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HORIZON EUROPE 2025/2026 CALLS

CLUSTER 1 – HEALTH

AAU Fundraising & Project Management Office



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INTRODUCTION

AAU HORIZON EUROPE COMPENDIUM

Interested in finding academic partners for the upcoming Horizon Europe calls? At AAU, we have collected, mapped, and showcased AAU researchers' interest in collaborating on specific topics within the six clusters of Pillar 2 (including EU Missions & Cross-cutting activities). Each compendium displays our showcased researcher's relevant expertise within each identified topic, which makes it easy to locate AAU researchers who are interested in collaborating and providing their expertise in your next Horizon Europe proposal.

ABOUT AAU

AAU has campuses in Aalborg, Copenhagen, and Esbjerg, as well as an EU office in Brussels. We have 3.700 staff, 18.000 students and an annual turnover of DKK 3 billion.

AAU is a comprehensive university covering four faculties and 18 departments, such as Sustainability and Planning, Energy, Health Science and Technology, Computer Science, Built Environment, Politics and Society, Culture and Learning.

With problem-based learning at the heart of educational programs, AAU researchers and students are well-equipped to take on current and future societal, environmental and economic challenges.

OUR PROFILE AND DNA – WHY SHOULD YOU PARTNER WITH US?

Collaboration is heavily embedded in the DNA of AAU. We have a strong and natural collaboration with industry and the surrounding society – thus our current strategy is labeled “Knowledge for the World 2.0”.

We are a mission-oriented university, with three identified AAU Missions:

1. A Sustainable Danish Energy System
2. Improved Wellbeing Among Children and Youth in Denmark
3. Improving Health Through Coherence and Individualisation

As the second best ranked engineering university in Europe, and being no. 16 globally (ranking from the U.S. News & World Report), as well as being in top 5 of universities pursuing the UN sustainable development goals (THE University Impact Rating), we are a very capable partner and collaborator.

AAU has contributed as coordinator or partner in close to 200 projects in the EU Horizon 2020 Framework Programme. For Horizon Europe we have – so far – contributed to more than 150 projects. We are setting even more ambitious targets for Horizon Europe in 2025 and going forward.

DESTINATION 1

STAYING HEALTHY IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIETY

DESTINATION 1: CALLS

CALL – STAYING HEALTHY IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIETY

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HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-STAYHLTH-01-TWO-STAGE: IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES (RIA)



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MEMBERSHIP OF EU PARTNERSHIPS

Partner in EU-project on Social Prescribing

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Inequity in health; promoting access to healthy
living of vulnerable and deprived groups.
Active living and healthy communities, cross-
sectorial and public-civil collaboration.
Qualitative research methods and participatory
research designs

Expertise in inequity in health and research on
development, implementation and evaluation of
complex social interventions.
Ongoing project on cross-sectoral
collaboration on rehabilitation for people with
non-communicable diseases.



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Head of the PhD program in Biomedical Engineering and Neuroscience

RELEVANT LINKS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Associate Editor for IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems & Rehabilitation Engineering
Member of the Education and Training Committee (ETC) for the Neuroscience Academy Denmark (NAD)
Senior Research Expert, Inventor's Way ApS

AREA OF EXPERTISE

My research focus is to understand how sensory feedback is processed in normal or pathological situations, and to identify and treat sensory-motor impairments and disorders. I have been working on several projects investigating, for instance, the role of crossed spinal reflexes in interlimb coordination, the use of nociceptive withdrawal reflex in stroke rehabilitation and the effect of neurofeedback on musculoskeletal pain. Recently, I have been working on methods to improve diagnosis and interventions for children with sensory motor impairments, including Sensory Processing Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Cerebral Palsy. I am currently working on the development of a protocol to identify and assess the mechanism behind sensory processing anomalies in children with ASD and ADHD.

A direct measure of sensory processing anomalies. In this project we investigate sensory processing anomalies in children with neurodevelopmental disorder, as autism and ADHD. We use measure as EEG and evoked potentials and psychophysics.

DESTINATION 2

LIVING AND WORKING IN A HEALTH- PROMOTING ENVIRONMENT

DESTINATION 2: CALLS

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HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-DISEASE-02: ADVANCING INNOVATIVE INTERVENTIONS FOR MENTAL, BEHAVIOURAL AND NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS (RIA)



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HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-DISEASE-03: DEVELOPMENT OF ANTIBODIES AND ANTIBODY-DERIVED PROTEINS FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES WITH EPIDEMIC POTENTIAL (RIA)



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HIGHLIGHTED AAU RESEARCH GROUPS

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RELEVANT LINKS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Member of IEEE

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Wireless Networking
Edge Intelligence
Machine Learning
Optimization Theory
Game Theory

RELEVANT PROJECTS

I work on artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies, including supervised and unsupervised learning and reinforcement learning, to provide an intelligent solution for wireless communications and networking needs.

HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-DISEASE-06-TWO-STAGE: IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH ADDRESSING STRATEGIES TO STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR EQUITABLE HIGH- QUALITY CARE AND HEALTH OUTCOMES IN THE CONTEXT OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (GACD) (RIA)



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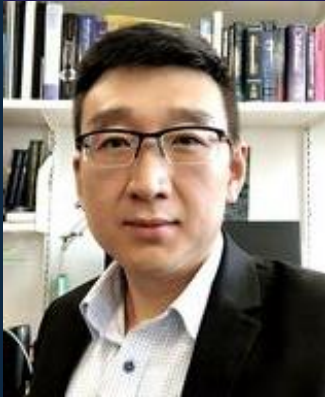
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DESTINATION 4: CALLS

CALL – ENSURING EQUAL ACCESS TO INNOVATIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND HIGHQUALITY HEALTH CARE

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HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-CARE-01: END USER-DRIVEN APPLICATION OF GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE MODELS IN HEALTHCARE (GENAI4EU) (RIA)



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HIGHLIGHTED AAU RESEARCH GROUPS

AI RF Sensors

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Experimental datasets (e.g. RIS, active phased arrays, power amplifiers, filters)
AI for communication systems (e.g. sensing and localization, AI for satellite communication, AI aided generative design of RF hardware)
Healthcare (e.g. wound infection detection, bone fracture monitoring, nano robot for cancer)
AI for satellite communications and remote sensing



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HIGHLIGHTED AAU RESEARCH GROUPS

Research lead Human-Centred Computing
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AREA OF EXPERTISE

Human-Centred AI
Trustworthy AI
Human-Computer Interaction
Decision support
Wellbeing

Expertise in the design of digital systems,
particular focus on
collaborative and intelligent decision support
systems.

RELEVANT PROJECTS

Algorithmic Explainability for Everyday
Citizens.
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HIGHLIGHTED AAU RESEARCH GROUPS

Data, Knowledge and Web engineering at the Department of Computer Science

AREA OF EXPERTISE

I am interested in knowledge engineering and data privacy. I am currently exploring how knowledge graphs facilitate privacy-preserving federated analytics in health data.

RELEVANT PROJECTS

I am currently a work package leader in the Horizon Europe HEREDITARY project (<https://hereditary-project.eu/>, call HORIZON-HLTH-2023-TOOL-05), where I lead the activities towards a multimodal semantic integration platform.

DESTINATION 5

**UNLOCKING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF
NEW TOOLS, TECHNOLOGIES AND
DIGITAL SOLUTIONS FOR A HEALTHY
SOCIETY**

DESTINATION 5: CALLS

CALL – UNLOCKING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF NEW TOOLS, TECHNOLOGIES AND DIGITAL SOLUTIONS FOR A HEALTHY SOCIETY

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HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-TOOL-03: Leveraging multimodal data to advance Generative Artificial Intelligence applicability in biomedical research (GenAI4EU)(RIA)

HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-TOOL-05: Boosting the translation of biotech research into innovative health therapies (RIA)

HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-TOOL-02: ADVANCING CELL SECRETOME-BASED THERAPIES (RIA)



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Coordinator of STRONG-UR: Strategies for Optimised bioprinting of Next Generation tissues for Urethral regeneration and translation (Horizon Europe)
Partner in PROMEAT: A truly scalable next-generation cultured meat with bioprotectives and health benefits (Eurostars)
National projects:
Partner in MODERATE: Modular hydrogel for 3D printing of tissue-engineered muscle (Danish Research Council)

RELEVANT LINKS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Board member of the Scandinavian Society for Biomaterials
Member of the Danish Stem Cell Society (DASCS)
Member of the IEEE-EMBS

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Stem cells and tissue engineering
Myogenesis and muscle tissue regeneration
Adipose-derived stem cells (ASCs)
3D culture systems
Biomechanics and biophysical preconditioning
Advanced 3D manufacturing
Translational applications in regenerative medicine

Experience with adipose-derived stem cells (ASCs), a key cell source for regenerative medicine and potential secretome-based therapies.
Understanding of microenvironmental signals affecting stem cell behavior, which is crucial for optimizing parent cell pre-conditioning and bioprocessing.
Experience with 3D bioprinting and biomaterials, relevant for secretome delivery strategies (e.g., controlled release systems, hydrogel encapsulation).
Experience working with industrial partners, providing insights into scaling up manufacturing and regulatory considerations.



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HIGHLIGHTED AAU RESEARCH GROUPS

Member of Regenerative Medicine research group

RELEVANT LINKS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Research & Development in Probiotics, collaborating with biotech and pharmaceutical sectors.

Industrial contacts in different sectors both in Denmark, Europe and USA

Member of Global Andrology Forum

Member of Iranian Society of Embryology and Reproductive Biology (ISRB)

Member of Danish Fertility Society (Dansk Fertilitetsselskab)

Member of European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology

Member of the Scandinavian Association for the Study of Pain

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Probiotics and Gut Microbiome Research

Cardiometabolic Health and Disease

Prevention

Neurodegenerative Disorders and Pain Management

Reproductive Biology and Fertility

Animal Models in Biomedical Research

Wound Healing and Regenerative Medicine

Translational Medicine and Biotechnology

Expertise in stem cell-based therapies, specifically working with adipose-derived stem cells (ASCs) for tissue regeneration and wound healing.

In-depth knowledge of regenerative medicine, with a focus on integrating probiotics, and biophysical preconditioning to enhance healing processes and optimize cell function.

Research on the role of probiotics in modulating immune responses and supporting tissue regeneration, which complements cell secretome-based therapies for enhanced therapeutic outcomes.

Collaboration with industry partners in the development of innovative biotechnologies, including probiotics and stem cell-based products for clinical applications, addressing challenges in manufacturing and regulatory compliance.



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STRONG-UR: Strategies for Optimised bioprinting of Next Generation tissues for Urethral regeneration and translation

RELEVANT LINKS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Member of the Danish Stem Cell Society (DASCS)

Member of Danish Society for Wound Healing

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Adipose-derived stem cells (ASCs)

Stem cell characterization

Multichromatic flowcytometry or FACS

In vitro wound healing models

Potency assays for ATMPs

Translational applications in regenerative medicine

Experience with isolation and culturing of adipose-derived stem cells (ASCs), a key cell source for regenerative medicine and potential secretome-based therapies.

Experience with the establishment of a manufacturing protocol, including starting material selection, pre-conditioning, and bio-processing including isolation, expansion, cultivation in bioreactors, processing of conditioned media, and isolation, purification of the secretome and its components

Experience with identifying relevant quality criteria for and establishment of a fully GMP-conform production process

Experience with producing Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

Experience with GMP manufacturing and regulatory considerations from an academic perspective

Experience with product characterization and potency testing

Experience with monitoring mechanism of action in-vitro as part of quality assurance

HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-TOOL-03: LEVERAGING MULTIMODAL DATA TO ADVANCE GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE APPLICABILITY IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH (GENAI4EU)(RIA)



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MEMBERSHIP OF EU PARTNERSHIPS

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AREA OF EXPERTISE

Data management and analytics
Intelligent transportation
Artificial intelligence and machine learning
Digital twin
Internet of Things
Edge and distributed computing
Autonomous vehicles

Multimodal data integration
Federated learning
Knowledge graph
Digital twin

RELEVANT PROJECTS

Project co-investigator, HORIZON, MobiSpaces: New Data Spaces for Green Mobility

Project co-investigator, DIREC, Multimodal Data Processing of Earth Observation Data



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RELEVANT LINKS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Member of IEEE

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Wireless Networking
Edge Intelligence
Machine Learning
Optimization Theory
Game Theory

RELEVANT PROJECTS

One of my research studies focuses on utilizing multimodal learning for next-generation wireless networking. Furthermore, we are also currently working on the integration of multimodal medical data for the individual treatment plan for each cancer patient.

HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-TOOL-05: BOOSTING THE TRANSLATION OF BIOTECH RESEARCH INTO INNOVATIVE HEALTH THERAPIES (RIA)



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Reproductive Biology and Fertility

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Translational Medicine and Biotechnology

Expertise in bridging fundamental research with clinical applications, focusing on probiotics, microbiome-based interventions for health innovation.

Investigating probiotics' role in immune modulation, metabolic health, and regenerative medicine, contributing to the development of novel biotech-based therapies.

Research on probiotics, and biophysical preconditioning to optimize therapeutic outcomes for tissue repair and chronic disease management.

Experience in developing probiotic products, addressing manufacturing challenges, and ensuring regulatory alignment for clinical translation.

DESTINATION 6

**MAINTAINING AN INNOVATIVE,
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COMPETITIVE HEALTH INDUSTRY**

DESTINATION 6: CALLS

CALL – MAINTAINING AN INNOVATIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE HEALTH INDUSTRY

HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-IND-01: Optimising the manufacturing of Advanced
Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) (IA)

HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-IND-01: OPTIMISING THE MANUFACTURING OF ADVANCED THERAPY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS (ATMPS) (IA)



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HIGHLIGHTED AAU RESEARCH GROUPS

Member of Regenerative Medicine research group

RELEVANT LINKS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Research & Development in Probiotics, collaborating with biotech and pharmaceutical sectors.

Industrial contacts in different sectors both in Denmark, Europe and USA

Member of Global Andrology Forum

Member of Iranian Society of Embryology and Reproductive Biology (ISRB)

Member of Danish Fertility Society (Dansk Fertilitetsselskab)

Member of European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology

Member of the Scandinavian Association for the Study of Pain

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Probiotics and Gut Microbiome Research

Cardiometabolic Health and Disease

Prevention

Neurodegenerative Disorders and Pain Management

Reproductive Biology and Fertility

Animal Models in Biomedical Research

Wound Healing and Regenerative Medicine

Translational Medicine and Biotechnology

Research on probiotics as adjuncts in regenerative medicine, investigating their role in immune modulation and tissue repair.

Investigation of probiotics and gut microbiome interactions with immune and metabolic pathways to develop microbiome-based ATPMs.

Research on microbiota-driven approaches to enhance wound healing and chronic disease management.

Study of gut-brain and gut-heart axis mechanisms, relevant for advanced biotherapeutic strategies.

Experience in developing probiotic for clinical applications, addressing manufacturing and regulatory compliance challenges.

Collaboration with biotech and pharmaceutical industries to translate research findings into therapeutic innovations.

Contribution to quality control and optimization strategies for ATPM production and standardization.



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MEMBERSHIP OF EU PARTNERSHIPS

STRONG-UR: Strategies for Optimised bioprinting of Next Generation tissues for Urethral regeneration and translation

RELEVANT LINKS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Member of the Danish Stem Cell Society (DASCS)
Member of Danish Society for Wound Healing

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Adipose-derived stem cells (ASCs)
Stem cell characterization
Multichromatic flowcytometry or FACS
In vitro wound healing models
Potency assays for ATMPs
Translational applications in regenerative medicine

Experience with adipose-derived stem cells (ASCs), a key cell source for cell-based ATMPs
Experience with GMP manufacturing and regulatory considerations from an academic perspective
Experience with product characterization and potency testing
Experience with transferring ATMP from research to production
Experience with optimising and standardisation of the manufacturing of Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) including testing the effect of process changes on product quality and standardisation