

EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE

CALL FOR GRANTS

I. ACTIVITY TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE GRANT

A shorter description of the activity/activities to be supported by the grant.

The grants under the Bioregions Open Innovation Challenge 2022 aim to support targeted activities to convert business innovation, social innovation, product innovation, or process innovation ideas (from now on called “*solutions*”) into reality.

Targeted Activities include:

- Networking, pitching, and presentation
- Prototyping and piloting activities
- Adaptation of solutions to regional reality
- Training, mentoring, and capacity building
- Travel, logistic and consumable costs related to the above

The funding under the grant is provided by the European Forest Institute (EFI) Bioregions Facility, which aims to catalyse innovation and entrepreneurship in forest bioeconomy in its member regions: Basque Country, North Karelia, North Rhine-Westphalia and Catalonia. Thus, granted solutions must solve, totally or partially, specific challenges, defined by Bioregions members.

For the Bioregions Open Innovation Challenge 2022, the challenges are:

- Carbon Farming & Climate-Smart Forestry
- Forest Monitoring, Early Warning and Response
- Unleashing the potential of Non-Wood Forest Products

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

Reference	G-03-2022
Title	Bioregions Open Innovation Challenge 2022
Number of grants	3
Maximum grant value	EUR 7,000

The Grant submission guidelines, which contain more detailed information on the requirements stated in this Call for grant, are available at the EFI website at <https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-03-2022>.

In addition to the terms and conditions as stated in the Call for grant, and Grant submission guidelines, EFI applies the EFI Grant rules which have been made available at www.efi.int/grants.

III. ADMISSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All applications shall, to be considered in **stage 1**, apply the following structure:

I. Administrative information

- Cover letter, using template annex 1
- Identification form, using template annex 2
- Declaration, using template annex 3
- Power of Attorney for Coordinator, as applicable, using template annex 4

II. Technical proposal

- Application submission form – stage 1, using template provided in [annex 5A](#)
(Please note that annex 5B is not submitted in Stage 1)

What procedures to follow for applying:

Grant application shall only be submitted to grants@efi.int.

The email with the application shall contain only the following heading in the subject line:

Application for grant G-03-2022, Bioregions Open Innovation Challenge 2022

The grant application must have been received by EFI by the following deadline at the latest:

12 February 2023 at 23:00 UTC

Procedure to follow, if invited to [stage 2](#):

The Applicant will submit Application submission form – stage 2, using template provided in annex 5B, as further instructed in writing by EFI.

Applicant will be invited to give an online presentation/pitch (max. 10 minutes) by the applicant followed by questions and answers by the evaluation committee (max. 20 minutes).

The presentation/pitch must address the following:

1. Solution and technology to implement it
2. Fit of the solution to one or more of the Bioregions Facility's regions
3. Roadmap: activities, resources required and available, engagement with stakeholders

IV. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Criteria	Description of criteria
E1	<p>Applicant is legally established or resident in one of the following countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member States of the European Union, including their overseas departments and outermost regions• Member States of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)• United Kingdom• Albania• Montenegro• North Macedonia• Bosnia and Herzegovina• Serbia• Ukraine• Andorra• San Marino

V. QUESTIONS

Questions regarding the grant process may be sent to the following address:

G-03-2022@efi.int

EFI is not bound to reply to questions received later than the following deadline:

8 January 2023 at 23:00 UTC.

Questions and answers for this tendering process will be published at efi.int/grants on

13 January 2023

Individual questions will not be replied to separately.

Potential applicants are advised to visit <https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-03-2022> regularly before the deadline for the submission of applications for any updates or modifications regarding this grant process.