



# Access to EU FUNDING

## Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP)



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## WHAT IS STEP?

- The **Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform** (STEP) is a new EU initiative launched on 1 March 2024.
- It aims to strengthen EU's industrial competitiveness and reduce external dependencies by funding the **development** and **manufacturing** of **critical technologies in the EU**, reinforcing their **value chains**, and reducing shortages of essential **labour and skills**.
- It is estimated to boost investments by **up to EUR 50 billion** through existing EU instruments combined with other public and private funds.

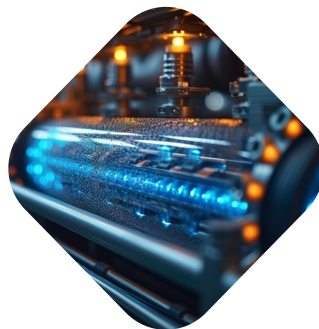
## FUNDING

STEP will help mobilise funding across **11 existing programmes financed by the EU**, namely: The Digital Europe Programme, European Defence Fund, EU4Health, Horizon Europe, Innovation Fund, InvestEU, the Recovery and Resilience Facility and cohesion policy funds including the Cohesion Fund, European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund+ and Just Transition Fund. The sectors covered by STEP are:



### Digital and deep innovation tech

including artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, advanced connectivity.



### Clean and resource efficient tech

including carbon capture and storage technologies, heat pumps.



### Bio tech

including molecular biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, crop biotech.

# STEP CONDITIONS

Bring an **innovative**, cutting-edge element with significant economic potential to the Single Market



Contribute to **reduce or prevent strategic dependencies** of the Union

# STEP TOOLS



## Reprogramming

of EU funding with dedicated calls for STEP sectors.



## STEP Seal

Label for high-quality STEP projects supporting them to access funding.



## STEP Portal

that consolidates all funding opportunities for STEP sectors financed by the EU.



## One-Stop Shop

The single-entry point for any contact/question on STEP for industry and managing authorities.

# LEARN MORE ABOUT STEP



Is my technology in the scope of STEP? What are the next funding opportunities and their timeline? Find the right call for your project through our dashboard.

Learn more by scanning the **QR code** or write to [EC-STEP-INFO@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EC-STEP-INFO@ec.europa.eu)

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