Deploying circular systemic solutions through living labs in cities and regions (Circular Cities and Regions Initiative topic)

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-01-two-stage	**Scope** International
Location Europe	**Curator** Marlene Faria

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type Non-Refundable	**Maximum Funding Rate** 100%
Budget 10M€	**Eligible Project Value** Up to 5M€

DATES & DEADLINES

Publication Date December 12, 2025	**Opening Date** February 4, 2027
Fase 1 April 8, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2	**Fase 2** September 16, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This call aims to accelerate the deployment and upscaling of circular systemic solutions in cities and regions through the establishment of living labs. The main objectives are to increase circularity, reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions, and enhance the valorisation of local resources, leading to improved air and water quality and biodiversity. The initiative seeks to foster collaboration and knowledge transfer among public authorities, companies, research bodies, citizens, and other stakeholders to address environmental challenges such as climate change, resource depletion, and biodiversity loss. Eligible applicants are consortia led by public local or regional authorities (or their groupings) in EU Member States or Associated Countries, with the involvement of a broad range of ecosystem actors including citizens, policymakers, academia, industries, start-ups, SMEs, social economy entities, and financial intermediaries. At least five

living labs (two demonstration and three replication sites, with one replication site in a widening country) must be included in each consortium.

Funding

Funding is provided as a non-refundable lump sum grant under Horizon Europe Innovation Actions. The funding rate is up to 70% of eligible costs for most participants, and up to 100% for non-profit legal entities. Each grant is expected to be 5.000.000 EUR, with a total topic budget of 10.000.000 EUR and two grants expected to be awarded.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- At least one replication living lab must be in a Horizon Europe widening country (including Outermost Regions)
- Up to 100% funding rate for non-profit legal entities
- Synergies with CCRI projects and partners required

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Energy & Environment
- Agro-Food
- Industry
- Other

Company Typologies

- Micro
- SME
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Large

- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

Action Types

- Deployment and upscaling of circular systemic solutions in cities and regions
- Establishment and operation of living labs for circular economy
- Validation, testing and optimisation of innovative circular solutions
- Development of governance models and business plans for circularity
- Knowledge transfer and replication of solutions across Europe
- Multi-actor co-creation and stakeholder engagement
- Socio-ecological and SSH integration in circular solutions
- Collaboration with CCRI office and related projects
- Clustering and dissemination activities
- Monitoring and iterative feedback processes
- Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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

Destination
D3. Circular economy and biobased sectors

Submission Mode
two-stage

EU Contribution
€5,000,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
2

Funding Rate Rule
Up to 70% of eligible costs for Innovation Actions (IA); up to 100% for non-profit legal entities

OFFICIAL LINKS

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

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/deploying-circular-systemic-solutions-through-living-labs-in-cities-and-regions-circular-cities-and-regions-initiative-topic

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