



Press Release

Leverage public funding to bring your innovation from lab to fab

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At Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant, we do more than just innovate! We help others innovate too. Our dedicated Grant Applications and Public Projects team works to identify the most promising funding opportunities and support your application process. Whether you are a start-up, SME, RTO, or established large enterprise, we can guide you every step of the way.

Funding opportunities we can help you access

From early-stage innovations to full-scale commercialization, there is a range of funding options available, and we can help you secure them. Here are some of the key European programmes we are actively monitoring:

Horizon Europe Pillar 2 Cluster 1, 4, 5 & 6: Collaborative research and innovation funding addressing key societal challenges, including bioeconomy, health, climate, energy, and food systems. Applicable for multi-partner international projects, it supports TRLs from 3 to 7 with grants of up to €15M per project.

CBE-JU (Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking): Funding for projects promoting circular, sustainable, and bio-based solutions. Focused on innovation, scaling, and market adoption in the bioeconomy, CBE-JU supports TRLs from 3 to 8 with grants of up to €20M per project.

EIC Accelerator: Grants for startups, SMEs and small mid-caps up to €2.5M and equity investments up to €10M for scaling TRL5 innovations, with specific 2025 challenges in advanced materials and biotechnology for low-emission food and feed systems. Open topics are also supported.

EIC STEP Scale-Up: Equity-only funding up to €30M for startups, SMEs, and small mid-caps commercializing key innovations aligned with the EU's strategic autonomy goals.

FutureFoodS Partnership: Support for transnational projects focused on innovative food design, processing, and supply and their scale-up between TRL3 and 7.

We are also actively tracking relevant (inter)regional opportunities, including:

Food Pioneers Accelerator (South Netherlands & Flanders): Grants of €125,000–€250,000 for food innovations that improve health, sustainability, or efficiency.

CrossRoads Vlaanderen-Nederland: Grants up to €250,000 for cross-border collaborations in sustainability, health, and renewable energy.

STIPP Maas-Rijn: Grants of €150,000–€600,000 for projects advancing industrialization and the circular economy.

[Crossroads France-Wallonie-Vlaanderen](#): Grants up to €250,000 for sustainability focused projects.

[BELCOO](#) (Belgium): Grants up to €3M for collaborative R&D initiatives across Belgian regions.

[BMWK Industrial Bioeconomy](#) (Germany): Funding for scaling bio-based processes, plant design, and regional clusters.

How can we help you

Our Grant Applications and Public Projects team brings expertise in:

- Identifying funding opportunities tailored to your project needs.
- Crafting competitive grant applications.
- Serving as your partner or subcontractor to add technical strength and credibility to your proposals.
- Supporting you in scaling up innovations and driving commercial success.

A partner to bridge the gap

Whether you are scaling up, developing new processes, or tackling the “valley of death”, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant is here to help. With extensive experience in process development, piloting, and commercialization, we are ready to support your journey as a trusted partner or subcontractor.

From concept to commercialization, we assist you in navigating the complexities of grant funding. Our facilities, technical expertise, and in-depth knowledge of funding mechanisms are at your disposal to help unlock opportunities and turn your vision into reality. Explore the full scope of our public projects and learn more about what we do by visiting our dedicated [webpage](#).

Let's drive innovation together! Contact our team to explore how we can work with you to secure funding for your projects and maximize your chances of success. Together, we can achieve your goals and make your innovation a reality!

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