

PRE-PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

This template is an indicative model of proposal application form. All proposals have to be submitted online via the online submission tool: Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS).

The format of the proposal application form will be adapted to fit the EPSS.

General guidance for all applicants:

- *The proposal must be written in English;*
- *The different sections of the application should not exceed the prescribed maximum space;*
- *Any documents other than those requested as part of the proposal will not be forwarded to Evaluation Committee members.*

Please make sure to respect the eligibility rules of the call.

Please also consult Funding Partner Organisations (FPOs) rules advertised in JTC2026 [Call Announcement](#) which are compulsory. **Applicants are strongly advised to contact their respective (FPOs) (list available in Annex A) and to confirm their eligibility with their (FPOs) before submitting the proposal.**

Applicants should note that information on the core data (e.g., funding requested or institutions) cannot be changed in full proposals, unless explicitly requested by evaluators, by a FPO or by the Call Steering Committee (CSC). Please note that the information given in the pre-proposals is binding. No major changes regarding the proposals' content will be allowed by the CSC between the pre-proposals and full proposals.

Regarding the administrative details, a limited number of changes may be allowed, provided they are in line with the general rules of the call and the rules of the FPO. Participants shall contact the call secretariat via e-mail and their NCPs via the contacts reported in ANNEX A and in the national/regional regulations to submit their request to modify the project proposal data. The changes between the pre-proposal stage and the full proposal stage are possible, but are subject to prior endorsement, as described below for each case. Since requests for changes may take time to be processed, such requests should be made as early as possible in the full proposal stage, and at least one week before the deadline for submitting full proposals.

Minor change of budget may be allowed **by the relevant FPO**

Changes in the consortium composition:

No changes of Coordinator (i.e., Principal Investigator and entity) will be allowed, except in case of force majeure. A request of change of coordinator must be submitted to the Call Secretariat at least one week before the deadline for submitting full proposals and it will be discussed on a case-by-case basis by all Funding Organisations involved in the proposal.

Changes in the consortium composition are allowed (maximum 2 changes of Project Partners in proposals with more than 5 partners; maximum 1 change of project partner in proposals with 5 or less partners). A request for change (addition, removal or replacement of a partner) must be submitted to the Call Secretariat at least **one week** before the deadline for submitting full proposals and is subject to approval by all Funding Organisations involved in the proposal.

Please note that the number of changes applies to "Partner", i.e., the independent legal entity participating in the Transnational RDI project (incl. self-financed partners). For changes of team members/PIs, the relevant FPOs (and not the Call Secretariat) should be consulted, as this does not constitute a change of consortium composition (with the exception of the change of Coordinator).

Please note that the general and national/regional eligibility criteria must be respected. The addition of a partner from an underrepresented FPO does not count towards the maximum changes allowed between step 1 and 2 (Widening option, cf section 5.6 of the Call announcement). The removal of a project partner requesting funding to a FPO with high financial pressure or addition of a partner from an underrepresented funding organisation does not count towards the maximum changes allowed between step 1 and 2 (Fallback procedure, section 5.7)

When applying, keep in mind that the submission system will close at 15:00 CET of the deadline date established for Step 1. However, the CS can only ensure responses to email support requests up to 12:00 CET.

Call for transnational research projects on “Sustainable Water Management”

1. General project information

NB: This part will have to be filled in directly in the EPSS.

Proposal ID:	automatically from EPSS (e.g. Water4All2026-1)
Project short name/acronym*	(max 20 characters including spaces)
Project title*	(max 150 characters including spaces)
Keywords	Maximum 5 keywords related to your project may be entered here. Keywords help effective expert selection to evaluate your proposal. (min 1 keyword, max 5 keywords)
Start date of the project	(between 2027-12-01 and 2028-03-31)
Project duration (months)	The duration is 36 months
Under which modality you apply?	Select under which modality you are applying - JTC – Regular modality - JTC - ECR modality (obtained a PhD less than 10 years ago)

2. Add / edit / remove partners - add or remove project partners, change partner type, change PI

- After adding your project partners, please ask them to:
 - sign up for a Water4All EPSS user account at <https://proposals.etag.ee/water4all>
 - go to the applicant's desktop page <https://proposals.etag.ee/water4all/2026/applicant>
 - accept the invitation to join the proposal.

The steps above should be completed by all project partners whose status in the partners' list below shows 'has not joined yet'.

Please note that the EPSS does not send invitation emails to the partners. Please inform them yourself via email, etc.

Add partner and subcontractors

Type of the partner Choose between:	Eligible for direct funding First Name: Last Name: Email:
	A subcontractor, is subcontracted by an eligible partner Subcontractor's organisation name and country (if known), or just some text to identify the subcontractor
	Fully self-funded, brings their own secured budget First Name: Last Name: Email:

3. Partners' details

NB: This part will have to be filled in directly in the EPSS.

- Partner's details

- Brief CV of the Principal Investigator
- Budget
- Preview this part of the proposal

You will have to provide in this section information on the coordinator and Partners involved, as well as the requested budget per Partner.

There are 2 categories of Partners:

1. Partners from countries (and organisations) eligible for direct funding (designated Partners 1, 2... N). Please, consider that there cannot be more than 7 partners, including one self-funded, if present.
2. Fully self-financed Partner from any country who bring their own secured budget. The self-funded partner cannot be the project Coordinator. No more than one self-funded project partner per consortium is allowed.

Partner data

Coordinator (Partner 1) or Partner 2, Partner 3 ... Partner N			
1. Please insert as many copies of this table as necessary for other Partners. Consider that there cannot be more than 7 partners, including one self-funded, if present. This upper limit can be increased to eight partners per consortium if at least one partner from an undersubscribed FPOs is included			
Details of the Principal Investigator of Partner 1:			
First name		Last name	
Title		Gender	
E-mail		Nationality	
Choose PI identificatory type or specify other type		Other Type	
Enter PI identificatory value or associated link			
Principal investigator's website	(including complete list of publications, if any)		
Phone			
Choose professional status or specify other	Choose between: Professor, Assistant professor, Associate professor, Senior Scientist, Post-Doc, PHD student		
Other status			
Career Stage ¹	To be chosen among:		
(optional)	Category A: Top grade researcher Category B: Senior researcher Category C: Recognised researcher Category D: First stage researcher		
Employment status information	Choose between: - On permanent position - On fixed-term position		

¹ Choose one of the following 4 options:

- Category A: the single highest grade/post at which research is normally conducted. (Example: "director of research")
- Category B: Researchers working in positions not as senior as top position (A) but more senior than newly qualified doctoral graduates (Example: "senior researcher").
- Category C: the first grade/post into which a newly qualified doctoral graduate would normally be recruited. (Examples: "researcher", "investigator" or "post-doctoral fellow").
- Category D: Either doctoral students at the ISCED level 8 who are engaged as researchers, or researchers working in posts that do not normally require a doctorate degree. (Examples: "Ph.D. students" or "junior researchers" without a Ph.D).

Details of the organisation					
Legal full name of the research organization / company			Short name (acronym) of the research organisation/Company		(max 10 characters)
Website					
Participant Identification Code (PIC) of the organisation ²			Status: Private or Public?		Choose between: Private Public
Participant Organisation Type	Choose between: HES, REC, PRC, PUB, OTH ³	Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME status):	Choose between: YES, NO	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE) ⁴ :	
Registered Office address of the research organization / company					
Street name and number					
PO Box		Postal Code		Cedex	
Town			Town		
Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory					
Is department's postal address the same as the Organisation's legal address above?	Choose between: • Same as legal address • Specify different address				
Street name and number					
PO Box		Postal code		Cedex	
Town			Country		
Expertise and partner's role in the project	(max 1000 characters)				

² 9-digit number serving as a unique identifier for organisations (legal entities) participating in EU funding programmes / procurements. If needed, one can apply for a temporary PIC on: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register>. A search tool for organisations and their PICs is available on <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register-search>. We suggest validating the PICs via the public available Partner Search – Organisation Profile service. This allows use to fill out some requested data inputs automatically, which is less error-prone and provides much better user experience.

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/apis>

³ Secondary and higher education establishments (HES); Research organisations (excluding education) (REC); Private for-profit companies (PRC); Public bodies (excluding research and education) (PUB); Other entities (OTH).

⁴ The NACE code is a Statistical Classification of Economic Activities of the organisation. You can find further information about NACE at Eurostat website <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/nace-rev2> and the classification can be downloaded at https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_CLS_DLD&StrNom=NACE_REV2&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntCurrentPage=1&StrLayoutCode=LINEAR#

Other team members involved in the project*	
Team member 1: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage	
Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage	
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Team member N: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage	
* Please include all other team members to be involved in the project, would they be funded or not by your project. Do not repeat a principal investigator here. If you do not yet have all the information for a team member (e.g. for a postdoc), you can indicate that the person is not yet known. See the notes about different career stages above.	

Brief CV of the Principal Investigator of Partner 1

NB: This part will have to be filled in directly in the EPSS, using the CV template below.

First name	
Last name	
Email	
Add Education records	<i>Currently ongoing studies can be described by leaving the To year field empty. Please fill in all other fields.</i>
From year - To year	<i>Type of education</i>
Organisation	<i>Country (choose from the list)</i>
Position	
From year - To year	<i>Position</i>
Organisation	<i>Country (choose from the list)</i>
Up to 5 most important achievements, publications, IP (e.g. patents) relevant to the proposal over 2021-2026, if any.	<i>Enter a full bibliographic reference and please repeat the publishing year in a separate field.</i>
Awards and general expertise	
Awards received / other responsibilities	<i>(max 1000 characters including spaces)</i>
General expertise and its relevance for the project	<i>(max 1000 characters including spaces)</i>

Budget of Partner 1

Please note that you should indicate in this table the total costs of the project and the funding requested to your Funding Partner Organisation and their indicative repartition between the different categories of costs, i.e. personnel (including permanent salaries depending on Funding Partner Organisations' rules), equipment, consumables, subcontracts, travels, overheads). Please make sure to follow your Funding Partner Organisations' rules for the determination of the eligible costs and the requested funding calculation. Please note that some Funding Partner Organisations cannot provide a funding equal to 100% of eligible costs. For questions, contact your Funding Partner Organisation Contact Point.

Please indicate in this table the total costs / expenses of your own activities and the requested funding budget:

- The column "Total cost" comprise all the costs related to the project independently of national funding rules. You have to indicate here all the costs of the project.
- The column "Funding request" comprises the part of the costs that you will request from your Funding Partner Organisation. Please make sure that VAT is eligible according to national/regional legal framework and Funding Partner Organisations' rules. If not, please do not include VAT.

- The column "Own funding" will be filled in automatically by Online Submission Tool, it includes all the expenses which are not covered by the Funding Partner Organisation (either because the funding level is lower than 100% and/or some expenses are not eligible for funding and/or are provided in-kind). The Own funding is equal to the difference between the Total cost and the Funding request.

Please, include one table like the following one for each partner.

Partner number			
Principal Investigator			
Research organisation / Company		Country	
Funding Partner Organisation(s) to which you are applying for funding ⁵		To be selected on the list of Funding Partner Organizations	

items	Total cost (in Euro including VAT) depending on national rules)	Funding requested (in Euro, including VAT depending on national rules) ⁶	Own funding (equal to the difference between total cost and funding requested)
Personnel			Calculated by Submission Tool Online
Equipment			Calculated by Submission Tool Online
Consumables			Calculated by Submission Tool Online
Subcontracting ⁷			Calculated by Submission Tool Online
Travel			Calculated by Submission Tool Online
Other			Calculated by Submission Tool Online
Overhead			Calculated by Submission Tool Online
Total	Calculated by Online Submission Tool	Calculated by Online Submission Tool	Calculated by Submission Tool Online

Total time to be dedicated to the project in person-months	To be filled in by coordinator/partners
Explanation and/or remarks concerning the proposed budget of this partner	Please enter a brief description of major cost items and short justification (personnel, equipment, consumables, subcontracts, travel expenses, other costs). For overhead costs, national regulations may apply. (max 1000 characters)
Subcontractors contracted by Partner 1	Please select all subcontractors that you are contracting (name them if possible) and click "Save changes". An individual budget table is created below, for each subcontractor. If a subcontractor does not appear in the list, please ask the project coordinator (Research Partner 1) to add them to the list of project partners and subcontractors first.

⁵ Please indicate to which Funding Partner Organisation you are requesting funds

⁶ Please make sure that VAT is eligible according to national/regional legal framework and Funding Partner Organisations' rules. If not, please do not include VAT.

⁷ Indicate here the total budget and requested budget for your subcontracted Partners and/or any other subcontracting costs.

Budget of Self-funded partner

Please note that as self-funded partner you are not eligible to request funding from a funding organization. Please, indicate in this table that total costs/expenses of your own activities (Column "Total cost") i.e all costs related to the project.

Please be reminded that Self-funded partners must demonstrate the willingness to self-fund their own activities or show evidence that other partners are willing to fund their activities.

Research Organisation / Company	Name of the organisation
Country	

items	Total cost (in Euro including VAT) depending on national rules)	Funding requested (in Euro, including VAT depending on national rules) ⁶	Own funding (equal to the difference between total cost and funding requested)
Personnel			<i>Calculated by Submission Tool Online</i>
Equipment			<i>Calculated by Submission Tool Online</i>
Consumables			<i>Calculated by Submission Tool Online</i>
Subcontracting ⁷			<i>Calculated by Submission Tool Online</i>
Travel			<i>Calculated by Submission Tool Online</i>
Other			<i>Calculated by Submission Tool Online</i>
Overhead			<i>Calculated by Submission Tool Online</i>
Total	<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>	<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>	<i>Calculated by Submission Tool Online</i>

Total person-months:	Number
Finance comments – how the participation to the project will be funded	Explanation of how the participation to the project will be funded (max 1000 characters)

For the self-financed Partner, please indicate shortly how its participation to the project will be funded. Please note that a Letter of Commitment will be required as a mandatory document in the full proposal application.

4. **Summary of the project** - summary of the project, topics, scientific disciplines, expert nominated to Knowledge Hub

Please, select the overall dominant topic of your proposal for the ranking purposes. Note that your proposal may still address one or more (sub)topics. Indicate the relevant percentages of the (sub)topics in the table below.

Main topic addressed by your project (one option only)

- Topic 1. Integrated monitoring and assessment for sustainable water management
- Topic 2. Nature-based approaches for resilient water management at hydrological and hydrogeological system scale
- Topic 3. Smart, secure and adaptive water infrastructures for sustainable water management
- Topic 4. Resilient water systems through systemic change, policy coherence and inclusive governance

Please specify which topics are addressed by your proposal by entering an estimation of percentage of the coverage of each subtopic. Make sure that the selection is coherent with the selection of the main topic. The total percentages are calculated automatically and should not / cannot be modified directly.

Topic 1: Integrated monitoring and assessment for sustainable water management	Sum for topic 1
- Subtopic 1.1	(percentage)
- Subtopic 1.2	(percentage)
- Subtopic 1.3	
Topic 2: Nature-based approaches for resilient water management at hydrological and hydrogeological system scale	Sum for topic 2
- Subtopic 2.1	(percentage)
- Subtopic 2.2	(percentage)
- Subtopic 2.3	
Topic 3: Smart, secure and adaptive water infrastructures for sustainable water management	Sum for topic 3
- Subtopic 3.1	(percentage)
- Subtopic 3.2	(percentage)
- Subtopic 3.3	
Topic 4: Resilient water systems through systemic change, policy coherence and inclusive governance	Sum for topic 4
- Subtopic 4.1	(percentage)
- Subtopic 4.2	(percentage)

Total (it must be 100%)	100%
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Scientific disciplines

The **scientific disciplines** mobilised in your project, depending on the expertise of the members of your consortium. *Choose from the pre-defined list below. The list corresponds to the taxonomy of the Horizon Europe programme.*

Type a few characters to filter the list / search for a discipline that's relevant to your project	List of all available disciplines. Double click on a discipline, or select one or more disciplines and click Add.
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Knowledge Hub

At least one expert of each project needs to be nominated to act as project ambassador related to the activities of the Knowledge Hub:

Name and surname of the nominated expert(s)	If you nominate multiple experts, please separate the experts with a comma, e.g.: Expert 1, Expert 2, ...
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Summary of the project

The summary must include: - general objectives of the project (strategic, commercial, etc.); - scientific and/or technological aims of the project; - relevance to the call.	(500-4000 characters including spaces)
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5. *Short description of the project - upload a PDF file with the description of the project*

Instructions: the project description shall be written in **maximum 7 pages** – including title and citations – Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm. Footnotes are allowed, if you respect the above-mentioned layout criteria. Links and hyperlinks are not allowed. All pages after page 7 and all links and hyperlinks will be removed and not transmitted to the evaluators.

The project description must include:

- State of the art, own work, previous activities of the consortium in the field;
- Objectives, aims;
- Relevance to the call (including theme(s));
- Concept, methods;
- Explanation of the novelty of the research planned, in relation to the present state-of-the-art;
- Expected results and how they lead to impact;
- Transnational added value of the research proposed;
- Workplan;
- Exploitation and dissemination of results including open science practices, sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end users where appropriate.

NB: This part will have to be uploaded as a single pdf on the EPSS

Short project description .pdf file	Upload file
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6. *Exclusion / suggestion of potential reviewers (optional) - indicate experts who could review or should not be asked to review your proposal*

Potential competitors:

- List here potential reviewers who, you think, should not be asked to evaluate the project for reasons of direct competition and partiality.

First name	Last name
Email	
Organisation	Country (choose from the list)
Rationale for excluding the reviewer	

Collaborators with conflict of interest

- List significant collaborators that should not be used as reviewers due to conflicts of interest.

First name	Last name
Email	
Organisation	Country (choose from the list)
Rationale for excluding the reviewer	

Suggestion of potential reviewers (optional)

- Please indicate up to 4 experts who could review your proposal, including their field expertise. The rules on conflict of interest set forth in 4.5. "Confidentiality and conflict of interests" in the Call Announcement apply to these suggestions.
- Please note that these are only suggestions for consideration by the International Evaluation Committee (IEC) and Call Steering Committee (CSC). The final attribution of reviewers to proposals is the responsibility of the IEC and CSC.

First name	Last name
Email	
Organisation	Country (choose from the list)
Link to his/her website	
Field of expertise	

7. *Ethics self-assessment and do no significant harm principle*

NB: Applicants are responsible for and recommended to provide a more detailed response to all questions, to the best of their knowledge, at the time of pre-proposal submission.

Ethics self-assessment

For all proposed research activities funded by Water4All, the ethical dimension is an integral part of research from the beginning to end, and ethical compliance is seen as pivotal to achieve real research excellence. A detailed ethics self-assessment will be required at full proposal stage.

Please go through the table below and indicate which elements concern your proposal by answering 'Yes' or 'No'.

For more information on each of the ethics issues and how to address them, including detailed legal references, please consult the Horizon Europe Programme Guidelines [How to complete your Ethics Self-assessment](#). Clicking on any of the Save buttons on this page saves the entire page.

The applicant shall self-assess the respect of the ethics principles answering to the following questionnaire:

1. HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS AND HUMAN EMBRYOS	Y/N
Does this activity involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?	Y/N
If yes, will they be directly derived from embryos within this project?	Y/N
If yes, are they previously established cells lines?	Y/N
If yes, are the cell lines registered in the European registry for human embryonic stem cell lines?	Y/N
Does this activity involve the use of human embryos?	Y/N
If yes, will the activity lead to their destruction?	Y/N
2. HUMANS	
Does your research involve human participants?	Y/N
If yes, are they volunteers for nonmedical studies (e.g. social or human sciences research)?	Y/N
If yes, are they healthy volunteers or medical studies?	Y/N
If yes, are they patients for medical studies?	Y/N
If yes, are they potentially vulnerable individuals or groups?	Y/N
If yes, are they children / minors?	Y/N
If yes, are they other persons unable to give informed consent?	Y/N
Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants?	Y/N
If yes, does it involve invasive techniques?	Y/N
If yes, does it involve collection of biological samples?	Y/N
Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014)? (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products).	Y/N

If yes, is it a clinical trial?	Y/N
If yes, is it a low-intervention clinical trial?	Y/N
3. HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES	
Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues?	Y/N
If yes, are they human embryonic or foetal cells or tissues?	Y/N
If yes, are they available commercially?	Y/N
If yes, are they obtained within this project?	Y/N
If yes, are they obtained from another project, laboratory or institution?	Y/N
If yes, are they obtained from biobank?	Y/N
4. PERSONAL DATA	
Does this activity involve processing of personal data?	Y/N
If yes, does it involve the processing of special categories of personal data (e.g.: sexual lifestyle, ethnicity, genetic, biometric and health data, political opinion, religious or philosophical	Y/N
If yes, does it involve profiling, systematic monitoring of individuals, or processing of large scale of special categories of data or intrusive methods of data processing (such as, surveillance, geolocation tracking etc.)?	Y/N
Does this activity involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of pre-existing data sets or sources, merging existing data sets)?	Y/N
Is it planned to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries?	Y/N
Is it planned to import personal data from non- EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country?	Y/N
5. ANIMALS	
Does your research involve animals?	Y/N
If yes, are they vertebrates?	Y/N
If yes, are they non-human primates (NHP)?	Y/N
If yes, are they genetically modified?	Y/N
If yes, are they cloned farm animals?	Y/N
If yes, are they endangered species?	Y/N
6. NON-EU COUNTRIES	
Will some of the activities be carried out in non- EU countries?	Y/N
In case non-EU countries are involved, do the activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues?	Y/N
Is it planned to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)?	Y/N

Is it planned to import any material (other than data) from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? For data imports, see section 4.	Y/N
Is it planned to export any material (other than data) from the EU to non-EU countries? For data exports, see section 4.	Y/N
Does this activity involve low and/or lower- middle income countries? (if yes, detail the benefit-sharing actions planned in the self-assessment in your full proposal)	Y/N
Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the activity at risk?	Y/N
7. ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH and SAFETY	
Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants (during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact)?	Y/N
Does this activity deal with endangered fauna and/or flora / protected areas?	Y/N
Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to humans, including those performing the activity (during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact)?	Y/N
8. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	
Does this activity involve the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence? (if yes, detail the benefit-sharing actions planned in the self-assessment in your full proposal)	Y/N
9. OTHER ETHICS ISSUES	
Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration? If yes, please specify	Y/N
Please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)	

Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) assessment

The Do no significant harm principle was introduced in the European Green Deal to ensure that the research and innovation activities do not make significant harm to any of the six following environmental objectives ([EU Taxonomy Regulation](#)). You can find more information on what is considered as doing significant harm to the above objectives in the following note:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/faq/15485>

Please indicate which of the following environmental objectives require further evaluation according to the DNSH principle	YES	NO	Justification if NO has been selected
Climate change mitigation			
Climate change adaptation			
The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources			
The circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling			
Pollution prevention and control to air, water or land			
The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems			

Only if the answer is YES for an environmental objective, a substantive DNSH assessment is needed. In that case, please fill-in the corresponding row in the table below.

Questions	NO	Substantive justification
<i>Climate change mitigation:</i> Is the measure expected to lead to significant GHG emissions? ⁸		
<i>Climate change adaptation:</i> Is the measure expected to lead to an increased adverse impact of the current climate and the expected future climate, on the measure itself or on people, nature or assets?		
<i>The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources:</i> Is the measure expected to be detrimental: i. to the good status or the good ecological potential of bodies of water, including surface water and groundwater; or ii. to the good environmental status of marine waters?		
<i>The circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling.</i> Is the measure expected to: i. lead to a significant increase in the generation, incineration or disposal of waste, with the exception of the incineration of non-recyclable hazardous waste; or ii. lead to significant inefficiencies in the Pollution prevention and control to air, water or land Is the measure expected to lead to a significant increase in the emissions of pollutants ⁹ into air, water or land?		
<i>The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems:</i> Is the measure expected to be: i. significantly detrimental to the good condition ¹⁰ and resilience of ecosystems; or ii. detrimental to the conservation status of habitats and species, including those of Union interest? ii. direct or indirect use of any natural resource ¹¹ at any stage of its life cycle which are not minimised by adequate measures ¹² ; or cause significant and long-term harm to the environment in respect to the circular economy ¹³		

⁸ Please notice that the mitigation measures in the call announcement do not only refer to GHG emission but it has a broader meaning. In this cell please specify the mitigation measure related to GHG emission, if any.

⁹ Pollutant means a substance, vibration, heat, noise, light or other contaminant present in air, water or land which may be harmful to human health or the environment.

¹⁰ In line with Article 2(16) of the Taxonomy Regulation, “‘good condition’ means, in relation to an ecosystem, that the ecosystem is in good physical, chemical and biological condition or of a good physical, chemical and biological quality with self-reproduction or self-restoration capability, in which species composition, ecosystem structure and ecological functions are not impaired”.

¹¹ Natural resources comprise energy, materials, metals, water, biomass, air and land.

¹² For instance, inefficiencies can be minimised by significantly increasing the durability, reparability, upgradability and reusability of products or by significantly reducing resources through the design and choice of materials, facilitating repurposing, disassembly and deconstruction, in particular to reduce the use of building materials and promote the reuse of building materials. Additionally, transitioning to ‘product-as-a-service business models and circular value chains with the aim of keeping products, components and materials at their highest utility and value for as long as possible. This also comprises a significant reduction in the content of hazardous substance in materials and products, including by replacing them with safer alternatives. This further includes significantly reducing food waste in the production, processing, manufacturing or distribution of food.

¹³ Please refer to Recital 27 of the Taxonomy Regulation for more information on the circular economy objective.

8. **Preview the entire proposal** - view the working copy of your pre-proposal and submit it to the Call Secretariat

By submitting the application, the Coordinator declares that:

- The project applicants hereby declare, that to the best of their knowledge the research outlined in this proposal is unique in character and does not duplicate research already funded at national, regional or EU level, within nation, regional, international or EU calls.
- The applicants confirm that they are aware that failure to fulfil this condition will result in the withdraw of this proposal from the application process or the withdraw of funding from approved projects.
- The proposal is line with the guidelines to ethical aspects of the Horizon Europe Programme

The final step is to press the “Submit the proposal to the Call secretariat”-button.

After that, A SUBMITTED PRE-PROPOSAL EXISTS. A submitted pre-proposal can be changed and resubmitted any time until the closing date

9. **Download proposal budget (optional)** - view / download the budgets of all project partners

Confirmation of submission

The content of the proposal should be written in English. Incomplete proposals or proposals that do not adhere to the general eligibility criteria and to the national/regional eligibility requirements will be rejected and will not be evaluated.

Use of data

For your information: the data provided in this pre-proposal application form will be used to:

- communicate with you about the call and application process
- allow the Funding Partner Organisations to perform an eligibility check of the applicants
- assess the competencies and complementarities of your proposal and consortia by the Evaluation Committee members and external reviewers
- award funding if your application is successful
- analyse and describe our applicant pool (the name of applicants is anonymised in our analysis)
- collect your feedbacks and improve our communications with potential future applicants in future Joint Calls

Anonymity and confidentiality will be maintained throughout processing of these data for the production of statistics. Please note that these data will be accessible to Funding Partner Organisations participating in the call, including the ones based in non-EU or non-EEA countries. Protection of personal data and compliance with the [EU's General Data Protection Regulation \(2016/679\)](#) (GDPR) is however ensured.

Retention of personal data shall take an end in accordance with the Online Submission Tool General [Data Protection Policy](#) and [Water4All Privacy and Data Policy](#)

ANNEX 1

WATER4ALL JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL 2026: “Sustainable Water Management”**Title and acronym of the pre-proposal****TEMPLATE FOR THE PRE-PROPOSAL**

Instructions: the project description shall be written in **maximum 7 pages** – including title and citations – Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm. Footnotes are allowed, if you respect the above-mentioned layout criteria. Links and hyperlinks are not allowed.

The project description must include:

- a. State of the art, own work, previous activities of the consortium in the field;
- b. Objectives, aims;
- c. Relevance to the call (including theme(s));
- d. Concept, methods;
- e. Explanation of the novelty of the research planned, in relation to the present state-of-the-art;
- f. Expected results and how they lead to impact;
- g. Transnational added value of the research proposed;
- h. Workplan;
- i. Exploitation and dissemination of results including open science practices, sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end users where appropriate.