African Union – European Union Partnership on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA)

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-09

Scope
International

Location
Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
6.8M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 6.8M€

DATES & DEADLINES

Publication Date
December 12, 2025

Opening Date
April 20, 2027

Deadline
September 23, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This call aims to strengthen the African Union – European Union partnership on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA). The main objectives are to improve the coordination of research and innovation (R&I) policies between AU and EU members, enhance the functioning of the FNSSA Working Group, and operationalise the International Research Consortium (IRC) as a platform for implementing the FNSSA roadmap. The call targets consortia that include at least three independent legal entities established in African Union member states, in addition to the standard Horizon Europe minimum participation requirements. Legal entities from EU Member States, Associated Countries, and all African Union member states are eligible, including international organisations headquartered in a Member State or Associated Country. The call encourages broad participation from academic researchers, start-ups, SMEs,

and other multidisciplinary actors, with special consideration for women, young entrepreneurs, and the diaspora.

Funding

The call provides a single Coordination and Support Action (CSA) grant with a total budget of €6.75 million. The funding rate is up to 100% of eligible costs, provided as a lump sum. Beneficiaries may provide financial support to third parties in the form of grants, with a maximum of €60000 per third party. The grant is intended to cover all eligible activities described in the project scope, including support for third parties.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Special consideration for women, young entrepreneurs, and diaspora in start-up support
- Involvement of at least three independent legal entities from African Union member states
- International organisations headquartered in EU/Associated Countries exceptionally eligible for funding

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Agro-Food
- Health & Life Sciences
- Industry
- Other

Company Typologies

- Micro
- SME
- Large
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

Action Types

- Coordination of AU-EU R&I policies on food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture
- Operationalisation of International Research Consortium (IRC) for FNSSA
- Development of toolkits and scientific support for FNSSA Working Group
- Platform for funders and seed funding for scaling innovations
- Mentoring and acceleration for start-ups and innovative SMEs in food systems
- Financial support to third parties for R&I activities
- Strengthening multi-stakeholder networks in food and agriculture
- Support for upscaling technical and social innovations from previous FNSSA projects
- Coordination and Support Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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

Destination
D2. Fair, healthy and environment-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption

Submission Mode
single-stage

EU Contribution
€6,750,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
1

Funding Rate Rule
Up to 100% of eligible costs for Coordination and Support Actions (CSA)

OFFICIAL LINKS

Official Regulation
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-09

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/african-union-european-union-partnership-on-food-and-nutrition-security-and-sustainable-agriculture-fnssa

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