Valorising Horizon project results via innovation ecosystems

Horizon Europe

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Code
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-06-02

Scope
International - Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
20M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 4M€

Bonuses & Majorations

- Gender-sensitive approach addressing barriers faced by women innovators and entrepreneurs
- Synergies with ongoing relevant projects to avoid overlaps
- Balanced portfolio: at least one grant per thematic area (A-E) if thresholds are met

Funding is provided as a lump sum grant under Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Actions. The total EU contribution per project ranges from 2.500.000 to 4.000.000 EUR, with an overall topic budget of 20.000.000 EUR. At least 60% of the requested EU contribution must be allocated to financial support for third parties (FSTP) through competitive calls, with a maximum of 150.000 per third party. The support to third parties is only in the form of grants. Up to five grants are expected to be awarded.

DATES & DEADLINES

Opening Date
October 20, 2026

Deadline
February 16, 2027 at 05:00 PM (104 days left)

OBJECTIVES

This call aims to bridge the gap between research outcomes from Horizon 2020 Pillar III and Horizon Europe Pillar II projects and their successful valorisation and market deployment. The objective is to support owners of Horizon project results in advancing their innovations—whether technological, non-technological, or social sciences and humanities-based—towards validated, high-impact solutions with clear commercialisation pathways. The call targets consortia acting as knowledge intermediaries, such as technology transfer offices, innovation platforms, incubators, clusters, and entrepreneurship support initiatives. These consortia should connect Horizon project consortia and result owners with accelerators, investors, public and private procurers, and other innovation ecosystem actors. Applicants must select one of five thematic areas: Agriculture and Food systems, Clean transition (energy & transport), Health, Bioeconomy, or Raw materials & advanced materials. Proposals must demonstrate a gender-sensitive approach and address barriers faced by women innovators.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Company Typologies

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

Action Types

- Scouting and mapping promising innovations and exploitable results from Horizon projects
- Launching competitive calls for validation and valorisation of Horizon results
- Providing financial support to third parties for prototyping, testing, demonstration, piloting, product validation and market replication

- Guidance and facilitation of access to real-life validation sites (demonstration sites, living labs, testing facilities, industrial partners)
- Expert mentorship and tailored support for value proposition, business model, customer/user validation, IP and exploitation strategies
- Targeted training on scalability, market and investment readiness, pre-commercial procurement, and deployment instruments
- Support for building or strengthening entrepreneurial teams around Horizon results
- Facilitation of access to follow-on EU funding instruments and investment opportunities
- Research and Innovation Action

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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Cluster
Horizontal Activities

Destination
Bridging Actions

Submission Mode
single-stage

EU Contribution
€2,500,000.00 to €4,000,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
5

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-BRIDGING-2027-06-02

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/valorising-horizon-project-results-via-innovation-ecosystems

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