

Towards Europe Network Development

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Taskforce for applied research SIA

Taskforce for applied research SIA invests in practise based research with impact:

- to enhance the quality of research conducted at universities of applied sciences;
- to foster thematic collaboration between universities of applied sciences and industrial and governmental organizations and the community;
- to improve the position of applied research in the research and innovation system.

Aims of the programme 'Towards Europe'

1. Regional and national thematic agendas for applied research and university of applied sciences
 - i) are (more) aligned with the research and innovation strategy of the European Union;
 - ii) are (better) able to respond to current societal challenges in Europe;
2. Universities of Applied Sciences and their researchers increase their participation in European networks for research and innovation;
3. Professionalization of the European research and innovation ambitions of the Universities of Applied Sciences.

Programme Towards Europe at SIA

1. Calls:
 - Towards Europe network development
 - Participation in European partnerships
2. Monitoring and evaluation activities
3. National network meetings and trainings to exchange knowledge and experiences

Towards Europe Network Development Grant 2026

Goal:

to enable researchers from Dutch universities of applied sciences to **develop partnerships with European institutions**. These partnerships connect regional and national expertise with relevant European developments and form a basis for **future research collaboration**.

Funding can be requested for a project in which the partnership **works together on an application for a European research grant**.

The subsidy may cover the costs for personnel and material. The grant may only be used to cover the costs of Dutch universities of applied sciences and the travel and accommodation costs of the consortium partners.

- ☐ Maximum grant: 40.000 euro/project
- ☐ In addition to the applicant, the consortium must consist of at least:
 - 2 knowledge institutions based abroad in different European countries (member states of associated HE countries) , OR
 - 1 knowledge institution based abroad and 1 practice partner based abroad, both from different European countries.
- ☐ The required own contribution and co-funding together must amount to at least 25% of the grant amount.

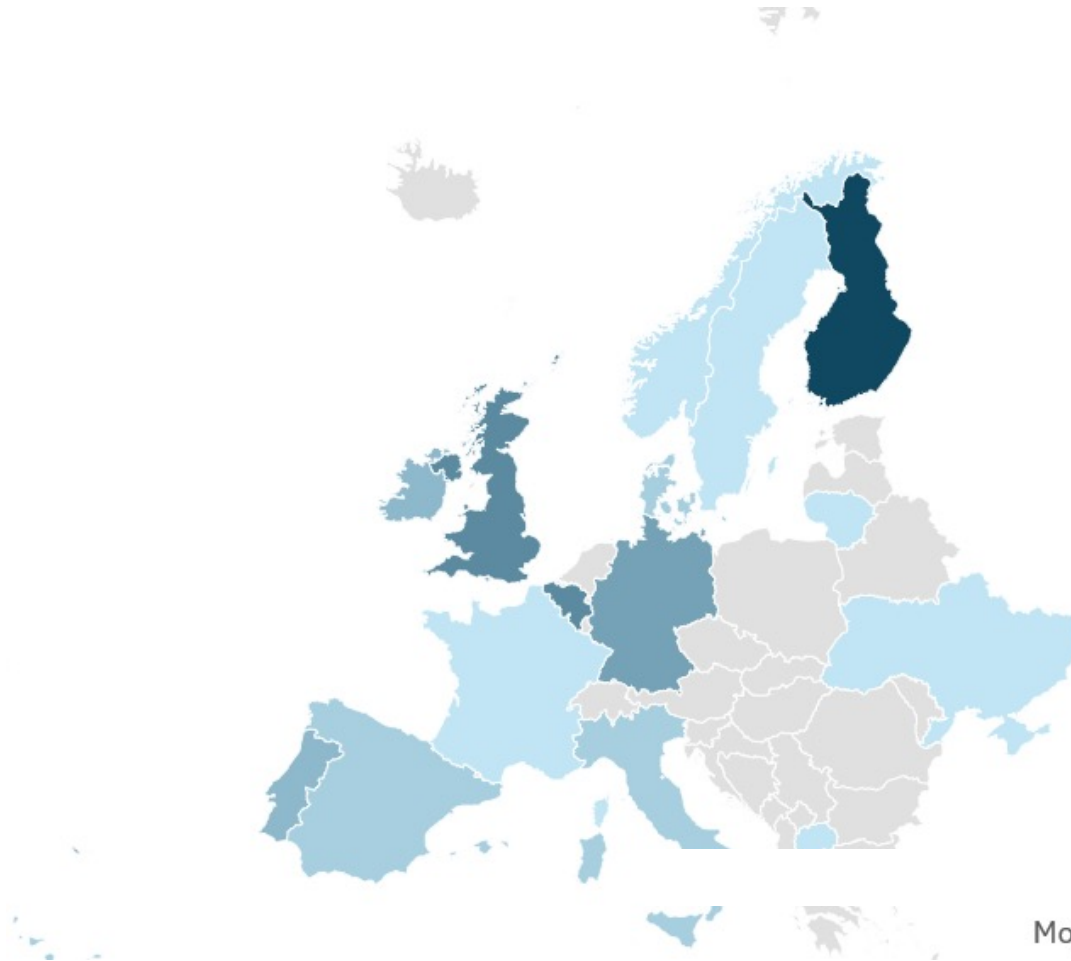
- ☐ Maximum 3 applications per UAS
- ☐ A maximum of 30 applications to be awarded.
- ☐ First come first served principle
- All applications that receive a positive assessment will be prioritized in order of submission date and time.

Submission deadline(s):

- ☐ 1st collection deadline: 24 March 2026
before 14:00:00 CET
- ☐ 2nd collection deadline: 29 September 2026
before 14:00:00 CEST (only when the budget
is still available)

→ More information: Taskforce SIA [website](#)

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Institutions	Projects
Amsterdam UAS	1. Awe in Immersive Art for Societal Transformation 2. Age-inclusive retail: lowering shopping barriers for older people in Europe with in-store technologies 3. Smart Buildings for Climate Neutral Cities 4. Understanding durability in circular fashion products and business models
The Hague UAS	7. The Age-friendly Balkans Connected Network (The ABC Network). 8. Innovative, resource-efficient and human-centric assembly and disassembly for sustainable construction

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