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Horizon Europe Africa Initiative IV Calls

The European Commission has launched Africa Initiative IV under the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026–2027, with an allocation of approximately €605,45 million to advance EU–Africa cooperation in research and innovation (R&I).

Africa Initiative IV builds on the achievements of the previous three Africa Initiatives and focuses on supporting joint EU–Africa research and innovation activities. This initiative directly contributes to the implementation of the AU–EU Innovation Agenda, targeting short-, medium-, and long-term actions across four key priority areas:

- **Public Health**
- **Green Transition**
- **Innovation and Technology**
- **Capacities for Science**

As these calls are designed to strengthen collaborative research, expand African institutional participation, and enhance R&I systems, it is essential for our institution to strategically position ourselves within strong, competitive international consortia. All Horizon Europe projects require participation of at least three independent organisations (e.g., universities) from different EU member states or associated countries (including the UK and Switzerland). This underscores the importance of cultivating partnerships, both internally and externally, with global collaborators.

Last week, we shared initial calls that close in April 2026. To support your planning, we have compiled a list of the remaining 20 open calls, each with different closing dates ranging from June 2026 to September 2027. Institutional deadlines are also included in the document to ensure that we can meet all due diligence and compliance requirements. Early preparation is vital, particularly for large-scale collaborative proposals that require coordinated input, extensive partner engagement, and timely institutional review.

Should you require further guidance or need assistance with planning for these calls, please feel free to contact us. We would be pleased to come to your faculty as well.

More information is available:

- [EU Horizon Calls 2026-2027](#)
- [Horizon Europe Funding Calls](#)