Horizon Europe: intellectual property and licensing partner sought to support industrial uptake of bioeconomy research results

Summary

Profile type	Company's country	POD reference
Research & Development Request	**Spain**	**RDRES20261027002**
Profile status	**Type of partnership**	**Targeted countries**
PUBLISHED	**Research and development cooperation agreement**	**• All countries**
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General Information

Short summary

A Spanish agri-food cluster is coordinating a Horizon Europe proposal to accelerate industrial uptake of bioeconomy research results. A partner specialising in intellectual property and licensing is sought under a research and development cooperation agreement to assess exploitation conditions, develop licensing strategies and support negotiations with industrial adopters. Experience in European projects and research-to-industry transfer is required.

Full description

A Spanish agri-food cluster is coordinating a European proposal to accelerate the industrial uptake of bioeconomy research results. The proposal targets HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-06-02: “Valorising Horizon project results via innovation ecosystems”, addressing thematic area D: Bioeconomy.

The topic addresses the gap between research outcomes and their subsequent validation, exploitation and market deployment. It supports innovation intermediaries, including clusters and technology transfer offices, in connecting research result owners with validation facilities, businesses and further innovation support. Financial support to third parties targets results from Horizon 2020 Pillar III and Horizon Europe Pillar II projects, or their owners.

Within this framework, the proposed project will combine financial support through competitive open calls with tailored technical and business advice. It will connect result owners with potential industrial users and suitable pilot facilities to advance promising bioeconomy solutions towards industrial adoption.

Many such solutions require validation under real operating conditions, together with clear intellectual property and exploitation arrangements, before companies can adopt, license or invest in them. The project will address these barriers by bringing together expertise in technology validation, sustainability assessment, economic feasibility, market uptake and intellectual property management.

The consortium under development comprises European clusters and specialist organisations. An additional partner specialising in intellectual property and licensing is sought to complement its technical and business capabilities. The partner will help result owners clarify ownership and exploitation conditions, establish appropriate protection and licensing strategies, and engage with potential industrial adopters.

The organisation sought will join as a consortium partner under a research and development cooperation agreement, contributing to proposal preparation and, if funded, to project implementation. The Spanish agri-food cluster will coordinate the project; no additional coordinator is sought.

The proposal is being prepared as a Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action, funded through a lump sum grant. The indicative EU contribution per project is EUR 2.5–4 million, and the planned project duration is 36 months.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 13 November 2026. The official proposal submission deadline is 16 February 2027.

Advantages and innovations

Technical specification or expertise sought

Stage of development

Sustainable Development goals

- **Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production**
- **Goal 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal**
- **Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**

IPR Status

IPR Notes

Partner Sought

Expected role of the partner

The consortium seeks a specialist consultancy, technology transfer office or another organisation with a dedicated intellectual property and licensing team, interested in joining as a project partner.

The partner will contribute to defining the intellectual property and licensing activities during proposal preparation. If the proposal is funded, its expected responsibilities will include:

- Reviewing ownership, access rights and potential restrictions affecting the exploitation of selected results.
- Advising on intellectual property protection, freedom to operate and appropriate management strategies.
- Developing tailored exploitation and licensing strategies, taking account of the results' maturity and intended industrial applications.
- Supporting the preparation and negotiation of licensing agreements.
- Assisting result owners in discussions with potential industrial adopters and licensees.
- Providing practical training, guidance and tools on intellectual property management and technology transfer.
- Working with the consortium's technical and business specialists to integrate intellectual property considerations

into the support provided to result owners.

Proven experience in European projects and in transferring research results to industry is required. Experience in bioeconomy and industrial biotechnology is particularly welcome.

Type of partnership

Research and development cooperation agreement

Type and size of the partner

- **SME 50 - 249**
- **R&D Institution**
- **University**
- **SME <=10**

Call Details

Framework program

Horizon Europe

Call title and identifier

HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-06-02: Valorising Horizon project results via innovation ecosystems.

Submission and evaluation scheme

Single-stage submission. Research and Innovation Action (RIA), funded through a lump sum grant.

Anticipated project budget

2.5 –4 million euro.

Coordinator required

No

Deadline for EoI

13 Nov 2026

Deadline of the call

16 Feb 2027

Project duration in weeks

156

Web link to the call

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-06-02

Project title and acronym

Dissemination

Technology keywords

Market keywords

- **09005 - Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Animal Husbandry & Related Products**
- **09003005 - Consulting services**

Targeted countries

- **All countries**

Sector groups involved

- **Agri-Food**