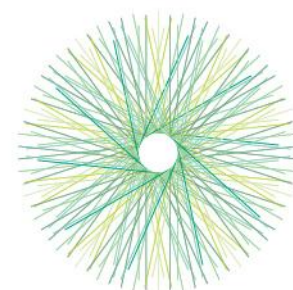


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Horizon 2020: Updated calls for 2015 now on-line

123 MILLION EUROS AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROJECTS FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

The European Commission has today opened Horizon 2020 calls for 2015 based on an updated version of the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2014-2015 adopted on 22/07/2014. The EU's programme for research and innovation includes for 2015 fourteen different topics of particular interest to agriculture and forestry for an overall indicative budget of around 123 million Euros. As well as this, the agricultural and forestry sectors can also benefit from central calls on the SME instrument and from the brand-new instrument 'Fast-track to innovation'. All aim at making the best of the EU's biological resources in a sustainable way. Everyone, including organisations or individuals from outside the EU, can apply to the competitive Horizon 2020 calls to turn their ideas into projects.

Fourteen research topics for a more sustainable agriculture and forestry

Sustainable Food Security is the main call of the part of the work programme dedicated to Societal challenge 2 on food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry and the bioeconomy. This call aims at making our food production systems more sustainable, ensuring our food is safer and healthier and improving food security.

For example, the increasing demand for meat and other animal products is putting pressure on the environment, human health and animal welfare. The topic *Assessing sustainability of terrestrial livestock production* will support projects which compare the potential of different livestock systems to be competitive while delivering ecosystem services, also exploring possible trade-offs of diverse EU animal production systems. Tackling global drivers of food security can also give a boost to agriculture and forestry. For example the topic *Small farms but global markets* focuses on the role of small and family farms in food and nutrition security.

The multi-actor approach is key to success

Seven of the Horizon 2020 topics support projects which target demand-driven innovation and a multi-actor approach to knowledge-exchange activities. Thematic networks, for example, are supported under the topic *Closing the research and innovation divide*. Involving end-users, such as farmers, farmers' groups, advisors, enterprises and others, throughout the whole project will ensure that innovative solutions which are more likely to be applied in the field are produced. In 2015, five thematic networks for around 10 million euros will be selected. They will contribute to the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability ([EIP-AGRI](#)).

New for 2015: 100 million euros for 'Fast-Track to Innovation'

The European Commission has also launched the Fast Track to Innovation (FTI). This is a new a pilot action within the work programme for 2015 which will operate for two years on the basis of a continuously open call. It has a yearly budget of 100 million euros. The FTI will support innovative projects in any type of technological area, including agri-food, carried out by groups of three to five legal entities in three Member States who wish to promote promising, innovative ideas on the market. Applications will be open from 6 January 2015 onwards.

Apply now

Over 25 projects are expected to be launched as a result of the 2015 calls. They will add to the 16 projects which are currently being selected from the 185 proposals submitted to the calls in 2014. New applications must be made via the [Participant Portal](#) which also provides valuable information concerning the procedure. The deadlines are specific to each call and indicated in the annex (see also the [work programme](#)).

Links

- Updated [work programme 2014-2015](#) in particular:
 - [Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy](#)
 - [Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials](#)
- [Participant Portal](#) in particular [calls](#) published on 25/07/2014
- [HORIZON 2020 on-line Manual](#)
- European Commission official [Press release](#) and [MEMO](#) on Programme Update and launch of Fast-track to Innovation and innovation prizes
- More on [EIP-AGRI](#)

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Further Information

Calls and topics of interest to EIP-AGRI actors

	Identifier <i>Click to access call text</i>	Multi- actor approach	Budget (million euros)	Deadlines for application	
Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy					
Call: Sustainable Food security					
<i>Sustainable food production systems</i>					
Assessing sustainability of terrestrial livestock production	SFS-1C-2015	X	7	Stage 1: 03/02/2015 Stage 2: 11/06/2015 except for SFS8 (see cut-off dates in WP) and SFS14B (11/06/2015)	
Assessing soil-improving cropping systems	SFS-2B-2015	X	7		
Strategies for crop productivity, stability and quality	SFS-5-2015	X	15		
Management and sustainable use of genetic resources	SFS-7B-2015		18		
Resource-efficient eco-innovative food production and processing	SFS-8-2015		17		
<i>Safe food and healthy diets and sustainable consumption</i>					
Biological contamination of crops and the food chain	SFS-13-2015	X	10		
Authentication of food products	SFS-14B-2015		0.5		
<i>Global drivers of food security</i>					
Small farms but global markets	SFS-18-2015		5		
Sustainable food chains through public policies	SFS-20-2015	X	7		
Call: Innovative, sustainable and inclusive bioeconomy					
<i>Sustainable agriculture and forestry</i>					
Closing the research and innovation divide: The crucial role of innovation support services and knowledge exchange	ISIB-2-2015	X	10	11/06/2015	
Unlocking the growth potential of rural areas through enhanced governance and social innovation	ISIB-3-2015		5.5	Stage 1: 03/02/2015 Stage 2: 11/06/2015	
Improved data and management models for sustainable forestry	ISIB-4B-2015	X	4	11/06/2015	
Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials					
Call: Waste: a resource to recycle, reuse and recover raw materials					
<i>Ensuring sustainable use of agricultural waste, co-products and by-products</i>	WASTE-7-2015		14	Stage1: 21/04/2015 Stage2: 08/09/2015	
Call: Water innovation: boosting its value for Europe					
Harnessing EU water research and innovation results for industry, agriculture, policy makers and citizens	WATER-4B-2015		3	21/04/2015	