

SOILTRIBES | LUMP SUM GRANTS TO SUPPORT INITIATIVES LED BY MULTI-ACTOR TEAMS

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Open Call to Support Initiatives Led by Multi-Actor Teams

SoilTribes invites applications for lump sum grants aimed at supporting innovative, multi-actor initiatives that foster soil literacy, raise public awareness, and engage diverse communities in the protection and restoration of soil. These grants are designed to trigger behavioral change and galvanize innovation at the intersection of science, arts, and society.

By embracing a multi-actor and multidisciplinary approach, these grants aim to mobilize teams composed of cultural and creative actors, soil scientists and technologists, public authorities, educators, citizen groups, and other stakeholders. Projects supported through this call will contribute to the European Mission [“A Soil Deal for Europe”](#) by promoting disruptive, place-based collaborations that translate soil science into meaningful, engaging, and actionable initiatives.

All communications and submissions part of SoilTribes will be carried out in English, including application, contract and implementation progress. However, language skills are not rated in the project evaluation and applicants are welcome to make use of online translation tools.

MAIN APPLICANT

* Organisation Name

* Address (Street, City, Postal Code)

* Country

- ☐ Afghanistan
- ☐ Albania
- ☐ Algeria
- ☐ Angola
- ☐ Argentina
- ☐ Armenia
- ☐ Austria
- ☐ Azerbaijan
- ☐ Bangladesh
- ☐ Belarus
- ☐ Belgium
- ☐ Belize
- ☐ Benin
- ☐ Bhutan
- ☐ Bolivia
- ☐ Bosnia and Herzegovina
- ☐ Botswana
- ☐ Bulgaria
- ☐ Burkina Faso
- ☐ Burundi
- ☐ Cabo Verde
- ☐ Cambodia
- ☐ Cameroon
- ☐ Canada
- ☐ Central African Republic
- ☐ Chad
- ☐ Colombia
- ☐ Comoros
- ☐ Congo (Democratic Republic)
- ☐ Congo (Republic)
- ☐ Costa Rica
- ☐ Côte d'Ivoire
- ☐ Croatia
- ☐ Cuba
- ☐ Cyprus
- ☐ Czechia
- ☐ Denmark

- ☐ Djibouti
- ☐ Dominica
- ☐ Dominican Republic
- ☐ Ecuador
- ☐ Egypt (Arab Republic)
- ☐ El Salvador
- ☐ Equatorial Guinea
- ☐ Eritrea
- ☐ Estonia
- ☐ Eswatini
- ☐ Ethiopia
- ☐ Faroe Islands
- ☐ Fiji
- ☐ Finland
- ☐ France
- ☐ Gabon
- ☐ Gambia
- ☐ Georgia
- ☐ Germany
- ☐ Ghana
- ☐ Greece
- ☐ Grenada
- ☐ Guatemala
- ☐ Guinea
- ☐ Guinea-Bissau
- ☐ Guyana
- ☐ Haiti
- ☐ Honduras
- ☐ Hungary
- ☐ Iceland
- ☐ Indonesia
- ☐ Iran (Islamic Republic)
- ☐ Iraq
- ☐ Ireland
- ☐ Israel
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ Jamaica
- ☐ Jordan
- ☐ Kazakhstan
- ☐ Kenya
- ☐ Kiribati
- ☐ Korea (Democratic People's Republic)

- ☐ Kosovo
- ☐ Kyrgyz Republic
- ☐ Lao (People's Democratic Republic)
- ☐ Latvia
- ☐ Lebanon
- ☐ Lesotho
- ☐ Liberia
- ☐ Libya
- ☐ Lithuania
- ☐ Luxembourg
- ☐ Madagascar
- ☐ Malawi
- ☐ Malaysia
- ☐ Maldives
- ☐ Mali
- ☐ Malta
- ☐ Marshall Islands
- ☐ Mauritania
- ☐ Mauritius
- ☐ Micronesia (Federated States)
- ☐ Moldova
- ☐ Mongolia
- ☐ Montenegro
- ☐ Morocco
- ☐ Mozambique
- ☐ Myanmar
- ☐ Namibia
- ☐ Nepal
- ☐ Netherlands
- ☐ New Zealand
- ☐ Nicaragua
- ☐ Niger
- ☐ Nigeria
- ☐ North Macedonia
- ☐ Norway
- ☐ Pakistan
- ☐ Palestine
- ☐ Papua New Guinea
- ☐ Paraguay
- ☐ Peru
- ☐ Philippines
- ☐ Poland

- ☐ Portugal
- ☐ Romania
- ☐ Rwanda
- ☐ Samoa
- ☐ São Tomé and Príncipe
- ☐ Senegal
- ☐ Serbia
- ☐ Sierra Leone
- ☐ Slovak Republic
- ☐ Slovenia
- ☐ Solomon Islands
- ☐ Somalia
- ☐ South Africa
- ☐ South Sudan
- ☐ Spain
- ☐ Sri Lanka
- ☐ St. Lucia
- ☐ St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- ☐ Sudan
- ☐ Suriname
- ☐ Sweden
- ☐ Syrian Arab Republic
- ☐ Tajikistan
- ☐ Tanzania
- ☐ Thailand
- ☐ Timor-Leste
- ☐ Togo
- ☐ Tonga
- ☐ Tunisia
- ☐ Türkiye
- ☐ Turkmenistan
- ☐ Tuvalu
- ☐ Uganda
- ☐ Ukraine
- ☐ United Kingdom
- ☐ Uzbekistan
- ☐ Vanuatu
- ☐ Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic)
- ☐ Vietnam
- ☐ Yemen Republic
- ☐ Zambia
- ☐ Zimbabwe

* Select the option that best describes the organisation

- ☐ Organisation from creative and cultural industries and sectors
- ☐ Non-profit organisation (private or public)
- ☐ Public authority (national, regional, local)
- ☐ International organisation
- ☐ Non-governmental organisation
- ☐ University
- ☐ Educational Institution
- ☐ Think Tank
- ☐ Research Centre
- ☐ Startup/SME
- ☐ Other

If 'Other', please specify:

Main Contact

Please provide the contact details of a person we can reach out to for any follow-up communication related to this application. The information will remain confidential and will only be used for the purposes of the application process.

* First Name

* Last Name

* Email

* Telephone (include international code, i.e. +351)

* Role or position in the organisation

CONSORTIUM COMPOSITION

For **small projects (25.000€ | 6 Months)**, applications may be submitted by:

- A single applicant (single beneficiary), **or**
- A consortium composed of at least 2 independent beneficiaries (not including affiliated entities).

For **medium (50.000€ | 9 Months)** and **large projects (100.000 | 12 Months)**, applications must be submitted by a consortium composed of at least 3 independent beneficiaries (not including affiliated entities).

Single applicants are not eligible for medium or large projects.

* Please indicate whether the application is being submitted by a single applicant or by a consortium:

- ☐ Single Applicant (Small-projects only)
- ☐ Consortium

Please download and complete the Consortium Composition Template by clicking the link below:

[SoilTribes Consortium Composition.docx](#)

Once completed, upload the filled-in template in the designated upload field below. Accepted file formats: .docx or .pdf.

* **Confirmation of Eligibility – Cultural and Creative Sector Participation**

Please confirm that the application includes at least one beneficiary organization from the cultural and creative industries and sectors, as required by the call.

- ☐ Yes, this requirement is fulfilled
- ☐ No, this requirement is not fulfilled (Please note: this may cause your application to be ineligible)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

* Title/Name of the Project

Project Subtitle

* Project Abstract

3500 character(s) maximum

* Project Lot

The call is structured around two lots, reflecting the maturity and development stage of the proposed initiatives:

- ☐ **Lot 1 – Development of new ideas:** Support for new and experimental initiatives that are in early stages of development.

- ☐ **Lot 2 – Improvement and scale-up of existing ideas/solutions:** Support for initiatives that build on prior experience and are ready to improve, replicate, or scale.

*** Project Strand**

- ☐ **Communication campaigns:** Projects aimed at raising awareness and improving soil literacy through strategic messaging and outreach.
- ☐ **Creative soil-related activities and events:** Initiatives that engage communities through artistic and cultural practices with a focus on soil.
- ☐ **Citizens' engagement:** Participatory processes and co-creation activities that empower citizens and communities to take action on soil-related issues.
- ☐ **Participatory processes** aimed to engage with different groups of people
- ☐ **Development and prototyping of innovative artistic-driven solutions**, as well as pilots for testing and upscaling artistic-driven innovative solutions

*** Which category or categories of eligible activities are addressed by the project? *Select all that apply.***

- ☐ **Awareness-raising/communication activities** (including production and distribution of print, multimedia or audiovisual material, web and social media outreach activities, media events, conferences, seminars, workshops)
- ☐ **Capacity-building actions** (education, training, mentoring, conferences, seminars, workshops)
- ☐ **Campaigning and advocacy activities**

*** In addition to the core topic of soil literacy, which of the following European Mission “A Soil Deal for Europe” priorities does the project address?**

Please select all that apply:

- ☐ Land degradation relating to desertification
- ☐ Conservation and increasing of soil organic carbon stocks
- ☐ No net soil sealing and increase the reuse of urban soils
- ☐ Reduction of soil pollution and enhance restoration
- ☐ Soil erosion prevention
- ☐ Improvement of soil structure to enhance habitat quality for soil biota and crops
- ☐ Reduction of EU global footprint on soils

*** Based on the scope, ambition, and implementation needs of the proposed project, select the project's grant size:**

The call provides three options, each associated with a specific implementation period.

- ☐ Small | 25.000€ | 6 Months
- ☐ Medium | 50.000€ | 9 Months
- ☐ Large | 100.000€ | 12 Months

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

1. RELEVANCE

*** 1.1 Context and Needs Analysis |** Describe the context and background of the proposed project.

Explain the specific needs it addresses, and how it relates to the priorities of the Soil Deal for Europe mission, the New European Bauhaus and the nexus between science, technology, the arts, and society.

2000 character(s) maximum

*** 1.2 Objectives |** State the overall goal and specific objectives of the proposed project.

- *For Lot 1: Describe how the project introduces a new, creative, or experimental initiative at an early development stage.*
- *For Lot 2: Describe how the project builds on an existing idea or solution and contributes to its improvement, replication, or scaling.*

2000 character(s) maximum

*** 1.3 Artistic Value |** Describe the artistic and creative aspects of the project. Include how artistic or creative methods are integrated in the project activities.

2000 character(s) maximum

*** 1.4 European Added Value|** Explain how the project has the potential to create impact beyond the local, regional, or national level. Describe how it can be transferable, scalable, or how it can support broader learning or uptake of the project's results.

2000 character(s) maximum

*** 1.5 Cross-cutting Issues |** Explain how the project addresses the following cross-cutting issues:

1. Inclusiveness and accessibility
2. Gender equality
3. Environmental sustainability and climate change
4. Ethical considerations

2000 character(s) maximum

2. QUALITY/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- * **2.1 Work Plan and Timeline** | Provide a clear overview of the project's work plan and timeline. Describe the main phases, activities, and how the timeline is structured to ensure that the proposed objectives are achieved in a coherent and realistic manner.

2000 character(s) maximum

- * **2.2 Methodology** | Describe the methodology and approaches to be applied throughout the project. Explaining how these will support the delivery of high-quality results and ensure the effectiveness and relevance of the activities.

2000 character(s) maximum

3. MANAGEMENT/COST-EFFECTIVENESS

- * **3.1 Operational Capacity** | Describe the operational capacity of the organisation(s) and key team members. Include relevant experience, skills, and expertise that demonstrate the ability to successfully implement the proposed project.

2000 character(s) maximum

- * **3.2 Cooperation Mechanism** | Describe how collaboration will be structured among organisations, including defined roles and responsibilities. Emphasise cross-disciplinary and cross-sectoral dimensions, if applicable.

2000 character(s) maximum

- * **3.3 Management and Quality Assurance** | Explain how the project will be managed, monitored, and evaluated.

2000 character(s) maximum

4. IMPACT AND SUSTAINABILITY

- * **4.1 Impact** | Describe the expected outcomes of the project and how they will be measured. Explain how the project will generate relevant changes for the target groups and territories, and contribute to the Soil Mission objective of improving soil literacy, awareness, and engagement.

2000 character(s) maximum

- * **4.2 Communication and Dissemination** | Outline the strategy for communicating and disseminating project results. Describe the target audiences, communication tools and channels to be used, and how the project will ensure proper visibility of EU funding.

2000 character(s) maximum

- * **4.3 Sustainability** | Explain how the results of the project will be sustained beyond the funding period. Include plans for continued use, replication, or further development of the outcomes.

2000 character(s) maximum

BUDGET FORECASTING AND PLANNING

Budget Forecasting Template:

Applicants must download and complete the Budget Forecasting Template provided below. In this template, you must indicate the budget allocated per beneficiary and per budget category.

You may add rows as needed to include all applicable beneficiaries and ensure the allocation is clearly detailed.

Please note that the total budget forecasted in the template must exactly match the grant amount you selected in the Project Description section of this application.

[SoilTribes-Budget_Forecasting_Template.xlsx](#)

Submit the completed Budget Forecast:

Once completed, please upload the filled-in template in the corresponding upload field below.

Only files of the type xls,xlsx,ods are allowed

- * **Provide a justification for the proposed budget.** Explain how the budget is allocated in line with the work plan, and how it demonstrates cost-effectiveness and coherence with the planned activities.

Reminder: the estimated budget presented must consider two mandatory trips: one for a kick-off meeting that will take place in February 2026 at ENTRUDANÇAS Festival in Portugal; and a second for an impact assessment meeting scheduled for February 2027 at EXPERIMENTA Biennale in France. At least one representative from each funded project is required to attend both meetings.

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ETHICS SELF-ASSESSMENT

All applicants are required to complete an ethics self-assessment as part of this application. This is a preliminary check to identify any potential ethical issues related to your proposed activities.

This assessment is adapted from the European Commission's standard ethics evaluation. For additional guidance on how to complete your ethics self-assessment, we encourage you to consult the European Commission's guide: [how-to-complete-your-ethics-self-assessment_en.pdf](#)

Section: Humans

* Does your activity involve **human participants**?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Are they volunteers?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Are they healthy volunteers for medical studies?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Are they patients for medical studies?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Are they potentially
vulnerable individuals or
groups?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Are they children/minors?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Are there other persons unable to give informed consent?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Does your activity **involve interventions** (physical also including imaging technology, behavioural treatments, tracking and tracing, etc.) on the study participants?

- ☐ Yes
☐

No

* Does it involve invasive techniques (e.g. collection of human cells or tissues, surgical or medical interventions, invasive studies on the brain, TMS etc.)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Does it involve collection of biological samples?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Does your activity **involve conducting a clinical study** as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation 536/2014 (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Is it a clinical trial?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Is it a low-intervention clinical trial?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Section: Humans Cells/Tissues

* Does your activity involve the **use of human cells or tissues** (other than those covered in previous section)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Are they human embryonic or foetal cells or tissues?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Are they available commercially?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Are they obtained within this project?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Are they obtained from another project, laboratory or institution?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Are they obtained from a biobank?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Section: Protection of Personal Data

* Does your activity involve **processing of personal data**?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 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 beliefs)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Does it involve processing of genetic, biometric or health data?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 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.)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Does your activity involve **further processing of previously collected personal data** (including use of preexisting data sets or sources, merging existing data sets)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Is it planned to **export personal data** (data transfer) from the EU to non-EU countries?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Is it planned to **import personal data** (data transfer) from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Does your activity involve the processing of **personal data related to criminal convictions or offences**?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Section: Animals

* Does your activity **involve animals**?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Are they vertebrates?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Are they non-human primates (NHP) (e.g. monkeys, chimpanzees, gorillas, etc.)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Are they genetically modified?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Are they cloned farm animals?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* Are they an endangered species?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Section: Third Countries

* Will some of the **activities be carried out in non-EU countries**?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* In case non-EU countries are involved, do the activities **undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues**?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 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.)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 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?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Is it planned to **export any material** (other than data) from the EU to non-EU countries?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Does your activity **involve low and/or lower-middle income countries**?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Could the **situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the activity at risk**?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Section: Environment, Health and Safety

* Does this activity involve the **use of substances or processes** (or technologies) 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)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Does this activity deal with **endangered fauna and/or flora/protected areas**?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Does this **activity involve the use of substances or processes** (or technologies) 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, or the deployment of the technology as a possible impact)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Section: Artificial Intelligence

- * Does this activity involve the development, deployment and/or use of **Artificial Intelligence-based systems**?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

- * Could the AI based system/technique potentially stigmatise or discriminate against people (e.g. based on sex, race, ethnic or social origin, age, genetic features, disability, sexual orientation, language, religion or belief, membership to a political group, or membership to a national minority)?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

- * Does the AI system/technique **interact, replace or influence human decision-making processes** (e.g. issues affecting human life, health, well-being or human rights, or economic, social or political decisions)?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

- * Does the AI system/technique have the potential to lead to negative social (e.g. on democracy, media, labour market, freedoms, educational choices, mass surveillance) and/or environmental impacts either through intended applications or plausible alternative uses?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

- * Does this activity involve the **use of AI in a weapon system**?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

- * Is it possible to establish which specific function/functions are automated/autonomous in the weapon system?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

- * If the weapon system has AI-enabled functions, could these functions render the weapon system indiscriminate?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

- * Does the design include the possibility of an autonomous mode for self protection? If yes, can the system reliably distinguish between targets (threats) and non-targets?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

* Does the AI to be developed/used in the project raise any other ethical issues not covered by the questions above (e.g., subliminal, covert or deceptive AI, AI that is used to stimulate addictive behaviours, lifelike humanoid robots, etc.)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Section: Other Ethics Issues

* Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, specify:

Additional Information

Ethical dimension of the objectives, methodology and likely impact.

Explain in detail the identified issues in relation to:

- objectives of the activities (e.g. study of vulnerable populations, etc.)
- methodology (e.g. clinical trials, involvement of children, protection of personal data, etc.)
- the potential impact of the activities (e.g. environmental damage, stigmatisation of particular social groups, political or financial adverse consequences, misuse, etc).

5000 character(s) maximum

Compliance with ethical principles and relevant legislations.

Describe how the issue(s) identified in the ethics issues questions above will be addressed in order to adhere to the ethical principles and what will be done to ensure that the activities are compliant with the EU/national legal and ethical requirements of the country or countries where the tasks are to be carried out. It is reminded that for activities performed in a non-EU countries, they should also be allowed in at least one EU Member State.

5000 character(s) maximum

UPLOADS

Presentation Video Upload (5-minute max.) / Mandatory for all proposal submissions

Artistic Portfolio Upload | Mandatory for category: Development and prototyping of innovative artistic-driven solutions, as well as pilots for testing and upscaling artistic-driven innovative solutions

DECLARATIONS

* We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it have benefitted from any other EU grant (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies).

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it are (nor will be) submitted for any other EU grant (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies, e.g. EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc).

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If NO, explain and provide details.

* We confirm that the information presented in this proposal is correct and complete.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* We declare to:

- be fully compliant with the eligibility criteria set out in the call;
- not be subject to any exclusion grounds under the EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046;
- have the financial and operational capacity to carry out the proposed activity.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

☐ We have read, understood and accepted the [Privacy Policy](#).

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