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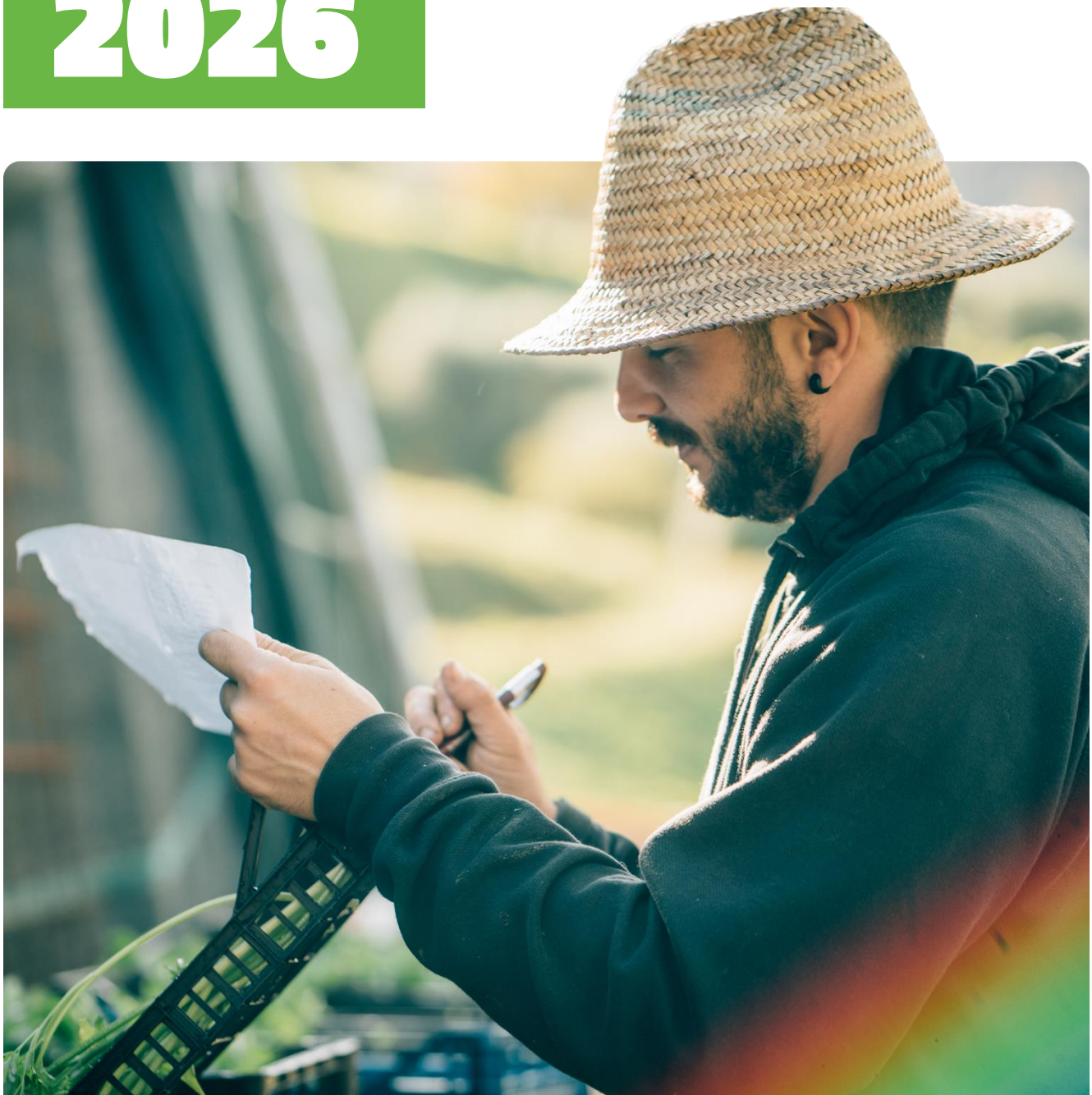

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Introduction

Europe stands at a defining moment. Our food system - the foundation of our health, environment and economy - is under increasing pressure from climate change, biodiversity loss, rising costs, shifting consumer needs, and vulnerabilities in global supply chains. Yet with pressure comes possibility. Europe has the scientific excellence, entrepreneurial energy, and the ability at policy level required to redesign how food is produced, distributed and valued.

EIT Food is shaping Europe's food innovation ecosystem by tackling Europe's most pressing challenges and driving collaboration for impact. We develop talent and accelerate entrepreneurial ideas to strengthen Europe's innovation pipeline, growing what works into real-world solutions capable of reshaping the food system at scale.

The EIT Food Calls for Proposals 2026 is structured around three long-term missions that define our contribution to European policy objectives and societal needs: a Net Zero Food System, Healthier Lives Through Food, and Food System Resilience. These missions provide strategic direction and ensure that innovation efforts move beyond isolated projects towards measurable change at scale.

To unlock system-level change, we scale innovation in the areas where it matters most: Regenerative Agriculture, enabling farmers to lead the transition to net zero; Protein Diversification, bringing new protein solutions into the mainstream; and Agrifood Biotechnology, advancing better health, food security, and a greener planet. Each area addresses complex, interlinked challenges that require coordinated solutions spanning skills development, entrepreneurship, research, industry uptake and enabling policy frameworks.

Through the mission- and priority area-based structure, this document provides clarity for applicants, partners and stakeholders. It signals where EIT Food will prioritise resources, convene its ecosystem and co-create solutions that can shape Europe's food system over the coming decade.

Calls for proposals 2026

The Call Programme 2026 outlines EIT Food's planned calls for proposals that will open in 2026. In addition, EIT Food currently has open funding opportunities. All calls are and will be published at www.eitfood.eu/open-calls-overview.

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This document is reviewed and updated periodically.

Entrepreneurship



CLOSED

Entrepreneurship

Call for Food Accelerator Network Programme 2026

Open call

Type of activities

The aim of the call is to recruit startups to join the EIT Food Accelerator Network (FAN). It is a 3-month curated, theme-based European programme where agrifood startups validate their technology, strengthen product development, and accelerate their market and investment readiness. The programme helps founders demonstrate commercial and technical validation, paving the way toward the RisingFoodStars Seal of Excellence.

Type of applicants

Startups; SMEs.

Call key dates

Launch date: 18 February 2026
Deadline: 14 April 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€3,000-€53,000 per participant.
€816,000

Call Results

65 participants selected
11,9% success rate

CLOSED

Entrepreneurship

EIT Food RisingFoodStars ScaleUp Verification Badge Call for Startups

Open call

Type of activities

RisingFoodStars is EIT Food's recognition for scaleups that have demonstrated not just potential, but the rigorous work and discipline required to scale with impact. The RisingFoodStars certification acts as a shorthand for company's maturity, showing that the venture has gone through a structured, demanding process to strengthen its leadership, commercial model, investment readiness and system impact. Awarded to the strongest startups advancing from the EIT Food Accelerator Network, RisingFoodStars highlights companies that are ready for meaningful commercial partnerships, investment, and growth.

Type of applicants

Startups; SMEs (FAN and RisingFoodStars alumni only).

Call key dates

Launch date: 23 March 2026
Deadline: 11 May 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€2,900 per participant.
€60,000

Call Results

18 participants selected
33,9% success rate

CLOSED

Entrepreneurship

Call for Implementors of Empowering Women in Agrifood (EWA) Programme 2026

Open call

Type of activities

The aim of the call is to recruit organisations from RIS countries to deliver the Empowering Women in Agrifood (EWA) Programme, an initiative designed to support women entrepreneurs in the food and agriculture sector. It offers structured training, personalised mentorship, networking opportunities, and access to funding to help participants start or scale their businesses. By addressing the gender gap in the agrifood ecosystem, the programme seeks to unlock untapped potential and foster more inclusive innovation.

Type of applicants

Legal entities.

Call key dates

Launch date: 03 February 2026
Deadline: 03 March 2026 – 23:59 CET

Call estimated budget

Up to €58,000 per participant.
€658,000

Call Results

13 participants selected
25% success rate

CLOSED

Entrepreneurship

Call for Participants of Empowering Women in Agrifood (EWA) Programme M2 2026

Open call

Type of activities

The call selects early-stage women entrepreneurs to participate in the EWA Grow programme, a six-month national cohort providing training, weekly one-to-one mentoring, networking opportunities, and a Demo Day pitching event. The programme supports participants in developing agrifood business ideas or early-stage startups through leadership, business, agrifood technical knowledge, and self-development training, alongside access to local and European innovation ecosystems.

Type of applicants

Individuals. Women entrepreneurs based in participating countries in Southern and Central-Eastern Europe, who either have an early-stage agrifood startup or a business idea. Startups must be registered for a maximum of three years and must not have received more than €60,000 in prior investment.

Call key dates

Launch date: 25 March 2026
Deadline: 11 May 2026 – 23:59 CET

Call estimated budget

€11,000 per participant.
€192,000

Call Results

125 participants selected
26,8% success rate

CLOSED

Entrepreneurship

Call for Participants of Empowering Women in Agrifood (EWA) Programme M3 2026

Open call

Type of activities

The call selects advanced female agrifood startup founders to participate in the EWA Advance programme, a pan-European cohort designed to accelerate commercial growth, investment readiness, corporate partnership development, and international scaling. The programme includes expert training sessions, 1:1 mentoring, networking activities, matchmaking opportunities, and a Demo Day pitching event.

Type of applicants

Individuals.

Call key dates

Launch date: 18 February 2026
Deadline: 11 May 2026 – 23:59 CET

Call estimated budget

Up to €21,200 per participant.
€47,000

Call Results

10 participants selected
6% success rate

Entrepreneurship

XKIC – EIT Jumpstarter 2026

Open call

Type of activities

The EIT Jumpstarter is a seven-month pre-acceleration program aimed at helping early-stage innovators from emerging and moderate innovator countries transform their ideas into viable businesses that address global challenges. Operated collaboratively by most EIT KICs, the program engages around 200 participants annually. It consists of three main stages: Online Bootcamps, Start-up Builder Trainings, and the Grand Final. The initiative focuses on developing entrepreneurial skills and expanding the pipeline of high-quality start-ups, which can later be accelerated through EIT KICs' programs or other opportunities across Europe and beyond.

Type of applicants

Individuals.

Call key dates

Launch date: 13 March 2026
Deadline: 17 May 2026 – 23:59 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
Jumpstarter Stage II - 1: **€2,000** per participant
Jumpstarter Stage III - 1: **€1,000** per participant
Jumpstarter Financial prizes for best teams - 1: **€28,000 (**1st place: €10,000, 2nd place: €5,000, 3rd place: €3,000. Special prizes WB: €5,000, OR: €5,000)
€241,000

CLOSED

Entrepreneurship

XKIC - Call for Ignite NEB 2026

Open call

Type of activities

The EIT Community's New European Bauhaus (NEB) supports social innovation that meet the needs of local communities and fulfils Europe's vision of a more sustainable, inclusive, and aesthetic future. Ignite NEB acts as a launchpad for turning innovative ideas into concrete, values-driven businesses and projects. Rooted in the principles of the New European Bauhaus – sustainability, inclusion, and beauty – the programme brings together entrepreneurs, creatives, and changemakers to co-create solutions that address pressing societal challenges through a multidisciplinary lens.

This call for proposals will select four organising partners to host the Ignite NEB events. These events will combine both entrepreneurship activities and the celebration of the NEB, engaging attendees with cultural and artistic displays. Each Ignite NEB event combines inspiration, ideation, and training in an intensive, hands-on format. Participants form teams and take part in guided workshops that blend entrepreneurial thinking with cultural and artistic approaches.

With the support of mentors, they refine their ideas and present them to a panel of experts. The most promising concepts are selected to continue their journey in the Grow NEB programme, where they receive further support to scale their impact.

Type of applicants

Legal entities.

Call key dates

Launch date: 23 March 2026
Deadline: 07 May 2026 – 17:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€52,000 per participant.
€208,000

Call Results

5 projects selected
2,7% success rate

CLOSED

Entrepreneurship

XKIC - EIT Regional Innovation Booster 2026 - Malta edition

Open call

Type of activities

EIT Regional Innovation Booster is a flagship initiative of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) designed to provide targeted, country-specific support to start-ups and scale-ups. The programme supports innovative ventures in accelerating their commercial growth, accessing international markets, and attracting further private and public investment.

The EIT RIB Malta Edition 2026 is delivered jointly by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and Xjenza Malta, Malta's national agency for research and innovation. This edition offers a structured three-stage internationalisation programme exclusively for Maltese start-ups and scale-ups at TRL 7 or higher. Selected companies will receive tailored expert support and grant funding of up to €90,000 to facilitate entry into and scaling across key European markets, including Italy, France, and Germany. The strongest performing ventures will additionally have a chance to gain access to partnership and market entry opportunities in the United Kingdom

Type of applicants

Legal entities, Start-Ups.

Call key dates

Launch date: 14 May 2026
Deadline: 22 July 2026 – 23:59 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
Up to €90,000 per participant.
€460,000

Call Results

10 projects selected
47,6% success rate

Entrepreneurship

Call for Seedbed Venture Catalyst Startups

Open call

Type of activities

This call provides funding for projects supported by Seedbed Venture Builder programme. Through this funding, selected individuals will be able to purchase services that support them throughout their venture-building journey and contract Coaches and Experts.

Type of applicants

Individuals; entrepreneurs.

Call key dates

Launch date: 28 May 2026

Deadline:

- 01 July 2026 – 12:00 CET (first cut-off)
- 12 August 2026 – 12:00 CET (second cut-off)
- 23 September 2026 – 12:00 CET (third cut-off)
- 4 November 2026 – 12:00 CET (forth cut-off)
- 16 December 2026 – 12:00 CET (fifth cut-off)
- 27 January 2027 – 12:00 CET (last cut-off)

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:

€25,000-€30,000 per participant.

€480,000

CLOSED

Entrepreneurship

Seedbed TeamUp Call for Projects

Open call

Type of activities

TeamUp is a Seedbed programme that matches technologists with entrepreneurial business professionals and supports them through a structured, six-month journey to co-create food and agriculture startups. This call will select groups of entrepreneurs and technologists to participate in the six-month startup venture development.

Only individuals selected in one of the TeamUp EOIs are eligible to call.

Type of applicants

Individuals

Call key dates

Launch date: 26 June 2026
Deadline: 28 July 2026 – 13:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
Up to €46,000 per participants
€180,000

Call Results

15 projects selected
37,5% success rate

Entrepreneurship

PoC Co-Financing Instrument 2026 Call

Open call

Type of activities

The purpose of the PoC Co-Financing Instrument is to financially de-risk the commercial activities of agrifood startups that will ultimately result in impactful technologies, products, and services reaching the market and scaling further in the food sector.

In this context, EIT Food targets proof-of-concepts and small-scale pilot projects between startups and prospective corporate clients with less than €60.000 in project costs. Proposed projects must exhibit a clear pathway towards commercial success. Project activities should therefore be strictly related to deliver on the proof-of-concept or pilot project proposed together with the corporate client.

Example projects include but are not limited to: Sample creation, field trials, functionality and property tests, & efficiency assessments.

Type of applicants

Legal entities, start-ups.

Call key dates

Launch date: 16 April 2026

Deadline:

- 31 July 2026 – 12:00 CET (first cut-off);
- 30 September 2026 – 12:00 CET (second cut-off);
- 30 October 2026 – 12:00 CET (third cut-off);
- 30 November 2026 – 12:00 CET (fourth cut-off)

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:

€60,000 per participant maximum

€1,500,000

CLOSED

Entrepreneurship

XKIC - Connect NEB 2026

Open call

Type of activities

Connect NEB activates citizen-generated ideas to tackle local challenges in European cities, peri-urban, and rural areas.

The programme supports the development of innovative, inclusive, and sustainable solutions rooted in lived experiences, aiming to improve quality of life and foster social cohesion from the ground up.

The focus is on translating grassroots creativity into real-world impact, building a more just, inclusive, and beautiful future together.

By facilitating knowledge exchange and transdisciplinary collaboration, Connect NEB brings together citizens, local stakeholders, and public and private partners. Through dedicated funding and structured support, community-driven initiatives are empowered to co-create scalable and replicable solutions. *Please note this call is managed by EIT Urban Mobility.*

Type of applicants

Legal entities.

Call key dates

Launch date: 15 July 2026
Deadline: 30 September 2026 – 17:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
80% up to €15,300 per project

Entrepreneurship

XKIC - Co-Create NEB 2026

Open call

Type of activities

Co-Create NEB addresses urban, peri-urban, and rural challenges that target specific groups by enhancing public spaces through inclusive, sustainable, and aesthetic solutions.

The programme empowers communities and local stakeholders to integrate New European Bauhaus values into spatial development, contributing to long-term societal well-being and better living environments as well as shared ownership and creative cooperation.

Through funding and facilitation, Co-Create NEB supports collaborative projects that engage citizens, local authorities, and other partners. Using design-led approaches tailored to specific contexts, the programme helps develop place-based interventions with lasting impact. *Please note this call is managed by EIT Urban Mobility.*

Type of applicants

Consortia (min. 2 – max. 4 legal entities)

Call key dates

Launch date: 15 July 2026
Deadline: 30 September 2026 – 17:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
75% up to €49.300 per project

Entrepreneurship

XKIC - Enhance NEB 2026

Open call

Type of activities

Enhance NEB supports the scaling and replication of the most promising initiatives developed through Connect NEB and Co-Create NEB.

By deepening alignment with New European Bauhaus values, the programme helps extend the reach and impact of community-rooted solutions, fostering systemic change through long-term collaboration.

Through targeted funding, knowledge exchange, and strategic partnerships with cities, regions, and affiliated entities, Enhance NEB enables the continuation and adaptation of successful projects.

This process strengthens implementation pathways, supports cross-regional learning, and ensures that tested ideas can grow into sustainable, high-impact solutions across Europe. *Please note this call is managed by EIT Urban Mobility.*

Type of applicants

Consortia (min. 2 – max. 4 legal entities)

Call key dates

Launch date: 15 September 2026
Deadline: 17 November 2027 – 17:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:

80% up to €45,000 per project

Entrepreneurship

XKIC - AI Growth Studio

Open call

Type of activities

The AI Growth Studio is structured to offer a dual-support model tailored for deep-tech AI and robotics startups. By combining broad, cross-cutting acceleration with sector-specific expertise, the program ensures comprehensive support across technical, regulatory, and market aspects. Startups benefit from 28Digital's founder-first approach, which encourages global thinking and exposes participants to diverse opportunities, while Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) deliver targeted guidance closely aligned with industry requirements.

The program aims to support high-potential startups by providing a robust suite of activities. These include workshops on business development, market strategy, investor readiness, pitching, intellectual property, compliance, marketing, and digital maturity. Additional support is provided for navigating the AI Act and accessing essential computing infrastructure, along with executive management training to strengthen leadership within teams. Startups benefit from personalized workshops, ongoing meetings with advisors, and active assistance in building market traction. The program also facilitates access to open innovation opportunities and investor meetings, helping startups accelerate growth and secure critical funding. *Please note this call is managed by 28Digital (EIT Digital).*

Type of applicants

Legal entities

Call key dates

Launch date: October 2026 – Continuous Call

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:

€100,000 – €200,000 per company

CLOSED

Entrepreneurship

XKIC - Calling2Scale Gunma - Gateway to Japan 2026

Open call

Type of activities

Calling2Scale Gunma – Gateway to Japan 2026 supports European and Horizon Europe start-ups in exploring concrete collaboration opportunities with Gunma-based companies and using Gunma Prefecture as a strategic entry point to the Japanese market.

The programme is designed as a corporate-driven, challenge-based open innovation programme. It connects European start-ups with Japanese corporates that are actively looking for innovative technologies and solutions to address real business, industrial and innovation challenges. The 2026 edition builds on the previous programme experience and places a stronger emphasis on structured matchmaking, practical preparation, and pathways towards concrete pilots or proof-of-concept collaborations.

Participating start-ups will benefit from a structured journey combining expert input, online bootcamp activities, tailored mentoring, one-to-one meetings, and an in-person Immersion Lab in Gunma. The programme will help participants understand the Japanese corporate environment, adapt their value proposition to local needs, and prepare for meaningful engagement with potential corporate partners.

The programme aims to support high-quality corporate-start-up interactions and increase the likelihood of follow-up collaborations, pilots, PoCs, or longer-term partnerships between European innovators and Gunma-based companies.

Type of applicants

Legal entities

Call key dates

Launch date: 03 August 2026
Deadline: 03 September 2026 – 17:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:

~ €2,200 per participant

Call Results

12 projects selected

21,4% success rate

Entrepreneurship

Bilbao Campus Experience (BCE) 2026

Open call

Type of activities

The EIT Food Bilbao Campus Experience (BCE) is a post-accelerator programme for agrifood startups, designed to help them scale and access the Basque, Spanish, and European markets.

It offers a 3–4 week immersive experience in Bilbao, hosted at the B Accelerator Tower (BAT), combined with tailored mentoring and continued remote support. The programme focuses on providing individualised support, enabling startups to address specific growth challenges and connect directly with industry stakeholders, including companies, investors, and potential partners.

Through a mix of targeted training, networking activities, and personalised guidance, participants strengthen their market readiness and expand their business opportunities within the agrifood ecosystem.

Additionally, the programme offers financial support for travel and accommodation, as well as potential funding opportunities to support company creation and early-stage development in the Basque Country.

Please note this call is funded via a Basque Government Regional Grant.

Type of applicants

Legal entities, Start-Ups

Call key dates

Launch date: 08 June 2026
Deadline: 18 July 2026

Call estimated budget

Estimated Funding:

€3,000 per participant

Entrepreneurship

Impact Sips 2026 - Co-create the next generation of functional beverages with Hijos de Rivera

Open call

Type of activities

The Impact Sips 2026 call supports innovation activities focused on the development and validation of science backed functional ingredients and advanced beverage solutions. It targets startups working on technologies and product concepts that enhance the health and wellbeing impact of non-alcoholic beverages.

Funded activities include the design and optimisation of functional ingredients, beverage enabling technologies, and novel delivery formats, as well as the integration of these solutions into commercially viable beverage products. Particular emphasis is placed on innovations addressing key areas such as healthy ageing, mental wellbeing, and metabolic health.

The call enables selected startups to engage in co development activities with an industry partner, including feasibility testing, solution validation, and preparation for pilot collaboration. These activities aim to demonstrate the technical performance and market potential of the proposed innovations within a real industrial context.

Overall, the programme fosters the advancement of high potential solutions from validated concept to pilot ready stage, supporting their integration into next generation health and wellness beverage applications.

Please note this call is funded by Hijos de Rivera.

Type of applicants

Legal entities, Start-Ups

Call key dates

Launch date: 10 June 2026
Deadline: 10 July 2026

Call estimated budget

Estimated Funding:

From €50,000 per participant

EIT Food Accelerator Network Programme Implementing Participants 2027-2028

Open call

Type of activities

This call aims to select new Implementing Participants (Hubs) for the existing EIT Food Accelerator Network (EIT FAN) programme. Selected organisations will be responsible for delivering EIT FAN activities across Europe. Each Hub will scout, evaluate, train, and connect high-potential agrifoodtech startups in alignment with the programme's innovation, entrepreneurship, and impact goals.

The EIT Food Accelerator Network (EIT FAN) is a 2–3 month, theme-based acceleration programme delivered in a hybrid format through dedicated innovation Hubs across Europe. The programme supports high-potential agrifoodtech startups in accelerating their growth by helping them validate their technology, improve commercial and investment readiness, and ultimately achieve successful market adoption.

Each selected Implementing Participant will be responsible for delivering the EIT FAN programme at their designated Hub and thematic focus area. This includes full-cycle innovation support for agrifoodtech startups – from scouting and evaluating applicants to delivering a hybrid acceleration programme and facilitating meaningful ecosystem connections.

The new themes for which we are looking new implementing partners are the following:

- Circular Solutions for Food Systems
- Nutrition Innovation & Food as Medicine

Type of applicants

Legal entities

Call key dates

Launch date: 24 August 2026
Deadline: 26 October 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated Funding:

- Up to EUR 480,000 for implementing partners that co-finance a Hub over a two-year period.
- Up to EUR 240,000 for implementing partners that co-fund a Hub over a two-year period.

Biotech Alliance - Proof of Concept & Technology Validation Call

Open call

Type of activities

Many promising biotech innovations fail to reach the market due to two critical funding and development gaps, commonly referred to as the "valleys of death". To address these challenges, the EIT Food Biotech Proof of Concept Call offers two funding routes tailored to different stages of innovation maturity:

Route 1: Validation supports start-ups with promising scientific results that require further validation, de-risking, access to infrastructure, and industry collaboration to demonstrate real-world applicability.

Route 2: Demonstrator supports start-ups with validated technologies that are ready for larger-scale demonstration and require industrial partnerships and co-funding to accelerate commercial deployment and market uptake.

Together, these routes provide a progression pathway for biotech start-ups, enabling them to access support that matches their stage of development. The call aims to foster collaboration between start-ups and corporate partners, helping validate technologies, test commercial assumptions, and generate the evidence needed for scale-up and future investment. Where relevant, participants may also benefit from access to specialised facilities, laboratories, pilot plants, and infrastructure available by Alliance members.

Type of applicants

Legal entities

Call key dates

Launch date: 02 November 2026
Deadline: 18 January 2027 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated Funding:

- Route 1: EUR 60,000 per participant, overall route budget EUR 180,000.
- Route 2: EUR 250,000 per participant, overall route budget EUR 750,000.

Call for Empowering Women in Agrifood (EWA) Implementing Participants 2027-2028

Open call

Type of activities

Empowering Women in Agrifood (EWA) Programme 2027–2028 is looking for organisations to implement the programme across eligible RIS countries, supporting women entrepreneurs at different stages of their entrepreneurial journey. Selected organisations will deliver one of two modules:

Module 2 – Grow: Local programmes supporting idea-holders and early-stage women entrepreneurs through training, mentoring and connections with local entrepreneurial ecosystems. Up to 12 organisations will be selected.

Module 3 – Advance: A pan-European programme supporting women-founded agrifoodtech startups with market traction to strengthen their commercial and investment readiness and scale internationally.

Implementing Participants will be responsible for programme delivery, including participant recruitment and selection, training, mentoring, ecosystem engagement and key programme activities. Each programme will support at least 10 startups and connect participants with relevant experts, corporates, investors and potential partners.

Type of applicants

Legal entities established in RIS countries

Call key dates

Launch date: 05 November 2026
Deadline: 05 January 2027 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated Funding:
Up to €1,556,000 with maximum funding of:

- €120,000 per application for Module 2 (Grow).
- €116,000 per application for Module 3 (Advance).

BIOTECHBRIDGE – Open Call for market experts

Open call

Type of activities

BIOTechBridge programme is an innovation support initiative developed by EIT Food to facilitate the technology transfer process between research and innovation actors and the industry.

The primary goal of the programme is to accelerate the commercialization of research-driven biotech innovations by addressing the gap between technological advancements and the specific needs of the industry within the agri-food sector. BIOTechBridge 2026 will include two tracks:

Track 1: Protein Diversification, focused on biotechnology innovations contributing to the diversification of sustainable protein sources for food applications. This track is co-funded by GFI Europe.

Track 2: Agri-Food Biotechnology Innovations, focused on broader biotechnology-enabled innovations across the agri-food sector.

Type of applicants

Legal entities

Call key dates

Launch date: November 2026
Deadline: December 2026

Call estimated budget

Estimated Funding:

- Track 1: EUR 40,000 per participant, overall route budget EUR 400,000.
- Track 2: EUR 40,000 per participant, overall route budget EUR 200,000.

Entrepreneurship

European Agri-Food Biotech Member State Engagement – Food, Feed and Biosolutions

Open call

Type of activities

This call aims to support Member States in identifying and advancing their national agri-food biotechnology priorities, while connecting them to relevant European research, innovation, funding, investment and policy opportunities. Selected organisations will work with national authorities and ecosystem stakeholders to map strategic priorities and value chains, identify barriers and opportunities, strengthen collaboration, and develop tailored actions and recommendations. The initiative will also bring country-level priorities and evidence into a wider European framework, helping strengthen the conditions for agri-food biotech innovation, scale-up and industrial deployment across Europe.

Type of applicants

Legal entities

Call key dates

Launch date: November
Deadline: December

Call estimated budget

Estimated Funding:
From €40,000 to €60,000 to per participant

Resilient Agriculture



CLOSED

Resilient Agriculture

Call for Resilient Agriculture Landscape in Finland

Open call

Type of activities

Selecting implementation partners for the Resilient Agriculture Landscape in Finland. The landscape will bring together farmers, businesses, and local institutions to accelerate the transition to regenerative farming and strengthen agricultural resilience.

** The landscape scope is under development and remains indicative. This opportunity may come in multiple calls for proposals tailored to project needs.*

Type of applicants

Legal entities; Consortium.

Call key dates

Launch date: 03 August 2026

Deadline: 08 October 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:

€1,100,000

CLOSED

Resilient Agriculture

Serbia Resilient Agriculture Landscape

Open call

Type of activities

Selecting implementation partners for the Regenerative Agriculture Landscape in Serbia. The landscape will bring together farmers, businesses, and local institutions to accelerate the transition to regenerative farming and strengthen agricultural resilience.

** The landscape scope is under development and remains indicative. This opportunity may come in multiple calls for proposals tailored to project needs.*

Type of applicants

Legal entities; Consortium.

Call key dates

Launch date: 08 July 2026
Deadline: 08 September 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€549,280

Call Results

1 project selected
16,6% success rate

CLOSED

Resilient Agriculture

Call for Resilient Agriculture Landscape in Extremadura, Spain

Open call

Type of activities

Selecting implementation partners for the Regenerative Agriculture Landscape in Extremadura. The landscape will bring together farmers, businesses, and local institutions to accelerate the transition to regenerative farming and strengthen agricultural resilience.

** The landscape scope is under development and remains indicative. This opportunity may come in multiple calls for proposals tailored to project needs.*

Type of applicants

Legal entities; Consortium.

Call key dates

Launch date: 10 July 2026
Deadline: 10 September 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€820,000

CLOSED

Resilient Agriculture

North of France Resilient Agriculture Landscape Call

Open call

Type of activities

Selecting implementation partners for the Regenerative Agriculture Landscape in France. This initiative brings together farmers, businesses, scientific entities, and local institutions to accelerate the transition to regenerative agriculture, improve soil health, and strengthen long-term resilience through data-driven soil insights.

We are seeking implementation partners to deliver and monitor field activities with farmers and local stakeholders; a scientific or research entity to analyse and valorise soil data into actionable insights on soil health, carbon, biodiversity, and system performance; experts to build farmers' capacity to interpret soil data and link it to practical regenerative actions; and a certified laboratory to provide reliable and transparent soil sampling and analysis.

Type of applicants

Legal entities; Consortium.

Call key dates

Launch date: 14 April 2026
Deadline: 15 June 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€750,000

Call Results

1 project selected
50% success rate

CLOSED

Resilient Agriculture

Call for Biodiversity Pilot of Navarra 360

Open call

Type of activities

This call will select implementation partners to support biodiversity monitoring activities within the ongoing Regenerative Agriculture Landscape in Navarra, Spain. The selected company must be specialised in assessing the impact of regenerative agricultural practices on biodiversity, including the monitoring of soil microorganisms (bacteria and fungi), insects, birds, and other fauna, as well as ecosystem health indicators. The scope also includes the analysis of nutritional density in crops produced under regenerative management.

Type of applicants

Legal entities.

Call key dates

Launch date: 02 March 2026
Deadline: 02 April 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€30,000

Call Results

1 project selected
11,1% success rate

CLOSED

Resilient Agriculture

Call for Laboratory Analysis of Soil Samples Navarra 360 Landscape

Open call

Type of activities

This call will select a qualified laboratory service provider to support soil and biodiversity monitoring within the Regenerative Agriculture Landscape in Navarra, Spain, through comprehensive soil sample. Analyses will cover key physical and chemical properties, organic matter and major biogenic elements, plant-available macro- and micronutrients, soil biodiversity indicators, and any additional parameters relevant to assessing soil health, ecosystem functioning, and the impact of regenerative agricultural practices.

Type of applicants

Legal entities.

Call key dates

Launch date: 26 March 2026
Deadline: 27 April 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€45,000

Call Results

1 project selected
50% success rate

CLOSED

Resilient Agriculture

Call for Financial Study Navarra 360 Landscape

Open call

Type of activities

The purpose of this call for proposals is to select a specialist organisation to carry out a financial and economic feasibility study aimed at defining a sustainable model for relationships and value sharing within the agricultural supply chain linked to regenerative agriculture.

The study must provide the necessary economic and financial basis for assessing the implementation of the model from 2028 onwards, identifying mechanisms for incentives, cost allocation and value capture throughout the chain.

Type of applicants

Legal entities.

Call key dates

Launch date: 26 June 2026
Deadline: 26 July 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€30,000

Call Results

1 project selected
11,1% success rate

CLOSED

Resilient Agriculture

Ireland Resilient Agriculture Landscape

Open call

Type of activities

This opportunity aims to recruit participants to support the implementation, monitoring, and reporting of regenerative agriculture activities across the Irish landscape. The selected providers may contribute to on-farm delivery supporting the transition of farms to regenerative practices, the development and implementation of monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) systems to track key performance indicators and environmental co-benefits, soil analysis and auditing activities, engagement with relevant stakeholders and policymakers, and the on-farm testing of research and innovation initiatives. Activities may cover multiple agricultural value chains and regions, and may be delivered through one or multiple workstreams depending on project timing and needs.

Type of applicants

Legal entities; Consortium.

Call key dates

Launch date: 25 March 2026
Deadline: 08 June 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€825,000

Call Results

1 project selected
100% success rate

Resilient Agriculture

Call(s) for Polish Regenerative Agriculture Landscape

Open call

Type of activities

This opportunity aims to recruit participants to support the implementation, monitoring, and reporting of regenerative agriculture activities across the Polish landscape. The selected providers may contribute with soil sampling analysis and reporting on financial disclosures and financial sustainability of the project.

**This opportunity may come in multiple calls for proposals tailored to project needs.*

Type of applicants

Legal entities; Consortium.

Call key dates

Launch date: To be confirmed
Deadline: To be confirmed

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€192,000

Resilient Agriculture

MRV Challenge

Prize

Type of activities

The MRV Challenge aims to award solutions reducing resources needed for effective MRV - covering cost, time, and complexity - while maintaining or improving accuracy. Proposed solutions could include simplifying data collection, improving interoperability, and leveraging existing technologies rather than creating new ones. Field trials to show the efficacy of the solutions will also be supported.

Type of applicants

Legal entities.

Call key dates

Launch date: To be confirmed
Deadline: To be confirmed

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€230,000

Resilient Agriculture

European Future Fit Dairy Initiative Call

Open call

Type of activities

The Future Fit Dairy Initiative Europe call supports solutions and initiatives that accelerate the transition to a more sustainable, resilient, and low-emission European dairy sector. It will recruit entities to work on solutions and initiatives improving environmental performance, animal welfare, farmers training and profitability, and supply-chain transparency across diverse dairy landscapes.

** The landscape scope is under development and remains indicative. This opportunity may come in multiple calls for proposals tailored to project needs.*

Type of applicants

Legal entities; Consortium.

Call key dates

Launch date: 28 August 2026
Deadline: 10 November 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€900,000

CLOSED

Resilient Agriculture

UK Regenerative Agriculture Landscape Finance Model Pilot: Implementer Call

Open call

Type of activities

This call aim to recruit an entity to provide technical implementation support, assess replicability, and document success factors and replication conditions for a pre-defined UK regenerative agriculture landscape finance model.

Type of applicants

Legal entities

Call key dates

Launch date: 06 March 2026
Deadline: 06 May 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€68,000

Call Results

1 project selected
50% success rate

CLOSED

Resilient Agriculture

UK Regenerative Agriculture Landscape: Farmer Engagement Mobilisation Call

Open call

Type of activities

This Call has the objective of recruiting one delivery participant to lead farmer engagement, mobilisation and communications activities in support of a pre-defined regenerative agriculture landscape finance model replication pilot underway in the UK, linked to technical implementation support under Call 1*. Activities will include outreach, consultations and structured feedback to inform refinement of the financing package and implementation design.

** UK Regenerative Agriculture Landscape Finance Model Pilot: Implementer Call*

Type of applicants

Legal entities

Call key dates

Launch date: 03 April 2026
Deadline: 07 May 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€45,000

Call Results

1 project selected
33,3% success rate

CLOSED

Resilient Agriculture

Call for Sustainable Oilseed Rape Production in UK

Open call

Type of activities

This Call has the objective to recruit entities to deliver the Advancing the Sustainability and Resilience of Oilseed Rape Production in the United Kingdom Landscape from 2026-2029 through a whole farm approach. This project aims to support farmers in UK to transition to regenerative agriculture, with a project co-financed by EIT Food and two of Europe's leading Consumer Packaged Goods (CPGs) active in those regions.

Type of applicants

This Call is seeking a single entity, or a coalition of partners (complete consortia), to deliver key services (all 3 work packages): WP1: Project Management and Coordination Services; WP2: Farmer Recruitment, Training and Advisory Services; WP3: Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) Services

Call key dates

Launch date: 11 June 2026
Deadline: 11 August 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€1,220,000

Resilient Agriculture

Test Farms startups call

Open call

Type of activities

This call aims to attract TRL 6–9 startups that are ready to demonstrate the value of their technologies and scale their impact. Through Test Farms, selected startups will gain access to farmers, agronomists, testing sites, and visibility opportunities that help drive commercial adoption and investor interest.

Type of applicants

Start-ups

Call key dates

Launch date: To be confirmed
Deadline: To be confirmed

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€4,000 EUR per startup to cover the pilot activities related costs

CLOSED

Resilient Agriculture

Lower Silesia 360° Integrated Farm Advisory Implementation Call

Open call

Type of activities

This call aims to select 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.

Type of applicants

Legal Entities, Consortia

Call key dates

Launch date: 14 August 2026
Deadline: 14 October 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
Up to €910,786

Education



CLOSED

Education

Call for Delivery of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Module in the Master in Food Systems (MFS)

Open call

Type of activities

This call aims to recruit a participant to implement the Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Food System (EIFS) module within the EIT Food 'Master in Food Systems'. EIFS immerses students in entrepreneurial thinking for the food sector through interactive online sessions, in-person residentials, and collaborative group work, enabling them to develop and apply practical innovation skills to real-world food system challenges.

Type of applicants

Legal entities.

Call key dates

Launch date: 17 December 2025
Deadline: 17 February 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€950,000

Call Results

1 project selected
20% success rate

EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals

Open call

Type of activities

The EIT Higher Education Institutions Initiative's Call for Proposals 2025 is offering up to €2 million per project to support projects that enable universities and their partners to develop critical entrepreneurship skills and mindsets, launch new innovation structures and programmes, and strengthen strategic collaboration with industry and society.

Projects can apply under two topics:

- Topic 1: Boosting the innovation and entrepreneurship capacity of Europe's STEM talent pipeline
- Topic 2: Strengthening synergies across the European higher education and innovation area, specifically between the EIT ecosystem and the European Universities alliances.

Please note that this call is managed by EIT Raw Materials. More information on their website.

Type of applicants

Consortia led by HEIs with business, research, and public sector partners

Call key dates

Launch date: 03 December 2025
Deadline: 04 March 2026 – 17:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
Up to €2 million per project

Education

Future Farm Lab Call

Open call

Type of activities

This call seeks a partner to deliver the Future Farm Lab (FFL) for BP26–28. FFL is a scalable, web-based 3D learning and simulation platform that builds skills and drives behavioural change in regenerative and resilient agriculture across Europe. The activity will expand immersive micromissions, strengthen the platform's technical and pedagogical capacity, and embed FFL across EIT Food Skills Academies, EU-funded projects, and partner training programmes. FFL enables farmers, agrifood professionals, students, and policymakers to safely test interventions and apply systems thinking to challenges such as soil health, biodiversity, climate resilience, and input reduction.

Type of applicants

Legal entities; Service Providers.

Call key dates

Launch date: 06 May 2026
Deadline: 07 July 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€400,000

Call Results

1 project selected
11,1% success rate

CLOSED

Education

Request for Education Support Services Implementing Participants Call

Open call

Type of activities

The goal of EIT Food's Education Support Services is to support entrepreneurial students across Europe with different mechanisms to enhance the entrepreneurial capacity of the food system:

- Commercialisation and entrepreneurship training focussed on the market introduction of consumer packaged goods;
- A potential route to market for novel and sustainable consumer packaged goods developed by students;
- Creating a pool of bright minds for EIT Food's Careers Service.

Type of applicants

Legal entities; Consortia.

Call key dates

Launch date: 02 June 2026
Deadline: 02 August 2026 – 23:59 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€500,000

Call Results

1 project selected
33,3% success rate

Partners

Partners

Protein Diversification and Healthy Ageing Think and Do Tanks / Coordination & Content Creation Support Call

Partner-restricted call

Type of activities

EIT Food is launching a call to recruit contributors to support the 'Healthy Aging' and 'Protein Diversification' Think and Do Tanks, focusing on content creation and coordination. Selected contributors will support Steering Committee and Working Group activities, including meeting coordination, agenda setting, and follow-up, while conducting foresight, trend analysis, policy research, and stakeholder intelligence. The role also includes facilitating communication, knowledge management, partner engagement, and impact tracking to ensure alignment, collaboration, and effective dissemination of Think and Do Tank outputs.

Type of applicants

Legal entities.

Call key dates

Launch date: 08 October 2026
Deadline: 08 November 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€100,000

CLOSED

Partners

Resilient Agriculture Think and Do Tank / Coordination & Content Creation Support

Partner-restricted call

Type of activities

The goal of this call is to recruit qualified contributors to support the effective functioning and impact of the Resilient Agriculture Think and Do Tank. The selected contributors will strengthen the delivery of initiatives by leading and coordinating content development, supporting Steering Committee and Working Group activities, and ensuring structured collaboration across stakeholders.

Type of applicants

Consortium, Legal entities.

Call key dates

Launch date: 01 July 2026
Deadline: 03 August 2026 – 12:00 CET

Call estimated budget

Estimated EIT Funding:
€50,000

Call Results

1 project selected
50% success rate

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