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Horizon Europe 2027 Opportunities in Cluster 6 and related areas

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment. Soil Mission. Oceans & Water Mission. NATURE calls

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Aim & Overview

- Horizon Europe – is it for me
- Key factors for success
- What are the potential opportunities
- Signposting between work programmes and deadlines
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What is Horizon Europe?

Horizon Europe is the world's largest research and innovation programme running from 2021 until 2027, providing over £90 billion in funding to address some of the greatest global challenges.

The **UK is associated** to Horizon Europe, so UK participants can fully participate*, act as Coordinator and be funded directly by the EC.

* Exceptions apply



For more info please see our Business connect website

What does UK association mean?

- UK participants can fully participate and be funded directly by the EC. There are only a few exceptions**

- UK organisations can lead and coordinate projects

- Horizon Europe mostly funds **collaborative, consortia managed projects** involving independent legal entities from at least 3 EU Member States or Associated Countries one of which must be a Member State

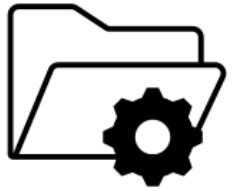
**Exceptions:

- The European Innovation Council (EIC) Fund which manages the equity element of both the EIC Accelerator and STEP
- If a particular call for proposals is limited in the Work Programme to EU Member States or certain other countries only



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Horizon Europe Pillar 2 101



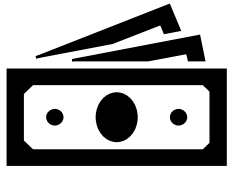
Types of projects

- **RIA:** Research and Innovation Actions **100%** funding rate, TRL 2-6
- **IA:** Innovation Actions **70%-100%**, TRL 6-9
- **CSA:** Coordination and Support Actions **100%** funding rate



Eligibility

- **Consortium:** minimum 3 independent legal entities in 3 different EU Member States (MS) or Associated countries, at least 1 in a MS.
- UK is an Associated Country, **eligible for EU funding and to lead as project Coordinater**



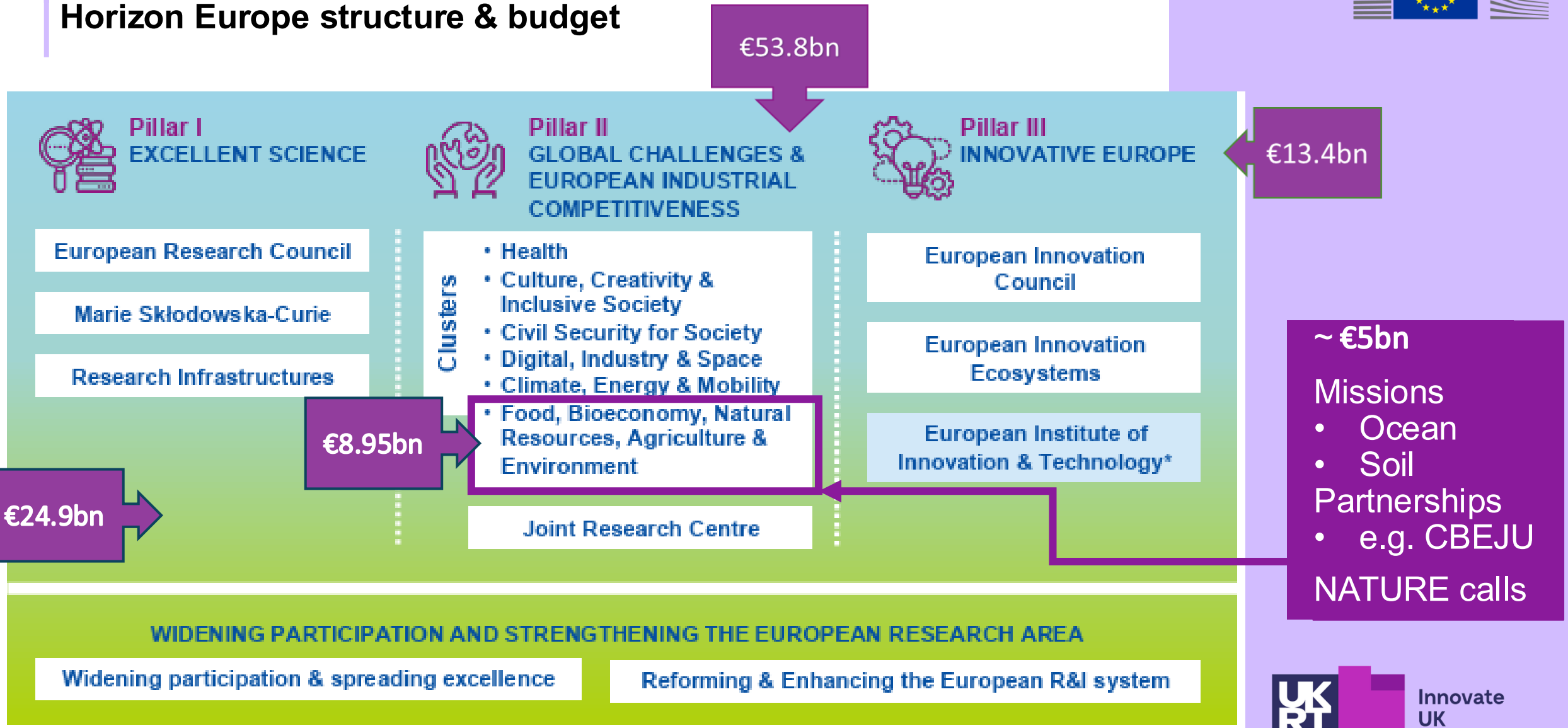
Typical proposals

- **Size:** ranges from €1–10M+
- **Duration:** 2-3 years +
- **Budget:** Eligible costs + 25% indirect
- **Proposal application:** 45-50 pages + forms *
- * 10 pages for 2 stage calls at stage 1

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Three Pillars for Implementation

Horizon Europe structure & budget



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The proposal is NOT just about the science!

- **Ambition** at a European or international scale
- Clear **policy context**
- Importance of **impact** – think about the change you want as you develop your proposal
- **Multi-actor approach** to development and delivery
- **Interdisciplinary** approach
- **Financial Support to Third Parties** – easier to involve smaller players
- **Convincing delivery**
- Evidence a **winning consortium**



Impact in Horizon Europe and what this means in practice

- Horizon Europe is looking to deliver **measurable scientific, economic and societal impact**
- Proposals should be developed using the Project Impact Pathway
- The Call topic descriptions start with “Expected outcome”
- Impact in the proposal. Aspects to be considered:
  - *Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions due to the project outcomes*
  - *Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities*





Project impact pathway

- What are the **specific needs** that triggered this project?
- **Expected results** - What do you expect to generate by the end of the project?
- **Target groups** - Who will use or further up-take the results of the project? Who will benefit from the results of the project?
- **Dissemination, exploitation and communication measures** - What dissemination, exploitation and communication measures will you apply to the results?
- **Outcomes** - What change do you expect to see after successful dissemination and exploitation of project results to the target group(s)?
- **Impacts** - What are the expected wider scientific, economic and societal effects of the project contributing to the expected impacts outlined in the respective destination in the work programme?





Multi-Actor Approach (MAA)

- The **Multi-Actor Approach** is based on an approach that involves all relevant people to **co-create and share knowledge, best practice and innovative solutions** responding to the needs of the users, farmers, foresters and advisors.
- Often an eligibility requirement in Cluster 6 and the Mission: A Soil Deal for Europe Work
- Aims to make the research and innovation process and its outcomes more
    - reliable
    - demand-driven
    - shared and relevant to society



Who could be involved?

farmers	government representatives	NGOs	researchers	foresters
land managers and owners	spatial planners	local communities	advisors	professional associations
civil society organisations	consumer associations	food and bioeconomy businesses	fishers	end user

The choice of the key actors participating in projects will depend on the objectives of the call topic

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MAA in Cluster 6 work programme

- In addition, the **scope** of the topics outlines the **main actors that are required** to be involved in the projects
- The eligibility conditions are checked by EU staff before going to evaluation and the **MAA is assessed** during evaluation **as part of the excellence criterion**

HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-06: Boosting agrobiodiversity for food security and sustainable competitiveness

Call: Call 01 - single stage (2026)	
Specific conditions	
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 6.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 12.00 million.
Type of Action	Research and Innovation Actions
Eligibility conditions	The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply: The Joint Research Centre (JRC) may participate as member of the consortium selected for funding as a beneficiary with zero funding, or as an associated partner. The JRC will not participate in the preparation and submission of the proposal - see General Annex B. The following additional eligibility criteria apply: The proposals must apply the multi-actor approach. See definition of the multi-actor approach in this work programme part.

Financial Support to Third Parties

Specific Conditions

Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements	The rules are described in General Annex G. The following exceptions apply: Beneficiaries may provide financial support to third parties. The support to third parties can only be provided in the form of grants. The maximum amount to be granted to each third party is EUR 60 000.

- Proposals may involve financial support to third parties e.g. to academic researchers, start-ups, SMEs and other multidisciplinary actors, to develop, test or validate developed assessment approaches or collect or prepare data sets or provide other contributions to achieve the project objectives

- Consortia need to define the selection process of organisations, for which financial support will be granted. There is often a maximum amount of that can be allocated to each party and a maximum % of the EU funding that can be allocated to this purpose – details will be in the call topics





Cluster 6

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment



Policy drivers

- EU Competitiveness Compass
- European Green Deal for a competitive, resilient, and sustainable agri-food system
- EU vision for agriculture and food
- EU biodiversity strategy for 2030
- Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework
- EU Clean Industrial Deal
- Circular Economy Act
- EU zero pollution action plan
- Updated EU bioeconomy strategy
- EU forest strategy for 2030
- EU soil strategy for 2030
- Sustainable blue economy strategy
- Long-term vision for the EU's rural areas
- Chemicals strategy for sustainability
- EU plastics strategy



Cluster 6 - Destinations (7)

- Biodiversity and ecosystem services (D1)
- Fair, healthy and environment-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption (D2)
- Circular economy (D3)
- Clean environment and zero pollution (D4)
- Land, Oceans and Water for Climate Action (D5)
- Resilient, Inclusive, Healthy and Green Rural, Coastal and Urban Communities (D6)
- Innovative Governance, Environmental Observations and Digital Solutions in Support of The Green Deal (D7)



Call launch and deadlines 2027

Single stage submission call

CL6 2027 01: BIODIV, CIRCBIO, ZERO POLLUTION

- Call opening 20 April 2027
- Deadline 22 September 2027

CL6 2027 02: FARM2FORK, CLIMATE, COMMUNITIES

- Call opening 20 April 2027
- Deadline 23 September 2027

CL6 2027 03: GOVERNANCE

- Call opening 4 February 2027
- Deadline 11 May 2027



Call with 2-stage submission and evaluation

CL6 2027 01-two stage: CIRCBIO

- Call opening 4 February 2027
- Deadline stage-1 8 April 2027; stage-2: 16 Sept 2027

CL6 2027 02-two stage: FARM2FORK, CLIMATE

- Call opening 4 February 2027
- Deadline stage-1 8 April 2027; stage-2: 14 Sept 2027

Stage 1 evaluation – short 10-page proposal
Only 'Excellence' & 'Impact' evaluated, consortium must have a core competency even if not complete

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Biodiversity and ecosystem services

Get biodiversity back on a path to recovery, and ecosystems and their services are preserved and sustainably restored on land, inland water and at sea through improved knowledge and innovation



Cluster 6 Biodiversity call opportunities 2027

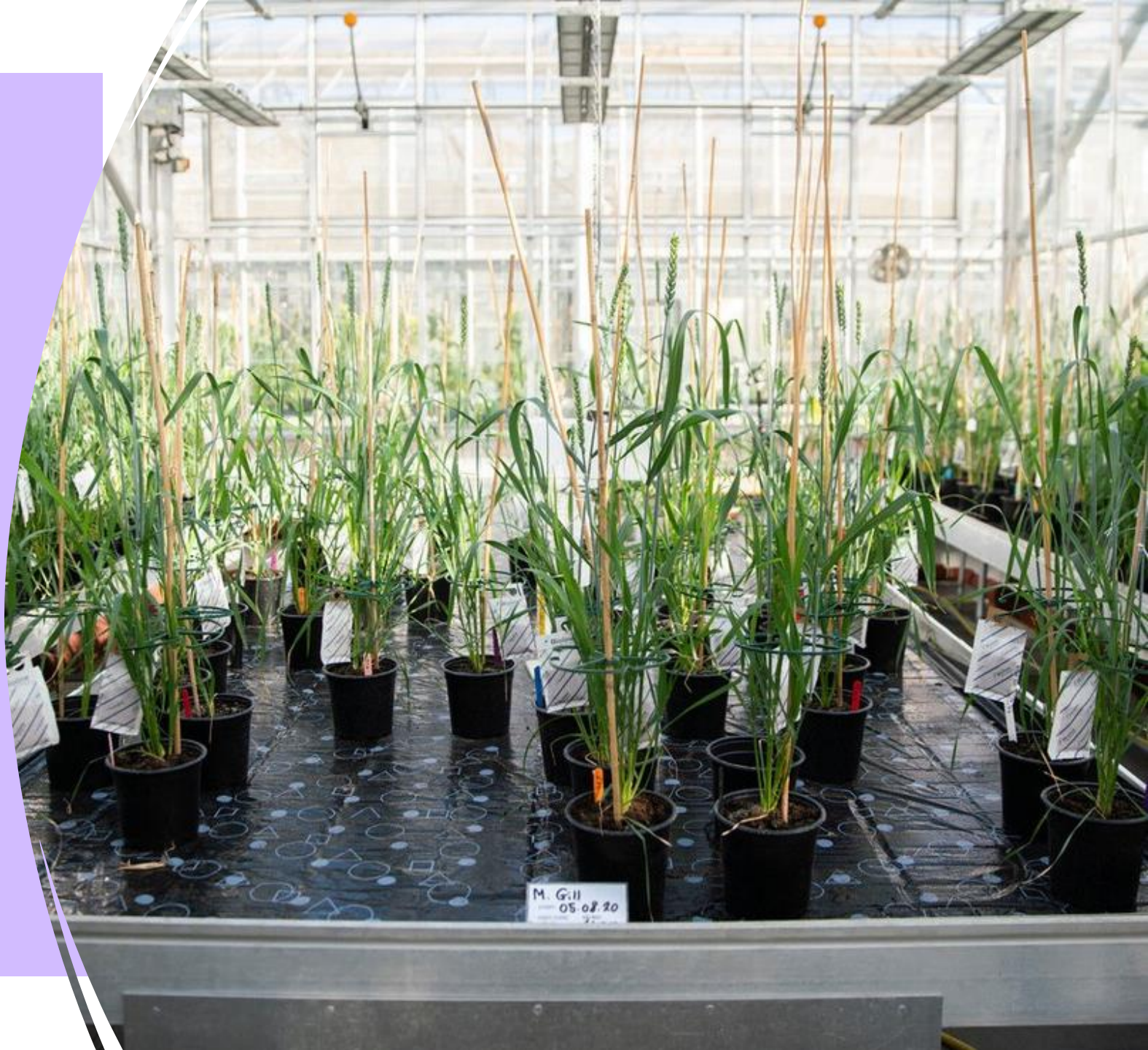
Opens: 20th April 2027

Deadline: 22nd Sept 2027

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-01:	Integrating Remote Sensing and in-situ observations of Biodiversity, towards a fully interoperable observation and data framework	RIA	10	~5	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-02:	Science-policy support to the implementation of EU and global biodiversity policies and strategies	CSA	7	~7	1
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-03:	Technical innovation to protect ecosystems and to scale up their restoration	IA	14	~7	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-04:	Living Labs for the eradication and/or management of invasive alien species.	RIA	24	~8	3
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-05:	Accelerating the transition to a nature positive economy: Integrating biodiversity into the private sector	RIA	14	~7	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-06:	Living labs driving transformative change via knowledge integration and inclusive governance	RIA	14	~7	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-07:	Health of ecosystems and wild species, predictions and impacts on human health, in the face of existing and emerging stressors, from a One Health approach	RIA	14	~7	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-08:	Fostering common farmland birds and mammals for resilient food production systems	RIA	12	~6	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-09:	Enhancing the competitiveness of organic crop breeding: focus on intercropping adapted varieties	RIA	12	~6	2

Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption

Support food production all the way through the supply chain to consumption. This considers health impacts from diets and the social considerations around consumer behaviour and how that can be used to promote healthy choices.



Cluster 6 FARM2FORK single stage call opportunities 2027

Opens: 20th April 2027

Deadline: 23rd Sept 2027

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-01	Increasing the resilience of agriculture in water and nutrient-scarce environments through digital innovations	RIA	12.00	6.00	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-02	Increasing mitigation of GHG emissions and feed efficiency through feed additives	IA	12.00	6.00	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-03	Microbiome for terrestrial livestock sustainability and health within a One Health approach	RIA	12.00	6.00	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-04	Improving understanding of the contribution of the organic farming sector to sustainability	CSA	6.00	6.00	1
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-05	Enhancing farmer's profitability and resilience through innovations for diversified crops and value chains	IA	12.00	6.00	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-06	Unleashing the potential of sustainable small scale aquatic food production and recreational fisheries for prosperous local communities	IA	10.00	5.00	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-07	Towards commercialization of food systems microbiome solutions	IA	15.50	7.00	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-08	AI-powered foodome characterization	IA	7.80	7.80	1
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-09	African Union – European Union Partnership on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA)	CSA	6.75	6.75	1

Cluster 6 FARM2FORK two stage call opportunities 2027

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-01-two-stage	Strengthening plant health: addressing emerging plant pest risks	RIA	12.00	6.00	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-02-two-stage	Optimising the water-nutrient energy nexus for sustainable and climate smart agriculture in Africa (FNSSA)	RIA	12.00	6.00	2

Opens: 04th Feb 2027

Deadline 1st stage : 08th April 2027

Deadline 2nd stage: 14th Sept 2027



Circular Economy and Bioeconomy Sectors

The need to maximise the reach of the bioeconomy sectors and the circular economy is essential.

This will help us to reduce our environmental impact and improve our resource use and efficiency.

This is a fundamental part of the EU Green Deal approach to sustainable economic growth.



Cluster 6 CIRCBIO single stage call opportunities 2027

Opens: 20th April 2027

Deadline: 22nd Sept 2027

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-01	Enhancing ecodesign and circularity of consumer electronics	IA	10	5	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-02	Enhancing ecodesign and circularity of construction products	IA	10	5	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-03	Developing novel recycling technologies for complex plastic materials applying biotech solutions	RIA	10	5	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-04	Capacity building for extending product lifecycles through repair and refurbishment	RIA	9	4-5	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-05	Innovative circular solutions for end-of-life footwear through collection, sorting and recycling	RIA	9	4-5	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-06	Towards a Europe of Bioeconomy Places	RIA	12	6	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-07	Improving biomass flows for a sustainable and circular bioeconomy	IA	14	7	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-08	Biotechnology application for CCU	IA	12	6	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-09	Increasing the circularity of bio-based sector: upcycling and recycling for higher value and environmental benefits	IA	12	6	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-10	Strengthening forest research for the support of Ukraine	RIA	6	6	1

Cluster 6 CIRCBIO two stage call opportunities 2027

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-01-two-stage	Deploying circular systemic solutions through living labs in cities and regions (Circular Cities and Regions Initiative topic)	IA	10	5	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-02-two-stage	Open topic: Using the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative to strengthen urban manufacturing in support of the Clean Industrial Deal	IA	18	6	3

Opens: 04th Feb 2027

Deadline 1st stage : 08th April 2027

Deadline 2nd stage: 16th Sept 2027

Clean environment and zero pollution

Advance the knowledge of pollution sources and pathways to enable preventive measures, improve monitoring and control, apply planetary boundaries in practice and introduce effective remediation methods



Cluster 6 ZERO POLLUTION call opportunities 2027

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-01	Replacing hazardous substances in biocidal products	RIA	12.00	4.00	3
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-02	Developing effective air quality planning strategies through innovative multi-scale modelling	RIA	9.80	4.90	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-03	Improve the capacity to monitor and reduce air pollution from agriculture	RIA	12.00	6.00	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-04	Europe-wide environmental benchmarking system of the industrial bioeconomy sectors	CSA	3.00	3.00	1

Opens: 20th April 2027

Deadline: 22nd Sept 2027

Land, oceans and water for climate action

Address the climate change challenges that affect us all. It will promote behaviour change and management practices to assist in the transition to a low carbon economy.



Cluster 6 CLIMATE single stage call opportunities 2027

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01	Governance, sustainable development and international politics of a future ice-free Arctic	RIA	16	8	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-02	Strengthening evidence-based policies for the resilience of European agriculture and forestry and related supply chains against crises and systemic risks	RIA	12	6	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-03	Carbon farming innovation and scale-up	RIA	12	6	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-04	Unlocking a safe operating space for Antarctica and the Southern Ocean	RIA	22	11	2

Opens: 20th April 2027

Deadline: 23rd Sept 2027

Cluster 6 CLIMATE two stage call opportunities 2027

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01-two-stage	Open topic: Innovative solutions for the European Water Resilience Strategy	IA	11	5.5	2

Opens: 04th Feb 2027

Deadline 1st stage : 08th April 2027

Deadline 2nd stage: 14th Sept 2027

Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities

Our communities; urban, rural or coastal are key to the adoption and effectiveness of any intervention. Engagement and real collaborative working are essential to create more resilient communities to react to the challenges and transitions ahead.

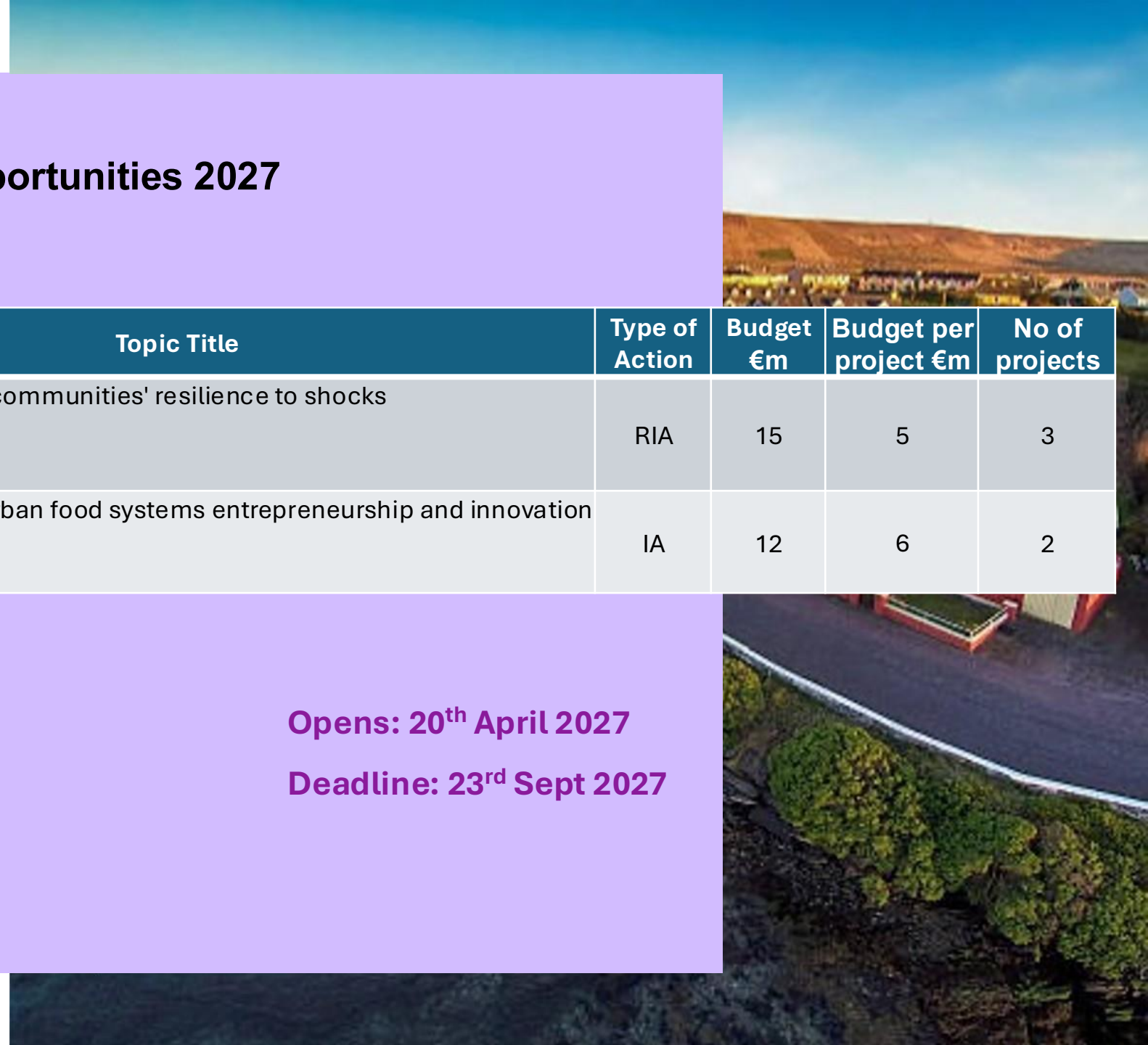


Cluster 6 COMMUNITIES call opportunities 2027

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES-01	Strengthening rural communities' resilience to shocks	RIA	15	5	3
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES-02	Empowering local urban food systems entrepreneurship and innovation	IA	12	6	2

Opens: 20th April 2027

Deadline: 23rd Sept 2027



Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal

Supports robust evidence using environmental observations and digital technologies, information gathering and networking and knowledge transfer. Evidence-based decision making, through to policy and governance is necessary to embed the R&I into actions to bring about transformative action across all sectors.



Cluster 6 GOVERNANCE call opportunities 2027

Opens: 04th Feb 2027

Deadline: 11th May 2027

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-01	Strengthening the resilience of European farmers through improved capacity in coping with risks and crises	RIA	12	6	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-02	Improving analytical capacity for sustainable competitiveness of the agricultural sector	RIA	6	6	1
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-03	International dimension of the circular biobased economy: seeking win-win opportunities	CSA	3	3	1
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-04	AI supporting informed advice for farmers and foresters to improve competitiveness and sustainability	IA	11.8	5-6	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-05	Increasing knowledge flows to practice within AKIS via EU thematic knowledge hubs	CSA	7	3.5	2
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-06	Fostering generational renewal in agriculture via EU advisory network	CSA	4.5	4.5	1
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-07	Strengthening strategic advice and synergies between EU and national Research and Innovation agendas and investments	CSA	4.75	4.75	1

Other opportunities

Links to work programmes and webinars giving call overviews:

- Ocean Mission - link, webinar.
- Soil Mission - link.
- NATURE calls - transformative change towards nature-positive economy and society – webinar.



EU Mission Call launch and deadlines 2027

Restore our Ocean and Waters

MISS-2027-03-OCEAN: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05

- Call opening 09 February 2027
- Deadline 21 September 2027

A Soil Deal for Europe

MISS-2027-05-SOIL two stage: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06

- Call opening 4 February 2027
- Deadline stage-1: 8 March 2027;
- Deadline stage-2: 14 Sept 2027



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EU Mission: Restore our Ocean and Waters - Main Features

Supports major EU policy objectives: EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030, EU Action Plan toward Zero pollution, the Communication on a Sustainable Blue Economy, The Nature restoration Law

Uses lighthouses: hubs for the development and deployment of transformative innovations:

- Atlantic and Arctic sea basin
- Baltic and North Sea basin
- Mediterranean sea basin
- Danube river basin

Cross-cutting enabling actions will support this objective.



Further information can be found here, including event recordings.
The current work programme 26/27

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Ocean Mission Opportunities 2027

Open: 09th Feb 2027
Deadline: 21st September 2027

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN-01	Increasing riparian and coastal areas resilience to climate change, including in waterfront cities and islands.	IA	35.70	8.00 to 8.925	4
HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN-02	Circularity of seafood supply chain	IA	30.90	7.20 to 7.725	4
HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN-03	Green, circular and resilient harbours	IA	11.90	5.50 to 5.95	2
HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN-04	Towards community-driven business models: coastal and freshwaters sustainable tourism	IA	6.0	1.00 to 1.50	4
HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN-05	Large-scale demonstration of protection, restoration and management of blue forest ecosystems in European sea basins	IA	15.90	3.50 to 3.975	4

EU Mission: A Soil Deal for Europe

The Soil Mission leads the transition towards healthy soils by funding an ambitious research and innovation programme with a strong social science component putting in place an effective network of 100 living labs and lighthouses to co-create knowledge, test solutions and demonstrate their value in real-life conditions developing a harmonised framework for soil monitoring in Europe, and raising awareness on the vital importance of soils.



Further information can be found here.

Soil Mission Opportunities 2027

Open: 04th Feb 2027
1st stage closing 08th March 2027
2nd stage closing: 14th September 2027

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-01-two-stage	Living labs to enhance soil health in Continental, Black Sea, Pannonian and Steppic biogeographical regions	RIA	24.00	12.00	2
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-02-two-stage	Living Labs for co-creating solutions to reduce eutrophication from agriculture	RIA	24.00	12.00	2
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-03-two-stage	Agroforestry for soil health at landscape level	IA	16.00	8.00	2
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-04-two-stage	Participatory research on the health of communities in contact with polluted soils	RIA	11.00	5.50	2
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-05-two-stage	Innovative biotechnologies to restore soil health and improve agricultural competitiveness and resilience	IA	12.80	6.40	2
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-06-two-stage	Long-term drivers and consequences of soil degradation: learning from the past to improve future soil health	RIA	7.00	7.00	1

NATURE calls - transformative change towards nature-positive economy and society

Acknowledging that humans are part of and fully dependent on nature, these calls support the European Commission's priorities:

- 'Sustaining our quality of life: food security, water and nature'
- 'A new plan for Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness'.

The NATURE Call supports additional research and innovation activities in the field of biodiversity across the entire Pillar II of Horizon Europe.

Protecting and restoring nature is the basis to build up Europe's resilience, economic risk reduction and strategic autonomy, preventing natural disasters and reducing risks to food security.

Addresses the need for sustained effort to maintain and restore healthy ecosystems with activities to support the implementation of the EU Nature Restoration Regulation, using living labs.

Proposals must follow the multi-actor approach (requirements laid out in the work programme).

"Supporting the objectives of the EU biodiversity strategy for 2030 and the EU vision for 2050"

For more info please see our Business connect NATURE page

NATURE Call launch and deadlines 2026/2027

NATURE-2027-01: 01, 02, 03

- Call opening 13 October 2026
- Deadline 14 January 2027

NATURE-2027-02: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05

- Call opening 13 October 2026
- Deadline 14 January 2027

NATURE-2027-03: 01

- Call opening 3 June 2027
- Deadline 16 September 2027

NATURE-2027-04: 01

- Call opening 6 October 2026
- Deadline 16 February 2027



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NATURE call 01

Opens: 13th October 2026

Deadline: 14th January 2027

Dates tbc

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-01	Understanding the nature and the extent of the effects of PFAS on biodiversity and ecosystem services. *SSH involvement*	RIA	11.45	~5.7	2
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-02	Better understanding, anticipating and addressing the biodiversity benefits and impacts of the clean and digital industries. *SSH involvement*	RIA	18	~6.0	3
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-03	Systemic approaches to accelerate transformative change for biodiversity. *MAA, FSTP, SSH involvement*	RIA	12	~4	3

The current work programme

Additional requirements:
All funded projects will form a cluster and be required to participate in networking and joint activities – dedicated work package.

NATURE call 02

Opens: 13th October 2026 - tbc

Deadline: 14th January 2027 -tbc

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-01	Assessing direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity decline of invertebrates. *Balanced portfolio, FSTP, SSH involvement*	RIA	15	~7.5	2
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-02	Living labs co-creating solutions for the restoration of ecosystems addressing implementation bottlenecks and improving resilience to risks. *MAA, Balanced portfolio, FSTP, SSH involvement*	RIA	60	~10	6
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-03	Networking to scale up living labs for nature restoration solutions and to address bottlenecks to implementation. *MAA, SSH involvement*	CSA	4	~4	1
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-04	Innovative solutions to fight wildlife trafficking and to reduce invasion of invasive alien species. *Expected to achieve TRL 6-7 , SSH involvement; specific beneficiary involvement*	IA	13	~13	1
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-05	Cost-effective biodiversity monitoring for EU policies. *Balanced portfolio*	RIA	~16	~5-6	3

The current work programme

Additional requirements (except HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-04): All funded projects will form a cluster and be required to participate in networking and joint activities – dedicated work package.

NATURE call 03

Opens: 3rd June 2027 - tbc

Deadline: 16th September 2027 - tbc

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-03-01	Advancing interdisciplinary, data-driven research at the biodiversity-health interface under a One Health approach.	RIA	20	~20	1

Additional requirements:
This funded project may have to join a cluster and be required to participate in networking and joint activities – dedicated work package (TBC).

The current work programme

NATURE call 04

Opens: 6th October 2026 -tbc

Deadline: 16th February 2027 - tbc

Topic Ref Number HORIZON-	Topic Title	Type of Action	Budget €m	Budget per project €m	No of projects
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-04-01	A stronger Global Ocean Observing System to enhance Europe's strategic autonomy, climate resilience and biodiversity conservation.	IA	50	~50	1

The current work programme



Other opportunities

- Other clusters e.g. Cluster 4 - Digital Industry Space, Cluster 5 - Climate Energy and Mobility

- Other Missions eg
  - HORIZON-MISS-2027-06-SOIL-CANCER (Joint Call with the Cancer Mission):
  - HORIZON-NEB-2027-02-NEB-SOIL-01 (Joint Call with New European Bauhaus)

- Partnerships: CBE-JU, Water4All, Biodiversa+

- Horizon Europe info days across all Clusters and Missions



National Contact Points

UK NCP network - support for each area of Horizon Europe

International NCP network – support in Member States, Associated Countries and Third Countries

NCP services vary in each country, but typically include:



Informing, awareness raising – on Horizon Europe and other EU programmes



Assisting, advising and training – to improve the quality of Horizon Europe proposals



Signposting and cooperation – direct to relevant support and work with each other to support consortium development

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Next steps: Briefings & EC events

- UK NCP briefings
- Oceans and Freshwater opportunities
- NATURE & Biodiversity opportunities
- Cluster 6 – webinars covering all calls – Dec/Jan
- Soil & Oceans Missions – Jan 2027 date tbc
- EC Information Day – Cluster 6 register here
- CARE4BIO Brokerage Cluster 6 register here

- NATURE & Biodiversity – pm 27 October 2027 - online brokerage with Canada, NZ & Netherlands

EC Information Day Cluster 6 – 13-14 January 2027 and online

EC CARE4BIO CL6 Brokerage event – 15 January 2027 and online

Register for both here

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