Towards a Europe of Bioeconomy Places

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-06

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
April 20, 2027

Deadline
September 22, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This call aims to support the transition of defined geographical areas into "Bioeconomy Places"—regions or localities where bioeconomy solutions drive sustainable prosperity and community well-being. The objective is to improve the attractiveness of these places by fostering systemic transitions to circular and sustainable bio-based sectors, leading to increased investment, job creation, and reduced environmental and climate impacts. The call targets the development of sustainable and qualified Bioeconomy Places based on environmental, social, and economic indicators, including skills development, capacity building, food systems sustainability, and contributions to climate and biodiversity goals. Eligible applicants are consortia involving a range of stakeholders such as educational and employment institutions, industrial actors, unions, and local/regional authorities. Proposals must implement a multi-actor approach and set up at least three pilot sites in different EU Member States or Associated Countries, with at least one site in Ukraine.

Funding

The support is provided as a non-refundable lump sum grant under Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Actions (RIA). The funding rate is up to 100% of eligible costs. Each project is expected to receive a contribution of €6 million, with a total topic budget of €12 million and two grants anticipated.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- At least one pilot site must be located fully or partially in Ukraine
- Gender-sensitive and inclusive approach required
- Special attention to groups in vulnerable situations
- Synergies between urban, rural, and coastal areas encouraged

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

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

Company Typologies

- Micro
- SME
- Large
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

Action Types

- Develop definitions and benchmarks for 'Bioeconomy Places'
- Set up at least three pilot 'Bioeconomy Place' sites in different countries
- Conduct needs, strengths, and opportunities analysis for pilot sites
- Devise transformation plans for each pilot site
- Foster multi-stakeholder partnerships with local actors
- Establish synergies between urban, rural, and coastal areas
- Develop training programmes for technical and entrepreneurial skills
- Provide capacity-building for stakeholders on funding and capital access
- Develop policy recommendations for bioeconomy deployment
- Implement multi-actor approach involving diverse stakeholders
- Research and 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
single-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-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-06

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/towards-a-europe-of-bioeconomy-places

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