Open topic: Innovative solutions for the European Water Resilience Strategy

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01-two-stage	**Scope** International
Location Europe	**Curator** Marlene Faria

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type Non-Refundable	**Maximum Funding Rate** 100%
Budget 11M€	**Eligible Project Value** Up to 5.5M€

DATES & DEADLINES

Publication Date December 12, 2025	**Opening Date** February 4, 2027
Fase 1 April 8, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2	**Fase 2** September 14, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This call aims to support breakthrough innovations that contribute to the European Water Resilience Strategy. The main objectives are to restore the water cycle, promote a water-smart economy, and ensure clean and affordable water for all. Projects should address creative or disruptive solutions that help implement the strategy, with a focus on demonstration, testing, or validation of developed tools and solutions. The multi-actor approach is mandatory, requiring the involvement of relevant stakeholders such as farmers, water-intensive industries, energy producers, land managers, water governance bodies, and local authorities. Proposals should also plan for future uptake and upscaling at local, national, and EU levels. Eligible applicants include consortia of legal entities from EU Member States and Associated Countries, with specific restrictions on entities controlled by China in critical technology areas.

Funding

The support is provided as a lump sum grant under Horizon Europe Innovation Actions. The funding rate is up to 70% of eligible costs for most participants, and up to 100% for non-profit legal entities. The total budget for the topic is 11.000.000 EUR, with an expected EU contribution of 5.500.000 EUR per project and two grants expected to be awarded.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Multi-actor approach with stakeholder involvement
- Collaboration with other funded projects under this topic
- Integration of Copernicus elements and data
- Consideration of gender and intersectional dimensions if relevant

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Energy & Environment
- Agro-Food
- Industry
- Other

Company Typologies

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

- Public entities

Action Types

- Demonstration, testing or validation of innovative water solutions
- Restoration of water cycles and natural ecosystems
- Development of water-efficient practices and soil-water interactions
- Integration of climate adaptation strategies for water systems
- Improvement of hydrological and ecological monitoring
- Development of water efficiency indicators and methodologies
- Design of water pricing and certification systems
- Development of technological and digital solutions for water sectors
- Upscaling of water reuse and recycling solutions
- Actions to increase public engagement in water management
- Development of equitable access measures for vulnerable groups
- Methodologies to improve water footprint influence
- Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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Cluster
Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

Destination
D5. Land, ocean and water for climate action

Submission Mode
two-stage

EU Contribution
€5,500,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
3

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-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01-two-stage

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/open-topic-innovative-solutions-for-the-european-water-resilience-strategy

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