Networking to scale up living labs for nature restoration solutions and to address bottlenecks to implementation

Horizon Europe

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Code
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-03

Scope
International - Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
4M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 4M€

Bonuses & Majorations

- Gender balance in the network
- Balance in involvement of Member States and Associated Countries
- Effective contribution of SSH disciplines (economics, finance, cultural and communication science)
- Involvement of all relevant stakeholders (land-owners, managers, farmers, foresters, NGOs, youth, researchers, financing institutions)

The call provides a single grant with a total budget of 4.000.000 euros. Funding is provided as a lump sum under the Horizon Europe Coordination and Support Actions (CSA) instrument. The grant covers eligible costs as defined in the Horizon Europe rules, with the full amount allocated to the selected project.

DATES & DEADLINES

Opening Date
October 13, 2026

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

OBJECTIVES

This call aims to establish a European network of living labs and lighthouses dedicated to nature restoration, supporting the scale-up of solutions and addressing bottlenecks to implementation. The initiative targets improved connectivity among living labs, enhanced involvement in policy development, and better access to knowledge and experience. The network should foster cooperation between research, practice, and policy, with a focus on practitioners such as farmers, foresters, fishers, rural/local communities, and traditional knowledge holders. Public authorities, landowners, water stakeholders, and bioeconomy actors are also key participants. The call is open to consortia applying the multi-actor approach, ensuring the involvement of all relevant stakeholders, including researchers, civil society, financing institutions, and buyers' clubs for certified environmental outcomes. Eligible applicants include entities from EU Member States and Associated Countries, with a requirement for balanced participation across countries and gender.

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

- Networking and coordination of living labs for nature restoration
- Development of common methodologies and standards for living labs
- Capacity-building activities for living labs across Europe
- Knowledge sharing and cultural exchange on biodiversity

- Mapping and analysis of living labs and lighthouses
- Facilitation of alliances between living labs and buyers' clubs for carbon/nature credits
- Policy support and multi-level governance for restoration
- Promotion and testing of carbon farming and nature credits methods
- Development of transferable implementation models for restoration
- Stakeholder engagement and multi-actor approach
- Consolidation of scientific results into policy outputs
- Support for cross-border collaboration and knowledge transfer
- Coordination and Support 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
€4,000,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
1

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-NATURE-2027-02-03

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/networking-to-scale-up-living-labs-for-nature-restoration-solutions-and-to-address-bottlenecks-to-implementation

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