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FOREST Joint Call 2026 : FOREST Pathways

First FOREST Partnership Joint Call launches with up to €40 million for transnational forest research and innovation

FORESTPathways brings together 36 research funding organisations from 27 countries to support collaborative research and innovation for resilient forests and sustainable forest-based futures

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Organisations from 27 countries, with an indicative total public funding commitment of up to €40 million, including the European Union co-contribution.

The call marks an important milestone for the FOREST Partnership, which commenced on 1 June 2026 and brings together organisations from across Europe and beyond to coordinate research and innovation for forests, forestry and the forest-based sector.

Mika Kallio, Coordinator of the FOREST Partnership, said:

FORESTPathways is an important first step in translating the ambitions of the FOREST Partnership into concrete action. By bringing together funding organisations and research communities across countries and connecting research communities across disciplines and sectors, this first Joint Call creates a unique opportunity to generate the knowledge, innovations and collaborations needed for resilient forests and a sustainable and a sustainable and competitive forest-based sector.

Many of the challenges facing forests today do not stop at national borders. Through FOREST, we can pool expertise and resources and investments, strengthen collaboration and ensure that research and innovation contribute to the long-term resilience and sustainability of forests and the wider forest-based sector.

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