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- → Do you have a **specific topic** you would like to find funding opportunities for?
- → Do you know a **donor** that you think should be added to our list?
- → Do you want to receive **monthly updates** about external funding opportunities?

Let me know!

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LUF's <u>SteunLeiden</u> platform makes it easy for students and staff to start a **crowdfunding campaign**. Contact Corinda van Bohemen for more information at c.m.van.bohemen@luf.leidingenuniv.nl.

Useful links:

- Leiden University | Introduction to Funding & Funding Schemes
- Faculty of Law | Funding Opportunities.
- Research Funding Knowledge Base
- <u>Leiden University | Research Funding Events</u>
- Leiden University | Education Grants
- NWO | Funding Calls
- EU | Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal
- Erasmus+ | Deadlines
- <u>LUF | Applying for grants</u>

1. Events

NWO Workshop: Participation of People with Brain and/or Mental Disorders

Thursday, 13 February 2025 (all day) / Tuesday 4 March 2025 (all day) in Utrecht

Two workshops for the NWA Call 'Participation of people with brain and/or mental disorder in education and work'. Civil society organizations are expressly invited to submit a research idea and/or participate in the workshops. Program in Dutch.

European Defence Fund Europadag 2025

Thursday, 13 February 2025 (9:00 – 17:00), location TBD

Kom in contact met nieuwe partners en ontdek mogelijkheden op het gebied van onderzoek en ontwikkeling, hoor meer over de Defensie prioriteiten voor het EDF in 2025, ontvang updates vanuit het National Focal Point netwerk, en hoor meer over ervaringen met het EDF vanuit de industrie.

Horizon Europe Collaborative Proposals - Cluster 4 & 5

Tuesday, 18 February 2025 (15:00 – 17:30)

Gorlaeus Building, Einsteinweg 55, Leiden - Room BM2.26

We cordially invite all Assistant-, Associate-, and Full Professors who are interested in funding opportunities of the soon-to-open calls in the upcoming Work Program 2025-2027 in:

- Horizon Europe Cluster 4 'Digital, Industry and Space', covering advanced technologies, AI, robotics, materials, and space innovation
- Horizon Europe Cluster 5 'Climate, Energy, and Mobility', covering sustainability, clean energy, smart transport, and climate resilience.

During the plenary part of the event, Horizon Europe advisors from RVO, the National Contact Point of this program in the Netherlands, will present upcoming themes and topics of the 2025 calls, cases of conducting (fundamental) research in Clusters 4 & 5, how to form a strong consortium, and evaluation requirements. Following the plenary session, participants can make use of the opportunity of 1:1 consultations with the NCPs to discuss their topic and project ideas. Please register here.

Please note: this meeting will be held in English and will not be hosted online/hybrid or recorded!

Matchmaking Event: NWA Key Enabling Methodologies

Wednesday, 5 March 2025 (12:00 – 17:00) at NWO Utrecht

Find your consortium partners! NWO is organizing two collaborative workshops to encourage and facilitate cooperation between idea submitters and other scientific and civil society stakeholders, to submit a proposal for one of the <u>KEM routes</u>. Also held on **26 March 2025.**

- Circular economy and resource efficiency: sustainable circular impact
- Sustainable production of safe and healthy food (incl. the competent consumer)
- Energy transition (switch to a CO2-neutral society)
- Towards resilient societies (new forms of political and governance arrangements, work and value creation, inclusivity and cohesion)
- Smart, livable cities (Safe Big Data Cities, Smart Polder, citizen empowerment, urban technologies)
- Healthcare, prevention and treatment
- Quality of the living environment (nature-inclusive societies, sustainable use of space)
- The Blue Route (water as a path to innovative and sustainable growth)
- Sustainable Development Goals for inclusive global development

2. Individual Projects

EC-Erasmus+ Developing Master's Programmes about the EU	
What is it?	Projects to develop new Master's programmes about the EU.
How much?	€750 /month x DR x NRES
	DR: max. duration in months of the Master programme (i.e. 12, 18, 24 months)
	NRES: number of enrolled students (scholarship and non-scholarship holders)
	foreseen for the entire duration of the grant agreement.
Deadline	13 February 2025

ISRF Early Care	ISRF Early Career Fellowship	
What is it?	Support for early-career researchers (within 10 years of PhD) to get full relief from all teaching duties and all academic administration for (up to) 1 year to conduct an independent research project.	
How much?	Max. € 81,500	
Deadline	14 February 2025, 18:00	

KNAW Gak-KNA	KNAW Gak-KNAW Institute Award	
What is it?	Early-career researchers (up to 5 years ago or who will obtain their PhD by	
	April 2025) can apply for a 3-year appointment as a postdoc at a KNAW	
	institute in the field of labour market and social security in the Netherlands.	
How much?	- Appointments to the KNAW host institute will take place in scale 11, a	
	maximum of step 6 according to the salary tables as used by NWO.	
Deadline	14 February 2025	

NWO SSH Open	NWO SSH Open Competition XS 2025 - Round 1	
What is it?	This call for proposals is intended to encourage curiosity-driven and innovative	
	research that involves the relatively rapid exploration of a promising idea .	
How much?	Max. € 50,000 for 6-12 months	
Deadline	6 March 2025, 14:00.	

NWO Vici SSH 20	NWO Vici SSH 2025	
What is it?	The Vici targets senior researchers with academic qualities that clearly exceed	
	what is customary, as well as established leadership- and mentorship skills.	
How much?	Max. € 1.5 million	
Deadline	11 March 2025, 14:00 (pre-proposal)	
	9 September 2025, 14:00 (full application)	

NIAS NIAS Fello	NIAS NIAS Fellowship	
What is it?	NIAS offers time and space for scholars work on their own research project in	
	the social sciences as part of an interdisciplinary community for 5/10 months.	
How much?	€2.500,- per month is paid to the university directly to cover salary, as well as	
	daily commuting expenses reimbursed up to €250 per month.	
Deadline	Call opens 15 January. Deadline 17 March 2025, 12:00.	
Notes	Apply as early as possible, because only the first 215 eligible applications	
	will be considered for a NIAS Fellowship in the 2026-2027 academic year.	

KFZ (Kwaliteit Fo	KFZ (Kwaliteit Forensische Zorg) Jeugd Open Call 2025	
What is it?	Kwaliteit Forensische Zorg Jeugd (Quality Forensic Care - Youth) subsidises	
	projects to increase the forensic care quality for youth through knowledge	
	sharing, research and collaboration.	
How much?	Total budget available is €170,000, spread over multiple funded projects.	
Deadline	23 March 2025, 23:59.	

NL Net Foundation Grants 2025		
What is it?	Apply for 3 different grants:	
	- <u>NGI Zero Commons Fund</u> : to reclaim the public nature of the Internet.	
	- <u>NGI TALER</u> : for privacy-preserving digital payments.	
	- <u>NGI Mobifree</u> : for more ethical and human mobile software.	
How much?	€ 5,000 - € 50,000 (with potential for future scale-up)	
Deadline	1 April 2025, 12:00	

Laura Bassi / 5-Year Postdoctoral Grants	
What is it?	Researchers no more than 2 years after their PhD can apply to complete an
	independent research project.
How much?	€ 50,000 per year for 5 years.
Deadline	10 May 2025 (letter of interest)
	10 July 2025 (application)

ERC Advanced G	ERC Advanced Grant 2025	
What is it?	For senior researchers who have a track-record of significant research	
	achievements, exceptional leaders in terms of originality and significance of	
	their research contributions.	
How much?	Up to € 2.5 million for a period of 5 years.	
Deadline	Call will open 22 May 2025.	

Gerda Henkel Foundation General Research Project Grants	
What is it?	PhD- and/or research scholarships in History of Law & Jurisprudence.
How much?	PhD scholarships: €1,920/month (+ child, travel material costs).
	Postdoc scholarships : €2,760 (+ child, travel material costs).
	Assistant professor scholarships: €3,720 (+ child, travel material costs).
Deadline	26 May 2025.

REINFORCING Open Call on "Responsible Digitalization" Incubator Grant	
What is it?	Actions to open research and innovation processes into responsible
	digitalization. See <u>call document</u> here.
How much?	€ 60,000
Deadline	Call will open in July 2025.

Netspar International Comparative Research Grant 2025	
What is it?	To support studies that compare regulatory , policy , and/or product choices
	surrounding pensions, aging and retirement made in different countries
	(including the Netherlands) and relate these to the academic literature.
How much?	€20,000 per grant (3 total awarded).
Deadline	15 October 2025.

WODC (Scientific Research and Data Centre) Research Programming 2024	
What is it?	WODC publishes its programme of intended research (<u>click here</u> to download).
	Interested researchers contact the WODC.
How much?	Depends on research study.
Deadline	Contact the WODC for more details.

BREN Zuid-Holland Research & Innovation Funding for Youth Care	
What is it?	BREN Zuid-Holland is a network of youth care professionals committed to
	sustainable and structural transformation. See application process and
	guidelines for submitting a proposal (in Dutch).
How much?	Depends on research study.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

3. Collaborative Projects

NWO Climate Change Adaptation and Just Energy Transitions in Sub-Saharan Africa	
What is it?	To develop and connect knowledge about Climate Change Adaptation and Just
	Energy Transitions with stakeholders in Sub-Saharan Africa.
How much?	Approx. € 600,000.
Who can apply?	Consortia consisting of researchers, knowledge institutions, societal
	stakeholders and practitioners from Sub Saharan Africa and the Netherlands.
Deadline	11 February 2025, 14:00 (pre-registration).
	14 July 2025, 14:00 (full proposal).

EC-Horizon IMPETUS: Citizen Science in the European Research Area	
What is it?	Support the implementation and sustainability of citizen science projects
	addressing the IMPETUS challenge. Call document.
How much?	See page 25 of call document. Funding covers a 7-month project between June
	2025 and January 2026.
Deadline	13 March 2025, 12:00

EC-Horizon European Partnership on Innovative SMEs/Eurostars	
What is it?	Eurostars is a funding instrument that supports innovative SMEs and project
	partners (large companies, universities, research organisations and other types
	of organisations) by funding international R&D and innovation projects.
How much?	Max. €500,000, but only 50% of project funds covered. Speak to your
	Institute's project controller before applying for this grant.
Deadline	13 March 2025, 14:00

EC-SOCPL Information, consultation & participation of representatives of undertakings	
What is it?	Support for improving capacity of social actors at company level to understand
	EU law and policies in employee involvement. Call document.
How much?	€250,000 - €300,000
Deadline	19 March 2025, 17:00

EC-JUST Action Grants to Support Transnational Projects on Judicial Training covering Civil	
Law, Criminal Law or Fundamental Rights	
What is it?	Support for training promoting the digitalisation of national justice systems .
How much?	Min. €100,000 (no maximum budget)
Deadline	26 March 2025, 17:00.

<u>Volkswagen Stiftung Open Up – New Research Spaces for the Humanities and Cultural Studies</u>	
What is it?	Support for exploratory projects that require a multidisciplinary approach to
	reveal and understand their complexity. Main applicant must be a German
	university or research institution.
How much?	€300,000 - €400,000 over up to 1.5 years
Deadline	3 April 2025, 14:00

EC Teaming for Excellence	
What is it?	Support for the creation of new centres of excellence or modernising the
	existing ones in low R&I performing countries.
How much?	For up to 6 years.
Deadline	10 April 2025, 20 January 2026

EC-SOCPL Information and training measures for workers' organisations	
What is it?	Support to actions to improve skills for workers' representatives and
	organizations for participation in European social dialogue. Call document.
How much?	€150,000 - €700,000
Deadline	15 April 2025, 17:00.

EC-JUST Action Grants to Promote Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Criminal Matters	
What is it?	Support to improve the effectiveness of national justice systems , and the
	effective enforcement of decisions, by facilitating and supporting judicial
	cooperation in civil and criminal matters, and promoting the rule of law,
	independence and impartiality of the judiciary.
How much?	€ 75,000 - € 350,000
Deadline	23 April 2025

EC-CERV Promoting European Citizens' Engagement and Participation	
What is it?	3 priority themes: (1) promoting exchanges on future Union policy priorities
	and challenges, (2) countering disinformation and interference in democratic
	debate, (3) promoting citizens' engagement and democratic participation.
How much?	Min. € 75,000 (no upper limit)
Deadline	29 April 2025, 17:00

EC-CERV Rights of the child and children's participation	
What is it?	Supporting, advancing and implementing comprehensive policies to protect
	and promote the rights of the child, including the right to participate. It
	responds to children's current needs and challenges in the EU with 3 priorities:
	- Children's rights in the digital age
	- Children's engagement and participation
	- Embedding child rights in actions at national and local level
	See <u>call document</u> .
How much?	Min. € 200,000 (no upper limit, but available budget € 17 000 000)
Deadline	29 April 2025, 17:00
Notes	Information session being held on 26 February 2025, 9:30–12:30 . Please
	register at this link.

EC-Erasmus / Virtual Exchanges in South Mediterranean Countries, Neighbourhood East, Sub-	
Saharan Africa, and Western Balkans	
What is it?	Virtual exchanges (online people-to-people activities) that promote
	intercultural dialogue and soft skills development.
How much?	Up to € 500,000
Deadline	29 April 2025, 17:00

Gerda Henkel Foundation Funding Programme Democracy	
What is it?	Monthly scholarship awards for a group of min. 2 researchers conducting a
	project on one of the following topics:
	- Democracy as Utopia, Experience, and Threat
	- Contours of Future Democratic Society
How much?	PhD scholarships: €1,920/month (+ child, travel material costs).
	Postdoc scholarships : €2,760 (+ child, travel material costs).
	Assistant professor scholarships: €3,720 (+ child, travel material costs).
Deadline	3 June 2025.

EC-Horizon Marie Sklodowska-Curie COFUND Action 2025	
What is it?	Provides funding for regional, national and international programmes for
	training and career development, through co-funding mechanisms.
How much?	Check with your project controller about co-financing requirements.
Deadline	24 June 2025, 17:00.

LUF Impulse Grant	
What is it?	Interfaculty and interdisciplinary research and education projects.
How much?	€ 150,000.
Who can apply?	Researchers from at least two faculties. Per faculty, only two applications may
	be submitted, so there is a pre-selection internally in each faculty.
Deadline	29 June 2025 (first round). Please contact Karin van Heijningen if you are
	interested in applying with the Faculty of Law.

SoFoKleS / University Labour Market Improvement	
What is it?	Funding for an innovative idea to improve the university labour market .
	Your application must fit one or more of the following three themes:
	1. Vital Employment Relationship
	2. Future of work
	3. Social safety and inclusion
How much?	Max. €10,000
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

Volkswagen Stiftung Transformational Knowledge on Democracies under Change	
What is it?	Support for collaboration and networking between researchers from the diverse
	research areas engaged in the field of "transformation of democracy" and
	partners from (civil) society. Main applicant must be German.
How much?	Task Forces: up to €180,000 (1 year);
	Cooperation projects: up to €1.3 million (5 years)
Deadline	Deadline expected in September 2025.

4. Organizing Events & Workshops

ELS Academy Small Grants for Early-Career Researchers (Empirical Legal Studies)	
What is it?	Netherlands Academy for Empirical Legal Studies offers small grants for
	research, workshop organisation, impact activities, or networking.
How much?	Up to €5,000.
Who can apply?	Early-career researchers.
Deadline	February 2025

Lorentz Center for Scientific Workshops Organize a Workshop	
What is it?	The Lorentz Center is a workshop center that hosts international scientific
	meetings of typically one week. Apply now for a workshop Jan-Aug 2026.
How much?	In-kind support, roughly €25,000-30,000: venue, social events, coffee breaks,
	organizational support (developing program).
Deadline	Continuous (rolling). Next evaluation: 30 May 2025.

KNVIR Support for Seminars and Expert Meetings	
What is it?	Support for seminars and meetings (e.g. networking activities or a 'meet and greet' with a prominent international lawyer).
How much?	€ 2,000
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

5. Mobility Funding

AI Journal Promoting AI Research (Winter Round)	
What is it?	The Artificial Intelligence Journal (AIJ)'s publisher, Elsevier, sets aside funds
	to support the promotion and dissemination of AI research (conferences,
	mobility, promotion).
How much?	€1,000 - €7,000 (varies).
Deadline	15 February 2025.

Erasmus+ Staff Training Abroad	
What is it?	Participate in training such as a course, job-shadowing, an observation period
	or a language course, in any Erasmus+ country (EU member states, Serbia,
	North Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Turkey). Covers 2-14
	days excluding travel. Conferences not eligible.
How much?	- Daily allowance and travel allowance calculated based on travel distance,
	number of days, and country cost of living. See here .
Who can apply?	PhD students and staff.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling) , but you must apply min. 1 month before the start date of
	your Erasmus+ period.

Erasmus+ / Teaching Assignments Abroad	
What is it?	Carry out a teaching assignment in any of the Erasmus+ programme countries
	(EU member states, North Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and
	Turkey). Duration 2-60 days excluding travel, teaching min. 8 hours/week.
How much?	Daily allowance and travel allowance calculated based on travel distance,
	number of days, and country cost of living. See here .
Who can apply?	PhD students and staff.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling), but you must apply min. 1 month before the start date of
	your Erasmus+ period.

LUF Participation in a conference abroad	
What is it?	PhD students (not on payroll) can apply for a grant for participation in a
	conference outside the Netherlands . Attending the conference must be part of
	a research project within the faculty and/or part of a PhD programme.
How much?	Max. € 750 in Europe and max. € 1,500 outside of Europe).
Deadline	11 May 2025, 26 October 2025.

Vilnius Technical University Master's in Management of Artificial Intelligence Solutions	
What is it?	Mobility grant for Master's study in Artificial Intelligence Solutions in Vilnius.
	See more info on scholarships <u>here</u> .
How much?	Up to €3,000 per semester.
Deadline	Open (rolling) until May 1, 2026.

Humboldt Research Fellowship (Post-Doctoral Researchers)	
What is it?	6–24 month research stay in Germany .
How much?	The monthly fellowship amount is €2,670. Financial support for family
	benefits, health insurance, travel expenses is also available.
Who can apply?	Researchers of all nationalities (except German) who have completed their
	doctorate during the last 4 years.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling). Selections made every March, July and November.

<u>Humboldt Research Fellowship</u> (Experienced Researchers)	
What is it?	6–24 month research stay in Germany .
How much?	The monthly fellowship amount is €2.670. Financial support for family
	benefits, health insurance, travel expenses is also available.
Who can apply?	Experienced researchers of all nationalities (except German) who have
	completed their doctorate during the last 12 years.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling). Selections made every March, July and November.

NWO L.INT - Lectoraten en Instituten	
What is it?	Funding for a lector to combine activities at a university of applied sciences
	with activities at a research institute.
How much?	- €300.000 can be applied for per research group.
	- The university of applied sciences and the institute must each contribute at
	least €200.000 in cash or in kind.
Who can apply?	Lecturers/researchers at universities of applied sciences or institutes (must be a
	consortium).
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

6. Small Grants

INDUSAC Ethical Development of Digital and Industrial Technologies	
What is it?	Supports 4-8 week research collaborations between academia (students and
	researchers) and industry (companies), in solving company challenges.
Who can apply?	Students and researchers.
How much?	Up to 1,000 EUR gross per student (lump sum).
Deadline	28 February 2025, 23:59
	31 March 2025, 23:59
	15 April 2025, 23:59

ELS Academy Small Grants for Early-Career Researchers (Empirical Legal Studies)	
What is it?	Netherlands Academy for Empirical Legal Studies offers small grants for
	research, workshop organization, impact activities, or networking.
How much?	Up to €5,000.
Who can apply?	Early-career researchers.
Deadline	February 2025

NWO Open Access Books	
What is it?	Main applicants or co-applicants of awarded NWO research projects can apply
	for funding of the costs of Open Access publishing of academic books that
	result from NWO funding.
How much?	Max. € 10.000.
Who can apply?	Main applicants or co-applicants of awarded NWO research projects.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

SIDN Fonds Pioneer Projects for a Stronger Internet	
What is it?	Supports projects with added societal value for a strong internet, strong internet
	users, or the internet's significance for public values and society.
How much?	Up to € 10,000 (to develop your idea into a demo, pilot or experimental design)
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

7. Awards

EC-Horizon / IMPETUS: European Union Prize for Citizen Science	
What is it?	The European Union Prize for Citizen Science is awarded once a year to
	honour projects whose social and political impact advances the further
	development of a pluralistic, inclusive and sustainable society in Europe.
	Check the criteria <u>here</u> .
How much?	- Grand Prize: € 60.000
	- Diversity & Collaboration Award: € 20.000
	- Digital Communities Award: € 20.000
	- Honorary Mentions: no monetary prize.
Deadline	10 March 2025