

SCALE - A consortium-building initiative across Europe that supports researchers and innovators in the field of life sciences

In-person Workshop on Cluster 6 – Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment
Date: **19-20th November 2026**
Venue: **Conference Rooms 3&4, Enterprise Ireland, East Point Business Park, Dublin 3**
Find the venue here on Google maps

ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

The SCALE (Strategic Collaborative Alliances in Life Sciences and Emerging Technologies across Europe) initiative is led by University College Cork (UCC) and the Scottish Universities Life Sciences Alliance (SULSA), in partnership with FundtoInnovate (FTI) and is funded by Enterprise Ireland.

The initiative aims to build and strengthen international consortia and prepare applications for the Horizon Europe 2026–2027 Work Programme. The next workshop in the SCALE initiative series will focus on Cluster 6 – Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment. It will address the calls listed below:

1. HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-09 | *Increasing the circularity of the bio-based sector: upcycling and recycling for higher value and environmental benefits*
2. HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-01-two-stage | *Strengthening plant health: addressing emerging plant pest risks*
3. HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-07 | *Improving biomass flows for a sustainable and circular bioeconomy*
4. HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-03 | *Improve the capacity to monitor and reduce air pollution from agriculture*
5. HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-01 | *Integrating remote sensing and in-situ observations of biodiversity, towards a fully interoperable observation and data framework*



The goal of the event is to identify and connect leading researchers, innovators and organisations across Scotland, Italy, Ireland and Germany, to form competitive, high-impact consortia ready for the upcoming Horizon Europe calls.

WHY PARTICIPATE

- Gain early insights into the opportunities available in Cluster 6 – Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment.
- Engage directly with potential coordinators and partners from different countries.
- Follow a detailed roadmap to form consortia by April 2027 (FARM2FORK Two Stage) and September 2027 (all other calls).
- Receive professional support from FtI in aligning your research with Horizon Europe topics and developing competitive proposals.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Register to attend here: SCALE Workshop - Dublin – Fill out form

FUNDING

There is funding available to cover the travel costs of a limited number of participants based at SULSA member universities and research institutes – **please contact A.hughes@glasgow.ac.uk if you require travel support.**

There is funding available to cover the travel costs of a limited number of participants based in University College Cork, University of Galway and University of Limerick. If you are interested in having your travel costs covered, **please contact n.uibhreithiunaigh@ucc.ie directly for further information.**

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SELECTED CALLS

You can find more information on the calls below by accessing the cluster 6 work programme 2026-7 published by the EC on 11 December 2025.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE VENUE

Directions to the venue can be found here: Transport - Eastpoint

If parking is required, contact n.uibhreithiunaigh@ucc.ie no later than 10th November.

The Moxy Dublin Docklands is the closest hotel to the venue.



DRAFT AGENDA

Cluster 6 – Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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VENUE: Conference Rooms 3&4, Enterprise Ireland, East Point Business Park, Dublin 3

Day 1: Thursday, November 19th

09:30 – 10:00 Registration + Coffee

10:00 – 10:15 Introductions; SULSA, University College Cork, FundtoInnovate & Enterprise Ireland

10:15 – 10:25 Summary from mapping attendees

10:25 – 10:45 NCP Talk

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:45 Introductions around the room

11:45 – 12:30 Research ideas: pitch and presentations (5 minutes per pitch)

12:30 – 13:30 Networking Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Research ideas: pitch and presentations (5 minutes per pitch)

14:30 – 14:45 Coffee Break

14:45 – 15:45 Research ideas: pitch and presentations (5 minutes per pitch)

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:15 Presentation of project charter

16:15 – 17:15 Breakout sessions – align to research ideas

17:15 -17:30 Recap and closing remarks



Day 2: Friday, November 20th

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome + Coffee

09:30 – 12:00 Breakout sessions with pre-formed consortia

12:00 – 12:45 Feedback from consortia into the main room

12:45 – 13:00 Final remarks and next steps

13:00 – 14:00 Networking Lunch