

Funding opportunities at EU level & Next event

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Cascade funds



CASCADE FUNDS: CONTEXT

What is the European cascade funding?

Cascade Funding, also known as Financial Support for Third Parties (FSTP), is a European Commission mechanism to distribute public funding in order to assist beneficiaries, such as start-ups, scale-ups, SME and/or Public Entities, NGOs & mid-caps, in the uptake or development of an innovation.

This financial instrument is still relatively little known, but extremely effective.



CONTEXT

This type of funding is distributed by a consortium previously funded by the European Commission within a project.

The consortium (represented by the Project Coordinator) acts as the administrator of the grant and allocates it to other entities through the issuance of open calls.

Cascade funding can range from 5,000€ to 150,000€, with percentages ranging from 50% to 100%.

Typically, these grants can be used for testing, validation or development activities of new solutions related to the innovations being developed in the funding project.



CONTEXT

This form of financing represents an attractive opportunity for those that wish to access financial resources without having to go through the complex procedures of applying for direct funding.

In addition, the fact that funds have already been allocated to major projects provides greater security and reliability in the process of distributing contributions to third parties.



EXAMPLE OF NAVIGATOR

<https://sploro.eu/cascade-funding/>



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INNOVAForONE: Innovations in forestry and synergies between EU Networks



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NEXT EVENT

WHERE? ----- Valladolid (Castile and León, Spain)

WHEN? ----- next April 18th & 19th

The **overall objective** of the event is to showcase some of the main innovations developed for the EU forestry sector thanks to the Horizon Europe Program, involving some of the major EU networks dedicated to the sector.



NEXT EVENT

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The sessions will be enhanced by poster sessions, providing a platform for projects and networks, to showcase not only their findings and best practices but also to facilitate meetings and networking opportunities.

The day will culminate in a roundtable discussion centered on innovation in forestry, delving into crucial actions and the sector's future direction.



NEXT EVENT

TARGET AUDIENCE

This forum is focused on the following audience:

1. Academic forestry community at the EU level.
2. Professionals from the forestry sectors.
3. Professionals in the field of technology and R&D&I.
4. Private forest owners and Public managers.
5. Forest entrepreneurs.
6. NGOs



NEXT EVENT

DAY ONE: Plenary

It will consist of a 1-day session, in the format of project and networks presentations and round table discussions, addressing opportunities and challenges for the forestry sector, support policies and technical and innovative resources available.

DAY TWO: Parallel sessions

A session of 1 morning (on the second day) to have more meetings and workshops of the involved projects and networks. There will be the networking space (Poster room) for business rounds and networking actions.



**Thank you for your
attention and see
you all in Valladolid!**

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