

Newsflash

Dear Green ERA-Hub Community,

As we embrace the vitality of spring, the Green ERA Hub sends greetings and a renewed commitment to promoting sustainable agriculture. Our journey continues with strength, resonating through collaborative efforts that redefine the future of agriculture.

Looking ahead, we are delighted to announce the launch of the Joint International GEH Funding Call for 2024, "Crop and Livestock Production Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change". In collaboration with the Wheat Initiative and the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases, this initiative aims to promote climate-smart agricultural practices. It demonstrates our collective determination to improve crop and livestock resilience in the face of changing climate dynamics to ensure not only adaptation but also economic sustainability.

In addition to funding opportunities, the Green ERA Hub continues to focus on fostering knowledge exchange and collaboration. Our upcoming conference "Towards New Horizons" in October 2024 promises to be a forum for interdisciplinary dialogue. Scientists and stakeholders will come together here in Berlin to explore sustainable solutions in Agri-Food and Biotechnology. This reinforces our mission to drive impactful change through shared insights and collaborative innovation.

Recent highlights included the annual Socratic Dialogue, where the lively exchange of ideas reinforced our determination to overcome administrative barriers and raise awareness of ERA initiatives. Similarly, initiatives such as the Green ERA-Hub Breakfast Club continue to fuel intellectual curiosity and give budding researchers the opportunity to explore sustainable food systems.

As we move forward, we invite you to join our community, seize funding opportunities and participate in upcoming events shaping the future of agriculture. Together, we can harness innovation, sustainability and collaboration to cultivate a resilient agricultural landscape that nourishes both people and the planet.

[Website](#)

2024 Joint International Green ERA-Hub call

“Crop and livestock farming meeting the challenges of climate change”



We are happy to announce the launch of the 2024 Joint International GEH Funding Call: ***"Crop and Livestock Farming Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change,"*** launched by Green ERA-Hub in collaboration with the Wheat Initiative and the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases.

The overall objective of this 2024 joint international funding Call is to advance the climate smart farming for climate change adaptation, resilience to stresses, and crop and livestock health, in a context of the economic sustainability of farming.

Call topics:

- **Topic 1: Improved resilience and health of crops.** This includes projects aimed at enhancing crop resilience, reducing the use of chemical inputs, improving water use efficiency, and promoting soil health and agrobiodiversity.
- **Topic 2: Livestock production and climate change.** This area targets the adaptation of livestock production systems to climate change and the development of improved measurement systems for greenhouse gas emissions across the livestock value chain.

Key Dates to Remember:

- Information **Webinar: 21st of June 2024**, 9:30 am - 10:30 am CEST
- Deadline for **Pre-Registration: 31st July 2024**, 12:00 CEST
- Deadline for **Proposal Submission: 5th September 2024**, 12:00 CEST

Eligibility:

Universities, research institutions, non-profit organizations, and private companies are encouraged to apply, please look at the National Regulations of your country to double check if you are eligible. Consortia must include at least three partners from three different countries, with a minimum of one partner from a GEH member country. All proposals must be pre-registered by 31st July 2024 and submitted by 4th September 2024 via our online submission platform.

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Joint Conference 2024

Towards New Horizons - Sustainable solutions in the sectors of Agri-Food and Biotechnology



The symposium will bring together scientists of about 60 projects¹ in order to enable multidisciplinary exchange and to enhance our understanding of emerging scientific issues and research needs. Status seminars of research projects will therefore be accompanied by interactive workshops to build on project results and leverage their impact.

The conference will take place **10-11 October 2024 in Berlin, Germany**. Attendance is upon invitation only.

¹Project representatives of the following calls will participate in the conference: **SUSFOOD2-CoreORGANIC**, **FOSC Co-funded call**, **SusCrop 2nd call**, **2022 SusCrop-FACCE call on Agrobiodiversity**, **GreenERAHub 1st call**, **ERA CoBioTech 2nd and 3rd call**

Annual Socratic Dialogue Event



A sea of cooperation. Towards a cohesive Euro-Mediterranean research community

Rome 11 & 12 April 2024

On April 11, the second "Annual Socratic Dialogue Event", was held, hosted in the headquarters of MASAF, in Rome, under the title "**A sea of cooperation. Towards a cohesive Euro-Mediterranean research community**".

The event aimed at deepening and widening the outcomes of the successful Annual Socratic Dialogue Event (ASDE) held in Budapest in 2023, sharing information, experiences, and reflections in the aim to **strengthen the collaboration between the ERA research community and the countries from the southern and eastern coasts of Mediterranean and from the Western Balkans**. In this view, another GEH event held on April 12, back-to-back with the ASDE, aimed at the widening to the western Balkan countries, provided a great added value.

Around 40 participants, including research funders and researchers from the targeted countries, attended both events. Presentations by GEH members, EC representatives, and experts from key partnerships (**Agroecology**, **FutureFoods** and **Animal Health and Welfare**) facilitated a round table discussion. This confirmed interest from the countries' research communities and raised relevant concerns.

Key **challenges** identified included administrative and bureaucratic hurdles and a lack of awareness about ERA initiatives and their benefits among funders. Proposed **actions** included more proactive engagement efforts to clarify doubts and overcome obstacles to stronger collaboration.

The events also provided **community building and networking** opportunities and explored possibilities for joining existing networks and upcoming research proposal calls.

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The Green ERA-Hub Breakfast Club!

Opportunity: Early Career Researcher



Join us for a new journey into the dynamics of **Sustainable Food Systems**.

Let's explore innovative solutions to address pressing challenges posed by climate change. Our webinar series brings together experts from around the world to share their insights, research findings, and practical approaches towards building resilient and environmentally-friendly food systems. From different adaptation strategies in saline agriculture to the resilience of urban food systems under climate change challenges, each talk promises to offer valuable perspectives and novel ideas for a more sustainable future.

🕒 All sessions start at 10 am CET – a perfect time to nourish your mind and ignite your intellectual curiosity. Be sure to adjust the timing to your local zone!

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Euphresco Call 2024



Euphresco is a self-sustained network of organisations involved in funding research, implementing research and in policy making in the field of plant health. The overall goal of Euphresco is to support coordination and collaboration in the area of phytosanitary research. Started as a European initiative, Euphresco has recently received funding from the European Commission to enhance national and regional phytosanitary research coordination and to set the foundations for global phytosanitary research coordination through fit-for-purpose activities (EUPHRESCO III project, under Grant Agreement 101130467). For more information on EUPHRESCO III, visit the [website](#).

The members of the Euphresco network propose a number of ideas each year. This can lead to transnational collaborations, provided that the ideas raise enough interest, that coordinators are identified and national funds are committed. Until now, research ideas have been collected from the individual network members, that have the right to propose national research priorities for which collaboration with organizations in other countries is sought. The research ideas proposed this year are available from [here](#).

This top-down approach has proven to be successful but has some limitations. A new approach will be tested in the next months in the framework of EUPHRESCO III. The new approach will include the combination of (i) bottom-up alignment actions that involve research stakeholders and (ii) top-down alignment actions that involve research funding organizations. The new approach will contribute to building mutual trust and consensus at all levels (through regular consultations and dialogue) and will hopefully result in more ambitious research projects, enhanced collaboration and more impactful results.

[Current Calls](#)

Launch of the FutureFoodS EU Partnership



On June 19 2024, more than 100 research and innovation experts convened in Dijon to help support the transition to sustainable food systems by sharing insights, initiatives and joining forces within the EU-co-funded FutureFoodS partnership.

FutureFoodS is the selected co-funded partnership on Food Systems of Horizon Europe Framework Program, involving 87 partners from 29 countries. The aim? To accelerate the development of sustainable food systems by mobilising European research and innovation toward that goal.

Planned actions:

Planned actions include open calls for research and innovation, with one launched already before the end of 2024. The partnership will also develop Living Labs, create a new European food system observatory, and organise several knowledge sharing events.

The partnership strives to accelerate the transformation of national, EU and global food systems to make them safe, sustainable, healthy, resilient and trusted for everyone while staying within our planetary boundaries. This contributes to the European Union's Green Deal objective 'Fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food systems, from primary production to consumption'.

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