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# Tips and Tricks to apply for Horizon Calls

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Results of the EIP-AGRI brokerage event 'Get involved in  
the EU Mission: A Soil Deal for Europe'

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# EIP-AGRI brokerage event 'Get involved in the EU Mission: A Soil Deal for Europe'

- Brussels, 8-9 June 2022
- Objective: support the Horizon Europe call for proposals under the EU Mission: A Soil Deal for Europe.
  - supporting future applicants in finding potential partners
  - improving awareness on the EU Soil Mission and its work programme 2022
  - sharing further information on the call and its topics

# Keep informed

- Horizon National Contact Points Networks
  - <https://horizoneuropencppportal.eu/>
- Funding & Tenders Portal
- Keep up to date on running Horizon projects
  - [Horizon Europe \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)
- Keep up to date on EU policy debates



# Keep informed

- Consult platforms and newsletters
  - EU CAP Network Newsletters: [European CAP Network Newsletters \(europa.eu\)](http://europa.eu)
- [Publications \(europa.eu\)](http://europa.eu)

# Participate

- Participate in the Horizon Europe Info Days
  - [Horizon Europe info days \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)
- Be part of European groups
  - EU CAP Network Focus Groups: [Focus groups \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

# Understanding the call

- Find a call that fits your project, do not try to adapt your project to a call.
- Understand the topics
- Read and understand the evaluation criteria



# Setting up the consortium

- Set up a solid and reliable consortium
  - Too large consortium may have downside
- Strong coordination and leadership is needed:
  - Start as partner rather than leader if it is your first proposal
  - Management and communication skills (English required)
  - Establish a proactive managing of the team
- Share tasks: allow partners focus on specific tasks

# Setting up the consortium

- Partners:
  - Ask professional experts. Consult research institutions and organisms
  - Meet with farmers and take them on board
- Invest time in:
  - Networking
  - Fruitful meetings and discussions

# Writing the proposal

- Develop the idea:
  - Consult previous research projects
  - Be honest about you don't know
  - Don't be afraid of new ideas – be ambitious
  - Be ahead of new policies in your country/region
- Make your project desirable:
  - Make results desirable
  - Bring practical examples/solutions
  - Reflect and demonstrate expected impact of project activities
- Consider end users (farmers, rural stakeholders, ...)

# Writing the proposal

- Project approach:
  - Full chain approach leverage co-creation
  - Open science approach: communicate, public-engagement, science-to-companies exchange
- Be aware of the project size
- Carry out a follow-up of the process: learn and improve based on feedback
- Become an evaluator: think like a Horizon evaluator

# Thank you for your attention

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