

Funding opportunities

1st set of calls in WP 2025-27



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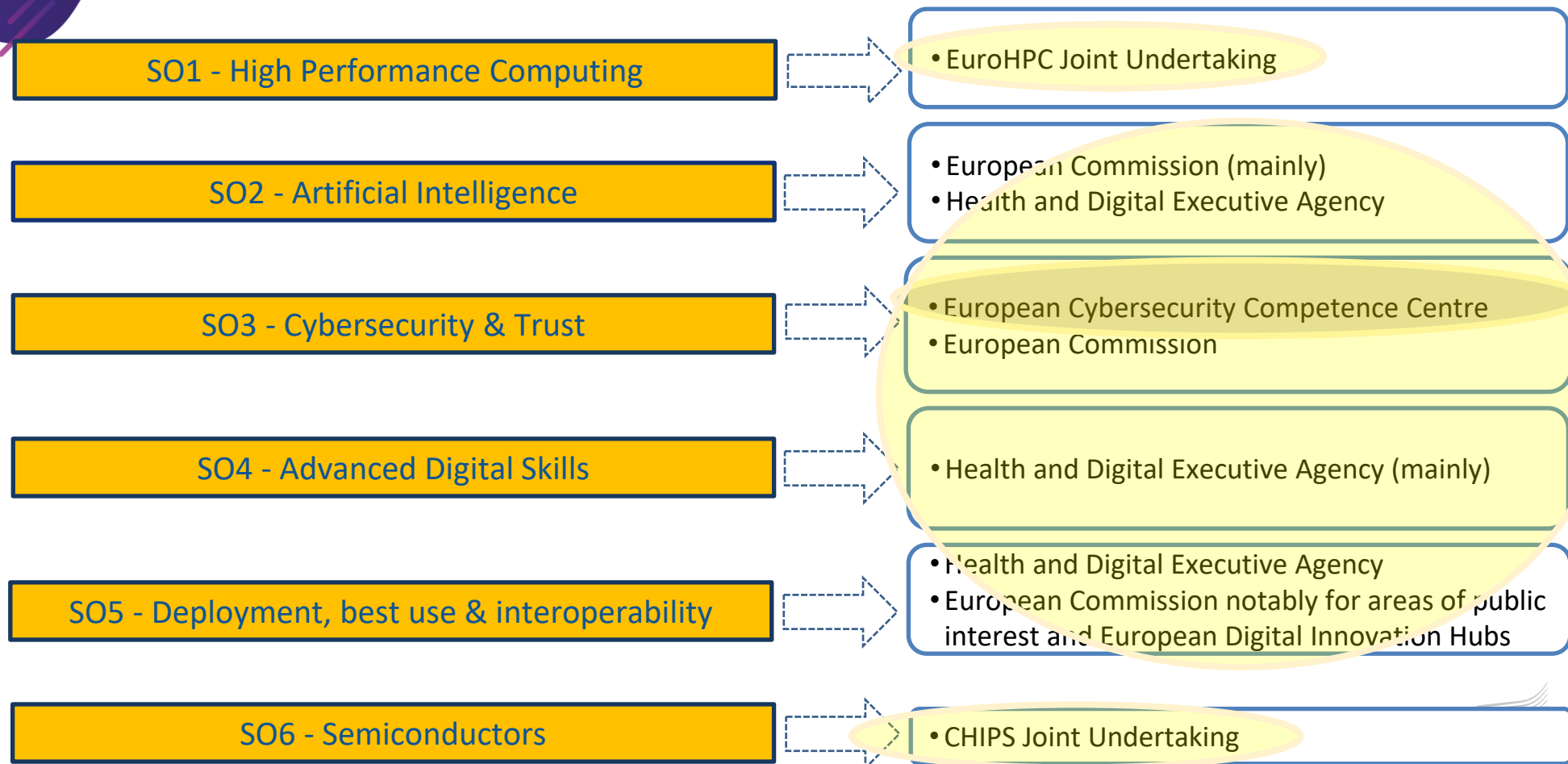
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Programme Structure

Specific Objectives

Implementing bodies and WPs



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Area

[“Main” Work Programme 2025-27](#) - 1st set of calls (Call 8)

Indicative
budget
(EUR mil)

AI/Cloud-to-edge	Support to the secretariat for the Alliance on Processors and Semiconductor Technologies	1
	Data Spaces Support Centre	10
Data for AI Factories	Digital solutions for regulatory compliance through data	8
	Multi-Country project in Agri-Food	15
Apply AI Strategy implementation	Apply AI: GenAI for public administration	21
European Digital Innovation Hubs	Consolidation of the Network of European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs with reinforced AI focus)	170
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	Completion of the Initial Network of European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs)	2
Advanced Digital Skills	Sectoral digital skills academies	27
Safer Internet	Network of Safer Internet Centres (SICs)	42
	European network of fact-checkers	5
TOTAL for the first set of calls		310

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“Main” Work Programme 2025-27 1st set of calls (I/II)

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DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08 Advanced Digital Skills	DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08-QUANTUM-ACADEMY-STEP	Sectoral digital skills academies: Quantum Skills Digital Academy	10	NO
	DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08-GENAI-ACADEMY-STEP	Sectoral digital skills academies: Digital Skills Academy in GenAI	7	NO
	DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08-VIRTUAL-WORLDS-ACADEMY-STEP	Sectoral digital skills academies: Virtual Worlds Skills Academy	10	NO
			total 27	
DIGITAL-2025-BESTUSE-08 Accelerating the Best Use of Technologies				
	DIGITAL-2025-BESTUSE-08-NETWORKSICs	Network of Safer Internet Centres (SICs)	42	NO
	DIGITAL-2025-BESTUSE-08-FACTCHECKERS	European network of fact-checkers	5	NO
			total 47	

Calls open for applications

DIGITAL-2025-AI-08: 15 April 2025 – 2 September 2025

DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08: 15 April 2025 – 2 September 2025

Advanced Digital Skills

DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08



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DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08 Overview

Call: [DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08](#) - Advanced Digital Skills

Topics:

- [DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08-**QUANTUM**-ACADEMY-STEP](#)
Sectoral digital skills academies: **Quantum** Skills Digital Academy
Indicative budget: EUR 10 m
- [DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08-**GENAI**-ACADEMY-STEP](#)
Sectoral digital skills academies: Digital Skills Academy in **GenAI**
Indicative budget: EUR 7 m
- [DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08-**VIRTUAL-WORLDS**-ACADEMY-STEP](#)
Sectoral digital skills academies: **Virtual Worlds** Skills Academy
Indicative budget: EUR 10 m

Type of action: Lump sum grant



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DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08 Relevant EU Policies

☐ Digital Decade Policy Programme (Decision 14 December 2022)

Targets for skills by 2030:

- ICT Specialists: 20 million + more women in ICT
- Basic Digital Skills: min. 80% of population

☐ Competitiveness compass (Communication 21 January 2025)

Skills as one of the horizontal enablers to reinforce competitiveness across all sectors

☐ Union of Skills (Communication 5 March 2025)

Regular upskilling and reskilling among key components



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DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08

Context and objectives

Context

- Creation and operation digital skills academies in high priority areas concerning the EU's strategic needs and technological sovereignty
- Scale up relevant digital education and training offers addressing industry needs
- Develop higher education programmes, modular short-term training and hands-on experiences

Objectives

- Establish sectoral academies complementing existing initiatives, e.g. previous calls and the [Digital Skills and Jobs Platform](#)
- Academies will
 - develop academic and training offers where there are gaps
 - create sectoral ecosystems to nurture digital talent
 - tackle the supply side proposing education and training pathways
 - tackle the demand side by promoting the uptake of trainings



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DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08

The three pillars

Pillar 1

Knowledge, education & training

- Deliver higher education programmes and learning materials
- Pilot modular training courses
- Scale up offers
- Target students and professionals in SMEs and the public sector

Pillar 2

Building the ecosystem

- Catalyst for industry to attract talent
- Awareness, communication and dissemination activities
- Landing page in the [Digital Skills and Jobs Platform](#)

Pillar 3

Measuring progress

- Monitor the evolution of the labour market
- Monitor the progress achieved in closing the skills gap
- Definition of indicators
- Implement adjustments of the activities



Digital solutions for regulatory compliance through data

DIGITAL-2025-AI-08-COMPLIANCE



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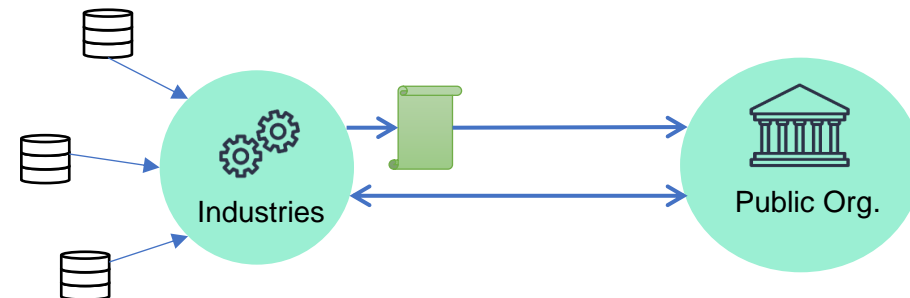
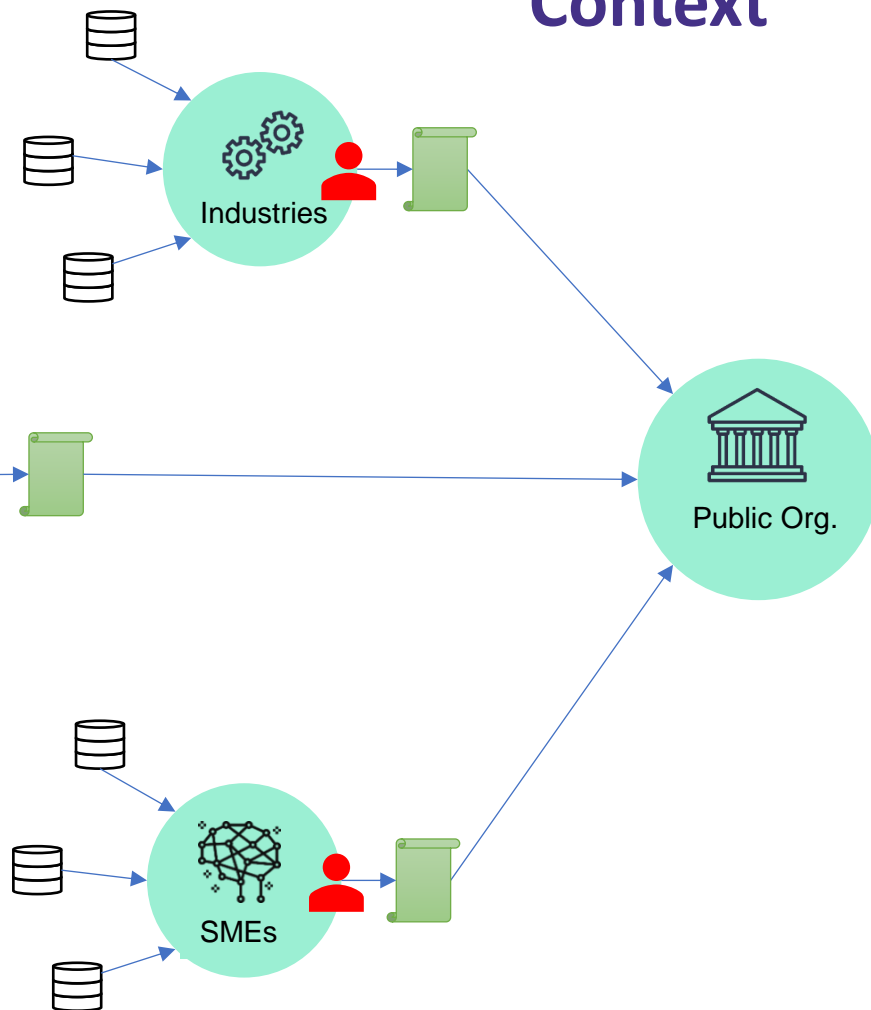
Context

Human intervention is often required for regulatory compliance, e.g.:

- data collection
- data processing
- report preparation
- report submission



Towards using **digital technologies** to replace human involvement





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DIGITAL-2025-AI-08-COMPLIANCE Objective, ToA and restrictions

Objectives

- Support projects testing digital solutions for transmitting information relevant for compliance with EU legislation
- Automate the compliance process for several pilot use cases, e.g. in sectors with a high bureaucratic burden such as agriculture, environment, manufacturing, healthcare, and energy

Type of action

- Simple grant

Participation restrictions

- “High risk suppliers” described in Appendix 4 of the [WP](#)



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DIGITAL-2025-AI-08-COMPLIANCE Stakeholders and duration

Targeted stakeholders

- Data users, e.g. national and EU authorities
- Data holders, e.g. providers of compliance data
- Data brokers, e.g. data sharing organisations

Indicative Duration

- 24 months

Apply AI: GenAI for the public administrations

DIGITAL-2025-AI-08-SUPPLY-AI



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DIGITAL-2025-AI-08-SUPPLY-AI Relevant EU Policies

☐ AI Act (Regulation 13 June 2024)

Legal framework fostering trustworthy AI in Europe

☐ AI Factories (Part of the AI innovation package 24 January 2024)

Leverage EuroHPC capacity to develop cutting-edge generative AI models

☐ InvestAI (Initiative 11 February 2025)

Mobilise €200 billion of investment in AI

☐ AI Continent Action Plan (Initiative 9 April 2025)

EU to become a global leader in AI

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Objective and deliverables

Objectives

Accelerate the uptake of **trustworthy European GenAI solutions** in public administrations through up to 4 pilots addressing:

- Streamline **internal processes** by automating routine tasks, saving time and resources
- Enhance **personalized citizen services**
- Improve **decision-making** with data-driven insights
- **Simplify** legal and administrative procedures

Deliverables

- ✓ Fully deployed and **integrated** GenAI solutions in real administrative workflows
- ✓ Blueprints and best practices to enable **replication** in other EU administrations.
- ✓ A **GenAI4EU Community**, fostering collaboration across Member States and sectors.

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DIGITAL-2025-AI-08-SUPPLY-AI Expected activities

Expected main eligible activities

- Fine-tuning of European foundation models
- Developing tailored solutions based on these models
- Integrating them into their existing platforms, systems, and operational workflows

Additional activities

- Providing training and support for public administration staff
- Maintenance and optimization of deployed solutions
- Technical infrastructure required to deploy and run GenAI solutions at scale



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DIGITAL-2025-AI-08-SUPPLY-AI Stakeholders, ToA and restrictions

Targeted stakeholders

- Mainly public administrations at national, regional and local levels
- Higher education entities, research and technology organisations, civil society and non-governmental organisations

Type of action

- Grant for procurement

Participation restrictions

- Art. 12(6) described in Appendix 3 of the [WP](#)
- “High risk suppliers” described in Appendix 4 of the [WP](#)



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DIGITAL-2025-AI-08-SUPPLY-AI Information Day



Registration at [Info Day GenAI for Public Administration](#)



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