

Pre-announcement of the 2022 Joint FACCE-JPI SusCrop Call on Agrobiodiversity

FACCE-JPI and **SusCrop** have decided to join forces to put in place a Call for research projects addressing agrobiodiversity, with the purpose of:

Improving the capacity of the European Research Area to provide practical and policy-relevant knowledge on how agrobiodiversity can improve resilience of agroecosystems, especially those most at risk, reinvigorate farming practices to increase ecological connectivity and improve biodiversity at landscape level, and to monitor and identify the opportunities and obstacles to diversification.

Proposals submitted to the Call must address one of the three following topics:

1) Agricultural genetic resources

This includes research aiming to broaden the genetic base of crops to improve functional traits fit to sustainable food systems, and to increase tolerances to environmental conditions related to the climate change.

2) Agricultural practices and farm models

This includes research leading to new agricultural practices, technologies, decision support systems and business models that improve agricultural production and soil quality, creating economic, social, and environmental value through greater diversity of plant species and wider functional and response diversity.

3) Agrobiodiversity and territorial systems

This includes research leading to an increased agrobiodiversity at landscape level contributing also to the regeneration of low-quality agricultural habitats, to the enhancement of ecological connectivity and to a better understanding of the links between farm diversity and landscape complexity.

Details presented in this Pre-announcement may be subject to change before the launch of the Call. The Call Announcement will be published in **March 2022** on <https://www.suscrop.eu/2022-joint-call>

Preliminary timeline (one-step procedure with obligatory pre-registration)

Step	Date
Launch of the Call	March 2022
Webinar	1st week of April 2022
Deadline Pre-registration of proposal	May 2022
Deadline proposal submission	June 2022
Aimed start of research projects	December 2022 – May 2023

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Who can apply

Universities and other higher education institutions, public research institutions, private non-profit organisations, and private companies can apply, subject to the national/regional regulations and eligibility criteria detailed in the outcoming call. Applying research consortia must include at least three eligible partners requesting funding from at least three different member **countries** who contribute funds to the Call. Funding of the participating research organisations will be provided by their respective national funding organisation according to their legal terms and conditions for project funding. A provisional list of partner countries is given below – the funding organisations' names and national regulations will be published with the Call Announcement.

To date this is the provisional list of countries that intend to participate in the 2022 Joint Call

Austria	Germany	Poland
Belgium	Ireland	Romania
Denmark	Italy	Spain
Estonia	Latvia	Sweden
Finland	Lithuania	Turkey
France	Netherlands	United Kingdom

Please note that the information in this table is provisional.

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