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## 2022 Joint FACCE-JPI and SusCrop Call on Agrobiodiversity is open

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FACCE-JPI and SusCrop are opening a Call for research projects addressing agrobiodiversity with the purpose of improving the capacity of the European Research Area to provide practical and policy-relevant knowledge on how agrobiodiversity can improve resilience of agroecosystems, especially those most at risk, reinvigorate farming practices to increase ecological connectivity and improve biodiversity at landscape level, and to monitor and identify the opportunities and obstacles to diversification.

Proposals submitted to the Call must address one of the three following topics:

**1) Agricultural genetic resources:** it includes research aiming to broaden the genetic base of crops to improve functional traits fit to sustainable food systems, and to increase tolerances to environmental conditions related to the climate change.

**2) Agricultural practices and farm models:** it includes research leading to new agricultural practices, technologies, decision support systems and business models that improve agricultural production and soil quality, creating economic, social, and environmental value through greater diversity of plant species and wider functional and response diversity.

**3) Agrobiodiversity and territorial systems:** it includes research leading to an increased agrobiodiversity at landscape level contributing also to the regeneration of low-quality agricultural habitats, to the enhancement of ecological connectivity and to a better understanding of the links between farm diversity and landscape complexity.

See the SusCrop FACCE-JPI [Announcement](#) for timeline and participating funders (from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and UK).

The registration area for **consortium coordinators** is now open. After registration of the coordinator, the coordinator can invite/add partners through the coordinator account. For **all partners** of an applying consortium it is strongly recommended to contact their respective National Contact Persons for national/regional funding regulations. The contact details can be found in Annex A of the Call Announcement (see Call Documents).

**The deadline for pre-registration** of proposals is **May 4, 12:00h CEST**.  
**The deadline for proposal submission** is **June 22, 12:00h CEST**.

There will be a **webinar for applicants on 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2022, 10:00 CEST**. The link will be published soon on the [submission homepage](#). Slides will be available afterwards.

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**SusCrop** is an ERA-Net Cofund Action under H2020, which aims to strengthen the European Research Area (ERA) in the field of Sustainable Crop Production through enhanced cooperation and coordination of different national and regional research programmes. It brings together owners and managers of national and regional R&D&I programmes of EU Member States, EU-associated States and Third countries.

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