



3rd co-funded call

Fostering plant and animal genetic diversity and empowering farmers to accelerate the agroecological transition

- *Pre announcement* -

Call scope and topics

This call focuses on two key pillars of the agroecological transition :
the genetic and social dimension.

The first topic addresses genetic diversity and variability in crops and livestock, with the aim of laying the foundations for increasing the availability of species, varieties, and breeds that will support the development of agroecological farming systems.

The second topic addresses the social challenges of today's agriculture with a particular focus on farmers' motivation, skills, and knowledge and the role of stakeholders in encouraging their engagement in the agroecological transition.

The partnership will fund R&I projects providing significant contributions to either one of the following two topics :

- **Topic 1** Enhancing the genetic diversity and variability of crops and livestock for the agroecological transition
- **Topic 2** Strengthening farmer's involvement and empowerment in the agroecology transition

Who can apply?

Universities and other higher education institutions, public research institutions, profit and non-profit organisations, consumers/citizens, civil society representatives, private companies and Living Lab as legal entity. All subject to specific funder regulations. Applying consortia must include at least three eligible partners requesting funding from at least three different countries contributing funds to the call.

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Tentative timeline

Launch	Dec 2025
Pre proposal submission	Feb 2026
Full proposal submission	Jul 2026
Selection	Oct 2026
Start project	Early 2027

Participating countries*
with indicative budget of 26 M€



*Preliminary list also including regional funders;
budget is indicative, status Oct 2025



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