Living labs co-creating solutions for the restoration of ecosystems addressing implementation bottlenecks and improving resilience to risks

Horizon Europe

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Code
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-02

Scope
International - Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
60M€

Eligible Project Value
10M€ - 10M€

Bonuses & Majorations

- Financial support to third parties up to 30% of budget
- Active involvement of competent public authorities
- Integration of SSH disciplines and expertise
- Gender dimension addressed in activities
- Sites in outermost regions included
- Synergies with EU Carbon Removal and Carbon Farming Regulation
- Use of FAIR data principles and EOSC

The support is provided as a non-refundable grant in the form of a lump sum. Each project is expected to receive 10000000 euros, with a total topic budget of 60000000 euros and an expected six grants awarded. Up to 30% of the project budget may be allocated as financial support to third parties, with a maximum of 60000 euros per third party. Eligible costs are defined by the Horizon Europe lump sum model grant agreement.

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 empowering stakeholders to co-create, deploy, and replicate viable ecosystem restoration measures. The focus is on overcoming implementation bottlenecks and improving resilience to risks, particularly in the context of the EU Nature Restoration Regulation (NRR). The call targets a broad range of stakeholders, including researchers, land and water managers, policy makers, economic actors, civil society, social partners, municipalities, and regions. Proposals must apply a multi-actor approach, ensuring active involvement of relevant stakeholders at all stages. Eligible applicants include consortia from at least three different EU Member States and/or Associated Countries, covering different geographical regions or climate zones, and including sites in outermost regions. Social sciences and humanities (SSH) expertise must be integrated throughout the project.

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

- Set up and operate living labs for ecosystem restoration
- Co-create, test and demonstrate innovative restoration solutions
- Develop and implement monitoring and MRV protocols
- Engage stakeholders in co-design and participatory governance
- Develop business models and sustainability pathways for restoration
- Test regulatory, financial and governance innovations
- Develop tools for in-situ conservation of genetic resources
- Establish harmonised Key Performance Indicators
- Networking and cooperation with other EU-funded initiatives
- Support to third parties (SMEs, land managers, civil society)
- Research and Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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Cluster
Horizontal Activities

Destination
Transformative change towards a nature-positive economy and society

Submission Mode
single-stage

EU Contribution
€10,000,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
6

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-2027-02-02

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/living-labs-co-creating-solutions-for-the-restoration-of-ecosystems-addressing-implementation-bottlenecks-and-improving-resilience-to-risks

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