

NEWSLETTER

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SINO-HELLENIC COLLABORATION IN DIGITAL HERITAGE

On Tuesday, May 5, 2026, the National Centre for Scientific Research “Demokritos” hosted a workshop on the preservation and digital valorisation of scientific and cultural heritage, highlighting the GRR-1 Nuclear Heritage Project. The event brought together leading experts from Greece and China to strengthen collaboration with the Tsinghua Heritage Institute for Digitization (THID) and advance efforts to preserve, document, and digitally showcase the historical and technological legacy of the GRR-1 nuclear reactor. [Read more](#)



NEW PROJECTS



The innovative [AMSwitch project](#), of which NCSR Demokritos is a partner, has been awarded funding under the EIC Pathfinder programme, recognising its potential to advance next-generation computing technologies. It aims to develop a new generation of logic switches based on altermagnets, a recently discovered class of magnetic materials. Although altermagnets have no net magnetization, they can exhibit an anomalous Hall effect, enabling information to be stored in their magnetic order and read electrically without conventional spin-to-charge conversion. The project's selection under this programme represents a major achievement, particularly given the highly competitive nature of the EIC Pathfinder programme, which has an approximate success rate of only 2%.



The [NOUS](#) project, funded under Horizon Europe, has received important recognition through the [European Commission's Innovation Radar](#), which identifies high-potential innovations emerging from EU-funded research and innovation projects. This recognition highlights the project's innovative character, technological relevance and potential to generate meaningful impact, while also acknowledging the contribution of the NOUS consortium to advancing European research and innovation.

IMPORTANT EU NEWS



Commission's new electrification action plan

The European Commission has unveiled its Electrification Action Plan, setting out a vision to make Europe the world's first "electro-powered" continent. The initiative aims to accelerate the electrification of industry, transport, and buildings, reducing dependence on fossil fuels, strengthening Europe's energy security, and enhancing industrial competitiveness while supporting the transition to a climate-neutral economy.

Source



European Commission's EU Innovation Platform

The European Commission has launched the EU Innovation Platform, a new digital hub designed to help innovators and startups access funding, services, events, and business support. Featuring an intelligent recommendation engine, the platform connects users with tailored opportunities based on their needs, sector, location, and stage of development. Initially available to EU-funded innovators, it will gradually expand to include startups, investors, corporates, and innovation support organizations across Europe. **Source**

New EU Strategy for AI and Cybersecurity

The European Commission has presented a new action plan to strengthen cybersecurity in the age of advanced artificial intelligence. The initiative aims to address the risks posed by AI while harnessing its potential to enhance cyber resilience through better risk assessment, secure testing environments, improved access to advanced AI tools, and stronger protection of critical infrastructure. By bringing together Member States, industry, and EU agencies, the plan also seeks to boost Europe's own AI capabilities and reinforce its technological sovereignty in cybersecurity. **Source**



Recognising Skills: Blue Book Traineeships Welcome VET Graduates

For the first time, graduates from vocational education and training (VET) will be eligible to apply alongside university graduates for the European Commission's Blue Book Traineeship programme. This marks an important step in recognising the skills and competencies gained through VET and reinforces its role as a high-quality pathway to skilled employment. Continued investment in VET, apprenticeships and career guidance is essential to equip young people with the skills Europe needs while addressing labour shortages and strengthening long-term competitiveness. **Source**

EU MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR 2028-2034

On 15 July 2026, the Council of the European Union agreed its position on the draft EU Budget for 2027. The 2027 budget is particularly important because it will be the final annual budget under the current Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027.

At the same time, negotiations are progressing on the next **EU Multiannual Financial Framework for 2028-2034**, which is expected to introduce major changes to European research, innovation and business funding.

What Is the MFF 2028-2034?

The Multiannual Financial Framework, or MFF, is the EU's seven-year long-term budget. The proposed MFF for 2028-2034 amounts to almost €2 trillion in current prices. It will define the EU's main spending priorities and the structure of future European funding programmes.

The framework is still under negotiation, and its final budget and programme structure may change before its expected launch on 1 January 2028.

Major Changes Under the MFF 2028-2034:

1. A Simpler EU Funding Structure
2. The creation the European Competitiveness Fund
3. Stronger Links with Horizon Europe
4. Greater Focus on Strategic Technologies
5. More Support for Scale-Up
6. National and Regional Partnership Plans
7. Stronger Focus on Results

The overall direction of the future MFF is clear: EU funding will become more closely linked to competitiveness, strategic technologies, industrial capacity and market deployment. [More details](#)

WHAT'S NEXT?

CALLS OF INTEREST & CONSORTIUM BUILDING

1. **Horizon Europe open calls** [click here](#)
2. **EDF Open calls** [click here](#)
3. **EIC Accelerator 2026** [click here](#)
4. **The Digital Europe Programme** [click here](#)
5. **Cascade Funding** [click here](#)



FUNDRAISING UNIT NEWS

In June 2026, Fundraising Unit successfully completed an internal workshop series aimed at strengthening knowledge and skills related to the preparation of competitive EU-funded project proposals. Through a series of interactive sessions, participants explored the key stages of the proposal development process, gaining practical knowledge and exchanging experiences in a collaborative learning environment.

The workshops included topics on:

- Navigation of EU funding and Tender Portal
- Project budgeting
- Basic info for funding schemes
- Networking and consortium building
- Proposal writing in collaborative proposals

The workshop series will resume in September with additional topics and new opportunities for learning, collaboration, and professional development. [More information](#) about the upcoming workshops will be shared at the beginning of September through our [website](#) and LinkedIn page.



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