Innovative solutions to fight wildlife trafficking and to reduce invasion of invasive alien species

Horizon Europe

OPEN

Code
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-04

Scope
International - Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
13M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 13M€

Bonuses & Majorations

- Involvement of at least 3 competent authorities from 3 different EU/Associated Countries
- Effective contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities disciplines
- Liaison with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)

The support is provided as a non-refundable grant under the Horizon Innovation Actions (HORIZON-IA) scheme. The total available budget for this topic is 13.000.000 EUR, and only one grant is expected to be awarded, with the minimum and maximum contribution set at 13.000.000 EUR.

DATES & DEADLINES

Opening Date
October 13, 2026

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

OBJECTIVES

This call aims to support transformative change towards a nature-positive economy and society by addressing the challenges of wildlife trafficking and the spread of invasive alien species. The objective is to enhance the capacity of customs officers, border guards, law enforcement, and relevant civil servants to detect illegal wildlife trade and prevent the introduction and spread of invasive alien species. The call targets improved detection of illegal wildlife trade, contributing to the protection of endangered species and supporting EU and global biodiversity objectives. Eligible applicants must form consortia that include at least three relevant competent authorities (such as law enforcement, customs, or

environmental protection services) from at least three different EU Member States or Associated Countries. The involvement of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) experts and institutions is required to ensure meaningful societal impact.

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

- Development of innovative detection tools for invasive alien species and illegal wildlife trade
- Prototyping and demonstration of solutions in relevant environments
- Interoperability with law enforcement operational systems
- Development of training and training materials for competent authorities
- Societal awareness raising campaigns involving NGOs and companies
- Cross-border evidence collection and chain-of-custody compliance
- Co-creation with end-users for cost-effective adoption
- Scalability and long-term maintenance planning
- Involvement of Social Sciences and Humanities expertise
- Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

Call ID
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Cluster
Horizontal Activities

Destination
Transformative change towards a nature-positive economy and society

Submission Mode
single-stage

EU Contribution
€13,000,000.00

Expected Projects
1

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-NATURE-2027-02-04

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/innovative-solutions-to-fight-wildlife-trafficking-and-to-reduce-invasion-of-invasive-alien-species

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