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1. Introduction

1. About EIT Food - Vision and focus

Over the next decade, we will advocate for a bold transformation of Europe's food system, so that future generations can eat healthy, sustainable food. Through our community, we will fundamentally redesign the way food is produced, distributed, and consumed, so that by 2030 we have viable pathways to transformation at scale, and by 2035 we see tangible change across the food value chain.

Supported by the EU, we invest in projects, organisations and individuals that share our goals for a healthy and sustainable food system. Our innovation projects are delivered with a combination of industry, education and research partners to improve environmental and health outcomes by developing solutions that align with our missions and priority areas:

1. Healthier Lives Through Food

We will make a material difference to quality of life by enabling more consumers to have better choices through access to affordable, healthier food products and actionable information.

2. Food System Resilience

We'll improve food security and safety for consumers everywhere by enabling and establishing resilient and dependable digitally enabled food supply chains.

3. Net Zero Food System

We will enable the transition to a net zero food system, measuring and quantifying the change through reduced CO2 equivalent emissions.

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. Overview of key information on the call

Call ID	Lower Silesia 360° Integrated Farm Advisory Implementation
Call opening and deadline for applications	Call opening: August 14th 2026 Deadline for applications: October 14th 2026, 12:00 CET
Evaluation and implementation timeline (indicative)	Evaluation of proposals: October 15-22, 2026 Interviews/Panels/Pitch: 23 October, 2026 Communication of results to applicants: October 28, 2026 <i>Following notification of results, onboarding, validation and contracting are expected to be completed before the intended activity start date of 1 January 2027.</i> Start of the project: January 1 st , 2027 End of the project: December 31 st , 2028 with possibility of extension.
Maximum funding allocated to this call	The maximum funding allocated to this Call is up to EUR 910,786 . EIT Food expects to fund one proposal

List of call documents	Application form as available on the submission platform: MyEITFood Portal Budget template Other relevant documents available at call webpage in EIT Food Open Calls .
Topics to be addressed	Integrated implementation of farmer recruitment and continuity, regenerative agronomic support, Transition Plans, farmer training, farm data readiness and platform input, MRV-aligned soil sampling, demonstration farm days, peer learning and landscape implementation learning in Lower Silesia 360 during 2027–2028.
Contact point Q&A	Przemek Adolf przemek.adolf@eitfood.eu
Further information to interested applicants	Information session will be scheduled via the EIT Food website.

3. Description of the subject matter of the call

1. Purpose and scope of activities

The challenge

Lower Silesia 360°, launched in October 2025, must move from an initial farmer cohort to an integrated and scalable farmer-transition model. The challenge is to maintain continuity for participating farms, expand farmer and hectare coverage, translate project MRV requirements into practical implementation, and strengthen regional capability for long-term regenerative transition.

EIT Food therefore invites applicants to propose an integrated activity combining trusted farmer engagement, regenerative agronomy, practical training, farm Transition Plans, data readiness, soil-sampling implementation, demonstration activities and peer learning. Proposals should explain how these functions will operate as one coherent farmer journey while complementing, rather than duplicating, the project's separately contracted MRV infrastructure.

EIT Food invites proposals from a legal entity or an applicant consortium capable of implementing an integrated, farmer-facing activity for the Lower Silesia 360° landscape in 2027 and 2028. Applicants are expected to propose a coherent implementation approach that solves the challenge of continuity and scale: taking over the 2026 farmer cohort while expanding advisory, training, recruitment, data, soil-sampling and peer-learning activities as farmer and hectare coverage grows.

As part of its [Resilient Agriculture Portfolio](#), EIT Food is developing regenerative landscapes across Europe. The [Lower Silesia 360°](#) landscape launched October 2025 and currently planned to run until the end of 2028, targets 2027 and 2028 for this call, with potential for extension. The landscape aims to engage up to 170 farmers and approximately 21,470 hectares by the end of 2028, subject to verified farmer recruitment, contracting, approved crop scope and annual governance decisions. The current crop scope comprises **sugar beet, malting barley, wheat, corn and oilseed rape**, other rotational crops may be included where approved by EIT Food, demonstrating demand by offtakers, and supported by the project methodology.

Farmers will be recruited through participating corporate offtakers' value chains and through advisory-led recruitment under this call. EIT Food has separately contracted a specialist MRV infrastructure to support data management, modelling, environmental assessment and reporting.

Applicants may distribute responsibilities across consortium members, but the proposal must present one integrated delivery model, one activity leader and clear accountability for entire scope of the proposal under this call. The solution should use existing approved project methodologies, records and systems as its starting point, avoiding unnecessary duplication.

The primary implementation area is the Lower Silesian Voivodeship. Farms in neighbouring Voivodeships may be included only where they fall within the approved landscape boundary, support an eligible offtaker supply chain and receive prior approval through project governance.

2. Target cohorts and growth

The selected applicant will inherit an active cohort of farmers. Its mobilisation plan must cover structured handover of farmer files, relationship continuity, status validation, Transition Plans, soil-sampling status, platform records, missing data, unresolved actions and farmer concerns. The applicant must distinguish inherited work from new-cohort onboarding and show how delivery will continue without avoidable disruption.

The figures below are landscape planning targets and expected contributions under the activity. They are not a guarantee that a specified number of eligible farms or hectares will be available. Final farmer lists, verified hectares, crop scope and data status will be confirmed through mobilisation and annual governance. Applicants must demonstrate the capacity and recruitment pathway required to achieve the stated applicant-led contribution and explain how the proposed activity can adapt to reasonable changes in annual volumes.

Year	Starting / inherited cohort	Landscape growth	Cumulative ambition
2027	Approximately 35 farms recruited in 2026, currently estimated at 6,560 hectares. Final transferred records will be confirmed during mobilisation.	65 new farmers through combined offtaker and applicant recruitment; 6,900 additional hectares. The selected applicant is expected to contribute at least 2,230 hectares through applicant-led recruitment, subject to eligible farmer availability and annual governance confirmation.	100 active farmers
2028	All retained farmers from the 2026 and 2027 cohorts.	70 new farmers through combined offtaker and applicant recruitment; 8,010 additional hectares. The selected applicant is expected to contribute at least 2,670 hectares through applicant-led recruitment, subject to eligible farmer availability and annual governance confirmation.	170 active farmers

3. Expected Outcomes

By the end of the activity, the selected proposal is expected to contribute to:

- continuity of support for the 2026 participating farmer cohort;
- growth toward the landscape's farmer and hectare ambitions;
- farm-specific regenerative Transition Plans that are implemented and reviewed over time;
- increased farmer capability and adoption of locally appropriate regenerative practices;
- complete and timely farm, field and practice data suitable for landscape MRV;
- successful implementation of the MRV-approved SOC sampling campaigns and the proportionate agronomic soil assessment required for farm Transition Plans;

- a functioning regional demonstration and peer-learning network;
- stronger coordination among farmers, advisers, offtakers, EIT Food and technical partners;
- a documented, scalable implementation model that can inform other EIT Food resilient landscapes;
- increased regional and national awareness, collaboration and knowledge exchange around practical regenerative agriculture implementation through farmer-focused communication, demonstration and outreach activities.

4. Main requirements for applicants

- The applicant must be a legally established entity, or a consortium led by such an entity, eligible for funding under the applicable Horizon Europe rules.
- The applicant or consortium must demonstrate at least three years of relevant organisational experience in agronomic advisory, farmer training or regenerative agriculture implementation in Poland.
- The proposal must demonstrate continuous Polish-language farmer-facing capacity across southwest Poland and English-language reporting capacity.
- The proposal must identify an Activity Leader, present one integrated operating model and assign clear responsibility for all activity areas A–H.
- Operational capacity to implement the MRV-approved SOC sampling campaigns and to develop and implement a proportionate agronomic soil-assessment methodology for Transition Plans.

5. Main requirements for project implementation

5.1. Activity Areas A-H

The following contribution areas form an indicative and non-exhaustive implementation framework. Applicants should propose their own coherent methodology, work plan, tasks and allocation of responsibilities while demonstrating adequate coverage of all eight areas. Proposals will be evaluated on the quality and credibility of the proposed solution, not on reproducing the structure below.

A. Planning and design

- Build on the landscape's existing methodologies, records, tools and materials, including the approved [SAI Platform-aligned](#) approach.
- Present a clear mobilisation and takeover approach for the approximately 35 farms recruited in 2026.
- Propose an integrated annual model for advisory support, recruitment, onboarding, training, data collection, soil sampling and demonstration activities.
- Align implementation with the agricultural calendar, farmer workload, MRV requirements and reporting deadlines.
- Describe the quality controls, coordination arrangements and learning cycle that will support consistent implementation and continuous improvement.
- Develop a coordinated regional and national communication, dissemination and stakeholder-engagement strategy using the applicant's networks and EIT Food's wider ecosystem. The strategy should be farmer-focused while also engaging farmer organisations, advisers, businesses, public authorities, research and education actors, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, and should be incorporated into the Communication, Dissemination and Outreach Plan.

B. Farmer recruitment and engagement

- Support the engagement, participation readiness and onboarding of 65 new farmers in 2027 and 70 new farmers in 2028 through offtaker referrals and applicant-led channels.
- Within the overall landscape targets, support applicant-led recruitment of at least 2,230 hectares in 2027 and 2,670 hectares in 2028.
- Present a credible recruitment pathway using trusted regional networks and clearly explain the underlying farmer, hectare and conversion assumptions.
- Apply the approved farmer, crop and plot eligibility requirements and provide farmers with clear, accurate information about participation.
- Maintain appropriate pipeline visibility while protecting farmer information and commercially sensitive offtaker data.
- Identify participation in other relevant agricultural, carbon, regenerative agriculture or sustainability schemes and escalate potential eligibility, claims, double-counting or data-overlap risks to EIT Food and the MRV consortium before onboarding.

C. Farmer onboarding and platform readiness

- Provide an effective onboarding pathway for both the inherited 2026 cohort and newly recruited farmers.
- Track each farm's participation status, field and crop scope, hectares, consents, data-sharing basis and relationship with the relevant offtaker or intermediary.
- Collect and validate the required field-boundary, historical, baseline and annual farm-management information required by the approved landscape MRV framework.
- Support the establishment and completion of farmer and farm records in the designated MRV project platform (MyEasyFarm) including collection and input of the data required to calculate the approved project indicators.
- Clearly distinguish farmer declarations, documentary evidence, advisor observations and any MRV-approved estimates or defaults required for reporting and audit.
- Apply the approved requirements for data access, security, retention, traceability and end-of-activity handover.

D. Advisory implementation and training

- Provide farm-specific agronomic support for regenerative transition across the relevant crops and rotations aligned with the SAI Platform.
- Complete or validate Transition Plans for the farms recruited in 2026 and prepare an initial Transition Plan for each newly onboarded farm.
- Review and update the Transition Plan for each active farm annually, reflecting farmer objectives, priority practices, feasibility, MRV results, risks and evidence needs.
- For each Transition Plan, identify and document the soil-health evidence used for farm diagnosis and recommendations, distinguishing recent farmer-provided laboratory analyses, results from the MRV SOC campaign, field observations, platform information and modelled or estimated outputs. The applicant must define the minimum soil parameters and evidence required for a credible Transition Plan and identify any additional testing needed where suitable existing information is unavailable.
- Provide at least two substantive on-farm advisory visits per active farmer per year, complemented by proportionate remote support
- Deliver at least four farmer group training sessions in 2027 and four in 2028, or propose an equivalent approach with clear justification. A substantive advisory visit must include farm-specific technical assessment, documented advice, agreed actions and an updated Farm Visit Report.
- Embed practical enterprise-focused learning and mentorship within training activities, enabling participants to test new ideas, strengthen problem-solving skills and build confidence to apply regenerative and innovative approaches in their own farming contexts.
- Use practical, participatory learning methods linked to seasonal decisions, Transition Plans and locally relevant implementation challenges.

E. Soil sampling

- Coordinate and implement the annual MRV SOC sampling campaign for the farms, LMUs and monitoring fields selected through the approved MRV Digital Soil Monitoring sampling design. The MRV consortium will define or approve the SOC methodology, strata, selected farms and LMUs, sampling points, depths, composite-sample requirements, quality-control points and replacement rules.
- Develop and implement a proportionate agronomic soil-assessment and sampling methodology to provide the soil information required for farm diagnosis and Transition Plans, including the minimum parameters, acceptance criteria for existing farmer analyses, field-selection approach, sampling frequency, laboratory requirements, farmer-facing outputs and arrangements for farms not included in the MRV SOC sampling map.
- Coordinate the advisory and MRV sampling campaigns with the MRV consortium and the designated laboratory so that farmer contact, field access, sample collection, transport and laboratory scheduling are combined where technically appropriate, while keeping the purpose, sample identification, analytical methods and results of the two campaigns clearly distinguishable.
- The methodology must prioritise suitable existing soil analyses, avoid unnecessary duplicate sampling and demonstrate value for money through targeted testing based on agronomic need.
- A soil-sampling visit may count towards the minimum advisory-visit requirement in D only where a qualified adviser also completes substantive farm-specific advisory work, documents recommendations and meets the Farm Visit Report requirements. Sampling activity alone does not constitute an advisory visit.
- Use the monitoring fields, sampling design and GPS points issued or approved by the MRV technical lead.
- Demonstrate access to appropriately trained personnel, field equipment, packaging and transport arrangements.
- Maintain traceable sampling records, including sample identification, location, collection details, chain of custody and laboratory receipt.
- Record and resolve inaccessible fields, deviations, rejected samples and replacement-sampling requirements.
- Transfer the required sampling metadata and evidence to the designated platform or secure repository.

F. Farmer data collection and platform input

- Propose an efficient farmer-facing process for collecting, validating and entering the required farm, field, crop, practice, input, yield and survey information.
- Schedule data collection around the agricultural calendar, entering required farmer and farm data into the designated MRV platform (MyEasyFarm), and complete corrections before the relevant annual data-freeze deadline following the relevant harvest period.
- Keep farmers informed and make reasonable effort to collect outstanding information, evidence requirements and applicable deadlines.
- Maintain clear visibility of data completeness and resolve platform validation issues and MRV queries within the agreed timelines.

G. Demonstration farms and peer learning

- Identify and engage three participating farms as demonstration and peer-learning hosts, representing relevant crops, farming systems and transition challenges.
- Present a practical demonstration plan for each farm, including the selected practices, learning objectives, evidence approach and indicative timing.
- Aim to activate the demonstration network progressively across 2027 and the first half of 2028, taking account of farmer agreement and seasonal conditions.
- Deliver at least two field or peer-learning events in 2027 and two in 2028.
- Use the demonstration farms to support farmer exchange, practical learning, advisor development and communication of locally relevant lessons.

- Use the demo farm events to connect farmer experience with regional and national stakeholders, sharing practical lessons that support wider collaboration, replication and uptake of regenerative agriculture.
- Contribute farmer mobilisation, technical content, case studies and implementation learning to the final Lower Silesia 360° landscape event in 2028.

H. Monitoring, quality, reporting and coordination

- Present a clear governance model with named responsibility for activity leadership, agronomy, recruitment, training, data, soil sampling, demonstration farms and data protection.
- Explain how the applicant will coordinate implementation with EIT Food, participating offtakers, appointed intermediaries and the MRV consortium.
- Prepare an annual integrated soil-sampling plan with EIT Food, the MRV consortium and the designated laboratory, covering farmer and field readiness, the MRV SOC campaign, additional advisory testing, combined fieldwork opportunities, laboratory capacity, result-delivery dates, responsibilities, costs and use of results in Transition Plans.
- Apply proportionate internal review to Transition Plans, farm-visit records, training materials, platform completeness, sampling evidence and reports.
- Maintain current risk, issue, dependency, decision and corrective-action records, with timely escalation of material implementation or data-protection incidents.
- Provide regular implementation, farmer-cohort, risk, budget, KPI and evidence reporting in the formats agreed with EIT Food.
- Capture practical learning on farmer recruitment, advisory capacity, practice adoption, farmer experience, MRV processes and opportunities for scaling the landscape.
- Implement and update the approved Communication, Dissemination and Outreach Plan, coordinating external messages, materials, approvals, consent requirements and visibility obligations with EIT Food.

5.2. Project duration and implementation

The indicative implementation period is 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2028. The selected applicant may not assume that activities or costs are eligible before the approved project start date and signature conditions are met. Implementation must follow the final Activity Plan, KAVA Contract, Framework Agreement and instructions available through EIT Food's grant management platform.

Applicants must implement the activity in line with gender equality, diversity and inclusion principles and must explain how these considerations are reflected in team arrangements, farmer access, training participation, communication and implementation quality.

Applicants must implement the activity in accordance with applicable gender equality, diversity and inclusion principles. Proposals must explain how these principles are reflected in team composition, farmer access, training participation, communication, safeguarding and implementation monitoring, in line with Annex 5 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement and the [EIT Gender Equality Policy and Action Plan 2025-2027](#).

5.3. Deliverables

The proposal must include the mandatory deliverables below. Applicants must add their own outputs, deliverables and milestones needed to evidence successful implementation, with owners, due dates, acceptance evidence and dependencies.

For this activity the deliverables include:

Deliverable	Due Date	Description
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D1 Mobilisation and Cohort Takeover Plan	M1	Sets out the governance, work-package structure, team responsibilities and implementation arrangements for the activity. Includes the review and status of the farmer cohort recruited in 2026; priority continuity actions; annual recruitment, advisory, training, data, soil-sampling and demonstration-farm plans; the proposed agronomic soil-assessment methodology and integrated sampling-readiness plan; key dependencies and risks; and coordination arrangements with EIT Food and the MRV consortium.
D2 Communication, Dissemination and Outreach Plan	M2	Defines the target audiences, objectives, messages, channels, responsibilities, timing and monitoring arrangements for communication, dissemination and outreach. Covers farmer recruitment and onboarding; engagement of inherited and new farmer cohorts; training, demonstration-farm and peer-learning activities; stakeholder coordination; project progress and implementation learning; and support for the final landscape event. Includes planned materials and evidence, consent and confidentiality safeguards, and compliance with EIT Food, EIT and EU visibility and branding requirements.
D3 2027 and 2028 Integrated Soil-Sampling Implementation Packages	M11 and M23	Completion of the 2027 and 2028 soil-sampling activities in coordination with the MRV consortium and designated laboratory. The applicant will implement the MRV-approved SOC sampling campaign and its approved agronomic soil-assessment methodology for Transition Plans, coordinating farmer access, sample collection, identification, transport and chain of custody. The deliverable must distinguish MRV SOC samples from advisory agronomic samples and document sampling coverage, laboratory receipt, results received, soil-information gaps, deviations and use of relevant findings in farm advice. Laboratory analysis, SOC modelling, validation and verification remain outside the applicant's responsibility.
D4 2027 annual farmer implementation and evidence package	M14	Provides a consolidated account of 2027 implementation progress, including inherited-cohort continuity, farmer and hectare recruitment, onboarding readiness, Transition Plan status, including the soil-health evidence basis used and any documented gaps requiring further assessment, advisory and training activity, platform and data completeness, demonstration-farm progress and delivery of at least two field or peer-learning events in 2027, risks, corrective actions, actual costs, KPI progress and supporting evidence. Identifies outstanding actions and priorities for the remainder of 2027
D5 2028 annual farmer implementation and evidence package	M23	Provides a consolidated account of implementation for the expanded 2028 cohort, including farmer retention and recruitment, hectares, onboarding, annual Transition Plan updates, including the soil-health evidence basis used and any documented gaps requiring further assessment, advisory and training activity, platform and data completeness, soil-sampling implementation, operation of the three-farm demonstration network and delivery of at least two field or peer-learning events in 2028, risks, corrective actions, actual costs, KPI progress and supporting evidence. Identifies outstanding actions requiring completion before final handover
D6 Final handover and landscape learning package	M24	Provides the final implementation record and structured handover for the activity. Includes the final status of participating farmers, fields, Transition Plans, data and evidence; an index of project records; outstanding continuity or closure actions; demonstration-farm and peer-learning legacy; KPI and delivery results; transferable lessons; and recommendations for future scaling of Lower Silesia 360° and other EIT Food resilient landscape

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](#).

5.4. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

All EIT Food funded projects should achieve relevant Core Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). For the Lower Silesia 360° landscape, the main KPIs are:

KPI Code	KPI description	Minimum target expected
EITHE07	Graduates from EIT labelled programmes	120 farmers

Please note: To claim this KPI, the training activities must undergo EIT accreditation process. For more information, please visit [Accredit your training with the EIT Label](#). 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).

The mandatory EIT Core KPI for this activity is EITHE07. Applicants must set annual targets and provide the structured data and supporting evidence required by the current EIT and EIT Food KPI Guidance Document. The final target values and evidence requirements will be confirmed in the approved proposal and Activity Plan.

Applicants are encouraged to select and define additional relevant indicators that demonstrate the reach, quality and outcomes of their proposed activity. Applicant-defined indicators should be specific, measurable, attributable to the activity and proportionate to the implementation model. Operational farmer, hectare, data, sampling, advisory and event targets remain project requirements and should be reflected through the work plan and deliverables rather than presented as substitutes for EIT Core KPIs.

Project delivery and performance KPIs

The indicators below are project-level delivery and performance KPIs. They complement, but do not replace, applicable EIT Core KPIs. Achievement will be verified through the approved farmer registers, Transition Plans, farm-visit records, platform records, training and event documentation, soil-sampling records, deliverables and supporting evidence.

KPI	Measurement and verification	2027 target	2028 target
Applicant-led hectares onboarded	Verified hectares introduced through applicant-led channels and accepted within the approved project crop and field scope.	At least 2,230 hectares, within the total annual expansion target of 6,900 hectares.	At least 2,670 hectares, within the total annual expansion target of 8,010 hectares.
Transition Plan coverage and review	Percentage of active farms with an initial, completed or annually updated Transition Plan, including documented annual progress, farmer decisions, the soil-health evidence basis used and any actions to address missing soil information.	100% of active farms, or a documented approved exception.	100% of active farms, or a documented approved exception.
Substantive farm visits	Percentage of active farms receiving at least two substantive on-farm advisory visits per year, each supported by a completed Farm Visit Report.	100% of active farms receive at least two substantive advisory visits per year.	100% of active farms receive at least two substantive advisory visits per year.

Platform and data readiness	Percentage of active farms with mandatory farmer, farm, field, crop, boundary and management information entered and validated before the annual data freeze, or covered by an approved exception.	100% before the 2027 data freeze with documented exceptions	100% before the 2028 data freeze with documented exceptions
Resolution of MRV and platform queries	Percentage of data validation issues and MRV queries closed by the agreed deadline, or supported by a documented action or exception accepted by EIT Food or the MRV consortium.	At least 90% closed by the 2027 data freeze.	At least 90% closed by the 2028 data freeze.
MRV SOC sampling completion and traceability	Percentage of MRV-designated SOC sampling completed, with sample identification, field and GPS metadata, chain-of-custody documentation and confirmation of laboratory receipt. Advisory soil-assessment coverage will be reported through Transition Plan evidence and the annual implementation packages.	100% completed by 30 November 2027, or an approved exception.	100% completed by 30 November 2028, or an approved exception.
Farmer training delivery and reach	Completed farmer group training sessions, evidenced by agendas, materials and attendance records, and percentage of active farmers participating in at least one training, demonstration or structured peer-learning activity.	At least four farmer group training sessions annually and at least 90% of active farmers participating in one or more eligible training, demonstration or structured peer-learning activities.	At least four farmer group training sessions annually and at least 90% of active farmers participating in one or more eligible training, demonstration or structured peer-learning activities.
Demonstration farms and peer-learning events	Demonstration farms with an agreed plan and completed field or peer-learning events supported by attendance, technical content, feedback and consent-based evidence.	At least 2 demonstration farms operational and at least two field or peer-learning events completed.	3 demonstration farms operational and at least two field or peer-learning events completed.
Farmer retention and experience	Complete documentation of withdrawals, and farmer feedback on onboarding, advisory support and engagement.	100% of withdrawals documented; at least 80% of survey respondents rate their experience satisfactory or better.	100% of withdrawals documented; at least 80% of survey respondents rate their experience satisfactory or better.
Timely and quality-assured implementation	Percentage of mandatory deliverables submitted on time and accepted without major resubmission; material risks reported within the agreed timeframe; cumulative costs monitored against the approved budget.	100% submitted on time; at least 90% accepted without major resubmission; 100% of	100% submitted on time; at least 90% accepted without major resubmission; 100% of material risks escalated on time.

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Monitoring note: For percentage-based KPIs, reports must state both the numerator and denominator. Farmers, hectares, visits, participants and samples must not be counted more than once within the same indicator unless repeated activity is explicitly measured. Any exception must be documented, justified and traceable.

5.5. Monitoring and reporting

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, however the Financial Return Mechanism Agreement cannot be re-negotiated following the approval of the Activity.

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.

4. Financial aspects of the call

1. KIC funding, co-funding rate and cost eligibility

The total budget for this call €910,786 EUR. Recipients will receive a subgrant to fund their cost.

The maximum funding available for that period per application is € 910,786.

The project runs from January 1st 2027 to December 31st 2028.

This funding is implemented under EIT GA 101269771 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. 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.

When subcontracting, participants must comply with the Horizon Europe procurement rules, particularly the principles of fair competition, equal treatment and avoidance of conflicts of interest.

2. Payment arrangements

Actual Cost

EIT Food will disburse funding in instalments. A proportion of the Activity budget will be pre-financed based on the company size, with subsequent annual payments linked to the eligible costs reported by the recipient. For more information, check the [EIT Food Payments Schedule](#).

For more information, please see [EIT Food Project Financing Policy](#).

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

3. Financial sustainability requirements

Like other initiatives within the EIT Food Resilient Agriculture 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, which is matched and ideally exceeded by contributions from participating corporates. Applicants are not expected to bring in any co-fundin.

5. Call criteria

Following the deadline for submission, the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria checks will be performed for each proposal in line with the following criteria.

1. Admissibility

Please note that completing the following two steps is a mandatory prerequisite for submitting an application for EIT Food Calls.

- First, applicants must register their organisation on the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) in order to obtain a unique nine-digit Participant Identification Code (PIC); if unsure whether a PIC already exists, organisations can verify their registration directly via the [EU Portal](#).
- Second, applicants must register, access and complete their submission through the platform [MyEITFood.eu](#).

Only proposals complying with the following conditions will be considered admissible for further evaluation:

Applications must be submitted in English before the call deadline, submitted using the forms provided inside MyEITFood.eu, complete and contain all parts and mandatory annexes and supporting documents. Documents to include with your application:

- **Detailed Work Plan covering Activity Areas A-H in Word docx format**
- **Budget covering Activity Areas A-H by year for 2027 and 2028 in Excel format**
- **Cost Category Template for pricing units in Excel format**
- **Declaration on the use of generative artificial intelligence**

Use of generative artificial intelligence: Applicants may use generative artificial intelligence tools when preparing their proposal. Applicants remain fully responsible for all submitted content and must review and verify its accuracy, appropriateness, originality, sources and citations, as well as compliance with confidentiality, data-protection and intellectual-property requirements. Where generative AI has been used, applicants must disclose the tool(s) used and briefly describe how they were used, using the declaration provided in the application documents.

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.

Any proposals submitted after the deadline will be inadmissible.

2. Entities eligible to participate and eligibility for funding

Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from **non-associated third countries** is **eligible to participate**, provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met (e.g. the entity is not under EU sanction, please refer to annex 2 and 3), along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call/topic.

For this call, a 'legal entity' means any legal person created and recognised as such under national law, EU law or international law, which has legal personality and which may, acting in its own name, exercise rights and be subject to obligations, or an entity without legal personality.

In accordance with the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025¹, in order to be **eligible for funding**, the **applicant must be established in one of the eligible countries**, i.e.:

- the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions;
- the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the Member States²;
- countries associated to Horizon Europe³;
- certain low- and middle-income countries⁴.
- Legal entities, which are established in countries not listed above will be eligible for funding if their participation is considered essential for implementing the action by the EIT.

Only proposals satisfying all the eligibility criteria shall pass on to the selection and evaluation stages.

3. Call-specific eligibility criteria

- The applicant must be a legally established entity, or a consortium led by such an entity, eligible for funding under the applicable Horizon Europe rules.
- The applicant or consortium must demonstrate at least three years of relevant organisational experience in agronomic advisory, farmer training or regenerative agriculture implementation in Poland.
- The proposal must demonstrate continuous Polish-language farmer-facing capacity across southwest Poland and English-language reporting capacity.

4. Consortium composition

Applications may be submitted by one legal entity or by a consortium. Where a consortium applies, it must name one Activity Leader and demonstrate that the consortium has a single coherent implementation approach. Each member must satisfy the applicable legal eligibility, exclusion and sanctions conditions. The proposal must explain roles, budgets, decision-making, data access, quality control and accountability. The selected consortium will be expected to conclude an appropriate consortium agreement.

¹https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2025/wp-14-general-annexes_horizon-2025_en.pdf

² Entities from Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) are eligible for funding under the same conditions as entities from the Member States to which the OCT in question is linked. See the Horizon Europe Programme Guide on the portal for a complete list of OCTs.

³ Please see the Horizon Europe Programme Guide on the Funding and Tenders Portal for up-to-date information on the current list of and the position for Associated Countries:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/programme-guide_horizon_en.pdf

⁴ See the Horizon Europe Programme Guide on the Funding and Tenders Portal for a complete list of these countries.

5. Award criteria

4.1. Award criteria, subcriteria and maximum scores

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

Excellence (20%)	Maximum score
Quality, relevance and coherence of the proposed approach to addressing the Lower Silesia 360° challenge	
Quality and coherence of the approach: The proposal presents a clear and coherent methodology covering the activity areas A–H and explains how these areas will operate as one integrated farmer-transition activity. Continuity of the existing landscape: The proposal presents a credible approach to taking over the approximately 35 farms recruited in 2026, including continuity of farmer relationships, records, outstanding data, Transition Plans, platform status, soil-sampling status and open actions. Technical quality and regional relevance: The proposed agronomic, training and farmer-engagement approach is relevant to Lower Silesian (and surrounding regions) farming systems, crop rotations and the project crop scope, including wheat, malting barley, oilseed rape, corn and sugar beet. Transition Plans and farmer learning: The proposal demonstrates a sound approach to preparing, completing and annually updating farm-specific Transition Plans aligned with the SAI Platform and translating them into practical advisory support, training and peer learning. Data and MRV alignment: The proposal presents a credible approach to collecting, validating and entering farmer, farm, field, crop and management data while working effectively with the MRV consortium and the designated project platform. Soil-assessment and sampling approach: The proposal clearly distinguishes MRV-designed SOC sampling from the applicant-led agronomic soil assessment required for Transition Plans. It presents a scientifically credible and proportionate approach to minimum soil parameters, use of existing farmer analyses, additional testing, farmer-facing interpretation, coordination with the MRV consortium and laboratory. Demonstration and peer-learning approach: The proposal presents a relevant approach to establishing and using three demonstration farms for practical learning, farmer exchange and communication of locally applicable regenerative agriculture practices. Communication and engagement approach: Quality of the farmer-focused regional and national communication, dissemination and outreach approach, including stakeholder engagement, demonstration activity, consent and alignment with EIT Food visibility requirements. Gender equality, diversity and inclusion: The proposal explains how gender equality, diversity and inclusion will be considered in the activity methodology, team arrangements, farmer access, training participation, communications and implementation, in line with the requirements identified in these Call Guidelines.	1-5
Impact (20%)	Maximum score
Credibility and significance of the expected contribution to the Lower Silesia 360° landscape, participating farmers and the wider regenerative agriculture ecosystem.	
Farmer and hectare growth: The proposal presents credible assumptions and pathways for contributing to the recruitment of 65 new farmers in 2027 and 70 new farmers in 2028 through combined offtaker and applicant-led channels.	1-5

Applicant-led recruitment: The proposal presents a credible approach to supporting at least 2,230 hectares through applicant-led recruitment in 2027 and at least 2,670 hectares in 2028, within the overall annual landscape expansion targets. Regenerative transition: The proposal demonstrates potential to strengthen farmers' knowledge, decision-making and implementation of locally appropriate regenerative practices through advisory support, Transition Plans, training and peer learning. MRV readiness and evidence: The proposed activity is expected to improve the completeness, timeliness, traceability and usability of farmer, field, management and soil-sampling information required for landscape MRV. Measurable results: The proposal includes credible annual targets for EITHE07 and relevant applicant-defined indicators, with an appropriate approach to collecting the required structured data and supporting evidence. Sustained value: The proposal explains how the activity will strengthen regional advisory knowledge, farmer networks, implementation capability and continuity beyond individual activities or funding periods.	
c) Quality and efficiency of the implementation (20%) Feasibility, effectiveness and value for money of the proposed work plan, resources, governance, risk controls and budget	Maximum score
Work plan and timing: The proposal presents a realistic 2027–2028 work plan aligned with the agricultural calendar, farmer workload, recruitment and onboarding periods, advisory decision points, training, annual data freezes and soil-sampling windows. Team and operational capacity: The proposed team or consortium has credible capacity across agronomy, farmer recruitment, training, data and platform coordination, physical soil sampling, demonstration farms, quality assurance, project management and data protection. Coordination: The proposed arrangements support effective cooperation with EIT Food, participating offtakers, appointed intermediaries, farmers, the MRV consortium, the designated platform and the designated laboratory. Deliverables and milestones: The proposal provides a credible approach to completing the mandatory deliverables and proposes appropriate additional outputs, milestones, responsibilities, due dates, dependencies and acceptance evidence. Soil-sampling implementation: The proposal demonstrates capacity to implement the MRV-approved SOC campaign and the applicant's agronomic sampling methodology, including coordinated farmer access, trained personnel, sample identification, chain of custody, laboratory scheduling, result handling, management of deviations and measures to avoid duplicate activity and costs. Risk and quality management: The proposal identifies the main implementation, farmer-engagement, data, sampling, staffing, seasonal and coordination risks and presents proportionate mitigation, continuity and corrective-action arrangements. Budget and value for money: The budget is transparent, proportionate and consistent with the proposed work plan, applicant responsibilities and actual-cost funding model. Cost estimates are justified, reasonable and free from evident duplication or ineligible items.	1-5
d) Strategic fit (40%)	Maximum score

Alignment with EIT Food’s strategic priorities, the Resilient Agriculture Portfolio, the Lower Silesia 360° landscape model, knowledge triangle integration and applicable financial sustainability principles.	
Alignment with EIT Food priorities: The proposal contributes to EIT Food’s objectives for food-system resilience, a net zero food system, farmer transition and measurable environmental and socio-economic outcomes. Alignment with Lower Silesia 360°: The proposal responds directly to the landscape challenge of maintaining continuity for the 2026 cohort while expanding participation, hectares and implementation capacity in 2027 and 2028. Portfolio contribution: The proposed activity complements the existing MRV infrastructure and other landscape participants, avoids unnecessary duplication and demonstrates a clear understanding of the responsibilities of EIT Food, offtakers, intermediaries, the applicant and the MRV consortium. Scalability and transferability: The proposal is capable of generating an implementation model, tools and learning that could inform continued development of Lower Silesia 360° and other EIT Food resilient agriculture landscapes. Knowledge triangle integration: The proposal demonstrates relevant cooperation among farming practice, business, advisory, education, research, technology or regional ecosystem actors and explains how this cooperation will strengthen implementation and learning. Regional capability: The proposal contributes to stronger farmer networks, advisory capacity, peer learning, demonstration capability and regenerative agriculture knowledge within Lower Silesia and the surrounding ecosystem. Financial sustainability principles: The proposal demonstrates efficient use of EIT funding, transparent cost assumptions, avoidance of double charging and a credible approach to maintaining useful capacity, partnerships, knowledge or activity benefits beyond the funding period.	1-5
Total points	5 100%

Each evaluation criteria will be scored from 1 to 5 using the following scoring system.

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.

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

6. Evaluation procedure

1. Admissibility and eligibility, exclusion and selection stages

This funding opportunity follows the timeline below:

Stage	Date
Call publication	14 August 2026
Deadline for questions	05 October 2026, 12:00 CET
Application deadline	14 October 2026, 12:00 CET
Eligibility and evaluation	15 October– 22 October 2026
Interviews/clarification	23 October 2026
Notification of results	28 October 2026
Standstill, onboarding, validation and contracting	28 October – 28 November 2026

2. Evaluation of proposals

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 3 external evaluators and 1 internal evaluator, based on the criteria specified in section 5.4.1 (Award criteria, subcriteria and maximum scores). External evaluators score the award criteria Excellence, Quality and Efficiency of Implementation and Impact. Internal evaluators only score Strategic Fit. The internal evaluator score does not outweigh the external assessment.

The evaluation consists of a remote evaluation phase where internal and external evaluators conduct their assessment based on the stated criteria, followed by an interview with the same evaluators. Evaluators have the possibility to revisit their scores after the panel.

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.

Expert evaluators are obliged to use the [Horizon Dashboard](#) during the assessment and to provide evidenced justification on the assessment of the proposal's budgets.

3. Communication of evaluation results to applicants

3.1. Communication of evaluation results

Following the award decision, all applicants shall be informed of the result in writing. All applicants shall receive their assessment, in the format of evaluation summary report, including their score.

In case an applicant requests further clarification regarding the evaluation result, it may contact the KIC by email. Such requests will be replied within 15 days (this deadline may be extended by the KIC with due justification).

Successful proposals will be invited to the financial support agreement preparation stage/onboarding, the other proposals will be rejected.

3.2. Requirements for selected proposals

If the proposal is selected, the communication on the evaluation results may include a set of recommendations/conditions as a result of the outcome of the evaluation. These requirements may not entail a substantial modification of the proposal.

If the applicant fails to comply with the provided recommendations/conditions or does not respond in the time allocated, the EIT Food reserves the right to withdraw the conditional notification. Should this occur, the next proposal will be contacted following the ranking list.

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.

As part of the onboarding process, selected entities must:

- Sign and submit the Declaration of Size.
- Sign and submit the Financial Information Form.
- Sign the Declaration of Honour (DoH) in accordance with the EU Financial Regulation.
- 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, EIT Food might reject the participation of this entity and will then check whether the proposal is still eligible.

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

3.3. Standstill period

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.

3.4. Appeal process

Applicants can submit an appeal within 15 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](#).

4. Support

If you have any questions about this call, please contact the call manager Przemek Adolf at przemek.adolf@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.

7. EIT Food Legal Framework & Legal Documents to be signed

1. Contracting

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:

Cost-based call:

1. [Framework Agreement](#)
2. [Kava Contract](#)

For consortium-based projects, payments will only be made once all contracts have been signed.

2. Consortium Agreement

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

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

Any other legal agreements to make this grant eligible.

Annexes

1. Annex 1 - Information on the EIT

1. European Institute of Innovation and Technology

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is a **European Union body** with a legal personality and a wide legal capacity accorded to legal persons under national law. The EIT was created in 2008 by the European Union (EU) to enhance Europe's global competitiveness by fostering collaboration between businesses, research institutions, and higher education organizations.

The EIT is governed by [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/695](#) (EIT Regulation), which aligns the EIT's mission with the EU's priorities and the objectives of Horizon Europe on evolving research, innovation, economic growth, job creation, global competitiveness, sustainable growth, higher education and entrepreneurship, by means of the Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs), which address specific societal challenges and are established and supported by the EIT.

The [EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda \(SIA\) 2021-2027](#) is aligned with Horizon Europe and lays down the priority fields and the strategy of the EIT for future initiatives, capacity to generate the best innovation added-value, objectives, key actions, mode of operation, expected results, impact, as well as an estimate of the resources needed for the duration of Horizon Europe.

Horizon Europe Regulation

The [Horizon Europe Regulation \(EU\) 2021/695](#) foresees that the EIT takes part in the implementation of the Horizon Europe Programme in accordance with its strategic objectives for the period 2021 to 2027, as laid down in the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the EIT, and taking into account the strategic planning of Horizon Europe.

EIT and Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) relations

The EIT Regulation defines KICs as large-scale Institutionalised European Partnerships of higher education institutions, research organisations, companies and other stakeholders in the innovation process in the form of a strategic network, regardless of its legal form, based on joint mid- to long-term innovation planning to meet the EIT's challenges and contribute to attaining the objectives established.

According to the EIT Regulation, and without prejudice to the partnership agreements and grant agreements between the EIT and each KIC, the KICs have substantial autonomy to establish their internal organisation and composition, as well as their agenda and working methods, provided that they result in progress towards achieving the objectives of the EIT and the KICs, taking into account the strategic planning of Horizon Europe and the strategic direction of the EIT set out in the SIA and by the Governing Board.

2. Contractual framework between the EIT and the KICs

The long-term relations between the EIT and each KIC are based on a **seven-year Partnership Agreement (PA)**⁵ laying down the general terms and conditions under which the KIC operates as an Institutionalised European Partnership. Subject to positive performance, interim review and outcome of comprehensive assessment of the KIC, the PA can be extended for another period of a maximum of seven years.

The EIT signed a framework partnership agreement with EIT Food on 1 March 2018, with retroactive effect as of 1 January 2018.

⁵ Model Partnership Agreement: [Partnership Agreement](#)

The **Grant Agreement** (GA)⁶ is the contractual instrument laying down the provisions concerning the implementation of the KIC activities (KIC Business Plan, Cross-KIC activities, etc.) through grants, on an annual or multi-annual basis of up to three years with the KICs. Business plans describe the main objectives and expected results and actions taken by the KICs.

The Grant Agreement 2026-2028 between the EIT and EIT Food entered into force on April 7th 2026, with effect from the action start date of 1 January 2026.

Contractual framework between the KIC and the subgrantees

In accordance with the Grant Agreement (Annex 5), the KIC launches calls (i.e. open calls or KIC partnership calls) in order to select projects or award prizes. The KIC awards a “financial support to third parties” (i.e. the so called “subgrants” and “prizes”) for the implementation of these projects and signs **subgrant agreements** (“Financial Support Agreements”) with the selected entities or consortia.

2. Annex 2 - EU restrictions on participation

1. EU restrictive measures

Entities subject to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)⁷ as well as Article 75 TFEU⁸, are not eligible to participate in any capacity, including as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, third parties giving in-kind contributions, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties (if any).

Special rules also apply to entities covered by Commission Guidelines No 2013/C 205/0522⁹.

2. Legal entities established in Russia, Belarus, or in non-government controlled territories of Ukraine

Given the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the involvement of Belarus, there is currently no appropriate context allowing the implementation of the actions foreseen in this programme with legal entities established in Russia, Belarus, or in non-government controlled territories of Ukraine. Therefore, even where such entities are not subject to EU restrictive measures, such legal entities are not eligible to participate in any capacity. This includes participation as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, third parties giving in-kind contributions, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties (if any). Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis for justified reasons.

With specific regard to measures addressed to Russia, following the adoption of the Council Regulation (EU) 2024/1745 of 24 June 2024¹⁰ (amending Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014) concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia’s actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine, legal entities established outside Russia but whose proprietary rights are directly or indirectly owned for more than 50% by a legal person, entity or body established in Russia are also not eligible to participate in any capacity.

⁶ Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement: [general-mga_horizon-euratom_en.pdf](#)

⁷ Please note that the EU Official Journal contains the official list and, in case of conflict, its content prevails over that of the [EU Sanctions Map](#)

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⁹ Commission guidelines No [2013/C 205/05](#) on the eligibility of Israeli entities and their activities in the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967 for grants, prizes and financial instruments funded by the EU from 2014 onwards (OJEU C 205 of 19.07.2013, pp. 9-11)

¹⁰ OJ L 229, 31.7.2014, p. 1–11

3. Measures for the protection of the Union budget against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary

Following the [Council Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2022/2506](#), as of 16 December 2022, no legal commitments can be entered into with Hungarian public interest trusts established under the Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity they maintain. Affected entities may continue to apply to calls for proposals and can participate without receiving EU funding, as associated partners, if allowed by the call conditions. However, as long as the Council measures are not lifted, such entities are not eligible to participate in any funded role (beneficiaries, affiliated entities, subcontractors, recipients of financial support to third parties, etc.). In case of multi-beneficiary grant calls, applicants will be invited to remove or replace that entity in any funded role and/or to change its status into associated partner. Tasks and budget may be redistributed accordingly.

4. Restrictions for the protection of European communication networks

The protection of European communication networks has been identified as an important security interest of the Union and its Member States¹¹. For further information, please refer to the Horizon Europe, Work Programme 2025, General Annexes, B – Eligibility on page 14¹².

3. Annex 3 - Exclusion criteria

Applicants will be excluded from participation in the Call and from the award if they are in one of the situations referred to in Article 138(1) of the EU Financial Regulation. Applicants that are subject to EU administrative sanctions (i.e. exclusion) or are in one of the following exclusion situations that bar them from receiving EU grants can NOT participate:

- bankruptcy, winding up, affairs administered by the courts, arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or other similar procedures (including procedures for persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts);
- they are in breach of social security or tax obligations (including if done by persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts);
- they are guilty of grave professional misconduct (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant);
- they are guilty of fraud, corruption, having links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant);
- they have shown significant deficiencies in complying with their main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant);
- they are guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation No 2988/9534 (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant); or
- they have created under a different jurisdiction an entity with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin or created another entity with this purpose (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant).

¹¹ European Council conclusions of 1 and 2 October 2020 (EUCO 13/20), point 11; Council Conclusions on the significance of 5G to the European Economy and the need to mitigate security risks linked to 5G, 14517/19.

¹²

- have misrepresented the information required as a condition for participating in the procedure or have failed to supply that information; or
- were previously involved in the preparation of documents used in the award procedure where this entails a breach of the principle of equality of treatment, including distortion of competition, that cannot be remedied otherwise.

As evidence, the applicants (i.e. the Coordinator and all the proposed partners participating in the applicant consortium) will have to submit a **declaration of honour on exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interest**. Failure to provide adequate documentation may result in the exclusion of the applicants concerned.

Successful applicants will go through the legal entity validation process of the **Onboarding Service of the KICs (i.e. a shared service led by EIT Urban Mobility KIC)**. If not provided in the application, the Onboarding Service will request registration documents and a signed Declaration of honour from the successful applicant. The validation may also include a check of the successful applicants by the EIT in the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) of the European Commission.

4. Annual Implementation Calendar

Indicative Seasonal Sequence

The indicative implementation calendar below reflects the main seasonal priorities of the Lower Silesia 360° landscape. Applicants should use it as a basis for developing their detailed 2027–2028 work plan, taking account of crop cycles, farmer workload, onboarding requirements, advisory decision points, data-collection and reporting deadlines, and the soil-sampling design and timing approved by the MRV consortium. Applicants may propose adjustments where justified by their implementation approach, provided that the required activities, deliverables and annual deadlines are met.

Period	Priority activities
January–March	Annual planning; continuation of winter advisory; inherited farmer and MRV file review; recruitment preparation; farmer onboarding; advisory services; annual communication and outreach planning; platform/data backlog and annual results feedback.
April–June	Recruitment and contracting support; farmer onboarding; advisory services; GML/boundary files; first visits; Transition Plans; spring data; training; recruitment communication and demonstration preparation.
July–August	Light-touch farmer engagement during harvest; urgent data/sampling preparation only; remote support; platform processing; avoid unnecessary group training.
September–November	Post-harvest data collection; coordinated implementation of the MRV-approved SOC campaign and any approved agronomic soil testing required for Transition Plans; farm visits; formal training; demonstration and stakeholder-learning activities; and Transition Plan completion or update.
December	Data corrections and data-freeze support; annual reviews; reporting; KPI and cost evidence; annual learning dissemination; next-year planning; and annual lessons learned.

5. Annex 4 – Other terms and conditions

1. Acceptance of the call conditions

EIT Food reserves the right to make reasonable amendments and additions to the call conditions. Amendments and additions to the call conditions shall be valid only before the submission deadline, and if made available to all potential applicants at the same time on the call page of the [EIT Food Calls webpage](#).

EIT Food may declare the call unsuccessful in case no applications are received, if the applications do not meet the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria, or if none of the applications reach the thresholds laid down in this call text.

By submitting the application form, the applicant agrees to the present call conditions. Applicants agree that they have no legal entitlement to funding.

2. Cancellation of the call

EIT Food reserves the right to cancel the call at any time before the signature of the Financial Support Agreement(s) without the obligation to compensate applicants, in particular where its objectives can no longer be met, provided that the applicants are informed in a transparent manner in writing as follows:

- if the cancellation takes place before that award: on the call page of the [EIT Food Calls webpage](#),
- if the cancellation takes place following the communication of the results to the applicants, during the standstill period, or anytime before the signature of the Financial Support Agreement: in writing directly to the selected applicants.

3. Data protection

EIT Food ensures that any processing of personal data shall be performed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation). As a data subject, you have the right of access, the right to rectification, the right to erasure, the right to restrict processing, the right to data portability, the right to object, and the right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing.

The collected personal data will be used solely for the evaluation of the applications and the conduct of the call process

Personal data will be deleted 5 years after the announcement of the results of the call in case of unsuccessful applications and 7 years for successful applicants.

By submitting your application to this call, you consent that EIT Food will collect, transfer, process, store, and delete your data in accordance with the aforementioned conditions.

4. Confidentiality

EIT Food undertakes to use any confidential information shared by the applicants solely for the purposes of the evaluation process.

Confidential information shall mean data and/or information (in any form) that is proprietary to, or possessed by, the applicants and not generally known to the public, or that has not yet been revealed whether in tangible or intangible form, that is identified as confidential in writing or when disclosed orally.

Confidential information included in the application form must be expressly labelled by the applicant as such in the form. As regards confidential information expressly labelled as such in the call process, EIT Food undertakes to (i) not disclose them in

any way and any form, without the prior written authorization of the applicant; and (ii) not to use them for purposes other than those strictly necessary for participation in the call.

Confidential information may be shared among EIT Food and its subsidiaries (e.g. KIC Co-Location Centres) solely for the purposes of the call process. EIT Food undertakes to impose this confidentiality obligation on its employees and the employees of its subsidiaries and its collaborators, as well as on independent experts and all subjects who, by virtue of participating in the conduct of the call, including as members of the Evaluation Committee, may have access to such confidential data and information.

The applicants agree that data and information regarding the selected projects' implementation (e.g. success stories) not labelled as confidential may be disclosed in connection with the activities of EIT Food.

5. Avoidance of conflict of interest

EIT Food is committed to ensure the avoidance of conflict of interest (regarding all actors) and comply with the principles of transparency, non-discrimination and sound financial management.

Measures to avoid potential Conflict of Interest or unequal treatment of applicants are ensured including through appropriate conflict of interest declaration and assessment process, established written communication channels and independent and fair complaints/redress procedures.

In case an applicant becomes aware of a potential conflict of interest affecting the conduct of the call process, it shall notify the EIT Food of the conflict of interest without any delay.

6. Ethics and values

The proposal must comply with:

- ethical principles (including the highest standards of research integrity) and
- applicable EU, international and national law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its Supplementary Protocols.

No financial support/EIT funding can be granted, within or outside the EU, for activities that are prohibited in all Member States. No financial support/EIT funding can be granted in a Member State for an activity which is forbidden in that Member State.

Please refer to the [financial support agreement](#) for further requirements.

7. Intellectual property rights

Applicants retain full and exclusive ownership of their prior information and intellectual property rights. By submitting their application, applicants affirm that they hold ownership or have legally secured the right to use all elements of the innovative product or service included in their application.

Applicants agree to indemnify and hold harmless EIT Food and/or any assignee or affiliate from any third-party allegations or claims of intellectual property rights infringement by the product or service of applicants. Applicants shall have the right to further develop, use and license their intellectual property rights for creating, making, marketing, and distributing products, services, and technology. Applicants agree to respect the IPR (Intellectual Property Rights) Rules (Article 16) of the [General Model Grant Agreement](#) and Article 10 of the Financial Support Agreement (Common Subgrant Agreement Model).

8. Withdrawal of the funding – Recovery of undue amounts

EIT Food may withdraw the funding after its award and recover all payments made in line with the provisions of the [Financial Support Agreement](#), including in the following cases:

- in case the applicant committed substantial errors, irregularities or fraud;
- in case the applicant committed serious breach of obligations under the Financial Support Agreement or during its award (including non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, etc.)
- it is established that the awarded applicants were not eligible or should have been excluded.

9. Checks, reviews, audits and investigations

EIT Food retains the right to initiate checks, reviews and audit on an applicant that has been awarded funding, in order to verify compliance with the requirements of the call conditions and of the legal and contractual framework referred to above.

EIT Food may request any information and data from applicants that have been awarded funding for 5 years after completion for these purposes, as well as in relation to monitoring by the EIT.

In accordance with the Grant Agreement between the EIT and the KIC as well as the Financial Support Agreement, the EIT and/or the Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the Court of Auditors may carry out checks, reviews, audits and investigations in relation to the call and the implementation of the projects.

10. Applicable law

The present call is governed by the applicable European Union legal framework(i.e. in particular the [EIT Regulation](#)¹³, the [EU Financial Regulation](#)¹⁴, the [Horizon Europe Regulation](#)¹⁵), supplemented if necessary by the national law of Belgium.

The applicants agree to observe the obligations outlined in the Partnership Agreement and the Grant Agreement signed between the EIT and EIT Food. Applicants agree to comply with the terms of the Model Financial Support Agreement between successful applicants and EIT Food, available [here](#).

11. Settlement of disputes

All disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, which cannot be solved amicably, shall be finally settled before the courts of Brussels.

¹³ Regulation (EU) 2021/819

¹⁴ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509

¹⁵ Regulation (EU) 2021/695

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