

Call for Expressions of Interest: funding opportunity for nature restoration and protection projects for enhanced agricultural resilience

3Keel, on behalf of a leading global food and beverage business, is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from high-impact projects across Europe delivering durable restoration and/or protection of natural ecosystems linked to agricultural landscapes.

Selected projects will be invited to take part in a formal tendering process to be considered for co-funding to support the expansion or acceleration of their current impact. The level of funding will be determined based on the project's needs, scale and potential to increase its impact through additional funding (e.g. expansion, acceleration of activities, stronger outcomes). Preference will be given to projects that can demonstrate existing or committed funding from other sources, helping to leverage our client's contribution and maximise overall impact.

Projects must meet key minimum criteria, detailed below, to be considered further. Projects that are shortlisted based on the EOI will be invited to take part in a formal tendering process.

Note that submission of an EOI and eligibility of a project does not guarantee shortlisting, selection or funding. Any decision on shortlisting, selection or funding remains entirely discretionary.

Key project eligibility criteria:

- Primary objective: To deliver natural ecosystem protection and restoration outcomes in agriculture production landscapes (see below for definitions)
- Within the geographic scope: see below
- Farm resilience connectivity: The Project is on land that has a demonstrable link to farm resilience, through taking place on non-productive areas of farmland, non-productive areas adjacent to farmland, or in connected ecosystems (e.g. watersheds, corridors and wetlands) that support agricultural resilience. See below for definitions.
- Project scale: No minimum project size. The opportunity is open to both larger projects delivered by organisations and small-scale projects, for example led by an individual farmer or land manager or group of land managers.
- Projects may be new initiatives or expansions or evolutions of existing programs that incorporate restoration and protection outcomes.

How we are defining restoration and protection

Restoration: Actions that improve the condition, function, or resilience of degraded ecosystems and landscapes. Examples include habitat restoration, reforestation, wetland restoration, soil and water restoration, improving biodiversity, etc.

Protection: Actions that conserve ecosystems and landscapes, preventing degradation, conversion, or loss. Examples include protecting natural habitats, forests, wetlands, water resources, and areas of high biodiversity value, etc.

We are interested specifically in restoration and protection activities taking place in natural ecosystems linked to agricultural landscapes, which will contribute to more resilient agricultural production and food systems.

How we are defining farm resilience connectivity

Projects should be on land that has a demonstrable link to farm resilience. It may be on:

Adjacent on-farm land: non-productive areas on the farm. This could include non-productive field margins, planting hedgerows, or requiring suppliers to adhere to a no-deforestation policy preventing clearance of forest on the farm.

Adjacent off-farm land: in a plot adjacent to agricultural land. For example reforestation or forest protection projects next to farm field boundaries.

In connected ecosystems: within the sourcing region and with direct implications for agricultural resilience, but not in areas directly adjacent to productive land areas. These could include projects targeting watershed health or larger forest protection schemes.

Geographic scope

This Call for EOIs is open to projects across Europe, including non-EU countries, with particular preference for (but not limited to) the regions shown in the Appendix.

Application and tendering process

EOI applications will be accepted until **1200 BST on Monday 28th September**. Interested projects should reply to this Call for EOI using the Google form below.

Based on an evaluation of the EOIs received, selected eligible projects will be invited to a tendering process. The final decision on selected projects will be made by our client by the end of November 2026.

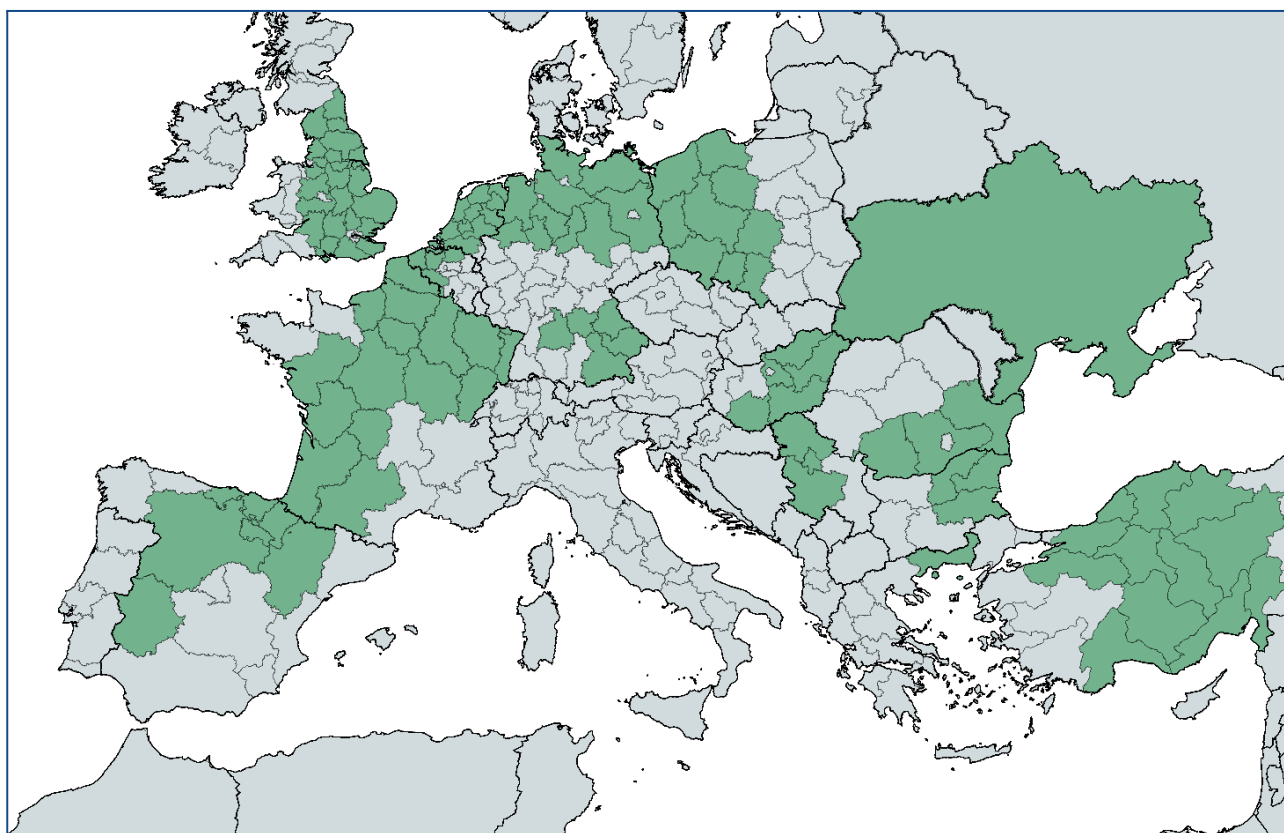
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Click here to submit your Expression of Interest: <https://forms.gle/HPzUi52hEUbKyFGRA>

Any queries or issues with submitting a response should be sent to naturerfp@3keel.com

Appendix: geographic scope and preferred regions

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Country	Region
Poland	Greater Poland, Lower Silesia, Lubusz, West Pomeranian, Pomeranian, Kuyavian-Pomeranian, Lodz, Silesian, Opole
Germany	Brandenburg, Lower Saxony, Bavaria, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony-Anhalt, Schleswig-Holstein,
Romania	Dobrogea, Danube Delta buffer zone
Serbia	Vojvodina, Belgrade, Sumadija and western Serbia
Hungary	Northern Hungary, Northern Great Plain, Southern Great Plain, Southern Transdanubia
Greece	Evros Delta
UK	South East, South West, Anglia, East Midlands, West Midlands, Yorkshire/Humber, North East, North West
Spain	Extremadura, Castilla y León, Basque Country, Cantabria, La Rioja, Navarre, Aragon
France	Hauts de France, Nouvelle Aquitaine, Pays-de-la-Loire, Grand-Est, Bourgogne-Franche-Comte, Ile-de-France, Normandie, Bretagne, Centre val de Loire
Netherlands	Flevoland, Groningen, Friesland, North Brabant, Drenthe, Overijssel, Gelderland, South Holland, North Brabant
Turkey	Thrace, Konya Basin, Central Anatolia, Kars-Ardahan Plateau, Taurus foothills, Aegean olive belt, Göksu Delta farms
Russia	Krasnodar Krai, Rostov Oblast, Stavropol Krai, Volga Delta/Astrakhan, Meshchera Lowlands

