

## Food waste topics under Cluster 6

Under [Cluster 6](#) Food, Bioeconomy, Natural resources, Agriculture and Environment, there are several funding opportunities for topics related to food waste:

- [\*\*Providing marketing solutions to prevent and reduce the food waste related to marketing standards\*\*](#) **[OPEN, deadline to apply: 12/04/2023]**
  - Projects results are expected to contribute to all the following outcomes:
    - (1) better understanding of the impact of food marketing standards on the generation of food waste along the supply chain, including the food waste generated between stages of the supply chain, and for various commodities;
    - (2) improved market access to foods that do not meet marketing standards but are still safe to eat and
    - (3) better understanding of the purpose and nature of private marketing standards and the underlying reasons for establishing such standards.
- [\*\*Microbiomes fighting food waste through applicable solutions in food processing, packaging and shelf life\*\*](#) **[OPEN, deadline to apply: 12/04/2023]**
  - Projects results are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:
    - (1) applicable innovative and/or business solutions in food processing and packaging and targeting spoilage and/or pathogenic microorganisms in perishable foods to extend shelf life and address food loss and waste;
    - (2) Significant measurable improvements in development of microbial preservatives for the food industry as an alternative to chemical ones. Develop an evidence based robust and responsive policy framework for microbiome control in the food system.
    - (3) Clearly explain how the proposal will deliver co-benefits to each of the Food 2030 priorities: nutrition for sustainable healthy diets, climate, biodiversity and environment, circularity and resource efficiency, innovation and empowering communities.
- [\*\*Preventing and reducing food waste to reduce environmental impacts and to help reach 2030 climate targets\*\*](#) **[FORTHCOMING]**
  - Projects results are expected to contribute to all the following outcomes:
    - (1) reliable data on the environmental impacts related to food waste, in particular GHG emissions;
    - (2) better understanding of the food waste prevention efforts that will accelerate EU's progress to reach climate targets and will help reduce environmental impacts (including on biodiversity) across the food supply chain;
    - (3) integration of actions related to food waste prevention/reduction into emission reduction instruments, national energy and climate plans and other relevant EU initiatives;
    - (4) contribution to the farm to fork objectives and to the Food 2030 priorities: nutrition for sustainable healthy diets, climate, biodiversity and environment, circularity and resource efficiency, innovation and empowering communities.