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Topic Preview 2023-2024 Horizon Europe Framework Programme Cluster 4 "Digital"

Swiss Participation in Horizon Europe

Switzerland is as a non-associated third country to Horizon Europe. Restrictions to the participation of Swiss entities apply to some topics: these topics are highlighted in red. For more information refer to the Euresearch website.

On 2023-10-19, the EC announced the cancellation of topics HORIZON-CL4-2024-HUMAN-01-06 and HORIZON-CL4-2024-HUMAN-01-07, HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01-34, HORIZON-CL4-2024-HUMAN-01-61 These be reworked or postponed and are expected to open in April 2024.

1. Work Programmes, Calls, and Topics

Horizon Europe is divided into several Work Programmes, calls, and topics. The following tables give a preview of the open and forthcoming topics.

HORIZON-CL4-2024-DATA-01 - World leading data and computing technologies

| Topic Identifier | Topic Title | Type of | Deadline | Topic |
|------------------|---|------------|----------|------------|
| | | Action | model | Deadline |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Al-driven data operations and | HORIZON-IA | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-DATA-01-01 | compliance technologies (AI, data and | | stage | |
| | robotics partnership) (IA) | | | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Piloting emerging Smart IoT Platforms | HORIZON-IA | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-DATA-01-03 | and decentralized intelligence (IA) | | stage | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Platform Building, standardisation and | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-DATA-01-05 | Up-scaling of the 'Cloud-Edge-IoT' | CSA | stage | |
| | Solutions (Horizontal Activities - CSA) | | | |

HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01 - Digital and emerging technologies for competitiveness and fit for the Green Deal

| Topic Identifier | Topic Title | Type of Action | Deadline model | Topic Deadline |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| HORIZON-CL4- | Novel paradigms and approaches, | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-DIGITAL- | towards AI-powered robots – step | RIA | stage | |
| EMERGING-01-03 | change in functionality (AI, data and | | | |
| | robotics partnership) (RIA) | | | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Industrial leadership in AI, Data and | HORIZON-IA | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-DIGITAL- | Robotics boosting competitiveness and | | stage | |
| EMERGING-01-04 | the green transition (AI Data and | | | |
| | Robotics Partnership) | | | |
| | (IA)[[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/ | | | |
| | RegData/etudes/STUD/2021/662906/I | | | |
| | POL_STU(2021)662906_EN.pdf]] | | | |

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| HORIZON-CL4- | Fundamentals of Software Engineering | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|------------|---------|------------|
| 2024-DIGITAL- | (RIA) | RIA | stage | |
| EMERGING-01-22 | | | | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Smart photonics for joint | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-DIGITAL- | communication & sensing and access | RIA | stage | |
| EMERGING-01-54 | everywhere (Photonics Partnership) | | | |
| | (RIA) | | | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Photonics Innovation Factory for | HORIZON-IA | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-DIGITAL- | Europe (Photonics Partnership) (IA) | | stage | |
| EMERGING-01-55 | | | | |

HORIZON-CL4-2024-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01-CNECT - Digital and emerging technologies for competitiveness and fit for the Green Deal

| Topic Identifier | Topic Title | Type of Action | Deadline model | Topic Deadline |
|----------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| HORIZON-CL4- | Open Source for Cloud/Edge to | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-DIGITAL- | support European Digital Autonomy | RIA | stage | |
| EMERGING-01-21 | (RIA) | | | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Public recognition scheme for Open | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-DIGITAL- | Source (CSA) | CSA | stage | |
| EMERGING-01-23 | | | | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Pilot line(s) for 2D materials-based | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-DIGITAL- | devices (RIA) | RIA | stage | |
| EMERGING-01-31 | | | | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Synergy with national and regional | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| <u>2024-DIGITAL-</u> | initiatives in Europe (CSA) | CSA | stage | |
| EMERGING-01-34 | | | | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Stimulating transnational research and | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| <u>2024-DIGITAL-</u> | development of next generation | RIA | stage | |
| EMERGING-01-42 | quantum technologies, including basic | | | |
| | theories and components (Cascading | | | |
| | grant with FSTP) | | | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Quantum sensing and metrology for | HORIZON-IA | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-DIGITAL- | market uptake (IA) | | stage | |
| EMERGING-01-45 | | | | |

 $\label{thm:horizon-class} \mbox{HORIZON-CL4-2024-HUMAN-01 - A human-centred and ethical development of digital and industrial technologies}$

| Topic Identifier | Topic Title | Type of | Deadline | Topic |
|------------------|---|----------|----------|------------|
| | | Action | model | Deadline |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Explainable and Robust AI (AI Data and | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-HUMAN-01- | Robotics Partnership) (RIA) | RIA | stage | |
| <u>06</u> | | | | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Collaborative intelligence – combining | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-HUMAN-01- | the best of machine and human (Al | RIA | stage | |
| <u>07</u> | Data and Robotics Partnership) (RIA) | | | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Support for transnational activities of | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-HUMAN-01- | National Contact Points in the | CSA | stage | |
| <u>34</u> | thematic areas of Digital, Industry and | | | |
| | Space (CSA) | | | |
| HORIZON-CL4- | Facilitate the engagement in global ICT | HORIZON- | single- | 19.03.2024 |
| 2024-HUMAN-01- | standardisation development (CSA) | CSA | stage | |
| <u>61</u> | | | | |

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Digital-related Research in other Clusters

HORIZON.2.5 - Climate, Energy and Mobility

HORIZON-CL5-2024-D2-01 - Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition

| Topic Identifier | Topic Title | Type of Action | | Topic Deadline |
|----------------------|---|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| A competitive and su | stainable European battery value chain | | | |
| HORIZON-CL5-2024- | Furthering the development of a materials | HORIZON-RIA | single-stage | 18.04.2024 |
| D2-01-05 | acceleration platform for sustainable | | | |
| | batteries (combining AI, big data, | | | |
| | autonomous synthesis robotics, high | | | |
| | throughput testing) (Batt4EU Partnership) | | | |

HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-01 - Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply

| Topic Identifier | Topic Title | Type of Action | Deadline model | Topic Deadline | |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Energy systems, grids & storage | | | | | |
| HORIZON-CL5- 2024-D3-01-11 | Al Testing and Experimentation Facility (TEF) for the energy sector – bringing technology to the market | HORIZON-IA | single- stage | 16.01.2024 | |
| Energy systems, grid | s & storage | | | | |
| HORIZON-CL5- 2024-D3-01-17 | Development and integration of advanced software tools in SCADA systems for High, Medium and Low voltage AC/DC hybrid systems | HORIZON-IA | single- stage | 16.01.2024 | |

HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02 - Sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply

| Topic Identifier | Topic Title | Type of Action | Deadline model | Topic Deadline |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Global leadership in renewable energy | | | | |
| HORIZON-CL5- | Digital tools for CSP and solar thermal | HORIZON- | single- | 21.01.2025 |
| 2024-D3-02-01 | plants | IA | stage | |

HORIZON-CL5-2024-D4-02 - Efficient, sustainable and inclusive energy use

| Topic Identifier | Topic Title | Type of | Deadline | Topic |
|---|--|----------|----------|------------|
| | | Action | model | Deadline |
| Highly energy-efficient and climate neutral European building stock | | | | |
| HORIZON-CL5- | BIM-based processes and digital twins | HORIZON- | single- | 21.01.2025 |
| 2024-D4-02-03 | for facilitating and optimising circular | IA | stage | |
| | energy renovation (Built4People | | | |
| | Partnership) | | | |

HORIZON.2.6 - Food, Bioeconomy Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

HORIZON-CL6-2024-BIODIV-01 - Biodiversity and ecosystem services

| Topic Identifier | Topic Title | Type of Action | Deadline model | Topic Deadline |
|---|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <u>HORIZON-CL6-</u> 2024-BIODIV-01-2 | Digital for nature | HORIZON-IA | single- stage | 22.02.2024 |



| HORIZON-CL6- | Transformative action of policy mixes, | HORIZON- | single- | 22.02.2024 |
|------------------|--|----------|---------|------------|
| 2024-BIODIV-01-5 | governance and digitalisation | RIA | stage | |
| | addressing biodiversity loss | | | |

HORIZON-CL6-2024-CIRCBIO-01 - Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors

| Topic Identifier | Topic Title | Type of | Deadline | Topic |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| | | Action | model | Deadline |
| HORIZON-CL6- | Digital information systems for bio- | HORIZON- | single- | 22.02.2024 |
| 2024-CircBio-01-6 | based products | RIA | stage | |

HORIZON-CL6-2024-GOVERNANCE-01 - Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal

| Topic Identifier | Topic Title | Type of Action | Deadline model | Topic Deadline |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| HORIZON-CL6- | Enhancing working conditions and | HORIZON- | single- | 28.02.2024 |
| 2024- | strengthening the work force through | RIA | stage | |
| GOVERNANCE-01-7 | digital and data technologies – the | | | |
| | potential of robotics and augmented | | | |
| | reality in agriculture | | | |

2. More Information on Calls and Topics

Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal

The <u>Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal</u> 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 |

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| 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% | ≥ 3 legal entities from ≥ 3 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

4. Partnering Services

| Provider | Platform | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Euresearch | Overview of Partnering Platforms | | |
| European Commission | Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal | | |
| European Commission | CORDIS | | |
| Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) | Swiss EEN - Innosuisse | | |

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.

National Contact Points

^{**} Each consortium has to include at least one Member State