



# **INNO4CFIs**

Regenerative Carbon Farming

## **INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program - Guidelines for Applicants**

### **OPEN CALL 2**

Validate groundbreaking technologies and accelerate your path to  
commercialization

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## Glossary and Abbreviations

CEST	Central Europe Summer Time
CFIs	Carbon Farming Initiatives
CRCS	Circular Economy and Regulatory Compliance Standards
ESR	Evaluation Summary Report
IMUH	Interregional Market Uptake Hub
INNO4CFIs	Acronym for Project's name "Nature-Based Business Model and Emerging INNOvations to enhance Carbon Farming Initiatives (CFIs) while preserving Biodiversity, Water Security and Soil Health"
OC	Open Call
SME	Small and Medium Enterprise
TRL	Technology Readiness Level

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## Open Call in a nutshell

The **INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program: Empowering Carbon Farming & Climate Pioneers** is calling on innovative **European Green tech SMEs and startups** to foster their market uptake and validate their technologies! This Acceleration Program offers **equity-free support** up to 40 promising solutions/initiatives demonstrating strong market potential and a minimum technological readiness level (TRL of 6).

**Participants will benefit from a 4-month tailored Acceleration Program designed to refine their market and technology validation strategies, advance their solutions (up to TRL 9), boost investment readiness, and provide curated connections to investors, suppliers, and potential clients — along with insights from diverse geographic markets across Europe.**

A cornerstone of this journey is the opportunity to participate in the **Interregional Market Uptake Hub (IMUH)**, a pan-European network and marketplace that connects solutions seekers and technology providers. The IMUH aims to identify, grow, certify, validate and finally promote Green Tech solutions in the European Market. Through the IMUH, all participants gain unparalleled access to potential clients, partners, funders, and peers, leveraging curated matchmaking with solution seekers (starting with the energy communities), an expansive searchable database, and exclusive networking opportunities designed to propel their success. Plus, the participants in the INNO4CFIs Acceleration may have the opportunity to integrate the **Carbon Farm Technology Platform**, which is being developed in the INNO4CFIs project.

**INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program is now accepting applications, through its second Open Call process, providing a unique opportunity for up to 20 eligible SMEs and startups to join this transformative journey. Each participant should commit for at least 15 hours throughout the INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program.**

**In this Open Call, we are looking for innovative European carbon farming and green tech solutions** that address environmental challenges and drive sustainable transformation, with strong **climate impact**, from various industries, including:

- Carbon Farming and Carbon sequestration technologies
- Circular Economy (Recycling and Upcycling Energy Waste)
- Renewable energy technologies
- Energy storage & smart management solutions
- Sustainable Building Technologies
- Water and Waste Management Solutions
- Sustainable Transportation
- Community Engagement Apps
- Recycling and Upcycling Innovations
- Grid Management and Flexibility

Although all GreenTech solutions will be considered for the INNO4CFIs Acceleration, preference will be given to Carbon Farming Solutions, in alignment with the project main goal.

**Applications must be submitted** in the INNO4CFIs page under **F6S platform**, with the **deadline for submission set on July 1st, 2025.**

# 1. Introduction

This document provides a full set of information regarding the first Open Call (out of 3) for project INNO4CFIs - Nature-Based Business Model and Emerging INNOvations to enhance Carbon Farming Initiatives (CFIs) while preserving Biodiversity, Water Security and Soil Health. Detailed information can be found in the project's website: <https://inno4cfis.eu/>.

## 2. INNO4CFIs - Project overview

The **Project INNO4CFIs** co-funded by the European Union's Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument (I3) is committed to promote disruptive solutions in carbon farming, land management and decarbonization leading to highly effective environmental, economic and social impact. During 36 months (September 2023 - August 2026), a network of 20 partners representing the innovation ecosystem of 13 different regions from 8 European countries (IT, GR, ES, BE, NL, IE, DE, FR), will join forces to make this a reality.

This project has a dual objective:

- Promoting an **innovative Carbon Farm Technology Platform** as an outcome of the integration of several different technologies to increase CO<sub>2</sub> uptake, while promoting crucial environmental co-benefits such as sustainable freshwater production, dryland and soil restoration and biodiversity. The Platform is a bundle of partners' technologies and services that is customizable according to the specific needs in order to support agroforestry initiatives in different contexts. It consists of specific technologies such as solar desalination and bioremediation, as well as data provision services to collect and tokenize CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration and other environmental data and co-benefits.
- Supporting and showcasing highly innovative carbon farming technologies (minimum TRL<sup>6</sup>) promoted by European SMEs and startups. This is achieved through the **Interregional Market Uptake Hub (IMUH)**, which offers an advanced matchmaking system to tailor connections between stakeholders and relevant solutions, to increase decarbonization efficiency and sustainability of energy communities, boost market innovation and enrich the competitive advantage of the targeted territories.

The INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program is a key activity of the IMUH and aims to drive the development and scaling of green technology ventures. Participants will benefit from access to business acceleration resources, tailored mentoring, and networking opportunities to boost their capacity for market entry and growth.

### 2.1. Open Call Objectives

INNO4CFIs seeks 40 SMEs and startups to participate in an INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program: Empowering Carbon Farming & Climate Pioneers to ensure that SMEs and startups across different regions have the opportunity to enhance their capabilities and contribute to a more sustainable and innovative European business landscape.

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<sup>1</sup> Technology Readiness Level 6 (TRL 6) signifies that a system or subsystem prototype has been demonstrated in a relevant environment, validating performance under conditions that simulate real-world applications.

This Acceleration Program will be run in 3 cycles, throughout the next 16 months of the Project. **The objective of this Open Call is to select the second cohort of up to 20 SMEs and startups to participate in the Program, following specific criteria and a transparent process.**

Besides participating in the INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program, the selected companies will also be given the opportunity to:

1. Showcase the company and its tech solution in the IMUH community.
2. Validate the technology developed along with the solutions seekers, starting with the energy communities present in the IMUH.
3. Integrate the solution in the Carbon Farm Technology Platform, if possible and deemed feasible by the technical partners of the project.
4. Gain visibility through dedicated social media campaigns and newsletters' features on the INNO4CFIs communication channels.

## 2.2. INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program: Empowering Carbon Farming & Climate Pioneers

The Program is designed to support carbon farming and green tech startups with prototypes and SMEs, focusing on advancing their innovations toward investment & market readiness. It employs a challenge-driven approach, offering a structured 4-month duration with tailored entrepreneurial support and curated networking opportunities.

Thanks to the INNO4CFIs network and to the Impact Hub Athens support, you will get access to our European ecosystem of innovators, corporates, Research and Transfer Organizations (RTOs), universities, SMEs, startups and scaleups, and the participants will receive resources, including financial opportunities including financial opportunities, to build their venture, package their technology, sign up customers and attract additional investors.

Therefore, the goal is to **help SMEs and startups move their technologies from TRL 6 (or above) to TRL 9** using expert guidance and ensuring compliance with Circular Economy and Regulatory Compliance Standards (CRCS) and the European Carbon Removal Certification Framework, while simultaneously increasing their visibility, fostering community collaborations, and preparing them for future investment opportunities.

By participating in INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program, companies will also:

- Gain a competitive edge through **tailored support and stakeholder engagement**.
- Ensure market readiness with a strong focus on **community needs, compliance, and scalability**.
- Build connections with a powerful network of **investors, policymakers, and industry leaders**.
- Unlock funding opportunities including grants, equity investments, loans, and crowdfunding platforms through a powerful network of investors, venture capitalists, financial institutions, government programs, and industry partners.

## 2.2.1. Outline of the Program

After an initial diagnostic process, each participating SME and startup will receive at least **15 hours** of tailored online support, **for 4 months**. All participants will go through **three specialized modules, which will combine** workshops and one-on-one mentoring sessions, plus one extra module that will be decided after the diagnostic session. The three mandatory modules will be:

Module	Description
<b>1</b> Business Engineering: Strategy & Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Defining a clear value proposition and unique selling points (USPs)</li><li>• Designing sustainable business models for long-term growth</li><li>• Understanding environmental, social, and governance (ESG) integration</li><li>• Identifying and leveraging market trends to sustain competitive advantage</li></ul>
<b>2</b> Financial Management & Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Essentials of financial planning, budgeting, and forecasting</li><li>• Understanding funding sources, grant opportunities, and investor criteria</li><li>• Cost structure analysis and revenue model optimization</li><li>• Preparation of financial statements and investment readiness</li></ul>
<b>3</b> Sales:Marketing & Customer Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building effective marketing strategies and go-to-market plans</li><li>• Customer segmentation, profiling, and personalized engagement</li></ul>

Additionally, to the 3 above-mentioned modules and according to the needs of each participating venture, they will be able to also focus on these areas:

- Operations & Global Expansion, focusing on:
  - Designing operational workflows and value chains
  - Supply chain management and sourcing strategies
  - Identifying expansion opportunities and market entry strategies
  - Navigating the challenges of scaling operations internationally
- Leadership, Compliance, and Risk Management, focusing on:
  - Building strong leadership skills and managing high-performing teams
  - Understanding regulatory compliance and legal frameworks
  - Risk assessment, mitigation strategies, and contingency planning
  - Enhancing corporate governance and ethical decision-making

Additionally, the program includes some “highlights”, designed to support the success of the participating SMEs and startups, providing a set of key activities, events, and milestones that take place during each month of the program.

1. Diagnostics & Customization
  - Diagnostic assessments and tailored plans for startups.
  - Workshops on circular economy, carbon farming, and compliance with European policies.
2. Technology Validation & Knowledge Transfer
  - Emphasis on community-led innovation and demand-driven scaling.

- Best practices for validating carbon farming solutions.
3. Pilot Projects & Real-World Integration
    - Digital consultations with experts on adapting technologies to the local needs of different regions and energy communities, together with co-designing with the energy communities and other stakeholders.
  4. Scaling & Sustainability
    - Finalizing business models with scalability and long-term viability in focus.
    - Meetup events, showcasing startups to investors and stakeholders.

The program will culminate in an online Demo Day where SMEs and startups will showcase their solutions to potential investors and stakeholders, demonstrating their readiness for scaling and long-term sustainability.

The Program will be fully developed in English.

### 2.2.2. Timeline for the Acceleration Program

The foreseen timeline for the Program is the following:

<i>Application and selection (check section 5.3.6)</i>	07/05/2025 - 01/07/2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onboarding into the program</li> <li>• Diagnostic sessions</li> </ul>	September 2025
Modules & Inspirational talks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Engineering Module</li> <li>• Financial Management &amp; Funding</li> <li>• Sales:Marketing &amp; Customer Relationships</li> <li>• Optional modules &amp; networking events</li> </ul>	September - December 2025
Closing Ceremony - Demo Day	December 2025

The program is powered by a diverse network of seasoned mentors and industry-leading experts, drawn not only from the consortium partners but also from their extensive networks. The experts engaged bring years of experience in green technology, business & investment strategy, and scaling startups. Participants will have access to one-on-one mentoring sessions tailored to their unique needs, alongside group workshops led by specialists in areas such as financial planning, regulatory compliance, and global market expansion. These experts, drawn from top organizations and research institutions across Europe, are committed to providing actionable insights, personalized guidance, and connections to help startups achieve their full potential and make a lasting impact.

The Calls for applications to the third cohorts of the INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program are expected to be launched in November 2025, also with a 2-months application period.



### 3. General Information

#### 3.1. Terms and definitions

This section describes the relevant terms that are used in the open call documentation. Unless otherwise stated, the definition of a term is the one stated in this section.

Term	Definition
Applicant	Organisation that intends to submit or has submitted an application to the funding programme.
Participant	Organisation that applied for the program, has been accepted to participate and has signed or is in the process of signing a Participation Agreement.
Application phase	Period when applicants can apply for the Acceleration Program. The open call has a fixed deadline that is automatically enforced.
Evaluation Phase	Period when the consortium evaluates and ranks the applications. At the end of the phase, all applicants are notified of the results of the evaluation.

#### 3.2. Means of submission, Language and Documents format

- **INNO4CFIs Open Call page on the F6S platform** will be the entry point for the submission of all applications to this Open Call. Any application submitted through other channels will be automatically rejected.
- **English is the only official language for submitting to this Open Call.** Submissions done in any language will not be eligible nor evaluated.
- All the documents submitted by the applicants should be in **PDF format**, unless stated otherwise. These must be submitted without restrictions for printing.

#### 3.3. Data protection during submission

To process and evaluate applications, INNO4CFIs consortium will need to collect Personal and Industrial data. F6S Network Ireland Limited will act as Data Controller for data submitted through the F6S platform for these purposes. Please see our privacy policy [here](#).

A Data Protection Officer has been appointed by F6S generally, to ensure compliance with data protection regulations, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, and that personal data is collected, processed, and stored in a secure manner.

The F6S platform's system design and operational procedures ensure that data is managed in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR). Each applicant will accept the F6S terms to ensure compliance. Please refer [here](#) to review the F6S platform's privacy policy and data security policy.

Apart from the F6S platform, data will also be stored in the F6S Google Drive, and in the project repository on Google Drive managed by the project coordinator E. Amaldi Foundation (FEA).

Please note that the INNO4CFIs consortium must retain generated data until five years after the balance of the INNO4CFIs project is paid for or longer if there are ongoing procedures (such as audits, investigations or litigation). In this case, the data must be kept until they end.

## 4. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this Open Call, applicants must comply with all the following criteria:

1. **Application submitted in English and through F6S Platform** (<https://www.f6s.com/inno4cfis-acceleration-program-open-call-2/apply>).
2. **Applicants must fit the following type of applicant:**
  - a. Legally established SMEs<sup>2</sup> or startups<sup>3</sup>;
  - b. Developing Carbon Farming or Green technology solution(s).
3. **Applicant has its registered office in any EU region.**
4. **Applicants present solutions that are in the TRL 6 or above**, at the moment of submitting the application:
  - Prototype Development: A functional prototype built with key components.
  - Relevant Environment Testing: Testing in conditions similar to real-world use.
  - Subsystem Integration: Validating the interaction of critical subsystems.
  - Performance Validation: Confirming the technology meets performance goals.
  - Risk Assessment: Identifying and addressing potential risks.
  - Documentation: Thorough recording of test plans and results.
5. **Applicants submit only one application, describing one solution** (multiple applications will lead to ineligibility).

### 4.1. Other conditions

Each applicant must confirm:

- It is not under liquidation or is not an enterprise under difficulty according to the [European Commission Regulation No 651/2014, art. 2.18](#).
- It has not declared bankrupt or initiated bankruptcy procedures.
- It has no convictions for fraudulent behaviour, other financial irregularities, and unethical or illegal business practices.
- There is not any conflict of interest with any of the INNO4CFIs partners: under the EU Merger Regulation (EC No 139/2004), applications will not be accepted from companies connected with the ones represented within the INNO4CFIs consortium.

## 5. Open Call: from Application to selection

The submission of applications to the INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program will follow the steps listed in this section. **The open call launches on 7 May 2025 and the deadline for submission of applications is on 1 July 2025, 17:00 CEST (Brussels time).**

### 5.1. Open Call publication and documentation

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<sup>2</sup> According to the EU definition: [https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/sme-fundamentals/sme-definition\\_en](https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/sme-fundamentals/sme-definition_en)

<sup>3</sup> Since there is no binding European definition of a 'startup' across all member states, for the purposes of this Open Call, a startup is defined as a company that is younger than ten years, offers an innovative product, service, or business model, and has the intention to scale up by increasing its number of employees, turnover, or market reach.

The open call is supported by the following documentation, which can be found at (<https://inno4cfis.eu/open-calls>). Applicants are encouraged to consult all relevant files before proceeding with the submission:

- **Guidelines for Applicants**, the present document.
- **Application form**, available at F6S platform (Apply via: <https://www.f6s.com/inno4cfis-acceleration-program-open-call-2/apply>).
- **Participation Agreement (Annex 1)**, to be signed only by successful applicants.

## 5.2. How to Apply successfully

For a successfully completed application, please follow the steps below:

- **Register in F6S Platform:** Applicants are required to register on the [F6S platform](#) to submit their application. They need to create a profile to be able to access the Open Call dedicated. Please follow the instructions provided directly on the F6S platform. This will be the central interface for managing the applications.
- **Get familiar with the documentation:** Applicants are encouraged to consult all relevant files found at (<https://inno4cfis.eu/open-calls>), before proceeding with the application.
- **Fill in all necessary information:** Be specific and concise. Questions in the online forms have character limits. Please examine the Guidelines and visit the INNO4CFIs project website for more information. Remember that all requested information and documents must be attached in English.
- **Submit when ready:** It is strongly recommended that applicants submit their application ahead of the deadline. If the applicant discovers an error in the application, and the call is still running, the applicant may re-submit the application. If multiple submissions are found, only the latest submitted application will be considered.

## 5.3. Evaluation and selection

### 5.3.1. Step 1: Eligibility verification

Each application's eligibility will be verified by INNO4CFIs. Please refer to Chapter 4, for detailed information on eligibility criteria.

After processing all applications, INNO4CFIs will classify as ineligible the ones not complying with all eligibility criteria. The respective applicants will be notified by email about their ineligibility, within 3 weeks after the closing date.

Only the eligible applications will be evaluated in the next stage of the process.

### 5.3.2. Step 2: Evaluation

All applicants passing the eligibility check will pass to the next evaluation step. The evaluation will be conducted remotely by an **internal committee, composed by INNO4CFIs consortium partners.**

The committee will review each application and prepare an Evaluation Summary Report (ESR) where they will score and comment on the following evaluation criteria:

- **Criterion C1 | Motivation & Program Relevance** (Threshold 2 | Score 1-5): Applicants explain their motivation and commitment to join the Acceleration Program and their ambition to contribute to both the Program and the Project.
- **Criterion C2 | Team Skills & Expertise** (Threshold 2 | Score 1-5): Applicants showcase their capacity, skills and knowledge, team composition (recommended at least 2 founders), technical and business-oriented co-founders, confirming they have the resources and expertise to participate in the Program.
- **Criterion C3 | Innovation and Technological Excellence** (Threshold 2 | Score 1-5): Applicants showcase their solution, explaining how innovative and novel it is, its technical viability and detailing its readiness level (TRL 6+).
- **Criterion C4 | Business and Financial Viability** (Threshold 2 | Score 1-5): Applicants demonstrate a robust business & financial model and the plan to address the sustainability and replicability of the proposed solution.
- **Criterion C5 | Geographical priorities** (Yes/No): Applicants officially registered one in one of the following regions:
  - **Italy:** Lazio (IT14), Lombardia (ITC4), Toscana (IT11)
  - **Netherlands:** Zuid-Holland (NL33)
  - **Ireland:** Eastern and Midland (IE06)
  - **Belgium:** Région de Bruxelles-Capitale/Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest (BE10), Prov. Liège (BE33)
  - **Spain:** Castilla y León (ES41), Comunitat Valenciana (ES52)
  - **Greece:** Attiki (EL30)
  - **Germany:** Stuttgart (DE11), Berlin (DE30)
  - **France:** Midi-Pyrénées (FR62).
  - Any of the **Less Development regions** (as listed in the Annex 1 of [EC decision 2021/1130](#))
- **Criterion C6 | Carbon Farming solution** (Yes/No): Applicants confirm if they have a Carbon Farming Solution.

Score definition regarding evaluation process varies as follows:

- **Score 1 | Poor** – The proposal addresses the criterion in an inadequate manner or there are significant
- **Score 2 | Fair** - The proposal addresses the criterion broadly, but there are still several weaknesses.
- **Score 3 | Good** - The proposal addresses the criterion well, but improvements are necessary.
- **Score 4 | Very Good** - The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but some improvements are still possible.
- **Score 5 | Excellent** – The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

The application score is calculated based on the average of the scores provided by the evaluators to C1, C2, C3 and C4. The threshold for each criterion is two (2), therefore any application with at least one criterion with a score less than two is automatically rejected.

If all scores are above the threshold (i.e, if application is not rejected), additional 3 points will be given to applicants from the regions listed in Criteria 5. The overall score of the application will include these extra points, applications meet that criterion (C5=YES).

Criteria C6 will be considered as the priority criteria, in case of tied applications (check section 5.3.4.).

Each evaluator will record their individual assessment of each proposal using an Individual Evaluation Report (ISR). A single Evaluation Summary Report (ESR) will be prepared by the Evaluation Panel, representing opinions and scores on which the evaluators agree.

### **5.3.3. Step 3: Interviews**

Individual interviews with the applicants may be conducted if the Evaluation Committee finds unclear information or feels the need to clarify a specific question. They will be settled on a date that is convenient for the applicant and evaluators.

After these interviews, specific evaluation scores for C1, C2, C3 and C4 may change.

### **5.3.4. Step 4: Ranking of the applications and selection**

At the end of the evaluation process all applications will be ranked by the INNO4CFIs consortium based on their scores and included in a single list. The criteria for the ranking of the applications will be semi-automatic following the rules below:

- **Rule 1:** Applications will be ranked based on their overall score (average total scores of C1, C2, C3, and C4 plus extra 3 points if C5=YES).
- **Rule 2:** In the case that Rule 1 produces applications with the same ranking position, priority will be given to Carbon Farming applications (C6 = YES)
- **Rule 3:** In the case that Rule 2 still produces applications with the same ranking position, priority will be given to applications that have higher cumulative score in criteria: C1 + C4
- **Rule 4:** In the case that Rule 3 still produces applications with the same ranking position, priority will be given to applications that have higher scores in criteria C3.
- **Rule 5:** In the case that Rule 4 still produces applications with the same ranking position, priority will be given to applications that have higher scores in criteria C2.

After applying these tie-break rules, if there are still proposals in the same position, priority will be given to those with a woman in a decision-making position.

All eligible applicants will receive evaluation results within four weeks from the open call deadline, including the score of their application and confirmation of selection to participate in the INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program.

All applicants will receive an acceptance or rejection letter together with an anonymized version of their ESR, including scores and rationale.

#### **5.3.4.1. Redress process**

An applicant may submit a request for redress if they believe the results of the eligibility checks were incorrectly applied or if there was a shortcoming in the application of the INNO4CFIs Open Call rules. Requests for redress must:

- Be received within three (3) working days from reception of the rejection letter considering the application as non-eligible or the ESR information letter.
- Clearly indicate the subject of the complaint and provide a detailed description with supporting arguments and evidence.
- Be sent by the applicant's legal representative that has also submitted the application.

All requests for redress will be treated in confidence and must be sent to [inno4cfis.opencalls@f6s.com](mailto:inno4cfis.opencalls@f6s.com).

### 5.3.5. Step 5: Signing the Participation Agreement

The selected applicants will be invited to sign a Participation Agreement, according to the template included in the documentation kit and listed as Annex 1, confirming their interest and time investment to participate in the First Cohort of the INNO4CFIs Acceleration Program.

### 5.3.6. Expected timeline from application to selection

Submission of Applications	07/05/2025 - 01/07/2025
Eligibility Check - Evaluation - Ranking - Selection (includes interviews, if needed)	July 2025
Announcement of selected SMEs and startups	August 2025
Signing the Participation Agreement	September 2025

## 6. Data protection and confidentiality during implementation and after

During the implementation of the INNO4CFIs Open Call activities and for five years after the end of the Program activities, the parties must keep confidential any data, documents, invoices or other material (in any form) that is identified as confidential information.

If a selected applicant requests, the Commission and the INNO4CFIs Consortium may agree to keep such information confidential for an additional period beyond the initial five years. This will be explicitly stated in the Participation Agreement.

If the information has been identified as confidential during the INNO4CFIs Program or only orally, it will be considered to be confidential only if this is accepted by the INNO4CFIs coordinator and confirmed in writing within 15 days of the oral disclosure. Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, they may use confidential information only to implement the Participation Agreement.

The selected applicants may disclose confidential information to the INNO4CFIs Consortium and to the selected reviewers, who will be bound by a specific Non-Disclosure Agreement.

## 7. Contact information

The INNO4CFIs consortium will provide information to the applicants primarily via <https://www.f6s.com/inno4cfis-acceleration-program-open-call-2/discuss>, so that all information (questions and answers) will be accessible to all potential applicants. No binding information will be provided via any other means (e.g., telephone or email).

- Apply via: <https://www.f6s.com/inno4cfis-acceleration-program-open-call-2/apply>
- More info about INNO4CFIs at: <https://inno4cfis.eu/>
- F6S support team (for platform issues during the application): [support@f6s.com](mailto:support@f6s.com)
- To redress the process: [inno4cfis.opencalls@f6s.com](mailto:inno4cfis.opencalls@f6s.com).

## Annex 1 – Participation Agreement (template)

### Participation Agreement - *TEMPLATE*

<b>Activity Reference (s)</b>	T8.3
<b>Name of project</b>	Acceleration Program, supported by the project: "Nature-Based Business Model and Emerging INNOvations to enhance Carbon Farming Initiatives (CFIs) while preserving Biodiversity, Water Security and Soil Health" (INNO4CFIs) ( <a href="https://inno4cfis.eu/">https://inno4cfis.eu/</a> )"
<b>Year of the data reported</b>	2025
<b>Name of the Start-Up supported</b>	
<b>If Agreement is not in English, provide English summary</b>  <i>Ensure you cover services provided</i>	

#### Supporting Evidence:

Signed Agreement (attached) that complies with the evidence requirements.



**Inno4CFIs Participation Agreement**  
**(hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement")**  
**Concluded pursuant to the Greek Civil Code, as amended**  
**(hereinafter referred to as the "Civil Code"),**  
**between**

Name of the company:  
ID NO.:  
Registered office:  
Represented by  
Website:  
Represented by  
(hereinafter referred to as "Participant")

and

Name of the company:  
ID NO.:  
Registered office:  
Represented by  
Website:  
(hereinafter referred to as "Participant")

(The Organizer and the Participant together hereinafter referred to as the "Parties" and each individually as a "Party").

## **1. INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS**

- 1.1. Participant hereby commits to participate in the Acceleration Program (the "Program"), which will run from September 2025 to December 2025.
- 1.2. The purpose of the Program is to provide professional support to the Participant's business activities in order to increase its development, efficiency & gain new contacts or professional training.

## **2. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPANT**

- 2.1. The Participant agrees to the following during the term of the Program:
  - 2.1.1. Proactively communicate with his/her mentor with whom he/she will be connected during the Programme;
  - 2.1.2. Proactively engage with the experts with whom he/she will be connected during the Programme;

- 2.1.3. Prepare thoroughly for each meeting with the mentor; this means always completing the tasks agreed with the mentor in the previous meeting before the meeting with the mentor;
- 2.1.4. Attend the final meeting with the mentor as well as with the representatives of the Programme;
- 2.1.5. Attend scheduled workshops and other training events organized by the Programme (e.g. mastermind groups)
- 2.1.6. To provide the Organizer with all necessary assistance to fulfill the conditions of participation in the Programme and this Agreement.
- 2.2. The Participant further agrees to conscientiously, properly and timely perform the tasks assigned during the Program and to regularly communicate (report) his/her progress to the Organizer's organizational team.
- 2.3. In connection with his/her participation in the Programme, the Participant further agrees to provide the Organiser with his/her consent to the use of photographs from the events organised under the Programme for marketing purposes; the Participant also agrees to provide this consent to all members of the Participant's team. The participant agrees to incorporate to the ventures digital means the logos of Impact Hub Athens as well as the one of the Organiser until the end of 2026.
- 2.4. The Participant is obliged to act with professional care during the Programme and to comply with applicable laws and regulations.
- 2.5. The Participant shall notify the Organiser without undue delay of any circumstances that may affect his/her participation in the Programme and/or the proper performance of his/her obligations under this Agreement.
- 2.6. The Participant declares that he/she has all the necessary qualifications, knowledge, and abilities to participate in the Programme under this Agreement. The Participant further declares that the startup fulfils all the eligibility criteria as outlined in the Open Call Guidelines for Applicants, including meeting the applicant type requirements, presenting solutions within the appropriate TRL range and being based in an eligible region, as described in section 4. The Participant undertakes to ensure that the goodwill of the Organiser is not harmed by his/her participation in the Programme.

### **3. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANISER**

- 3.1. The Organiser agrees to provide the Participant with access to up to five (5) experts for the duration of the Programme, with each expert devoting one (1) hour of consultation to the Participant's team throughout the Programme.
- 3.2. The Organiser also agrees to provide the Participant with (i) comprehensive support from the Organiser's organizational team, (ii) recommended study and/or other professional background or materials on the Participant's business plan, (iii) the opportunity to consult and utilize the extensive expertise of the Organiser and its professional advisors (e.g. mentors or experts) on the Participant's business plan as part of the Program.

3.3. The Organiser declares that it has all the necessary knowledge and skills to properly conduct the Programme under this Agreement. The Organiser undertakes to exercise the utmost discretion in its activities and to ensure that the reputation of the Participant Is not damaged .

#### **4.CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

4.1.The provisions of this Agreement, including any information communicated between the Parties that may be described as confidential, sensitive, or constitutes a trade secret within the meaning of the Greek Civil Code (e.g., information about facts relating to, for example, the following Costs, profits, pricing structure, organisation of economic activity, lists of suppliers, prospects and clients, system of work, business policy, business relations and contracts, internal organisation, know-how, etc. of either Party) shall be confidential information and shall not be disclosed or made available by either Party to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party.

4.2. The restriction in the preceding paragraph shall not apply to the disclosure of information:

4.2.1. generally known;

4.2.2. required bylaw and/or by a decision of a competent authority; or

4.2.3. to employees, associates and/or professional advisors of either Party, provided that they are bound by confidentiality obligations at least to the same extent as those contained in this Agreement.

#### **5.DURATION AND TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

5.1. This Agreement is entered into for a definite term for the duration of the Programme.

5.2. The Organizer may terminate this Agreement with immediate effect in the event of a material breach by the Participant. In particular, the following shall be deemed to be material to this Agreement:

5.2.1. Breach of any of the Participant's obligations and/or any of the Participant's obligations under this Agreement (in particular the obligations specified in Article 2 of this Agreement);

5.3. In the event of withdrawal and/or other termination of this Agreement by either Party, the obligation shall terminate on the date of termination of this Agreement and the Parties shall retain all mutual performance to date. Section 2004{1}. Civil Code shall not apply.

#### **6. FINAL PROVISIONS**

6.1. Communication between the Parties within the framework or the performance of this Agreement shall be carried out through contact persons. The Organizer's contact person is Elena Kalimeri, tel.:+30 210 32 10 146, email: elena.kalimeri@impacthub.net.

6.2. This Agreement shall enter into force and effect upon its signing by both Parties.

6.3. The Parties shall keep each other informed of all facts which are or may be relevant to the proper performance of this Agreement. This Agreement, as well as the rights and obligations arising under or in connection with this Agreement. shall be governed by Greek law. If a ground of invalidity applies only to a provision of this Agreement, only that provision shall be

invalid unless its nature or content, or the circumstances in which it was agreed. show that it cannot be separated from the rest of the Agreement.

6.2. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior understandings of the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

6.3. This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement of the Parties hereto, except that amendment of this Agreement in a less restrictive form shall not be permitted.

6.4. This Agreement is executed in two (2) counterparts, of which each Party shall receive one (1) copy.

In Athens, xx.xx.2025

In ....., xx.xx.2025

Elena Kalimeri (organiser)

(participant)