# THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

The largest R&D funding and co-funding Agency in Central Europe



**DIVERSITY OF ACTIVITIES** 

**58 calls for proposals** in 2019



FINANCIAL RESOURCES

over PLN 5 bn spent annually to support R&D activities



TERRITORIAL OUTREACH

12 bilateral
agreements with
Singapore,
Taiwan, RSA, Israel
and EU Member
States



INSTITUTIONAL OUTREACH

cooperation with:

NCN, ARP, KGHM,
NFOSIGW,
GDDKiA, numerous
consortia &
partnerships





#### THE VOICE OF POLISH SCIENCE AND BUSINESS IN BRUSSELS

NCBR as a **scientific partner** of Business & Science Poland (BSP), represents Polish research & innovation interests within the European Union.

The **key purpose** of Brussels activities is to promote and **increase Polish participation in the EU programmes for research and innovation**, especially in the forthcoming Horizon Europe. **Main activities:** 

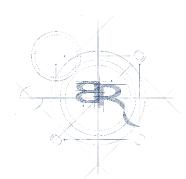
- Networking with the European institutions and partners in Brussels
- Strategic monitoring, analysis and dissemination of information on EU research & innovation policy and programmes.
- Organization of events in Brussels

**Business & Science Poland** is an Employers' Association registered in Poland. BSP's mission is to support Polish entrepreneurs and science in the effective formation of the European agenda, as well as in programming and spending EU funds on science, research and development as well as investments. BSP members are Polish entities that are able to define their interests in the long term and want to effectively manage regulatory risk.





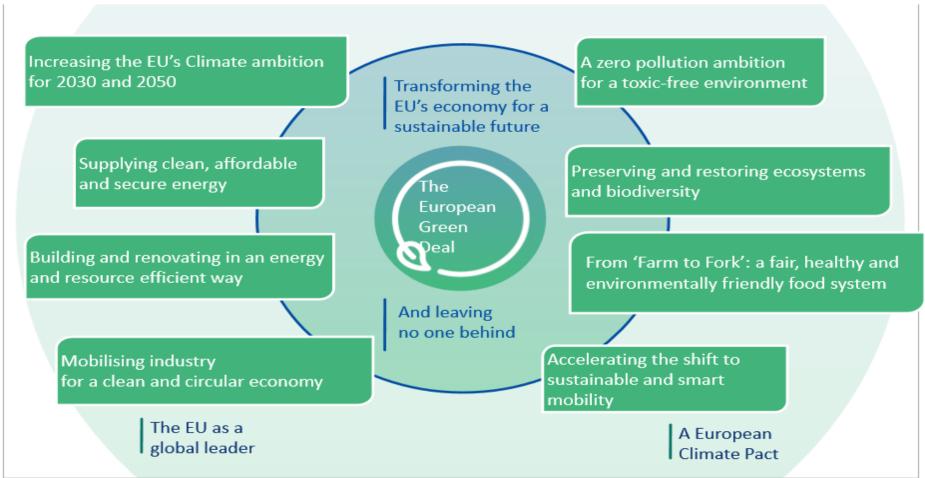




# Closer look at Horizon Europe

#### The European Green Deal – new economic model for EU











# Horizon Europe



(2021 - 2027)

€95.5 billion

# Pillar 1 **Excellent Science European Research Council** Marie Skłodowska-Curie **Actions**

**Research Infrastructures** 

#### Pillar 2 Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness Health · Culture, Creativity and **Inclusive Society** Civil Security for Society Digital, Industry and Space Climate, Energy and Mobility O • Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources.

Agriculture and **Environment** 

**Joint Research Centre** 

#### Pillar 3 Innovative Europe

**European Innovation** Council

**European innovation** ecosystems

**European Institute of** Innovation and Technology

Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area

Widening participation and spreading excellence

Reforming and Enhancing the European R&I system





# Horizon Europe Cluster 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources and Environment with 7 'Destinations'



#### **Destination 1**: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

**Destination 2**: Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption

**Destination 3:** Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors

**Destination 4:** Clean environment and zero pollution

**Destination 5:** Land, oceans and water for climate action

**Destination 6:** Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities

**Destination 7:** Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal





### Cluster 6: TYPE OF PROJECTS

Research and innovation action (RIA)

Innovation action (IA)

Coordination and support actions (CSA)

Research and innovation action (RIA) that establishes new knowledge or explores a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution. The EU funding covers up to 100% of the project costs. TLR below 6.

Innovation action (IA) that produces plans or designs for new or improved products, processes or services including prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication. The EU funding covers up to 70% of the project costs. TLR 6-8.

Coordination and support action (CSA) that improve cooperation among EU and associated countries to strengthen the European Research Area including, for example, standardisation, dissemination, awareness-raising, communication and networking activities, policy dialogues, mutual learning or studies. The EU funding covers up to 100% of the project costs.





### **ELIGIBILITY**

# Consortium composition (collaborative projects)

- at least one independent legal entity established in a Member State, and
- at least two other independent legal entities each established either in a different Member State or an Associated Country.

# Gender Equality Plan (applicable only from 2022 on)

Participants that are public bodies, research organisations or higher education establishments from Members States and Associated countries **must have a gender equality plan**, covering minimum process-related requirements.

- A self-declaration will be requested at proposal stage (for all types of participants).
- Included in the entity validation process (based on self-declaration)





#### **ADMISSIBILITY**



#### Same general admissibility conditions

- Applications must be submitted before the call deadline, electronically via the Funding & Tenders Portal
- Applications must be complete, readable, accessible and printable, and include a
  plan for the exploitation and dissemination of results, unless provided otherwise in
  the specific call conditions.

#### Proposal page limit

Substantial reduction in maximum length:

- RIAs and IAs type of actions: limit for a full application is 45 pages
- CSAs: limit is 30 pages
- Exceptions, if any, would be specified in the call text.

1st stage – 10 pages 2nd stage – 45 pages





### **Evaluation Criteria**

#### Same criteria as in H2020

Same three award criteria: 'Excellence', 'Impact' and 'Quality and efficiency of the implementation'. Excellence only for ERC.

#### Adapted following lessons learnt

- The number of 'aspects to be taken into account' have been reduced, ensuring that the same aspect is not assessed twice
- Open Science practices assessed as part of the scientific methodology in the excellence criterion
- New approach to impact: Key Impacts Pathways (KIPs)
- The assessment of the quality of applicants is assessed under 'implementation', rather than as a separate binary assessment of operational capacity
  - Assessment of management structures has been removed.

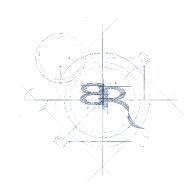


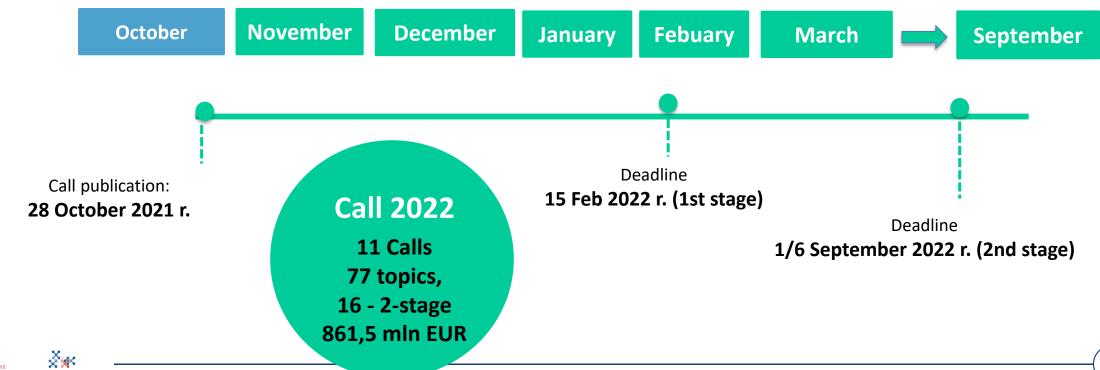






# Calls in Cluster 6, 2021-2022









# **Networking**



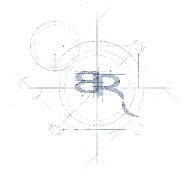
Registration is open now!







# NEW APPROACH TO EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS



New generation of objective-driven and more ambitious partnerships in support of agreed EU policy objectives

**Key features** 

- Simple architecture and toolbox
- Coherent life-cycle approach
- Strategic orientation

## **Co-programmed**

Based on Memoranda of Understanding / contractual arrangements; implemented independently by the partners and by Horizon Europe

#### Co-funded

Based on a joint programme agreed and implemented by partners; commitment of partners for financial and in-kind contributions

#### Institutionalised

Based on long-term dimension and need for high integration; partnerships based on Articles 185 / 187 of TFEU and the EIT-Regulation supported by Horizon Europe







# OVERVIEW OF 49 CANDIDATE EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS





Institutionalised Partnerships (Art 185/7)

EIT KIC

Co-Programmed

Co-Funded







# WHAT ARE THE GOALS?

# Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment



Climate neutrality and adaptation to climate change



Preservation and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems



Sustainable and circular management of natural resources; Bioeconomy



Food and nutrition security; sustainable food systems



Balanced development of rural, coastal and urban areas



**Enivironmental observation** 



**EU Innovation Ecosystems** 

European Green Deal

An economy that works for people

A Europe fit for the Digital Age

A stronger
Europe
in the world







## **EU MISSION**

**R&I Missions** 

Linking EU's research and innovation to major societal needs; with strong visibility and impact

A mission is a portfolio of actions across disciplines intended to achieve a **bold and inspirational and measurable goal** within a set timeframe, with **impact** for society and policy making as well as relevance for a significant part of the European population and wide range of European citizens.

Horizon Europe defines mission characteristics and elements of governance, and 5 missions areas.

# **Five EU missions**

Adaptation to Climate Change

Cancer

Climate-neutral and Smart Cities

Restore our Ocean and Waters

Soil Deal for Europe















## MISSION SOIL

# A Soil Deal for Europe: 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030

1. Reduce desertification

2. Conserve soil organic carbon stocks

3. Stop **soil sealing** and increase re-use of urban soils

4. Reduce **soil pollution** and enhance restoration

5. Prevent erosion

6. Improve soil structure to enhance soil biodiversity

7. Reduce the **EU** global footprint on soils

8. Improve **soil literacy** in society

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### **IMPLEMENTATION**



How will the mission be implemented?

Communication material, training curricula for different target groups and specialised "soil advisors"

Harmonisation of indicators,

measuring and reporting for soil health across Europe; contribution to European Soil

Observatory

4. Soil literacy, communication citizen engagement

1. R&I programme

2. Living labs and lighthouses

Activities under the four building blocks to address soil health and drivers of soil health

Data
infrastructures
and platforms;
knowledge to
support
management
practices, business
models,
technologies

A network of reallife sites for testing, demonstrating and upscaling of solutions; due attention to balanced representation across regions

# MISSIONS

Who will act?

Co-implementation of mission by:

researchers, land managers, regions, businesses, policy makers, citizens and international partners



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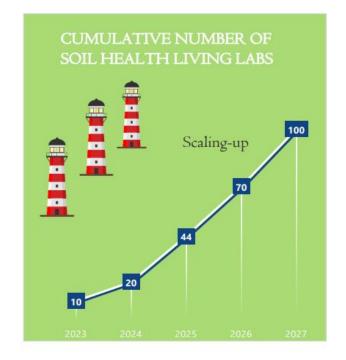
# Living Labs and Lighthouses





# **Creation of 100 Living Labs and Lighthouses**

- Living labs are a core element of the mission it reflects the ambition to "do research in new ways": participatory, interdisciplinary, intersectoral.
- Living labs (LLs) are "real-life" places for experiments and innovation: each living lab corresponds to a cluster of sites working together at regional or sub-regional level.
- Lighthouses are individual places to showcase good practices. Can be from within or outside LLs.
- Network of living labs to be gradually established through consecutive calls for living labs under the various Work Programmes of Horizon Europe.
- Specific criteria for living labs have been developed under the mission to ensure common approach and comparability of data and experiences.

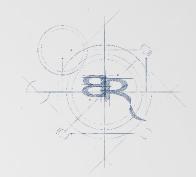


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# **Contact your NCP**



- Guidance on choosing relevant Horizon Europe topics and types of action
- Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
- Training and assistance on proposal writing
- Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)
- Assistance in partner search



National Contact Points for Horizon Europe

Funding & tenders (europa.eu)



