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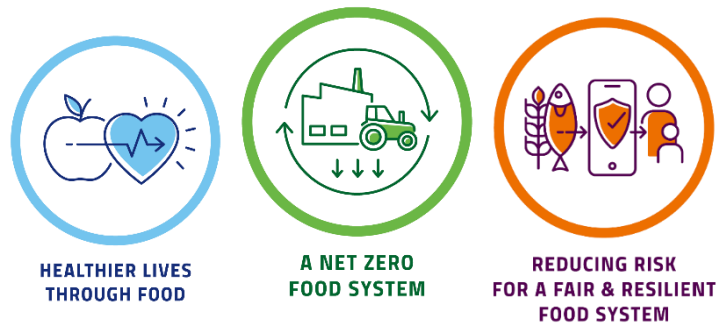
Title of Call	Ireland Resilient Agriculture Landscape
Objective and Scope	To recruit a consortium to deliver the Irish Resilient Agriculture Landscape from 2026-28. This project aims to support arable and livestock farmers in Leinster and Munster to transition to regenerative agriculture, with a project co-financed by EIT Food and corporate offtakers active in those regions. There are 5 work packages. Applications should be from a consortium addressing all 5 WPs, and an individual organisation can deliver multiple WPs if they demonstrate appropriate capability: 1. Project Management – the Lead Partner who manages the overall consortium, application, comms and reporting to EIT Food 2. Scheme Operators - 2-3 established regenerative agriculture scheme operators in Ireland who work directly with farmers on behalf of corporate offtakers 3. MRV Harmonisation – responsible for harmonising various sources of MRV data into coherent outputs 4. Capacity building – providing agronomic advisory support, training and peer-to-peer learning in the agricultural ecosystem. 5. Research & Innovation – facilitating research and innovation to enhance current and future landscape interventions.
Call Deadline	8 June 2026 12:00 CET
Available Funding	€1,650,000, with potential for more to be added.
Project Duration	2026-28, with a final report in early 2029.
How to apply	MyEITFood
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1. Introduction

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

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

Our Missions



EIT Food's Missions respond to major societal challenges within the food system. The alignment of our chosen challenges towards United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and EU policy is detailed in our main funding [strategy document](#) agreed with EIT (European Institute of Innovation & Technology). For more about our Missions-led approach please visit [our website](#).

2. Adding Implementing Participants to Ireland Resilient Agriculture Landscape

2.1. Description of Activities

This EIT Food Request for Implementing Participants has the objective of recruiting participants to implement and deliver the Ireland Resilient Agriculture Landscape as part of the EIT Food Resilient Agriculture landscape portfolio, a pan-European initiative aiming to transition agricultural landscapes towards regenerative and resilient production systems.

EIT Food acts as the Landscape Portfolio Orchestrator, responsible for ensuring alignment with the broader European portfolio of landscapes in terms of governance, MRV frameworks, impact metrics, corporate engagement, and innovation pipelines.

Each landscape operates through local implementation partners while contributing to a shared European architecture for impact measurement, corporate engagement, and innovation testing.

Implementing participants will deliver activities locally within Ireland, while strategic direction, cross-landscape coordination, MRV architecture, corporate engagement principles and portfolio-level impact monitoring will be coordinated by EIT Food.

The Ireland Resilient Agriculture Landscape is focused on building supply chain resilience by transitioning land in Leinster and Munster to regenerative agriculture over 3 agricultural years from 2026-28, setting a foundation for continued progress in the region beyond the initial 3 years. The project aims to find synergies between arable and livestock systems in the transition towards more resilient agriculture, supporting farmers directly to shift their practices. The Landscape will unlock and measure benefits in carbon sequestration, GHG emissions, soil health, biodiversity, water quality and farmer wellbeing (including socioeconomic factors).

Applications should be from complete consortia including parties responsible for **all 5 work packages**. A single organisation can deliver more than one work package if they demonstrate sufficient capacity and capability. Activities may include but are not limited to:

Work Package 1 – Project Management

This WP should be delivered by **one organisation** with **strong connection to the Irish agricultural ecosystem**. This organisation will act as the Landscape Implementation Coordinator, **responsible for submitting the application** on behalf of the whole consortium, coordinating the local consortium and supporting the operational delivery of activities in Ireland.

EIT Food will retain the role of **Landscape Portfolio Orchestrator**, providing strategic oversight and ensuring alignment with the wider European portfolio of resilient agriculture landscapes.

This work package involves:

- **Coordinating the multiple actors** involved, ensuring coherence across the project. Working closely with EIT Food on governance.
- **Coordinating communications**, including external dissemination
- Providing linkages to key stakeholders in the **wider agricultural ecosystem** in Ireland
- Completing the **annual reporting** to EIT Food.
- Working closely with EIT Food to ensure alignment with the EIT Food Resilient Agriculture Landscape Portfolio governance, MRV frameworks and reporting architecture.

A **Landscape Steering Committee** will be established to guide the strategic direction of the Ireland Resilient Agriculture Landscape.

- The Steering Committee will include representatives from:
 - EIT Food (Chair)
 - Corporate co-financers
 - Scheme Operators
 - MRV harmonisation partner
 - Landscape Implementation Coordinator
 - Farmer representation where appropriate
- The Steering Committee will ensure:
 - alignment with the EIT Food Landscape Portfolio
 - transparent governance and decision making
 - coordination between corporate partners and scheme operators
 - consistent MRV implementation
 - strategic prioritisation of innovation testing.

Work Package 2 – Scheme Operators

EIT Food seeks to recruit **2-3 established Scheme Operators in Ireland to work in parallel** within the broader Irish Resilient Agriculture Landscape. ‘Scheme Operators’ are specialist organisations working directly with farmers, supporting them to shift agricultural practices and integrating MRV for reporting and compliance. They are backed by corporate offtakers who pay Scheme Operators to work with their suppliers/farmers.

In order to maximise overall impact in the Ireland Resilient Agriculture Landscape, we will select 2-3 Scheme Operators active in Munster and/or Leinster, each of whom will apply with a **letter of support from corporate offtakers** (including corporate's *commitment to participate and co-finance the project*) to participate in the project.

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

WP1 delivers the transition at the heart of the project, including:

- **Working directly with farmers**, including training to transition their practices to regenerative ones.
- **Incorporate arable and livestock systems**: the consortium of Scheme Operators applying must include work with both arable and livestock systems, connecting the two if possible. They are responsible for bringing farmers from corporate supply chains into the project.
- **Facilitate engagement with corporate partners active in their supply chains**, and delivering on-farm practice changes, including any necessary financial incentives, to the farmers in their supply chains. Corporate partners will participate in the landscape through **direct collaboration agreements with EIT Food**, ensuring a neutral multi-stakeholder platform and alignment with the EIT Food Landscape Portfolio.
- **Deliver and measure benefits**, including carbon sequestration, GHG emissions, biodiversity, soil health, water quality and farmer wellbeing.
- **Integrating MRV**, including data collection and soil sampling, for farms within their schemes, and providing the foundation to meet frameworks like SAI Platform, CRCF, GHG Protocol, LSRG, SBTi.
- Scheme operators must operate within a **shared landscape governance structure** and contribute data and reporting in accordance with EIT Food portfolio standards (Including MRV and KPI alignment).

Work Package 3 – MRV Harmonisation

This WP should be delivered by **one organisation** experienced in taking disparate sources of agricultural data and producing usable outputs.

The MRV harmonization partner will work under the strategic guidance of EIT Food to ensure consistency with the EIT Food Resilient Agriculture Landscape portfolio MRV architecture, enabling comparability of environmental and socioeconomic impacts across landscapes in different regions of Europe.

With schemes operating independently but in parallel, it is vital that the selected organisation produces **coherent outputs aligned with different requirements**, including:

- **National MRV infrastructure** in Ireland, including [AgNav](#)
- **International corporate sustainability reporting frameworks** like SAI Platform, CRCF, GHG Protocol, LSRG, SBTi
- **Other EIT Food landscape impact areas** like soil carbon sequestration, GHG emissions, soil health, biodiversity, water quality, and farmer wellbeing.

All MRV data generated through this initiative must be shared with EIT Food in accordance with portfolio data standards, while respecting confidentiality agreements with farmers and corporates.

Work Package 4 – Capacity Building

This WP involves local capacity building for farmers and other relevant stakeholders. The deliverer(s) should be based in Ireland and rooted in the agricultural ecosystem there, able to provide a balanced, practical and impactful programme of capacity building, including:

- **Agronomic advisory** and **training** for farmers and other relevant ecosystem stakeholders
- **Peer to peer** events and other collaboration opportunities

Capacity building activities should be designed to support farmer transition within the landscape and contribute to the development of a European community of practice on regenerative agriculture across EIT Food Resilient Agriculture Landscapes.

Work Package 5 – Research & Innovation

This WP focuses on researching and testing various innovations in the landscape, with the purpose of enhancing long term financial and environmental sustainability and identifying high-impact initiatives.

Innovation activities will actively connect with the EIT Food Innovation ecosystem, including startups, innovation solutions, research organizations and technology providers, enabling the landscape to function as a living laboratory for learning, testing and scaling regenerative agriculture solutions.

R&I activities may include:

- **Reports on farm financial sustainability**, including exploring different financial de-risking mechanisms for farmers and other type of financial modules or pilots.
- Studying connections between **livestock/arable systems**
- **Facilitating testing of innovations** on farm to identify potential solutions to challenges.
- Facilitation of a **centre of learning**, providing an advanced regenerative agriculture setting for innovation testing and farmer learning.

2.2. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

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

Code	KPI	KPI Definition
EITHE07	Graduates from EIT labelled programmes	Supporting farmers, advisors and any other stakeholders with training programmes <i>Please note, input/output documentation will be required to prove that the training programmes have had an impact on the recipient's understanding</i>

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

2.3. Deliverables and Milestones

Grant recipients must submit project deliverables. For this activity the deliverables may include but are not limited to:

WP1 – Project Management

- Reporting - annual **reporting to EIT Food** including costs, KPIs, impact milestones and deliverables
- Communications – develop, implement and report **communications and dissemination strategy**, including creation of materials. This includes disseminating to the Irish ecosystem
- Budget – support EIT Food with **budget management**
- Governance – playing a role in project governance and stakeholder coordination

WP2 – Scheme Operators

- Corporate offtakers – bring **3+ corporates** into the project and manage the relationship with them. The application must include **letters of endorsement** from companies outlining their commitment to co-financing in the project
- Farmer engagement – manage **on-farm engagement** with farmers from corporate supply chains and potentially bring further farmers into the project if needed. **Facilitate funding** flows to farmers from corporates
- MRV delivery – ensure accurate **MRV data** collection in alignment with needs of corporate, EIT Food and national infrastructure needs
- Practice changes – delivery of on-farm **transitions to regenerative agriculture**, including training to equip farmers with tools needed to shift practices
- Impact delivery - **deliver and measure benefits**, including carbon sequestration, GHG emissions, biodiversity, soil health, water quality and farmer wellbeing.

WP3 – MRV Harmonisation

- Data collection – **gathering and analysing MRV data** from the different scheme operators
- Verification body alignment – collaborating with the **independent MRV verification** body that is being recruited separately
- MRV infrastructure alignment – collaborate with relevant national (including AgNav) and international bodies to ensure **alignment on MRV infrastructure**
- MRV outputs – deliver **cohesive MRV data outputs** at scheme and project level suitable for EIT Food landscape alignment, and international framework compliance according to the needs of corporate sustainability reporting (e.g. SAI Platform, CRCF, GHG Protocol, LSRG, SBTi)

WP4 – Capacity Building

- Training – deliver **group training** for farmers and other relevant stakeholders
- Agronomic advisory – provide expert **agronomic advisory** services where needed
- Peer-to-peer engagement – facilitate **events and collaboration opportunities** for farmers in the landscape

WP5 – Research & Innovation

- Financial sustainability - reports on **farm economic sustainability** and financial opportunities to enhance farm economics
- System co-benefits - Analysis of connections between **livestock/arable** systems

- Testing - facilitation of testing of **biological/technological innovations** on farm
- Centre of learning - providing an **advanced regenerative agriculture setting** for innovation testing and farmer learning.

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](#).

Portfolio Integration

- The Ireland Resilient Agriculture Landscape will form part of the EIT Food Resilient Agriculture Landscape Portfolio.
- Selected participants will be expected to:
 - Contribute to cross-landscape learning and collaboration
 - Align with shared MRV frameworks and data standards
 - Participate in portfolio-level events and reporting
 - Support the development of scalable models for regenerative agriculture transition across Europe.

3. Description of Role & Profile

Applications should be from a full consortium able to meet requirements of all five work packages. Please note, consortium members can be responsible for more than one WP. The application should be submitted by the Project Manager (WP1) who acts as the Lead Partner and is responsible for ensuring the consortium can meet all requirements.

WP1 – Project Management

- This should be an organisation immersed in the Irish agricultural ecosystem. They should have strong project management expertise and ideally be experienced in EU project delivery partners coordination and reporting. They should have the capability to coordinate different Schemes and unify parallel workstreams into a single overall project.

WP2 – Scheme Operators

- This WP will be fulfilled by 2-3 Scheme Operators already working on regenerative agriculture schemes in Ireland backed by corporate offtakers.
- The Scheme Operators should be experienced in running high impact scalable programmes that integrate on-farm practice changes with MRV, helping corporates to transition supply chains to regenerative agriculture.
- Collectively, the Scheme Operators applying should be able to impact multiple value chains, including incorporating arable and livestock systems.

WP3 – MRV Harmonisation

- This should be an organisation specialised in agricultural MRV data. They should have the ability to take agricultural data from different sources to produce flexible and coherent outputs suitable for corporate reporting and other purposes. Preference will be given to organisations with experience working in Ireland.

WP4 – Capacity Building

- This should be an organisation rooted in the Irish agricultural ecosystem, with sufficient local capacity and regenerative agriculture expertise to deliver a programme of high-impact capacity building for landscape stakeholders.

WP5 – Research & Innovation

- This WP should be fulfilled by experts in agricultural research and innovation, being able to test innovations on farm, conduct research into priority areas, and produce reports that can enhance strength and sustainability of this and future initiatives.

4. Funding

This is a co-funded initiative between EIT Food and corporate partners. The total available funding to this call is €1,650,000. **EIT Food contribution to this call is up to €825,000, with corporate offtakers contributing at least €825,000.** Both EIT Food and corporate offtakers each commit to dedicating an additional 9% to cover overhead and other costs of the project. Corporates may bring additional funding. Higher corporate funding will be positively evaluated. Any additional corporate resources may be distributed at a later stage to selected participants, subject to demonstrated good performance and increase in KPIs. Implementing participant recipients will receive a subgrant to fund their cost.

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

The project runs from August 2026 to March 2029 (harvest years 2026-28, final reporting Q1 2029). EIT Food encourages the participation of multiple corporate partners across different supply chains, ensuring that the landscape functions as a collaborative platform rather than a single-company programme.

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

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

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

- Subcontracting can amount to a maximum of 20% of total costs.

- Participants are not permitted to give a subgrant to another third party.

4.1. Financial Sustainability

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

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

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

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

5. Call Timeline and Application

5.1 Timeline

This funding opportunity follows the timeline below:

Call Open Date	25 March 2026
Call Deadline	8 June 12:00 CET
Expert Evaluation of Applications	9 June – 18 June
Invitation to interviews, panels	18 June
Interviews/Panels	18-21 June
Communication to selected participants	22 June
Standstill period, Onboarding, Validation and Contracting, Negotiation and Signature of the Collaboration Agreement between EIT Food and corporates	22 August
Indicative start of project implementation	23 August

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

5.2 Application Submission

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

6. Eligibility, Evaluation and Selection Process

6.1 Eligibility

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

Organisation Eligibility	Each implementing participant must:
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	• Be a legally incorporated entity in one of the EU or Horizon Europe eligible country listed above for a minimum of 1 year. • Provide a PIC Number: https://www.eitfood.eu/files/PIC-Guidance.pdf
Application Eligibility	Each application must:
	• Be complete, with all mandatory application documents <i>(including 3+ corporate letters of commitment) uploaded.</i> • Include both arable and livestock systems. • Be submitted on time via our submission template. • Be fully written in English.

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

6.2 Evaluation Process

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

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

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

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

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

6.2.1. Evaluation Criteria

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

Criteria	Sub criteria	Score
Excellence (30%)	• The experience of the consortium in delivering regenerative agriculture projects • The strength of the consortium's presence in Ireland and connection to the agricultural ecosystem • How strong is the track record of the scheme operators in working with corporates to deliver change on farm • The strength of the proposal for capacity building	1-5

Impact (30%)	• The amount of corporates/hectares/farmers brought to the project • How effectively do they bring different systems (e.g. livestock/arable) into the project • How effective are the proposed transitions in improving GHG emissions, carbon sequestration, soil health, biodiversity, farmer wellbeing, water quality • The quality of research and innovation activities	1-5
Quality and efficiency of the implementation (20%)	• How successfully do they integrate MRV into their offering • Strength of workplan including timelines, risk mitigation • Value for money, including level of corporate co-financing brought to the project • Scalability and long-term sustainability of the landscape	1-5
KIC portfolio strategic fit and compliance with the financial sustainability principles (20%)	• Overall fit to EIT Food portfolio and strategic priorities • Contribution of the proposed landscape to the EIT Food European landscape portfolio, including willingness to adopt shared MRV standards, governance frameworks and cross-landscape learning mechanisms.	1-5

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

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

Score		Description
1	Poor	The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses
2	Fair	Application broadly addresses the criterion but there are significant weaknesses
3	Good	Application addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present
4	Very good	Application addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present
5	Excellent	Application successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

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

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

6.3 Appeal on Evaluation Results

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

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

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

7. Administrative Items

7.1 Onboarding

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

As part of the onboarding process, selected entities must:

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

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

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

or

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

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

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

7.2 EIT Food Legal Framework & Legal Documents to be signed

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

To be signed between the participant and EIT Food:

1. Framework Agreement
2. Kava Contract

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

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

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

Any other legal agreements to make this grant eligible.

7.3 Payment Schedule

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

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

7.4 Monitoring

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

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

7.5 Support

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

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

ANNEX 1 – Eligibility

Please Note:

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

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

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

4. Applicants will be deemed ineligible if:

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

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

c. it has been established by a final judgment or a final administrative decision that the organisation is guilty of grave professional misconduct by having violated applicable laws or regulations or ethical standards of the profession to which the organisation belongs, or by having engaged in any wrongful conduct which has an impact on its professional credibility where such conduct denotes a wrongful intent or gross negligence;

d. is found to be attempting to influence the decision-making process of the call during the process;

e. attempting to obtain confidential information that may confer upon its undue advantages in the call process;

f. it has been established by a final judgment that the organisation is guilty of fraud, corruption or money laundering.

ANNEX 2 - History of Changes

Version	Publication Date	Changes
V2	13/05	Extension of the deadline to 08 June 2026 12:00 CET