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Preamble

CEEweb for Biodiversity (the 'Co-Beneficiary') is Co-Beneficiary in an EU-wide project called **"Rebooting the Food System: Youth Engagement for Agroecology and Due Diligence,"** co-financed by the European Commission (DG INTPA)¹ within the DEAR Programme (Development Education and Awareness Raising²). The project is implemented by a consortium of 14 civil society organisations³ from 9 countries. It aims to **raise awareness and mobilize young people** in different European and non-European countries as agents of change towards **a fairer and more sustainable food system** on a local and global level, tackling global inequalities and ecological crises. The approach taken includes:

- The development of an awareness campaign with and for young people to promote values and good practices of agroecological principles in the EU and partner non-EU countries, and to give a voice to women, girls, and people at the margins of society to create a sustainable food system.
- Research, education, and advocacy activities, developed by partners and an active youth, for the empowerment of producers and workers in the global food system and the inclusion of agroecological principles and practices in European, non-European, and national food system-related policies.

You can become part of the Reboot action if you want to support the project's aims and make change happen!

In order to support the achievement of the objectives of the action with its main objective to contribute to a more inclusive society with a developed sense of co-responsibility for sustainable food supply chains on a local and global level, tackling global inequalities and ecological crises, CEEweb for Biodiversity is awarding financial support to third parties for implementing a third-party scheme.

The 'Applicant' is the organisation in charge of submitting the third-party project proposal, signing the contract with CEEweb for Biodiversity, receiving the funds from CEEweb for Biodiversity, and reporting to CEEweb for Biodiversity on the implementation of the third-party scheme.

¹ Grant contract - External Actions of the European Union – CSO-LA/2023/448-324

² <https://dearprogramme.eu>

³ The lead organization of the project is Christliche Initiative Romero - CIR (DE). Partners organisations are (alphabetic order): Action Aid Denmark (DK); Action Aid France (FR); BUNDjugend (DE); CEEweb for Biodiversity (HU); European Coordination Via Campesina (BE); Focus Association for Sustainable Development (SI); International Movement of Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth - Europe (BE); Le Mouvement Rural de Jeunesse Chrétienne (FR); Mai bine Association (RO); Mani Tese (IT); Südwind (AT); Tudatos Vásárlók Közhasznú Egyesülete, Association of Conscious Consumers (HU); WeWorld (IT).

1. Background

Our global food system is broken: it favours a small number of “too-big-to-fail” corporations and exploits both our planet and people — with existing policies ensuring that it stays that way. Globalisation has created a food system with global food supply chains and large industrial food corporations. Today, **the industrialised food sector is a major contributor to climate change and exploitative labour practices**, while the exponential creation of farmland is displacing entire communities and destroying natural habitats. Human rights violations and environmental destruction can therefore be found in almost every supermarket product.

With the Green Deal and the Farm-to-Fork strategy (F2F), the EU has already set the course for change in European agriculture to make it future-proof, sustainable, and fair. So far, however, implementation has failed. We aim to close this gap. Our vision is agriculture based on agroecological principles as a counter-model to industrialised food production.

Among the people who would benefit the most from the agricultural transition into a green and fair future is the European Youth. **Young People are the key to this action:** all youth need to have a critical understanding of the global challenges linked to the food system, and, on the other hand, their active role can be crucial in raising awareness of the different actors and their societies. That is why we want to mobilise and empower them to become active agents of change to REBOOT THE FOOD SYSTEM.

As a European coalition of 14 civil society organisations from 9 countries, we are joining forces in the EU-funded project “Rebooting the food system” and calling for an agricultural revolution now! We want to replace the broken system and create a new one based on fair and sustainable principles.

As part of the project, the Co-Beneficiary is managing a third-party scheme on an international level, which is a mechanism of financial support to third parties. Third parties are civil society organisations (CSOs)⁴ that are not formal partners or beneficiaries of the action but are interested in contributing to its activities and goals. The call will be open to all smaller and grassroots-oriented CSOs based in North Macedonia, with a strong track record of reaching out and working with (young) small-scale, agroecologically focused farmers/producers and/or associations, and particularly women and young people.

⁴ CSOs are non-state, not-for-profit, voluntary entities formed by people in the social sphere that are separate from state and market. CSOs represent a wide range of interests and ties. They can include community-based organizations as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

2. Objectives of the Project

Overall Objective	The action will contribute to a more inclusive society with a developed sense of co-responsibility for sustainable food supply chains on a local and global level, tackling global inequalities and ecological crises.
Specific Objective 1	More EU citizens, in particular young people, are aware and have a critical understanding i) of the globally interdependent food system, and of agroecological principles and practices in the EU and the Global South, and ii) of the role of women and girls and other marginalized people in creating a sustainable food system.
Specific Objective 2	Young people in the EU and partner countries engage actively in campaigning for i) the empowerment of producers and workers (in particular women and girls) in the global food system, and ii) the inclusion of agroecological principles and practices in European and national food system-related policies.
Target Groups (TG)	TG1: 30 million EU citizens, esp. youth, exposed to and aware of the project, of which 500.000 follow and actively support the project. TG2: 4.000 young active citizens committed to and promoting the project, esp. its campaign. TG3: 500 CSOs in 14 EU member states currently less involved (e.g. trade unions, grass roots and women). TG4: 400 small-scale agroecology farmers and producers. TG5: 200 institutions providing food (universities, municipalities, supermarkets). TG6: 100 policy decision makers at EU and national levels.
Final Beneficiaries (FB)	FB1: Agroecological small-scale farmers in EU and in partner countries in non-EU countries (especially women) FB2: Communities in non-EU countries affected by agro-industrial production methods (incl. indigenous communities) FB3: Workers in food supply chains, mostly located in non-EU countries FB4: Consumers/citizens in the EU and in non-EU countries.

3. Objective of the Call

In order to increase the impact of its action⁵, Reboot will provide funding for at least one CSO in **North Macedonia**.

The Call for Proposals is open to grassroots-oriented CSOs with a strong track record and who reach out and work with the youth. The awarded CSO(s) will, therefore, spread the messages of the Reboot project to a significantly high number of young people and reach other youth interested in becoming active in the campaign.

The objectives of this Call for Proposals are the following: to **improve access to the young target groups** in North Macedonia and to **gain capacities/experiences for the Reboot project**. While third parties contribute experiences, their capacity is also strengthened through involvement and participation in the management of the project activities.

The expected result of the call is to **have a higher reach of the Reboot campaign messages and to empower (young) small-scale, agroecologically focused farmers/producers and/or associations — in particular women and young people — to actively campaign and advocate for a fair and agroecological food system**.

The applying third-party organisation (the Applicant) provides a project proposal that should therefore contribute to the following specific objectives:

- To increase the reach of the target group: **(young) small-scale, agroecologically focused farmers/producers and/or associations**, in particular women and young people.
- To spread the reboot campaign/activities/materials (e.g. board game, studies, etc.).
- To contribute to a **more inclusive society with a developed sense of co-responsibility for sustainable food supply chains** on a local and global level, tackling global inequalities and ecological crises.
- To provide a **critical understanding of the interdependent world** and the role of EU citizens using the example of the global food system.
- To enable the youth to engage and campaign for **producers and workers** in global food supply chains (e.g. from North Macedonia) **and the inclusion of agroecological principles in EU and national food policies**.
- EU citizens, especially youth and CSOs, are informed about the global challenges (triple crisis, social inequalities, gender discrimination) of the food system and the **opportunities for a green and fair transition** — of which many young people actively support the action.

⁵ Reboot project foresees 2 general objectives it aims to contribute to: 1) More EU citizens, in particular young people, are aware and have a critical understanding i) of the globally interdependent food system, and of agroecological principles and practices in the EU and the Global South, and ii) of the role of women and girls and other marginalised people in creating a sustainable food system; 2) Young people in the EU and partner countries engage actively in campaigning for i) the empowerment of producers and workers (in particular women and girls) in the global food system, and ii) the inclusion of agroecological principles and practices in European and national food system-related policies.

4. Eligibility Criteria for Applicants

To be eligible for financial support, the third party **must**:

Eligibility criteria	Supporting documents
be a legal person	Statute/Charter
be non-profitmaking	Statute/Charter
be a Civil Society Organisation (CSO) constituted in accordance with the legislation in force in North Macedonia	Statute/Charter
be established in North Macedonia	Statute/Charter
not be a beneficiary of a grant (neither Coordinator, nor Co-Beneficiary, nor affiliated entity)	Annex 3: Template Declaration by the Third Party
not be a recipient of other financial support towards third parties	Annex 3: Template Declaration by the Third Party
not be an associate or a contractor in the frame of this call for proposals (EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi)	Annex 3: Template Declaration by the Third Party
shall declare that it owns an IBAN number bank account, appropriate for European banking activities	Annex 3: Template Declaration by the Third Party
shall declare the acceptance that all activity must fulfil all regulations of the European Commission, such as donor expectations and rules	Annex 3: Template Declaration by the Third Party
shall declare that is able to provide an invoice in electronic and hard copy formats acceptable according to the funding programme's and EU laws and rules	Annex 3: Template Declaration by the Third Party
accept and prepare for an expenditure verification report by an external auditor contracted by CEEweb for Biodiversity	Annex 3: Template Declaration by the Third Party

Furthermore, the third party **must**:

- be a small & grassroot-oriented NGO
- be oriented to working with (young) small-scale, agroecologically focused farmers/producers and/or associations, in particular women and young people

- be experienced with agroecological work, agroecologically focused farmers/producers and/or associations, in particular women and young people
- have the administrative and financial capacity to manage the grant⁶
- shall inform CEEweb for Biodiversity, within one week, of any special event or circumstance that may cause interference or delay in the Project implementation
- shall notify CEEweb for Biodiversity in due time of any activity related to awareness raising, workshops, key strategic meetings, public meetings, or any other events that may be of interest to the Coordinator or the Donor
- carry out their tasks and responsibilities under this contract with loyalty, discretion, and responsibility
- agree that CEEweb for Biodiversity (CEEweb) stores its personal/organisational data for the duration of the project application process
- be prepared to be involved and participate in the Reboot the Food System project's exchanges and training activities, such as:
 - (A4.2) Coordination, review, and evaluation meetings with all partners,
 - (A4.3) Bi-monthly coordination online conferences
 - (A4.4) Capacity-building meetings for applicants and sub-grantees
 - (A4.5) Working group meetings
 - (A4.6) Final external evaluation/MEAL
- accept that:
 - the working language of the project is English, meanwhile the local activities are implemented in Macedonian, therefore all materials have to be delivered in both languages.
 - CEEweb for Biodiversity is the single point of contact to the Coordinator of the Project, as well as to the European Commission.
 - any changes of the Applicant's legal representatives or address must be promptly communicated to CEEweb for Biodiversity in writing.
 - the implementation of the Project is based on the project application, contract and related budget. Any major modification of objectives and results needs the explicit written consent of both Parties and shall thereupon be considered part of the signed contract.
 - only one project proposal can be submitted by each organisation under this Call for Proposals.
 - no co-applicants are allowed. The funds will be transferred to one organisation per project only. It is possible to subcontract specific tasks of the project. However, outsourcing more than 60% of the project budget by the applicant to third parties is not allowed.

The Eligibility criteria described above define the necessary conditions for participating in this Call for Proposals. Project proposals will be assessed for eligibility and merit: the Merit Evaluation criteria are described in *Section 9 - Merit Evaluation* and define criteria for selecting the applicants who will receive the grant. Only applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria will be assessed for merit.

⁶ This includes i.e. the ability to report properly, the operation of a proper bank account registered in the name of the organisation and the employment of staff which is capable and trained for adequate financial administration.

5. Target Groups

Frameworks, Models, Definitions

Following the DEAR Programme indications, in the Reboot project, the different target groups, which are the different groups of people impacted positively by the action, are allocated across a range of levels of engagement. To explore the intensity of engagement, the reference is the model of the '**Engagement Pyramid**'⁷ made by the DEAR support team: visually, it is a triangle in which Level 0 (Consumer of information about the project or its issues) is at the base, and Level 6 (Innovator: committed to the action/the issues and develops and implements (new) ideas for its promotion) at the top.

The groups targeted by the activities under this third-party scheme focus on CSOs, small-scale agroecology farmers and producers, institutions providing food (universities, municipalities, supermarkets), and policy decision-makers.

Indicators to be reached by the project

Target Groups (TG) and Final Beneficiaries (FB)	TG4: 50 agroecological small-scale farmers in North Macedonia (FB1: of these 50, 30 will be woman) TG5: 20 institutions providing food (universities, municipalities, supermarkets) FB2: 10 communities in North Macedonia affected by agro-industrial production methods (incl. indigenous communities) FB3: 1000 workers in food supply chains in North Macedonia
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⁷ See https://capacity4dev.europa.eu/library/engagement-pyramid-2pager_en?refpage=search

6. Eligible activities

Applicants are invited to present all the activities they consider necessary in order to achieve the objectives of this call for proposals in relation to existing national and/or local demands and to obtain tangible results in the context where the selected projects will be implemented.

Actions under this call must comply with the objectives and the priority issues of the call for proposals described in point 1.2. and 2.

Although the final beneficiaries of the action could be the EU general population and the Reboot project consortium, actions must clearly identify and define specific target groups as described in point 4.1.

The objectives will be reached for the benefit of the Reboot project consortium.

The activities that will be eligible for third parties are:

- Activities that empower active citizens to actively campaign and advocate for a fair and agroecological food system by participating in training and exchange activities (A2.1, A2.3, A2.6, A3.3):
 - (A2.1) Contribute to actions to train EU young adults (Target Group 2, TG2) to become multipliers for fair food supply chains and agroecology for peers of around the same age. Peers share common experiences, interests, and challenges, which makes the learning process more relatable and engaging.

Organize Multipliers Programme activities and trainings in North Macedonia to provide space for the stakeholders to exchange and meet. Participants learn about project topics (human rights and environmental protection in global agricultural supply chains, agroecology, global citizenship, gender equality, advocacy work, and others), as well as acquire and share skills on methodologies.

- (A2.3) Joint conferences for exchange, debates, and common development, and boost the skills, motivation, and engagement of highly engaged TG2 EU participants, in particular participants of the multipliers programme.
 - (A2.6) Talks and learning sessions on project topics and webinars, increasing their attractiveness and building a bridge to other activities, and open to all engaged youth, farmers from the EU and the Global South, and allies of the action.
 - (A3.3) Connect engaged young people to policymakers and provide them with background knowledge during preparatory trainings. Advocacy trips leading active young Europeans, including farmers, to key places of legislative activity where they engage with policymakers on matters related to the EU and national food system policies. They connect with key stakeholders, including business leaders, as well as civil society organisations focused on food and agriculture. This enhances their comprehension of EU policy procedures and provides a deeper understanding of the policies shaping our food system (e.g. lobby meetings, politician debates, policy trainings for activists, advocacy meetings, advocacy challenges)
- Communication and outreach activities, where youth can reach out to CSOs and young farmers/food producers and address political decision-makers and institutions

providing food to incorporate agroecological principles at local, national, EU and global levels. (A1.2)

- (A1.2) Contribute to a broad-based campaign on numerous media formats (e.g. project website, SM accounts, e-mail newsletters, paid social advertising campaigns, collaborations with influencers and content creators, press statements and invitations, fact sheets, infographics, podcasts, videos, campaign teaser video, edutainment video series, etc.) to address the largest possible TG and to appeal to their form of media consumption.
- Management activities that contribute to a strengthened involvement and participation in the capacity-building of the project.

The following types of action are ineligible:

- actions concerned only or mainly with individual sponsorships for participation in workshops, seminars, conferences, and congresses;
- actions concerned only or mainly with individual scholarships for studies or training courses;
- one-off conferences: conferences can only be funded if they form part of a wider range of activities to be implemented in the lifetime of the action. For these purposes, preparatory activities for a conference and the publication of the proceedings of the conference do not, in themselves, constitute such "wider activities";
- actions intended to raise funds or promote the visibility of the applicant or its partner(s);
- actions which consist mainly of research or study;
- actions that consist exclusively or primarily of capital expenditure, such as infrastructure, land, and equipment;
- actions that discriminate against individuals or groups of people on the grounds of their gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or lack of them, or their ethnic origin;
- actions that directly support political parties;
- actions which include proselytising activities.

With the aim of ensuring maximum visibility to the proposed activities and the Reboot Project, the creation of the synergies below is strongly encouraged:

- Synergies with the multipliers programme, youth conferences, and the digital community platform of the Reboot Project
- Synergies in international communication initiatives
- Synergies with international networks
- Synergies with Reboot Project Partners

7. Project duration

The project duration is scheduled as follows: the expected start of the project is on 18 August 2025, and must end by, maximum, 31 December 2026. Accordingly, the estimated project duration is of 16 months maximum.

8. Budget

The maximum financial support will be limited to 27 000.00 EUR (twenty-seven thousand euro) per third-party project proposal; project proposals can be below this indicative amount, depending on the adequacy of the budget to the results and activities of the project (financial efficiency: see *Section 9 - Merit Evaluation*).

Any grant requested and awarded under this Call for Proposals will be financed 100% of the total eligible costs.

The right is reserved not to award all available funds in case of insufficient quality of the proposals received and/or in case of an insufficient number of proposals received.

The budget shall be indicated in Euro, as described in Annex 2

Eligible costs are detailed in Article 14 of the Annex C.

9. Merit Evaluation

Project proposals will be assessed for eligibility and merit. The Eligibility criteria described in *Section 4 - Eligibility Criteria for Applicants* define the necessary conditions for participating in this Call for Proposals, while the Merit Evaluation criteria described below define the criteria for selecting the applicant(s) who will receive the grant. Only applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria will be assessed for merit.

The Merit Evaluation and the selection of project proposals will be made by an evaluation panel of CEEweb for Biodiversity (at least 5 persons with complementary competences and knowledge: Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL), Thematic, Technical, Methodological, Administrative). The panel will evaluate the merit of only the proposals considered eligible: the committee will draw up a ranking, indicating for each project proposal the merit evaluation awarded on the basis of the evaluation grid described below and the additional scores.

Merit evaluation criteria (100 points maximum)	
Applicants' Technical capacity (25 points)	Applicant's proven experiences with previously successfully managed similar projects at least in the past 2 years;
	Applicant's proven administrative, financial, and reporting capacities and experiences with previously managed grants with similar budget sizes and at least in the past 2 years; this includes the ability to report properly, the employment of staff who are capable and trained for adequate financial administration.
	Applicant's experience in EU project management and reporting, demonstrable at least in the past 2 years;
Applicants' knowledge of Call's topics (10 points)	Applicant's experience in relevant topics, e.g. youth activism, food system, agroecology, climate change, sustainable consumption, gender issues, human rights, and participation process.
Applicants' knowledge of the Call's primary target groups (15 points)	Applicant's capacities and experience to reach (young) small-scale, agroecologically focused farmers/producers and/or associations, in particular women and young people, e.g. in campaigning and/or in social media, street actions, and in relevant topics (e.g., food system, agroecology, climate change, sustainable consumption, gender issues)
	Applicant's involvement in national strong farmers/civil society networks and the extent of contacts with relevant stakeholders to contribute through their demands to European political/institutional decision-makers.
Proposals' relevance (10 points)	Relevance of the project and its planned activities to the objectives and priorities of the call.
Proposals' logic of intervention: quality, coherence and quantitative results (15 points)	A realistic monitoring plan is provided.
	Target groups are appropriately involved and reached: results and activities are well-designed and coherent.
	Dimension of the action: number of target groups (in particular TG4 and TG5) involved/reached.
Sustainability (5 points)	Sustainability and replicability elements are included in the project.
Proposals' financial efficiency (10 points)	Efficiency of the project (impact/budget ratio).
	Applicant's capacities and experience in a certain sphere (e.g. social media, street actions).

Merit evaluation criteria (100 points maximum)	
Methodology and innovation (10 points)	Applicant's credible access to less involved and non-active youth, and plausible strategies to activate them.
	Innovative project methodologies (e.g. participatory learning methods, creative campaign methodologies both online and in person, etc).

Additional points

Additional scores	Supporting documents
Being a grassroots-oriented organisation, smaller than organisations eligible in the DEAR or similar EU calls for proposals (5 points)	Organisation's Statute/Charter; Organisation's CV if relevant
Synergies with the multipliers programme, youth conferences, and the digital community platform of the Reboot Project (5 points)	Organisation's Statute/Charter; Organisation's CV if relevant
Wide outreach and followers on social media (5 points)	Organisation's CV/portfolio/references
Being experienced with food supply chains/climate change/agroecology) (5 points)	Organisation's CV/portfolio/references
Being a (young) small-scale, agroecologically focused farmer/producer and/or association, in particular women and young people (10 points)	Organisation's Statute/Charter; Organisation's CV if relevant
Being experienced with agroecological work, agroecologically focused farmers/producers and/or associations, in particular women and young people (10 point)	Organisation's CV/portfolio/references

Priority will be given to:

Smaller and grassroots-oriented farmers, CSOs, and farmers' associations in North Macedonia that have strong experience in agroecology and that also have young members who can share their knowledge within the Reboot project. They are members of strong farmers/civil society networks in their countries and can contribute through their demands to European political/institutional decision-makers.

The above-described criteria shall be met in the full application documents, with particular reference to **Annex 1 – Template technical proposal**, and **Annex 2 – Template budget proposal**: the presence of external links attesting to the quality of the proposal (e.g. previous projects, knowledge of methodology and target groups, and/or specific reference to stakeholders supporting the action) will be evaluated as an added value.

10. How to apply

The application to submit shall consist of the following elements:

- 1) Template technical proposal (using the template in **Annex 1**)
- 2) Template budget proposal (using the template in **Annex 2**)
- 3) Declaration by the third party (**Annex 3**)
- 4) Official documentation on the legal and non-profit status of the CSO (**Statute/Charter** stating that the CSO is a legal person officially registered, and expressing its aims and purpose)
- 5) Further documents (e.g. Organisation's CV/portfolio/references, Internal SEA-H policy, Code of Conduct) must be attached only if relevant and in **1 unified PDF file**.

No additional documents must be sent.

The full application must be sent electronically to the following e-mail address: tmorante@ceeweb.org, eseress@ceeweb.org, and office@ceeweb.org **no later than 11 August 2025, 23:59 CEST. Applications received after this date and time will not be considered.** A response e-mail will be sent upon successful transmission.

Languages: Annexes at points 1) - 3) must be filled out in English. Concerning points 4) and 5), official documentation needs to be attached in the language of origin and an official or unofficial English translation.

Technical characteristics: the application's documents must be sent as PDFs (including all documents listed above (points 1 - 5) and the project budget (Annex 3) also as an Excel sheet. The total file size must not exceed 25 MB. Only proposals handed in with all documents and all information required will be accepted. Hand-written applications and applications submitted in print version will not be accepted. Annexes must be signed by applicants' legal representatives: all types of signatures are admitted.

11. Duration and Timing

Launch of the call for proposals	11 July 2025
Deadline to ask questions to CEEweb for Biodiversity	21 July 2025
Deadline for submission of applications	11 August 2025, 23:59 CEST
Publication of the selection results	15 August 2025
Signing Contract with CEEweb for Biodiversity	15-18 August 2025
Earliest possible date for start of the activities	18 August 2025
Latest possible date for activities	31 December 2026

12. Contractual Conditions

The successful Applicants (third parties) will sign a Third-Party Agreement ('Agreement') with CEEweb for Biodiversity before the start of the project.

The third party will take responsibility for the implementation of the project.

The third party will need to report on the project expenditures. It will need to justify expenditures with financial supporting documents (invoices, boarding passes, staff and payroll records, salary slips, etc.), enabling verification that the funds have been used for the purpose and in line with the Agreement.

The third party will have to comply with the visibility requirements of the Reboot project (inclusion of project logo and EU logos, and statements in all communications, documents, publications, materials, reports, etc).

Thus, the Agreement will include

- a fixed list and description of activities to be implemented (Annex 1);
- a project budget (Annex 2);
- obligations to provide narrative and financial reporting (extent and time);
- obligations to keep records (extent and duration);
- obligation to provide proof for received payments;

- the Terms of Reference for the Call for Proposals;
- the signed Anti-Fraud Statement (Annex 3);
- Third-party bank account details;
- Visibility Guidelines for EU funded projects.

13. Payment

Payment shall be made in EUR from CEEweb for Biodiversity to the bank account indicated by the Applicant.

Payment will be done in accordance with the Agreement signed between the third party and CEEweb for Biodiversity.

CEEweb will undertake the following maximum transfers to the Subgrantee in accordance with the requested and approved budget:

- Initial pre-financing payment/transfer: 25% of the requested and approved amount.
- Second pre-financing payment/transfer: 40% of the requested and approved amount.
- Balance of the final amount: 35% of the requested and approved amount.

Furthermore:

1. The initial pre-financing payment will be conducted after the Parties have signed the Agreement.
2. The second pre-financing payment will be calculated based on the latest budget forecast provided by the Subgrantee, and conducted if:
 - the corresponding progress or interim report was submitted by the Subgrantee and approved by CEEweb;
 - the aforementioned report shows that the Subgrantee has spent 90% or more of the previously received pre-financing payment; and
 - CEEweb has received the relevant payment from the Coordinator.

The payment of the balance will be realized after the approval of the final report.

14. Contact

All up-to-date information related to the Call for Applications is available on the [page dedicated to tenders and calls for proposals](#) on CEEweb's website.

For questions on the application process, interested parties may contact the e-mails addresses tmorante@ceeweb.org and eseress@ceeweb.org until 21 July 2025.

The responses to all questions from potential applicants will be replied to directly to all parties who raised said questions, to those who were directly invited to this call for proposals, and publicly published in CEEweb for Biodiversity's website no later than 25 July 2025.

15. Annexes

The main annexes of the Call for Proposals are available on the [page dedicated to tenders and calls for proposals](#) on CEEweb's website.

Annex 1: Template Technical Proposal

Annex 2: Template Budget Proposal

Annex 3: Template Declaration by the Third Party ("Anti Fraud Statement")

Annex A: Template Third Party Agreement

Annex B: Reporting Planning MEAL Handling of funds

Annex C: General Conditions

16. Data Privacy

It is hereby informed that the personal data provided under this Call for Proposals will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 concerning the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data, as well as the free movement of such data, which repeals Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation, hereinafter GDPR). Personal data is collected and processed by Christliche Initiative Romero (Lead Partner of the Rebooting the Food System Consortium) and WeWorld (Partner of the Rebooting the Food System Consortium) as Independent Data Controllers, in compliance with the principles of fairness, lawfulness, and confidentiality protection, including through electronic means, and solely for the purposes of processing the personal data declared in the application form and communicated to the European Union. The data acquired as a result of the request for funding will be used exclusively for the purposes related to this Call. The acquisition of the data and its processing are mandatory in relation to the above purposes; consequently, any refusal may result in the inability of the Data Controller to proceed with the activities provided for in the Call.