



EU CAP Network brokerage event 'Partnering for innovation with impact in agriculture and rural areas'

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Overview of the programme

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Opportunities in Horizon Europe Cluster 6 WP 25 for Agriculture and Rural areas

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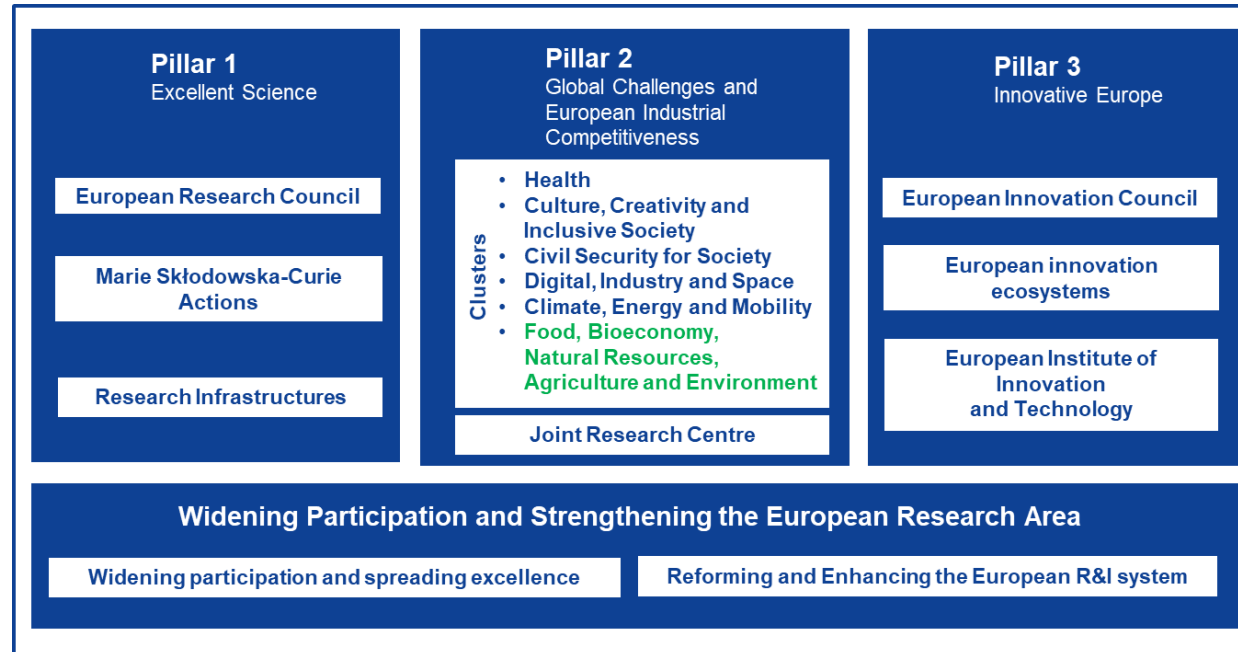
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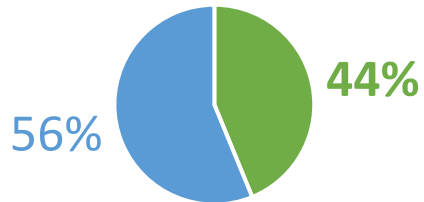
Policy priorities for agriculture, forestry and rural areas



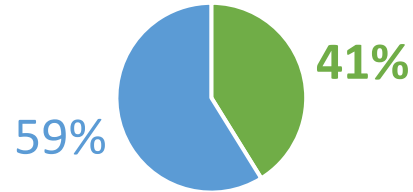
Organic Action Plan

Multi-actor approach in a nutshell

Number of topics
Horizon Europe Cluster 6



Budget share
Horizon Europe Cluster 6



without MAA

with MAA

Total H2020 & HE:
>350 MAA projects (~49%)

Definition & requirements: introduction to the Work Programmes, e.g., Horizon Europe Cluster 6 **WP25 p. 14-16:**



- ✓ 7 key requirements
- ✓ 'practice abstracts' in areas related to agriculture, forestry and rural areas
- ✓ involvement of EIP-AGRI OGs

Eligibility criteria!

LIAISON
Optimising interactive innovation

PREMIERE

<https://liaison2020.eu/>

<https://premiere-multiactor.eu/>



Zoom in on five thematic areas



digital and data technologies



sustainable, healthy and resilient crop and livestock production



new business models and value chains















circular water management and soil health



Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems

Agriculture, Forestry and Rural topics in HE Cluster 6 WP 25

Destination Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption		ToA	Nr. of projects	Importance
Additional activities for the European partnership on accelerating farming systems transition - agroecology living labs and research infrastructures		Co-fund	1	
Additional activities for the European partnership on animal health and welfare		Co-fund	1	
✓	Overcoming the barriers for scaling up circular water management in agriculture	IA	2	 
✓	Enhancing plant protein production to bolster the resilience of agricultural systems and EU self-sufficiency in plant protein used as feed	RIA	2	 
	Emerging and future risks to plant health	RIA	2	
	Developing innovative phytosanitary measures for plant health - focus on systems approach for pest risk management	RIA	2	 
✓	Improving grassland management in European livestock farming systems	RIA	2	 
	Fostering animal breeding and genetics for climate change adaptation and mitigation, improved robustness and resilience	RIA	2	 



Multi Actor project









Project relevant for organic agriculture



Topic in thematic breakouts



Agriculture, Forestry and Rural topics in HE Cluster 6 WP 25

Destination Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption	ToA	Nr. of projects		
 Open topic - Innovating for on-farm post-harvest operations, storage and transformation of crops into food and non-food products	IA	2		
Exploring the potential of controlled environment agriculture (CEA)	RIA	1		
Strengthening the EU crop breeding research and innovation ecosystem for competitive, resilient, and sustainable agriculture	CSA	1		
Developing agroecology living labs and lighthouses for climate action under the Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) partnership	RIA	2		
Developing a joint AU-EU Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) supporting the Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) partnership	RIA	1		



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Topic in thematic breakouts

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Destination Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	ToA	Nr. of projects	Important
Supporting the implementation of nature restoration measures for sustainable farming systems	RIA	2	 
Breeding for resilience: enhancing multi-stress tolerance in crops	RIA	2	

Destination Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors	ToA	Nr. of projects	Important
European partnership: Forests and Forestry for a Sustainable Future	Co-fund	1	

Destination Clean environment and zero pollution	ToA	Nr. of projects	Important
Provide digital solutions tailored to small and medium-sized farms to monitor and sustainably manage agricultural inputs and natural resources	IA	1	 



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Destination Land, oceans and water for climate action	ToA	Nr. of projects	Important
Understanding and managing medium and longer-term challenges and opportunities for agriculture stemming from shifting climatic zones and changing agroecological environments	RIA	2	
Monitoring, reporting, verification and mitigation of non-CO2 greenhouse gas emissions and related air pollutants from agriculture	RIA	2	

Destination Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities	ToA	Nr. of projects	Important
Adapting to and mitigating demographic trends in rural areas through evidence-based planning and innovative solutions	RIA	2	
Exploring and improving access to housing in rural areas and developing the houses and villages of the future	RIA	1	








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	Destination Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	ToA	Nr. of projects	Important
	Improving analytical capacity and understanding of the bargaining power and interactions of farmers with the operators of the value chains	RIA	1	
✓	Upscaling innovative payments to support farmers in the delivery of agri-environment-climate public goods	IA	2	
	Boosting the attractiveness of agriculture and the connection between the farming community and society	RIA	2	
✓	Enhancing sustainability and resilience of agriculture, forestry and rural development through digital twins	RIA	2	
✓	Increasing knowledge flows to practice within Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) via thematic networks	CSA	1	
	Strengthening knowledge and skills of advisors and integrating them within Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) via an EU advisory network	CSA	1	
	Preparing farmers, their workforce and advisors to the future of agriculture by providing the relevant knowledge, skills and competences at the right time and place	RIA	1	



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Calendar for calls

Opening

6th May 2025



Closing

**Single stage:
4th, 16th, 24th
September 2025**

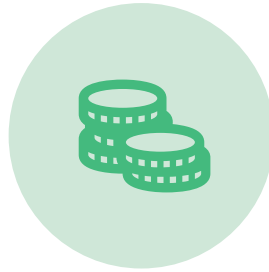
**Two stage: 18th
September 2025**



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The banner features a light blue background with a green gradient at the bottom. On the left, the words 'HORIZON EUROPE' are written in large, white, 3D block letters. To the right of the text is a colorful illustration of a rural scene: a cow stands near a fence, a person is working in a field, and another person is sitting at a table. On the far right, there is a small illustration of a person sitting next to a tree.

Thank you



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All information on the brokerage event is available on the event webpage:

<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/events/eu-cap-network-brokerage-event-partnering-innovation-impact-agriculture-and-rural-areas>

