Accelerating inclusive green growth through agri-based digital innovation in Western Africa (AGriDI)

Call for Proposals
Information webinar
18 May 2021
Introduction

AGriDI is:

1. An innovation-driven project providing grants and technical assistance to stimulate adoption of agribased digital solutions in West Africa.

2. Funded through ACP Innovation Fund of the OACPS financed by European Union.

Source: https://www.ecowas.int/member-states/
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AGriDI is implemented by:

icipe

in collaboration with

agropolis fondation

Gearbox

OACPS R&I

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Objective

• To enhance inclusive green growth through agri-based digital innovations especially for women and youth farmers in Western Africa.

Source: bigdata.cgiar.org

Source: agrilinks.org
AGriDI Design

Academia (digital tech development, testing, adaptation)

Food systems perspective (sustainable food production and consumption + transformative digital innovations)

Industry (business growth, markets, employment)

Government (enabling digital tech policy environment)
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<th>Grant Categories</th>
<th>Beneficiary</th>
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<td>1: co-development &amp; adaptation of digital solutions (Min. EUR 150k – Max. EUR 300K).</td>
<td>SMEs &amp; Farmer cooperatives (women and youth)</td>
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<td>Applicants: Academia, Tech hubs, Tech transfer offices (Scientists, innovators, etc..)</td>
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<td>• Digital solutions for solving agricultural production bottlenecks: pest management, geo information, weather &amp; climate, relevant applications supporting improved national productivity</td>
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<td>2: Digital innovations for establishing market linkages (Min. EUR 150k – Max. 222,500).</td>
<td>Farmers and agroprocessors (women and youth)</td>
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<td>Applicants: Industry (SMEs, farmer cooperatives)</td>
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<td>• Digital solutions to enhance effective market linkages: Testing business models of farm produce/value added products aided by digital techs, online platforms for accessing agri-inputs, other relevant activities.</td>
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<td>Applicants: Government (ministries of ICT, STI, etc.) to consult with farmer cooperatives, agroprocessors, civil society, SMEs.</td>
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<td>• Policy analyses and development such as analysing and designing incentives for digital innovations, intellectual property, cyber security, data management and privacy issues, among others leading to improved policies.</td>
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Grant Eligibility

1. Be a legal entity established at least since 2017 in any one country in the ECOWAS region.

2. Have directly implemented research and innovation projects of at least two grants over Eur 75,000 in 2018-2020.

3. Be directly responsible for the preparation, management and implementation of the proposal including joint activities with beneficiaries.

4. May include other legally established organisations or individuals and list them as ‘collaborators’ in the proposal.

5. Submit a maximum of one proposal per grant category (Only one grant will be awarded in total).
Evaluation criteria

Proposals should demonstrate clear linkages of activities with various beneficiaries, and must be inclusive and gender-responsive.

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<th>Criterion</th>
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<td>Relevance of the proposal to AGriDI objective and outcomes</td>
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<td>Alignment with national development plans</td>
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<td>Feasibility of the proposal</td>
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<td>Potential for impact</td>
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<td>Innovation</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>Quality of joint activities</td>
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<td>Institutional capacity and experience</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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Grant selection process

(1) Launch call & receive proposals
- Publish call for proposals
- Information webinar
- Receive proposals (one stage process)

(2) Proposal review process
- Completeness & eligibility screening;
- Independent expert evaluation
- Review & evaluation by AGrDi PMU
- A shortlist

Recommendations by an external 5-member Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Final selection by AGrDi PMU

(3) Technical Advisory Committee
- Review workplans & budgets
- Sign grant agreements & funds transfer by icipe
- Implementation, M&E
- Reporting to icipe

(4) Grant Award
Expected outcomes

a. Increased uptake of agri-based digital technologies by farmers and SMEs especially women and youth.

b. Strengthened linkages between research communities, industry and policy actors in digital innovations.

How to Submit your proposal

1. Complete an application form available through an online system at this link: https://app.rsif-paset.org/rcu/forms/agridi2021.php.

2. Upload the following documents with your application form:
   i. Completed proposal (Annex 1)
   ii. Results matrix and workplan (Annex 2)
   iii. Project Budget (Annex 3)
   iv. Official Letter of support from the head of the applicant’s institution, a copy of an official certificate(s) of registration of the institution, CVs of at least 3 key team members.
   v. Evidence of managing research and innovation grants.

3. Proposals must be written either in English or French languages.

Deadline for Proposal Submission: June 30, 2021; 23:59 West Africa Standard Time (GMT+1)
Questions and Answer session
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Thank you