



Calls relevant to waste-to-resource, organic waste, composting & soil improvers (Cluster 6 & Mission Soil)

Training #1: Access to public fundings and grants – List of relevant links and resources for national and regional funding

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Horizon Cluster 6

HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CircBio-09

Title: Balancing food security, bioeconomy, climate and biodiversity objectives to unlock sustainable value chains

Programme / Destination: Horizon Europe – Cluster 6, destination: *Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors*

Type of action: Research and Innovation Action (RIA)

Budget: €12 million total (indicative: 2 projects × €6 million)

Timeline:

- **Opening:** 17 April 2026
- **Deadline:** 17 September 2026

Why it is relevant: This call explicitly targets **sustainable and circular bio-based value chains**, making it highly relevant for:

- organic waste valorization
- composting and nutrient recycling
- production and use of soil improvers
- circular solutions connecting agriculture, waste management and bioeconomy actors

Projects can address the transformation of organic residues into value-added bio-based products, including compost and soil improvers, while balancing environmental and economic objectives.

HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CircBio-05

Title: Understanding biomass flows in Europe

Programme / Destination: Horizon Europe – Cluster 6, destination: *Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors*

Type of action: Research and Innovation Action (RIA)

Budget: €6 million total (indicative: 2 projects × €3 million)

Timeline:

- Opening: 17 April 2026
- Deadline: 17 September 2026

Why it is relevant: This call focuses on improving the understanding of biomass flows across Europe, including underutilised and unused biomass resources. It is relevant for:

- mapping organic waste and bio-waste streams
- identifying losses and inefficiencies in biomass valorisation
- supporting planning and optimisation of composting and soil improver value chains
- informing regional, national and EU bioeconomy strategies

Projects are expected to generate data, tools and evidence to better match biomass supply and demand, creating the basis for more effective waste-to-resource and circular bioeconomy solutions.

HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CircBio-06

Title: Bioeconomy policy support hub for Member States, regions and sectors

Programme / Destination: Horizon Europe – Cluster 6, destination: *Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors*

Type of action: Coordination and Support Action (CSA)

Budget: €3 million total (indicative: 1 project × €3 million)

Timeline:

- Opening: 17 April 2026
- Deadline: 17 September 2026

Why it is relevant: This call supports policy coordination and capacity building for the bioeconomy. It is relevant for:

- development of policy frameworks for bio-waste and organic waste valorisation
- support to regions and Member States on composting and soil improver strategies
- addressing regulatory barriers such as end-of-waste criteria
- improving coherence between waste, bioeconomy and circular economy policies

The action targets public authorities, networks and stakeholders involved in shaping enabling conditions for waste-to-resource solutions.

HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-05

Title: Boosting circularity and diversification strategies of terrestrial livestock production systems

Programme / Destination: Horizon Europe – Cluster 6, destination: *Fair, healthy and environment-friendly food systems (Farm2Fork)*

Type of action: Research and Innovation Action (RIA)

Budget: €12 million total (indicative: 2 projects × €6 million)

Timeline:

1. **Opening:** 14 January 2026
2. **Deadline:** 14 April 2026

Why it is relevant: The call promotes **circular approaches in livestock systems**, which may include:

- manure and organic waste treatment
- composting and soil amendment strategies
- nutrient recovery and reuse at farm or territorial level

It is particularly suitable for projects linking **livestock residues** with **soil fertility improvement** and reduced reliance on mineral fertilisers.

HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-03

Title: Developing managed aquifer recharge techniques (MAR) in a rural context

Programme / Destination: Horizon Europe – Cluster 6, Destination: *Clean environment and zero pollution*

Type of action: Research and Innovation Action (RIA)

Budget: €12 million total, indicative: 2 projects × €6 million

Timeline

- **Opening:** 17 April 2026
- **Deadline:** 17 September 2026

Why it is relevant: While water-focused, the call addresses **nutrient management and pollution reduction**. Compost and soil improvers can be integrated as tools to reduce nutrient leaching or measures supporting soil-water interactions and environmental protection

Source

EU CAP Network – *Funding opportunities under Horizon Europe – Calls 2026*, p.7

Mission Soil – Living Labs for soil health

HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-01 (two-stage)

Title: Living labs to enhance soil health in Alpine and Atlantic biogeographical regions

Programme: Horizon Europe – EU Mission “A Soil Deal for Europe”

Type of action: Research and Innovation Action (RIA), two-stage

Budget: €24 million total (indicative: 2 projects × €12 million)

Timeline:

- **Stage 1 opening:** 12 February 2026
- **Stage 1 deadline:** 14 April 2026
- **Stage 2 deadline:** 15 September 2026

Why it is relevant: This call supports **large-scale Living Labs** to test and demonstrate solutions for soil health. Compost and soil improvers can be:

- tested in real farming conditions
- assessed for impacts on soil organic matter, nutrients and resilience
- co-developed with farmers and local stakeholders

HORIZON-MISS-2026-05-SOIL-02 (two-stage)

Title: Living labs to enhance soil health in managed forests and natural/semi-natural lands

Programme: Horizon Europe – EU Mission “A Soil Deal for Europe”

Type of action: Research and Innovation Action (RIA), two-stage

Budget: €24 million total (Indicative: 2 projects × €12 million)

Timeline

- **Stage 1 opening:** 12 February 2026
- **Stage 1 deadline:** 14 April 2026
- **Stage 2 deadline:** 15 September 2026

Why it is relevant: Although not agriculture-only, this call is relevant for:

- compost and organic amendments used in land restoration
- nutrient cycling in forestry and natural systems
- demonstration of soil improvers in non-agricultural contexts

Where to find the official call texts

All calls are published on the **EU Funding & Tenders Portal**, where applicants can download:

- full topic descriptions
- eligibility conditions
- proposal templates
- evaluation criteria

Portal: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal>

Primary source documents

- Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-2027 9. Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment (European Commission Decision C(2025) 8493 of 11 December 2025)
- Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-2027 - 12. Missions (European Commission Decision C (2025) 8493 of 11 December 2025)