

Transition to sustainable food systems through the scaling up of agroecological innovations in the Central African region (DeSIRA+)

BEL23010-10008

Rwanda

Contracting authority : Enabel mandated by the EU to implement the DESIRA + project

in accordance with the guidelines of this call for proposals :

- Applicants may send their questions by e-mail desiraplus@enabel.be before Monday 15 December 2025 at 1pm (GMT + 2). The DeSIRA+ programme will not be obliged to provide clarification on questions received after this date.
- Answers to questions will be provided no later than Wednesday 25 December 2025 at 1pm (GMT + 2). Questions and answers will only be published in the language in which they were received. To ensure confidentiality, the names of the organisations will remain anonymous.

Timetable (1st round)	Date	Time (GMT + 2)
Deadline for requests for clarification to the contracting authority	15 December 2025	1pm (GMT + 2)
Last date on which clarifications are given by the contracting authority	25 December 2025	1pm (GMT + 2)
Deadline for submission of concept notes (1st round)	12 January 2026	1pm (GMT + 2)

1. Can an applicant submit several proposals (even as a co-applicant)?

No, there is a limit of one proposal per applicant and co-applicant under this specific call for proposals. In the event of multiple submissions, the applicant and co-applicant will be excluded from the procedure.

2. Is a consortium required to submit a proposal?

No, you can submit a proposal without a co-applicant.

3. If an organisation is already collaborating with Enabel, do they still have to provide all the required annexes?

Yes, you must provide all the documents requested, regardless of prior collaboration.

4. May public entities submit a proposal?

Yes, public authorities are eligible.

5. With regard to the €300,000 ceiling for private individuals, does this apply to all grants received or only those related to the same thematic?

This applies to all grants received by a European country, regardless of the thematic.

6. Where should the source of co-financing come from?

The co-financing submitted may come from the organisation's own funds and/or from another donor.

An organisation may present the cost of an activity financed by its own funds and/or by another donor X as co-financing if this activity is an integral part of the logical framework of the action financed by Enabel. The applicant must demonstrate that funding for this activity has been secured. In the proposal and budget, it must be clearly specified that all or part of the activity in question is financed by "X". Co-financing provided by another donor might be subject to Enabel's review and prior approval.

7. If the applicant does not have an ESG (Environment, Social, Governance) plan, can a similar document be taken into account in the same way?

No, only a complete ESG plan can obtain a score higher than 0.

8. Will co-financing of 20% be assessed more favourably than co-financing of a lower percentage?

No, the percentage of co-financing provided is not an evaluation criterion, as long as it complies with the required amounts (between 10 and 20% of the amount of the grant applied for).

9. With regard to the proof of project management to be submitted, is this to be established per person or per applicant institution?

Proof must be provided per applicant institution.

10. Can a national NGO and/or a cooperative be an applicant or co-applicant?

Yes

11. Is it possible to use an experience outside of Rwanda when you are newly registered in Rwanda?

Yes, a similar experience in connection with the thematic of this call can be presented

12. Under what conditions could a private company (eg: a private research center) qualify to be accepted as an applicant?

Private entities are only accepted as co-applicants. Please refer to section 2.2.1 of the guidelines for further information.

13. If an organisation has not previously managed a grant, what alternative documents or evidence can they provide to demonstrate credibility?

As outlined in section 2.2.1, eligibility for the role of lead applicant requires that the organisation has previously managed and closed a grant valued at a minimum of 45% of the anticipated grant amount. Co-applicants are not subject to the same condition.

14. Is it compulsory to have all 3 priority sectors (beekeeping, aquaculture, rabbit) in the project proposal?

No, at least one for the sectorial priority is required to be tackled.

15. Are specific districts targeted?

No, all districts in Rwanda are eligible for this call.

16. In case, the application involves one lead applicant and two co-applicants (three implementing partners in total). Do all partners (3) need to contribute 10–20% of the total project budget as co-funding individually, or can the required co-funding be provided entirely by the lead applicant or by one of co-applicants?

No. Co-funding is required for the action as a whole, not per partner, if the total contribution is at least 10% of the overall budget.

17. Should the funds for the co-funding be certified by bank as existing on the account?

Co-funding should not be certified by bank at this stage.

18. Should the co-financing be in-cash or it can also be in-kind

As mentioned in the guidelines, co-financing can only be in cash, the contribution cannot be in kind.

19. For family organizations - whose organizational structure sets one operational office per country holding the registration with the authority in the country on behalf of the whole family including its members, would it be sufficient that the member of the family organisation satisfies the eligibility criteria above and able to participate in the call?

Yes, provided that the operational office is registered in Rwanda and acts as the implementing partner (co-applicant). The support office may submit the application as the lead applicant.

20. The CfP limits to only two staff costs, can the co-funding take care of the additional staff required to implement the project?

There is no restriction on the number of staff.

21. Is it possible to have more than one applicant and co-applicants in one application?

Yes, there are no limitation on the number of co-applicants. However, a lead applicant must be clearly identified.