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Open Call for Financial Support to Third Parties

Rules and Regulations for Applicants

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Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
AI	Artificial Intelligence
EISMEA	European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency
EU	European Union
ESR	Evaluation Summary Report
FSTP	Financial Support to Third Parties
GA	Grant Agreement
IoT	Internet of Things
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LSD	Large-Scale Demonstrator
NLP	Natural Language Processing
PIC	Participant Identification Code
PO	Project Officer appointed by the FARM360TECH consortium
SME	Small and Medium-sized Enterprise
TRL	Technology Readiness Level
UAV	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (drone)
UC	Use Case
WP	Work Package

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Definitions

Applicant	means the legal entity submitting an application under this Open Call.
Beneficiary	means a FARM360TECH consortium beneficiary as defined in the Grant Agreement.
Financial Support to Third Parties	means financial support provided to selected third parties in accordance with the FARM360TECH Grant Agreement and the conditions of this Open Call.
Financial Support Agreement	means the agreement to be signed with the selected third party before the start of the funded activities.
Growth Phase	means the first implementation phase for selected SMEs, focused on technical feasibility, business development and preparation for further validation.
Harvest Phase	means the subsequent implementation phase for selected SMEs progressing from the Growth Phase, focused on large-scale validation, market readiness and product-market fit.
Large-Scale Demonstrators	means FARM360TECH agricultural demonstration environments and related testbeds established under the project.
Selected SME	means an applicant selected for financial support under this Open Call and invited to sign a Financial Support Agreement.

1. Introduction

1.1. Information on FARM360TECH

FARM360TECH is an EU-funded project implemented under the Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument. The project aims to advance the digital and green transformation of European agriculture by supporting the deployment, validation and scaling of Agriculture 5.0 technologies across European regions.

The project combines digital technologies, Large-Scale Demonstrators, capacity building, interregional collaboration and targeted financial support to SMEs. Its objective is to contribute to more sustainable, efficient and resilient agricultural systems, with particular attention to resource efficiency, crop and soil health, environmental performance, market readiness and the development of interregional value chains.

The project addresses agricultural challenges through the use of technologies such as IoT sensors, UAVs, AI-based analytics, digital twins, blockchain-enabled traceability, decision-support tools and other relevant digital and data-driven solutions.

1.2. Contractual framework

This Open Call is launched within the framework of the FARM360TECH Grant Agreement 101228421. The financial support awarded under this Open Call constitutes Financial Support to Third Parties and shall be governed by the FARM360TECH Grant Agreement, the conditions of this Open Call and the Financial Support Agreement to be signed with selected SMEs.

By submitting an application, applicants accept the terms and conditions set out in this Open Call. Submission of an application does not create any entitlement to receive funding.

2. Overview of Key Information on the Call

Item	Description
Call title	FARM360TECH Open Call for Financial Support to Third Parties

Item	Description
Type of support	Financial Support to Third Parties
Lead beneficiary	28DIGITAL IVZW
Total budget available for FSTP	Up to EUR 2,120,000
Maximum financial support per SME	Up to EUR 60,000
Indicative number of SMEs supported in the Growth Phase	Up to 41 SMEs receiving EUR 43,000
Indicative number of SMEs progressing to the Harvest Phase	Up to 21 SMEs receiving EUR 17,000
Call opening date	17 November 2026
Deadline for submission	29 January 2027, 17:00 CET
Evaluation period	01 – 22 February 2027
Start of Growth Phase	15 March 2027 until 14 March 2028
Start of Harvest Phase	15 March 2028 until 14 September 2028 *(activities to be carried out until 10 August 2028 – administrative closing by 14 September 2028)*
Language of submission	English
Submission platform	FARM360TECH online application form
Contact point	farm-opencall@28digital.eu

2.1. List of call documents

The Open Call package consists of the following documents:

- Open Call Document (Rules and Regulations for Applicants; **this document**);
- Application Form (Annex 1);
- Declaration of Honour (Annex 2);
- SME Declaration (Annex 3);
- Financial Support Agreement template (Annex 4);
- Eligible regions (Annex 5);
- FARM360TECH Use Cases, challenges and Large-Scale Demonstrators (Annex 6).

FARM360TECH reserves the right to publish additional guidance documents or clarifications during the application period. Any substantial update will be made available through the official call page.

2.2. Indicative timeline

The indicative timeline of the Open Call and of the FSTP programme is set out below. Dates after the submission deadline are indicative and may be adjusted, subject to the approval of the granting authority where required; any change will be communicated through the official call page.

Step	Indicative dates	Action
Call opens	17 November 2026	
Application deadline	29 January 2027, 17:00 CET	

Step	Indicative dates	Action
Evaluation	01 - 22 February 2027	
Communication of results, appeals and signature of Financial Support Agreements	23 February – 14 March 2027	ESR, Signed Financial Support Agreement
Growth Phase starts: Kick-off meeting with PO to validate KPIs and Workplan	From 15 March 2027	P1 pre-financing (40%)
Growth Phase – Bootcamp and Step 1: validation in a test bed (relevant environment, TRL 6)	15 March – 14 July 2027	Technical Feasibility Report (D1); Interim activity report
Review of the Technical Feasibility Report	15 July – 31 August 2027	Deliverable and interim activity report Approval
Growth Phase – Step 2: demonstration in an operational environment (TRL 7)	01 September 2027 – 14 January 2028	
End of the Growth Phase	15 January – 29 February 2028	Business Development Plan (D2); Final Activity report, Harvest workplan and KPIs due 29 February 2028
Growth-to-Harvest assessment and FARM360TECH SUSTAIN Gala	29 February – 14 March 2028	Up to 21 SMEs selected for the Harvest Phase
Harvest Phase starts	15 March 2028	
End of Harvest phase	10 August 2028	Product-Market Fit Report (D3 due 31 July 2028); Final Activity Report
Assessment of Harvest Phase	11 – 25 August 2028	Final Activity Report Approval
End of the FSTP programme	By 14 September 2028	P3 Harvest payment (100%)

3. Description of the Subject Matter of the Call

3.1. Purpose and scope of activities

This Open Call aims to select SMEs able to develop, adapt, validate and scale digital and sustainable agriculture solutions addressing the challenges identified by FARM360TECH consortium detailed in the public report *Key Agronomic and Operational Challenges addressing the FSTP programme* available in the Open Call Documents section of the FARM360 application form.

The Open Call is designed to support SME-led projects starting at TRL 6 and that contribute to the implementation of Agriculture 5.0 technologies in real agricultural environments. Selected SMEs will be expected to work in connection with FARM360TECH demonstrators and FARM360 Platform where relevant, to validate the technical, business and market potential of their solutions and achieve TRL 8-9 by the end of the programme.

FSTP SMEs may interact with the FARM360 Platform both as data providers and as users of project data and services. Through project-defined data-exchange interfaces and agreed data formats, SME solutions may feed measurements, indicators, analytics, alerts or other outputs into the platform and, where relevant and authorised, use available FARM360 data and services for testing, validation and demonstration. The objective is not to replicate existing FARM360TECH Use Cases, but to complement, extend or interoperate with them within the relevant LSD or testbed context.

Applicants should demonstrate that their solution is sufficiently mature for structured validation and that it has a credible route towards market adoption. Proposals should address concrete agricultural needs and demonstrate potential for interregional replication and integration into value chains.

The Open Call contributes to the objectives of FARM360TECH by:

- supporting SMEs with high-potential digital agriculture solutions;
- addressing critical on-farm agronomic and operational challenges;
- strengthening interregional collaboration between European regions;
- promoting sustainable and resource-efficient agricultural practices;
- accelerating the adoption of scalable Agriculture 5.0 solutions;
- supporting market readiness and product-market fit of selected SME solutions.

3.2. Challenge areas

Applicants shall submit a proposal addressing **at least one of the five FARM360TECH challenge areas** below. These challenge areas reproduce the five investment pathways defined by FARM360TECH project consortium and are grounded in the six FARM360TECH Use Cases (UCs) and the needs identified across the Large-Scale Demonstrators. The Use Cases and the Large-Scale Demonstrators are described in Annex 6.

Challenge 1 - Water-smart agriculture

This challenge addresses practical, data-driven solutions for water-efficient and climate-resilient crop management in greenhouses, open fields and perennial crops. It covers UC1 ***Smarter Irrigation*** **and** ***the related decision-support and monitoring functions of UC3 Digital Twins and UC6 Crop Growth Monitoring.***

Relevant proposals may include, but are not limited to:

- water-stress, soil-moisture, weather and crop-condition monitoring;
- irrigation recommendations under scarce, irregular or rationed water availability;
- spatially differentiated irrigation advice that accounts for crop, variety, soil, slope, pressure and irrigation-system performance;
- integration of sensor, weather, UAV, field and operational data;
- digital-twin or scenario-analysis tools comparing water use, yield, cost, labour, risk and sustainability;
- interoperability with existing irrigation and control systems.

Challenge 2 - Trust and traceability for premium exports and market access

This challenge addresses UC4 ***Blockchain Traceability for Trust and Market Access***. It seeks solutions that improve data integrity, certification and regulatory workflows, secure data sharing, transparency and product differentiation across agricultural value chains.

Relevant proposals may include, but are not limited to:

- interoperable traceability and data-integrity solutions, including blockchain-enabled approaches where justified;
- automation of farm records, certification evidence, compliant registration and reporting;
- secure exchange of data with authorities, certification bodies and value-chain partners;
- tools that reduce duplicate data entry while retaining appropriate farmer confirmation and control;
- consumer-facing provenance, sustainability and quality information supporting market access.

Challenge 3 - AI-driven pest and disease management

This challenge addresses UC2 ***Early Pest and Disease Alerts***. It seeks timely, crop-specific and explainable monitoring, detection, forecasting and intervention support adapted to open-field, orchard, greenhouse and propagation environments.

Relevant proposals may include, but are not limited to:

- UAV-, satellite-, sensor- or image-based pest, disease and crop-stress monitoring;
- predictive risk models and early-warning systems combining weather, microclimate, crop stage and monitoring data;
- clear intervention windows and decision support adapted to crop, variety, production system and applicable treatment constraints;
- solutions reporting expected accuracy, uncertainty or false-alarm rates;
- integration of biological-control, crop and microclimate data in protected cultivation.

Challenge 4 - Inclusive digital advisory and farmer decision support

This challenge addresses UC5 ***AI and Natural Language Processing Farmer Advisory***. It seeks accessible advisory services that translate farm, sensor and external data into clear, actionable recommendations for farmers and advisors with different levels of digital experience.

Relevant proposals may include, but are not limited to:

- multilingual AI or natural-language advisory interfaces;
- farmer-facing decision support integrated with sensing, weather, agronomic and market data;
- low-complexity, mobile-first or offline-capable tools for smallholders and connectivity-constrained regions;
- explainable recommendations that present assumptions, evidence and uncertainty;
- digital skills and adoption functions embedded in operational workflows.

Challenge 5 - Circular and energy-efficient farming hubs

This challenge addresses ***circular and resource-efficient production models*** linked to UC1, UC3 and UC6, with relevance to greenhouse operations, propagation systems, nurseries and integrated farming environments.

Relevant proposals may include, but are not limited to:

- energy-efficient and circular greenhouse operations;
- integrated nursery and crop-growth monitoring from propagation to production;
- sensor-based monitoring combining growth, climate, water, energy and quality-assurance data;
- digital twins and scenario tools supporting resource integration and circular farming decisions;
- solutions improving seedling quality, reducing propagation losses and supporting consistent production outcomes.

Cross-cutting requirements

Across all challenge areas, proposals should consider and address the risks that might arise from practical barriers that limit the adoption and effective use of digital agricultural solutions. These may include limited connectivity and infrastructure, fragmented data and systems, insufficient interoperability, high implementation costs, limited digital skills, resistance to changing established practices, and difficulties integrating new solutions into existing farm operations.

Solutions should be practical, affordable, user-friendly and interoperable; integrate with existing farm and business systems where relevant; provide clear economic added value; and be suitable for the connectivity, infrastructure and digital-skills conditions of the intended users.

Proposals should also demonstrate potential for testing and integration in a relevant FARM360TECH context, including the FARM360 Platform and the project Large-Scale Demonstrators (LSDs) listed in Annex 6, and for subsequent adaptation or replication across European regions and agricultural value chains. Interregional deployment and replication are therefore assessed as cross-cutting scaling qualities rather than as a separate agronomic challenge.

3.3. Eligible activities

Financial support may only be used for the activities listed below. In accordance with Article 6.2.D.1 of the FARM360TECH Grant Agreement, this is a closed list: activities not included in it are not eligible for financial support.

Growth Phase – from TRL 6 to TRL 7 (12 months)

- Step 1: validation of the solution in an open test bed (relevant environment, TRL 6);
- Step 2: demonstration of the solution on real farms or in real greenhouses with real users (operational environment, TRL 7);
- collaborative testing with consortium SMEs and quadruple helix stakeholders, including impact monitoring;
- adaptation of an existing prototype to end-user needs;
- technical feasibility assessment and validation planning;
- business development, including market and customer analysis, business model and go-to-market strategy;
- activities reporting, D1, D2;
- integration of iterative feedback from farmers, public authorities, industry and academia;
- participation in the mandatory programme activities: Kick-off meeting, Bootcamp, mentoring and the FARM360TECH SUSTAIN Gala.

Harvest Phase – towards TRL 8-9 (6 months)

- pilots in real-world operational environments, including the FARM360TECH Large-Scale Demonstrators (LSDs) where relevant;
- demonstration activities with stakeholders, on-site or online;
- product-market fit assessment and market-readiness activities;
- business and investment planning (D3);
- interregional replication and integration of the solution into new and existing value chains;
- impact monitoring and reporting.

3.4. Excluded activities

The following activities are not eligible for financial support under this Open Call:

- development of a new prototype from scratch (ex-novo prototyping);
- pure research activities without a validation, demonstration or market-oriented purpose;
- activities that cause significant harm to the environment;
- activities already funded by another EU grant or other EU funding source (see Section 6.6);
- activities carried out outside the eligible regions (see Section 4.1 and Annex 5).

Proposals consisting mainly of excluded activities will be declared ineligible.

4. Main Requirements for Applicants

4.1. Eligible applicants

This Open Call targets single applicants that are SMEs developing or deploying solutions relevant to digital agriculture, Agriculture 5.0, precision agriculture, agri-food value chains, sustainability, environmental monitoring, resource efficiency or related fields.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be an SME according to the [1]EU definition laid down in Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC (no restriction applies regarding the date of establishment);
- be established in one of the regions covered by the FARM360TECH consortium, or in another less developed region of the European Union, as set out in Annex 5[2];
- carry out the activities funded under this Open Call in the eligible regions;

[1] https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/sme-fundamentals/sme-definition_en

[2] The eligible regions, including all regions covered by the FARM360TECH consortium, are listed in Annex 5.

- not be subject to EU restrictive measures;
- not be in a situation of exclusion under applicable EU rules;

The complete admissibility, eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria are set out in Section 7.

4.2. Requirements regarding the proposed solution

The proposed solution shall be relevant to at least one FARM360TECH challenge area and shall demonstrate clear potential for achieving TRL 7 for the Growth Phase and TRL 8-9 for the Harvest Phase.

Applicants shall demonstrate that the proposed solution:

- addresses a clearly identified FARM360 challenge and a real agricultural need at regional level;
- has reached TRL 6 at the time of application, i.e. it has already been validated in a relevant environment, supported by evidence required during the application process (e.g. test or validation reports, performance data, pilot results or user feedback);
- has a credible implementation plan;
- has the potential to reach TRL 7 by the end of the Growth Phase and TRL 8-9 by the end of the Harvest Phase;
- shows potential to interact with the FARM360 Platform, as a data provider and/or as a user of available FARM360 data and services, where relevant and authorised, through the interfaces and data formats specified by the consortium;
- can contribute to resource efficiency, sustainability, market readiness and has interregional value-chain development potential;
- has a clear user, customer or beneficiary group;
- is technically and operationally feasible within the proposed timeline.

Applications that are purely conceptual, insufficiently substantiated or not aligned with the FARM360TECH objectives may be rejected.

4.3. Regional and interregional relevance

Applicants shall describe the regional relevance of the proposed solution and its potential contribution to interregional collaboration.

The application should explain:

- the region(s) where the solution is currently developed and/or intended to be deployed;
- the agricultural context addressed;
- the relevance for less developed regions, where applicable (see Annex 5)[3];
- the potential for replication or scaling across regions;
- the contribution to interregional value chains;
- the role of relevant stakeholders in testing, validation or uptake.

4.4. Diversity and inclusion

FARM360TECH encourages the participation of women-led SMEs and diverse teams. The evaluation may take into account the contribution of proposals to the project's inclusiveness objectives, in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in this Open Call.

FARM360TECH aims for at least 25% of the supported SMEs to be women-led. This is a programme-level target and not an eligibility requirement for individual applicants. For the purpose of this Open Call, an SME is considered women-led if a woman holds the position of CEO, legal representative or equivalent, or if women hold at least 50% of its shares.

[3] https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/policy/how/is-my-region-covered_en

5. Main Requirements for FSTP Project Implementation

5.1. Programme structure

The FARM360TECH FSTP programme shall be implemented through a staged process consisting of:

- Open Call and Evaluation Phase (17 November 2026 – 22 February 2027);
- Growth Phase (12 months: 15 March 2027 – 14 March 2028);
- Harvest Phase (6 months: 15 March – 14 September 2028*; activities to be carried out until 10 August 2028 – administrative closing by 14 September 2028)*.

Progression from one phase to another is subject to the applicable evaluation, monitoring, and selection requirements detailed. **Participation in the Growth Phase does not create an automatic right to participate in the Harvest Phase**. For details on the cut-off phases and their requirement, please refer to Section 5.3 and Section 5.4.

5.2. Open Call and Evaluation Phase

During this phase, the call stays open from 17 November 2026 to 29 January 2027, 17:00 CET, and applicants must submit proposals through the official FARM360TECH application form. FARM360TECH will assess applications according to the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria set out in this document.

The evaluation outcome shall determine:

- proposals selected for the Growth Phase;
- proposals placed on a reserve list, where applicable;
- proposals rejected.

Selected applicants will be invited to the Financial Support Agreement preparation stage.

5.3. Growth Phase

The Growth Phase lasts 12 months and is intended to support selected SMEs in the **technical and business validation** of their solutions starting at TRL 6, through rigorous testing in test beds and close collaboration with consortium SMEs and quadruple helix stakeholders.

The Growth Phase is organized in two steps. In Step 1 (15 March – 14 July 2027), SMEs validate their solution in a test bed (relevant environment, TRL 6) and submit the **Technical Feasibility Report**. In Step 2 (1 September 2027 – 14 January 2028), they demonstrate the solution on real farms or in real greenhouses with real users (operational environment, TRL 7). The Growth Phase ends with the **Business Development Plan** (D2), due by 29 February 2028. Payments for the Growth Phase are divided into:

- Pre-financing: 40% of the lump sum, upon signature of the Agreement and participation to the Kick-off meeting (validation of the workplan and KPIs presented at proposal stage with the PO (see Section 6.3)).
- The remaining 60% upon approval of the two Deliverables and the Activity reports where SMEs will need to outline activities performed and objectives achieved, including KPIs, from their workplan.

Selected SMEs will be also required to participate in programme activities as follows – to be considered when outlining the workplan during the application phase:

- An online Kick-off meeting (March 2027) with the Project Officer to align with FARM360 objectives, validate KPIs and workplan from the application, and identify tailored business and support needs (this is mandatory for disbursement of pre-financing).
- A 2-Days Bootcamp organized at IED premises, in Greece (April 2027), to align the awarded projects with LSD and investment projects goals.

- Mentoring, technical alignment meetings, stakeholders' engagement, workshops, demonstrator-related activities organized by LSDs and consortium partners depending on the expertise needed. Specifically: at least 5 workshops, 1 matchmaking and 18 hours of 1-to-1 advice.
- Execute technical tasks to achieve TRL 7
- Submission of deliverables and reporting exercises, and
- The FARM360TECH SUSTAIN Gala (March 2028), where the SMEs (up to 21) selected for the Harvest Phase are announced.

The Growth Phase shall focus on:

- technical feasibility assessment;
- validation planning;
- business development;
- market and customer analysis;
- Stakeholders iterative feedback to refine solutions and align with market and regulatory needs;
- preparation for possible progression to the Harvest Phase.

Where relevant to the proposed solution, SMEs may connect their solution to the FARM360 Platform during Step 2 through its documented REST APIs and standard data formats (e.g. JSON, GeoJSON or MQTT-based telemetry), with role-based access to the data and services authorised for the relevant LSD. In this way, SMEs can feed their outputs into the platform dashboards and Use Case services and, where authorised, use available platform data (e.g. sensor, weather, UAV- or satellite-derived layers) to demonstrate the solution with real users in an operational environment (TRL 7). Integration details and access arrangements will be specified by the consortium at the start of the Growth Phase.

The **expected deliverables** of the Growth Phase are:

- D1: Technical Feasibility Report (by 14 July 2027);
- D2: Business Development Plan (by 29 February 2028) that includes the proposed Workplan for the Harvest Phase
- An interim and final activity report together with each Deliverable, to monitor progress and check KPIs to approve final payment.

Up to 41 SMEs are expected to participate in the Growth Phase, subject to the quality of applications, available budget and final selection decision.

5.4. Harvest Phase

The Harvest Phase lasts 6 months and is intended to support the best-performing SMEs from the Growth Phase in further validation, demonstration, and market-readiness activities, bringing their solutions from TRL 7 to TRL 8-9 through pilots in real-world environments and close collaboration with consortium SMEs and quadruple helix stakeholders. At the end of the Growth Phase, up to 21 of the best-performing SMEs that demonstrate readiness to scale their solutions and collaborate effectively with the FARM360 consortium advance to the Harvest Phase. The evaluation panel for this phase is formed by FARM360TECH Project Officers and External Evaluators through the assessment described in Section 8.8. The selected SMEs are announced at the FARM360TECH SUSTAIN Gala (March 2028).

During the Harvest Phase (15 March – 14 September 2028 - *activities to be carried out until 10 August 2028 – administrative closing by 14 September 2028*), SMEs implement the Harvest workplan submitted together with the Business Development Plan (D2) and run pilots in real-world operational environments, including in LSDs, to achieve TRL 8-9. The Harvest Phase ends with the Product-Market Fit Report (D3), due by 31 July 2028, and the Final Activity Report due by 10 August 2028. Payment for the Harvest Phase is made upon approval of the Deliverable and of the Activity report, where SMEs will need to outline activities performed and objectives achieved, including KPIs, from their Harvest workplan (see Section 6.3).

Selected SMEs will be required to execute the technical tasks needed to achieve TRL 8-9 and to participate in programme activities as follows – to be considered when outlining the Harvest workplan:

- Pilots and technical tasks in real-world operational environments to achieve TRL 8-9.
- Mentoring, technical alignment meetings, stakeholders' engagement, workshops, demonstrator-related activities organized by LSDs and consortium partners depending on the expertise needed. Specifically: at least 5 workshops, 2 matchmakings and 21 hours of 1-to-1 advice.
- Matchmaking events with corporate partners and investors, and demonstration activities with quadruple helix stakeholders, on-site or online.
- Submission of the Deliverable and reporting exercises.

The Harvest Phase shall focus on:

- implementing pilots in real-world environments;
- achievement of TRL 8-9;
- product-market fit assessment;
- collaboration with quadruple helix stakeholders, including consortium SMEs, farmers, policymakers, academia, and industry, to refine and align their solutions with market demands and regulatory requirements;
- stakeholder and user feedback;
- market readiness;
- identification of bottlenecks;
- interregional replication and scaling potential: fostering collaborations to integrate solutions into new and existing value chains.

The expected deliverables of the Harvest Phase are:

- D3: Product-Market Fit Report (by 31 July 2028) that includes:
  - market readiness;
  - business strategy;
  - remaining challenges;
- A Final Activity Report (by 10 August 2028), to monitor progress and check KPIs to approve final payment;
- any additional evidence required for KPI and programme reporting that might be requested by the PO.

Up to 21 SMEs are expected to progress to the Harvest Phase, subject to approval of mandatory deliverables by the Project Officer, assessment of results, and final impact assessment based on the same award criteria detailed in Section 7.5 but with a different weight to underline the different focus of the two phases. The procedure is described in Section 8.8.

6. Financial Aspects of the Call

6.1. Available financial support

The total amount available for Financial Support to Third Parties under this Open Call is up to EUR 2,120,000.

The maximum amount of financial support per selected SME is EUR 60,000.

The indicative allocation is as follows:

Phase	Duration	Indicative number of SMEs	Maximum financial support per SME
Growth Phase	12 months	Up to 41 SMEs	Up to EUR 43,000 (Pre-financing 40%; remaining 60% at the end of the Growth Phase)
Harvest Phase	6 months	Up to 21 SMEs	Up to EUR 17,000
Total	18 months	-	Up to EUR 60,000

The final number of selected SMEs and the final allocation of financial support may vary depending on the quality of applications, the ranking results, the available budget and the successful completion of the Financial Support Agreement preparation process.

During the submission procedure, applicants must declare the amount to be requested up to the maximum grant amount (43,000€ per SME for the Growth Phase and 17,000€ for the Harvest Phase). A lump sum is a fixed amount of money which can be used by selected SMEs for purposes related to the achievement of the project objectives.

Applicants must provide the estimated lump sum breakdown for the project, based on the following cost categories and assign them to concrete eligible activities as per Section 3.3:

1. **Direct staff cost**: costs related to hours of the staff of the selected SME dedicated to actual work under the project
2. **Other direct costs**: travel and subsistence costs; equipment; consumables.

The estimated cost breakdown is used to establish and justify the requested lump sum. It must be realistic, consistent with the usual accounting and management practices of the applicant and respect the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. The breakdown is not a basis for the reimbursement of actual costs: selected SMEs will not be required to report or justify the actual costs incurred. Payment of each instalment is linked to the proper implementation of the agreed activities and the achievement of the related deliverables and results, as set out in Section 6.3.

The Coordinator shall effect payment within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt and formal acceptance of completed Deliverables and Activity Report. The full administrative cycle from Financial Support Agreement signature through payment disbursement, is administered exclusively by the FARM360TECH Coordinator (28DIGITAL IVZW).

6.2. General terms and obligations of FSTP recipients

- All payments will be made in Euros (€).

- The activities and estimated costs of the sub-projects must be directly and solely related to achieving the project's goals and expected results.

- The estimated costs must be transparent, reasonable and justified and must comply with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

- The FARM360TECH project will not be responsible for covering any costs incurred by FSTP recipients as a result of non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this funding scheme.

- The submission of an application does not constitute an entitlement to funding.

- The recipients of the financial support from FARM360TECH ("FSTP recipients") must ensure that the **European Commission**, the **European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF)** and the **Court of Auditors (ECA)** can exercise their powers of control, on documents, information, even stored on electronic media, or on the final recipient's premises.

In addition, FSTP recipients must ensure that they comply with the following obligations:

1. FSTP recipients must retain adequate records and other supporting documentation that prove the implementation of the action for a period of five (5) years after the final balance payment.
2. If there are on-going checks, reviews, audits, investigations, litigations or other pursuits of claims under the Agreement (including the extension of funding), FSTP recipients must keep these records and other supporting documentation until the end of these procedures

6.3. Payment schedule

The financial support is a lump sum paid in instalments in the Growth Phase and as standalone at the end of the Harvest Phase for the SMEs selected for this phase. A pre-financing of 40% of the Growth Phase amount is paid after the signature of the Financial Support Agreement and the participation in the Kick-off meeting and the approval of the workplan and the KPIs by the Project Officer to allow SMEs to start the work. All further instalments are released only after the approval of the related deliverables and activity report, according to the indicative schedule below.

Instalment	Payment condition	Indicative timing	Amount
P1 – Growth pre-financing (40% of the Growth amount)	Signature of the Financial Support Agreement and participation in the Kick-off meeting – validation of workplan and KPIs	March–April 2027	Up to EUR 17,200
P2 – Growth balance (60%)	Approval of the Technical Feasibility Report, the Business Development Plan and of the Growth Phase activity report	By 14 April 2028	Up to EUR 25,800
P3 – Harvest payment	Approval of the Product-Market Fit Report and of the Harvest Phase activity report (only SMEs selected for the Harvest Phase)	By 14 September 2028	Up to EUR 17,000
Total			Up to EUR 60,000

If a deliverable is not approved, the related instalment is not paid. If the Financial Support Agreement is terminated, amounts paid for activities not carried out may be recovered (see Section 11.10).

6.4. Financial Support Agreement

Financial support shall be awarded only after the successful completion of the selection process and the signature of the Financial Support Agreement.

The Financial Support Agreement shall define the rights and obligations of the selected SME, including implementation requirements, reporting obligations, deliverables, eligibility conditions, monitoring provisions, payment conditions, communication obligations and provisions concerning checks, reviews, audits, suspension, termination and recovery.

Failure to sign the required agreement within the specified timeframe may result in withdrawal of the award.

6.5. Cost eligibility

Financial support may only be used for activities necessary for the implementation of the selected SME project and in accordance with the Financial Support Agreement.

Applicants remain responsible for ensuring that proposed activities are lawful, necessary, reasonable, project-related and free from double funding.

Costs or activities not compliant with the Grant Agreement, this Open Call or the Financial Support Agreement shall be considered ineligible.

Travel and subsistence costs may be included in the estimated lump-sum breakdown (Section 6.1) only where they are linked to the innovation and investment activities of the sub-project, such as testing in test beds, demonstrations and pilots in the LSDs or other pilot sites, and participation in Programme activities and investment events related to the content of

the sub-project (e.g. the Bootcamp and the FARM360TECH SUSTAIN Gala). Travel vouchers or stand-alone travel allowances (e.g. a fixed amount granted only to attend an event) are not eligible. Travel costs are not reimbursed separately: *they are inherently covered by the lump sum as necessary for the completion of the workplan and objectives*.

6.6. No double funding

Applicants must declare that the activities proposed under this Open Call are not financed by another EU grant or other source of EU funding in a manner that would result in double funding, in line with the prohibition of double funding laid down in the EU Financial Regulation (Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509).

FARM360TECH reserves the right to request additional documentation to verify compliance with this requirement.

7. Call Criteria

7.1. Admissibility criteria

Applications must comply with all admissibility requirements. In particular, applications must:

- be submitted through the official FARM360TECH application form;
- be submitted before the deadline;
- be complete;
- be submitted in English;
- include all mandatory documents, completed using the official templates: Application Form (Annex 1), Declaration of Honour (Annex 2) and SME Declaration (Annex 3);
- comply with the format and page limits indicated in the application form.

Applications that do not comply with the admissibility requirements may be rejected without further evaluation.

7.2. Eligibility criteria

Applicants must comply with all eligibility requirements set out in this Open Call. In particular, applicants must:

- be a single SME, as per EU definition laid down in Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC applying on its own (no consortia);
- be established in an eligible region (Annex 5);
- submit a proposal that addresses at least one FARM360TECH challenge area (Section 3.2) and includes only eligible activities (Sections 3.3 and 3.4);
- propose a solution at TRL 6 at the time of application, supported by evidence of validation in a relevant environment to be uploaded in the application form (Section 4.2);
- not be subject to exclusion or EU restrictive measures;
- not receive funding from another EU grant for the same activities (no double funding, Section 6.6).

7.3. Exclusion criteria

Applicants may be excluded if they are in any of the situations of exclusion provided under applicable EU rules, including but not limited to bankruptcy, grave professional misconduct, fraud, corruption, conflict of interest, false declarations, non-payment of taxes or social security contributions, or breach of obligations under previous EU-funded actions.

Applicants must submit a Declaration of Honour confirming that they are not in an exclusion situation.

In the same Declaration of Honour, applicants confirm that they accept the conditions of this Open Call and that they will be able to sign the Financial Support Agreement if selected.

7.4. Selection criteria

Applicants must demonstrate sufficient operational, technical and organizational capacity to implement the proposed project.

The assessment may consider:

- relevant experience of the team;
- technical capacity;
- business and market capacity;
- access to necessary resources;
- ability to implement the proposed activities within the timeline;
- ability to comply with reporting, monitoring and evidence requirements.

7.5. Award criteria

Eligible proposals will be assessed against the following four award criteria. Each criterion is scored from 0 to 5 and the score is converted into points by applying the weight of the criterion (points = score ÷ 5 × weight). The same criteria are applied at the first evaluation, for access to the Growth Phase, and at the assessment for access to the Harvest Phase (Section 8.8), with different weights reflecting the different focus of the two phases.

Criterion	Description	Maximum score to access Growth Phase	Maximum score to access Harvest Phase
1. Excellence	Quality, novelty and technical credibility of the proposed solution; maturity, with TRL 6 at application supported by evidence and a credible path to TRL 7 (Growth Phase) and to TRL 8-9 (Harvest Phase); alignment with one or more FARM360TECH challenge areas and relevance to a clearly demonstrated agronomic or operational need; practical, affordable, user-friendly and interoperable solution that provides actionable support to farmers and other intended users.	35	25
2. Integration and deployment potential in FARM360TECH	Potential for deployment, integration and collaboration with the FARM360TECH Large-Scale Demonstrators (LSDs), including a credible plan to test or pilot the solution in an LSD or in an equivalent real-world site; planned use of, or interoperability with, the FARM360 Platform; collaboration with consortium SMEs and quadruple helix stakeholders; potential for replication in other regions. Deployment in an LSD is not mandatory: the criterion assesses the quality and credibility of the integration plan.	20	25
3. Impact	Strength of the business model, customer need, market potential, commercialisation route and scalability; contribution to interregional collaboration and value chains, particularly in less developed regions; contribution to environmental performance, sustainable jobs, social value and alignment with relevant EU policy objectives; contribution to inclusive innovation, including participation of women-led SMEs and diverse teams.	30	35
4. Implementation	Feasibility and clarity of the workplan, milestones, resources, risks and expected outputs, including the planning of the activities and Deliverables for each phase	15	15

Criterion	Description	Maximum score to access Growth Phase	Maximum score to access Harvest Phase
	and of the participation in the programme activities described in Sections 5.3 and 5.4.		
Total		100	100

FARM360TECH applies minimum thresholds: a proposal must obtain at least 60 points out of 100 overall and at least 50% of the maximum score of each criterion. Only proposals passing the applicable thresholds may be considered for selection.

7.6. Ranking and tie-breaker rules

Proposals shall be ranked according to the final score obtained during the evaluation.

In case of equal scores, priority shall be given, in the following order, to the proposal that:

- is submitted by a women-led SME (Section 4.4) or otherwise contributes more clearly to diversity and inclusion objectives;
- achieves the higher score under “Excellence”;
- achieves the higher score under “Integration and deployment potential in FARM360TECH”;
- achieves the higher score under “Impact”;
- requires lower financial support for comparable expected impact.

7.7. Regional balance

The FARM360TECH project must incur at least 50% of its total eligible costs in less developed regions. To contribute to this requirement, part of the places in each phase is reserved for SMEs established in less developed regions. After the ranking described in Section 7.6, at least 75% of the places are allocated to the highest-ranked proposals, above the applicable thresholds, from SMEs established in less developed regions (at least 31 of the up to 41 places in the Growth Phase and at least 16 of the up to 21 places in the Harvest Phase). The remaining places are allocated to the highest-ranked proposals regardless of region. If fewer proposals from less developed regions pass the thresholds than the number of reserved places, the unfilled places are allocated to the next highest-ranked proposals overall.

- A region is considered less developed if it is classified as such in the Commission’s classification for the 2021-2027 programming period (see Annex 5). An SME counts for this purpose only if both its registered seat and the place where the funded activities are carried out are in a **less developed region**, as declared in the Application Form. The regional balance is applied after the evaluation and does not affect the scores awarded by the evaluators. Selected SMEs shall remain established, and carry out the funded activities, in the region declared in the application; a change may lead to the consequences described in Section 11.10. Reserve lists are kept separately for the two groups (see Section 8.5).

8. Evaluation Procedure

8.1. Overview

The evaluation procedure shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of transparency, equal treatment, non-discrimination, sound financial management and absence of conflict of interest.

The evaluation process shall include the following steps:

- admissibility check;
- eligibility and exclusion check;

- individual evaluation;
- consensus and ranking;
- selection decision;
- reserve list, where applicable;
- communication of results;
- Financial Support Agreement preparation.

8.2. Conflict of interest

Evaluators and members of consortium part of the evaluation process shall be required to comply with confidentiality and conflict-of-interest obligations.

Any evaluator or person involved in the evaluation who has a conflict of interest regarding a proposal shall not participate in the assessment or decision-making for that proposal.

FARM360TECH may request additional declarations or documentation where necessary to ensure the integrity of the evaluation process.

8.3. Evaluation of proposals

Each eligible proposal shall be assessed according to the award criteria set out in this Open Call.

Evaluators shall provide scores and comments. The results of individual assessments may be consolidated through a consensus process. The final outcome shall be reflected in a ranking list.

FARM360TECH may invite shortlisted applicants to an interview, pitch session or clarification meeting if this is considered necessary for the evaluation. The use, format and scoring relevance of such interviews shall be communicated to the concerned applicants in advance.

8.4. Selection decision

The highest-ranked proposals passing the thresholds set out in Section 7.5 shall be selected for funding, applying the regional balance rules set out in Section 7.7, subject to available budget and successful completion of the Financial Support Agreement preparation process.

FARM360TECH reserves the right not to award all available funding if the number or quality of proposals passing the thresholds is insufficient.

8.5. Reserve list

FARM360TECH may establish a reserve list of proposals that pass the applicable thresholds but cannot be funded due to budget limitations, the maximum number of selected SMEs or other justified reasons.

Inclusion on the reserve list does not constitute an entitlement to funding.

Separate reserve lists are kept for SMEs established in less developed regions and for other SMEs, in accordance with Section 7.7.

Applicants on the reserve list may be contacted if a selected applicant withdraws, fails to sign the Financial Support Agreement, does not fulfil the required conditions or if additional budget becomes available.

The validity period of the reserve list shall be until 15 June 2027 (three months after the start of the Growth Phase).

8.6. Communication of evaluation results

All applicants shall be informed of the evaluation result in writing.

The communication may include:

- the final score;
- evaluation feedback;
- indication whether the proposal is selected, reserve-listed or rejected;
- next steps, where applicable;
- conditions or recommendations to be fulfilled before agreement signature, where applicable.

For selected proposals, recommendations or conditions may not entail a substantial modification of the proposal.

Failure to comply with the requested conditions within the established deadline may result in withdrawal of the conditional award and replacement by the next proposal on the ranking or reserve list.

8.7. Appeal process

FARM360TECH shall address appeals relating to the outcome of the selection process in good faith and in a timely manner.

Appeals must be submitted within five working days from the date of communication of the evaluation results to the email address mailto:farm-opencall@28digital.eu.

The grounds for appeal are limited to:

- procedural errors;
- technical problems beyond the control of the applicant, provided they are not related to last-minute submission;
- obvious human or mechanical errors;
- duly substantiated conflict-of-interest concerns.

Disagreement with evaluator scores or comments does not constitute admissible grounds for appeal.

The outcome of the appeal process shall be final.

8.8. Progression from the Growth Phase to the Harvest Phase

At the end of the Growth Phase, up to 21 of the best-performing SMEs that demonstrate readiness to scale their solutions and collaborate effectively with quadruple helix stakeholders advance to the Harvest Phase, selected according to the ranking and the regional balance rules set out in Section 7.7. The assessment is carried out by the FARM360TECH Project Officers and External Evaluators.

To be considered for the Harvest Phase, an SME must:

- have had its Technical Feasibility Report and Business Development Plan approved;
- demonstrate that its solution has reached TRL 7, with evidence of demonstration in an operational environment;
- have taken part in the mandatory programme activities.
- submit a workplan and lump sum breakdown together with the Business Development Plan

The Technical Feasibility Report and the Business Development Plan, including the workplan and budget breakdown, are assessed against the same award criteria used for the selection of the Growth Phase (Section 7.5), applying the Harvest Phase weights. The templates of both reports include one section for each award criterion. The thresholds set out in Section 7.5 apply.

The Technical Feasibility Report must also include a section on the collaboration with consortium SMEs and quadruple helix stakeholders (farmers, public authorities, industry and academia) during the Growth Phase, describing the feedback received and how it was integrated into the solution.

SMEs are ranked by score; ties are resolved as set out in Section 7.6. The SMEs selected for the Harvest Phase are announced at the FARM360TECH SUSTAIN Gala (March 2028).

9. Requirements for Selected SMEs

9.1. Agreement preparation

Selected SMEs shall provide all documents required for the preparation and signature of the Financial Support Agreement.

These may include:

- legal entity documentation;
- proof of SME status;
- Declaration of Honour;
- bank account information;
- final work plan;
- final budget, where applicable;
- supporting documents requested by FARM360TECH.

Failure to provide the required documents within the established deadline may result in withdrawal of the award.

9.2. Participant Identification Code (PIC number)

Each selected SME must have a registered Participant Identification Code (PIC) in the European Commission Funding & Tenders Portal. PIC self-registration is mandatory, while PIC validation is not required for recipients of financial support under this Open Call.

Selected SMEs that do not already have a PIC must complete the registration before signing the Financial Support Agreement. Failure to provide a registered PIC within the specified deadline may result in withdrawal of the funding offer and replacement by a proposal from the reserve list. To request your PIC number follow the guidance available here: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register

9.3. Implementation obligations

Selected SMEs shall implement the project in accordance with the approved proposal, this Open Call and the Financial Support Agreement.

Selected SMEs shall:

- participate in required programme activities;
- submit required deliverables within the deadlines;
- provide evidence for KPI and impact reporting;
- cooperate with FARM360TECH partners and relevant stakeholders;
- comply with EU communication and visibility obligations;
- inform FARM360TECH without delay of any circumstance that may affect project implementation.

9.4. Monitoring and reporting

Selected SMEs shall comply with FARM360TECH monitoring and reporting requirements.

Monitoring may include:

- deliverable approval;
- milestone assessment;
- progress meetings;
- participation tracking;
- KPI documentation;
- financial and administrative checks, where applicable;

- follow-up impact data collection.

Each selected SME will be assigned to a POC from the consortium for official communications and exchanges.

FARM360TECH reserves the right to request additional documentation to verify reported achievements.

Failure to comply with monitoring and reporting obligations may result in reduction, suspension, termination or recovery of financial support, in accordance with the Financial Support Agreement.

10. Publication of Recipients

FARM360TECH shall publish information on recipients of financial support in accordance with the applicable EU rules and the Grant Agreement.

The published information may include:

- recipient's legal name;
- country of establishment;
- amount of financial support awarded;
- subject of the supported project.

Publication shall be carried out with due regard to confidentiality, security and personal data protection requirements.

11. Other Terms and Conditions

11.1. Acceptance of the call conditions

By submitting an application, applicants accept the conditions set out in this Open Call and in the related call documents.

Applicants acknowledge that submission of an application does not create any legal entitlement to receive funding.

FARM360TECH reserves the right to make reasonable amendments or additions to the Open Call conditions before the submission deadline. Such amendments shall be made available through the official call page.

11.2. Cancellation, suspension or modification of the call

FARM360TECH reserves the right to cancel, suspend, modify or extend the Open Call at any time before the signature of the Financial Support Agreements, without obligation to compensate applicants.

This may occur in particular where the objectives of the call can no longer be met, the available budget changes, the number or quality of applications is insufficient, legal, technical or administrative circumstances require modification, or instructions are received from the granting authority.

Applicants shall be informed in a transparent manner through the official call channels.

11.3. Data protection

Personal data submitted under this Open Call shall be processed for the purposes of managing the Open Call, evaluating applications, preparing agreements, monitoring implementation, fulfilling reporting obligations and complying with audit and legal requirements.

Data shall be processed in accordance with applicable data protection rules and the data protection notice published with the Open Call. For the full legal and privacy note of the Coordinator (28DIGITAL IVZW), click here.

11.4. Confidentiality

FARM360TECH shall treat confidential information submitted by applicants with due care.

Confidential information may be shared with evaluators, consortium partners, the granting authority, auditors or other authorised bodies where necessary for the management, evaluation, monitoring, reporting, audit or legal compliance of the Open Call.

Applicants shall clearly identify confidential information in their application where relevant.

11.5. Avoidance of conflict of interest

Applicants and selected SMEs shall take all necessary measures to prevent any situation that could compromise the impartial and objective implementation of the Open Call or the supported project.

Applicants must inform FARM360TECH without delay of any potential or actual conflict of interest.

11.6. Ethics and values

Applicants and selected SMEs shall comply with applicable ethical principles, EU values and legal requirements.

Projects involving unlawful, harmful, discriminatory or otherwise non-compliant activities shall not be supported.

No financial support shall be granted for activities that are prohibited under applicable EU or national law.

11.7. Intellectual property rights

Applicants retain ownership of their pre-existing intellectual property rights.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that they have the necessary rights to use any technology, software, data, materials or other assets included in their proposal.

The treatment of results generated during the funded project shall be regulated in the Financial Support Agreement.

11.8. Communication, dissemination and promotion

Selected SMEs shall acknowledge EU funding and FARM360TECH support in communication and dissemination activities related to the funded project, in accordance with the applicable communication and visibility rules.

Selected SMEs may be requested to contribute to FARM360TECH communication, dissemination and impact activities, including public summaries, events, pilot stories or stakeholder engagement activities, subject to confidentiality obligations.

11.9. Checks, reviews, audits and investigations

Applicants and selected SMEs acknowledge that FARM360TECH, the granting authority, the European Commission, EISMEA, OLAF, the European Court of Auditors and other authorised bodies may carry out checks, reviews, audits or investigations in accordance with applicable rules.

Selected SMEs shall keep adequate records and supporting documents and make them available upon request.

11.10. Withdrawal of funding and recovery of undue amounts

FARM360TECH may withdraw, reduce, suspend, terminate or recover financial support in accordance with the Financial Support Agreement, in particular in cases of false declarations, ineligibility, breach of Open Call conditions, breach of the Financial Support Agreement, non-compliance with reporting or monitoring obligations, double funding, fraud, irregularity or grave professional misconduct, failure to implement the approved project, or refusal to cooperate with checks, reviews, audits or investigations.

11.11. Applicable law and settlement of disputes

The Open Call and the Financial Support Agreements shall be governed by the applicable EU funding framework, the FARM360TECH Grant Agreement and the provisions set out in the Financial Support Agreement.

Disputes shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Support Agreement.

Annexes

The following annexes shall form part of the Open Call package:

- Annex 1 – Application Form (template, provided as a separate document);
- Annex 2 – Declaration of Honour (template, provided as a separate document);
- Annex 3 – SME Declaration (template, provided as a separate document);
- Annex 4 – Financial Support Agreement template (provided as a separate document);
- Annex 5 – Eligible regions (attached to this document);
- Annex 6 – FARM360TECH Use Cases, challenges and Large-Scale Demonstrators.

Annex 5 – Eligible regions

Applicants must be established, and carry out the funded activities, in one of the regions covered by the FARM360TECH consortium listed below, regardless of their category, or in any **other less developed** region of the European Union. The full list of eligible regions is available here.

Region categories follow the European Commission classification for the 2021-2027 period (https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/policy/how/is-my-region-covered_en). NUTS 2 codes follow the NUTS 2021 classification.

Region	NUTS 2	Country	Category (2021-2027)	LSD
Apulia (Puglia)	ITF4	Italy	Less developed	Yes (Bari)
Central Macedonia (Kentriki Makedonia)	EL52	Greece	Less developed	Yes (Imathia)
Western Macedonia (Dytiki Makedonia)	EL53	Greece	Less developed	Yes (Grevena)
Thessaly (Thessalia)	EL61	Greece	Less developed	
Yugozapaden	BG41	Bulgaria	Less developed	
Andalusia (Andalucía)	ES61	Spain	Less developed	Yes (Almería)
Cyprus (Kypros)	CY00	Cyprus	Transition	Yes (Larnaca)
Canary Islands (Canarias)	ES70	Spain	Transition; outermost region	Yes (Tenerife, El Hierro)
Attica (Attiki)	EL30	Greece	Transition	
Brussels-Capital Region	BE10	Belgium	More developed	
West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen)	BE25	Belgium	More developed	
Gelderland	NL22	Netherlands	More developed	
South Holland (Zuid-Holland)	NL33	Netherlands	More developed	