Horizon Europe: research result owner sought to develop and validate an unexploited solution for the food sector

Summary

Profile type	Company's country	POD reference
Research & Development Request	**Spain**	**RDRES20261027004**
Profile status	**Type of partnership**	**Targeted countries**
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General Information

Short summary

A Spanish agri-food cluster seeks a partner owning an unexploited Horizon Europe research result with food-sector applications to jointly prepare a proposal under HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-02-05. The project will combine technical adaptation, validation with industrial end users and preparation for commercialisation. Universities, research organisations, technology centres and companies are sought under a research and development cooperation agreement.

Full description

A Spanish agri-food cluster is preparing a European project initiative to advance an unexploited research result towards industrial uptake and commercialisation in the food sector. It seeks a result owner willing to jointly develop a proposal under HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-02-05: “Advancing promising results from Pillar II collaborative research through the innovation journey”.

The topic supports the further development of results from completed Horizon Europe Pillar II collaborative projects through real-world validation and preparation for deployment. Within this framework, the proposed initiative will connect a selected result with a concrete industrial need and involve food-sector end users in its adaptation and validation.

Potential applications include food processing technologies, ingredients, food safety and quality solutions, and technologies for valorising agri-food side streams. The selected result must have progressed beyond early-stage research and offer a credible basis for further demonstration and commercial exploitation.

The project will combine technical adaptation, testing and demonstration with end-user companies, and development of a business model and exploitation strategy. Its technical objectives, validation cases and work plan will be defined jointly with the selected result owner.

The cluster will contribute sector knowledge, connections with companies to assess industrial needs and identify potential validation cases, and expertise in exploitation and dissemination. The result owner will contribute the technology, supporting evidence and technical capabilities needed for further development. End-user companies will participate as consortium beneficiaries.

The result must originate from a multi-beneficiary Research and Innovation Action, Innovation Action or Pre-commercial Procurement Action funded directly under Horizon Europe Pillar II by the European Commission or an Executive Agency. The originating project must have ended before the proposal submission deadline. Results from projects funded through Joint Undertakings, co-funded European Partnerships or financial support to third parties are not eligible as the originating basis.

For results originating from Clusters 3, 4, 5 or 6, the starting technology readiness level should be TRL 6, meaning that the technology has been demonstrated in a relevant environment. For results from Clusters 1 or 2, activities must start beyond the laboratory or research environment.

Cooperation is envisaged under a research and development cooperation agreement. The proposal will be submitted as an Innovation Action funded through a lump sum grant, with an EU contribution of up to EUR 2.5 million. The consortium may comprise a maximum of six independent eligible entities. Project duration will be defined around the selected result, up to 36 months.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 13 November 2026. The proposal submission deadline is 28 January 2027.

Advantages and innovations

Technical specification or expertise sought

Stage of development

Sustainable Development goals

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

IPR Status

IPR Notes

Partner Sought

Expected role of the partner

Universities, research organisations, technology centres and companies owning relevant research results are sought.

The partner must be willing to jointly develop the proposal and participate actively in project implementation. Its expected responsibilities include:

- Contributing the research result, relevant technical documentation and available validation evidence.
- Providing information demonstrating the eligibility of the originating project.
- Demonstrating ownership and the necessary rights to use and exploit the knowledge assets, clarifying any joint ownership, access conditions or restrictions.
- Helping define the food-sector application, technical objectives and validation requirements.
- Leading technical adaptation, demonstration and validation in cooperation with end-user companies.
- Contributing to the business model, exploitation strategy and preparation for commercialisation.

For an initial assessment, interested organisations should provide a short, non-confidential overview covering:

- The result and the problem it could address.
- Potential food-sector applications and expected benefits.
- Current technology readiness level and supporting validation evidence.
- Ownership and intellectual property status.
- Originating project acronym, grant agreement number, Horizon Europe Cluster, action type and end date.

Type of partnership

Research and development cooperation agreement

Type and size of the partner

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

Call Details

Framework program

Horizon Europe

Call title and identifier

HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-02-05: Advancing promising results from Pillar II collaborative research through the innovation journey.

Submission and evaluation scheme

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

Anticipated project budget

2.5 million per project

Coordinator required

No

Deadline for EoI

13 Nov 2026

Deadline of the call

28 Jan 2027

Project duration in weeks

Web link to the call

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-02-05

Project title and acronym

Dissemination

Technology keywords

Market keywords

- **08005 - Other Industrial Products (not elsewhere classified)**

Targeted countries

- **All countries**

Sector groups involved

- **Agri-Food**