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Call Fact Sheet

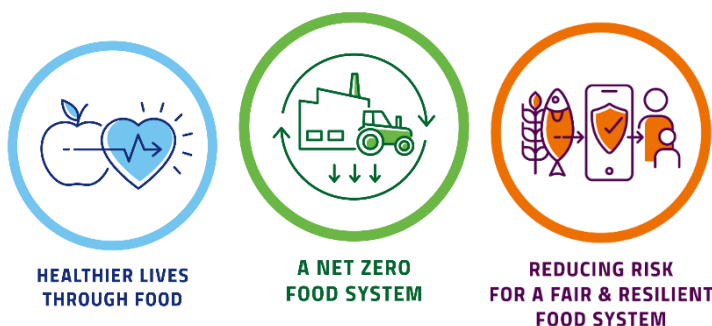
Title of Call	North of France Resilient Agriculture Landscape
Objective and Scope	This call aims to recruit implementation partners to deliver the France Resilient Agriculture Landscape, an initiative that focuses on accelerating the transition towards resilient and regenerative agricultural systems in the regions of Hauts-de-France, Marne and Aube. Selected implementing participants will contribute to the operational delivery of activities including: • Soil sampling and laboratory analysis • Farmer training and advisory support • Scientific analysis of soil and farm practice data • Testing innovative monitoring tools and technologies for regenerative agriculture • Coordination of landscape activities and stakeholder engagement
Call Deadline	15th June 2026 12:00 CET
Available Funding	€1,500,000
Project Duration	2027-2029
How to apply	MyEITFood
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1. Introduction

EIT Food is the world's largest food innovation community, creating connections right across the food system. Supported by the European Union (EU), we invest in projects, organisations and individuals which share our goals for a healthy and sustainable food system.

We have built a unique not-for-profit business to carry out transformative programmes in skills, education, entrepreneurship, start-up investment and communications. We deliver these programmes in partnership with our members to create a culture and build a community which sees the long-term value in the food innovation we fund.

Our Missions



EIT Food's Missions respond to major societal challenges within the food system. The alignment of our chosen challenges towards United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and EU policy

is detailed in our main funding [strategy document](#) agreed with EIT (European Institute of Innovation & Technology). For more about our Missions-led approach please visit [our website](#).

2. Adding Implementing Participants to France Resilient Agriculture Landscape

This EIT Food Request for Implementing Participants aims to recruit organisations to deliver operational activities within the **North of France Resilient Agriculture Landscape**, part of the **EIT Food Resilient Agriculture Landscape Portfolio**.

The France landscape focuses on accelerating the transition towards **resilient and regenerative agricultural systems** in the regions of **Hauts-de-France, Marne and Aube**, while generating robust environmental datasets linking soil health indicators with agricultural practices.

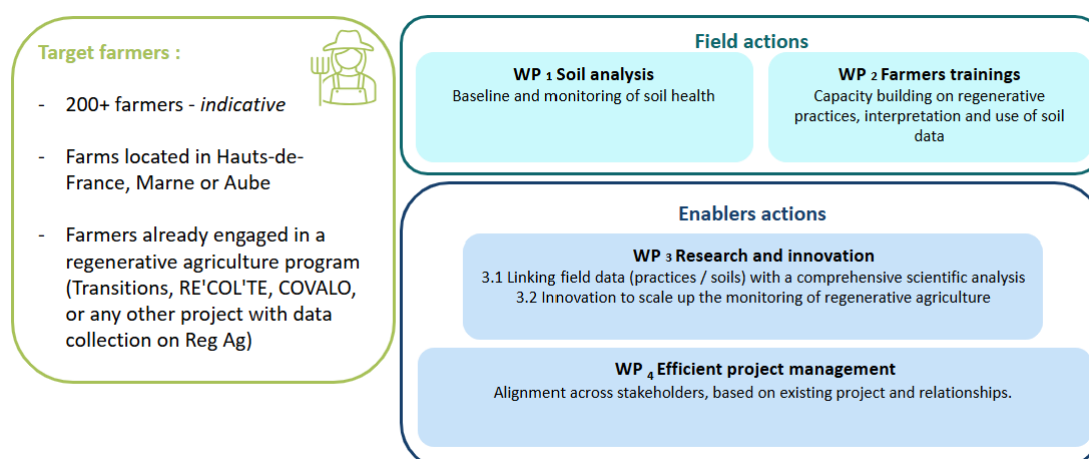
The initiative builds on existing regional programmes and farmer engagement in regenerative agriculture. Rather than creating a new standalone programme, the landscape seeks to **strengthen and complement ongoing initiatives**, supporting farmers already engaged in regenerative practices and generating high-quality, auditable data for value chain actors.

Activities will be delivered through a consortium of implementation partners coordinated locally, while contributing to the broader European portfolio of regenerative agriculture landscapes coordinated by **EIT Food**.

2.1. Description of Activities

Governance Structure of the Landscape

The France Resilient Agriculture Landscape will operate under a **multi-level governance structure** aligned with the EIT Food Resilient Agriculture Landscape Portfolio.



Landscape Portfolio Orchestrator – EIT Food

EIT Food acts as the **Landscape Portfolio Orchestrator**, responsible for ensuring alignment between the North of France Resilient Agriculture Landscape and the broader European portfolio of landscapes.

EIT Food provides strategic oversight and ensures consistency across landscapes in areas such as:

- Governance and coordination
- Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) alignment
- Impact measurement frameworks
- Corporate engagement models
- Innovation pipelines and cross-landscape learning

EIT Food will also facilitate knowledge exchange and coordination between landscapes across Europe.

Work Package Structure

Operational activities within the landscape will be delivered through specialised partners responsible for the work packages described below.

Applications should be from complete consortia including parties responsible for **all 4 work packages**. Each role described below corresponds to one of the operational work packages within the landscape.

WP1 – Soil Analysis

This work package focuses on establishing reliable measurements of soil health across participating farms and generating datasets that link soil parameters with agricultural practices.

Activities may include:

- Soil sampling campaigns on participating farms
- Laboratory analysis of soil parameters such as soil carbon, particle size distribution, microbial indicators and organic matter dynamics
- Collection of data on agricultural practices implemented by farmers
- Generation of datasets enabling the analysis of relationships between soil parameters and regenerative agricultural practices

These activities will contribute to building robust datasets that can support agronomic improvement, environmental reporting and value-chain transparency.

Potential partners may include **soil laboratories, soil sampling organisations or technical service providers specialised in soil analysis**.

WP2 – Farmer Training

This work package focuses on strengthening farmers' capacity to understand soil health indicators and improve regenerative agricultural practices.

Activities may include:

- Delivery of collective training sessions for farmers
- Individual advisory support to farmers
- Field visits and demonstration activities
- Interpretation of soil analysis results

These activities aim to help farmers better understand soil health dynamics and integrate soil data into farm decision-making.

Potential partners may include **agronomic advisory organisations, training providers, farmer networks or agricultural extension services.**

WP3 – Research and Innovation

This work package focuses on analysing the datasets generated through the landscape and supporting the development and testing of innovative tools capable of scaling regenerative agriculture monitoring.

Two main areas of activity are expected.

Scientific analysis of soil and farm practice data

Activities may include:

- Defining soil analysis parameters and minimum required datasets
- Verification and cleaning of datasets generated through the landscape
- Statistical analysis linking soil parameters with agricultural practices
- Development of scientific insights on regenerative agriculture outcomes
- Dissemination of results through reports, presentations or publications

Innovation for regenerative agriculture monitoring

Activities may include:

- Testing innovative tools and technologies capable of monitoring regenerative agriculture outcomes
- Deploying digital solutions to facilitate data collection and monitoring
- Applying artificial intelligence to analyse agricultural datasets
- Testing new indicators such as biodiversity or DNA-based metrics

These activities aim to support the development of scalable monitoring solutions for regenerative agriculture.

Potential partners may include **research institutes, universities, agri-tech startups or innovation organisations.**

WP4 – Overall Project Management

This work package focuses on ensuring effective coordination, governance and operational delivery of the France Resilient Agriculture Landscape.

The organisation responsible for this work package will act as the **Landscape Implementation Coordinator (PMO)**.

Responsibilities include:

- Coordinating implementation partners involved in the landscape
- Ensuring alignment between work packages and project objectives
- Managing project planning and operational timelines
- Supporting governance and stakeholder engagement
- Managing reporting obligations towards EIT Food
- Coordinating collaboration with corporate partners and regional stakeholders

As the landscape builds on existing initiatives, project management may remain relatively light-touch. However, a strong coordinating organisation is required to ensure effective collaboration between stakeholders and alignment with the broader **EIT Food Resilient Agriculture Landscape Portfolio**.

Potential partners may include **regional organisations, project management organisations or agricultural ecosystem actors with strong local networks**.

Steering Committee

A **Landscape Steering Committee** will be established to guide the strategic direction of the initiative.

The committee will include representatives from:

- EIT Food
- Corporate partners
- Landscape Implementation Coordinator

The committee will ensure alignment with the EIT Food Landscape Portfolio and facilitate coordination between stakeholders.

2.2. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

All **EIT Food funded** projects should achieve relevant Core Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). For the France Resilient Agriculture Landscape, the main KPIs are:

Code	KPI	KPI Definition
EITHE07	Participants in labelled training	Farmers, advisors and stakeholders participating in training and capacity building activities delivered through the landscape.

Landscape KPI	Farmers engaged	Number of farmers participating in landscape
Landscape KPI	Soil analyses conducted	Number of soil sampling campaigns and laboratory analyses conducted across participating farms
Landscape KPI	Knowledge outputs generated	Scientific or technical outputs generated through research and innovation activities

Please note: At the end of the funding period, EIT Food requires specific structured data and documentation to verify the achievement of KPIs. Grantees must report their KPI achievements through the grant management tool and ensure that all required structured data and supporting evidence is submitted in accordance with the guidelines provided (see [EIT Food KPI Guidance Document](#) for details).

2.3. Deliverables and Milestones

Grant recipients must submit project deliverables demonstrating the successful implementation of the France Resilient Agriculture Landscape.

Work Package	Deliverable	Description
WP1 – Soil Analysis	Soil sampling campaigns completed	Implementation of soil sampling campaigns across participating farms according to the agreed sampling protocol
	Laboratory soil analysis reports	Delivery of laboratory reports covering agreed soil health parameters
	Soil health datasets generated	Structured datasets linking soil parameters with agricultural practices implemented by participating farmers
WP2 – Farmer Training	Training sessions delivered	Delivery of training sessions and workshops for farmers and relevant stakeholders
	Educational materials produced	Development of training and educational materials supporting interpretation of soil analysis results
	Farmer participation documented	Documentation of farmer participation in training and capacity building activities
WP3 – Research and Innovation	Scientific data analysis completed	Analysis of soil and agricultural practice datasets generated through the landscape
	Research and analysis reports	Reports analysing links between soil health indicators and regenerative agricultural practices
	Innovation pilots implemented	Results from innovation pilots and testing of monitoring technologies within the landscape
WP4 – Project Management	Annual technical and financial reports	Submission of annual technical and financial reports to EIT Food
	Coordination and governance activities	Coordination of activities across partners and facilitation of stakeholder engagement
	Governance documentation	Documentation related to governance, steering committee meetings and stakeholder engagement

Milestones and deliverables will be further detailed in the Grant Agreement, including timelines, formats and reporting requirements, in line with EIT Food grant management procedures.

Grant recipients have obligations on communication, dissemination and visibility rules. Please see Article 17 of the [Model Grant Agreement](#) and EIT Food's [Brand Guidelines](#).

Grant recipients must adhere to [EIT Food Intellectual Property's \(IP\) Policy](#) which complies with the IP provisions outlined in Article 16 of the Horizon Europe [Model Grant Agreement](#).

3. Description of Role & Profile

EIT Food seeks organisations with relevant expertise and strong connections to the agricultural ecosystem.

Potential applicants may include:

- Soil laboratories and soil analysis providers
- Agronomic advisory organisations and farmer training providers
- Agricultural research institutes or universities
- Agri-tech companies developing innovative monitoring tools
- Regional organisations experienced in coordinating agricultural sustainability initiatives

Applicants should demonstrate:

- Proven experience delivering projects related to agriculture, soil health or sustainability
- Strong connections with farmers and agricultural stakeholders
- Capacity to generate reliable environmental datasets and measurable impact
- Ability to collaborate within multi-stakeholder projects involving corporates, research organisations and technical partners

Preference will be given to organisations with **experience working directly with farmers engaged in regenerative or sustainable agriculture initiatives**.

4. Funding

This is a co-funded initiative between EIT Food and corporate partners. The total budget for this call is 1,500,000€. **EIT Food contribution to this call is up to €750,000, with corporate offtakers contributing at least €750,000.** Both EIT Food and corporate offtakers each commit to dedicating an additional 9% to cover overhead and other costs of the project. Corporates may bring additional funding. Higher corporate funding will be positively evaluated. Any additional corporate resources may be distributed at a later stage to selected participants, subject to demonstrated good performance and increase in KPIs. Implementing participant recipients will receive a subgrant to fund their cost.

A template for the Collaboration Agreement is attached to this Call as an Annex and will be negotiated between EIT Food and corporate offtakers in the selected Schemes. Please note, the Call award is contingent on the signing of this agreement between EIT Food and corporate offtakers as co-financing parties.

The project runs from January 2027 to December 2029. The maximum funding available for that period per application is 1,500,000€ (actual costs).

There is a 6 million EUR limit per participants from Member States of the European Union (EU) and from [Horizon Europe Associate Countries](#) for the whole 3-year Grant Agreement. Legal entities from non- Horizon Europe Associate countries can participate in consortia but are limited to funding of 60 000 over 3 years for a Grant Agreement. This funding is implemented under GA 101269771. In those limits are included all the EIT Funding awarded to an organization across all the activities and prizes for the 3-year grant agreement.

The Subgrant is based on actual costs and value for money. All costs, including co-funding, need to comply with Horizon Europe regulations regarding the eligibility of expenses. Please refer to Article 6 of the [Model Grant Agreement](#) and the [Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#).

In addition to the guidance provided by Horizon Europe, the proposals must comply with the following maximum thresholds:

- Subcontracting can amount to a maximum of 20% of total costs.
- Participants are not permitted to give a subgrant to another third party.

4.1. Financial Sustainability

Like other initiatives within the [EIT Food Resilient Innovation Portfolio](#), this project is based on a co-investment model that brings together public and corporate funding through strategic matchmaking.

EIT Food provides catalytic funding, and acts as the **portfolio orchestrator**, supporting coordination across landscapes, harmonised MRV systems, and corporate engagement frameworks.

This portfolio-level coordination enables corporate partners and implementation partners to benefit from **shared infrastructure, knowledge exchange and cross-landscape benchmarking**.

EIT Food budget which is ideally exceeded by contributions from participating corporates.

5. Call Timeline and Application

5.1 Timeline

This funding opportunity follows the timeline below:

Call Open Date	13 th April 2026
Call Deadline	15 th June 2026 12:00 CET
Evaluation	15-30 th June 2026
Communication to selected participants	01 st July 2026
Standstill period, Onboarding, Validation and Contracting	01 st September 2026
Indicative start of project implementation	January 2027

The standstill period is a set time after funding selection for appeals, final administrative checks, and compliance in the award process. The project cannot start before this period. The standstill period of 30 days applies to this call.

5.2 Application Submission

Applications must be submitted via [MyEITFood Portal](#), no later than the call deadline.

6. Eligibility, Evaluation and Selection Process

6.1 Eligibility

This call is open to all consortia that meet the requirements of all work packages. Please read Annex 1, in addition to the following eligibility criteria:

Organisation Eligibility	Each implementing participant must:
	• Be a legally incorporated entity in one of the EU or Horizon Europe eligible country listed above for a minimum of X years. • Provide a PIC Number: https://www.eitfood.eu/files/PIC-Guidance.pdf • Consortium composition: at least one laboratory, one trainer organization, one research and innovation company specialised in measuring soil data and one implementor • Landscape established in Hauts de France, Marne and Aube regions
Application Eligibility	Each application must:
	• Be complete, with all mandatory application documents <i>including support letters from at least four (4) corporate partners</i> confirming their intention to participate in and co-finance the France Resilient Agriculture Landscape. • Be submitted on time via our submission template. • Be fully written in English.

Equal opportunity: The call is open to all applicants, including those without an existing partnership agreement with EIT Food. All members of the KIC Partnership (as defined in the Partnership Agreement) shall have equal opportunity to participate in this funding opportunity.

6.2 Evaluation Process

All submitted applications will undergo an eligibility check and evaluation to determine their feasibility and suitability for funding opportunity.

During the eligibility check, if EIT Food identifies obvious or technical errors in a proposal, applicant will have the opportunity to correct or resubmit their proposal within three (3) calendar days following the call submission deadline. Such errors may include system malfunctions, typos, or missing supporting documents.

The correction window is intended to ensure that these issues do not unduly affect the evaluation of otherwise eligible proposals. Please note that this opportunity is strictly limited to rectifying technical errors and does not permit substantive modifications to the proposal content.

The evaluation will be conducted by a minimum of 3 external evaluators and 1 internal evaluator, based on the criteria below.

All external evaluators have been selected in an open and transparent process. All evaluators, both internal and external, are trained extensively on the European Union's Code of Conduct for Evaluators, namely on the importance of transparency, fair treatment of all applicants, confidentiality and how to avoid conflict of interest. Evaluators must contractually agree to recuse themselves in the event of a conflict of interest. EIT Food aims for representation of either women or men not falling below 40% as a parity threshold within evaluation committees.

6.2.1. Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria and weighting will be used in the assessment:

Criteria	Sub criteria	Score
<i>Excellence (30%)</i>	- The experience of the consortium in delivering regenerative agriculture projects - The strength of the consortium's presence in France and connection to the agricultural ecosystem - How strong is the track record of the implementors in working with corporates to deliver change on farm	1-5
<i>Impact (20%)</i>	- The number of corporates/hectares/farmers brought to the project - How effectively do they bring stability and reliance into the project (e.g. existing relationships) - How effective are the proposed transitions in improving soil data monitoring	1-5
<i>Quality and efficiency of the implementation (20%)</i>	- How successfully do they interoperate - Innovative soil measurement to the project - Strength of workplan including timelines, risk mitigation - Value for money, including level of corporate co-financing brought to the project	1-5
<i>KIC portfolio strategic fit and compliance with the financial sustainability principles and knowledge triangle integration (20%)</i>	- Overall fit to EIT Food portfolio and strategic priorities - Level of co-financing brought by corporates - Contribution of the proposed landscape to the EIT Food European landscape portfolio, including willingness to adopt shared MRV standards, governance frameworks, and cross-landscape learning mechanisms.	1-5

Each evaluation sub-criterion will be scored from 1 to 5 using the following scoring system.

The quality threshold for selection is a total weighted score of 3.5. The top highest-scoring applications will be selected.

Score		Description
1	Poor	The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses
2	Fair	Application broadly addresses the criterion but there are significant weaknesses

3	Good	Application addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present
4	Very good	Application addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present
5	Excellent	Application successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

All applicants will be alerted in writing to the outcome of their proposal.

The recipients of EIT Funding must take all measures to promote equal opportunities between men and women in the implementation of the action and, where applicable, in line with the gender equality plan. They must aim, to the extent possible, for a gender balance at all levels of personnel assigned to the action, including at supervisory and managerial level.

6.3 Appeal on Evaluation Results

Applicants can submit an appeal within 15 calendar days of receiving their result, if:

- The evaluation of their proposal has not been carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in this document.

For more details, please refer to [EIT Food Redress guidance](#).

7. Administrative Items

7.1 Onboarding

Entities that have never been part of projects funded by the EIT Food and that do not have a PIC validated by the Research Executive Agency (REA) of the European Commission will be subject to a PIC validation process managed by the EIT Community Onboarding Service. All validated entities will proceed with the signature of legal agreements with EIT Food.

As part of the onboarding process, selected entities must:

- Sign and submit the Declaration of Size.
- Sign and submit the Financial Information Form.
- Register on EIT Food grants management platform.

Additionally, EIT Food reserves the right to request the EIT Community Onboarding Service a Financial Assessment Capacity to check the financial capacity of any entity of a selected proposal. In such case, EIT Food may require:

- an enhanced financial responsibility regime, i.e. joint and several liability for all subgrantees or joint and several liabilities of Affiliated Entities if any
- prefinancing paid in instalments (multiple/additional prefinancing)
- (one or more) prefinancing guarantees

or

- propose no prefinancing or
- request that the entity be replaced or, if needed, might reject the entire proposal

In other words, if the assessment results are not satisfactory, the EIT Food might reject the participation of this entity and will then check whether the proposal is still eligible.

For further information on the project implementation, please read the [EIT Food Activity Implementation Guidelines for Participants](#).

7.2 EIT Food Legal Framework & Legal Documents to be signed

Selected applicants will receive a second communication with instructions regarding the completion of the following documents, as well as agreeing to EIT Food's conflict of interest policy:

To be signed between the participant and EIT Food:

If cost-based call:

1. **Framework Agreement**
2. **Kava Contract**

It is highly recommended that this document be signed by all members of the consortium:

Consortium Agreement. It is suggested to consider using the [DESCA](#) model as a framework for the consortium agreement.

A Collaboration Agreement will also be signed by the corporate offtakers and EIT Food.

Any other legal agreements to make this grant eligible.

7.3 Payment Schedule

EIT Food will transfer funding in instalments. A proportion of the Activity budget will be prefinanced, with subsequent payments being linked to the completion of deliverables, EIT label award, and accountable KPIs. The majority of the grant will be transferred at the end of the Activity, once eligible costs have been determined and following the completion of final Activity reporting and the fulfilment of all obligations specified in the Project Agreement.

Please note: the amount and timing of funding is dependent on the dispersal of funds to EIT Food from the EIT.

7.4 Monitoring

The project will be monitored and may be audited. All Activities selected for funding undergo continuous monitoring by EIT Food to ensure effective progress and implementation in accordance with the Project Agreement.

EIT Food may request regular reporting of actual costs incurred with the subgrant, as well as regular reporting of KPIs and deliverables, together with the supporting documentation. The monitoring process may result in an amendment to the Activity workplan and/or budget.

In the case of under-performance, significant delay of implementation, misconduct, misalignment with the project specifications in the grant management system or any other reason jeopardizing the

timely implementation of the Activity identified during the monitoring process, EIT Food reserves the right to discontinue or restructure the funding of the Activity at any point during the Activity duration.

A formal ex-post impact assessment within at least five years of the end of the activity and its outputs is required for each activity, including those implemented by third parties.

7.5 Support

If you have any questions about this Request for Implementing Participants, please contact laura.lopezcortijo@eitfood.eu.

Please visit our website for any updates to this call and information about upcoming events to support your application. You will also find our list of Frequently Asked Questions.

ANNEX 1 – Eligibility

Please Note:

1. Failing any of the above call specific criteria will make your application ineligible. If an applicant is ineligible, the participant will be informed.

2. [According to EU policies and measures](#), Russian and Belarus entities will not be authorised to participate in any new grant under the EU Research and Innovation programmes. This ban applies not only to their potential participation as beneficiaries, but to their potential participation in any kind of role: beneficiaries, linked third parties/affiliated entities, subcontractors, in-kind contributors, international partners/associated partners, and third parties receiving financial support. Find the full statement from the European Commission [here](#).

3. Pursuant to Article 2 (2) of the [Decision 2022/2506](#) of 15 December 2022 on measures for the protection of the Union budget against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary *where the Commission implements the Union budget in direct or indirect management pursuant to of Article 62(1) points (a) and (c), of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, no legal commitments shall be entered into with any public interest trust established on the basis of the Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity maintained by such a public interest trust*. This prohibition applies to financial support to third parties (sub-grants and prizes), hence the proposal of any entity or group of entities where a Participant is included in the list of public interest trusts shall be considered as not eligible.

4. Applicants will be deemed ineligible if:

a. bankrupt, subject to insolvency or winding-up procedures, where its assets are being administered by a liquidator or by a court, where it is in an arrangement with creditors, where its business Activities are suspended, or where it is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for under national laws or regulations;

b. it has been established by a final judgment or a final administrative decision that the organisation is in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in accordance with the applicable law;

- c. it has been established by a final judgment or a final administrative decision that the organisation is guilty of grave professional misconduct by having violated applicable laws or regulations or ethical standards of the profession to which the organisation belongs, or by having engaged in any wrongful conduct which has an impact on its professional credibility where such conduct denotes a wrongful intent or gross negligence;
- d. is found to be attempting to influence the decision-making process of the call during the process;
- e. attempting to obtain confidential information that may confer upon its undue advantages in the call process;
- f. it has been established by a final judgment that the organisation is guilty of fraud, corruption or money laundering.