



Connecting innovations for a sustainable future



OPEN CALL

Got an innovation for the **agri-food** and **circular bio-economy** sectors?

TAKE IT TO THE EUROPEAN LEVEL



Open Call for Startups & SMEs

Join the **AGRI-BIOCIRCULAR-HUB** Open Call

Open call is operated by




€50,000 GRANT

to scale up innovation!

WHY PARTICIPATE?



VISIBILITY ACROSS EUROPE

Showcase your solution to a targeted European audience.



€50,000 GRANT

The selected projects will receive a €50,000 grant to scale up their innovation.



ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

Connect with key players across the agri-food and bio-circular sectors, including industry experts, partners, and potential clients.



SUPPORT TO SCALE & DEMONSTRATE

Test, validate, and demonstrate your solution in real-life environments to accelerate market uptake.



BUSINESS & TECHNICAL COACHING

Receive tailored guidance to strengthen your business model, refine your strategy, and boost your innovation's impact.



POSITIONING IN EMERGING VALUE CHAINS

Become part of growing bio-circular ecosystems and contribute to sustainable transformation in Europe.

7 CHALLENGE AREAS

- 1 Circular nutrients and fertiliser independence
- 2 Soil health and peat-free growing media
- 3 Low-emission manure and residue valorisation
- 4 Water-smart farming and runoff reduction
- 5 Bio-based farm inputs and end-of-life solutions
- 6 Data-driven IPM and input reduction
- 7 Agricultural practices integrating bio-circular principles

HOW IT WORKS?



1 APPLY
Complete the online application form. Submit your application in English.

Deadline : 31 July 2026, 17:00 (Brussels time)



2 EVALUATION

Assessed base on:

- Excellence (25%)
- Impact & Ambition (25%)
- Implementation (25%)
- Budget & Value for money (25%)
- Bonus point (up to +3 points)

➤ Up to 12 companies will be selected.



3 JOIN THE PROGRAMME

If selected, you will:

- Receive €50,000 grant to demonstrate, test, or optimise your innovative product, process or service
- Increase market readiness of your solution
- Participate in capacity building and mentoring activities

WHO CAN APPLY?

- ✓ Be a start-up or SME applying as a single legal entity or as a leader or partner in a consortium
- ✓ Be legally established in Poland, Latvia or Ukraine
- ✓ Submit only one application
- ✓ Apply under one thematic area only

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- ✓ Free to participate
- ! Participation does not guarantee contracts or pilot projects
- 🔒 You keep full ownership of your solution and intellectual property rights
- 🔒 Your application will be treated as confidential and processed in line with GDPR

TIMELINE



22 May 2026
Call opens



31 July 2026
Application deadline



Aug - Sep 2026
Evaluation period



October 2026
Notification of results



15 Oct - 15 Nov 2026
Signature of sub-grant agreements

HOW TO APPLY



- ➔ Go to: fbs.com/open-call-for-funding-agri-biocircular
- ➔ Complete the online form
- ➔ Submit it before the deadline



NEED HELP?

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