Accelerating the transition to a nature positive economy: Integrating biodiversity into the private sector

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-05

Scope
International

Location
Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
14M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 7M€

DATES & DEADLINES

Publication Date
December 12, 2025

Opening Date
April 20, 2027

Deadline
September 22, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This call aims to accelerate the transition to a nature positive economy by integrating biodiversity into private sector decision-making and business models. The objective is to strengthen the economic case for biodiversity protection, restoration, and sustainable use, and to enhance the delivery of ecosystem services. The call targets consortia that apply a multi-actor approach, engaging researchers, businesses (including start-ups and SMEs, especially nature-based enterprises), financial institutions, public authorities, policy makers, and civil society. Proposals should support the implementation of the European Green Deal, the EU biodiversity strategy for 2030, and international biodiversity frameworks. Eligible applicants include legal entities from EU Member States and Associated Countries, as well as certain non-EU/non-Associated Countries with specific provisions for Horizon Europe participation.

Funding

The support is provided as a non-refundable grant in the form of a lump sum, covering up to 100% of eligible costs for Research and Innovation Actions (RIA). The total budget for the topic is €14 million, with an expected two grants of €7 million each. The funding is intended to cover all eligible project activities as described in the proposal and budget table.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Personnel Costs
- Travel costs
- Equipment costs
- Other goods, works and services costs
- Subcontracting
- Indirect Costs

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Special focus on start-ups and SMEs
- Synergies with existing EU-funded biodiversity projects
- Use of AI and digital tools encouraged
- Multi-actor approach required

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Agro-Food
- Energy & Environment
- Finance & Insurance
- Other

Company Typologies

- Micro
- SME
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Large
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

Action Types

- Develop and pilot innovative biodiversity finance mechanisms
- Advance transparent and standardised biodiversity metrics
- Integrate biodiversity risks into corporate strategies and reporting
- Demonstrate operational pathways for nature positive economy
- Improve accessibility of sustainability reporting for businesses
- Promote fiscal reforms and phase out harmful subsidies
- Leverage AI and digital automation for biodiversity data and reporting
- Coordinate with EU-funded projects and partnerships (e.g., Biodiversa+)
- Engage multi-actor approach including businesses, finance, policy, civil society
- Research and Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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Cluster
Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

Destination
D1. Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Submission Mode
single-stage

EU Contribution
€7,000,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
2

Funding Rate Rule
Up to 100% of eligible costs for Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)

OFFICIAL LINKS

Official Regulation
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-05

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/accelerating-the-transition-to-a-nature-positive-economy-integrating-biodiversity-into-the-private-sector

Schedule a meeting
https://calendly.com/filipa-silva-epsa/reuniao