

**Topic:** *Introducing circular economy models in the construction sector, from buildings to city scale*

**Call:** [Supporting the implementation of the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission](#)

**Identifier:** [HORIZON-MISS-2026-04-CIT-NEB-B4P-CCRI-03](#) ([HORIZON-MISS-2026-04](#))

**Programme:** Horizon Europe – EU Mission “Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities”

**Grant type:** Horizon Europe Lump-Sum Innovation Action.

**Type of Action:** [Innovation Action](#) (IA) – Lump Sum Grant

**Opening date:** 4 February 2026

**Deadline:** 8 October 2026 (17:00 Brussels time)

**Deadline model:** **single-stage**

**Total Call Budget:** €47.5 million

**Indicative EU contribution per project:** ~€9.5 million

**Estimated number of funded projects:** ~5

**Funding amount:** 70% for for-profit entities | [100%](#) for non-profit organisations

#### **Eligibility and Consortium Requirements**

- The call requires [solutions to reach high technology maturity](#) because it is a Horizon Europe [Innovation Action \(IA\)](#) focused on large-scale demonstration.
- **Technology Readiness Level (TRL): minimum 5.** Proposals should start with solutions at TRL 5 or better 6 (technology validated in relevant environment) and aim to reach TRL 7–8 by the end of the project.
- Projects must be delivered by [international consortia](#) and include [strong city involvement](#).

#### **Key requirements include:**

- Participation of [at least three cities](#) from [different EU Member States](#) or Associated Countries
- At least [one city](#) must belong to the EU Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities<sup>1</sup>
- Consortia typically should include: local authorities| research organisations| construction companies and SMEs | urban planners and technology providers | community stakeholders

**Call Target:** This call funds [large-scale demonstration projects implementing circular economy models in the construction sector](#), aiming to transform how cities design, renovate, reuse and manage buildings and construction materials while reducing environmental impacts and promoting [scalable circular business](#) models.

**Call Objective:** It aims to **accelerate the transition toward circular economy practices in the construction sector**, addressing the entire lifecycle of buildings and infrastructure. The focus is on developing and demonstrating **innovative circular solutions, tools and business models** that reduce resource use, construction waste and lifecycle greenhouse-gas emissions.

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<sup>1</sup> Often called the “[Mission Cities](#)”- These cities are committed to becoming climate-neutral by 2030 and are supported by the EU to test and scale innovative urban solutions. These “Mission Cities” act as real-world testing and demonstration environments, enabling funded projects to implement, validate, and scale circular construction solutions in actual urban transformation processes, thereby increasing the replicability and policy impact across European cities.

**Expected Outcomes:** Projects should enable the systemic adoption of circular construction practices at building, district and city scale, supporting the EU objective of climate-neutral and smart cities and more sustainable built environments. Projects should demonstrate solutions in real urban contexts, linking construction stakeholders with industry, municipalities and citizens.

**Impact:** Projects should demonstrate circular construction solutions in real urban settings and reach **TRL 7–8 (system prototype demonstration to system complete and qualified)** by the end of the project. Accelerated deployment of circular economy solutions and business models in the construction sector at building, district and city level, contributing to reduced resource consumption, lower lifecycle greenhouse-gas emissions, and the transition towards climate-neutral and circular cities.

**Strategic Alignment of this Call all with other Funding Instruments and Programmes:**

The call contributes to several EU strategic initiatives:

- EU Mission Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities
- New European Bauhaus (NEB)
- Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI)
- EU Circular Economy Action Plan and Green Deal objectives.

**Special Requirement:** Therefore, it is crucial to embed the project within the EU policy landscape through an integrated approach, aligning with key initiatives such as the CIT, B4P, NEB and the CCRI. To ensure this special requirement of the EU to promote synergies and complementarities, proposals should include a dedicated task, allocate appropriate resources, and develop a plan for collaboration with relevant projects, partners, and initiatives mentioned above. Moreover, proposals are expected to ensure that their dissemination and exploitation strategies feature dedicated (and possibly joint) actions for promoting their results and lessons learned on relevant platforms, such as the CCRI Websites, Cities Mission Platform and the NEB Hub.