



OPEN CALL FOR ASSOCIATED REGIONS

GUIDELINE FOR APPLICANTS

1 INTRODUCTION

This document provides relevant information regarding the Open Call of the Restore4Life project. The Restore4Life – Open Call aims to share the results and knowledge of the project on an ongoing basis with selected 'Associated Regions' and to provide them with scientific and technical support for the implementation of wetland restoration solutions in their territory. They will be provided with technical assistance to use the outcomes and knowledge of Restore4Life to prepare roadmaps, plans, and projects to restore wetland ecosystems in their region.

2 GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

This section describes the relevant terms that are used in the Open Call documentation. Unless otherwise stated, the definition of a term is the one stated in this section.

2.2 MEANS OF SUBMISSION

The Restore4Life webpage (<https://restore4life.eu>) will be the entry point for the submission of all proposals to the Restore4Life Open Calls. Any proposal submitted through other channels will be automatically rejected.

Any documentation that is required and requested by the Restore4Life consortium should be submitted via a dedicated channel that will be indicated by the consortium during the execution of the sub-granted projects.

2.3 LANGUAGE

English is the official language for the Restore4Life Open Calls. Submissions done in any language other than English will not be eligible or evaluated.

English is the only official language during the whole implementation of the Restore4Life programme. This means that any requested submission of documentation and deliverables will be done in English to be eligible.



2.4 DATA PROTECTION

To process and evaluate applications, Restore4Life will need to collect personal and industrial data. The Restore4Life consortium ensures that data is collected, processed and published in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR)¹.

It should be noted that Restore4Life requests the minimum information needed to deliver the evaluation procedures or the implementation of the funding programme. The 'Annex 6: Bank account information' and 'Annex 3: Sub-grant Agreement template' are provided for reference and will only be requested if the applicant is accepted to the programme.

Please refer to <https://restore4life.eu/privacy-policy/> to check the Restore4Life privacy policy and security measures.

2.5 ORIGIN OF THE FUNDS

Selected applicants will sign a dedicated sub-grant funding agreement with the Restore4Life consortium. The funds attached to the Sub-grant funding agreement come directly from the funds of the Horizon Europe project Restore4Life and therefore remain property of the EU until the payment of the balance, whose management rights have been transferred to the project partners in Restore4Life via European Commission GA no. 101112736.

3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Restore4Life invites consortia of up to 3 partner entities to submit proposals for the implementation of holistic wetland restoration solutions in areas similar to at least one demonstrator site of the Restore4Life project.

3.1 APPLICANTS' AND CONSORTIUM ELIGIBILITY

All applicants and consortia must meet the requirements described in this section to be eligible for the Restore4Life – Open Call.

3.1.1 TYPES OF APPLICANTS

Eligible beneficiaries may only be **local and/or regional authorities**. Any other type of third parties according to the Horizon Europe conditions like private for profit organisations, higher education organisations or NGOs are not eligible. In addition, it must be ensured that participating facilities are registered at the Funding & Tenders portal and have a 9-digit Participant Identification Code (PIC)².

¹ Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC ('GDPR') (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1).

² for more information, please visit: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/OM/Registration+and+validation+of+your+organisation>



3.1.2 CONSORTIA REQUIREMENTS

The call will fund projects developed by a single entity or a consortium of 2–3 entities from one or multiple eligible countries with a lead organization within the team submission.

3.1.3 ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Single legal entities established in any of the following countries are eligible to participate in the Restore4Life–Open Call:

- The Member States of the European Union (EU), including their outermost regions.
- Horizon Europe associated countries (those that have signed an agreement with the EU as identified in the HE Programme Guide) according to the updated list published by the EC.
- The country must not be part of the Restore4Life consortium.

Following countries are therefore eligible:

Albania, Armenia, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Faroes, Finland, France³, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo⁴, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova⁵, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal³, Sweden, Tunisia⁵, Türkiye⁵, UK, Ukraine⁵

In general, the Restore4Life – Open Call follows the rules applied by the EC for the R&D Programme Horizon Europe in terms of geographical coverage, eligibility, and exclusions, which take precedence. Entities listed within the EU Sanction Map⁶ are not eligible.

3.1.4 NUMBER OF PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

The Restore4Life – Open Call is a competitive funding programme. Any entity may only participate in one proposal to this Open Call. Any entity participating in more than one consortium will automatically disqualify all proposals in which the entity(ies) participate.

3.2 FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

The following financial conditions apply for proposals to be eligible:

- The total budget per project may not exceed €100.000.
- The total amount requested must represent 100% of the total project costs and cover direct costs as personnel costs and purchase costs (for travel and subsistence, equipment and other goods, works and services) as well as indirect costs (up to 25%)⁷.

³ Including its belonging Outermost Regions (OR)

⁴ In compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244

⁵ except parties listed on the EU Sanction Map

⁶ Found at: <https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main>

⁷ for more details refer to: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/agr-contr/general-mga_horizon-euratom_en.pdf

This also includes costs of organizing workshops in the associated region itself as well as attending internal Restore4Life meetings.

- Costs are eligible if they fulfil the general eligibility conditions, are calculated based on the costs actually incurred and the support is implemented in accordance with the conditions set out.
- Only actual costs incurred by the recipients when implementing the supported activities will be reimbursed by WP 5 Leader BEN 10 – KUEI.
- The exact amount of financial support will be assessed based on the evaluation procedure and estimations of the applicants made during the proposal submission.

3.3 ELIGIBLE RESTORATION ACTIVITIES

List of type of activities that can receive financial support:

- Removal of channel and bank regulations for restoration of near-natural conditions and biodiversity
- Restoration of natural riverbed and meanders in canalised section of the river
- River dynamics improvement
- Removal of invasive species
- Restoration of riparian areas and biodiversity
- Restoring/improving water circulation and connectivity of secondary channels, dead arms and lakes at low water levels
- Monitoring of existing / previous actions
- Nature based solutions in rivers and floodplains
- Citizen involvement

3.4 OTHER CONDITIONS

Each applicant must confirm the eligibility conditions and rules of the Horizon Europe Programme (especially Articles 12, 13, 14, 17.2, 18, 19 and 20 of the R4L Grant Agreement)⁸:

- Article 12: The beneficiaries must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the Agreement could be compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect interest (**'conflict of interests'**).
- Article 13: The parties must keep confidential any data, documents or other material (in any form) that is identified as sensitive in writing (**'sensitive information'**).
- Article 14: The action must be carried out in line with the highest **ethical standards** and the applicable EU, international and national law on ethical principles. The beneficiaries must commit to and ensure the respect of basic **EU values** (such as

⁸ for more details refer to: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/agr-contr/general-mga_horizon-euratom_en.pdf

respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities).

- Article 17.2: communication activities of the beneficiaries related to the action, dissemination activities and any infrastructure, equipment, vehicles, supplies or major result funded by the grant must acknowledge EU support and display the **European flag** (emblem) and **funding statement**.
- Article 18: Beneficiaries must follow the specific rules for carrying out the action set out in Annex 5 of the R4L Grant Agreement.
- Article 19: The beneficiaries must provide any **information requested** in order to verify eligibility of the costs or contributions declared, proper implementation of the action and compliance with the other obligations under the Agreement and they must keep their information stored in the Portal **Participant Register up to date**, in particular, their name, address, legal representatives, legal form and organisation type.
- Article 20: The beneficiaries must **keep records** and other supporting documents to prove the proper implementation of the action in line with the accepted standards in the respective field.
- It is not excluded from the possibility of obtaining EU funding under the provisions of both national and EU law, or by a decision of both national and EU authority.

Note: Third parties receiving financial support from Restore4Life through the Open Call will not become part of the Restore4Life Grant Agreement. The Restore4Life Grant Agreement will not need to be amended to include the selected beneficiaries.

Potential applicants are invited to read the EU Funding & Tenders Portal Online Manual⁹ and the EU Grants AGA – Annotated Grant Agreement¹⁰.

4 OPEN CALL SUBMISSION, SELECTION AND NEGOTIATION PROCESS

Proposals submitted to the Restore4Life – Open Call are submitted in a single stage and evaluated in two steps, as presented in Figure 1.

4.1 PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

The submission of proposals to the Restore4Life – Open Call will follow the steps listed in this section. The Open Call launches on 1st February 2024. The deadline for submission of proposals is 29th May 2024, 17:00 CET (Brussels time).

⁹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/om_en.pdf

¹⁰ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf

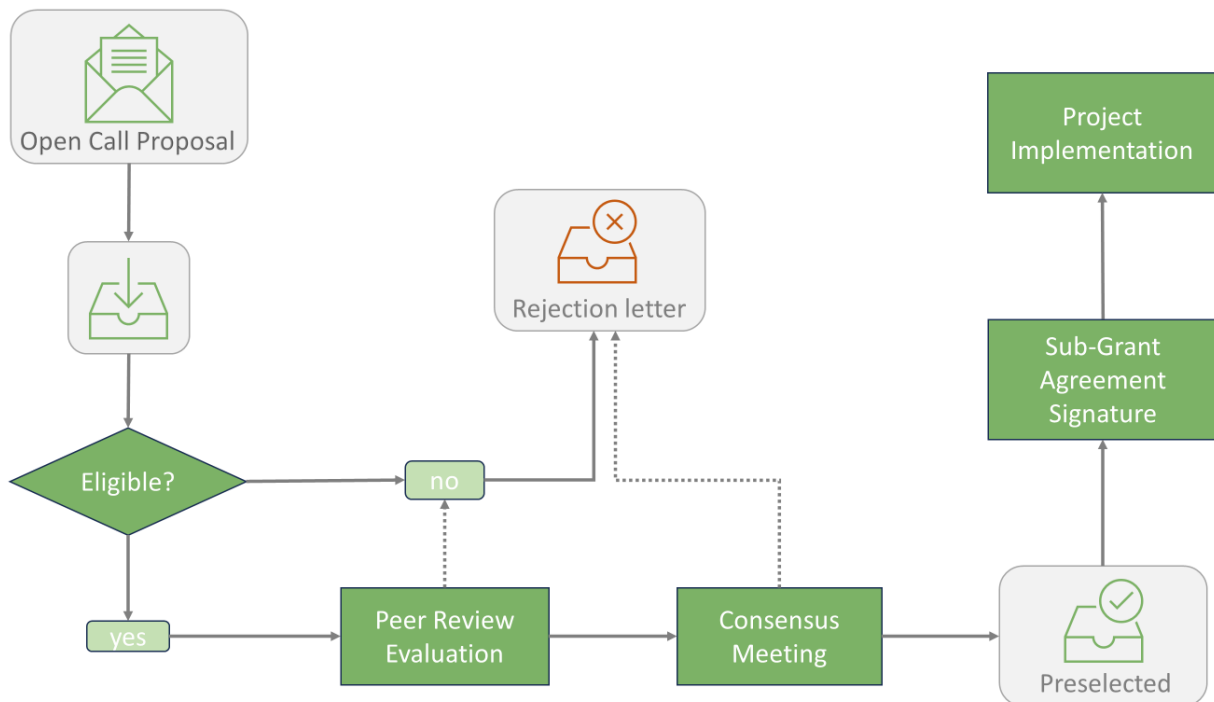


Figure 1. Restore4Life Open Call submission and evaluation process.

4.1.1 OPEN CALL PUBLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION

The Open Call is supported by the following documentation, which can be found at <https://restore4life.eu/homepage/open-call/>. Applicants are encouraged to read and download all relevant files before proceeding with the submission.

- Annex 1: Guidelines for Applicants, the present document.
- Annex 2: Application form, available at <https://events.hifis.net/e/applicationR4L/>
- Annex 3: Sub-grant agreement (template), which provides a template of the sub-grant agreement that the successful applicants will be requested to sign.
- Annex 4: Declaration of Honour.
- Annex 5: Consortium Declaration of Honour.
- Annex 6: Bank account information, which collects information about the bank account to which payments will be made.

4.1.2 PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Applicants must consider the following when preparing their proposal:

1. Applicants are required to apply online and answer all mandatory questions (with no exception) at: <https://restore4life.eu/homepage/open-call/>.
2. Any submission provided by any means other than the Restore4Life homepage will not be accepted.



3. Applicants are recommended to become familiar with Annex 3 – Sub-grant agreement; Annex 4 Declaration of Honour (applicable to all entities); and Annex 5 – Consortium Declaration of Honour. These documents must be provided if the applicant is selected and are mandatory to finalise the contract and enter the funding programme. NOTE: only a certified electronic signature will be accepted.
4. The Open Call deadline will not be extended unless a major problem with the Application Tool makes the system unavailable. In case an extension is provided, all applicants will be notified.

4.2 PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION

The evaluation of proposals is carried out by an Evaluation board consisting of the Steering Committee of Restore4Life and an external Advisory Committee with recognized experts and decision makers from European/ national organizations. The Restore4Life consortium ensures that the process is fair and in line with the principles outlined in the European Commission's rules on proposal submission and evaluation.

4.2.1 STEP 1: ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

An initial eligibility verification will be done to filter out and discard non-eligible proposals. Proposals must meet ALL the following eligibility criteria, which will check the following:

1. Submissions have been made ONLY through the online Application form and by the defined deadline.
2. The proposing entities are legal entities established in an eligible country and eligible for funding under Horizon Europe rules.
3. The proposing consortia meets the consortium formation requirements.
4. The proposal, including the application form and all requested and mandatory information and documents, is completed.
5. The proposal is written in English.

The eligibility check enables the creation of a shortlist of proposals to be evaluated in the next step of the evaluation process.

Proposals marked as non-eligible (for not meeting one or more of the eligibility criteria) will receive a rejection letter with justification of the decision.

4.2.2 STEP 2: PEER REVIEW EVALUATION

Proposals considered eligible will move on to the evaluation phase.

The selection of Associated Regions will be made by an evaluation board consisting of the Steering Committee and the external Advisory Committee. Recognised experts and decision makers from European (e.g. EEA), Danube basin (e.g. ICPDR, EUSDR, Danube Commission, IAD), national (ministries, stakeholders, NGOs) organisations and, if possible, from the implementation sites will be invited to join the advisory board.

Evaluators are required to be independent, impartial, and objective. The selected experts must sign a declaration of confidentiality concerning the contents of the proposals they reviewed and they must confirm the absence of any conflict of interest. Any known conflict

of interest will be immediately communicated to the Restore4Life team. Evaluators will also be bound by strict confidentiality regarding the evaluation during and after the evaluation process. The assessment will be made on the criteria, scores and minimum thresholds precisely described in the Guidelines for Applicants (present document). The proposals will be scored based on the criteria below (Table 1).

Table 1. Restore4Life – Open Call description of evaluation criteria

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION
1. EXCELLENCE	a) Objectives fitting to the principles of Restore4Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment of the objectives of the proposal of the associated region with the project objectives of Restore4Life (overall and specific)
	b) Similarity to at least one of the four implementation sites¹¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding the abiotic, biotic and/or socio-economic conditions AND Regarding the planned restoration activities
2. IMPACT	a) Estimated impact for Restore4Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution to the establishment and validation of the Restore4Life Wetland Restoration Decision Support System Measures to exploit results and promote the project
	b) Expected benefit for the EU MISSION «RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS» and its target of Protecting and Restoring freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity
3. IMPLEMENTATION	a) Feasibility of planned activities/plan for co-creation, monitoring and restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of the project work plan, including alignment of outcomes with proposed objectives Description of barriers/ risks that may affect the workplan Description and rationale of project costs, including personnel costs for the team and other resources
	b) Existing knowledge, ambition, resources and/or local and regional network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of the qualities and areas of expertise of the applicants as well as previous projects Amount of resources, including staff, data and work already done, the applicants can offer Strength of the local network of the organisation behind the proposal

Each sub-criterion will be scored between 1 and 5. Half point scores are not given. For each sub-criterion under examination, score values will indicate the rationale presented in Table 2.

¹¹ Information regarding our Implementation Sites can be found on our website: <https://restore4.life.eu/implementation-sites/>

Table 2. Restore4Life – Open Call scoring rationale

Score	Rationale
1 / Poor	The proposal addresses the criterion in an inadequate manner or there are significant weaknesses.
2 / Fair	The proposal addresses the criterion broadly, but there are still several weaknesses.
3 / Good	The proposal addresses the criterion well, but improvements are necessary.
4 / Very Good	The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but some improvements are still possible.
5 / Excellent	The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Each evaluator will record their individual assessment of each proposal using an Individual Evaluation Report (ISR). A single Evaluation Summary Report (ESR) will be prepared by the Evaluation Panel, representing opinions and scores on which the evaluators agree.

The maximum score for a proposal that can be reached is 30 points, which is calculated from the sum of all sub-criteria. The final score for each proposal is calculated based on the average of the scores provided by the evaluators. The threshold for each sub-criterion is two (2). Therefore, any proposal with a score of less than two for any criterion is automatically rejected.

4.2.3 STEP 3: RANKING OF PROPOSALS AND SELECTION

At the end of the peer review process, all proposals will be ranked in a single list. The primary rule for ranking proposals will be their overall score, based on the average scores of the evaluators. In case multiple proposals are ranked with the same score, a consensus meeting will be convened in order to select the ones for funding. Criteria for prioritization between concurring proposals will be good geographic coverage and representativeness of different wetland related challenges.

At least five proposals will be selected and invited to the contract negotiation phase. Additionally, three proposals will be kept on a reserve list. All proposals will receive an acceptance or rejection letter together with an anonymised version of their ESR. The outcome of the calls will be published without delay, including a description of third-party projects, the date of the award, the duration, and the legal name and country.



4.3 SUB-PROJECT NEGOTIATION AND ONBOARDING

After the evaluation phase is concluded and the sub-projects are selected, the Restore4Life consortium will start the contract preparation phase in collaboration with the representatives of the sub-projects that have been awarded.

Contract preparation will run through an administrative and financial check (and potentially into technical or ethical/security negotiations) based on evaluators' comments. On a case-by-case basis, a phone call or teleconference may be required with a selected project to clarify specific questions.

The objective of the contract preparation is to fulfil the legal requirements between the Restore4Life consortium and each beneficiary of the Open Call. Recipients will need to ensure the right of control for the Commission, OLAF and the Court of Auditor and the right for the Commission to make an evaluation of the impact of the action. The items covered are presented in Table 3.

It should be emphasised that each participating entity should provide at contract preparation time a valid VAT¹². Failure to provide a valid VAT number will automatically result in exclusion from the contract preparation.

Table 3. Restore4Life – Open Call requirements for contract preparation

<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Proof of Legal Existence</i>	Company register, official journal or other official document per country showing the name of the organisation, the legal address and registration number and a copy of a document proving VAT registration (in case the VAT number does not show on the registration extract or its equivalent).
<i>Declaration of Honour</i>	One document per entity of the consortium, signed by the legal representative of the entity.
<i>Consortium Declaration of Honour</i>	One document for the consortium, signed by the legal representative of each entity of the consortium.
<i>Bank Account information</i>	The account where the funds will be transferred will be indicated via a specific form signed by the entity, individuals, and the bank owners. The holder of the account will be the entity/ individual. Provided using Annex 6.
<i>Sub-grant agreement</i>	Signed between the Restore4Life consortium, represented by its coordinator (University of Bucharest) and the beneficiary. The sub-grant agreement will also include the comments (if any) of the proposal's ESR to the work plan.

¹² http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/vies/

Note: the contract as provided to the sub-grantee is final and may not be changed, including the addition or removal of any articles or other content.

4.3.1 USE OF QUALIFIED SIGNATURES

Restore4Life will use certified electronic signatures in all documents included in the proposal and in the subsequent sub-grant agreements. A certified electronic signature is an advanced electronic signature which is additionally created by a qualified signature creation device (QSCD); and is based on a qualified certificate for electronic signatures.

Therefore, scanned wet signatures (hand-written signatures) are not considered eligible. Applicants should use any Digital Signature Services that support certified electronic signatures.

The European Commission proposes a demo of DSS (Digital Signature Services), a tool that enables the signature of documents. More information about certified electronic signatures is available [here](#).

The request of the above listed documentation by the Restore4Life consortium will be sent to the project representatives, including deadlines by which information and documentation should be sent. In general, the negotiation should be concluded within 2 weeks. An additional period may be provided by the Restore4Life coordinator in case of a relevant reasoning. In case negotiations have not been concluded within the above period, the proposal is automatically rejected and the next proposal in the reserve list is invited to initiate the contract preparation.

At the end of the contract preparation and negotiation phase, the sub-grant agreement (Annex 3) will be signed between the Restore4Life consortium represented by its coordinator (UB-RCSSES), the WP 5 Leader BEN 10 – KUEI, who is responsible for the reimbursement of the costs, and the Lead Beneficiary.

5 RESTORE4LIFE PILOT PROGRAMME

5.1 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The Project implementation will run until February 2027 and will include following tasks:

- Interaction with local stakeholders, in an ecosystem-based management approach, to identify restoration needs in the replication area.
- Contribution to one workshop to be held in the Associated Region on planning (pre-restoration) tools, specific application of planning tools (setting goals, identifying obstacles and opportunities, discussion of restoration options, and execution plans) and the co-development of roadmaps based on a common replication framework (February–July 2025).
- Development of a roadmap by January 2026 of restoration actions for the Associated Region to support the replication of Restore4Life solutions and tools. The development of this roadmap will be technically assisted by Restore4Life partners via capacity building, trainings and guidance on structure and content.

- Participation in one workshop with stakeholders from all Associated Regions for (cross-)regional validation of the tools developed by the Restore4Life project.
- Active participation in at least one Restore4Life meeting/event.

Restore4Life will provide scientific and technical advisory support to the Associated regions for the implementation of wetland restoration solutions in their territory. This will involve the twinning of each Associated Region with a similar demonstration site. To achieve this, Restore4Life will implement special formats, interactive workshops, optionally field trips in the demonstrator sites and a platform for twinning activities to continuously share Restore4Life outcomes and knowledge. All developed tools and restoration measures will be fully open, usable, and made applicable to the Associated Regions.

5.2 REPORTING AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Funding Recipient must report on the implementation of the funded Project by submitting an interim and final report and accounts. The reports must show in particular the use of the granted funding, the verifiable report on the implementation of the funded Project and the success achieved through this. The numerical proof must include a breakdown of all income and expenditure associated with the funded works, which can be verified by receipts. Proof can be provided by means of copies of invoices and copies of proof of payment. Documents can also be transmitted in electronic form if complete, orderly, identical in content, true to the original and verifiable reproduction is guaranteed. However, the Funding Body reserves the right to inspect the original receipts or to submit them later.

At any moment during the Restore4Life programme and after the applicant ends its activities, the Restore4Life consortium may require additional reporting and contributions from the beneficiaries, beyond those mandatory to release payments. Such reporting will be requested to ensure that the Restore4Life project respects any specific requests of the EC, to ensure compliance with any requirements internal to a Restore4Life partner, or to support the promotion of the projects. Such requests may include, but are not limited to:

- Details on data management practices of the beneficiaries, as part of the project they are implementing or specific to the entity.
- Contributing with information and to the development of practice abstracts, which provide easy to read information on practices related to the project.
- Details on origin and management of data that is being brought into the project (using an existing data provider) and not generated exclusively during the project implementation.
- Information about the implementation and conclusions of the project to develop promotional materials (e.g., videos, success stories).
- Statistics on researchers and employees working on the project for the beneficiary.



6 ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

The selected entities are indirectly beneficiaries of EC funding. Therefore, selected entities are responsible for the appropriate use of the funding and must comply with obligations under Horizon Europe specific requirements as described in Horizon Europe. Specific details and guidelines related to all aspects of the responsibilities of the beneficiaries are provided in the sub-grant agreement.

6.1 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BENEFICIARIES

6.1.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Beneficiaries must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the sub-project is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest ('conflict of interest').

They must formally notify the Restore4Life coordinator without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interest and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation. The Restore4Life coordinator will verify if the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken by a specific deadline.

If a sub-granted project consortium member breaches any of its obligations, the sub-grant agreement may be automatically terminated. Moreover, costs may be rejected.

6.1.2 CHECKS AND REVIEWS

The EC may, at any time during the implementation of the sub-project and up to five years after the end of the sub-project, arrange for a check and review to be carried out, by external auditors, or by the EC services themselves, including the European Anti-Fraud office (OLAF). The procedure shall be deemed to be initiated on the date of receipt of the relevant letter sent by the EC.

Each beneficiary commits to a proper use of the funding received, for the purposes of carrying out the project in compliance with the defined milestones and expected deliverables. At the end of the project funded by the open call, a financial statement will be submitted by each beneficiary to the Restore4Life project coordinator for assessment.

6.1.3 PROMOTING THE ACTION AND GIVE VISIBILITY TO THE EU FUNDING

The beneficiary must promote the sub-project, the Restore4Life project and its results, by providing targeted information to multiple audiences (including the media and the public) in a strategic and effective manner and to highlight the financial support of the EC.



6.2 CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PROTECTION

6.2.1 APPLICATION STAGE

A complete list of applicants will be prepared containing their basic information for statistical purposes and clarity, which will be also shared with EC for transparency. The applicants' list will not be public but will serve as statistics in project communication materials.

6.2.2 EVALUATION STAGES

To process and evaluate proposals, Restore4Life will need to collect personal and industrial data. The Restore4Life consortium ensures that data are managed in compliance with The General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

Restore4Life may share the proposals with selected external reviewers, with whom a contract and non-disclosure agreements are signed to protect the confidential information given by the applicants. Please note that Restore4Life requests the minimum information needed to deliver the evaluation procedures or the implementation of the funding programme. Further legal and financial information will only be requested if the consortium entities are accepted in the programme. Please refer to <https://restore4life.eu/> to check the Restore4Life data privacy policy and security measures.

The final list of the awarded projects and beneficiaries will be made public, including the name of the projects, abstract, legal name of the entity, type of entity, country of origin, and projects' results, duration, and budget.

7 CONTACT INFORMATION

The Restore4Life consortium will provide information to the applicants primarily via <https://restore4life.eu/homepage/open-call/>, so that all information (questions and answers) will be accessible to all potential applicants.

No binding information will be provided via any other means (e.g., telephone or email).

- More info about Restore4Life at: <https://restore4life.eu/>
- More information and a FAQ about the Restore4Life – Open Call: <https://restore4life.eu/homepage/open-call/>
- Apply via: <https://events.hifis.net/e/applicationR4L/>
- Restore4Life support team: info@restore4life.eu