

From Ideas to Impact: 25 SMEs Selected to Boost Europe's Biofertilizer Sector



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The I3-4 Biofertilizers project has successfully completed its Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) Open Call, selecting a new cohort of innovative small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to accelerate the adoption and scale-up of biofertilizers and circular agrifood solutions across Europe.

Launched as part of the European-funded I3-4 Biofertilizers initiative, the FSTP scheme was designed to address key financial and technical barriers faced by SMEs in the transition towards sustainable agriculture. Through cascade funding, the programme provides targeted support to companies developing innovative biofertilizer solutions and services, contributing to a more resilient and circular bioeconomy.

The call attracted applications from SMEs established in eligible regions across Greece, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, and Hungary. Selected beneficiaries will receive financial vouchers of up to €60,000, complemented by tailored technical and business support, including access to expert networks, mentoring, pilot infrastructures, and decision-support tools.

The evaluation process, carried out between December 2025 and mid-February 2026, ensured a fair and transparent selection of high-potential projects aligned with the programme's objectives.



In total, **25 projects have been selected**, including **11 under Strand 1**, focused on tools and services supporting the deployment of biofertilizers within defined investment cases, and **14 under Strand 2**, dedicated to open innovation and the development and scale-up of new biofertilizer products and solutions. Together, these strands aim to bridge gaps in the value chain and accelerate the market uptake of sustainable agricultural innovations.

The funded projects are expected to contribute to strengthening the interregional biofertilizers value chain, supporting innovation uptake, and enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs operating in the sector.

By empowering SMEs with both financial resources and strategic support, the I3-4 Biofertilizers FSTP programme plays a key role in advancing sustainable farming practices, improving soil health, and reducing environmental impact across European regions.

The full list of selected projects is available on the official project website:

i3-4-biofertilizers.eu/financial-support-to-third-parties-2/

About I3-4 Biofertilizers

I3-4 Biofertilizers is a European project focused on promoting interregional cooperation and investment in innovative biofertilizer solutions and circular bioeconomy practices. Running from 2024 to 2027, the initiative supports SMEs, fosters knowledge exchange, and strengthens regional innovation ecosystems to drive the transition towards sustainable agriculture.

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