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Subject: **Horizon Europe Grants in Food Safety and Resilience of Food Systems**

The Horizon Europe is the European Union's (EU) key funding program for research and innovation. One of the pillars of the Horizon Program is "Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness, which includes six thematic research clusters. Recently, 20 grants amounting to 9 million Euros have been announced by the EU related to the cluster on 'Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment' with a proposal submission deadline of **12 April 2023**.

02. The listed projects in variability are expected to contribute to all the following outcomes:

- Better understanding of the short- and long-term drivers of change that may affect food systems at different levels (global, national, regional, urban/ rural areas level) and put food security at risk.
- Better understanding of the vulnerabilities, dependencies, and critical infrastructures of the food systems in the EU and worldwide, where this may have implications for the EU and associated countries.
- Improved preparedness to deal with the risks that may threaten the nutritionally appropriate EU and associated countries food supply and food security by making use of available data and platforms (including on weather, climate, biodiversity, social economic and market data).
- Enhanced resilience of nutritionally appropriate food supply and improved food security in the EU and associated countries, in a changing world.

03. As per the Annex-B of the Horizon Europe – Work Programme (2023-2034), Pakistan is listed in the group of countries that are eligible for funding. The available projects have complementary with research and development requirements in food security for Pakistan based research clusters. Furthermore, the scope of the projects is not restricted to Europe. Detailed information on the grants, evaluation criteria and research outcomes can be viewed under the topic id "HORIZON-CL6-2023-FARM2FORK-01-15" on the EU Funding and Tenders Portal.

04. The EU research and innovation program is being shared for information. For further details please visit shorturl.at/cgbX6

05. In this regard, Pakistan's Mission in Brussels is willing to provide further support. Furthermore, it is requested that the research clusters apply for the grants before the deadline mentioned above.



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