



**Circular  
Bio-based  
Europe**  
Joint Undertaking

# **Circular bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)**

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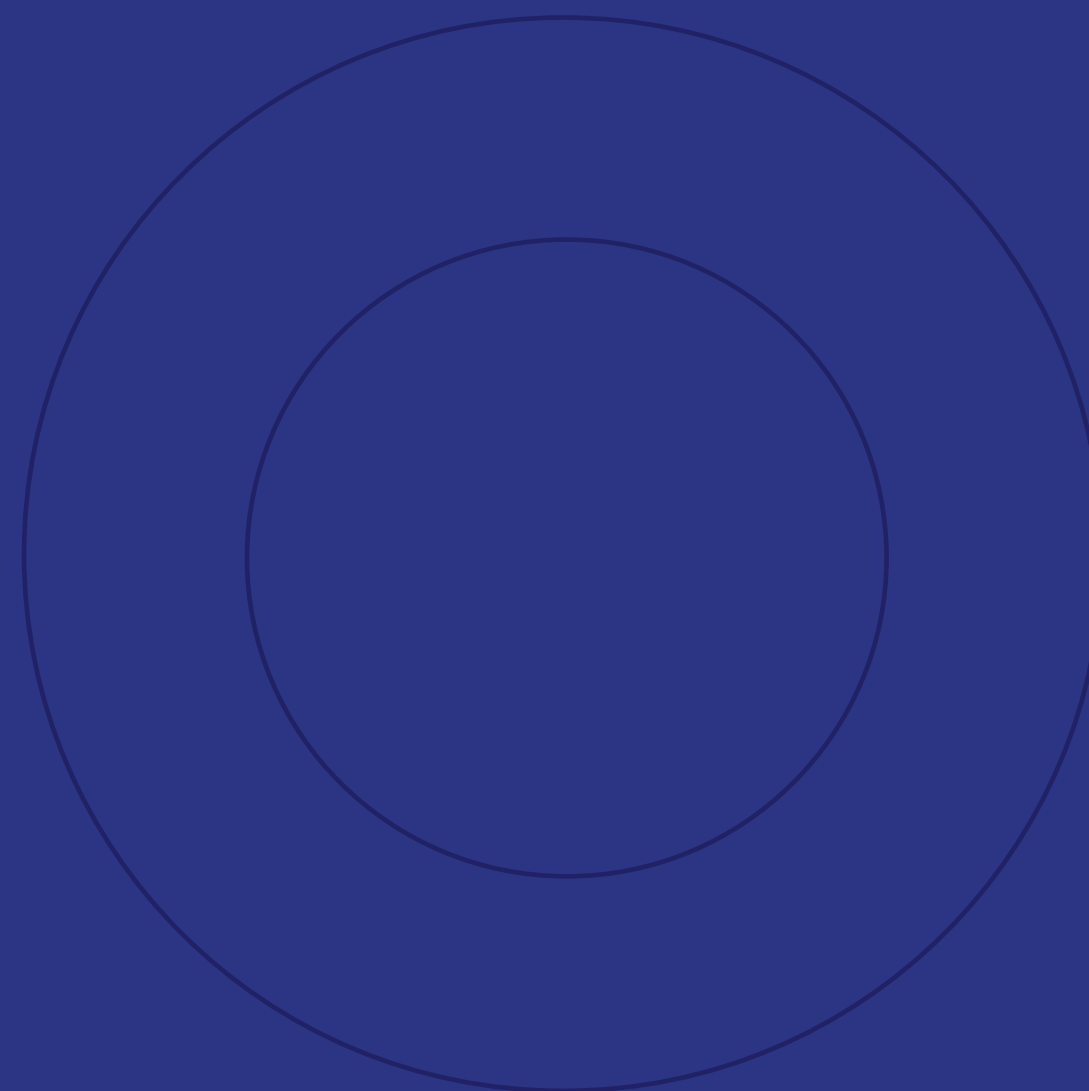
**Programa de impulso a la  
Bioeconomía y la Economía circular,**  
**10 April 2026**

 **Bio-based Industries  
Consortium**



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# CBE JU intro

# Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking

**€2 billion**

public-private initiative  
advancing a competitive  
bioeconomy for a  
sustainable future

Launched in  
**2021**,  
operates until  
**2031**

Part of Horizon  
Europe  
programme

Supporting  
European  
bioeconomy

Building on  
the success of  
its predecessor  
BBI JU



European Union  
Represented by the  
European Commission



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# CBE JU general objectives



Accelerate the innovation process and development of bio-based **innovative** solutions

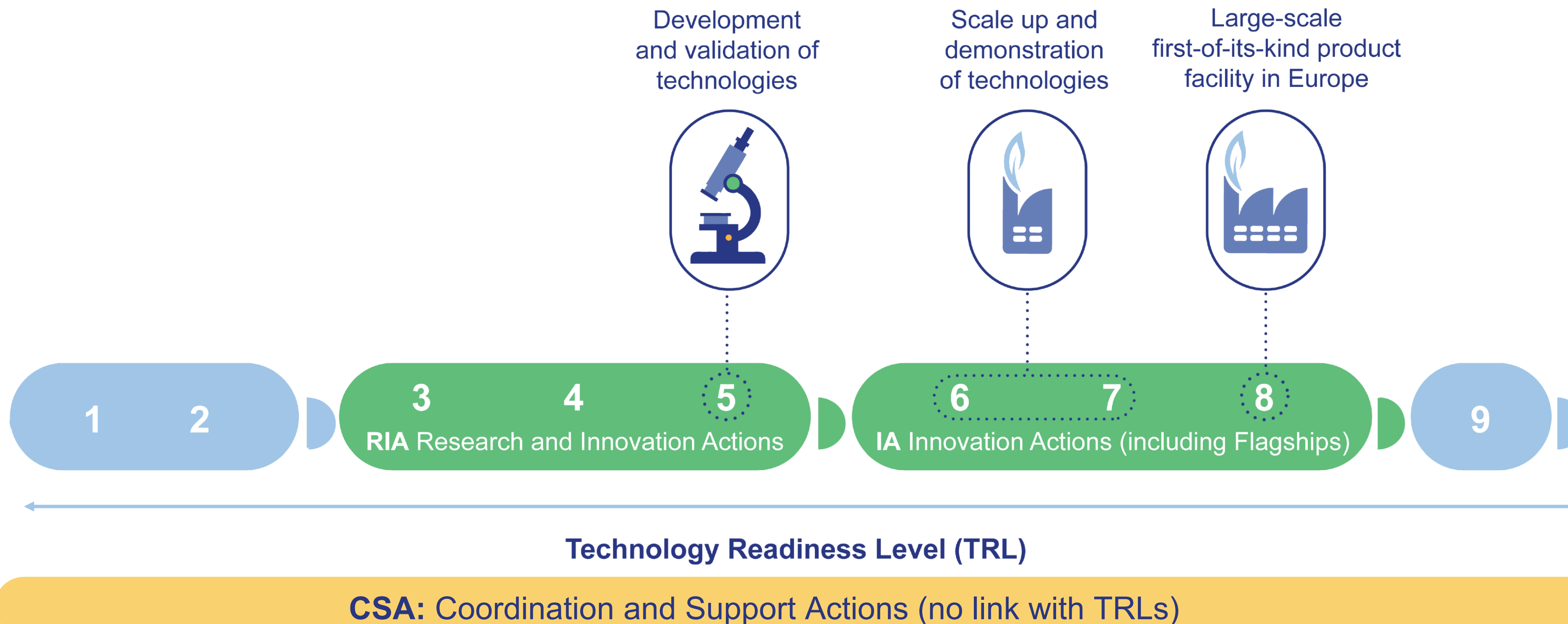


Accelerate **market deployment** of the existing mature and innovative biobased solutions



Ensure a high level of **environmental performance** of bio-based industrial systems

# Types of supported actions



# CBE JU-funded projects in numbers

2014-2025



220  
projects



1,700  
participants

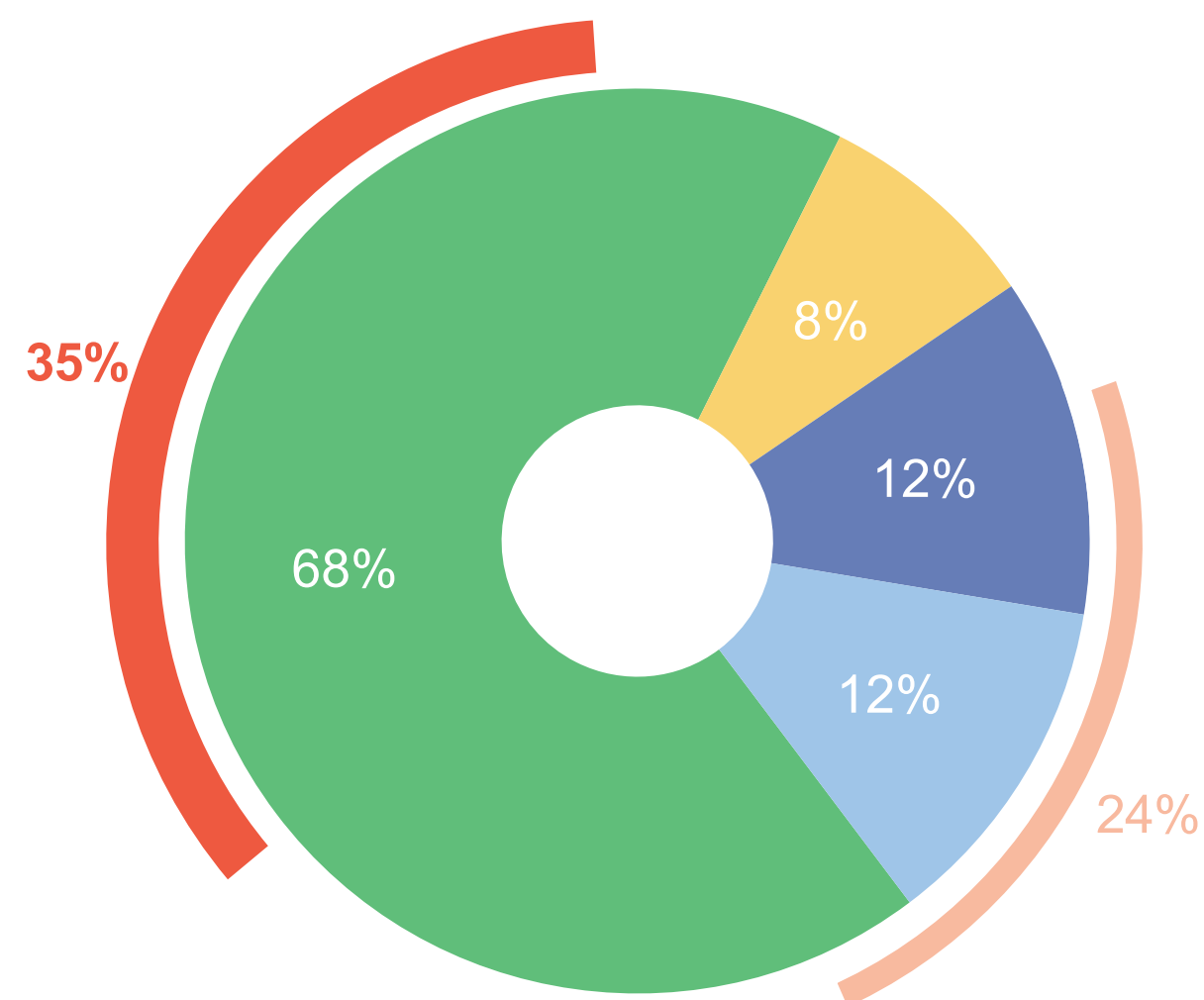


1.3 billion  
invested in projects

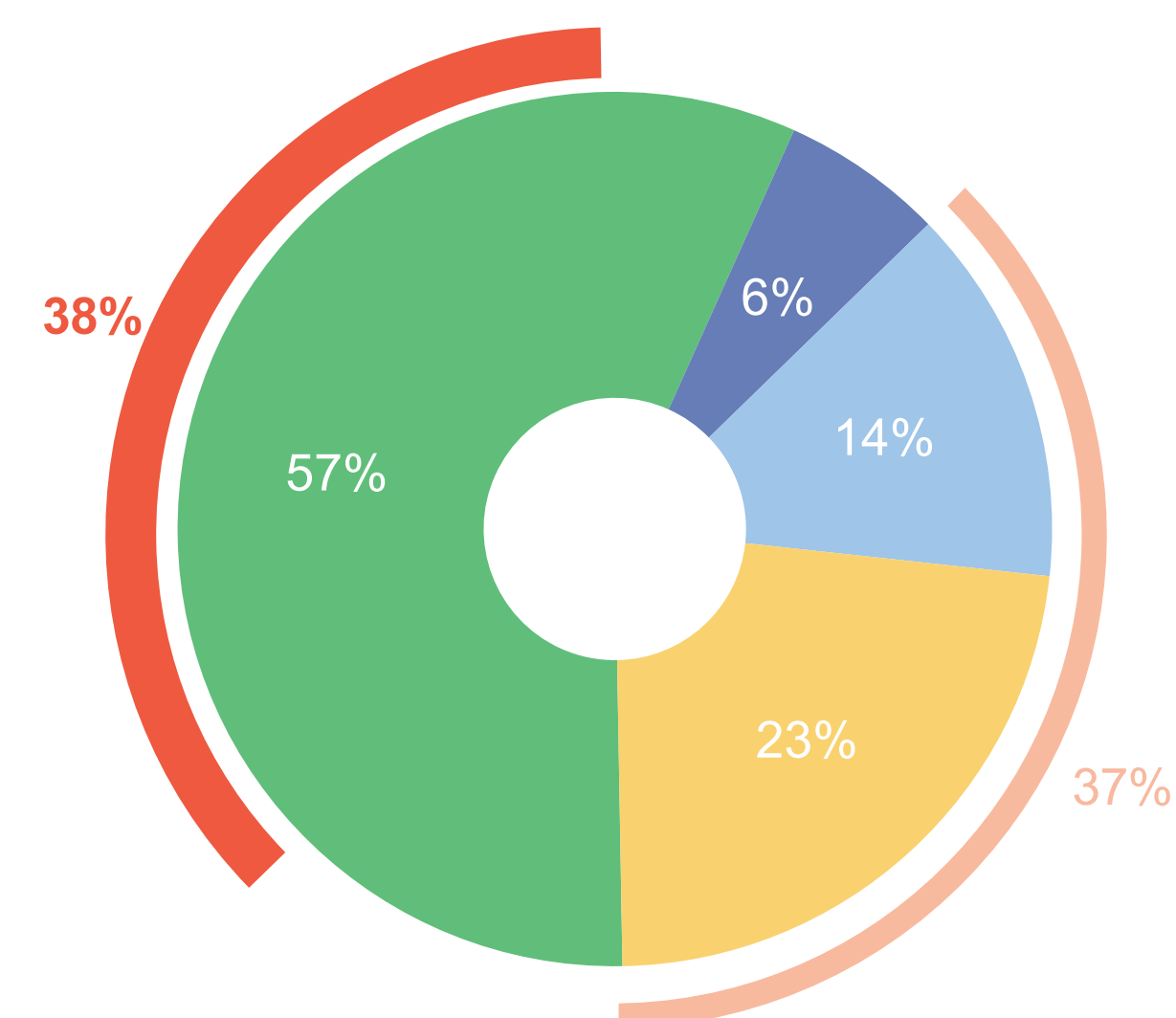


45  
countries

## Participants



## Funding



Higher education establishments

Research centres

Private companies

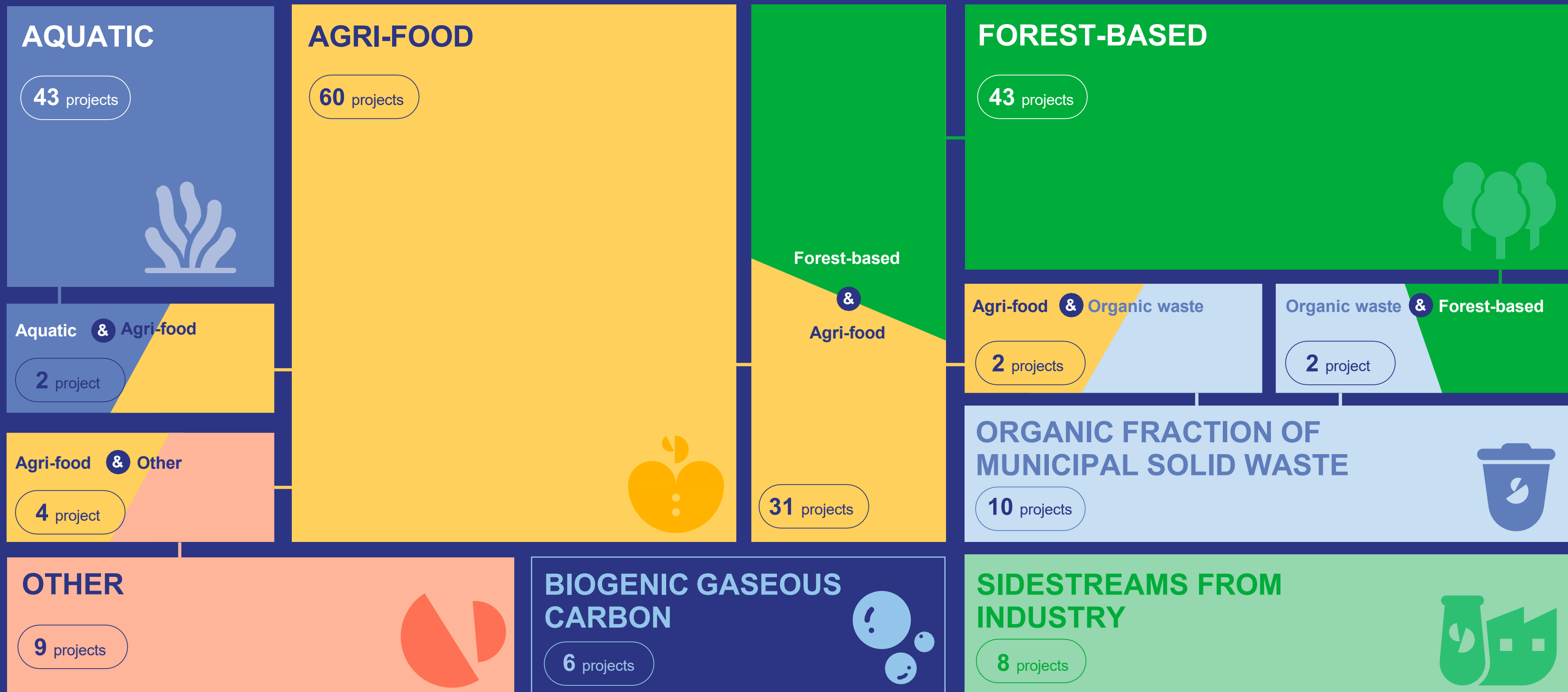
Other

Small and medium-sized enterprises

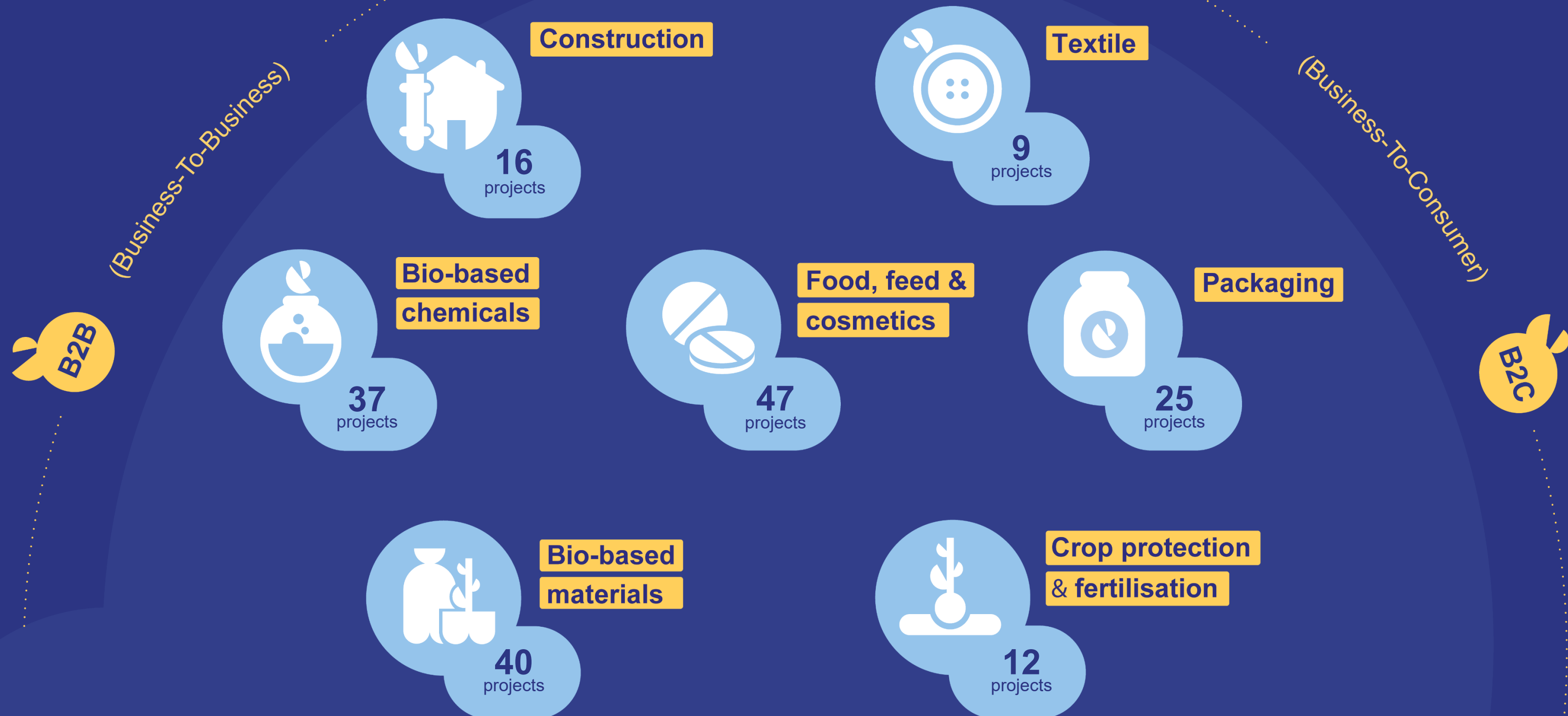
Universities & research centres

Data: CORDA, June 2025

# Main feedstock types



# Areas of application



# CBE JU 2026 call:

Rules for participation, topics  
and timeline

# Eligibility

## Consortium composition

At least three legal entities independent from each other and each established in a different country:

- At least **one independent legal** entity established in a Member State, and
- At least **two other independent legal entities** each established either in a different Member State or an Associated Country



For CSAs the requirement is at least 1 legal entity established in a Member State or Associated Countries

# Who is eligible for funding?

- EU countries
- Countries associated to Horizon Europe (AC)
- International organisations (IO)
- Low and middle income countries: See [list of participating countries](#) that automatically receive funding, including **many countries of Latin America and Caribbean, such as:** Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Venezuela, among others

# Similarities and differences with HE

## Funding rate

- RIA: 100%
- IA: 60% (100% non-profit)
- CSA: 100%

## Page limit

- RIA: 50 pages
- IA: 70 pages
- CSA: 30 pages

## Scoring thresholds

- Excellence: 3/5
- Impact: 4/5
- Implementation: 3/5
- Total: 11/15

## Award criteria

- RIA, IA, CSA: Excellence, impact, implementation
- + Impact:  
Ability to ensure 5% (RIA), 15% (IA) or 20% (IAFlag) of in-kind contribution to operational activities (IKOP) = minimum IKOP percentage

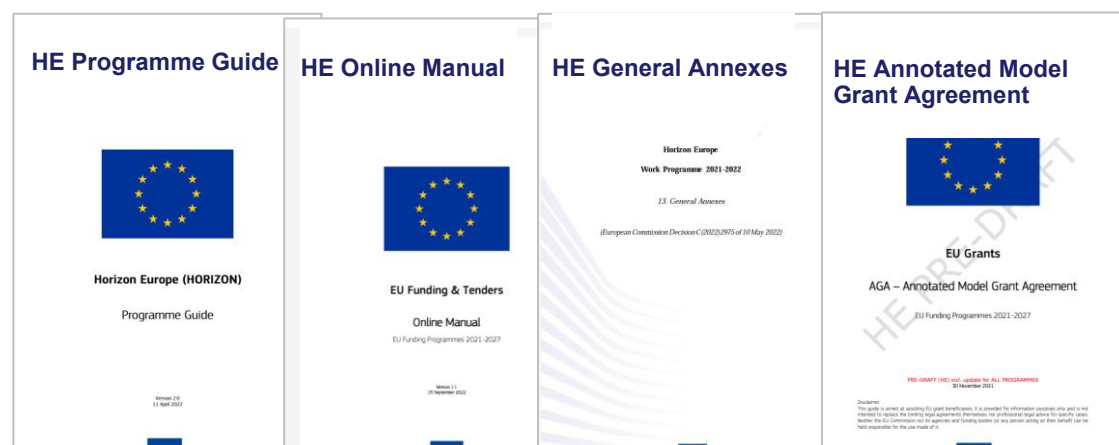
# CBE JU call 2026: 13 topics & their budget

Type of action	Topics HORIZON-JU-CBE-2026		Million EUR
IA- Flagship	IAFlag-01	Boosting biorefinery competitiveness through <b>biotech</b>	20
	IAFlag-02	SSbD bio-based alternatives for <b>fertilising</b> and/or <b>crop protection</b> products	20
	IAFlag-03	SSbD bio-based solutions for <b>home</b> and/or <b>personal care</b>	20
	IAFlag-04	Diversification of nutritional <b>food ingredient</b> sources for increased EU resilience and strategic autonomy	20
IA	IA-01	<b>Biotech</b> routes for valorisation of <b>residual biomass</b>	14
	IA-02	<b>Bio-based additives</b> as alternatives to unlock and increase recyclability and/or biodegradability	14
	IA-03	Bio-based chemicals and/or materials from <b>woody residues</b>	14
	IA-04	High-performance, circular-by-design, <b>bio-based thermosets</b>	14
	IA-05	<b>Films</b> and <b>coatings</b> for circular <b>packaging</b>	14
RIA	R-01	Addressing <b>separation</b> and <b>purification challenges</b> in biorefineries	6.5
	R-02	<b>SSbD bio-based polymers</b> from <b>alternative sources</b>	6.5
	R-03	Develop breakthrough and sustainable bio-based (man-made and/or modified natural) <b>textile fibres</b>	6.5
CSA	S-01	Supporting industry in the switch to sustainable and circular bio-based products and processes	1.2
Total			170.7

# Horizon Europe + CBE JU requirements

## Horizon Europe (HE) rules:

- Eligibility
- Admissibility
- General annexes



## HE evaluation criteria:

- Excellence
- Impact
- Implementation



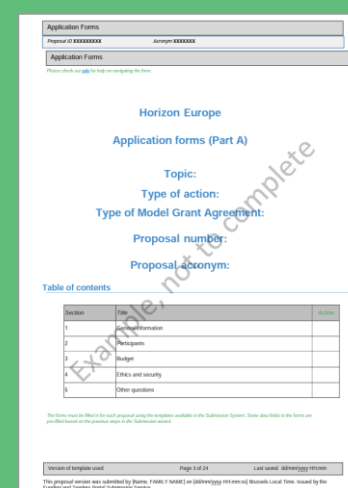
## CBE JU AWP 2026

- Topics
- **Specific requirements**
- Budget

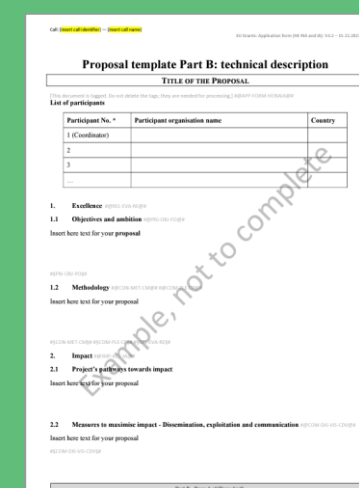


## Proposal structure

Part A



Part B



# Build a strong consortium: networking opportunities

- Funding & tender Opportunities Portal (partner search announcements)
- BIC networking (<https://biconsortium.eu/membership>)
- CBE JU networking platform (<https://www.cbe.europa.eu/networking-platform>)
  - Open as of 13 January 2026, and will remain open until (at least) call closure on 22 Sep 2026
  - Different services: **‘Find & be found’**
    - Partner search & expressing interest in on or more topics;
    - Presentation of project ideas
    - Showcasing / offering your expertise
    - Direct messaging & scheduling B2B meetings
    - Registration for the CBE JU info days

# Timeline



## Call for proposals



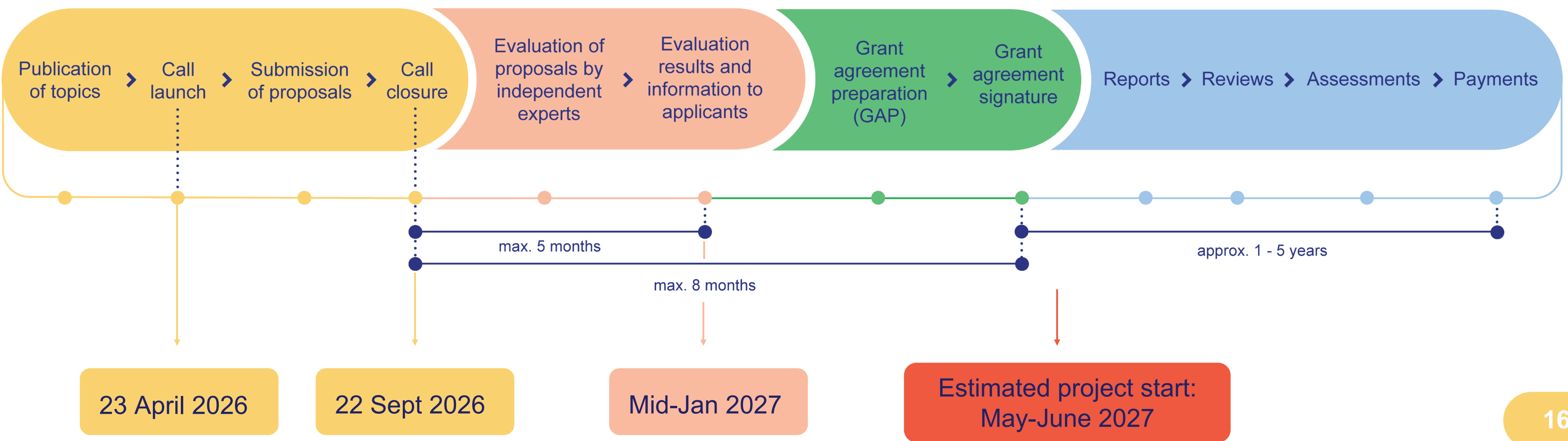
## Evaluation



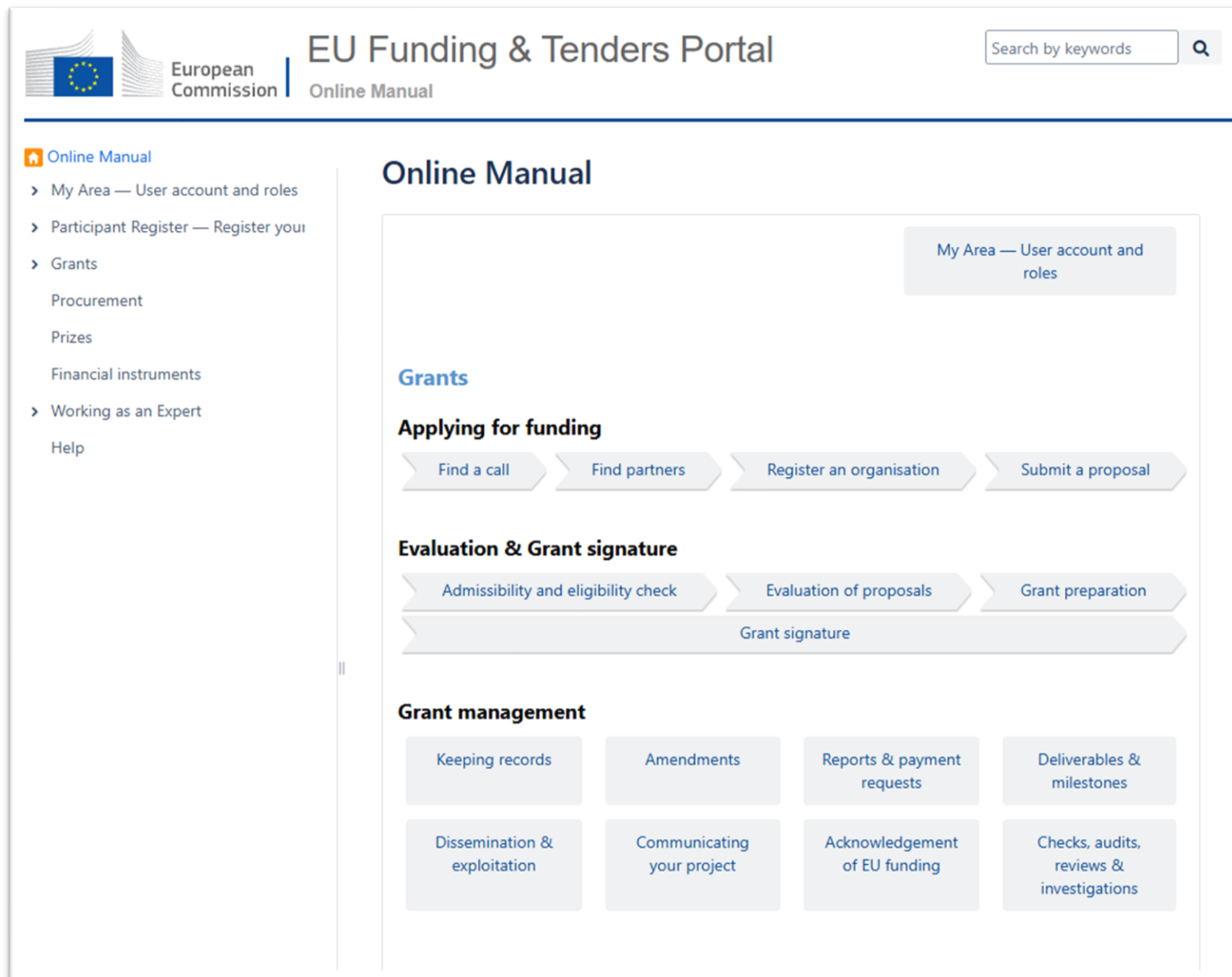
## Grant agreement



## Project management

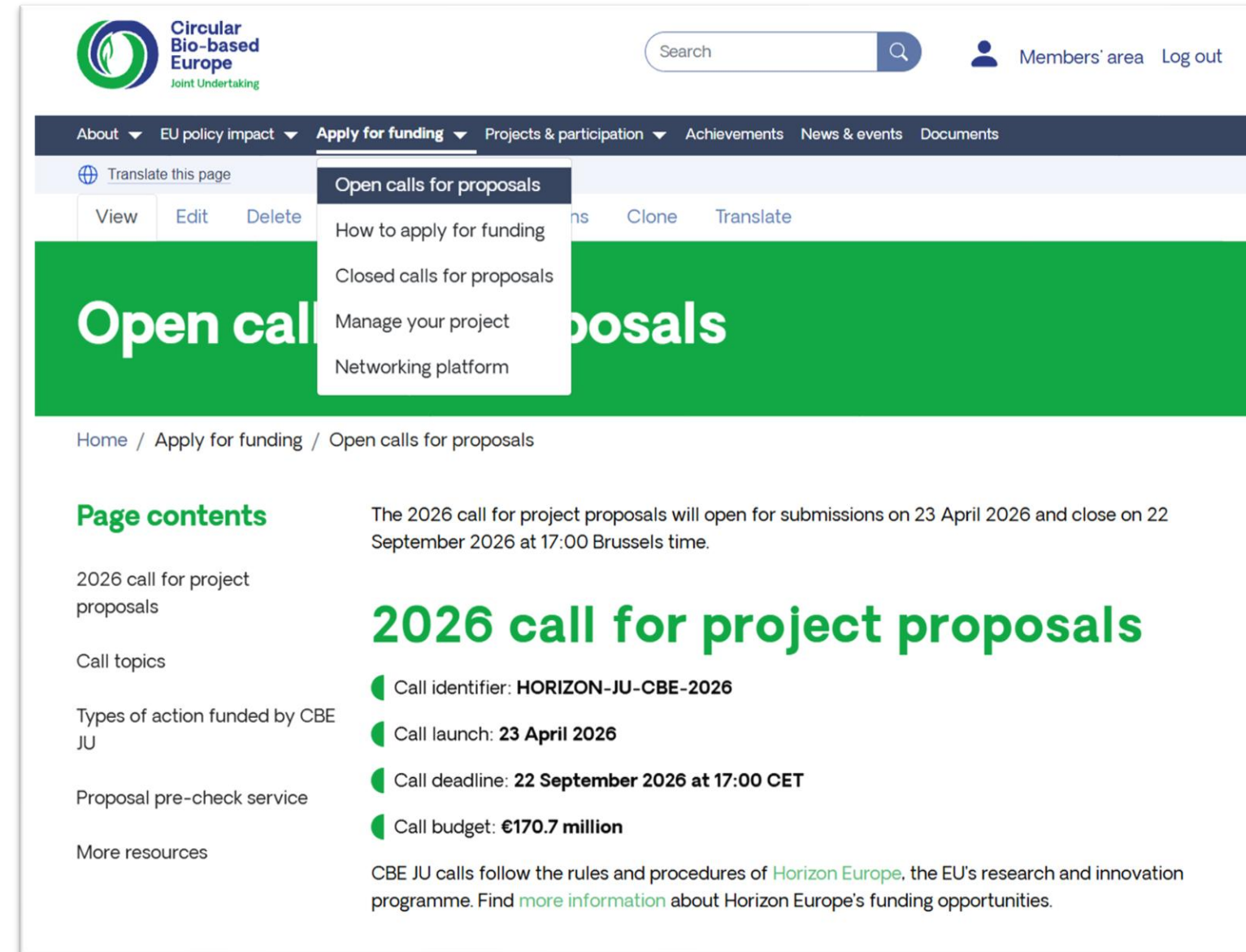


# Two main sources of information



The screenshot shows the 'EU Funding & Tenders Portal' with the 'Online Manual' section selected. The manual is organized into three main categories: 'Grants', 'Applying for funding', and 'Grant management'. The 'Applying for funding' section includes a flowchart with steps: 'Find a call', 'Find partners', 'Register an organisation', and 'Submit a proposal'. The 'Grant management' section includes a grid of topics such as 'Keeping records', 'Amendments', 'Reports & payment requests', 'Deliverables & milestones', 'Dissemination & exploitation', 'Communicating your project', 'Acknowledgement of EU funding', and 'Checks, audits, reviews & investigations'.

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/spaces/OM/pages/1867795/Online+Manual>



The screenshot shows the 'Circular Bio-based Europe' website with the 'Apply for funding' menu open. The 'Open calls for proposals' option is selected, leading to a page titled 'Open calls for proposals'. The page features a green banner with the text 'Open calls for proposals' and a 'Page contents' section. The 'Page contents' section includes a '2026 call for project proposals' section with the following details:

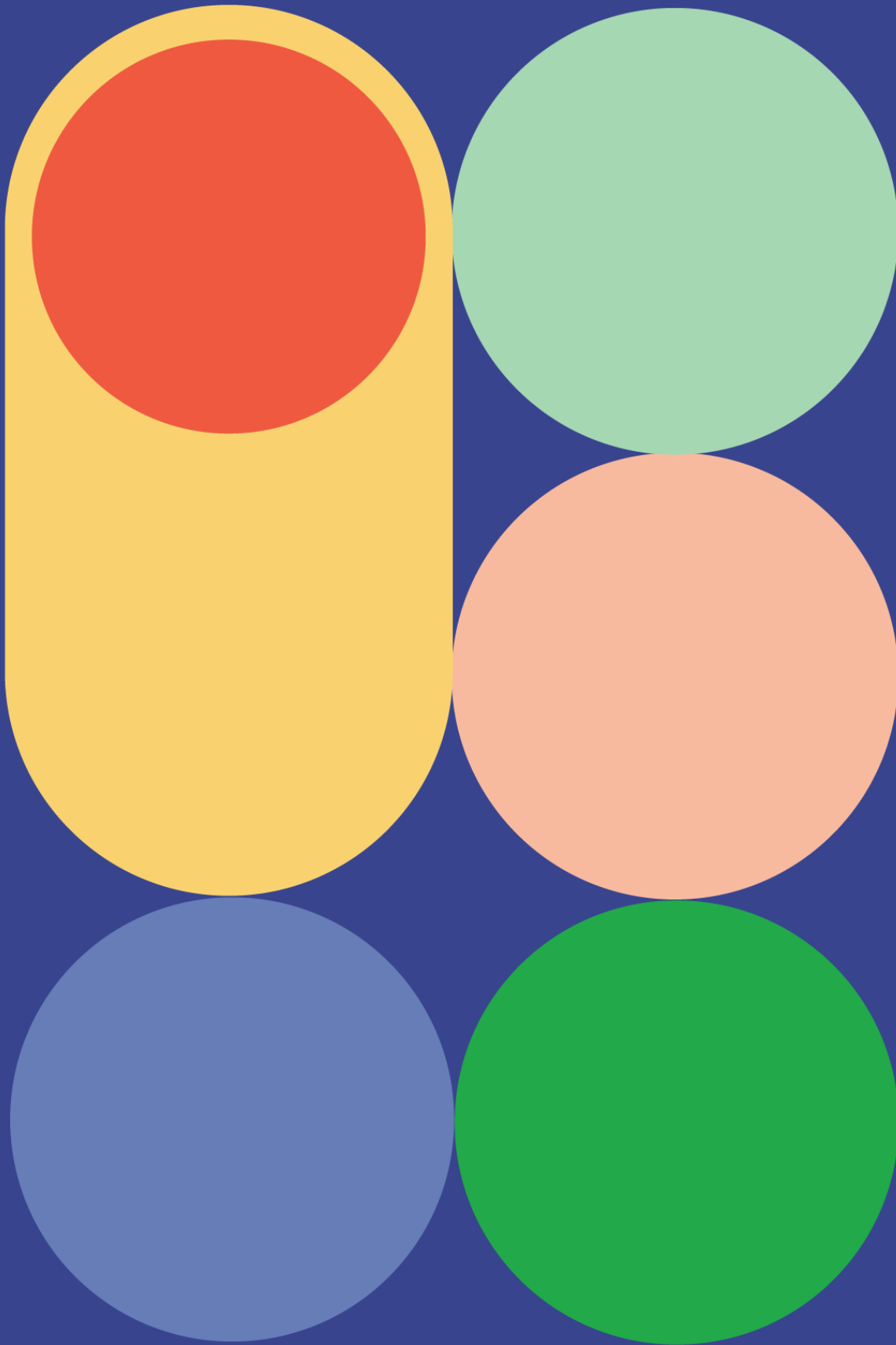
- Call identifier: **HORIZON-JU-CBE-2026**
- Call launch: **23 April 2026**
- Call deadline: **22 September 2026 at 17:00 CET**
- Call budget: **€170.7 million**

The page also includes a '2026 call for project proposals' section with a call to action: 'The 2026 call for project proposals will open for submissions on 23 April 2026 and close on 22 September 2026 at 17:00 Brussels time. Find more information about Horizon Europe's funding opportunities.'

<https://www.cbe.europa.eu/open-calls-proposals>

- **Annual Work Programme 2026**
- **FAQ for applicants**
- **networking platform**
- **Info day recording and ppts**

<https://www.cbe.europa.eu/events/cbe-ju-info-day-2026>



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# Networking platform 2026

Where future project  
partners come together

Connect. Collaborate.





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