prevention and mitigation of misuse of synthetic biology for bioterrorism purposes	RIA	3,000,000 €	1

## Destination: Effective Management of EU external borders

Deadline: 05.11.2026

Topic Identifier	Topic Title	Type of Action	Overall EU Budget	No. of Grants
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-BM-01</u>	Advanced border surveillance and situational awareness	IA	12,000,000 €	2
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-BM-02</u>	Accessible and available travel facilitation	IA	8,000,000 €	2
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-BM-03</u>	Reliability of age assessment methods in the context of security and border management	CSA	1,330,000 €	1

## Destination: Resilient Infrastructure

Deadline: 05.11.2026

Topic Identifier	Topic Title	Type of Action	Overall EU Budget	No. of Grants
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-01</u>	Tools and processes to support stress tests of critical infrastructure	IA	9,670,000 €	2
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-02</u>	Security challenges of the green transition in urban und peri urban areas	RIA	4,000,000 €	1
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-03</u>	Targeted innovative capabilities for the resilience of critical entities to natural and human-induced disasters, including hybrid scenarios	IA	9,000,000 €	2

## Destination: Disaster-Resilient Society for Europe

Deadline: 05.11.2026

Topic Identifier	Topic Title	Type of Action	Overall EU Budget	No. of Grants
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-01</u>	Designing new ways of risk awareness and enhanced disaster preparedness	RIA	6,000,000 €	2
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-02</u>	Multi-hazard approach and cumulative / cascading impacts	IA	8,000,000 €	2
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-03</u>	Development of innovative tools, processes, equipment and technologies through responses to disasters and emergencies for search and rescue in hazardous conditions	IA	8,000,000 €	2
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-04</u>	Open topic on driving innovation uptake of disaster risk solutions	IA	6,000,000 €	2
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-05</u>	Climate security and civil preparedness – new ways to develop pre- and post-crisis climate-change related scenarios for a more resilient Europe	IA	4,500,000 €	1

## Destination: Strengthened Security Research and Innovation

Deadline: 05.11.2026

Topic Identifier	Topic Title	Type of Action	Overall EU Budget	No. of Grants
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-01</u>	Open topic on supporting disruptive technological innovations for civil security	RIA	3,000,000 €	2
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-02</u>	Demand-led innovation in security	PCP	5,830,000 €	1
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-03</u>	Public procurement of innovation for security	PPI	2,000,000 €	1
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-SSRI-04</u>	Development of ecosystem and next-generation capabilities for a secured European Critical Communication System in civil security	IA	3,000,000 €	1

## Destination: Increased Cybersecurity

Call: HORIZON-CL3-2026-02-CS-ECCC - Indirectly Managed Action by the ECCC (2026)

Deadline: 15.09.2026

Topic Identifier	Topic Title	Type of Action	Overall EU Budget	No. of Grants
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-02-CS-ECCC-01</u>	Approaches and tools for security in software and hardware development and assessment	RIA	20,000,000 €	5
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-02-CS-ECCC-02</u>	Enhancing the Security, Privacy and Robustness of AI Models and Systems (SecureAI)	IA	21,200,000 €	5
<u>HORIZON-CL3-2026-02-CS-ECCC-03</u>	Advanced cryptographic schemes and High-Assurance high-speed cryptographic implementations	RIA	15,000,000 €	4

## 2. More Information on Calls and Topics

### Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal

The [Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal](#) is the online entry point for Horizon Europe applicants. The portal provides the full topic texts, updates, links to regulations etc.

### Work Programme (PDF Version)

In addition to the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal, the PDF version of the Work Programme, available in the section “Topic conditions and documents” of the topic, provides further information on the topic texts (introduction to the policy background, budget overview etc.).

## 3. Types of Actions

Type of Action (Abbr.)	Type of Action	Funding Rate	Conditions*	Comment
RIA	Research & Innovation Actions	100%	≥ 3 legal entities from ≥ 3 MS/AC**	Establish new knowledge and/or explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology
IA	Innovation Actions	70% (100% for public & non-profit bodies)	≥ 3 legal entities from ≥ 3 MS/AC**	Produce plans & arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services
CSA	Coordination and Support Actions	100%	≥ 1 legal entities from MS/AC	Contribute to the objectives of the Horizon Europe Programme, excluding research and innovation activities
PCP	Pre-Commercial Procurement	≥ 100%	≥ 1 MS/AC Public Procurer(s) [≥ 1 MS/AC private and/or NGO procurer(s)]	Enable a transnational buyers' group to reinforce the public procurement of R&I (possibly with first deployment of new solutions)
PPI	Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions	≥ 50%	≥ 1 MS/AC Public Procurer(s) [≥ 1 MS/AC private and/or NGO procurer(s)]	Enable a transnational buyers' group to reinforce the early deployment of innovative solutions by overcoming the fragmentation of demand

\* MS: Member State; AC: Associated Country

\*\* Each consortium has to include at least one Member State

## 4. Partnering Services

Provider	Platform
Euresearch	<a href="#">Overview of Partnering Platforms</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">CORDIS</a>
Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)	<a href="#">Swiss EEN - Innosuisse</a>

## 5. Further Questions

Your Euresearch Office in the Region for questions regarding formal and administrative matters (proposal submission, eligibility criteria, budgeting, etc.)

[Office in your Region](#)

Your National Contact Point for questions concerning the scientific aspects of your proposal.

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