

DIGITAL-ECCC-2025-DEPLOY-CYBER-08 — PUBLICPQC (Quick Guide)

Programme: Digital Europe Programme (DEP) — Strengthening the cybersecurity ecosystem

Topic: PUBLICPQC — Transition to post-quantum PKI

Funding rate: Simple Grant — **50% of eligible costs** (co-funding 50%).

Call budget (indicative): total \approx **€55M** (PUBLICPQC \approx **€15M**).

Deadline: 07 Oct 2025 — 17:00 CET (Brussels).

Where to apply: Funding & Tenders Portal → Call: DIGITAL-ECCC-2025-DEPLOY-CYBER-08 → Topic: PUBLICPQC.

What it funds: hybrid certs (signature/KEM combiners), deployment/testing in protocols, ACME/CR/CT improvements, key-mgmt tooling, legacy PKI interop, standardisation/training.

Evaluation thresholds: Relevance $\geq 3/5$; Implementation $\geq 3/5$; Impact $\geq 3/5$; Overall $\geq 10/15$.

Security note: DEP Art. 12(5) may apply (participation restrictions).

Co-funding example (our S-tier): total €81,000 → EU grant €40,500 → co-funding €40,500.