

## AGROECOLOGY

### 1st Co-funded Call “Fostering agroecology at farm and landscape levels”

#### FUNDAÇÃO PARA A CIÊNCIA E A TECNOLOGIA

Information type	Details
Applicable regulation	Applications requesting funding from FCT under this call will be subject to <u>FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds</u> , as amended by the Regulation no. 5/2024, of 3 January, hereinafter referred to as FCT Regulation, which amends and republishes Regulation no. 999/2016, of 31 October, and to other applicable national and EU legislation.
Type of beneficiaries	For information on the type of beneficiaries eligible for FCT funding under this call, see Article 3 of <u>FCT Regulation</u> .
Criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility	For information on the criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility, see Article 5 of <u>FCT Regulation</u> .
Projects typology and areas to be supported	Theme 1 – Enhancing agroecology at the farm level Theme 2 – Implementing agroecology at the landscape level For complete information regarding projects typology and areas to be supported under this call, see pages 8-9 of the Call Text.
Criteria of projects' eligibility	For information on the criteria of projects' eligibility, see article 6 of <u>FCT Regulation</u> .
Funding allocation to be granted and conditions	FCT budget allocation for this call is <b>500 000,00 €</b> . The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with a <b>Portuguese Main Applicant</b> is <b>250 000,00 €</b> . The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with a <b>Portuguese Project Applicant</b> is <b>150 000,00 €</b> . If more than one Portuguese applicant participating in the <b>same international consortium</b> applies for funding by FCT, the <b>combined funding</b> demanded by all the Portuguese applicants <b>may not exceed the maximum financial threshold for proposals with a Portuguese Main Applicant</b> (250 000,00 €) or <b>with a Portuguese Project Applicant</b> (150 000,00 €). Portuguese Main Applicants and/or Project Applicants in the same international consortium will therefore have to share the funding that will be granted by FCT. For information on funding rates, see no. 2 of article 7 of <u>FCT Regulation</u> .
Limits to the number of applications to be submitted by the RC and the beneficiary	The maximum number of applications submitted or participated in by each Researcher in Charge, Co-Researcher in Charge or member of the research team, or by each beneficiary (Proposing Institution), is indicated on page 13 of the Call Text.
Rules and limits to the expense eligibility	For the purposes of defining the budget, the terms defined in article 8 of <u>FCT Regulation</u> apply to <b>eligible expenses</b> and in article 9 to <b>non-eligible expenses</b> . Excluded from the range of eligible expenses are the <b>salaries and other remuneration supplements</b> of teachers, researchers and other staff with a previously established indefinite contract with the Public Administration. Expenditure on <b>adapting buildings and facilities</b> is limited to a maximum of 10% of the project's total eligible expenses. The <b>project's indirect costs</b> are based on the application of a flat rate of 25% of the direct eligible costs.

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<b>Projects assessment criteria</b>	For information on the projects assessment criteria under this call, namely the description of the assessment methodology and the minimum merit thresholds, see pages 19-22 of the Call Text.
<b>Applicable forms of payment</b>	In accordance with no. 1 of article 7 of the <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a> , the funding to be granted to proposals requesting funding from FCT under this call is non-reimbursable and is based on <b>real costs</b> . As such it must be justified through invoices paid or other accounting documents of similar probatory value, under the terms of no. 5 of article 8 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a> .
<b>Elements to be sent by the beneficiary</b>	For information on the elements that must be guaranteed by the participants in the consortium in order for the proposal to be submitted on the submission platform, see page 16 of the Call Text.
<b>Additional information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FCT and CCDRC as Portuguese funding agencies on this call, reserve the right to evaluate the <b>possibility of transferring application(s) to the other Portuguese funding agency</b> if an application is considered non-eligible by the funding agency selected by the candidate institution, but is eligible by the other Portuguese funding agency, which will from then on be responsible for managing the application(s). The transfer of applications will be carried out in accordance with the terms set out in the MoU signed between the parties.</li> <li>If FCT or CCDRC reach the limit of the budget that each of the agencies has set for funding projects under this call before the number of applications recommended for funding by each of these agencies has run out, the applications recommended for funding that lack funding may be transferred to the agency that still has the budget to fund applications. The transfer of applications recommended for funding will be carried out in accordance with the terms set out in the MoU signed between the parties.</li> <li>The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will <b>not</b> be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.</li> </ul> <p><b>Statement of Commitment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the pre-proposal, a <b>Statement of Commitment</b> duly signed by the Researcher in Charge (partner and/or coordinators) and by the legal representant of the Portuguese Proposing Institution must be sent to <a href="mailto:marta.norton@fct.pt">marta.norton@fct.pt</a>; <a href="mailto:pedromiguel.ferreira@fct.pt">pedromiguel.ferreira@fct.pt</a>.</li> <li>The stamp or white seal of the Portuguese Proposing Institution will not be required on a digitally signed Statement of Commitment, as long as it is signed, in the Autenticação.gov application, with professional attributes that identify the functions performed by the signatory.</li> <li>Portuguese applicants of transnational consortia that <u>do not apply for funding from FCT do not need</u> to submit the Statement of Commitment to FCT.</li> </ul>
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Note: In blue sentences adapted/added 12 March 2024