Increasing knowledge flows to practice within AKIS via EU thematic knowledge hubs

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-05

Scope
International

Location
Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
7M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 3.5M€

DATES & DEADLINES

Publication Date
December 12, 2025

Opening Date
February 4, 2027

Deadline
May 11, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This call aims to foster the competitiveness, sustainability, and resilience of agriculture, forestry, and rural areas by enhancing knowledge flows within Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS). The focus is on providing impartial, tailored knowledge to advisors and end-users, ensuring that research findings, innovative solutions, and best practices are widely shared and used in practice. The call is open to consortia applying the multi-actor approach, involving a balanced mix of relevant actors such as researchers, advisors, end-users (farmers, foresters, rural actors), and AKIS coordination bodies. Proposals must actively involve advisors, with at least 30% of project participants being impartial advisors who spend at least half their working time advising farmers. Eligible applicants include entities from EU Member States and Associated Countries, with broad participation encouraged to ensure wide geographical coverage.

Funding

The support is provided as a non-refundable grant (Coordination and Support Action) in the form of a lump sum. Each project will receive a fixed contribution of 3.500.000 EUR, with a total topic budget of 7.000.000 EUR and two expected grants. The funding rate is up to 100% of eligible costs. Beneficiaries may provide financial support to third parties, with a maximum of 60.000 EUR per third party.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- At least 30% of project participants must be impartial advisors
- Balanced geographical coverage across at least 14 EU Member States
- Information must be translated into all 24 EU official languages
- Financial support to third parties up to EUR 60,000 per third party

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Agro-Food
- Forestry
- Other

Company Typologies

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

- Non-business entities of the R&I system (ENESII)

Action Types

- Establish EU thematic knowledge hubs for AKIS
- Compile and disseminate scientific and practical knowledge
- Develop and share informative materials and training courses
- Enhance networking and knowledge exchange among AKIS actors
- Involve advisors and end-users in project activities
- Collaborate with national/regional authorities and ecosystems
- Ensure complementarities with past and ongoing AKIS projects
- Develop long-term plans for hub sustainability and interoperability
- Provide financial support to third parties (advisors)
- Coordination and Support Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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

Destination
D7. Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal

Submission Mode
single-stage

EU Contribution
€3,500,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
2

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-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-05

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/increasing-knowledge-flows-to-practice-within-akis-via-eu-thematic-knowledge-hubs

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