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Welcome to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document! This resource is designed to provide you with answers to frequent questions and address any concerns you may have; this FAQ document aims to provide clear and concise information to help you navigate through your queries.

Throughout this document, you will find a range of frequently asked questions related to B-Resilient Lump Sums. We have carefully compiled these questions based on the most common inquiries we have received from our participants. Our goal is to ensure that you have all the necessary information at your fingertips to make the most out of this Lump Sums.

If you cannot find the answer you are looking for or need further assistance, we encourage you to reach out to your local ECCP Registered Cluster. They are well-equipped to provide personalized guidance and address any additional questions or concerns you may have.

We hope that this FAQ document serves as a valuable resource, empowering you with the information you need. Let's dive in and explore the answers to your frequently asked questions!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 What is B-Resilient?

B-Resilient is a European Project with an ambitious package of support actions to empower food processing SMEs to become more resilient by means of an optimum use of biomass, and with appropriate digital solutions. The project will focus on maximising usage of available feedstock and its subsequent valorisation of side streams into innovative bio-based ingredients. B-Resilient project is built on a zero-waste and circular concept, improving the competitiveness of food processing SME from an environmentally sustainable perspective.

1.2 What is a Lump Sum?

Horizon Europe has introduced a new funding mechanism for projects, called Lump Sum Funding.

Horizon Europe uses lump sum funding to reduce administration and financial errors. Lump sums make the programme simpler by removing the need to report actual costs. This means easier access to the programme, especially for small organisations and newcomers, who often lack the experience and capacity to cope with the complex rules for actual costs.

Lump sums are defined up-front and fixed in the grant agreement. They are paid upon completion of the activities in work packages.

Beyond that, the planning, evaluation, and execution of projects does not change much. In particular, the payment of lump sums is not dependent on successful outcomes (which are never certain in research) and follows the standard payment schedule. Lump sum projects enjoy the same degree of flexibility, and their performance is judged by the same standards.

1.3 What kind of Lump Sums are available?

B-Resilient is offering three types of Lump Sums: Business Continuity Plan, Innovation, and Internationalisation.

1.4 Can my SME apply for more than one Lump Sum?

Yes, a SME can apply to several lump sums (ex: 1 innovation lump sum and 1 internationalisation), or several lumps sums for several projects (ex: 2 innovation lump sums at 27K€).

The two limitations are:

1. A SME can receive a maximum of €60,000 as financial support under B-Resilient.
2. A SME cannot receive several grants for the same project.

1.5 How can I apply?

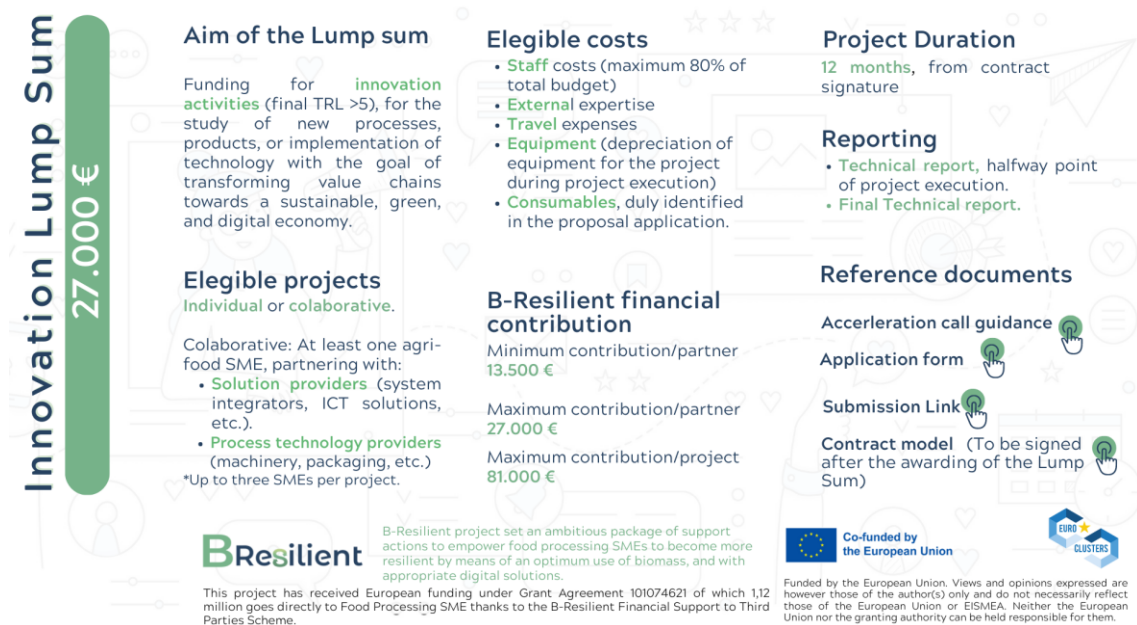
First, download the application form of the Lump Sum you are interested in applying for, from [our website](#). Submit it, **in English**, through the respective provided forms.

/!\ a gmail account is necessary

/!\ application deadline: 1st February 2024 17:00 CET

Applications will be discarded automatically if the limited words is not respected; has foreseen ineligible costs in the financial plan; in not fully written in English, or any other ineligible actions described in the application.

2. INNOVATION LUMP SUM



Innovation Lump Sum
27.000 €

Aim of the Lump sum
Funding for **innovation activities** (final TRL >5), for the study of new processes, products, or implementation of technology with the goal of transforming value chains towards a sustainable, green, and digital economy.

Eligible projects
Individual or collaborative.
Collaborative: At least one agri-food SME, partnering with:
• **Solution providers** (system integrators, ICT solutions, etc.).
• **Process technology providers** (machinery, packaging, etc.)
*Up to three SMEs per project.

Eligible costs
• **Staff costs** (maximum 80% of total budget)
• **External expertise**
• **Travel expenses**
• **Equipment** (depreciation of equipment for the project during project execution)
• **Consumables**, duly identified in the proposal application.

B-Resilient financial contribution
Minimum contribution/partner **13.500 €**
Maximum contribution/partner **27.000 €**
Maximum contribution/project **81.000 €**

Project Duration
12 months, from contract signature

Reporting
• **Technical report**, halfway point of project execution.
• **Final Technical report**.

Reference documents
Acceleration call guidance
Application form
Submission Link
Contract model (To be signed after the awarding of the Lump Sum)

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2.1 What is an Innovation Lump Sum?

The goal is to achieve greater resilience working for/to make a higher use of biomass by developing novel processes and products. Solutions proposed should consider perspectives related to green practices, digitalization, or internationalization (TRL>5). The project must be innovative for the company, the region and/or the sector.

2.2 Who is eligible?

Proposals will be eligible only if all the following conditions are met:

1. Applicants must be a SME and confirm their SME status in accordance with the [SME definition of the European Union](#) in the application form. When partnering for the project, all members must have the SME status.
2. Applicants need to be a Food production and processing company and may team up **ONLY** for Innovation lump sums up to three actors from the following areas:

a. Solution providers SME (system integrators, ICT solutions, etc.).

b. Process technology providers SME (machinery, packaging, etc.)

If it is in line with the eligibility criteria, a consortium of maximum 3 SMEs applies for Innovation lump sum with up to EUR 81 000 grant.

3. Applicants must be member of a cluster organisation registered on the [European Cluster Collaboration Platform \(ECCP\)](#) AND be established in one of the eligible countries.

2.3 What are the eligible costs?

Staff costs (maximum 80% of the total project),

Travel costs.

External expertise.

Equipment (depreciation cost).

Consumables which must be identified on proposal and previously agreed with KCP.

2.4 What TRL must the Innovation project reach?

This Lump Sum is aimed at TRL>5, meaning the **final project results** must be TRL 6-9,

2.5 What is the financial contribution?

The maximum amount granted by B-Resilient for the Innovation Lump Sum is 27,000€ per partner. If partnering with other partners the maximum granted is 81.000€ per project (27,000€ per partner).

The minimum amount granted by B-Resilient is 13,500€ per partner, proposals under this number will not be eligible.

It is not necessary to contribute with private capital; projects can be fully or partially financed with the voucher.

2.6 If I am granted a Lump Sum, how do I report my innovation action?

Matching the halfway point of the project, beneficiaries of this aid must submit a comprehensive project execution report. Once the project is completed, a final report must be submitted.

2.7 How long is this action supported for?

12 months after the contract signature. Costs incurred before/after this period will not be covered by the Innovation Lump Sum.

2.8 What are some examples of Innovation actions supported under this voucher?

Examples of new process:

Better select raw materials. | Better control the production line for efficiency.
| Valorisation of co-product.

Examples of new products:

Healthy tasty snacks made of plant-based proteins that have the same sensory sensations as meat and include fibres that increase gut health and provide a good mouth feel.

A cosmetic cream consisting entirely of natural products such as biomass-derived antioxidants and long-chain fatty acids.

Bioplastics (e.g., used in packaging) and bio-lubricants that offer higher sustainability parameters than their fossil-based counterpart.

3. INTERNATIONALISATION LUMP SUM

Internationalisation Lump Sum

7.500 €

Finalidad de la ayuda
Financiación de actividades de internacionalización para PYMES, a **mercados fuera de la Unión Europea**, preferiblemente: **Norteamérica** (Canadá y Estados Unidos) y **Noreste asiático** (Tailandia, Japón, Corea del Sur, Singapur y China). Las acciones financiadas pueden ser: asistencia a ferias (como expositor o visitante), estudios de mercado, búsqueda de contactos, etc.

Beneficiarios
PYMES agroalimentarias, que quieran explorar mercados internacionales, en busca de soluciones basadas en bioeconomía, o en busca de nuevos mercados para sus productos basados en bioeconomía.

Costes elegibles

- Costes de **personal**
- **Contratación externa**
- Coste de **viajes**
- **Otros:** contratación de un expositor, entradas a ferias y exposiciones, etc.

Presupuesto financiable
Presupuesto mínimo **3.750 €**
Financiación máxima **7.500 €**

Duración del proyecto
12 meses, desde la firma del contrato

Justificación
Informe final, dónde se justifique el cumplimiento de las acciones planteadas en la solicitud.

Documentos de referencia
Condiciones de la financiación
Documento de solicitud (EN)
Cuestionario de solicitud (EN)
Modelo de contrato (se firmará una vez aprobado el proyecto)




B-Resilient project set an ambitious package of support actions to empower food processing SMEs to become more resilient by means of an optimum use of biomass, and with appropriate digital solutions.

This project has received European funding under Grant Agreement 101074621 of which 1,12 million goes directly to Food Processing SME thanks to the B-Resilient Financial Support to Third Parties Scheme.



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3.1 What is an Internationalisation Lump Sum?

The aim is for SMEs to penetrate third-country markets by highlighting the biomass resilient products or services they have developed. To achieve this, the actions undertaken will involve exploring new contacts, conducting benchmarking and market studies in third countries, attending international exhibitions, and securing exhibition booths, outside of the EU and, preferably, in regions targeted by B-Resilient

3.2 What are the regions targeted by B-Resilient?

North America (Canada and the United States) and Northeast Asia (Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, and China).

3.3 What regions are excluded?

Internationalisation actions in the EU are not supported under this Lump Sum.

3.4 Who is eligible?

Proposals will be eligible only if all the following conditions are met:

1. Applicants must be a SME and confirm their SME status in accordance with the [SME definition of the European Union](#) in the application form.
2. Applicants need to be a Food production and processing SME.
3. Applicants must be member of a cluster organisation registered on the [European Cluster Collaboration Platform \(ECCP\)](#) AND be established in one of the eligible countries.

3.5 What are the eligible costs?

Staff costs.

Travel costs.

External expertise.

Other goods & services (Booth rental, Entrance fee...).

3.6 What is the financial contribution?

The maximum amount granted by B-Resilient for the Internationalisation Lump Sum is 7,500€ per proposal.

The minimum amount granted by B-Resilient is 3,750€ per proposal, proposals under this number will not be eligible.

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3.7 If I am granted a Lump Sum, how do I report my Internationalisation action?

At the end of the project, beneficiaries of this aid must submit a final report justifying the fulfilment of the actions proposed in the request.

3.8 How long is this action supported for?

12 months after the contract signature. Costs incurred before/after this period will not be covered by the Internationalisation Lump Sum.

3.9 What are some examples of Internationalisation actions supported under this voucher?

Search of new contacts.

Benchmark and/or market study of third country.

Travel to international exhibition as a visitor.

Booking of booth as exhibitor.

4. BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN (BCP) LUMP SUM



4.1 What is an BCP Lump Sum?

The objective is for SMEs to have ownership of a business continuity plan. The plan can either be existing and updated using the lump sum provided or created from scratch. It should serve as a dynamic document, offering step-by-step measures to be taken in the event of disruptions in logistics, production, or the availability of raw materials. However, it should not cover sales, marketing, or related topics. Actions related to this objective should focus on establishing control measures and assigning responsibilities to handle disruptions. This may involve identifying key products or services necessary to sustain business operations and assessing potential impacts of various disruptions on processes.

4.2 What regions are excluded?

Internationalisation actions in the EU are not supported under this Lump Sum.

4.3 Who is eligible?

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1. Applicants must be a SME and confirm their SME status in accordance with the [SME definition of the European Union](#) in the application form.
2. Applicants need to be a Food production and processing SME.
3. Applicants must be member of a cluster organisation registered on the [European Cluster Collaboration Platform \(ECCP\)](#) AND be established in one of the eligible countries.

4.4 What are the eligible costs?

Staff costs.

Travel costs.

External expertise (minimum 50% of the total project).

Other goods & services (Booth rental, Entrance fee...).

4.5 What is the financial contribution?

The maximum amount granted by B-Resilient for the Internationalisation Lump Sum is 7,500€ per proposal.

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