Living labs driving transformative change via knowledge integration and inclusive governance

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-06

Scope
International

Location
Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
14M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 7M€

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 support transformative change towards a nature-positive economy and society by enhancing governance frameworks that integrate knowledge across ecosystems and societal challenges. The focus is on overcoming institutional barriers, power asymmetries, and policy fragmentation to accelerate progress towards EU climate and biodiversity goals. The call targets the establishment of living labs as innovation hubs for co-creating, testing, and scaling governance and socio-economic models that actively engage stakeholders and support participatory approaches. Eligible applicants include consortia from EU Member States and Associated Countries, involving a wide range of stakeholders such as policymakers, researchers, business leaders, NGOs, local authorities, and community groups. The multi-actor approach is mandatory, ensuring the integration of diverse knowledge and needs from various sectors.

Funding

The support is provided as a non-refundable lump sum grant under Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Actions (RIA), covering up to 100% of eligible costs. Each grant is expected to be €7 million, with a total topic budget of €14 million and two grants to be awarded. The funding covers all eligible project activities as defined in the call and Horizon Europe rules.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Integration of gender dimension in project activities
- Special attention to the needs of EU outermost regions
- Effective contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines
- Multi-actor approach involving diverse stakeholders (farmers, foresters, fishers, business, NGOs, youth, etc.)

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Agro-Food
- Energy & Environment
- Health & Life Sciences
- Forestry
- Other

Company Typologies

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

- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

Action Types

- Establishing living labs for real-world testing of governance and socio-economic models
- Developing inclusive and adaptive governance strategies for biodiversity and sustainability
- Comprehensive review and analysis of biodiversity-related policies
- Analysis of legal, financial, and institutional barriers to inclusive governance
- Piloting innovative policy instruments (e.g., citizens' assemblies, participatory budgeting, nature credits)
- Developing multi-level governance models and policy proposals for nature positive actions
- Identifying and grouping EU-funded communities of practice by ecosystem or societal challenge
- Co-developing and testing enabling pathways for transformative change in living labs
- Developing digital tools for knowledge synthesis and decision-support for inclusive governance
- Training policymakers, community leaders, and researchers on co-governance and knowledge integration
- Developing educational materials and ensuring coordination among living labs
- Addressing knowledge gaps and ensuring complementarity with other EU-funded projects
- 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
€7,000,000.00 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-06

Grantavia page

https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/living-labs-driving-transformative-change-via-knowledge-integration-and-inclusive-governance

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