# Strengthening plant health: addressing emerging plant pest risks

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-01-two-stage

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 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 14, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2

## DESCRIPTION

### Objectives

This call aims to strengthen plant health by addressing emerging plant pest risks that threaten agriculture and forestry in the EU and Associated Countries. The objectives are to improve understanding of the drivers behind plant pest emergence, such as climate change, ecosystem degradation, and globalisation, and to develop cost-effective, environmentally friendly preventive and curative measures. The call targets pests that pose significant socio-economic or environmental threats, excluding those already covered by previous Horizon Europe topics. Eligible applicants are consortia that implement a multi-actor approach, involving research organisations, plant health services, farming and forestry sectors, advisory services, and industry. International cooperation is encouraged, especially with countries facing similar pest threats. Proposals should also consider gender sensitivity and the needs of vulnerable groups.

## 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 6,000,000 EUR, with a total topic budget of 12,000,000 EUR and two grants anticipated. Financial support to third parties is allowed, with a maximum of 60,000 EUR per third party.

### ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

### BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Gender sensitive and inclusive approach
- Addressing needs of groups in vulnerable situations
- Inclusion of diverse farming systems (conventional and organic)
- Collaboration with Joint Research Centre (JRC)

### ELIGIBILITY

**Application Mode**
Consortium / Copromotion

## Eligible Sectors

- Agro-Food
- Forestry
- Energy & Environment

## Company Typologies

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

### Action Types

- Research on emerging plant pest biology and introduction pathways
- Development of rapid, safe, and cost-effective pest prevention and control tools
- Early detection, surveillance, and (bio)control method innovation
- Assessment of social, economic, and environmental impacts of pest establishment
- Strategies to mitigate impacts on farmers and forest owners
- Identification of resistant and/or tolerant plant traits
- Implementation of multi-actor approach involving research, advisory, and industry
- International cooperation for pest management
- Financial support to third parties for tool/method development
- Research and Innovation Action

## EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

**Call ID**
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**Cluster**
Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

**Destination**
D2. Fair, healthy and environment-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption

**Submission Mode**
two-stage

**EU Contribution**
€6,000,000.00 per project

**Expected Projects**
2

**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-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-01-two-stage

**Grantavia page**
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/strengthening-plant-health-addressing-emerging-plant-pest-risks

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