Open topic: Using the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative to strengthen urban manufacturing in support of the Clean Industrial Deal

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-02-two-stage

Scope
International

Location
Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
18M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 6M€

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 16, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This call aims to support the clean and circular transition of urban manufacturing in European cities, leveraging the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI). The objective is to help urban manufacturers significantly increase resource efficiency, reduce material use, and adopt sustainable, circular business practices that contribute to EU climate, zero pollution, circularity, and biodiversity goals. The call targets projects that foster knowledge sharing and the proliferation of digital tools to enable large-scale adoption of circular practices. Eligible applicants include consortia of economic operators, local authorities, and civil society organisations established in EU Member States or Associated Countries. Legal entities established in China, or controlled by Chinese entities, are not eligible for participation.

Funding

The support is provided as a non-refundable 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 18.000.000 EUR, with an expected EU contribution of 6.000.000 EUR per project and an anticipated three grants to be awarded. The minimum and maximum contribution per project is set at 60.000,00 EUR

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Up to 100% funding rate for non-profit legal entities
- Projects involving effective SSH (Social Sciences and Humanities) contribution
- Joint activities with other CCRI projects encouraged
- Linkages with Regional Innovation Valleys, New European Bauhaus, and Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Industry
- Energy & Environment
- ICT & Software
- Other

Company Typologies

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

- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

Action Types

- Implement and demonstrate circular systemic solutions for urban manufacturing
- Develop and deploy digital tools for circular business practices
- Foster knowledge sharing and cooperation with CCRI and related initiatives
- Engage economic operators, local authorities, and civil society in urban manufacturing projects
- Advance TRL 6-8 technologies for circular and clean urban manufacturing
- Promote integration of social sciences and humanities in project activities
- Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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

Destination
D3. Circular economy and biobased sectors

Submission Mode
two-stage

EU Contribution
€6,000,000.00 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-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-02-two-stage

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/open-topic-using-the-circular-cities-and-regions-initiative-to-strengthen-urban-manufacturing-in-support-of-the-clean-industrial-deal

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