

GroundWork offers up to €27,000 to farmers to promote sustainable agriculture

Up to €27,000 for European farmers adopting regenerative grazing practices.

Brussels, 1 September 2026: [GroundWork](#), a project funded by the European Union (EU) under the Horizon Europe programme, has launched an Open Call inviting farmers to participate in a 36-month Regenerative Farming Programme. Up to **33 farms** from **Portugal, Germany, Belgium, Sweden** and **Serbia** will be selected to receive grants of up to **€27,000** per farming entity to support the adoption of **Regenerative Livestock Grazing Practices (RLGPs)**.

Soil degradation currently affects an estimated 60–70% of land across the EU, generating economic losses of around **€50 billion every year**, with intensive livestock farming identified as a major contributing factor. GroundWork was established to help reverse this trend by supporting farmers in transitioning toward regenerative, livestock-integrated land management that improves soil health, biodiversity and long-term farm resilience.

Through this Open Call, up to 33 farming projects will join GroundWork's network of five Living Labs – collaborative hubs in Portugal, Germany, Belgium, Serbia, and Sweden where farmers, researchers, and advisors co-design and implement regenerative practices tailored to local environmental and farming conditions. There are up to seven spots available for Portugal, Belgium, Serbia, and Sweden, each, and a maximum of five places for Germany.

Selected farmers will receive funding through a lump sum scheme, paid in instalments upon completion of programme milestones over a 36-month Regenerative Farming Programme. In addition to direct financial support, participants will receive a tailored Custom Farm Evolution Plan, ongoing mentoring, and access to a peer network of farmers and experts working on similar challenges.

Applications are **open from 1 September 2026** and must be submitted in English through the project's online form by 19 November 2026, 15:00 Brussels time. Farmers and farming entities legally established in Portugal, Germany, Belgium, Sweden or Serbia are eligible to apply; applicants based elsewhere in the EU, the EU Overseas Countries and Territories, or Horizon Europe Associated Countries may also apply in duly justified cases.

Full details and the application form are available on the Groundwork website at: <https://groundwork-project.eu/for-farmers/>

Information webinars will be organized in the local languages of each Living Lab: Portuguese, German, French, Serbian, and Swedish. Dates will be announced on the project website.

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GroundWork brings together farmers, scientists, and communities to regenerate soil and promote sustainable agriculture. Using innovative grazing practices adapted to each region, this project aims to restore degraded soil, reduce pollution, and combat climate change. With pilot farms in five countries, this project shows that nature-friendly agriculture can be productive, resilient, and provide sustainable food for a healthier future.

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