



Improving capabilities of law enforcement to counter climate-related challenges

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-01

Program:	Horizon Europe Cluster 3
Típus:	Research & Innovation Action
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Támogatás projektenként:	4M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	2
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New approaches centred around crime and climate change, including crime activities' association with and amplification by climate change, present unique challenges that require thorough investigation and analysis. Recognizing these emerging trends is vital for formulating effective plans and policies, and equipping law enforcement with specialized skills, technology (including forensics) and training necessary to tackle these challenges in an increasingly volatile world.

In this topic, apart from the mandatory participation of Police Authorities in the consortia, active involvement of other security practitioners, such as civil security services, Border Guard or Customs Authorities, is encouraged if relevant. Technological and societal angles should be addressed in a balanced way.

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Open topic on preventing and countering the misuse of emerging technologies for criminal purposes, including issues related to lawful access to data

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-02

Program:	Horizon Europe Cluster 3
Típus:	Research & Innovation Action
TRL szint:	5
Támogatás projektenként:	4,5M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	2
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Under the Open topic, proposals are welcome to address new and emerging technologies that are not covered by the other projects of the previous Horizon Europe Calls Fighting Crime and Terrorism, as well as of the current Call Fighting Crime and Terrorism 2026-2027. Proposals should emphasize adaptive methodologies and frameworks that can evolve in response to new threats and challenges, empowering Police Authorities to act effectively while ensuring adherence to legal standards regarding data access. Thus, research activities proposed within this topic should, in a balanced way, 1) develop modern tools, methodologies and training material for police to tackle the problem of misuse for criminal purposes of the new and emerging technologies under consideration, and 2) address issues related to lawful access to data in this context. In this topic the integration of the gender dimension (sex and gender analysis) in research and innovation content is not a mandatory requirement. Coordination among the successful proposals from this topic should be envisaged to avoid duplication and to exploit complementarities as well as opportunities for increased impact.

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Missing persons: prevention and investigation

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-03

Program:	Horizon Europe Cluster 3
Típus:	Innovation Action
TRL szint:	6-8
Támogatás projektenként:	5M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	1
Pályázati felület megnyílik:	6 May 2026
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In an era of rapid technological advancement and societal developments, there is a pressing need to improve current European approaches to fight the issue of missing persons (prevention and/or investigation of cold and new cases) using innovative societal and technological solutions. To this end, modernised skills, training curricula and methodologies for Police Authorities, CSOs and NGOs to work with people in a vulnerable situation and children are needed, such as effective awareness raising campaigns, which should be accessible to persons with disabilities, that take into account European multicultural dimension. When it comes to investigation, Police Authorities need efficient tools that benefit from new and emerging technologies to solve cold cases while combining modern forensic science (including biometrics and digital forensics) and criminology, e.g., modern tools for using an old DNA, or accurate facial ageing, among others. When multiple practitioners are involved in exchanging sensitive data, data sharing tools in a privacy-preserving manner should be considered.

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Crime prevention approaches, online and off-line, tackling the nexus between addictions and crime

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-04

Program:	Horizon Europe Cluster 3
Típus:	Research & Innovation Action
TRL szint:	5
Támogatás projektenként:	3M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	2
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In this topic, successful proposals are expected to analyse the specific nexus between addictions and crime, with the aim of developing related modern methodologies and tools for prevention of not only addictions but also crimes related to them, both offline and online, while respecting the fundamental rights of the communities concerned and using of non-stigmatising language. Novel approaches of collaboration between different community stakeholders, from Police Authorities, civil society, national and local entities, private actors, trained psychologists, are expected to be developed as well, with the aim of increasing communities' addiction resilience, security and safety. An emphasis of the work should be on young people at risk, the criminal justice system, drivers of criminality and pathways from committing a petty crime because of addiction to progressively getting involved in organised crime. Activities proposed within this topic should address the issue from various angles, combining both social research with technological development and applications in a logical manner.

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Enhancing the security of citizens against terrorism and lone-actor violence in confined spaces such as schools

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-05

Program: **Horizon Europe
Cluster 3**

Típus: **Innovation Action**

TRL szint: **6-8**

Támogatás projektenként: **4,835M EUR**

Támogatott projektek száma: **2**

Pályázati felület megnyílik: **6 May 2026**

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Citizens in European schools and other confined spaces (e.g., places of worship, public administration and other buildings accessible to the public) increasingly face various forms of terrorism and lone-actor violence. This topic aims at providing such places with solutions for ensuring civil security (of pupils, school staff, administrative workers, citizens at large) via exploring various societal and technological means of preventing such threats, with full respect of fundamental rights, such as rights to privacy and the protection of personal data. Based on a thorough analysis of the phenomenon under consideration in the European context, proposals should look into methodologies of catching and tackling early signs of terrorist threats, isolation and radicalisation, taking into account the social and cultural factors that may influence an individual's vulnerability to radicalisation, such as gender roles and stereotypes. Proposals should also consider how these factors may impact the effectiveness of prevention programmes.

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Prevention and mitigation of misuse of synthetic biology for bioterrorism purposes

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-06

Program:	Horizon Europe Cluster 3
Típus:	Research & Innovation Action
TRL szint:	4-5
Támogatás projektenként:	3M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	1
Pályázati felület megnyílik:	6 May 2026
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Proposals are expected to address, in a lawful manner, the emerging threats of bioterrorism in Europe, particularly in the context of synthetic biology. Recognising bioterrorism as a low-probability but high-impact event, consortia should review current and future risks, flag areas requiring reinforced monitoring, as well as identify missing regulatory frameworks necessary for ensuring public security and safety. Furthermore, proposals should bring together diverse consortia to enhance our understanding, prevention, preparedness, and response to bioterrorism and create a comprehensive approach to this pressing issue.

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Online harms detection and investigation tools using a short development cycle model

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Program:	Horizon Europe Cluster 3
Típus:	Innovation Action
TRL szint:	6-8
Támogatás projektenként:	7,83M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	1
Pályázati felület megnyílik:	5 May 2027
Beadási határidő:	4 November 2027
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This topic welcomes innovative ideas focused on creating efficient detection and investigation tools to combat varying forms of online harms, which should be selected at the beginning of every new development cycle, in agreement with all stakeholders involved in the consortia, especially including concrete needs of Police Authorities. The emphasis on short development cycles allows proposals to remain dynamic, responsive to the fast-paced nature of online threats, and capable of addressing both established issues and new challenges as they arise. Proposals should focus on the iterative process of tool development, integrating feedback from Police Authorities to ensure continuous improvement and relevance in combating online harms. Ultimately, the goal is to foster a proactive and effective response to safeguarding online spaces for all users, regardless of their gender identity or expression.

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Community policing in diverse societies in Europe

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Program: **Horizon Europe
Cluster 3**

Típus: **Innovation Action**

TRL szint: **6-8**

Támogatás projektenként: **6M EUR**

Támogatott projektek száma: **2**

Pályázati felület megnyílik: **5 May 2027**

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This topic aims to foster inclusive community policing practices that can adapt to the complexities of diverse societal dynamics. Proposals should explore innovative and inclusive approaches in police education, training and management that go beyond traditional models, resulting in an effective engagement with a diversifying society. Proposals should also seek to identify and develop effective practices and training programs that encourage a deeper understanding of diversity among police personnel and integrate a gender-sensitive approach when relevant. In addition, proposals should assess how effective cooperation with Civil Society Organizations (or Non-Governmental Organisations) - representing various communities - can enhance reporting mechanisms, reduce hate crimes, and strengthen trust and cooperation between the police and the population. By improving police-citizen relations across diverse European contexts, the proposals should aim to contribute to enhanced security and social stability in Europe.

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Open topic on enhanced prevention, detection and deterrence of societal issues related to various forms of crime

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Program:	Horizon Europe Cluster 3
Típus:	Research & Innovation Action
TRL szint:	5
Támogatás projektenként:	6M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	2
Pályázati felület megnyílik:	5 May 2027
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Under the Open Topic, proposals are welcome to address both existing and upcoming challenges in fighting crimes that are deeply rooted in cultural and/or societal factors that are not covered by the other topics of Horizon Europe Calls Fighting Crime and Terrorism 2021-2022, Fighting Crime and Terrorism 2023-2024 and Fighting Crime and Terrorism 2025 and Fighting Crime and Terrorism 2026-2027.

Adapted to the nature, scope and type of proposed activities, proposals should convincingly explain how they will plan and/or carry out demonstration, testing or validation of developed tools and solutions. Proposals should also delineate the plans to develop possible future uptake and upscaling at national and EU level for possible next steps after the research project completion. If applicable, research proposals should consider building on or complementing previous research, including but not limited to, research stemming from Horizon Framework Programmes, such as those funded under HORIZON-CL2 calls.

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Open topic on increasing security of citizens against terrorism, including in public spaces

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Program:	Horizon Europe Cluster 3
Típus:	Innovation Action
TRL szint:	6-8
Támogatás projektenként:	4,5M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	2
Pályázati felület megnyílik:	5 May 2027
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Under the Open Topic, proposals are welcome to address new, upcoming or unforeseen challenges and/or creative or disruptive solutions for increasing security of European citizens against terrorism, including in public spaces, that are not covered by the other topics of Horizon Europe Calls Fighting Crime and Terrorism 2021-2022, Fighting Crime and Terrorism 2023-2024, Fighting Crime and Terrorism 2025 and Fighting Crime and Terrorism 2026-2027.

Adapted to the nature, scope and type of proposed projects, proposals should convincingly explain how they will plan and/or carry out demonstration, testing or validation of developed tools and solutions. In this topic the integration of the gender dimension (sex and gender analysis) in research and innovation content should be addressed only if relevant in relation to the objectives of the research effort.

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Effective and evidence-based responses to the increased availability and use of synthetic drugs and stimulants in Europe

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Típus:	Innovation Action
TRL szint:	6-8
Támogatás projektenként:	8M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	2
Pályázati felület megnyílik:	5 May 2027
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In light of the underdeveloped evidence base surrounding synthetic drugs, proposals should aim to foster collaboration among researchers, policymakers, and security practitioners to create a comprehensive and effective response to this pressing issue in Europe, previous research, including but not limited to research by other Framework Programmes' projects. Coordination among the successful proposals from this topic should be envisaged to avoid duplication and to exploit complementarities as well as opportunities for increased impact. To ensure the active involvement of and timely feedback from relevant security practitioners, proposals should plan a mid-term deliverable consisting in the assessment of the project's mid-term outcomes, performed by the practitioners involved in the project.

Activities proposed within this topic should address, in a balanced way, both technological and societal dimensions of the issue under consideration.

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