Fostering common farmland birds and mammals for resilient food production systems

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-08

Scope
International

Location
Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
12M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 6M€

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 foster sustainable agriculture by enhancing habitats for common farmland birds and mammals, thereby improving ecosystem services such as pest control, pollination, and seed dispersal. The objective is to equip land managers, farmers, conservation organizations, researchers, policymakers, and agribusinesses with the knowledge and tools to implement biodiversity-friendly practices that support resilient food production systems. The call specifically targets the challenges and needs of land managers and farmers, supporting them through appropriate incentives to facilitate the wide adoption of bird- and mammal-friendly practices. Eligible applicants include consortia involving a range of stakeholders, particularly farmers and land managers, in line with the required multi-actor approach. Participation is open to legal entities from EU Member States and associated countries, as detailed in the Horizon Europe eligibility rules.

Funding

Funding 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 €12 million, with an expected EU contribution of €6 million per project and two grants anticipated. The funding supports all eligible costs as defined in the Horizon Europe rules for lump sum grants.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Multi-actor approach involving farmers and land managers is mandatory
- Synergies with previous EU and national projects encouraged
- Cooperation with EC Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity required

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Agro-Food
- Energy & Environment
- Other

Company Typologies

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

Action Types

- Research on impact of farming practices on birds, mammals, and productivity
- Participatory research with farmers, land managers, and conservationists
- Development and improvement of incentives for biodiversity-friendly practices
- Design and implementation of farmer education and advisory programmes
- Assessment and scaling up of biodiversity-friendly farming models
- Collaboration with EU Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity and relevant partnerships
- 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
€6,000,000.00 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-08

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/fostering-common-farmland-birds-and-mammals-for-resilient-food-production-systems

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