



## **DETAILED AGENDA & STAND NARRATIVES**

Work Programme 2026

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## I. PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

### HORIZON EUROPE INFO DAYS 2026

CLUSTER 6  
FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL  
RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE  
& ENVIRONMENT  
22-23 January

22 JANUARY		23 JANUARY	
GASPERI	MANSHOLT	GASPERI	MANSHOLT
<b>09.00-10.00</b> PLENARY		<b>09.00-10.45</b> DESTINATION 1 Biodiversity and ecosystem services	<b>09.00-11.30</b> DESTINATION 7 Innovative governance, environmental observations, and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal
<b>10.30-12.30</b> KEY TO SUCCESS		<b>11.15-12.15</b> DESTINATION 4 Clear environment and zero pollution	<b>11.30-12.30</b> DESTINATIONS 5 & 6*
<b>14.00-17.15</b> DESTINATION 2 Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption	<b>14.00-16.45</b> DESTINATION 3 Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors		

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\*DESTINATION 5 : Land, ocean and water for climate action  
DESTINATION 6 : Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities

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## II. DETAILED AGENDA

**22 JANUARY**

*Hybrid*

Time	09:00 – 10:00
Session	<b>PLENARY: INTRODUCTION TO THE POLICY CONTEXT</b>
Room	<b>GASPERI</b>
Moderator	Paul WEBB, Head of Department “Green Europe”, Research Executive Agency

09:00	<b>Welcoming words</b>	Paul WEBB
09:05	<b>EU policies of interest for Cluster 6</b> James MORRISON, Director “Healthy Planet”, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission Diego CANGA FANO, Director “Outreach, Research & Geographical Indications”, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission Valérie DREZET-HUMET, Director “General Affairs, Knowledge & Resources”, Directorate General for Environment, European Commission	
09:55	<b>Session wrap-up</b>	Paul WEBB
10:00	<b>End of session</b>	

Time	10:30 – 12:30
Session	<b>KEY TO SUCCESS</b>
Room	<b>GASPERI</b>
Moderator	Agata PIENIADZ, Head of Sector “Environmental Observation and Innovative Governance”, Research Executive Agency

10:30	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	Agata PIENIADZ
10:40	<b>The essentials for preparing a successful proposal</b> Evaluation process Admissibility and Eligibility Evaluation Criteria Tips and hints International cooperation “A global approach to R&I” The Multi-Actor Approach (MAA) Other specific features, including (Blind evaluation, Lump sum funding, Financial support to third parties)	
12:05	<b>Questions &amp; answers</b>	
12:25	<b>Session wrap-up</b>	Agata PIENIADZ
12:30	<b>End of session</b>	

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Time	14:00 – 17:15
Session	<b>DESTINATION 2: Fair, healthy, and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption</b>
Room	<b>GASPERI</b>
Moderators	Henri DELANGHE, Head of Unit “Research and Innovation”, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission Rosalinda SCALIA, Deputy Head of Unit “Bioeconomy & Food Systems”, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

14:00	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	H.DELANGHE & R.SCALIA
	<b>Developing innovative phytosanitary treatments for regulated plant pesticides</b>	Gisela QUAGLIA
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-01</i>	
	<b>Tackling pesticide resistance: early detection, management strategies, and foresight</b>	Gisela QUAGLIA
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-02</i>	
	<b>Boosting the competitiveness of protein crops in Europe</b>	Francisco CASTRO ALVES
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-03</i>	
	<b>Accelerating the development of breeding tools for perennial crops, specifically fruit and nut trees</b>	Agata GULISANO
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-04</i>	
14:25	<b>Questions &amp; Answers (1)</b>	
	<b>Boosting circularity and diversification strategies of terrestrial livestock production systems</b>	Valerio ABBADESSA
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-05</i>	
	<b>Advanced innovative solutions for improved competitiveness and sustainability in controlled environment agriculture (CEA)</b>	Isabelle VAN BORM
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-06</i>	
	<b>Strengthening the EU plant protection ecosystem for a future-proof agriculture</b>	Gisela QUAGLIA
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-07</i>	
	<b>Open topic: Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural sector by enhancing the efficient and sustainable use of inputs</b>	Benjamin VAN DOORSLAER
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-01-two-stage</i>	
	<b>Open topic: Boosting organic farming for a competitive, sustainable and resilient farming sector</b>	Susana GAONA SAEZ
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-02-two-stage</i>	
15:10	<b>Questions &amp; answers (2)</b>	
15:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	

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16:00	<b>Welcome back</b>	H.DELANGHE & R.SCALIA
	<b>Advancing basic knowledge and developing tools for sustainable management of key migratory fish species</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-08</i>	Nikos ZAMPOUKAS
	<b>Sustainable and healthy diets for cardiovascular diseases prevention with the support of digital applications</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-09</i>	Giuseppina LUVARA
	<b>Sustainable and healthy diets based on health status and socio-economic risk factors of ageing population</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-10</i>	Giuseppina LUVARA
	<b>Integrating a holistic perspective in microbiome research for resilient, competitive and sustainable food systems</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-11</i>	Pierre-Mathieu PELISSIER
	<b>Leveraging R&amp;I knowledge on microbiome</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-12</i>	Pierre-Mathieu PELISSIER
16:25	<b>Questions &amp; answers (3)</b>	
	<b>Boosting plant health and reducing losses on farm and during storage for sustainable growth in Africa (FNSSA)</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-13</i>	Anna MLYNARCZYK
	<b>Green Transition Food Processing Africa</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-14</i>	Hans-Joerg LUTZEYER
16:55	<b>Questions &amp; Answers (4)</b>	
17:10	<b>Session wrap-up</b>	H.DELANGHE & R.SCALIA
17:15	<b>End of session</b>	

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Time	14:00 – 16:45
Session	<b>DESTINATION 3: Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors</b>
Room	<b>MANSHOLT</b>
Moderators	Sophie DE VINCK, Head of Sector “Green Transitions”, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission Pierre-Henri LAGRIFFOUL, Policy Officer “Green Knowledge & Research Hub, LIFE”, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission

14:00	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	S.DE VINCK & P-H.LAGRIFFOUL
	<b>Improving circularity of multilayer flexible plastic food contact packaging</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-01</i>	Martin POLICAR
	<b>Advancing recycling technologies for mixed post-consumer textiles waste from blended products</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-02</i>	Martin POLICAR
	<b>Advanced recovery of critical raw materials from Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-03</i>	Cristian MARTI HEDSTROM
	<b>Demonstrating and deploying innovative collection, sorting-for-reuse and repair systems for textiles at city/region level (Circular Cities and Regions Initiative topic)</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-04</i>	Lucie BLONDEL
	<b>Deploying circular systemic solutions through living labs in cities and regions (Circular Cities and Regions Initiative topic)</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-01-two-stage</i>	Lucie BLONDEL
	<b>Open topic: Using the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative to strengthen urban manufacturing in support of the Clean Industrial</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-02-two-stage</i>	Hans-Christian EBERL
14:35	<b>Questions &amp; Answers (1)</b>	
15:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	
15:30	<b>Welcome back</b>	S.DE VINCK & P-H.LAGRIFFOUL
	<b>Understanding biomass flows in Europe</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-05</i>	Johannes WEBER
	<b>Bioeconomy policy support hub for Member States, regions and sectors</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-06</i>	Wim HAENTJENS
	<b>Advancing the European bio-based innovation enabled by biotechnology and biomanufacturing concepts</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-07</i>	Tomasz CALIKOWSKI
	<b>Supporting pre-normative research for standardization of the bio-based products</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-08</i>	Tomasz CALIKOWSKI
	<b>Balancing food security, bioeconomy, climate and biodiversity objectives while unlocking sustainable value chains</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-09</i>	May HOEIBKA
	<b>Bio-based innovation in society: supporting the sustainable way of living</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-10</i>	Tomasz CALIKOWSKI
	<b>Harnessing the unique properties of marine organisms to deliver sustainable blue bio-based products</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-CIRCBIO-11</i>	Natasa MANTZIARI
16:00	<b>Questions &amp; Answers (2)</b>	
16:40	<b>Session wrap-up</b>	S.DE VINCK & P-H.LAGRIFFOUL
16:45	<b>End of session</b>	

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## 23 JANUARY

Hybrid

Time	09:00 – 10:45
Session	<b>DESTINATION 1: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</b>
Room	<b>GASPERI</b>
Moderator	Pierre-Henri LAGRIFFOUL, Policy Officer “Green Knowledge & Research Hub, LIFE”, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission

09:00	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	Pierre-Henri LAGRIFFOUL
	<b>Understanding and tackling the decline of insects</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-01</i>	Francisco De Asis SANCHEZ CRESPO
	<b>Developing methods to assess the presence, functions and sensitivity of groundwater ecosystems</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-02</i>	Lorena KOROSEC
	<b>Pushing the frontier of knowledge and conservation action for deep sea ecosystems</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-03</i>	Jesus Maria ALQUEZAR SABADIE
	<b>Ensuring continuous effectiveness of protected areas in conserving habitats and species while facing intensifying drivers of biodiversity loss</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-04</i>	Bénédicte BLAUDEAU
09:30	<b>Questions &amp; Answers (1)</b>	
	<b>Advancing integrated scenarios and prediction models for informing transition to a nature positive society</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-05</i>	Gilles DOIGNON
	<b>Boosting agrobiodiversity for food security and sustainable competitiveness</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-06</i>	Susana GAONA SAEZ
	<b>Living labs for co-creating solutions for the restoration of ecosystems</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-01-two-stage</i>	Francisco De Asis SANCHEZ CRESPO
10:00	<b>Questions &amp; Answers (2)</b>	
	<b>Open topic: Uncovering the causes of specific species’ rapid decline and exploring actionable solutions</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-02-two-stage</i>	Bénédicte BLAUDEAU
	<b>Unlocking the potential of citizen action for nature protection and restoration</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-03-two-stage</i>	Caroline POTTIER
	<b>Mainstreaming and scaling-up evidence-based Nature-Based Solutions towards a nature positive and climate-resilient economy</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-04-two-stage</i>	Susanna GIONFRA
10:30	<b>Questions &amp; answers (3)</b>	
10:40	<b>Session wrap-up</b>	Pierre-Henri LAGRIFFOUL
10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>	

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Time	11:15 – 12:15
Session	<b>DESTINATION 4: Clear environment and zero pollution</b>
Room	<b>GASPERI</b>
Moderator	Pierre-Henri LAGRIFFOUL, Policy Officer “Green Knowledge & Research Hub, LIFE”, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission

11:15	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	Pierre-Henri LAGRIFFOUL
	<b>Toward a comprehensive assessment of the disturbance of marine ecosystems by anthropogenic underwater noise</b>	Lorena KOROSEC
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-01</i>	
	<b>Bioremediation of Ukraine’s ecosystems contaminated by conflicts</b>	Silvia MALTAGLIATI
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-02</i>	
	<b>Developing managed aquifer recharge techniques (MAR) in a rural context</b>	Benjamin VAN DOORSLAER
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-03</i>	
	<b>Decontaminate and bioremediate aquatic pollution</b>	Natasa MANTZIARI
	<i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-01-two-stage</i>	
11:45	<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>	
12:05	<b>Session wrap-up</b>	Pierre-Henri LAGRIFFOUL
12:15	<b>End of session</b>	

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Time Session	09:00– 11:30
Room	<b>DESTINATION 7: Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal</b>
Moderator	<b>MANSHOLT</b> Henri DELANGHE, Head of Unit “Research and innovation”, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

09:00	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	Henri DELANGHE
	<b>Additional activities for the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP)</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-01</i>	Michaela GIGLI
	<b>Improving analytical capacity and understanding of social drivers in agriculture to better assess social sustainability in the sector</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-02</i>	Marialuisa DAL POZ
	<b>Empowering the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-03</i>	Nicolas SEGEBARTH
	<b>Supporting All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-04</i>	Iveta AIZBALTE
	<b>Additional activities for the European Partnership of Agriculture of Data</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-04-GOVERNANCE-01</i>	Francesco IADECOLA
09:30	<b>Questions &amp; Answers (1)</b>	
	<b>Coordinated European contribution to the WMO Global Greenhouse Gas Watch and its international governance</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-05</i>	Franz IMMLER
	<b>A services and business incubator for geospatial open-source developments</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-06</i>	Stefanie LUMNITZ
	<b>Interconnect Earth Observation research for addressing environmental policies</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-07</i>	Franz IMMLER
	<b>Open topic: Develop Earth Intelligence solutions with observations and state-of-the-art AI for sustainable competitiveness and policy making</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-01-two-stage</i>	Franz IMMLER
10:15	<b>Questions &amp; Answers (2)</b>	
10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00	<b>Welcome back</b>	Henri DELANGHE
	<b>Boosting data availability and AI solutions in food for consumers and food service professionals</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-08</i>	Wim HAENTJENS
	<b>Increasing knowledge flows to practice within AKIS via EU thematic knowledge hubs</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-09</i>	Agata GULISANO
	<b>Embracing innovation in agriculture by peer-to-peer learning via on farm-demonstrations and cost-benefit analysis</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-03-GOVERNANCE-10</i>	Agata GULISANO
11:15	<b>Questions &amp; Answers (3)</b>	
11:25	<b>Session wrap-up</b>	Henri DELANGHE
11:30	<b>End of session</b>	

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Time	11:30 – 12:10
Session	<b>DESTINATION 5: Land, ocean and water for climate action</b>
Room	<b>MANSHOLT</b>
Moderator	Henri DELANGHE, Head of Unit “Research and innovation”, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

11:30	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	Henri DELANGHE
	<b>Towards more effective, fair and coherent policies for climate change mitigation and adaptation in agriculture and forestry</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-CLIMATE-01</i>	Marianna PAOLINO
	<b>Towards the water infrastructures of the future</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-CLIMATE-02</i>	Bertrand VALLET
11:55	<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>	Henri DELANGHE
12:05	<b>Session wrap-up</b>	Henri DELANGHE
12:10	<b>End of session</b>	

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Time	12:10 – 12:30
Session	<b>DESTINATION 6 : Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities</b>
Room	<b>MANSHOLT</b>
Moderator	Henri DELANGHE, Head of Unit “Research and innovation”, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

12:10	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	Henri DELANGHE
	<b>Boosting sustainable competitiveness in rural areas through innovation</b> <i>HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-COMMUNITIES-01</i>	Carole ESCLAPEZ
12:20	<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>	Henri DELANGHE
12:25	<b>Session wrap-up</b>	Henri DELANGHE
12:30	<b>End of session</b>	

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### III. STAND NARRATIVES

On 22 January, participants will have the opportunity to visit five booths offering complementary information and guidance. This will be a unique opportunity to learn about the services available to support you in the preparation of a proposal.

- **European Research Executive Agency and Research Enquiry Service**

The European Research Executive Agency (REA) is mandated by the European Commission to support the EU's research and innovation policy through funding and managing high quality scientific initiatives. The projects managed by REA are funded under programmes such as [Horizon Europe](#), [Horizon 2020](#), [Promotion of agricultural products](#) and the [Research Fund for Coal and Steel](#).

The agency also manages horizontal support services – guiding EU funding applicants through the [Research Enquiry Service](#), helping independent [experts](#) tasked to evaluate project proposals, and validating grants and procurement operations directly funded by the European Commission.

Come along and visit the REA stand to discover the latest Cluster 6 R&I funding news.

The [Research Enquiry Service](#) (RES) of the European Commission provides replies to enquiries related to the research framework programmes and to general enquiries on the validation process for new applicants. Please feel free to find out more by passing by their stand at our event.

- **Horizon Europe National Contact Points/CARE4BIO**

At the [CARE4BIO](#) stand you will find dedicated National Contact Points willing to assist you on all matters related to your Cluster 6 proposal journey. CARE4BIO provides information about the upcoming topic calls and where to find possible partners to form a consortium. CARE4BIO has published numerous assisting documents for possible applicants, helping them navigate the proposal template and provide them with the useful tips on how to write a winning proposal. CARE4BIO is all about sparking motivation, facilitate for idea creation, we wish to make new connections & new collaborations.

- **Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking**

The Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking ([CBE JU](#)) is a EUR2billion partnership between the European Union the Bio-based Industries Consortium ([BIC](#)) that funds projects advancing competitive circular bio-based industries in Europe. CBE JU is operating under the Horizon Europe programme rules. Pass by the CBE JU stand to learn about the 2026 funding opportunities, as well as about achievements and impacts of CBE JU-funded projects.

- **EU Mission Soil**

The EU Mission Soil is an initiative aimed at promoting soil health and supporting sustainable management in urban and rural areas across Europe and beyond. It focuses on protecting soils and reversing soil degradation by advancing research and innovation to create knowledge and solutions for soil health, further develop a harmonised framework for soil monitoring in Europe and increase people's awareness on the vital importance of soils.

The ultimate goal of the EU Mission Soil is to put in place by 2030 an effective network of 100 living labs and lighthouses to co-create knowledge, test solutions and demonstrate their value in real-life conditions. By fostering collaboration among scientists, policymakers, and stakeholders, the mission seeks to establish resilient landscapes that are vital for food security, climate resilience, environmental health, and

the overall well-being of European communities. Please come along and visit the EU Mission Soil stand at the Info Days event to learn more about the new 2026 topics part of the main Work Programme 2026/2027 under Horizon Europe.

- **EU CAP Network**

The [EU CAP Network](#) supports the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy by facilitating knowledge exchange, innovation and EIP-AGRI activities, turning ideas and research results into real-world solutions. Explore our EIP-AGRI project database to access results from Operational Groups and multi-actor Horizon projects, connect with partners, and maximise innovation impact. Visit our stand to learn more!