

# Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

## EU Call for Project Proposals

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# European long-term budgeting

# EU institutions and bodies I



**European Commission**  
which makes proposals



**European Parliament**  
representing EU citizens



**Council of the European Union**  
representing EU countries

**Abbildung:** EU institutions and bodies [Com25]

The EU budget combines resources at EU level and enables EU countries to achieve more together than they could if they acted alone, for instance financing infrastructure or research projects [Com25].

## EU institutions and bodies II

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Proposals are made



Abbildung: European Comission makes proposals for EU investments [Com25]

- proposes the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)
- Resources Decision
- as specific sectoral legislation sets rules for specification of EU investments [Com25]

## EU institutions and bodies III

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Discussions and negotiations start



Abbildung: Parliament and Council of the EU negotiate [Com25]

- Council of the EU discusses the proposals until all EU countries agree and adopts its positions
- In parallel, the European Parliament discusses the proposals and adopts its positions [Com25]

# Long-term budget I

- The **Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)** defines the EU's long-term spending priorities and limits
- It sets maximum annual expenditure for the entire EU budget and its main policy areas
- The current MFF covers the period **2021–2027**
- Together with NextGenerationEU, the long-term budget amounts to around **€2 trillion**

# Funding programmes and open calls of the current period I

- **Horizon Europe** — Budget: €95.5 billion. EU research and innovation framework programme (2021–2027) focusing on climate action, UN SDGs, competitiveness, and knowledge creation.
- **EU4Health** — Budget: €5.3 billion. Largest EU health programme, supporting health systems, crisis preparedness, disease prevention and cross-border health cooperation.
- **Research Fund for Coal and Steel (RFCS)** — Budget: approx. €55 million annually. Finances research projects in the coal and steel sectors through grants to universities, research centres and industry.

Vielen Dank  
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# Literature

# Literature I

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