



Innovative Medicines Initiative



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IMI launches 4th Call for proposals

The **Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI)** will shortly launch its **4th Call for proposals**, giving researchers from diverse sectors the opportunity to participate in **ambitious projects** that will pave the way for the development of the **medicines of the future**. The 4th Call has 7 indicative topics:

1. Building up a **European Medical Information Framework** to improve healthcare and facilitate research – this topic has three sub-topics:
 - i. Information Framework / Knowledge Management **Service Layer**
 - ii. Metabolic complications of **obesity**
 - iii. Protective and precipitating markers for the development of **Alzheimer's disease (AD)** and other dementias
2. **eTRIKS**: European Translational Research Infrastructure & Knowledge Management Services
3. **Delivery and targeting** mechanisms for **biological macromolecules**
4. *In vivo* predictive biopharmaceutics tools for **oral drug delivery**
5. **Sustainable Chemistry** – delivering medicines for the 21st century
6. **Human Induced Pluripotent Stem (hiPS) Cells** for drug discovery and safety assessment
7. Understanding and optimising **binding kinetics** in drug discovery

IMI warmly encourages **small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), patient organisations, regulatory authorities, academic teams, industry, hospitals** and other organisations to get involved in its projects. NB all information regarding the 4th Call is subject to change, pending approval by the IMI Governing Board.

- **More information** on the indicative topics:
<http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/4th-call-2011>

Search for project partners

IMI will shortly launch an updated version of its **Partner Search tool**. The tool allows people interested in applying for IMI funding to find potential project partners.

- The tool will be accessible from the IMI website – www.imi.europa.eu

IMI 4th Call – spread the word

The 4th Call for proposals represents an excellent opportunity for researchers across Europe to get involved in groundbreaking projects that aim to deliver tangible benefits for patients. Help us spread the word by **forwarding information about the Call to your contacts and networks**.

- Feel free to use the **4th Call information pack** at
www.imi.europa.eu/content/info-material-and-publication

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About IMI

IMI is a large-scale **public-private partnership** between the **EU** and the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (**EFPIA**).

Through its **€2 billion research programme**, IMI aims to speed up the discovery and development of **safer and more effective drugs** for patients, and to reinvigorate the biopharmaceutical sector in Europe.

The main goal of this unique and innovative funding scheme is not to develop new drugs as such, but to **improve tools and technologies** (such as biomarkers, imaging techniques, knowledge management platforms ...) that will enable the **faster and more efficient development** of safer and better drugs for patients.

The **research consortia** participating in IMI projects include SMEs, universities and other research organisations, hospitals, patient organisations, public authorities and large pharmaceutical companies. In addition to **research** projects, IMI supports **education and training projects**.

IMI receives **€1 billion** in funding from the European Commission. This amount is **matched** by **in-kind contributions** from EFPIA member companies.

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