

# Call for co-host of the European Carbon Farming Summit 2027

## Objectives

Climate KIC, as the main organiser of the European Carbon Farming Summit (ECFS), is seeking a local co-host to support the organisation of the 4<sup>th</sup> ECFS to be held in March 2027.

The ECFS is a flagship event uniting the European community working to enhance the carbon sink capacity of our landscapes. This summit is organised by the [CREDIBLE project](#), funded by the Soil Mission under Horizon Europe.

## Background

### CREDIBLE

CREDIBLE (Building momentum and trust to achieve credible soil carbon farming in the EU) is a Horizon Europe project funded under Grant Agreement #101112951. Running from June 2023 to May 2026, the project aims to build momentum and trust for soil carbon farming in Europe by fostering transparency, environmental integrity, methodological standardisation, and multi-actor dialogue.

By bringing together stakeholders from science, policy, and practice, CREDIBLE supports the development of robust and credible carbon farming approaches aligned with emerging EU frameworks, including the Carbon Removal Certification Framework (CRCF). The project also serves as a key platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration across the European carbon farming community.

**More information:** [www.project-credible.eu](http://www.project-credible.eu)

### CREDIBLE 2.0

CREDIBLE 2.0 builds on the foundations of the original CREDIBLE project and represents its continuation under a renewed consortium and coordination structure. The initiative aims to support the operationalisation of carbon farming in Europe by addressing remaining knowledge gaps, strengthening Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems, and improving policy and market conditions for implementation.

A central focus of CREDIBLE 2.0 is to facilitate the transition from policy development to real-world deployment, particularly in the context of the Carbon Removal Certification Framework (CRCF). The project will consolidate and translate existing knowledge into practical guidance, foster collaboration across the value chain, and support the creation of credible and scalable carbon farming projects, including at landscape level.

CREDIBLE 2.0 will also continue to strengthen the European community of practice through key initiatives such as the European Carbon Farming Summit and the development of a digital platform for knowledge sharing and networking.

### European Carbon Farming Summit (ECFS)

The European Carbon Farming Summit (ECFS) is the flagship annual event of the CREDIBLE initiative and a leading platform for dialogue on carbon farming in Europe. It brings together policymakers, researchers, farmers, businesses, and civil society to exchange knowledge, showcase innovation, and develop practical recommendations to support the transition towards sustainable land management.

Since its launch, the Summit has grown significantly, attracting hundreds of participants from across Europe and beyond. It plays a key role in bridging science, policy, and practice, and in shaping the development of credible carbon farming approaches and certification frameworks.

The ECFS combines plenary sessions, interactive workshops, exhibitions, and networking opportunities, and is designed to foster collaboration, build trust, and accelerate action across the carbon farming ecosystem.

**More information:** [www.carbonfarmingsummit.eu](http://www.carbonfarmingsummit.eu)

### Requirements and specifications

We welcome applications that meet the following requirements:

Items	Specification
<b>Venue</b>	
Overall capacity and plenary room	700 people; minimum capacity of plenary room no less than 600 people.
Rooms for parallel sessions	At least 8 rooms; total capacity of at least 500 people; at least 4 rooms suitable for workshops.
Audio-video services	Projectors and microphones in all rooms; video streaming compulsory in plenary room and in at least 2 other rooms; video screens available.
Room/space for poster sessions	Space to accommodate 40–50 A0-sized posters, with room for short presentations – preferably close or in the same space as where catering is served.
Space to accommodate catering and networking	Sufficient for 700 people.
Exhibition booths	Space for at least 20 exhibition booths/tables.
Space for media	Space for media (tv/video) to record interviews.
Other	Opening hours until at least 8:00 PM; Wi-Fi in all meeting rooms; natural light and outside area



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	preferred; informal seating areas for small working meetings; room for the organising team
<b>Funding/sponsorship</b>	
Significant financial support secured	Cost of the venue covered by a sponsor, or multiple sponsors; confirmation of additional sponsors to support the summit is preferred
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<b>Personnel</b>	
Local support team	One local focal point during summit preparation (available for at least 2 months before the summit).
Technical support	At least one person available throughout the summit.
<b>Location</b>	
Accommodation	Hotels within close proximity to the venue; capable to accommodate 700 people.
Accessibility	Public transport available; city should have an international airport.

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## Application and selection process

### Application

Please complete [this online application form](#) by Wednesday 6 May at 5pm CET

Applications must be complete and submitted in English. Complete applications will be notified of their acceptance. Incomplete applications or applications that do not comply with the selection criteria will be automatically rejected.

By applying, candidates give consent for the application to be processed by an Evaluation Committee consisting of CREDIBLE Consortium members. They also confirm their willingness to provide further information or documents confirming the facts presented above as needed.

All personal data will be handled in line with the GDPR, and all documents will be treated as confidential.



## Evaluation criteria

Items	Criteria
<b>Venue</b>	
Overall capacity and plenary room	Must have (go/no-go criteria)
Rooms for parallel sessions	Must have (go/no-go criteria)
Space to accommodate catering and networking	Must have (go/no-go criteria)
All other requirements detailed above	Scores between 1 to 10 (with 10 highest)
<b>Personnel</b>	
Local support team	Scores between 1 to 10 (with 10 highest)
Technical support	Scores between 1 to 10 (with 10 highest)
<b>Location</b>	
Geographical location	Countries not already selected for past ECFS preferred
Accommodation	Number of hotel rooms available in the city – Scores between 1 to 10 (with 10 highest)
Accessibility	Number of connecting flights from large EU capitals – Scores between 1 to 10 (with 10 highest)
Affordability	Average price of hotels – Scores between 1 to 10 (with 10 highest)
<b>Funding/sponsorship</b>	
Cost of venue	Must have (go/no-go criteria)
Additional sponsors	Scores between 1 to 10 (with 10 highest)
Strategic fit	Scores between 1 to 10 (with 10 highest)
Motivation and relevance of the proposal	Scores between 1 to 10 (with 10 highest)

## Selection process

The selection of the co-host for the European Carbon Farming Summit 2027 will take place in two stages:

### Stage 1: Short application

- Applicants submit a short application via the online form by the stated deadline.
- Applications will be reviewed and scored by an evaluation committee composed of members of the CREDIBLE consortium.
- Applications that do not meet the mandatory (“go/no-go”) criteria will be excluded.
- A shortlist of candidates will be selected and invited to proceed to the next stage.

### Stage 2: Full application and presentation

- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to submit a full application with more detailed information.

- A webinar will be organised to provide further guidance and allow candidates to ask questions.
- Shortlisted candidates may be invited to present their proposal to the evaluation committee.
- The evaluation committee will review and score the full applications based on the defined criteria.

### **Final selection**

- The selected co-host will be chosen based on the evaluation scores and overall strategic fit.
- All applicants will be informed of the outcome following the final decision.

### **Selection timeline**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Date</b>
Open call launched	Tuesday 14 April 2026
Short application deadline	Wednesday 6 May 2026
Shortlisted candidates invited to present full application	Tuesday 12 May 2026
Webinar with shortlisted candidates	Tuesday 26 May 2026
Full application deadline	Friday 19 June 2026
Announcement of selected candidate	Monday 29 June 2026