Replacing hazardous substances in biocidal products

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-01

Scope
International

Location
Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
12M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 4M€

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 drive innovation in the development of safe and sustainable alternatives to hazardous substances currently used in biocidal products, in line with the Biocidal Products Regulation (EC) No 528/2012 and the 'safe and sustainable by design' (SSbD) framework. The objective is to support public authorities and industrial operators in replacing problematic biocidal active substances with bio-based and natural alternatives that reduce risks to human health and biodiversity, including pollinators. The call is open to consortia including research organisations, universities, SMEs, and other stakeholders from eligible countries under Horizon Europe. International cooperation and the participation of SMEs are encouraged. Social sciences and humanities should be integrated, particularly to assess impacts on vulnerable groups and diversity aspects.

Funding

The support is provided as a non-refundable grant (lump sum) 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 €4 million, with a total topic budget of €12 million and an expected three grants to be awarded. Beneficiaries may provide financial support to third parties in the form of grants, with a maximum of €60000 per third party.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Participation of SMEs in the consortium is encouraged
- International cooperation is encouraged
- Inclusion of social sciences and humanities in safety testing

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

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

Company Typologies

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

- Public entities

Action Types

- Develop innovative bio-based substances to replace hazardous biocidal actives
- Test and assess safety for human health and biodiversity
- Review hazardous substances at international level
- Validate contribution to biodiversity enhancement
- Demonstrate effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of alternatives
- Integrate social sciences and humanities in safety testing
- Include analysis of vulnerable groups and diversity
- Encourage international cooperation
- Support to third parties via grants up to 60000 EUR
- Research and Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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

Destination
D4. Clean environment and zero pollution

Submission Mode
single-stage

EU Contribution
€4,000,000.00 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-ZEROPOLLUTION-01

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/replacing-hazardous-substances-in-biocidal-products

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