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EU Funding Opportunities for Space Research and Innovation

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National Contact Point for EU Research Programmes (NCPs)

#HE4Business

50+
experts

27+
years of activity

2020
from November at the NCBR

We work with the European Commission to implement EU research and innovation programmes.
We support Polish scientific units, enterprises and other authorized entities.
We focus on the Horizon Europe Framework Programme.

Training & Events

Free training, workshops,
Conferences and information days

Design consultations

Preparation of applications
and project implementation

Information portal

www.kpk.gov.pl

NCP experts at NCBR play the official role of HE National Contact Points and operate in accordance with the principles and standards of the European Commission.

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NCP offer

ACTIVITIES OF THE NCP

Areas of support

From information
and training
to project preparation
and implementation.

INFORMATION AND TRAINING	Dedicated training sessions, workshops, conferences and information days
CONNECTING PARTNERS	Support in finding partners for international consortia
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	Tailor-made activities for entities interested in applying to the HE programme
PREPARATION OF THE APPLICATION	Consultations on the preparation of project proposals
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION	Consultations on project implementation
FORMAL SUPPORT	Financial and legal advice for applicants and beneficiaries

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Horizon Europe Structure

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HE Offer – Pillar II



The second pillar of Horizon Europe is collaborative research on the societal challenges facing Europe and strengthening technological and industrial capacity through thematic areas (clusters) covering the whole spectrum of global challenges.

- **Most projects in Pillar II,** i.e. in the area of six thematic clusters, are implemented in consortia, which should consist of at least three independent entities that are based in at least three Member States or countries associated to the Programme. A project consortium is made up of a coordinator and partners.

- **Joint Research Centre (JRC) -** The JRC is active in supporting researchers by organising training and workshops, as well as the opportunity to participate in internships and internships aimed at people starting their scientific careers. The JRC is also opening its laboratories by giving scientists access to the best facilities at its disposal. (free access for researchers and non-profit organisations)

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Horizon Europe: where are we now?





HE CALL BUDGET

≈ 14 billion EUR

for 2026–2027

MAIN PRIORITIES

- Climate
- Digitalisation and AI
- Health
- Security
- Biodiversity

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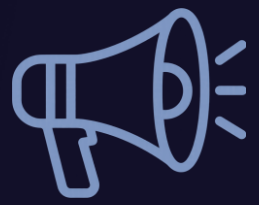
Cluster 4: Digital, Industry, Space

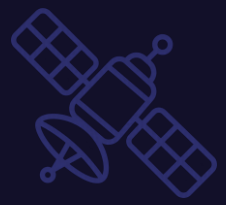
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What to expect for SPACE in 2027?

3	8	18	88.62
calls	topics	projects	mln EUR









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Cluster 4: Digital, Industry, Space

Opens: 09.03.2027	Opens: 07.10.2027	Opens: 21.10.2027	*Other activities outside HaDEA or EUSPA calls*
Closes: 02.09.2027	**Closes: 20.01.2028**	**Closes: 22.02.2028**	
HORIZON-CL4-2027-03-SPACE	***HORIZON-CL4-2027-07-SPACE***	***HORIZON-CL4-2027-EUSPA-SPACE***	
5 topics: 2 IA, 3 RIA Planned projects: 11 68.12 million EUR	2 topics 2 RIA Planned projects: 4 13.00 million EUR	1 topic IA Planned projects: 3 7.50 million EUR	Other activities commissioned by the European Commission or awarded to a designated beneficiary, entrusted to ESA

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Cluster 4: Digital, Industry, Space

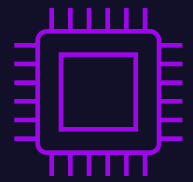
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Topics for 2027 calls include:

- Autonomous space transportation systems
- In-space operations and servicing
- Collaborative Earth Observation and SatCom
- Demonstration missions for collaborative EO and SatCom
- Quantum space gravimetry
- Critical European electronic components
- Critical European space equipment
    - NEW: **ESA** cooperation with SNS JU and SESAR JU partnerships in areas of connectivity and mobility [separate work programmes]







https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2026-2027/wp-7-digital-industry-and-space_horizon-2026-2027_en.pdf

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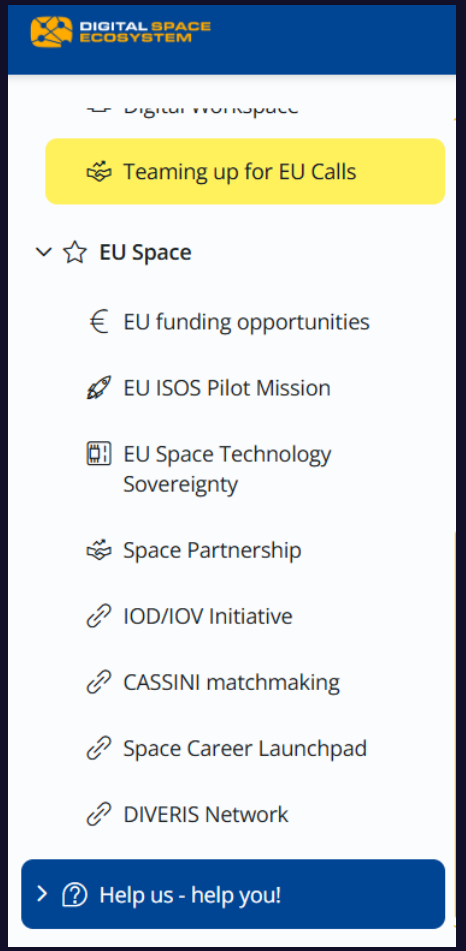
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Digital Space Ecosystem

An interactive online platform that supports collaboration and stimulates innovation in the European space sector by actively engaging users: public authorities, agencies, industry, research organisations, academia and professionals (investors, consultants, etc.) working in the European space sector.

https://digital-space-ecosystem.eu





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International brokerage event:

Registration for the brokerage event dedicated to the last HE space calls

is expected to open in early 2027.

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European Competitiveness Fund and Horizon Europe/FP10 (2028 -2034)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels, 16.7.2025
COM(2025) 555 final

2025/0555 (COD)

Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

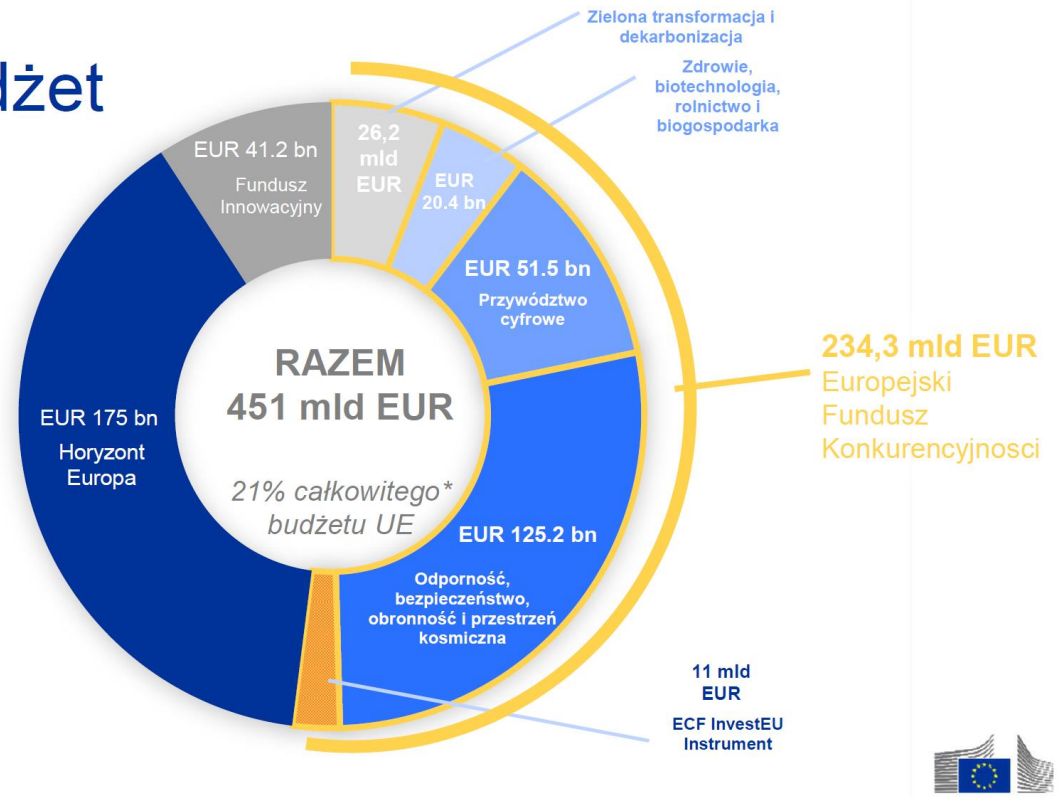
on establishing the European Competitiveness Fund ('ECF'), including the specific programme for defence research and innovation activities, repealing Regulations (EU) 2021/522, (EU) 2021/694, (EU) 2021/697, (EU) 2021/783, repealing provisions of Regulations (EU) 2021/696, (EU) 2023/588, and amending Regulation (EU) [EDIP]

(Text with EEA relevance)

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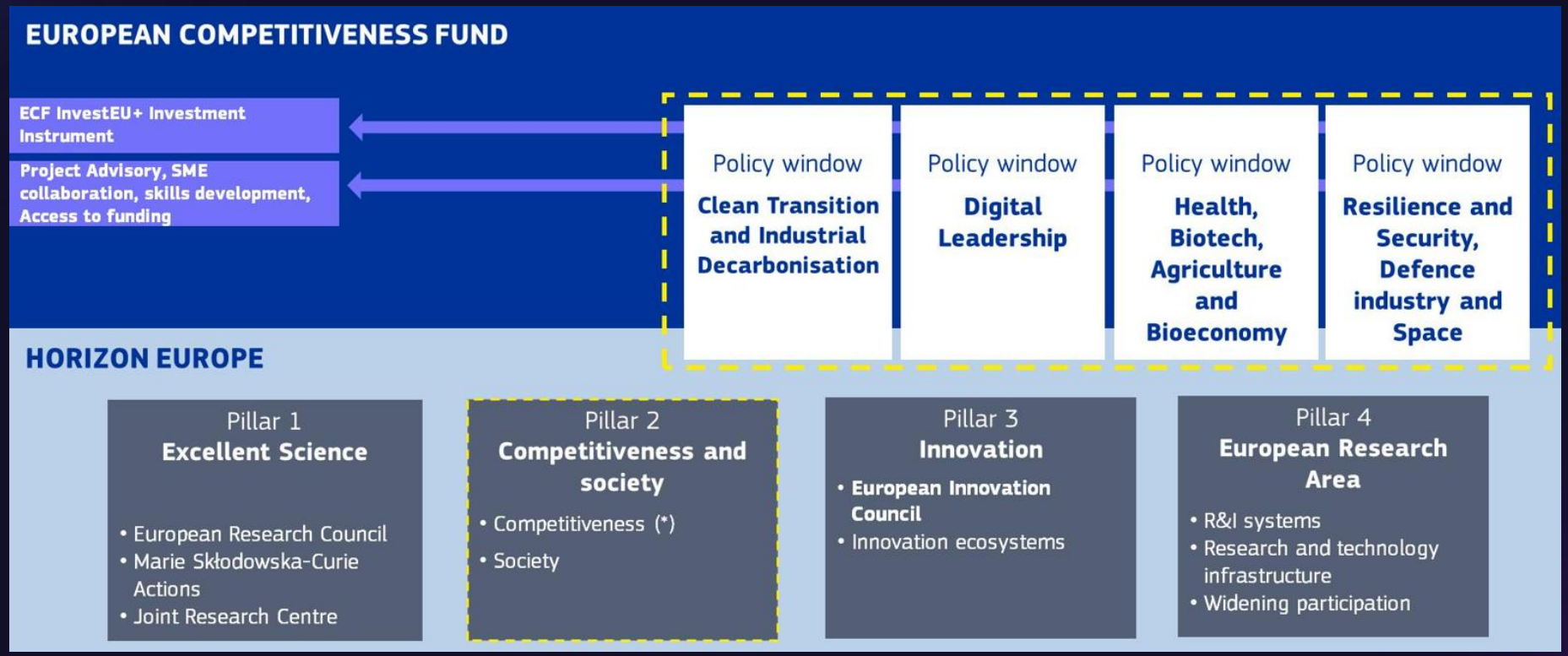
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EFK: Budżet



* z wyłączeniem funduszu innowacyjnego

Horizon Europe (2028–2034): proposed structure

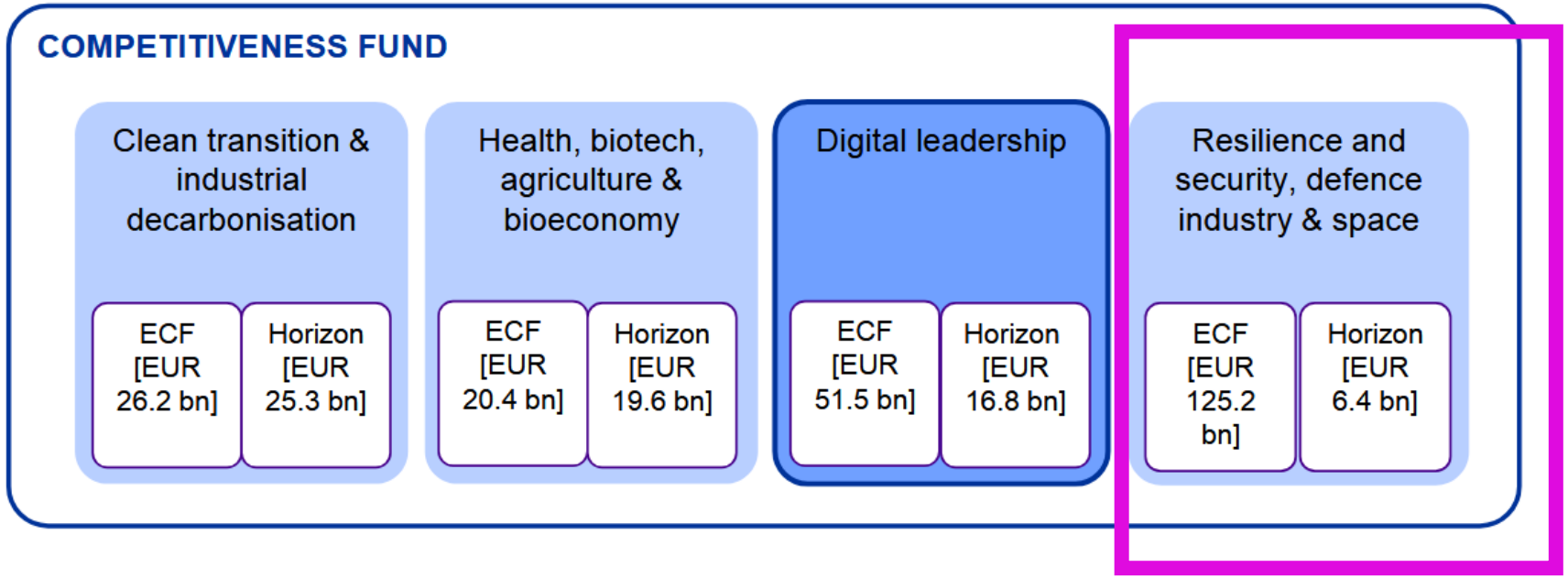


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Budget breakdown by 4 specific objectives (ECF + Horizon Europe)



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Horizon Europe (2028–2034): “dual-use”

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF HORIZON EUROPE’S SCOPE

HE is to be open by default to dual-use projects

Dual-use

Dual use:
civilian and military



LINK TO THE ECF

Specific programme for defence within the ECF

ECF is to cover the costs of defence and dual-use projects under **HE**

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