



EU CAP Network Brokerage event ‘Accelerating the innovation process through Horizon Europe multi-actor projects’

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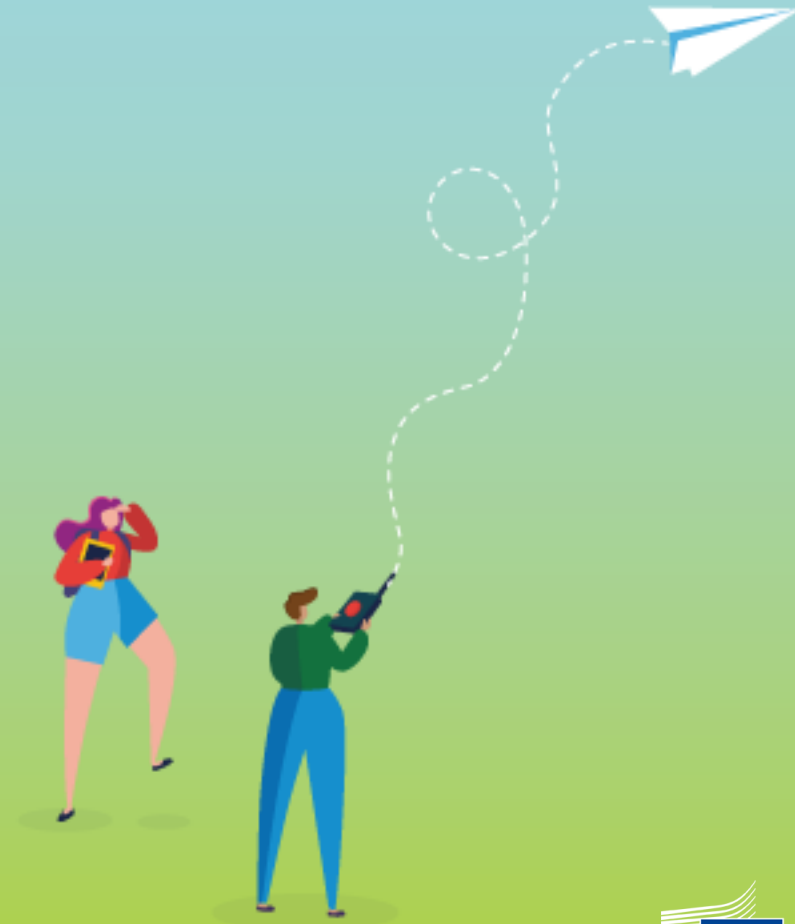
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Innovating for climate-neutral rural communities by 2050

Type of Action: Innovation Actions

*Indicative budget: 10 M € in total
(5 M € per project)*



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POLICY CONTEXT

- Long term vision for EU's rural areas (stronger, resilient)
- European Green Deal
 - Climate Pact
 - Fit for 55 package
 - Forest and Biodiversity Strategies
 - New Soil Strategy
 - REPowerEU
- Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)
- EU Mission A Soil Deal for Europe



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- empowered, engaged, and equipped rural communities in and for the green transition
- rural communities take advantage of data, interoperable platforms and digital technologies available to help them meet climate-neutrality objectives
- policy makers are better informed about policy and regulatory frameworks, conditions and processes that are likely to encourage rural areas' climate-neutrality while sustaining an adequate social welfare and well-being
- a stronger rural innovation ecosystem is in place bringing together public and private players and making rural areas an attractive place for innovators to work and live

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SCOPE

- **design, prototype and test concrete innovations** (technical, social, organisational) **supporting climate-neutrality**, zero pollution and biodiversity enhancement in rural communities; Innovations should be co-created with rural stakeholders
- include **training and capacity building** for local administrations and rural stakeholders to create and maintain a rural innovation ecosystem and enable them to make use or benefit from the successful innovations developed and from existing funding opportunities for the green and digital transitions
- **boost networking and enhance peer-to-peer learning between communities** and capitalise on lessons learnt making them available as recommendations for policy makers at various levels (European, national, regional and local)



KEEP IN MIND

- **Multi-actor approach**
- Involve social sciences and humanities (SSH)
- Cover various biogeographical regions with a balanced coverage reflecting the various pedo-climatic zones in Europe in a representative way
- Build on preliminary results of HE projects GRANULAR and RUSTIK
- Synergies with the the ‘sister’ project under this topic

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New sustainable business and production models for farmers and rural communities

Type of Action: Research and Innovation Actions

*Indicative budget: 12 M € in total
(6 M € per project)*



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POLICY CONTEXT

- Long-term vision for EU's rural areas
- European Green Deal
 - Farm to Fork strategy
 - Forest, Biodiversity and bioeconomy strategies
- Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)
- EU Mission « A Soil Deal for Europe »
- Communication on sustainable carbon cycles



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Farmers and/or other rural actors will:
 - adopt innovative inclusive and sustainable business and production models for sustainability
 - improve their position in the value chains thanks to inclusiveness, fairness, financial sustainability of trading relationships
- Measure and track economic, social, environmental sustainability of farming systems and rural businesses is possible through innovative technologies
- New jobs opportunities as a result of innovative and sustainable production and business models

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SCOPE

AREA A - farming

- Design, test and upscale bottom-up community-led innovative business, cooperation and production models
- Monitor and verify improved social, environmental and climate performance and translate it into economic benefits
- Investigate the trends in adoption of innovation in farms and how farmers innovate their business, cooperation or production models
- Connect citizens, private companies and public organisations with farmers to increase demand for sustainable agriculture

AREA B - rural businesses

- Pilot innovative sustainable business and cooperation models to foster wealth and well-being of rural communities and villages
- Investigate the potential of social economy, cooperatives and develop at least one demonstrator that involves people in a vulnerable situation
- Explore cross-sectoral and cross-territory linkages
- Examine the impacts of innovation on development and revitalisation of rural areas
- Identify barriers, drivers and conditions for sustainable business models in rural areas
- Recommendation to policy makers for supporting sustainable business models



KEEP IN MIND

- **Multi-actor approach**
- Social innovation and innovative forms of cooperation
- Involve social sciences and humanities (SSH)
- Build on SMARTCHAIN, NEWBIE, agroBRIDGES, CO-FRESH, RUBIZMO, LIVERUR, etc.
- Collaborate with the 'sister' project
- International cooperation is strongly encouraged, in particular with China (EU-China Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology (FAB) flagship initiative)

Thank you



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