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# GROZD 6: HRANA, BIOGOSPODARSTVO, NARAVNI VIRI, KMETIJSTVO IN OKOLJE V OBZORJU EVROPA

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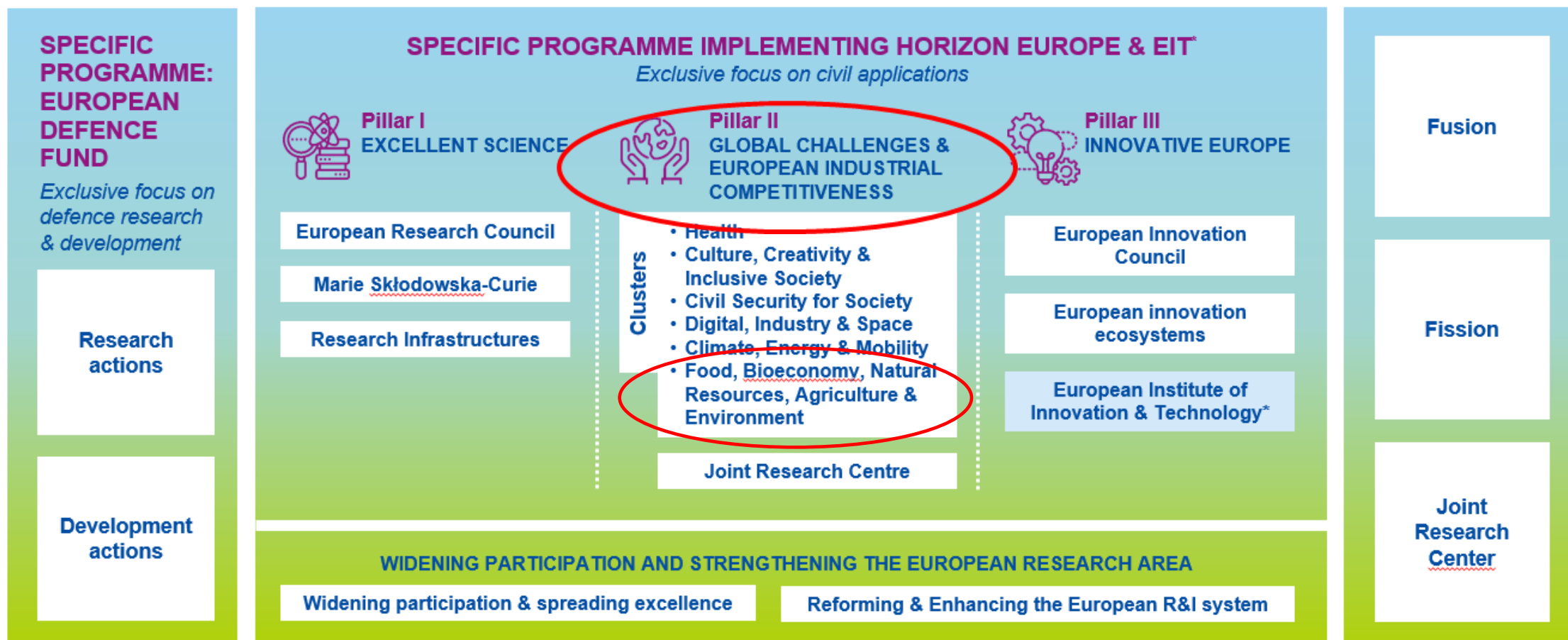
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## STRATEŠKI DOKUMENTI GROZDA 6:

- Evropski zeleni dogovor
- Pariški sporazum o podnebnih spremembah
- Cilji trajnostnega razvoja Združenih narodov
- Strategija biotske raznovrstnosti do leta 2030
- Strategija od kmetije do vilic
- Evropski podnebni pakt
- Ostale pobude v okviru trajnostne industrije in odpravljanja onesnaževanja

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## Novosti WP2023-2024 STRATEŠKI DOKUMENTI GROZDA 6:

- **Nature restoration law proposal**
- **EU forest strategy for 2030** (I. polovica leta 2023)
- **EU soil strategy for 2030** (v letu 2023)
- **EU strategy for sustainable textiles**
- **EU industrial emission rules**
- **Rules for cleaner air and water,**
- **Sustainable carbon cycle**

## Novosti WP 2023-2024 STRATEŠKI DOKUMENTI GROZDA 6:

### **Krožno gospodarstvo (pomladni paket, marec 2022):**

- Okvir za določitev zahtev za okoljsko primerno zasnovo za trajnostne izdelke
- Predlog posodobitve Uredbe o gradbenih proizvodih
- Pobuda za opolnomočenje potrošnikov
- Dolgoročna vizija podeželja in ciljev trajnostnega razvoja

### **Krožno gospodarstvo (2. paket, november 2022):**

- Okvir za določitev zahtev za okoljsko primerno zasnovo za trajnostne izdelke
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# Nova skupna EU kmetijska politika: 2023-27

## Strateški načrt SKP za obdobje 2023–2027 za Slovenijo



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## GROZD 6 - DELOVNI PROGRAM 2023-2024



# From Expected Impacts to Destinations

## Strategic Plan 2021-2024

**Impact 1** Climate neutrality and adaptation to climate change

**Impact 2** Preservation and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems

**Impact 3** Sustainable and circular management of natural resources; tackling pollution; bioeconomy

**Impact 4** Food and nutrition security for all from sustainable food systems from farm to fork

**Impact 5** Balanced development of rural, coastal and urban areas

**Impact 6** Innovative governance models enabling sustainability, environmental observation

## Work Programme 2023-2024

• **Destination 5:** Land, oceans and water for climate action

• **Destination 1:** Biodiversity and ecosystem services

• **Destination 3:** Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors  
• **Destination 4:** Clean environment and zero pollution

• **Destination 2:** Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption

• **Destination 6:** Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities

• **Destination 7:** Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal





## Destination 1: BIODIV

Biodiversity is back on a path to recovery, and ecosystems and their services are preserved and sustainably restored on land, inland water and at sea through improved knowledge and innovation.

### Understand and address the main drivers of biodiversity loss

- Impacts of chemical pollution on terrestrial biodiversity, light and noise pollution, changes of terrestrial of freshwater ecosystems, invasive alien species

### Protect and restore biodiversity

- Improved conservation status of EU protected habitats and species, digital for nature, reducing by-catch of protected species, restoration of deep-sea habitats, marine and coastal infrastructures as nature-based solutions (NBS)

### Mainstream biodiversity in society and economy

- Nature-positive economy, enhancing ecosystem services in urban / peri-urban areas, reinforcing science-policy support with IPCC & IPBES, NBS in higher education, biodiversity economics and finance, societal dependence on pollinators, transformative action to address biodiversity loss, NBS for sustainable water management, NBS and NEB for resilient living spaces

### Develop and improve practices in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture

- Pollinator friendly farming systems, landscape features in intensive agricultural areas, carbon-rich and biodiversity-rich forest ecosystems, selective breeding programme for organic aquaculture, promoting minor crops in farming systems

### Understand the biodiversity and health nexus

- Interlinkages of biodiversity loss, ecosystem degradation and emerging zoonotic diseases

### Interconnection of biodiversity research and policies

- Biodiversa+ (*co-funded partnership*)





## Destination 2: FARM2FORK

Fair, healthy, safe, climate- and environment-friendly, sustainable and resilient food systems from primary production to consumption, ensuring food and nutrition security for all within planetary boundaries in the EU and globally.

### □ Enabling sustainable farming systems

- Agroecology Living Labs, Animal Health and Welfare (*co-funded partnerships*), improving yields in organic crop systems, R&I on pesticides beyond Farm to Fork 2030 targets, vaccine development for African swine fever, sustainable livestock systems, innovation in plant protection, agro-pastoral & outdoor livestock systems, non-contentious input in organic farming, organic food innovation labs, effectiveness of EU import controls for plant health, tackling outbreaks of pests, animal nutritional requirements & nutritional value of feed

### □ Enabling sustainable fisheries and aquaculture

- Artificial intelligence to fight illegal fish discards and improve fisheries control, minimising climate impacts on fisheries and aquaculture

### □ Transforming food systems for health, sustainability and inclusion

- Sustainable Food Systems (*co-funded partnership*), eradicate micronutrient deficiencies in the EU, new detection methods on products derived from new genomic techniques, thematic network on food safety, culture meat & seafood, marketing solutions against food waste, European food systems in a changing world, microbiomes fighting food waste, new healthy & sustainable food products and processes, thematic network on food frauds, climate change and food safety, healthy and sustainable cooking, citizen science for sustainable food systems, impact of novel foods based on alternative proteins, reducing environmental impacts of food waste, microbiome for flavour in the dietary shift

### □ Targeted international cooperation

- EU – African Union cooperation, Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA)
- Food safety, agroforestry cooperation, climate-neutral and fair just trade food systems





## Destination 3: CIRCBIO

Achieving sustainable and circular management and use of natural resources, as well as prevention and removal of pollution, unlocking the full potential and benefits of the circular economy and the bioeconomy, with clean secondary raw materials, ensuring competitiveness and guaranteeing healthy soil, air, fresh and marine water for all, through better understanding of planetary boundaries and wide deployment and market uptake of innovative technologies and other solutions, notably in primary production (forestry) and bio-based systems.

### □ Enabling a circular economy transition

- Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI), 100 circular model households, market uptake of circular economy water projects, circular and biobased textiles, circular solutions for textile value chains, circular solutions for furniture, sustainable tourism, circularity in plastic value chains, circularity in electronics value chains, decentralized approaches on water / wastewater management

### □ Innovating for sustainable bio-based systems and the bioeconomy

- Just transition of GHG intensive economy towards circular bioeconomy, land-based bioprospecting and production of bioactive compounds, broadening the spectrum of robust enzymes in industrial biotechnology, bio-based solutions for humanitarian applications, symbiosis in biobased industrial ecosystems, low-toxicity construction bio-based materials, business model for the bioeconomy, non-plant biomass feedstock for industrial applications, programmed biodegradation of bio-based materials, digital information systems for bio-based products, bioeconomy project development assistance, circular designed of biobased products, circular bioeconomy start-up villages



### □ Innovating for blue bioeconomy and biotechnology value chains

- Novel culturing of aquatic organisms for blue biotechnology applications, targeting aquatic extremophiles for sourcing novel enzymes, drugs, metabolites and chemicals

### □ Safeguarding and sustainably innovating the multiple functions of EU forests

- Sustainable production of wood and non-wood products & new forest-based value chains, tailor-made forest ecosystem services, multi-functionality of European forests



## Destination 4: ZEROPOLLUTION

Halting and eliminating pollution to guarantee clean and healthy soils, air, fresh and marine water for all and ensure a sustainable and circular management and use of natural resources

### ❑ Halting pollution of air, soil and water

- Innovative solutions in agriculture for water availability and quality, optimization of manure to mitigate GHG and minimize nutrients and contaminant dispersion, safe ecological and regional N/P boundaries, recover and recycle fertilizing products from secondary raw materials

### ❑ Protecting drinking water and managing urban water pollution

- Effective monitoring of water quality in urban areas

### ❑ Addressing pollution in seas and ocean

- Integrated assessment and monitoring of emerging pollutants, pollution in the Arctic

### ❑ Increasing environmental performances and sustainability of processes and products

- Zero-waste biorefineries, safe-and-sustainable-by-design bio-based platform chemicals and materials, improved sustainability of industrial bio-based processes, biosensors and user-friendly diagnostic tools for environmental services

### ❑ Reducing the environmental impact and pollution in food systems

- Reduce plastic packaging pollution from the food system, environmental of food systems





## Destination 5: CLIMATE

Climate action on land, including forestland, grassland, cropland and wetland, ocean and water

- **Water Security for the Planet (Water4All)** – *co-funded partnership*
- Alternative **water resources supply systems** and technologies
- **Ocean and coastal waters carbon- and biodiversity-rich ecosystems** and habitats in Europe and the polar regions
- Demonstration network on **climate-smart farming** – linking research stations
- Pilot network of **climate positive organic farms**
- Analysing **fossil-fuel dependence in agriculture**
- **Sustainable production of renewable energy at farm level**
- Closing the research gaps on **ocean essential climate variables**
- Improving **irrigation practices** and technologies in **agriculture**
- **Paludiculture**: socio-economic aspects & environmental aspects
- **Paludiculture**: large-scale demonstrations
- **Land use change and local / regional climate**
- **Climate-smart use of wood** in the **construction sector** to support the NEB
- **Ocean models** for seasonal to decadal and local to regional climate impacts and feedback
- **EU-China international cooperation** on integrated monitoring approaches for climate and biodiversity using environmental and Earth observations





## Destination 6: COMMUNITIES

Resilient, inclusive, just, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities

- Enhancing **social inclusion in rural areas**: focus on vulnerable groups and social economy
- Improving rural futures through better **territorial governance and rural-urban synergies**
- International benchmarking of **rural and territorial policies** and delivery mechanisms
- Investigating the **contribution of geographical indications (GIs)** to sustainable development and optimising support for newly established schemes
- Assessing **urban farming** impacts
- Inclusive and smart ways to **communicate sustainability of food**
- Unlock potential of the **New European Bauhaus in urban food system transformation**
- Societal perceptions and benefits of **rural life and jobs**: will COVID generate a long-lasting shift?
- Participation and empowerment of **Arctic coastal, local, and indigenous communities** in environmental decision-making
- Innovating for **climate-neutral rural communities** by 2050
- New **sustainable business and production models** for farmers and rural communities





## Destination 7: GOVERNANCE

Innovative governance models enabling sustainability and resilience through use of new knowledge, digital solutions and environmental observations



### ❑ Innovating with governance models and supporting policies

- Sustainable Blue Economy, Agriculture of Data, (*co-funded partnerships*), analytical capacity to support EU agri-food policies after 2027, toward CAP post 2027 – nudging farmers to leverage more sustainable practices, pan-European academic network on food system science, revitalizing rural communities with innovative bio-based business models, trust-building measures for biotechnologies, integrated assessment of land use for the bioeconomy, mobilizing BIOEAST networks for national bioeconomy action programmes, regional ecosystems to foster food system transformation, the role of mainstream and social media to foster healthy diets, support to the All-Atlantic Ocean Alliance on research and innovation

### ❑ Deploying and adding value to Environmental Observations

- Support to the EuroGeo Initiative, reducing observation gaps in land-sea interface, empowering citizens in the context of environmental compliance, dissemination and exploitation of climate observations of the World Meteorological Organization, customization of prototypes for climate adaptation and mitigation, innovative applications to support the EGD building on meteorological satellite data

### ❑ Digital and data technologies as key enablers

- Open source, edge and cloud solutions to strengthen capacities in agriculture, digital and data technologies for livestock tracking, digitalization in agriculture and forestry, digital technologies supporting plant health, data-driven solutions for inclusive and sustainable food systems, robotics and augmented reality in agriculture to enhance working conditions

### ❑ Strengthening agricultural knowledge and innovation system (AKIS)

- Thematic networks (broadening EIP-AGRI) to compile/share knowledge ready for practice, advisory networks on organic agriculture, pesticide use reduction, fertilizers, organic farming thematic networks, biodiversity thematic networks, advisory networks on forestry and sustainable livestock

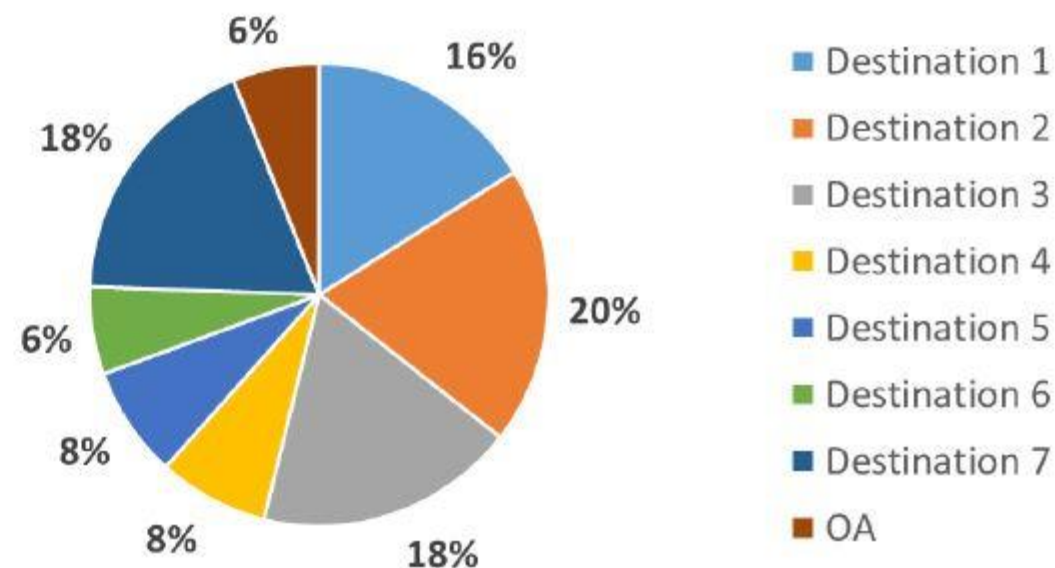


# Topics per Destination



Destinations	N. topics (*)
1. Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	30
2. Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption	38
3. Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors	33
4. Clean environment and zero pollution	14
5. Land, oceans and water for climate action	15
6. Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities	11
7. Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	35
Other Actions	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>186</b>

(\*) Including the 7 co-funded partnerships

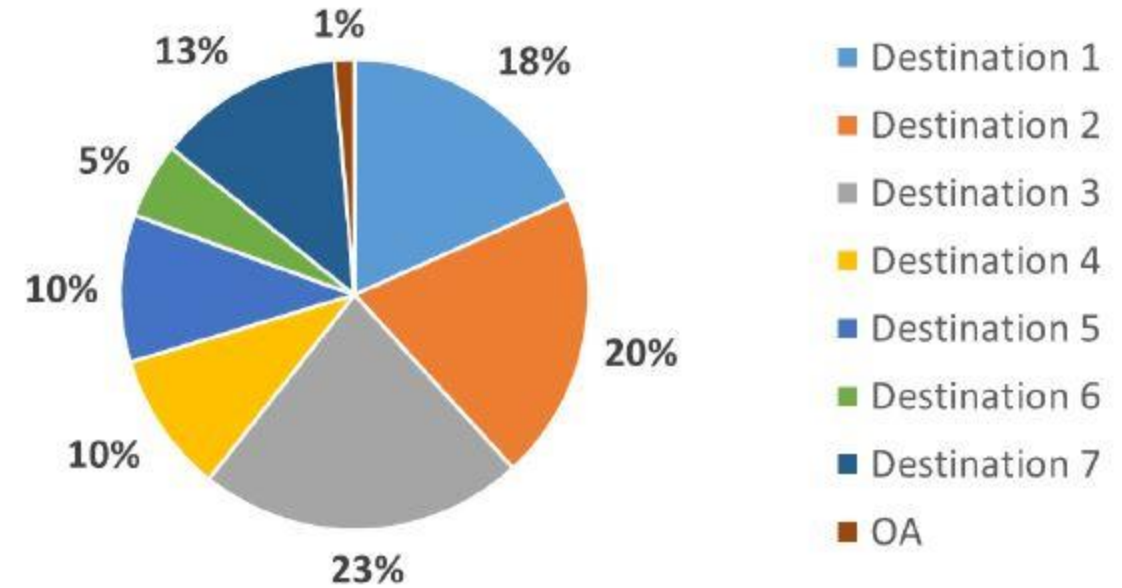


176 topics + 10 other actions non subject to call for proposals  
 BIODIV, FARM2FORK and GOVERNANCE gathering the most topics

# Budget per Destination



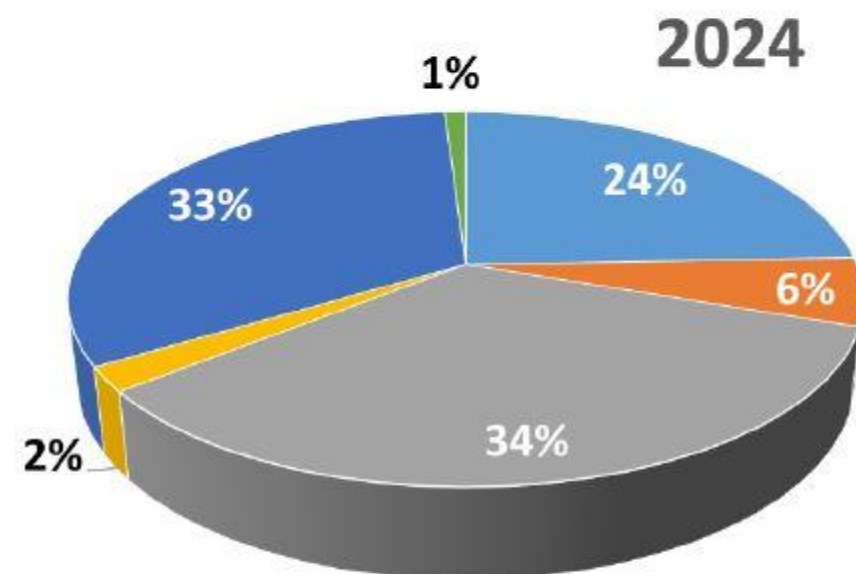
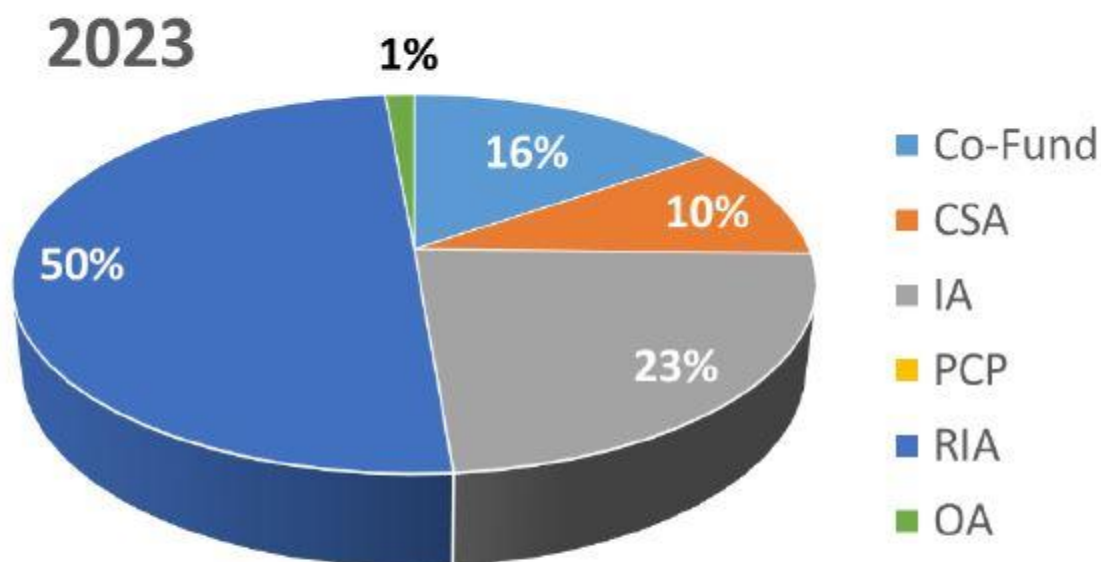
Destinations	Budget (*) [mln EUR]
1. Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	266
2. Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption	288
3. Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors	327
4. Clean environment and zero pollution	141
5. Land, oceans and water for climate action	147
6. Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities	76
7. Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal	187
Other Actions	20
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1.451</b>



BIODIV, FARM2FORK, CIRCBIO bigger Destinations, followed by GOVERANCE  
Overall balanced allocation of budget, reflecting the number of topics

(\*): Excluding the 7 Co-funded partnerships

# Budget per Year and Type of Action



		2023	2024	Total
Co-Fund	€	140,5	€ 220,5	€ 361,0
CSA	€	90,5	€ 53,0	€ 143,5
IA	€	212,0	€ 308,0	€ 520,0
PCP			€ 19,0	€ 19,0
RIA	€	454,0	€ 294,0	€ 748,0
OA	€	12,7	€ 9,4	€ 22,1
<b>Total</b>	€	<b>909,7</b>	€ <b>903,9</b>	€ <b>1.813,6</b>

Budgetary balance between the two years  
 RIAs have the lion share in 2023  
 IAs are the relative majority in 2024

# Opening date & deadlines of 2023 calls



WP adoption: 6 December 2022 / publication date: 7 December 2022 / calls opening date: 22 December 2022

Deadlines	Call(s)
23 March 2023	GOVERNANCE-01
28 March 2023	BIODIV-01, CIRCBIO-01, CIRCBIO-02 (1 <sup>st</sup> stage), ZEROPOLLUTION-01 and ZEROPOLLUTION-02 (1 <sup>st</sup> stage)
12 April 2023	FARM2FORK-01, CLIMATE-01 and COMMUNITIES-01
26 September 2023	CIRCBIO-02 (2 <sup>nd</sup> stage) and ZEROPOLLUTION-02 (2 <sup>nd</sup> stage)

# Opening date & deadlines of 2024 calls



17 October 2023 will be the opening date of all calls

Deadlines	Call(s)
21 February 2024	ZEROPOLLUTION-02 (1 <sup>st</sup> stage)
22 February 2024	BIODIV-01, BIODIV-02 (1 <sup>st</sup> stage), FARM2FORK-01, FARM2FORK-02 (1 <sup>st</sup> stage), CIRCBIO-01, CIRCBIO-02 (1 <sup>st</sup> stage), ZEROPOLLUTION-01, CLIMATE-01, COMMUNITIES-01 and COMMUNITIES-02 (1 <sup>st</sup> stage)
28 February 2024	GOVERNANCE-01
17 September 2024	BIODIV-02 (2 <sup>nd</sup> stage), FARM2FORK-02 (2 <sup>nd</sup> stage), CIRCBIO-02 (2 <sup>nd</sup> stage), ZEROPOLLUTION-02 (2 <sup>nd</sup> stage) and COMMUNITIES-02 (2 <sup>nd</sup> stage)

# Single stage calls

## Distribution in the WP 2023-2024

HORIZON-CL6-2023-BIODIV-01 (18 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2023-FARM2FORK-01 (20 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2023-CIRCBIO-01 (14 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2023-ZEROPOLLUTION-01 (7 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2023-CLIMATE-01 (8 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2023-COMMUNITIES-01 (6 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2023-GOVERNANCE-01 (22 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2024-BIODIV-01 (9 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-01 (11 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2024-CIRCBIO-01 (10 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2024-ZEROPOLLUTION-01 (3 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2024-CLIMATE-01 (7 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2024-COMMUNITIES-01 (3 topics)
HORIZON-CL6-2023-GOVERNANCE-01 (13 topics)



- **14 calls** (7 in 2023, 7 in 2024)
- **151 topics** (95 in 2023, 56 in 2024)
- Less singles stage topics in 2024 matched by an **increase** of two stage in that year



# Two-stage calls



## Distribution in the CL6 WP 23-24

HORIZON-CL6-2023-CIRCBIO-02 (3 topics)

HORIZON-CL6-2024-BIODIV-02 (3 topics)

HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-02 (7 topics)

HORIZON-CL6-2024-CIRCBIO-02 (6 topics)

HORIZON-CL6-2023-ZEROPOLLUTION-02 (2 topics)

HORIZON-CL6-2024-ZEROPOLLUTION-02-1 (2 topics)

HORIZON-CL6-2024-COMMUNITIES-02 (2 topics)

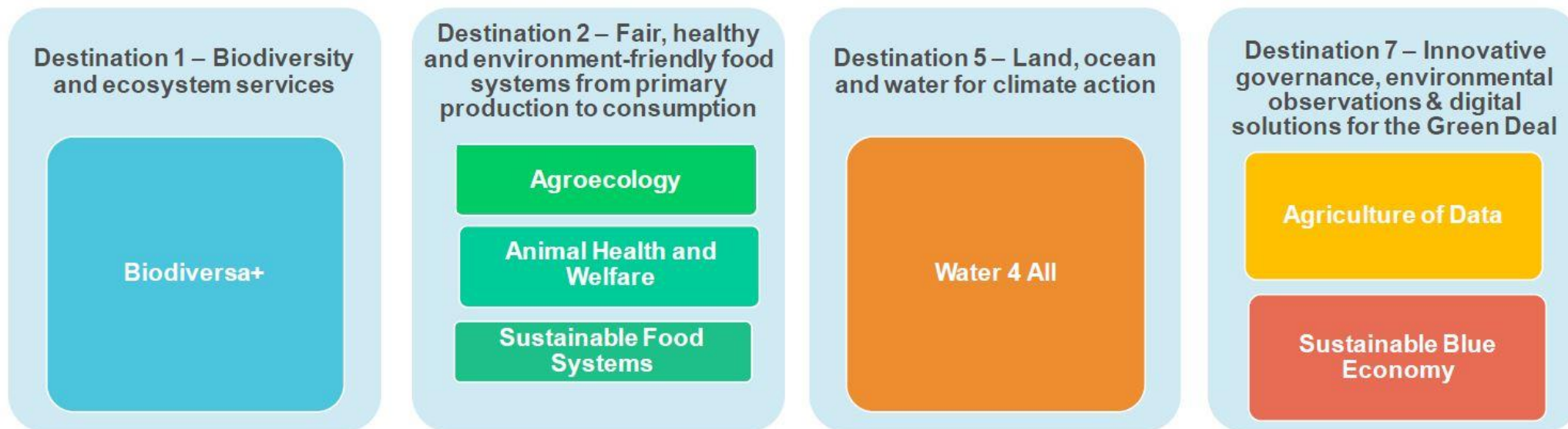
- **7 calls** (2 in 2023, 5 in 2024);
- **25 topics** (5 in 2023, 20 in 2024);
- Compared to WP 21-22 (with 16 topics) **56%** increase of two-stages



**Blind evaluation:** Anonymised proposals will be evaluated during the first stage based on the award criteria (excellence; impact; quality and efficiency of the implementation)



# Co-funded partnerships in Cluster 6



Biodiversa+, Water4All, SBEP → launched in WP 2021-2022

Agroecology, PAHW, Sustainable Food Systems & Agri of Data



# Fostering synergies in Cluster 6



- Approach of the Commission: 'synergies by design'
- In CL6 we pursue it in all phases of WP co-creation
- Annex IV Horizon Europe Regulation:
  - Requires seeking synergies with other EU programmes & funding instruments (e.g., LIFE, CAP, ERDF, EMFAF, Erasmus+, ESF, Innovation Fund, Just Transition Fund, Digital Europe etc.)



Factsheet on 'Boosting innovation through synergies with Horizon Europe'  
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