**Call for proposals**

**European Agri-food Sustainability Cluster Partnerships**

(SMP-COSME-2023-AGRICLUSTER)

**Annex 5 to Part B**

**Eligibility Checklist**

* Section 1: Selection of theme(s)
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**Section 1: Selection of theme(s)**

Please select minimum 1 and maximum 3 themes from the below list.

**At least one of the selected themes must be aiming at improving resource efficiency to directly counter food inflation.**

**At least one of the selected themes has to be chosen among themes no. 3 to 8 below:**

* 1. Improve the nutritional composition and environmental footprint of food products/meals, e.g. through product reformulation and new product development/ innovation
* 2. Optimise and develop innovative solutions (e.g. in relation to packaging, ingredients) to prevent food waste during transportation, distribution, home storage and use
* 3. Identify and implement measures to improve the material efficiency of processes, e.g. explore the causes and potential for preventing and reducing (food) waste and losses
* 4. Optimise the use of raw materials through valorisation
* 5. Improve collaboration along the food supply chain to minimise food losses and waste (e.g. new product development from co-products or discarded products)
* 6. Reduce energy use and improve energy efficiency for production through the use of less energy-intensive and low-carbon technologies
* 7. Increase the use of renewable energy sources (e.g. solar, wind, sustainable biomass, co-products)
* 8. Improve water-efficiency
* 9. Reduce net emissions by applying sustainable bio(-economy)-based solutions
* 10. Improve sustainability of food and drink packaging (e.g. through re-use and re-fill solutions, greater, increased content of recycled and/or renewable materials in food packaging)

**Section 2: Eligibility Sheet**

**Form on compliance with the specific criteria for eligible consortia as outlined in section 6 of the Call for proposals[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**To be completed for all the organisations participating in the Consortium.**

**Proposal ID & Acronym: ………………………….**

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| Applicant[[2]](#footnote-2) – *list ALL the Consortium applicants’ short names and indicate the coordinator in brackets* | Country | Agri-food cluster organisation[[3]](#footnote-3)  *Insert YES or NO* | Agri-food technology centre[[4]](#footnote-4)  *Insert YES or NO* | Industry support organisation[[5]](#footnote-5)  *Insert YES or NO* |
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1. As outlined in section 6 of the Call for proposals (subsection ‘Consortium composition’), proposals must be submitted by a consortium of applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities) which complies with the following conditions:

   * minimum 4 independent entities from 3 different eligible countries
   * the coordinator of the consortium must be an agri-food cluster organisation
   * in addition to the coordinator; at least 2 agri-food clusters or industry support organisations
   * at least one agri-food technology centre.
   * Please note: Consortium coordinator can NOT submit more than one proposal under this call. Multiple proposals from the same consortium coordinator will be rejected.
   * Applicants – *other than consortium coordinators* - may participate in more than one proposal under the same call. But if the same applicant is participating in more than one of the proposals selected for a grant, the applicant will be asked to withdraw from all except one of them or the applicant will be rejected from all proposals.

   [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Please insert each participating organisation’s short name in the form and order as listed in Part A of the Application Form. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Agri-food cluster**: dynamic group of agri-food companies and related economic entities active in a specific geographical area, that have reached a sufficient scale to develop specialised expertise, services, resources, suppliers and skills and are already collaborating on innovation or presenting a potential for innovation collaboration; it includes business companies of different size, but also other essential entities of an industrial ecosystem such as research and knowledge institutions, science and technology parks, talents and financial service providers, non-profit organisations, related public bodies. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **Agri-food technology centre**: technical or technology centres, agronomical institutes, environmental agencies, Digital Innovation Hubs, polytechnic universities or vocational universities; with demonstrated expertise and experience to provide technical guidance to agri-food companies on the best technologies to enable their sustainability transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. **Industry support organisation**: business or technical support organisation with the operational capacity to directly support a large number of agri-food companies in their geographical area. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)