(Collaborative) online brokerage event

Artificial intelligence in Horizon Europe calls: an interdisciplinary challenge

Date: 25/02/2026

Time: 9.30 – 17.30

Mode: online (link)

Target audience:

- Applicants from **Cluster 1**, **Cluster 2, Cluster 4, Cluster 5**, and **Cluster 6** with STEM or SSH expertise and interested in topics requiring the involvement of the social sciences and humanities
- Applicants from **social sciences and humanities disciplines** who are interested in exploring opportunities for SSH disciplines beyond Cluster 2
- All stakeholders active in the field of Artificial Intelligence

Concept

Artificial Intelligence is gaining a central role in the research and innovation ecosystem; its implementation and use are now indispensable in strengthening Europe's potential to compete globally.

In view of this goal, Europe has joined forces by setting up an "AI Action Plan" aimed at boosting the EU's technological and industrial capacity and AI uptake across the economy, prepare for socio-economic changes brought by AI and ensure an appropriate ethical and legal framework.

The Horizon Europe programme is one of the multiple investments tools mobilised by the European Commission, which, in line with the **AI Continent Action Plan**, supports research and innovation projects that are able to develop trustworthy and human-centric artificial intelligence.

The collaboration between SSH (Social Sciences and Humanities) disciplines and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) is one of the key elements for a holistic approach to enhancing artificial intelligence in Europe.

The brokerage event targets those interested in submitting proposals dealing with artificial intelligence in various fields, such as health, digital, climate and environment, and requiring

the involvement of social sciences and humanities (such as sociology, ethics, laws, psychology, economics, linguistics, anthropology, etc).

The event is an opportunity to:

- learn more about the topics in order to prepare a high-quality proposal
- get more information about the effective collaboration between SSH and STEM
- get in touch with other participants and start building interdisciplinary collaborations

In addition, a **pitching session** will be open to **both SSH and STEM experts**, who will have the opportunity to present their expertise and/or project ideas. The session will offer added value for all participants, as it will enable a clearer and more immediate understanding of the diverse competencies involved and help identify potential partners for future collaboration.

Agenda

9.30-9.40	**Welcome and introduction** *Kimberly Couvson-Liebe (Net4Society)*
9.40-9.55	**Building multidisciplinary collaboration: SSH and STEM collaboration** *Practical guidance and insider advice from National Contact Points to help you succeed in SSH and STEM collaboration within Horizon Europe calls.*
9.55–10.20	**Floor to a coordinator of a multidisciplinary SSH-STEM project** *The direct experience of the added value of SSH Expertise in a technology-oriented project*
10.20–10.30	Coffee Break
10.30–12.00	**European Commission Session** **Upcoming Calls on AI bridging STEM and SSH** *Gain insights into the topics dealing with AI from the European Commission officers.*
12.00–13.00	**Pitching Session** *Participants showcase their project ideas, expertise, and collaboration offers in short, dynamic pitches.*
13.00–14.00	Launch Break
14.00–17.30	**Matchmaking session** *Bilateral Meetings: Engage in pre-arranged one-to-one meetings to explore concrete opportunities for collaboration*

SYNERGIES

The brokerage event will be organised in collaboration with the following NCP networks, which will promote the event among their communities throughout their channels:

- HNN3.0
- GREENET
- CARE4BIO
- NCP4INDUSTRY
- NCP4MISSIONS

The bilateral meetings will be hosted by the Cluster 2 Community Platform based on B2Match.

Topics to be focused on during the brokerage event

The draft work programmes of the entire Pillar 2 have been scanned and 18 topics have been identified. The topics have been selected according to the following criteria:

- AI has a pivotal role in the topic text either in the expected outcomes or in the scope sections.
- The topic text contains the "standard sentence" on SSH Integration or a clear mention of SSH activities or components.

The Commission will give a frontal presentation on only 12 out of the 18 identified topics, specifically those with deadlines after March/April 2026. Below, the complete list of topics is provided. Those highlighted in red are scheduled to close in March/April 2026 and will therefore not be covered during the frontal presentation.

CLUSTER 1 (20 June version)

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH-02: Behavioural interventions as primary prevention for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) among young people (Opening 10 February 2026-16 April 2026)

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-02: Innovative interventions to prevent the harmful effects of using digital technologies on the mental health of children and young adults (Opening 10 February 2026-16 April 2026)

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-09: Multisectoral approach to tackle chronic non-communicable diseases: implementation research maximising collaboration and coordination with sectors and in settings beyond the healthcare system (GACD) (Opening 10 February 2026-16 April 2026)

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-15: Scaling up innovation in cardiovascular health (Opening 10 February 2026-16 April 2026)

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE-14-two-stage: Clinical trials for advancing innovative interventions for neurodegenerative diseases (Opening 10 Feb 2027 - 13 Apr 2027 (First Stage), 2122 Sep 2027 (Second Stage))

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-04: Virtual Human Twins (VHTs) for integrated clinical decision support in prevention and diagnosis (Opening 03 June 2027 – 22 September 2027)

CLUSTER 2 (10 July version)

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-05: The effective use of artificial intelligence in learning environments in pre-primary and primary education (Opening 13 May 2027 – 16 September 2027)

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-04: Addressing the impact of artificial intelligence, cyberviolence, and deepfakes on equality, democracy and inclusive societies (Opening 13 May 2027 – 16 September 2027)

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-02: AI4Creatives Support Platform: embracing a fair AI revolution (Opening 13 May 2027 – 16 September 2027)

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-05: The effective use of artificial intelligence in learning environments in pre-primary and primary education (Opening 13 May 2027 – 16 September 2027)

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-07: Persons with disabilities: opportunities for labour inclusion and social protection through the life course (Opening 13 May 2027 – 16 September 2027)

CLUSTER 3

There aren't any topics that include both Artificial Intelligence and SSH Integration

CLUSTER 4 (14 July 2025 version)

HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-HUMAN-01: Developing and demonstrating core technologies for Virtual Worlds and Web4.0 (IA) (Virtual worlds Partnership) (Opening 15 January 2026 – 15 April 2026)

HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN-01: Advanced and Innovative hardware components for Virtual Worlds (RIA) (Virtual Worlds Partnership) (17 November 2026 – 18 March 2027)

CLUSTER 5 (08 August 2025 version)

HORIZON-CL5-2026-03-D3-23: AI-driven forecasting algorithms for Grid and Consumer friendly Energy Sharing – Societal Readiness pilot (18 December 2025 – 31 March 2026)

HORIZON-CL5-2027-06-D6-04: Holistic solutions for CCAM integration in critical scenarios (CCAM Partnership) (3 June 2027-7 October 2027)

CLUSTER 6 (August version)

HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-07: Advancing the European bio-based innovation enabled by biotechnology and biomanufacturing concepts (Opening: 17 April 2026 – 17 September 2026)

MISSIONS (8 July 2025 version)

HORIZON-MISS-2026-04-CIT-01: Energy efficient urban and sub-urban public transport, complemented by shared mobility (Opening: 4 February 2026 – 8 October 2026)

HORIZON-MISS-2027-04-CIT-03: Inclusive and climate resilient multimodal passenger hubs enhancing modal shift towards sustainable transport and shared mobility (Opening 9 February 2027- 7 October 2027)