Unleashing the potential of sustainable small-scale aquatic food production and recreational fisheries for prosperous local communities

Horizon Europe

PENDING

Code
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-06

Scope
International

Location
Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
10M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 5M€

DATES & DEADLINES

Publication Date
December 12, 2025

Opening Date
April 20, 2027

Deadline
September 23, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This call aims to foster economic prosperity and resilience in coastal, rural, and urban communities by advancing sustainable small-scale aquatic food production and recreational fisheries. The focus is on supporting small-scale fisheries, aquaculture farms (classified as SMEs), and recreational fisheries, with an emphasis on improving business models, value chain integration, and market access. The call seeks to empower communities, enhance job attractiveness, and ensure consumers have access to locally produced, nutritious, and safe aquatic food that meets high environmental and social standards. Eligible applicants include consortia of legal entities from EU Member States and Associated Countries, with a

strong encouragement for the involvement of relevant stakeholders and end-users throughout the project lifecycle.

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 10.000.000 EUR, with an expected two grants of 5.000.000 EUR each.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

BONUSES & MAJORATIONS

- Gender-sensitive approaches and inclusion of vulnerable groups
- Inclusion of citizen science and diverse data sources
- Focus on local traditions and cultural elements
- Outputs readily applicable by stakeholders and policymakers

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Agro-Food
- Blue Economy
- Other

Company Typologies

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

Action Types

- Development of innovative methodologies for small-scale aquatic food production
- Advancement of ecosystem-based management practices
- Integration of digitalization and technological innovation
- Assessment of environmental and socio-economic contributions
- Knowledge transfer, training, and capacity-building activities
- Stakeholder and end-user engagement throughout project lifecycle
- Application of Nature-based Solutions
- Use of AI, machine learning, and big data analytics for data processing
- Inclusion of social sciences and humanities perspectives
- Addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation in aquatic food production
- Improvement of business models and value chain integration
- Development of tools for managing small-scale aquatic food production
- Research and Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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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
single-stage

EU Contribution
€5,000,000.00 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-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-06

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/unleashing-the-potential-of-sustainable-small-scale-aquatic-food-production-and-recreational-fisheries-for-prosperous-local-communities

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