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Boosting sustainable competitiveness in rural areas through innovation

HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-COMMUNITIES-01

Program:	Horizon Europe - Cluster 6
Típus:	Research and Innovation Actions
TRL szint:	-
Támogatás projektenként:	5-6 M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	2
Pályázati felület megnyílik:	2026. január 14.
Beadási határidő:	2026. április 14., 17:00

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Although rural areas often possess natural resources and are essential to support the provision of ecosystem services, they frequently face societal (e.g., ageing populations, social exclusion and inequality) and market failures that hinder sustainable development, social inclusion, and competitiveness.

Selected projects should: improve the understanding of the drivers and obstacles of sustainable competitiveness in the contexts of societal and market failures in rural areas, and propose indicators to measure competitiveness that incorporate social and environmental performance; support businesses led by young rural entrepreneurs to design sustainable digital, technological, nature-based and/or social solutions to improve access to services and/or create business opportunities in diverse rural settings; improve access to education and training for rural communities on new skills and entrepreneurial mind-sets.

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Strengthening rural communities' resilience to shocks

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES-01

Program:	Horizon Europe - Cluster 6
Típus:	Research and Innovation Actions
TRL szint:	-
Támogatás projektenként:	5 M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	3
Pályázati felület megnyílik:	2027. április 20.
Beadási határidő:	2027. szept. 23., 17:00

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The geopolitical situation and climate change pose new challenges that people must confront at the local level. Research and innovation can support rural communities to anticipate, prepare for, and recover from various types of shocks, while building resilience. Selected should: assess the different types of shocks (economic, socio-cultural and demographic, and environmental) that can impact the livelihoods, well-being, and resilience of rural communities; strengthen local governance by fostering inclusive, participatory, and anticipatory governance processes in the development of disaster risk reduction and management plans; identify and mobilise local resources to strengthen community-based adaptation and resilience and support; support all levels of government in understanding rural vulnerabilities to shocks, and in designing, assessing, implementing, and evaluating effective response and recovery strategies.

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Empowering local urban food systems entrepreneurship and innovation

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES-02

Program:	Horizon Europe - Cluster 6
Típus:	Innovation Actions
TRL szint:	TRL 6-8
Támogatás projektenként:	6 M EUR
Támogatott projektek száma:	2
Pályázati felület megnyílik:	2027. április 20.
Beadási határidő:	2027. szept. 23., 17:00

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The successful proposals should drive transformative and inclusive innovation in local urban food systems, boosting decentralised competitiveness and creating positive social and environmental spillovers that enhance well-being of urban communities. It will contribute to the European Green Deal priorities and the EU's climate ambition for 2030 and 2050, while aligning with the priorities of the Food 2030 R&I initiative: nutrition for sustainable healthy diets, circularity and resource efficiency, innovation and empowering communities. It will also support the Clean Industrial Deal, the Competitiveness Compass, in particular, the EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy, and contribute to the EU Food System Monitoring Dashboard.

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