



GREEN ERA-HUB

on Agri-Food and Biotechnology



Sustainable production and utilisation of biomass

Online Webinar for applicants of the 3rd GEH call

Start: 9:30am

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Online Webinar

15th of October 2025



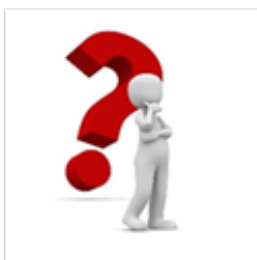
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For questions raise hand
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The webinar will not be
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Overview

- Background on GEH and collaboration with WI
- Main Scope
 - Call topics
- Key dates of the call
- Eligibility criteria
- Coordination & Submission
 - Registration
 - Pre-proposal
 - Full proposal
- Evaluation & Selection
- Obligations of selected & funded projects



The Call Office

- 🌱 All information given today are published in the Call Announcement
[Green Era Hub: Call3](#)
- 🌱 Any questions, clarifications is welcome- please contact your national funder (see Annex I of the Call Announcement) or the Call Office:

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Submission

CALL1 MID-TERM REPORT | PARTNERING



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CALL 3

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CALL DOCUMENTS

- 📄 Call Announcement 3rd Call GEH
- 📄 Template Letter of Commitment(s)
- 📄 Template CV

Online Webinar for Applicants

The registry for our online webinar for applicants is open.

The webinar will take place on Wednesday, 15th of October from 09:30h to 10:30h (CEST).

Register [here](#).

WELCOME TO PRE-PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

WELCOME TO THE SUBMISSION SYSTEM FOR PROPOSALS IN THE FRAME OF THE GREEN ERA HUB

THE 3RD CALL OF THE GREEN ERA HUB IS NOW OPEN!

The Green ERA Hub Call is open for the submission of proposals addressing "Sustainable Production and Utilisation of

A Call Announcement and supporting documents with further information of the Call can be found under "Call Document download area on the left-hand side of this page.

The deadline for pre-proposals is November 28, 12:00h CEST (noon).
The deadline for full proposal submission is March 25, 12:00h CEST (noon).

Note: There will be a **webinar for applicants on 15th of October 2025, 9:30 CEST.**

Please register [here!](#)

Background

Green ERA-Hub (GEH)

- Started in September 2022
- Coordination and Support Action of the European Commission (**Horizon Europe** Programme)
- Includes partners from 15 ERA-Net initiatives in the agri-food and biotechnology sectors

Wheat Initiative (WI)

- Launched in 2011 by the G20 Agriculture Ministries
- Sets global strategic priorities for wheat research
- Promotes communication between researchers, funders, and policymakers, supporting long-term investments in wheat research.



GEH has combined the research and innovation priorities of different ERA-Net initiatives to launch the **2025 GEH Joint International Funding Call**.

The WI supported GEH in the definition of the call scope and in the involvement of international funders.

Main Scope of the call

- Main goal: improve sustainable production and utilisation of biomass
- Contribute to the **transformation** of today's largely fossil resources-based economy **into a sustainable bio-based economy** that focuses on natural and renewable material cycles aiming to fully exploit the potential of a sustainable bio-based economy.
- This call funds projects that:
 - Address one topic
 - Contribute to a sustainable, resilient, reliable, and affordable biomass production through **innovative breeding** methods for **improved crops** for sustainable and resilient food and feed systems (Topic **A**) or
 - Enhance the **utilisation of non-eatable biomass** for industrial purposes (Topic **B**) and
 - Increase TRL by 1 during project lifetime

Call Topics

Topic A – Plant Breeding for improved resilience & health of crops, environment, and soil

-  Resilience
-  Reduced inputs
-  Water use efficiency
-  Agrobiodiversity and soil health

Topic B – Biotechnological applications to improve the utilisation of biomass

-  Innovative biotechnological conversion technologies
-  Metabolic engineering
-  Bioinformatic tools

Key dates

Date	Event	Phase
30th Sept 2025	Call Opening	
28th Nov 2025	Pre-Proposal submission deadline	Pre-Proposal
Until end of Jan 2026	Evaluation & Selection of Pre-Proposals; Invitation to submit a Full Proposal	Pre-Proposal
5th Feb 2026	Opening Full Proposal submission	Full Proposal
25th March 2026	Full Proposal submission deadline	Full Proposal
Until end of May 2026	Evaluation & Selection of Full Proposals	Full Proposal
Early June 2026	Notification of Applicants	Full Proposal

Who can apply?

Funding mechanism:

-  Direct funding from national Funding Organisation
-  **!! Highly recommended to contact your national Funder before preparing a proposal!!**
-  Some funders may require contact before submission

Annex A1: Funders Contact Persons
Table 3: List of FCPs.

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Eligible applicants – depending on the National Regulation

-  Universities
-  Research Institutes
-  Non-profit Organisations
-  Private companies

Annex A2: Overview of Funders' regulations
Table 4 Overview of the Funders' regulations. The information
For more details, please refer to Annex I: Funders' regulations.

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Eligibility Criteria (I)

Consortium Requirements

-  Minimum 3 eligible partners from 3 different Funding countries:

Belgium

Bosnia & Herzegovina

Germany

Ireland

Luxembourg

United Kingdom

Uruguay

-  Balanced consortia: max 70% total budget with one partner

-  Associated partners:

-  Do not count to the minimum partner number

-  Do not request & receive funding

-  Have to provide a Letter of Commitment at Pre-proposal phase

Eligibility Criteria (II)

Consortium Requirements

 Check your national Funders' requirements! > [Green Era Hub: Call3](#) Call Announcement

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 CALL DOCUMENTS

 Call Announcement 3rd Call GEH

 Template Letter of Commitment(s)

WELCOME TO PRE-PROPOSAL SUB

WELCOME TO THE SUBMISSION SYSTEM FOR PROPOSALS IN THE 3RD CALL OF THE GREEN ERA HUB

The Green ERA Hub Call is open for the submission of proposals addressing "Sustainable Production and Utilisation of Biomass"

A Call Announcement and supporting documents with further information of the download area on the left-hand side of this page.

The deadline for pre-proposals is November 28,
The deadline for full proposal submission is March 2025

Call Announcement and Guidelines for Applicants

Annex I: Funders regulations

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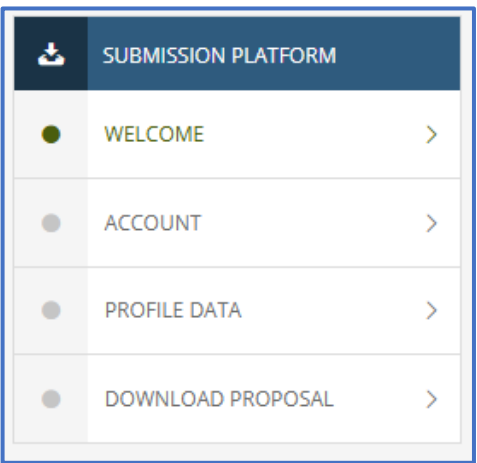
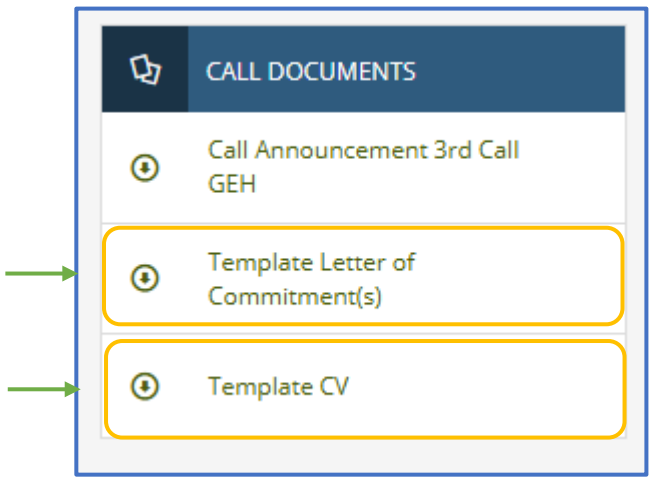
Sustainable Production and Utilisation of Biomass

launched by:
The Green ERA-Hub
in collaboration with
the Wheat Initiative
Call Announcement V1.0 30th September 2025
Guidelines for Applicants

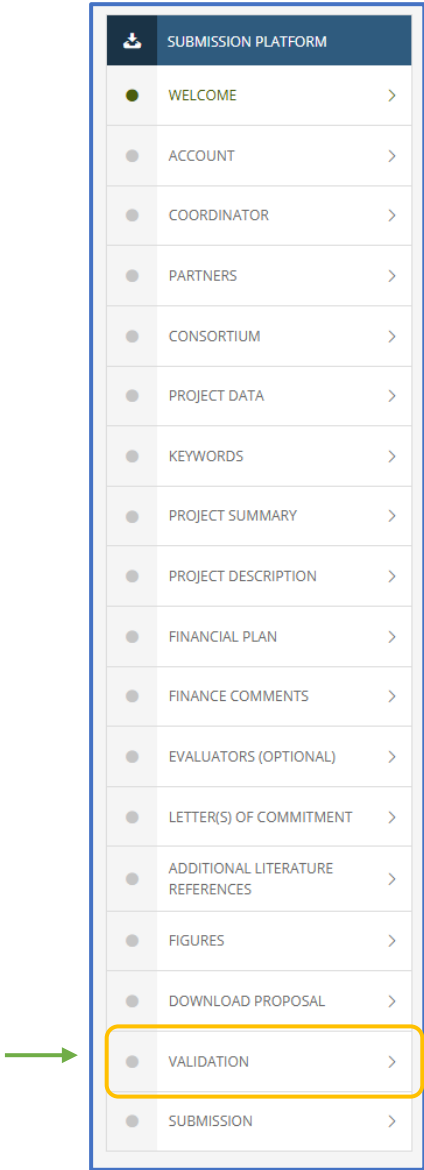
Eligibility Criteria (III)

Submission requirements

- Online submission [Green Era Hub: Call3](#)
- Pre-proposal submission until 28th November 2025 noon (CET)
- Full proposal submission until 25th March 2025 noon (CET)
- Completeness** (recommendation: check 'Validation' to find missing information)
 - Information from ALL partners



Partner Login



Coordinator Login

Eligibility Criteria (IV)

- Eligibility Check:
 - Failure to meet any criteria leads to rejection of proposal
 - e.g. associated partner without Letter of Commitment leads to rejection of the whole proposal
- Double check what documents are requested for each national eligibility:
 - Align to national priorities
 - Maximum amount of resources available for each partner in a country
 - Specific administrative rules
 - Specific requirements for partners eligibility
- **If only one partner from your consortium is not eligible at national level
> the entire consortium will be considered ineligible**

Coordination & Submission (I)

Coordinator has to:

-  Confirm national regulations and funding modalities with all partners
-  Guarantee eligibility of the entire project throughout the application procedure
-  Create account on the online submission platform
-  Submit pre-proposal and full proposal
-  Be central contact point for the consortium
-  Be responsible for project coordination throughout its lifespan
-  Inform about events affecting project implementation
-  Meet contractually bound deliverables and milestones
-  Disseminate all relevant information to consortium partners
-  Monitor data & ensure timely delivery of project reports
 -  Mid-term & End-term reporting of GEH/follow-up activities
 -  Plan potential reporting meeting in the budget

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PARTNER LIST

LIST OF PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE PROJECT COORDINATOR:

Organisation	Contact name	Organisation type	Nat. reg.	Country	
University of Tübingen	Best Coordinator	University	✓	Germany	
UFZ	Partner Person	Research Organisation	✓	Luxembourg	  
OLE	Third Person	SME	✓	Bosnia and Herzegovina	  

+ Add a new partner

• After you have added a new partner, activate him/her by pressing the "activate" button in the table (envelope symbol). Your partner will receive a notification email.

LIST OF ASSOCIATED PARTNERS:

Organisation	Contact name	Organisation type	Country	
KLar	Associated Person	Large industry	United Kingdom	  

+ Add a new associated partner

• After you have added a new associated partner, activate him/her by pressing the "activate" button in the table. Your associated partner will receive a notification email.

NOTICES

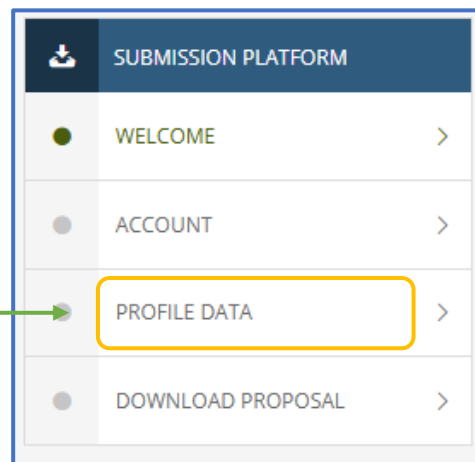
• Consortia of more than 5 partners (incl. associated partners) have to provide a justification. Please use the section Consortium and upload an explanation of up to 1 page as pdf.

Coordination & Submission (III)

Information needed for Pre-proposals

Per partner:

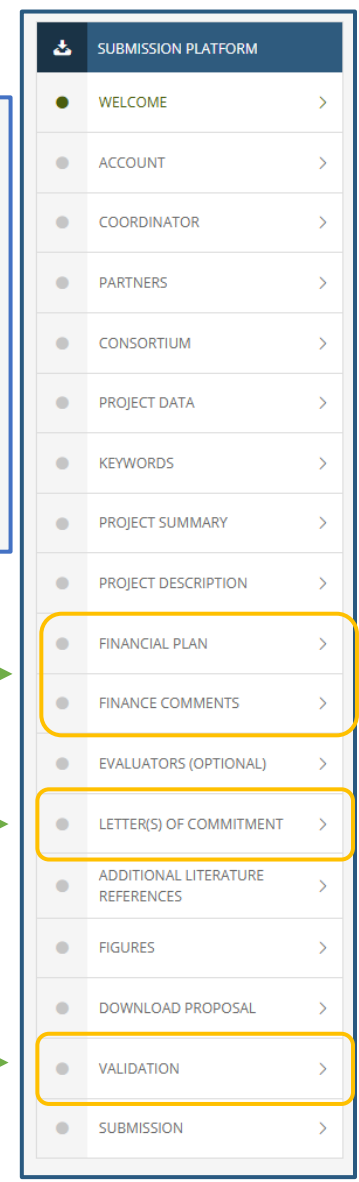
-  Partner Information
-  **Privacy policy**
-  CV
-  Letter of Commitment (only Associated partners)
-  Financial plan, financial comments (partners requesting funding)



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Per consortium (provided by Coordinator):

-  Project data, keywords
-  Project summary
-  Project description (10000 characters)
-  Financial plan, financial comments
-  Letter of Commitment (only Associated partners)

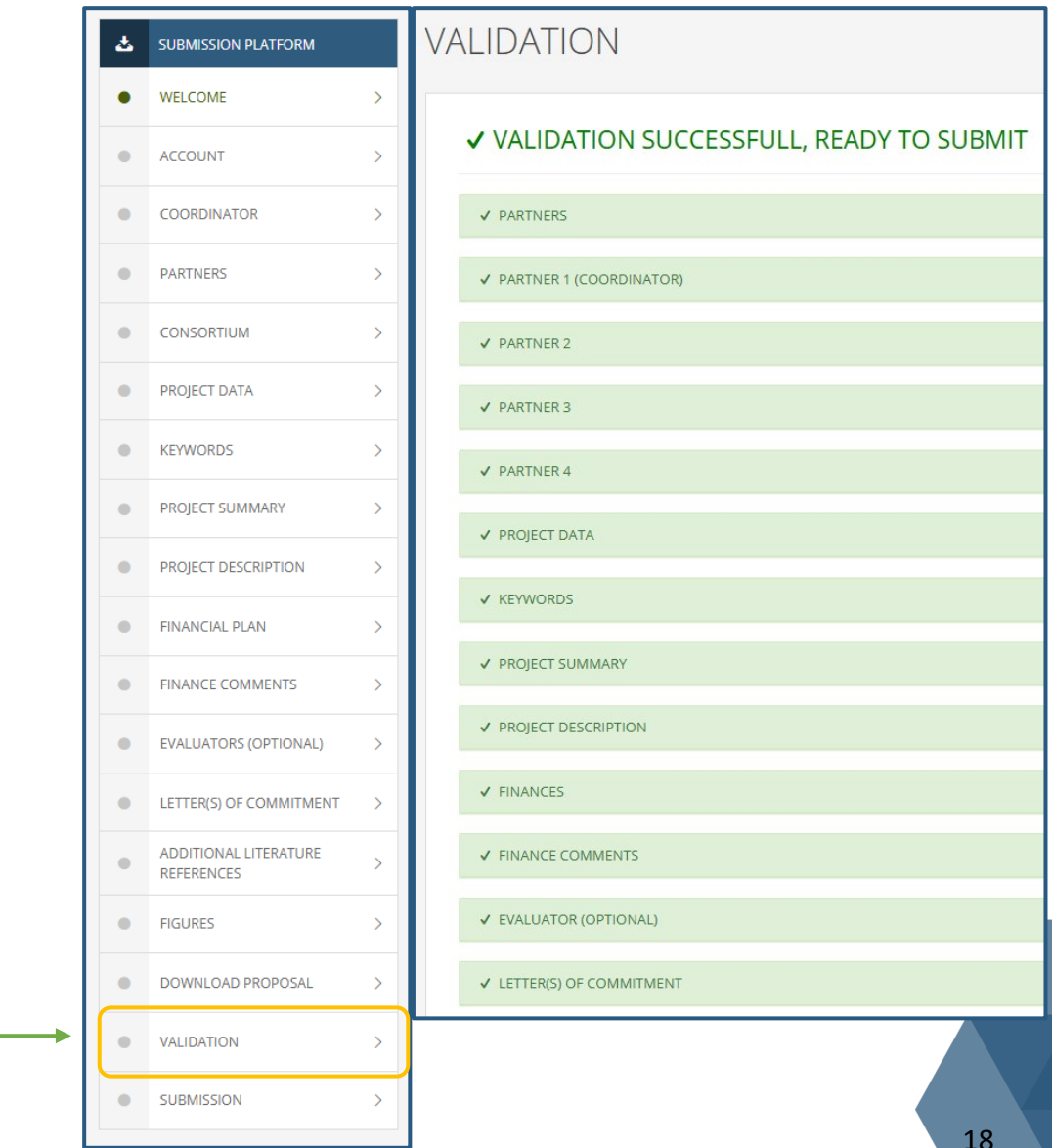


Coordinator Login

Coordination & Submission (IV)

Submission

- Only complete proposals can be submitted- use Validation tab to find missing information
 - Before deadline:** submission as many time as needed (new submission replaces old one)
 - Submit Early** to avoid last-minute technical problems
- Close to the deadline high traffic is expected
- Deadline pre-proposal: 28th November 2025, noon (CET)
 - Deadline full proposal: 25th March 2026, noon (CET)
- Coordinator's Role: Responsible for timely submission via the online system



The screenshot shows the 'SUBMISSION PLATFORM' interface. On the left is a vertical list of tabs: WELCOME, ACCOUNT, COORDINATOR, PARTNERS, CONSORTIUM, PROJECT DATA, KEYWORDS, PROJECT SUMMARY, PROJECT DESCRIPTION, FINANCIAL PLAN, FINANCE COMMENTS, EVALUATORS (OPTIONAL), LETTER(S) OF COMMITMENT, ADDITIONAL LITERATURE REFERENCES, FIGURES, DOWNLOAD PROPOSAL, **VALIDATION** (highlighted with a yellow box and an arrow), and SUBMISSION. On the right, the 'VALIDATION' section displays a green checkmark and the text 'VALIDATION SUCCESSFULL, READY TO SUBMIT'. Below this, a list of validation items is shown, each with a green checkmark: PARTNERS, PARTNER 1 (COORDINATOR), PARTNER 2, PARTNER 3, PARTNER 4, PROJECT DATA, KEYWORDS, PROJECT SUMMARY, PROJECT DESCRIPTION, FINANCES, FINANCE COMMENTS, EVALUATOR (OPTIONAL), and LETTER(S) OF COMMITMENT.

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Coordination & Submission (V)

- Only consortia invited to submit Full proposals
- Additional Information needed for Full proposals
 - **Per consortium** (provided by Coordinator):
 - Project description (30000 characters)
 - Workplan
 - Data Management Plan
 - Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Plan
 - Ethical Compliance
 - Templates for the new sections will be made available on the submission website upon full proposal stage opening (5th Feb 2026)

Call Announcement and Guidelines for Applicants

Annex C: Template pre-proposal and full proposal Call Announcement, Page 29ff

Evaluation & Selection (I)

- After submission (pre-proposal & full proposal):
 - Call Office & national funders check eligibility
 - Non-eligible proposals will be rejected
 - **Communication:** Eligibility check results communicated before evaluation phase
- After Eligibility check:
 - Expert evaluation
- Based on expert evaluation
 - Funders Board selection for inviting full proposal submissions / funding of projects

Evaluation & Selection (II)

Evaluation Committee (IEC) Mandate

Responsibilities:

-  Peer review proposals based on defined criteria
-  Provide a **written summary** for FB and for applicants sent by the Call Office
-  Propose a ranking list of proposals based on scores

Committee Structure:

-  Chair & Members: Independent of Funding Parties and applicants

Conflict of Interest:

-  IEC members sign Conflict of Interest and Declaration of Confidentiality forms
-  Online tool prevents access to conflicted proposals

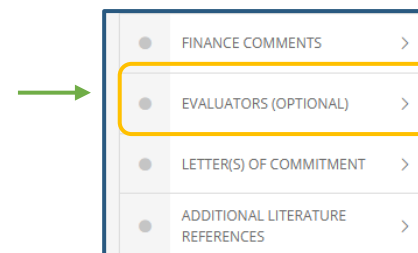
Strict Confidentiality

-  Applicant identities
-  Proposal content
-  Access restricted to FB, IEC, and Call Office
-  Data handled per GDPR

Evaluation Process

Eligible Proposals:

-  Evaluated by at least three international experts
-  Consensus scores determined in meetings



A screenshot of a web form with a blue border. It contains four rows, each with a grey circle icon, a text label, and a right-pointing chevron. The labels are: 'FINANCE COMMENTS', 'EVALUATORS (OPTIONAL)', 'LETTER(S) OF COMMITMENT', and 'ADDITIONAL LITERATURE REFERENCES'. The 'EVALUATORS (OPTIONAL)' row is highlighted with a yellow rectangular border. A green arrow points from the left towards this row.

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Evaluation & Selection (III)

Evaluation Criteria

Scientific Excellence:

-  Clarity of objectives, soundness of concept, methodology credibility, consortium quality, innovation, interdisciplinary approaches

Relevance and Potential Impact:

-  Relevance to Call scope and topics, project impact potential

Quality and Efficiency of Implementation:

-  Work plan quality, management structure, participant complementarity, task allocation, project budget appropriateness

Scoring - Scale: 0 to 5 (no half scores)

-  0: Fails to address criterion

-  1: Poor

-  2: Fair

-  3: Good

-  4: Very Good

-  5: Excellent

Thresholds:

-  Criteria score < 3/5: Not recommended for funding

-  Total score < 10: Not proposed for funding

Evaluation & Selection (V)

Ethics Evaluation Procedure

Two-Step Process

Step 1: Ethics Screening

Outcomes: Full Clearance, Conditional Clearance, Ethics Assessment

Step 2: Ethics Assessment

In-depth analysis

 Outcomes: Full Clearance, Conditional Clearance, No Ethics Clearance

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

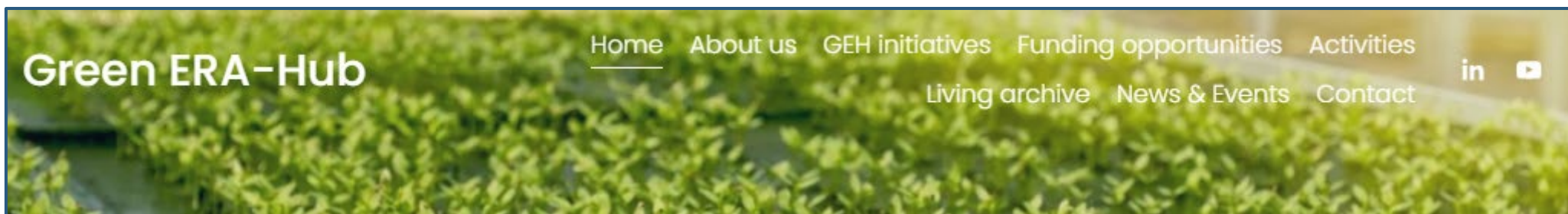
Data Handling

 Compliance: GDPR Regulation EU 679/2016

 Privacy Policy: Available on submission website

Evaluation & Selection (IV)

- Outcome: Proposals ranked by final scores
- Final Decision:
 - Made by FB based on ranking and available funding
 - Communicated by the Call Office to the project coordinators (Evaluation summaries will be provided to the coordinators which are responsible for forwarding all information to the proposal partners.)
 - Funded projects list published



Green ERA-Hub website <https://greenerahub.eu>

Obligations for funded projects (I)

Contract Negotiation

-  Notification letter received
-  Contact Funding Parties for grant negotiation

Funding:

-  Provided per national regulations
-  Possible need for **Consortium Agreement**

Communication, Dissemination, and Exploitation

-  Up to 2-page CDE Plan
-  Reference to GEH and WI in project-related information

Obligations for funded projects (II)

Project Monitoring and Meetings

-  Mid-term and end-term status reports
-  Participation in mandatory joint meetings (kick-off, mid-term, end-term)

Data Management

-  Up to 2-page Data Management Plan in proposal
-  Updated plan as deliverable within first six months

Ethics Assessment

-  Compliance:
 -  Appropriate authorization for human/animal work
 -  Address potential ethical issues in proposal
 -  Follow EU guidelines for non-EU activities



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Thank you for your attention

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