Technical innovation to protect ecosystems and to scale up their restoration

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-03

Scope
International

Location
Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
14M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 7M€

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 support the design, development, and testing of technical innovations that facilitate the protection and restoration of ecosystems. The focus is on making ecosystem restoration activities easier and more effective for stakeholders, and on improving the conditions for scaling up the implementation of the EU Nature Restoration Regulation. The expected impact is to contribute to the recovery of biodiversity and the restoration of ecosystems and their services, including climate mitigation and adaptation. Eligible applicants include consortia of legal entities established in EU Member States or Associated Countries, with particular relevance for SMEs, but open to a wide range of stakeholders including research organisations, public entities, and non-profits.

Funding

The support is provided as a non-refundable grant in the form of a lump sum. The funding rate is up to 70% of eligible costs for Innovation Actions, and up to 100% for non-profit legal entities. The total budget

for the topic is €14 million, with an expected two grants of €7 million each. Eligible costs include purchases of equipment, infrastructure, or other assets specifically for the action, which may be declared as full capitalised costs.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Particular relevance for SMEs

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Agro-Food
- Energy & Environment
- Forestry
- Other

Company Typologies

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

Action Types

- Design, develop and test technical innovations for ecosystem protection/restoration
- Develop new or adapted machines, low techs, digital innovations for ecosystems
- Implement restoration strategies for terrestrial, freshwater, and marine ecosystems

- Cooperate with the EC Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity (KCBD)
- Achieve TRL 6-7 for developed solutions
- Assess effectiveness, simplicity, durability, and sustainability of innovations
- Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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

Destination
D1. Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Submission Mode
single-stage

EU Contribution
€7,000,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
2

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-BIODIV-03

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/technical-innovation-to-protect-ecosystems-and-to-scale-up-their-restoration

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