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RLS-Sciences Virtual Funding Workshop

Spotlight on collaborative research funding for early-career scientists

21.10.2026

Agenda

14:30 CEST	Welcome Prof. Louis Gosselin, Université Laval and RLS-Sciences President Michaela Eggert and Lea Pfaeffel, WKS Bavaria-Québec/Alberta/International
14:35 CEST	Perspective from practice: experiences in identifying funding opportunities illustrated by a current example Associate Prof. Mihaela Cibian, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR)
14:45 CEST	Resources in the regions and available support structure FAPESP Funding Database (with example SPRINT) Prof. Niels Olsen Saraiva Câmara, FAPESP EU Funding and Tenders Portal / DFG Call, Michaela Eggert and Lea Pfaeffel, WKS Bavaria-Québec/Alberta/International
15:05 CEST	Navigating research funding: Experiences and current needs from early-career researchers and academic supervisors (Panel) Dr. Sonali Rani, Universität der Bundeswehr München Astrid Heindel, Technology Center for Energy (TZE) Prof. Louis Gosselin, Université Laval and RLS-Sciences President
15:25 CEST	Questions & Answers Time for questions for the presenters and panellists
	Closing Dr. Florence Gauzy, WKS Bavaria-Québec/Alberta/International and RLS-Sciences Lead Management Partner

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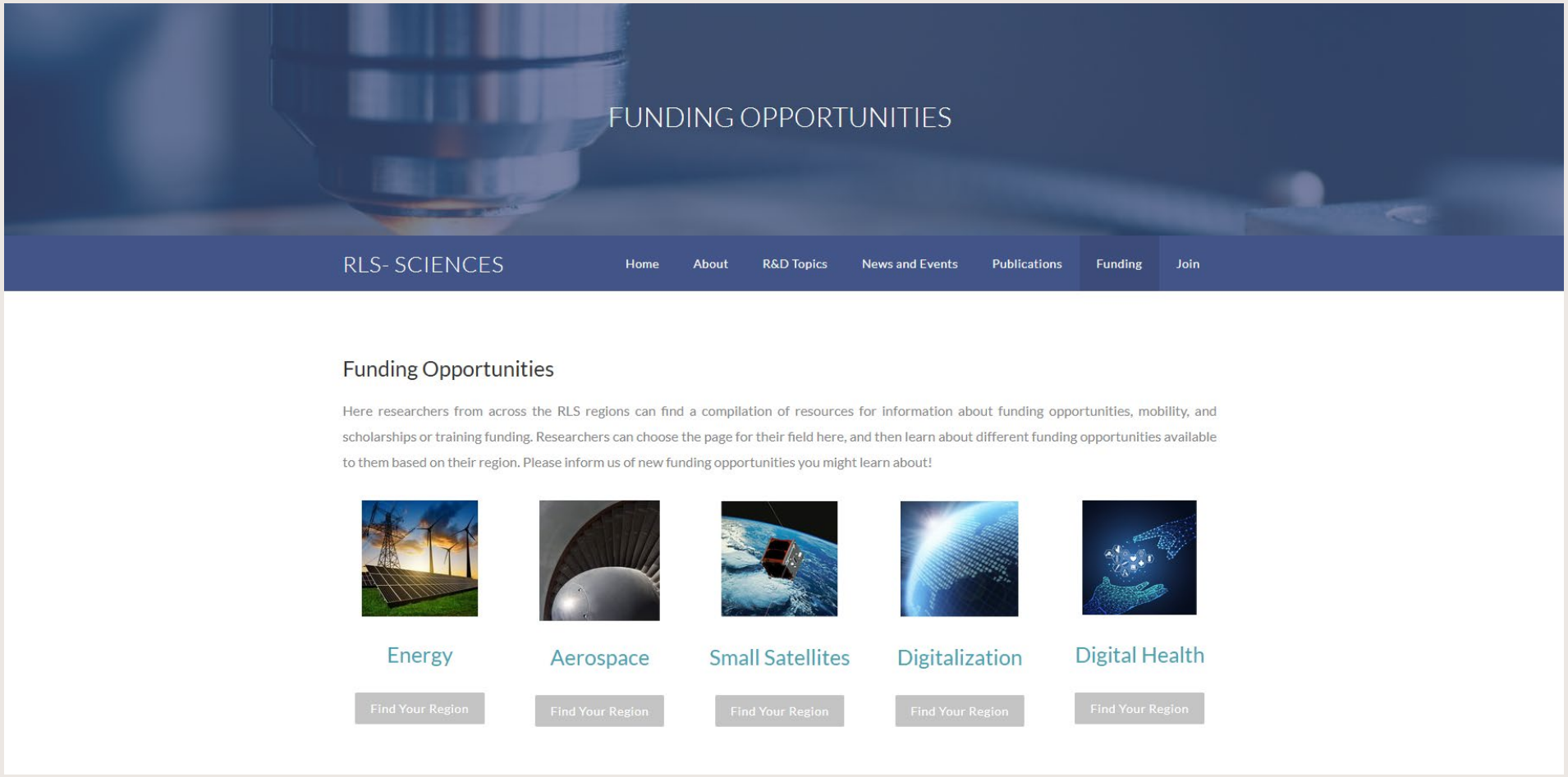

https://www.rls-sciences.org/funding.html

Scientific networks – German Research Foundation (DFG)

- Aim: to offer researchers at all career stages the opportunity to engage in a scientific exchange on a topic area of their choice to achieve a specific outcome (e.g. research paper, new method)
- 10 to 20 members which may also include researchers working abroad, with option to include thematically relevant guests
- Deadline: ongoing programme, in consultation with the DFG's head office
- Funding is provided for 3 years
- Grant includes funding for (international) mobility, publication costs, staff at coordinator’s site

https://www.dfg.de/en/research-funding/funding-opportunities/programmes/individual/scientific-networks

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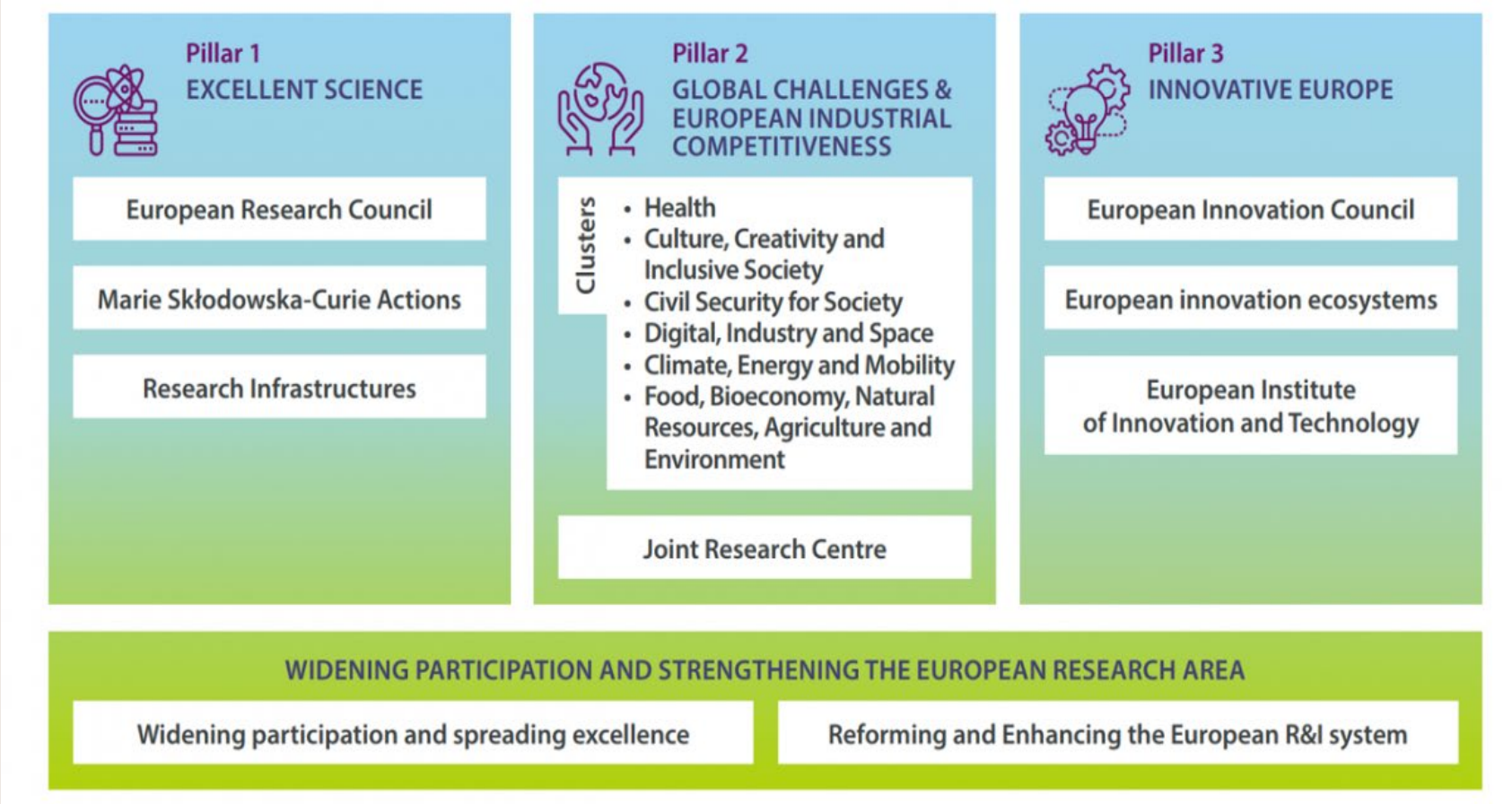
Three pillars of Horizon Europe



How Horizon Europe was developed - European Commission (europa.eu)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: Staff Exchanges

- Aim: to promote collaboration in research and innovation through staff exchanges (acquire new skills and competencies) involving universities, businesses, and other socio-economic actors
- Applicant is a consortium: at least three entities from different countries, at least 2 EU countries; academic and non-academic organisations
  - Staff may be researchers at any career stage, administrative, managerial, or technical personnel
  - Exchange is implemented through secondments
- Funding is provided for up to 4 years
- Grant includes mobility of staff (one month to 1 year per person): allowance for travel, accommodation; costs for research, training / networking activities, and indirect costs
- Deadline: opening December 15, 2026 with deadline April 15, 2027

Québec: students and postdoctoral fellows from host organisations in Canada may receive matching funding through the Mitacs' Globalink Research Award for research projects at institutions in EU Member States

https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/actions/staff-exchanges

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Types of actions and types of participants in Pillar II

Research and Innovation Action (RIA) – funding rate 100%

- Acquisition of new knowledge and/or evaluation of the feasibility of new solutions
- From basic research to applied research
- Joint project: min. 3 legal entities independent from each other, each in different countries*

Innovation Action (IA) – funding rate 70% (100% for non-profit legal entities)

- The immediate goal is the development of modified or improved products, processes, or services
- Joint project: min. 3 legal entities independent from each other, each in different countries*

Coordination and Support Action (CSA) – funding rate 100%

- Individual or collaborative projects
- Measures to achieve program objectives (e.g., dissemination, networking, study)

* - at least three independent legal entities established in three different countries
- of which at least one is established in an EU Member State and the other two are established in different EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries.

Regional participation in Horizon Europe, Pillar II

- **Québec** partners can join under Canada's association to Pillar II

- Partners from **Georgia** can participate either by providing a unique competence that cannot be found in the EU, Participation via own funding is always possible

- **São Paulo** researchers can receive funding for research activities if they are a co-PI (FAPESP)

- **Western Cape** partners can profit from the "Seed Funding Instrument" created by the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI)

- For partners from **Shandong**, participation in Pillar II is generally possible with own funding

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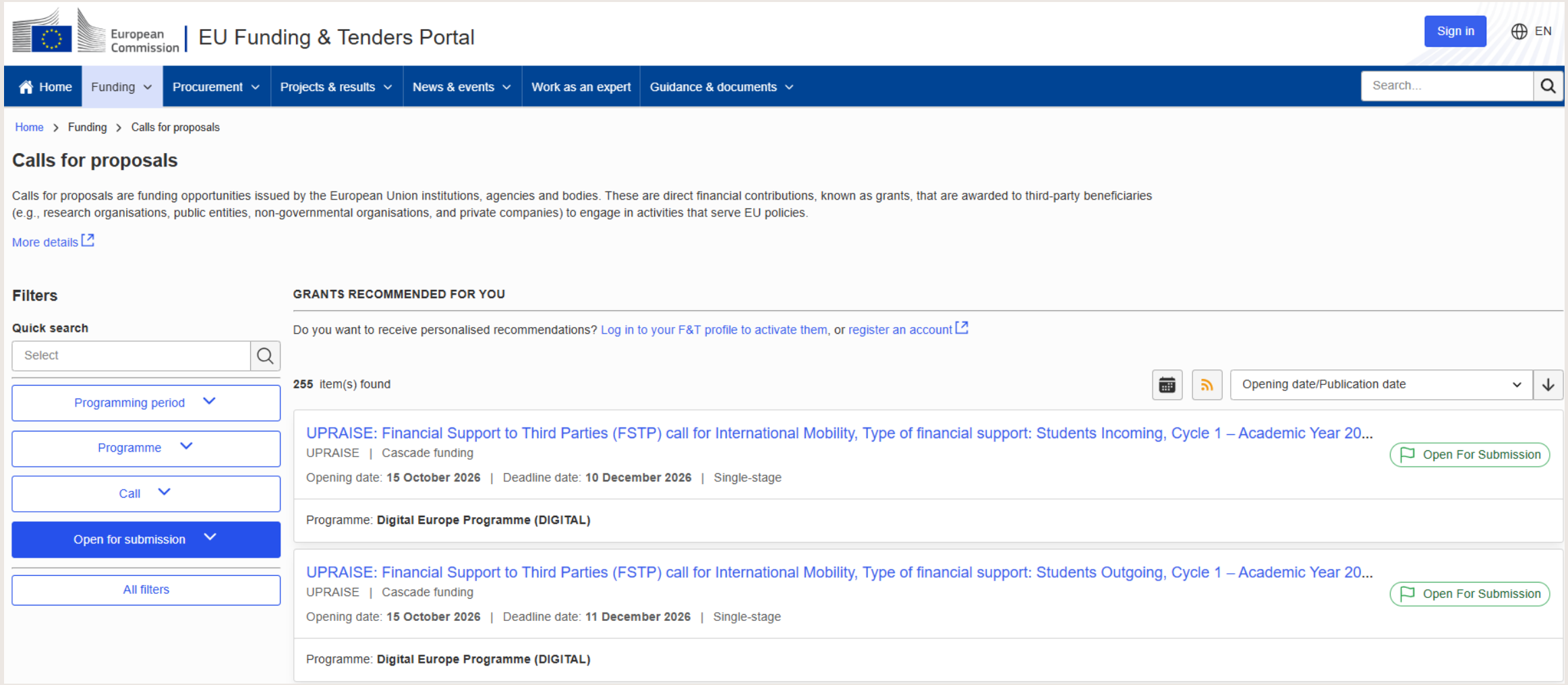

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/calls-for-proposals

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Thank you for your attention!

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