

Ukraine EU Funding opportunities

General:

Eligibility

- Ukraine has access to EU funding instruments for example under the Horizon Europe framework programme, Digital Europe programme and Eurostars as an associate country

What is funded

- Horizon Europe framework programme covers Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) actions from basic research and applied co-research to innovation actions between Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) 1-8
- Investments are not funded: there are separate EU funding instruments supporting investments in Ukraine (and rest of Europe)
- Funding rates are between 100% and 50% depending on the type of activity and organization type: SMEs and NGOs typically receive 100% of the costs, large companies less.

KLUSTERI 4:N TYÖOHJELMA 2026-2027

Destination 1: Leadership in materials and production for Europe (“INDUSTRY Destination”) – 641,6M€

- Sustainable Advanced Materials, Raw Materials and Chemicals
- Fast tracking Circularity; Disruptive technologies for carbon capture and clean energy use
- Technology infrastructure, knowledge valorisation and *support for scaleups and startups*

Destination 2: Developing an agile and secure single market and infrastructure for data-services and trustworthy artificial intelligence services (“DATA Destination”) – 183M€

- Telco-Edge-Cloud continuum/ 3C Network (Connected Collaborative Computing); Open Internet Stack
- End-to-end AI –laskentajatkumo, data, energiatehokas tekoälylaskenta ja -prosessointi

Destination 3: Achieving open strategic autonomy in digital and emerging enabling technologies (“DIGITAL-EMERGING”) – 393M€

- AI Continent: Frontier AI -mallit
- Apply AI –haut: valmistava teollisuus, robotiikka
- Kvantti, ftoniikka, puolijohteet (hyvin pieni panostus!)

Destination 5: Digital and industrial technologies driving human-centric innovation (“HUMAN”) – 95,8M€

- Virtual Worlds – Web4.0; Kansainvälinen standardisointi

Clean Industrial Deal calls

Open: 18/12/2025

Deadline: 15/09/2026

Innovation Action

- Open to innovation actions at the last development stages, the main objective of this call is to **support the development of a new generation of “fit-for-deployment” clean tech, clean energy and net-zero manufacturing technologies**
- By mobilising public and private funds, this call aims to establish a pipeline of projects from R&I to market-ready deployment
- The call will follow a **bottom-up, industry-led approach**
- Under Horizon Europe, the call is a joint coordinated effort of **Cluster 4 (Digital, Industry & Space)** and **Cluster 5 (Climate, Energy & Mobility)**

R&I in Support of the Clean Industrial Deal: Decarbonisation of energy intensive industries (IA) (Processes4Planet and Clean Steel partnerships)

HORIZON-CID-2026-01-01 Total Budget: 125 m€, 8 projects to be funded

The purpose of the topic is to:

- Support **large-scale demonstration of industrial decarbonisation solutions** in the EU
- Strengthen EU as an attractive location for manufacturing, especially **energy-intensive industries**
- **Promote clean tech, circular business models** and progress towards **climate neutrality**

Targeted clean tech areas (select 1 main area; but several can be combined):

- CCU/CCUS
- Clean energy usage in production
- Circularity & resource efficiency (materials, energy, water)

Expected outcomes (all must be addressed):

- Accelerated **use of innovative decarbonisation technologies** in industry
- **More cost-effective clean products** on the market, boosting competitiveness, sustainability (including biodiversity) and resilience of EU industries
- Creation of **first-of-a-kind industrial demonstrators** and/or optimisation of newly installed decarbonisation solutions in Europe
- Demonstrated **market readiness** of future clean products and processes via:
 - Credible **business plan**
 - **Exploitation strategy** for industrialisation
 - **Market-tested use cases**

Key takeaways:

- No single source for Ukraine related funding: relevant topics are scattered to numerous funding instruments.
- Start with finding your TRL -> this dictates the funding sources applicable to your RDI.
- Identify the partners you need -> networks, ecosystems and industry associations are crucial to find best partners -> attend the events and pitch your idea/competence.
- Funding sources can be used complementarily to various phases of your RDI: no double funding though.
- Help is available.



Thank you!

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