Better understanding, anticipating and addressing the biodiversity benefits and impacts of the clean and digital industries

Horizon Europe

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Code
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-02

Scope
International - Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
18M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 6M€

Bonuses & Majorations

- Geographical coverage across at least three EU/Associated Country biogeographical regions
- Effective contribution of SSH disciplines and experts
- Involvement of industrial partners, local authorities, and civil society
- Participation in common networking and joint activities with other projects

The support is provided as a non-refundable lump sum grant under Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Actions. Each project is expected to receive 6.000.000 EUR, with a total topic budget of 18.000.000 EUR and an expected three grants awarded. Eligible costs are defined by the lump sum model, covering all project activities as described in the proposal.

DATES & DEADLINES

Opening Date
October 13, 2026

Deadline
January 14, 2027 at 05:00 PM (71 days left)

OBJECTIVES

This call aims to enhance the understanding, anticipation, and management of biodiversity impacts and benefits associated with Europe's clean and digital industries. The objective is to support society, end-users, industry, and decision-makers in making informed choices that preserve biodiversity and ecosystem services throughout the industrial value chain, from design to end-of-life. The call targets European-based industries relevant to the Clean Industrial Deal, including energy-intensive sectors, clean technology, critical raw materials, energy infrastructure, and the digital and AI industries (such as data centres). Eligible applicants include consortia with industrial partners, local authorities, civil society organizations, and research institutions from EU Member States or Associated Countries. Proposals must ensure geographical coverage across at least three EU or Associated Country biogeographical regions and require a transdisciplinary approach, including social sciences and humanities (SSH) expertise.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Company Typologies

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

Action Types

- Develop typologies of biodiversity benefits, impacts and dependencies for industrial activities
- Holistic assessment of industrial and digital sector impacts on ecosystems and resources
- Cost-benefit analysis of biodiversity mitigation measures in industry
- Develop spatialized biodiversity-focused scenarios and natural capital accounting

- Provide recommendations and tools for biodiversity-sensitive trajectories
- Pilot and operationalise recommendations with industrial partners and civil society
- Cluster with other funded projects for joint activities and dissemination
- Involve SSH disciplines and experts for transdisciplinary research
- Research and Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

Call ID
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01

Cluster
Horizontal Activities

Destination
Transformative change towards a nature-positive economy and society

Submission Mode
Single-stage

EU Contribution
€6,000,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
3

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-NATURE-2027-01-02

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/better-understanding-anticipating-and-addressing-the-biodiversity-benefits-and-impacts-of-the-clean-and-digital-industries

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