

Orphan Drug Development Guidebook

Building Block E123

This document defines the content of the Building Block created for each identified tool, incentives, initiative or practice introduced by public bodies or used by developers to expedite drug development in Rare Diseases (RDs).

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Building Block (BB) Title	European Commission funded programs and resources
References	https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/cluster-1-health_en#work-programme https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en
Description	List of different (co-) funding initiatives of the European Commission, a number of which are dedicated to orphan drug development. The European Commission provides research and innovation funding for multi-national collaboration projects as well as for individual researchers and supports SMEs. It therefore allows connection of partners throughout Europe on a specific topic, some of which are fully dedicated to rare disease drug development.
Category	Development Opportunity Building Block
Geographical scope	European Union
Availability	Applicants developing medicines for rare and non-rare diseases.
Scope of use	To provide funds for different phases of drug development.

Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Commission • Developer (public or SME)
Enablers/ Requirements	To meet the requisites established in the funding competitive call.
Output	A successful funding application results both in a research proposal and the means to conduct the research.
Best time to apply and time window	The tool has its best use especially in the very early phases of drug development.
Expert tips	<p>Start applying for funding well in advance, and also consider alternative funding options.</p> <p>PROs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Allows a substantial amount of funding, when obtained, especially for early phases of drug development. <p>CONs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – High commitment is required from participants, while only a part of proposals gets granted.