AGROECOLOGY

“European partnership on accelerating farming systems transition – agroecology living labs and research infrastructures”

The partnership AGROECOLOGY, currently under negotiation with European Commission, is pre-announcing an upcoming call for joint European research projects on the preliminary working topic: “Fostering agroecology at farm and landscape levels”.

Details presented in this pre-announcement may be subject to change before the launch of the call. The Call Announcement will be published in early 2024 on: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search

Call scope

The objective of this call is to fund transdisciplinary research and innovation projects addressing the agroecology transition of both conventional and organic farming systems. Projects are expected to study and implement agroecology at two geographic scales:

Theme 1 – at the farm level and its immediate surroundings
Theme 2 – at the landscape or territorial level

Proposals should demonstrate a multidisciplinary and integrated approach with a multi-actor perspective. They should consider the problems and challenges from a European perspective and beyond. Projects may be based on existing living labs or bring together different actors following the living lab approach. Research Infrastructures could be incorporated to complement the living lab approach. R&I questions should address actual needs of stakeholders, in co-creation processes together with end-users and integrate their practical knowledge.

Preliminary timeline

Call announcement Feb 2024
Deadline pre-proposals Apr 2024
Deadline full proposals Sep 2024

Who can apply?

Researchers from universities and other higher education institutions, research institutions, actors from the public sector, non-profit organisations, and private companies can apply, subject to the national/regional regulations and eligibility criteria detailed in the call announcement. Applying consortia must include at least three eligible partners requesting funding from at least three different countries contributing funds to the call. Funding for the participating organisations will be provided by their respective national or regional funding organisation according to their legal terms and conditions and those of the European Commission subject to the successful negotiation of the AGROECOLOGY partnership.

Funding countries

A provisional European landscape of participating countries is given below. The funding organisations’ names and national and regional regulations will be published with the call announcement.

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