

Call for Projects “reNature 2 – Restoring Biodiversity”

Regulations and Practical Guide

About this call for projects:

The purpose of the call for projects “reNature 2” is to strengthen actions in favour of preserving and enhancing biodiversity in Luxembourg. This call aims to support concrete initiatives that protect biodiversity and promote the sustainable conservation of natural resources. It seeks positive and practical actions, developed in a constructive spirit and focused on projects demonstrating a strong degree of environmental sustainability.

Who can apply?

The call is open exclusively to non-profit organisations and institutions operating in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Eligible applicants include:

- Non-profit associations (asbl), including newly created ones established specifically for this call for projects
- Foundations
- Public institutions
- Social Impact Companies (Société à Impact Sociétal – SIS) with 100 % impact shares
- Secondary schools, universities, primary schools, and any other formal or non-formal educational institution

Not eligible :

- Commercial companies
- Ministries and public administrations
- Municipalities
- Private individuals applying in a personal capacity

A. Thematic areas

This call for projects encourages **initiatives aimed at protecting and/or improving biodiversity in Luxembourg**.

Projects must fall within **one of the following thematic areas**:

1. Agriculture
2. Animal species
3. Water, rivers, lakes and ponds (all aquatic environments)
4. Insects and pollinators
5. Plant species
6. Awareness-raising

1. Agriculture

- Training in sustainable and resilient agricultural practices
- Creation and/or maintenance of orchards or vegetable gardens respecting principles of permaculture and biodiversity
- Reduction or elimination of pesticide use
- Protection of soil biodiversity
- Community and self-sufficiency gardening projects
- Support for regenerative and urban agriculture
- Support for food forests and agroforestry combining fruit trees and crops

2. Animal species

- Improving living conditions for wild animals in urban and peri-urban areas
- Combating the destruction of natural habitats and creating wildlife refuges (e.g. installing nesting boxes)
- Controlling invasive species
- Protecting endangered, threatened or vulnerable animal species in Luxembourg

3. Water, rivers, lakes and ponds (all aquatic environments)

- Creating vegetated structures for stormwater management, such as swales or rain gardens
- Combating soil sealing
- Reducing water pollution
- Preserving and/or creating wetlands

4. Insects and pollinators

- Creating new habitats for pollinators and insects
- Reducing light pollution affecting wildlife and plant biodiversity
- Supporting sustainable beekeeping practices



5. **Plant species**

- Creating green spaces that reduce urban heat islands
- Combating invasive plant species
- Planting or preserving “tiny forests” and edible forests
- Protecting endangered or rare plant species
- Restoring degraded ecosystems
- Creating or restoring green spaces or ecosystems in rural and urban environments
- Greening roofs, terraces and vertical walls

6. **Awareness-raising**

- Hands-on workshops on environmental protection
- Awareness campaigns on biodiversity conservation, centred on concrete, measurable actions with a positive message, particularly those reaching audiences not usually engaged with environmental issues
- Educational programmes in schools

The call does not cover projects relating to domestic or exotic animals, waste sorting, circular economy, food waste, or scientific research.

Important information:

- Projects must take place exclusively in Luxembourg.
- The maximum funding duration is 24 months.
- The maximum grant amount from Œuvre Nationale is € 50 000 per project.
- Projects will be reviewed by an ad hoc jury according to the following criteria:
 - Relevance of the project
 - Viability of the project
 - Cost-efficiency ratio
 - Impact and long-term sustainability

B. Submission of applications

All applications must be submitted electronically via our online platform:
<https://financement.oeuvre.lu/> (only available in French).

Applications may be submitted from **13 October 2025 until 15 December 2025**.

A single organisation may submit several projects.

C. Selection jury

Œuvre Nationale has set up an ad hoc selection jury composed of members of its Board of Directors and of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Members of the jury:

- Mr Roby Biwer
- Mr David Glod
- Ms Daniela Noesen
- Mr Max Holz
- Ms Joy Mentgen
- Mr Jacques Pir

In the event of a conflict of interest involving one or more members of the jury and/or the Board of Directors, the person(s) concerned must declare the conflict of interest to the President of the Jury or of the Board. They shall abstain from participating in the discussion or decision-making regarding the project in question. This will be recorded in the official minutes.

The jury will make recommendations to the Board of Directors of Œuvre Nationale, which will take the final decision.

The Board of Directors' decision is sovereign and final.

Decisions will be announced on 4 February 2026 and communicated in writing to all applicants.

D. Exclusions

Applications containing false or misleading information will be automatically rejected.

E. Reservations

Œuvre Nationale reserves the right to amend these regulations at any time. In such a case, applicants will be informed of the changes made.

F. Commitments of selected project leaders

Successful applicants agree to:

- Use the grant exclusively for the approved project and the activities described in the application;
- Avoid any double funding for the same expenses;
- Carry out impact evaluations through interim reports (for multiple instalment payments) and a final report (for all projects);

- Reimburse the grant in case of non-implementation or return any unused balance when actual expenses are lower than forecast;
- Display the logo of the Œuvre Nationale (downloadable under oeuvre.lu/logo) on all communication materials related to the supported project.

G. Timeline

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| • 13 October 2025: | Launch of the call for projects |
| • 15 December 2025: | Application deadline |
| • 26 January 2026: | Jury deliberation and recommendations |
| • 04 February 2026: | Decision by the Board of Directors |
| • February 2026: | Notification of applicants |
| • March 2026: | Disbursement of approved grants upon receipt of signed confirmation letters from successful applicants |

Contact and further information

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