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NOSTRADAMUS Launches Open Call #1: €250,000 to Support Digital Solutions for Sustainable Agriculture

The Horizon Europe-funded **NOSTRADAMUS project** has officially launched its **Open Call #1**, offering a total of **€250,000 in funding** to support the development, testing, and validation of innovative open-source digital applications for farm decision-making, sustainable agricultural production, and food security.

Applications are open from **29 September until 2 December 2026 at 17:00 CET (Brussels time)**. Through the Open Call, NOSTRADAMUS will select **five Third-Party projects**, with each successful application eligible to receive **up to €50,000 in lump-sum funding** and participate in a structured 12-month support programme.

Bringing New Digital Solutions into the NOSTRADAMUS Ecosystem

NOSTRADAMUS is developing a data-driven ecosystem that combines Earth Observation, IoT, Data Cubes, and cloud-edge technologies to support a more sustainable, resilient, and efficient European agricultural sector.

Open Call #1 extends this technology offer beyond the NOSTRADAMUS consortium by inviting external innovators to integrate their solutions with the project's infrastructure and **develop new applications** addressing real agricultural needs.

The call will support the development of **five open-source digital applications based on edge, cloud, or mixed architectures**, with a particular focus on cereal-based agricultural systems and food security.

The selected projects are expected to develop solutions that improve **farm-level decision-making through the use of agricultural data**. Applications should contribute to more efficient production by helping farmers optimise inputs such as water, fertilisers, and pesticides, while supporting improved resource and energy efficiency, sustainability, and resilience.

Up to €50,000 per Selected Project

NOSTRADAMUS Open Call #1 will provide a **maximum financial contribution of €50,000 per project**, representing 100% of the eligible project costs, including indirect costs.

Funding will be provided in the form of lump sums linked to the successful completion of four programme sprints:

- **Sprint 1 – Training (Months 1–2):** 10% of funding
- **Sprint 2 – Design (Months 3–4):** 25%

- **Sprint 3 – Development and Validation (Months 5–10):** 40%
- **Sprint 4 – Demonstration and Assessment (Months 11–12):** 25%

Financial support is only one part of the offer. Throughout the 12-month NOSTRADAMUS Programme, selected projects will receive access to the project's **infrastructure, tools and resources, training activities, tutorials, webinars, technical expertise, mentoring, and relevant use cases**.

Each selected project will be supported by assigned mentors who will monitor progress, provide guidance, and facilitate cooperation with NOSTRADAMUS technical partners.

Who Can Apply?

The call targets European innovators capable of developing and validating digital solutions for agriculture. Applications can be submitted by an **individual legal entity or by a consortium of up to two legal entities**.

Eligible applicants include **SMEs, start-ups, small mid-caps, research and technology organisations, academia, and sectoral or end-user representative organisations**.

When applying as a single entity, the applicant must be a **business entity – an SME, start-up, or small mid-cap – capable of providing and validating the proposed solution**. Research organisations and other eligible organisations may participate as part of a consortium of up to two entities as a second partner.

Each application may request a maximum of **€50,000**, and an entity may only be considered for funding once under the call.

Applicants must also comply with all geographical, financial, technical, and administrative eligibility requirements specified in the official **Guidelines for Applicants**.

Application and Selection Timeline

The Open Call will remain open for approximately two months, giving applicants time to prepare their technical proposals and submit them through the F6S platform.

Following the **2 December 2026 deadline**, applications will undergo eligibility and technical checks, followed by an evaluation process. Top-ranked applicants will be invited to online interviews before the final selection.

The indicative timeline foresees eligibility and technical checks by the end of December 2026, application evaluation by the end of January 2027, and online interviews by the end of February 2027. Applicants are expected to be informed of the final results by **31 March 2027**, with contracting and onboarding of the five selected projects planned for **April 2027**.

Supporting the Next Generation of Digital Agriculture

Through Open Call #1, NOSTRADAMUS aims to bring new innovators into its ecosystem and demonstrate how advanced data infrastructures can be translated into practical applications addressing the needs of European agriculture.

By combining financial support with technical infrastructure, real-world use cases, mentoring, training, and validation opportunities, the programme will help selected innovators move their solutions closer to practical deployment.

The five funded projects will also contribute to the broader NOSTRADAMUS objective of strengthening European food security and agricultural resilience through accessible, interoperable, and data-driven digital solutions.

Apply to NOSTRADAMUS Open Call #1

Opening date: 29 September 2026
Application deadline: 2 December 2026, 17:00 CET (Brussels time)
Projects selected: 5
Maximum funding per project: €50,000
Total funding available: €250,000
Programme duration: 12 months

Applications must be submitted through the **NOSTRADAMUS Open Call #1 application page on F6S**, together with the required Technical Proposal and supporting information.

Further details, including the Guidelines for Applicants, Technical Specification, proposal template, eligibility requirements, and application instructions, are available through the NOSTRADAMUS Open Call 1 page on the project website:

https://nostradamus-project.eu/open-call-1/

For questions related to Open Call #1, applicants can contact the NOSTRADAMUS Open Call team via the discuss section on the F6S platform or email opencall@nostradamus-project.eu.