Living Labs for the eradication and/or management of invasive alien species

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-04

Scope
International

Location
Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
24M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 8M€

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 enhance the capacities and integrated governance of researchers, decision-makers, practitioners, local communities, and other stakeholders to effectively collaborate in preventing, eradicating, or managing invasive alien species (IAS). The ultimate goal is to better protect native ecosystems, improve their resilience, and ensure the continuous provision of ecosystem services, including those relevant for climate mitigation and adaptation. The call is open to consortia involving entities from at least three different EU Member States and/or Associated Countries. Eligible applicants include research organizations, universities, public authorities, SMEs, civil society, and other relevant stakeholders. The topic requires effective contributions from social sciences and humanities to maximize societal impact.

Funding

The support is provided as a non-refundable grant under the Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) scheme. The funding rate is up to 100% of eligible costs. Each project is expected to receive

a contribution of €8 million, with a total topic budget of €24 million and an expected three grants to be awarded. Financial support to third parties is allowed, with a maximum of €60000 per third party and up to 30% of the total EU funding per project.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Transboundary living labs in at least three EU/Associated Countries
- Effective contribution of social sciences and humanities
- Gender-sensitive and inclusive approaches
- Use of citizen science for data collection and analysis
- Up to 30% of EU funding for financial support to third parties

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Energy & Environment
- Agro-Food
- Forestry
- Blue Economy
- Other

Company Typologies

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

Action Types

- Establishment of living labs for invasive alien species management
- Co-creation and participatory research with stakeholders
- Development and testing of detection and monitoring methods (e.g. eDNA, remote sensing, citizen science)
- Design and testing of innovative eradication and management strategies (physical, biological, chemical, bio-engineering)
- Assessment and monitoring of effectiveness and prevention of re-invasion
- Socio-economic impact analysis and cost-benefit assessment
- Dissemination and facilitation of solution uptake by practitioners
- Data management ensuring FAIR principles and use of EOSC
- Financial support to third parties (e.g. SMEs, land managers, civil society)
- Cooperation with European and international biodiversity initiatives
- 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
€8,000,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
3

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-04

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/living-labs-for-the-eradication-andor-management-of-invasive-alien-species

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