

# Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027 and European Common Criteria-based Cybersecurity Certification Scheme

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## Countries Involved

Afghanistan (AFG)	Albania (ALB)	Algeria (DZA)
Angola (AGO)	Argentina (ARG)	Australia (AUS)
Austria (AUT)	Bahrain (BHR)	Belgium (BEL)
Bosnia and Herzegovina (BIH)	Brazil (BRA)	Bulgaria (BGR)
Canada (CAN)	Chad (TCD)	Chile (CHL)
China (CHN)	Colombia (COL)	Costa Rica (CRI)
Cyprus (CYP)	Czechia (CZE)	Denmark (DNK)
Egypt (EGY)	Estonia (EST)	Ethiopia (ETH)
Finland (FIN)	France (FRA)	Georgia (GEO)
Germany (DEU)	Ghana (GHA)	Greece (GRC)

Hungary (HUN)	Iceland (ISL)	India (IND)
Indonesia (IDN)	Ireland (IRL)	Israel (ISR)
Italy (ITA)	Japan (JPN)	Kenya (KEN)
Korea, Republic of (KOR)	Latvia (LVA)	Lebanon (LBN)
Lithuania (LTU)	Luxembourg (LUX)	Malta (MLT)
Mexico (MEX)	Montenegro (MNE)	Morocco (MAR)
Mozambique (MOZ)	Netherlands (NLD)	New Zealand (NZL)
Norway (NOR)	Pakistan (PAK)	Peru (PER)
Philippines (PHL)	Poland (POL)	Portugal (PRT)
Romania (ROU)	Russian Federation (RUS)	Senegal (SEN)
Singapore (SGP)	Slovakia (SVK)	Slovenia (SVN)
South Africa (ZAF)	Spain (ESP)	Sri Lanka (LKA)
Sudan (SDN)	Sweden (SWE)	Switzerland (CHE)
Thailand (THA)	Togo (TGO)	Tunisia (TUN)
Türkiye (TUR)	Uganda (UGA)	Ukraine (UKR)
United Arab Emirates (ARE)	United States (USA)	Uruguay (URY)
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of (VEN)		

## Executive Summary

The Horizon Europe strategic plan (2025-2027) guides EU research and innovation (R&I) investments to address global challenges: climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, digital transition, and demographic shifts. It focuses on three key strategic orientations: the green transition, digital transition, and building a resilient, competitive, inclusive, and democratic Europe, underpinned by open strategic autonomy. The plan integrates all Horizon Europe pillars and clusters, emphasizing interdisciplinary approaches, social sciences, and international cooperation. It supports EU Missions, European Partnerships, and fosters synergies with other EU programs to maximize impact. The plan also addresses research security, ethics, gender equality, and open science. Additionally, the Regulation on the European Common Criteria-based cybersecurity certification scheme establishes roles and rules for cybersecurity certification, building on existing mutual recognition agreements and involving the European Cybersecurity Certification Group. Together, these initiatives aim to strengthen Europe's scientific leadership, technological sovereignty, and societal resilience in a complex geopolitical context.

## Taxonomies

### Themes

- **Digital Infrastructure** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Platforms** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Policy** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Ecosystem** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Research** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Economy** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Skills Development** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Acceleration** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Sustainability** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Investment** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Regulation** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Artificial Intelligence** (Technology & Innovation)
- **AI Ethics** (Technology & Innovation)
- **Tech-Driven Solutions** (Technology & Innovation)
- **Quantum Technologies** (Technology & Innovation)
- **ICT Innovation** (Technology & Innovation)
- **Technology Regulations** (Technology & Innovation)
- **High-Performance Computing** (Technology & Innovation)
- **Sustainable Tech** (Technology & Innovation)
- **Cloud Computing** (Technology & Innovation)
- **Innovation in Computing** (Technology & Innovation)
- **Blockchain** (Technology & Innovation)
- **5G** (Technology & Innovation)
- **VRE** (Technology & Innovation)
- **Data Governance** (Data & Governance)
- **Digital Rights** (Data & Governance)
- **Digital Governance** (Data & Governance)
- **Data Protection** (Data & Governance)
- **Cyber Risk Management** (Data & Governance)
- **Data Privacy** (Data & Governance)
- **Digital Access** (Data & Governance)
- **Digital Identity Management** (Data & Governance)
- **Internet Governance** (Data & Governance)
- **Digital Ethics** (Data & Governance)
- **E-Governance** (Data & Governance)
- **Digital Inclusion** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Social Cohesion** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Gender Equality in Tech** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Digital Education** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Connectivity** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Sustainable Digital Development** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **EU-LAC Digital Alliance** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Bi-regional Cooperation** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Global Digital Cooperation** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Multilateralism** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **EU-CELAC Digital Partnership** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Digital & Technological Partnerships** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Digital Transitions** (Digital Transformation & Strategy) - Relevance: 0.95

Justification: The document places strong emphasis on the digital transition as one of the three key strategic orientations for 2025-2027, highlighting its critical role in Europe's competitiveness, open strategic autonomy, and as an enabler of the green transition. Extensive content is dedicated to digital technologies, AI, digital infrastructure, and digital ecosystems, reflecting its centrality to the EU's research and innovation agenda.

- **Green Transition (Sustainability & Climate Action) (Inclusion & Social Development) -**  
Relevance: 0.93

Justification: The green transition is a primary strategic orientation, with at least 35% of Horizon Europe funding dedicated to climate action and 10% to biodiversity. The document extensively covers climate neutrality, circular economy, sustainable technologies, and environmental resilience, underscoring its strategic importance in EU policy and research priorities.

- **Cybersecurity (Data & Governance) -** Relevance: 0.88

Justification: Cybersecurity is highlighted as a critical area underpinning digital sovereignty, resilience, and open strategic autonomy. The document includes a dedicated European Common Criteria-based cybersecurity certification scheme and detailed cluster activities on cybersecurity research, risk management, and digital trust, reflecting its strategic and operational importance.

## Actors

- **European Commission (Political Actors) -** Relevance: 1.0

Justification: The European Commission is the primary author and driving force behind the Horizon Europe strategic plan and the cybersecurity certification scheme. It is responsible for drafting, implementing, and coordinating the research and innovation agenda, international cooperation, partnerships, missions, and regulatory frameworks discussed extensively throughout the document.

- **European Union (Political Actors) -** Relevance: 0.9

Justification: The European Union is the overarching political entity within which the Horizon Europe programme operates. The document frequently references EU policy priorities, legal bases, and strategic objectives, making the EU central to the context and implementation of the research and innovation strategies.

- **EU Member States (Political Actors) -** Relevance: 0.8

Justification: EU Member States are key stakeholders and participants in the Horizon Europe programme. They are involved in co-designing the strategic plan, aligning national research strategies with EU priorities, participating in partnerships, and implementing research and innovation activities. Their role is critical for the success and coherence of the EU-wide R&I agenda.

- **European Parliament (Political Actors)**

- **European Council (Political Actors)**

- **European Institute of Innovation and Technology (Research and Innovation Actors)**

- **Knowledge and Innovation Communities (Research and Innovation Actors)**

- **Researchers (Research and Innovation Actors)**

- **Innovators (Research and Innovation Actors)**

- **Digital Innovation Hubs (Research and Innovation Actors)**

- **Private Sector Representatives (Economic Actors)**

- **Industry Actors (Economic Actors)**

- **Civil Society Organisations (Civil Society Actors)**

- **European Digital Rights (Civil Society Actors)**

## Beneficiary Groups

- **Citizens (General Citizens / Consumers)**

- **Farmers (Farmers & Primary Producers)**

- **Public Health Stakeholders (Health Sector)**

- **Researchers (Researchers & Academia)**

- **Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs / Businesses)**

## Additional Beneficiary Groups

- citizen
- stakeholder
- SME
- researcher
- farmer

## Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 5: Gender Equality
- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- SDG 13: Climate Action
- SDG 14: Life Below Water
- SDG 15: Life on Land
- SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

## EU Policy Alignments

- Digital Decade
- EU Cyber Strategy
- Horizon Europe

## Commitments

### Commitment 1

Horizon Europe commits to spending at least 35% of its resources on climate action for 2025-2027.

#### Details:

- Horizon Europe commits to spending at least 35% of its resources on climate action for 2025-2027.  
(Type: Financed)

### Commitment 2

Horizon Europe commits to spending at least 10% of its budget for 2025-2027 on biodiversity action.

#### Details:

- Horizon Europe commits to spending at least 10% of its budget for 2025-2027 on biodiversity action.  
(Type: Financed)

### **Commitment 3**

Horizon Europe has a target to spend at least EUR 13 billion on core digital technologies during 2021-2027.

#### **Details:**

- Horizon Europe has a target to spend at least EUR 13 billion on core digital technologies during 2021-2027. (Type: Financed)

### **Commitment 4**

More than EUR 65 billion have been committed to European Partnerships: EUR 24.8 billion from Horizon Europe and EUR 35.6 billion from non-EU partners.

#### **Details:**

- More than EUR 65 billion have been committed to European Partnerships: EUR 24.8 billion from Horizon Europe and EUR 35.6 billion from non-EU partners. (Type: Financed)

### **Commitment 5**

Horizon Europe will maintain the 35% climate action spending target across all 7 years of the programme (2021-2027).

#### **Details:**

- Horizon Europe will maintain the 35% climate action spending target across all 7 years of the programme (2021-2027). (Type: Programmatic)

### **Commitment 6**

Horizon Europe will raise investment in biodiversity to 10% of its total budget for 2025-2027, compared to 2021-2024.

#### **Details:**

- Horizon Europe will raise investment in biodiversity to 10% of its total budget for 2025-2027, compared to 2021-2024. (Type: Programmatic)

### **Commitment 7**

The European Chips Act aims at doubling Europe's current global market share in semiconductor chips to 20% by 2030.

#### **Details:**

- The European Chips Act aims at doubling Europe's current global market share in semiconductor chips to 20% by 2030. (Type: Declarative)

### **Commitment 8**

The EU aims to become the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050.

#### **Details:**

- The EU aims to become the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050. (Type: Declarative)

## **Commitment 9**

The EU aims to reduce net greenhouse-gas emissions by 55% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels (Fit for 55 package).

### **Details:**

- The EU aims to reduce net greenhouse-gas emissions by 55% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels (Fit for 55 package). (Type: Declarative)

## **Commitment 10**

The EU aims for climate neutrality in aviation by 2050, with 100% use of sustainable aviation fuels and (partially) electrified or hydrogen-powered zero-emission commercial aircraft and infrastructure by 2035.

### **Details:**

- The EU aims for climate neutrality in aviation by 2050, with 100% use of sustainable aviation fuels and (partially) electrified or hydrogen-powered zero-emission commercial aircraft and infrastructure by 2035. (Type: Declarative)

## **Commitment 11**

The EU aims for climate neutrality in waterborne transport by 2050, with net-zero emissions and zero pollution by 2030.

### **Details:**

- The EU aims for climate neutrality in waterborne transport by 2050, with net-zero emissions and zero pollution by 2030. (Type: Declarative)

## **Commitment 12**

The EU aims to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in transport by 2050.

### **Details:**

- The EU aims to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in transport by 2050. (Type: Declarative)

## **Commitment 13**

The European Chips Act aims to strengthen semiconductor and quantum chips value chains by 2030.

### **Details:**

- The European Chips Act aims to strengthen semiconductor and quantum chips value chains by 2030. (Type: Declarative)

## **Commitment 14**

The New European Bauhaus Facility will be implemented as a cross-cluster issue in Horizon Europe work programmes for 2025-2027.

**Details:**

- The New European Bauhaus Facility will be implemented as a cross-cluster issue in Horizon Europe work programmes for 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

**Commitment 15**

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) will launch a new Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) on Water, Marine and Maritime Sectors and Ecosystems in 2026 (subject to positive evaluation).

**Details:**

- The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) will launch a new Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) on Water, Marine and Maritime Sectors and Ecosystems in 2026 (subject to positive evaluation). (Type: Implemented)

**Commitment 16**

The EU Missions launched in 2021 aim to achieve their ambitious goals by 2030.

**Details:**

- The EU Missions launched in 2021 aim to achieve their ambitious goals by 2030. (Type: Declarative)

**Commitment 17**

The European Innovation Council (EIC) will focus on deep-tech innovations aligned with the New European Innovation Agenda during 2025-2027.

**Details:**

- The European Innovation Council (EIC) will focus on deep-tech innovations aligned with the New European Innovation Agenda during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

**Commitment 18**

The Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area part aims to reduce the R&I; performance gap between countries by 2027.

**Details:**

- The Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area part aims to reduce the R&I; performance gap between countries by 2027. (Type: Declarative)

**Commitment 19**

The EU will continue to promote open science practices, including mandatory open access to scientific publications and FAIR data management, during 2025-2027.

**Details:**

- The EU will continue to promote open science practices, including mandatory open access to scientific publications and FAIR data management, during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

## **Commitment 20**

The EU will carry out a 'do no harm' screening for all topics included in the 2025-2027 work programmes to ensure no harm to environmental policy objectives.

### **Details:**

- The EU will carry out a 'do no harm' screening for all topics included in the 2025-2027 work programmes to ensure no harm to environmental policy objectives. (Type: Implemented)

## **Commitment 21**

The EU will maintain a minimum of EUR 13 billion investment in core digital technologies during 2021-2027.

### **Details:**

- The EU will maintain a minimum of EUR 13 billion investment in core digital technologies during 2021-2027. (Type: Programmatic)

## **Commitment 22**

The EU will continue to support gender equality and inclusiveness in R&I, integrating gender concerns into R&I; content by default during 2025-2027.

### **Details:**

- The EU will continue to support gender equality and inclusiveness in R&I, integrating gender concerns into R&I; content by default during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

## **Commitment 23**

The EU will continue to support the European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) through investments in pandemic preparedness and medical countermeasures during 2025-2027.

### **Details:**

- The EU will continue to support the European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) through investments in pandemic preparedness and medical countermeasures during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

## **Commitment 24**

The EU will support the European Health Data Space Regulation to facilitate data-based health research and innovation during 2025-2027.

### **Details:**

- The EU will support the European Health Data Space Regulation to facilitate data-based health research and innovation during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

## **Commitment 25**

The EU aims to maintain and strengthen its leadership in semiconductor and quantum chip manufacturing technologies by 2030.

### **Details:**

- The EU aims to maintain and strengthen its leadership in semiconductor and quantum chip manufacturing technologies by 2030. (Type: Declarative)

## **Commitment 26**

The EU will continue to support the European Green Deal Industrial Plan and the Net-Zero Industry Act to achieve climate neutrality by 2050.

### **Details:**

- The EU will continue to support the European Green Deal Industrial Plan and the Net-Zero Industry Act to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. (Type: Implemented)

## **Commitment 27**

The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Rare Diseases and other health partnerships during 2025-2027.

### **Details:**

- The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Rare Diseases and other health partnerships during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

## **Commitment 28**

The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Innovative SMEs to improve knowledge transfer and access to finance for innovative SMEs during 2025-2027.

### **Details:**

- The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Innovative SMEs to improve knowledge transfer and access to finance for innovative SMEs during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

## **Commitment 29**

The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Forests and Forestry for a Sustainable Future during 2025-2027.

### **Details:**

- The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Forests and Forestry for a Sustainable Future during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

## **Commitment 30**

The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Water4All: Water Security for the Planet during 2025-2027.

**Details:**

- The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Water4All: Water Security for the Planet during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

**Commitment 31**

The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Biodiversity (Biodiversa+) during 2025-2027.

**Details:**

- The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Biodiversity (Biodiversa+) during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

**Commitment 32**

The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Sustainable Blue Economy during 2025-2027.

**Details:**

- The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Sustainable Blue Economy during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

**Commitment 33**

The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Agroecology, Living Labs and Research Infrastructures during 2025-2027.

**Details:**

- The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Agroecology, Living Labs and Research Infrastructures during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

**Commitment 34**

The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare during 2025-2027.

**Details:**

- The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

**Commitment 35**

The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Sustainable Food Systems for People, Planet and Climate during 2025-2027.

**Details:**

- The EU will continue to support the European Partnership on Sustainable Food Systems for People, Planet and Climate during 2025-2027. (Type: Implemented)

## Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

### KPI: Biodiversity Investment Allocation

<b>Description:</b>	Horizon Europe also commits to increasing investment in biodiversity to 10% of the Horizon Europe budget for 2025-2027.
<b>Type:</b>	quantitative
<b>Target Value:</b>	10.0
<b>Target Description:</b>	10% of Horizon Europe budget to be invested in biodiversity action
<b>Unit:</b>	percentage
<b>Timeframe:</b>	2025-2027
<b>Measurement Method:</b>	Budget allocation and expenditure monitoring
<b>Responsible Entity:</b>	European Commission
<b>Sector:</b>	Research and Innovation

### KPI: Biodiversity Investment Target

<b>Description:</b>	Horizon Europe commits to raising investment in biodiversity to 10% of its total budget for 2025 to 2027.
<b>Type:</b>	quantitative
<b>Target Value:</b>	10.0
<b>Target Description:</b>	Increase investment in biodiversity to 10% of Horizon Europe budget
<b>Unit:</b>	percentage
<b>Timeframe:</b>	2025-2027
<b>Measurement Method:</b>	Budget monitoring and reporting
<b>Responsible Entity:</b>	European Commission
<b>Sector:</b>	Environment and Biodiversity

### KPI: Biodiversity and Ecosystems Budget Allocation

<b>Description:</b>	Horizon Europe commits to dedicating at least 10% of its total budget to biodiversity and ecosystems objectives, including by mainstreaming nature-based solutions and increasing agrobiodiversity.
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<b>Type:</b>	quantitative
<b>Target Value:</b>	10.0
<b>Target Description:</b>	At least 10% of Horizon Europe budget dedicated to biodiversity and ecosystems objectives
<b>Unit:</b>	percentage
<b>Timeframe:</b>	2025-2027
<b>Measurement Method:</b>	Budget allocation and expenditure monitoring
<b>Responsible Entity:</b>	European Commission
<b>Sector:</b>	Environment and Biodiversity

### KPI: Climate Action Funding Allocation

<b>Description:</b>	Horizon Europe has an explicit and ambitious commitment to spend at least 35% of its funding resources on climate action.
<b>Type:</b>	quantitative
<b>Target Value:</b>	35.0
<b>Target Description:</b>	At least 35% of Horizon Europe funding resources to be spent on climate action
<b>Unit:</b>	percentage
<b>Timeframe:</b>	2021-2027
<b>Measurement Method:</b>	Budget allocation and expenditure monitoring
<b>Responsible Entity:</b>	European Commission
<b>Sector:</b>	Research and Innovation

### KPI: Climate Neutrality Achievement

<b>Description:</b>	The green transition: Horizon Europe R&I; activities must support Europe to become the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050.
<b>Type:</b>	qualitative
<b>Target Description:</b>	Support Europe to become the world's first climate-neutral continent

<b>Unit:</b>	qualitative milestone
<b>Timeframe:</b>	by 2050
<b>Measurement Method:</b>	Achievement of climate neutrality as per EU policy frameworks
<b>Responsible Entity:</b>	European Commission and Member States
<b>Sector:</b>	Environment and Climate

### KPI: Core Digital Technologies Investment

<b>Description:</b>	In 2021-2027, it is agreed to invest at least EUR 13 billion from Horizon Europe in core digital technologies.
<b>Type:</b>	quantitative
<b>Target Value:</b>	13.0
<b>Target Description:</b>	At least EUR 13 billion investment in core digital technologies
<b>Unit:</b>	billion EUR
<b>Timeframe:</b>	2021-2027
<b>Measurement Method:</b>	Budget allocation and expenditure monitoring
<b>Responsible Entity:</b>	European Commission
<b>Sector:</b>	Research and Innovation

### KPI: Cybersecurity Certification Scheme Maintenance

<b>Description:</b>	The European Common Criteria-based cybersecurity certification scheme (EUCC) will be maintained through cooperation with the private sector, creation of specialised subgroups and relevant preparatory work and assistance requested by the Commission.
<b>Type:</b>	qualitative
<b>Target Description:</b>	Maintain and update the EUCC through cooperation and specialised subgroups
<b>Unit:</b>	qualitative milestone
<b>Timeframe:</b>	ongoing from 2024
<b>Measurement Method:</b>	Scheme updates, stakeholder engagement and certification issuance

<b>Responsible Entity:</b>	European Cybersecurity Certification Group and European Commission
<b>Sector:</b>	Cybersecurity

### KPI: European Partnerships Establishment

<b>Description:</b>	Horizon Europe has identified nine new co-programmed and co-funded European Partnerships for 2025-2027.
<b>Type:</b>	qualitative
<b>Target Description:</b>	Establish nine new co-programmed and co-funded European Partnerships
<b>Unit:</b>	qualitative milestone
<b>Timeframe:</b>	2025-2027
<b>Measurement Method:</b>	Number and operational status of partnerships
<b>Responsible Entity:</b>	European Commission and Member States
<b>Sector:</b>	Research and Innovation

### KPI: Strategic Orientation Establishment

<b>Description:</b>	Horizon Europe strategic plan for 2025-2027 sets three key strategic orientations: (1) the green transition; (2) the digital transition; and (3) a more resilient, competitive, inclusive, and democratic Europe.
<b>Type:</b>	qualitative
<b>Target Description:</b>	Establish and implement three key strategic orientations guiding R&I activities
<b>Unit:</b>	qualitative milestone
<b>Timeframe:</b>	2025-2027
<b>Measurement Method:</b>	Inclusion of orientations in work programmes and funded projects
<b>Responsible Entity:</b>	European Commission
<b>Sector:</b>	Research and Innovation

### KPI: Support for Innovation Ecosystems

<b>Description:</b>	The European Innovation Council (EIC) supports both bottom-up innovative actions and measures that address the strategic plan's key strategic orientations.
<b>Type:</b>	qualitative
<b>Target Description:</b>	Support bottom-up innovative actions aligned with key strategic orientations
<b>Unit:</b>	qualitative milestone
<b>Timeframe:</b>	2025-2027
<b>Measurement Method:</b>	Number and impact of funded innovative projects
<b>Responsible Entity:</b>	European Innovation Council
<b>Sector:</b>	Innovation

## Practical Applications

### Application 1:

Horizon Europe strategic plan 2025-2027 directs R&I; investment towards key global challenges including climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, digital transition, and demographic changes, with at least 35% of resources committed to climate action and 10% to biodiversity action.

### Application 2:

Nine new co-programmed and co-funded European Partnerships established for 2025-2027, including: Brain Health; Forests and Forestry for a Sustainable Future; Raw Materials for the Green and Digital Transition; Resilient Cultural Heritage; Social Transformations and Resilience; Innovative Materials for the EU; Solar Photovoltaics; Textiles of the Future; and Virtual Worlds.

### Application 3:

EU Missions (Adaptation to Climate Change; Cancer; Restore our Ocean and Waters; Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities; Soil Deal for Europe) continue with strengthened governance and broader funding instruments to ensure deployment and impact.

### Application 4:

The European Common Criteria-based Cybersecurity Certification Scheme (EUCC) has been adopted, building on the SOG-IS Mutual Recognition Agreement, with the European Cybersecurity Certification Group maintaining the scheme in cooperation with the private sector.

### Application 5:

Pillar II clusters implement targeted R&I; activities aligned with strategic orientations:

### **Application 6:**

Cluster 1 (Health): pandemic preparedness, brain health, mental health, digital health, health equity, and sustainable healthcare systems.

### **Application 7:**

Cluster 2 (Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society): democratic governance, social inclusion, cultural heritage, and social resilience.

### **Application 8:**

Cluster 3 (Civil Security for Society): disaster resilience, border management, crime and terrorism prevention, cybersecurity, and infrastructure resilience.

### **Application 9:**

Cluster 4 (Digital, Industry and Space): net-zero manufacturing, advanced materials, digital technologies, AI, quantum technologies, space systems, and human-centric innovation.

### **Application 10:**

Cluster 5 (Climate, Energy and Mobility): climate science, clean energy, energy efficiency, sustainable transport, and multimodal mobility.

### **Application 11:**

Cluster 6 (Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment): biodiversity restoration, sustainable agriculture and food systems, circular bioeconomy, water resilience, and innovative governance.

### **Application 12:**

The New European Bauhaus Facility is implemented as a cross-cluster issue focusing on circular and regenerative construction, social inclusion and local democracy, and innovative funding models in the built environment.

### **Application 13:**

Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area (WIDERA) supports systemic reforms and capacity building in less advanced R&I; countries to reduce disparities and promote excellence.

### **Application 14:**

Synergies are actively fostered between Horizon Europe and other EU funding programmes (e.g., EU4Health, Digital Europe, ERDF, LIFE, Innovation Fund, Connecting Europe Facility) to maximize impact, including through cumulative, sequential, and complementary funding approaches and Seal of Excellence mechanisms.

### Application 15:

Research security measures under Horizon Europe include limiting participation to safeguard EU strategic interests, security appraisals of proposals, and control over transfer of project results to non-EU entities.

### Application 16:

Integration of social sciences and humanities, gender equality, ethics and integrity, open science practices, social innovation, and the "do no harm" principle are cross-cutting priorities embedded in all Horizon Europe activities.

### Application 17:

European Innovation Council (EIC), European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), and European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE) support breakthrough innovation, skills development, and scaling up of innovative SMEs aligned with strategic priorities.

### Application 18:

International cooperation is maintained with openness and reciprocity, including association agreements, targeted partnerships (Africa Initiative, Mediterranean Initiative, EU-Latin America and Caribbean Initiative), and multilateral engagements to address global challenges and promote EU strategic autonomy.

## Source Files

Filename	Type	Size	Upload Date
Regulation_on_the_Adoption_of_a_European_Common_Criteria	PDF	61.5 KB	2025-06-26
Annex to te Commission	PDF	1386.2 KB	2025-06-26