

Pathways Communication Grants

Call for Proposals

The current call for proposals is open from the 24th of September 2024 until the 22nd of December 2024 23:59 CEST.

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Objective

The Pathways Communication Grants Program seeks to ensure that scientific contributions supporting the development of pathways for sustainability reach relevant audiences beyond the scientific community. To promote wider uptake and understanding of pathways for sustainability, the grant supports the dissemination of scientific findings of place-based research projects via innovative formats and practices.

Eligibility

Researchers, including PhD students, who are affiliated with universities and/or research institutions are invited to submit proposals for communication products that aim to disseminate scientific outcomes developed within inter- and/or transdisciplinary place-based research projects on pathways for sustainability, and are addressed to the broader public. This grant supports the communication of research that has already been completed. Proposals to fund research studies and/or include data collection will not be considered.

Scope of Proposals

Proposals must be based on **completed** outcomes of inter-/transdisciplinary place-based research projects that advance the understanding of transformative pathways for sustainability in practice. **They must not be limited to disseminating knowledge or creating awareness on the state of the problem.**

Award Information

The call for proposals is now open from the 24th of September until the 22nd of December 2024. Priority Groups: One third of the funding will be allocated to support proposals **led by researchers from and working in** low and middle income countries. Another third will be allocated to support proposals led by early career researchers, as another priority group. Early career researchers are defined here as PhD students or researchers who have received their PhD within the last ten years.

Funding amount for each project : **5,000 € to 12,000 €**

Estimated number of awards per call: **3-7**

The available funding per call is **36,000 €**

Supported Communication Products

The grant supports partial and/or full costs of developing a communication product.

Supported communication products include but are not limited to: printed or digital publications (policy briefs, factsheets, brochures, white papers, short reports, comics, etc.), videos, audios, digital interactive learning tools, and data visualizations.

Products not supported: scientific posters, publications in scientific journals and books.

The supported communication products must be based on completed research outcomes or synthesis, and be ready to be turned into a communication piece. Communications products in any language relevant to the target audience (aligned with the needs of the target audience) can be supported. Proposals and all supplementary application materials, however, must be submitted in English.

The communication products should be launched and publicly available within 8 months from the date of the funding transfer.

Please note that the grant does not make any retrospective awards for communication products already published.

Eligible Costs

Only the costs of the development of the communication product are covered by the grant.

The following costs may be claimed: layout, graphic design, video design and production (including equipment rental, local travel and subsistence for video shooting), venue rental, writing and editorial support, communication consultancy to help shape narratives and translate complex knowledge into clear and targeted material for non-expert audiences.

The following costs cannot be claimed: publication and open access fees, international travel, salaries, compensation for participants/volunteers/speakers including honorariums, stipends, gifts, and allowances, translation and linguistic revision, costs of printing copies, advertising, food and beverages/catering for events, mobile data, subscriptions (e.g., website hosting, zoom). website design and maintenance.

Beneficiaries are allowed to include up to 12% indirect cost recovery on total direct costs per contract (overheads).

Proposal Preparation and Submission Information

Proposals must provide the following elements, consolidate them into a single PDF document, and be submitted via the form on the communication grants page of our website. You can find this page [here](#). Please ensure that all links to supplementary material are active and accessible from the PDF file provided. The following elements are needed in the application form (a template can be found on our [this page](#) in the *proposal preparation and submission information* section) :

- Title of the communication product and type of product.
- The name, affiliation and contact details of the Scientific Leader of the proposal. Applicants who are members of a Future Earth entity, such as a Global Research Project, a Knowledge Action Network, a National Committee, etc. are asked to indicate so in their application.
- Proposal narrative (1000 – 2000 words) explaining the content to be communicated, the target audience(s) and how they will be reached. Proposals must clearly describe the pathways being developed within the research project, and outline how the communication product will contribute to greater impact of these pathways in terms of uptake, understanding, and reach beyond the scientific community.

- Detailed development and dissemination plans (including timeline, milestones, targeted audience(s) and how they will be reached).
- Budget and budget narrative detailing how the grant funding will be spent. Please provide the contact details of the communication service providers and their quotes if known and list any other funding support or grants for which the applicant has applied, including amounts and the results, if known. Budget must be calculated in €. If ineligible costs are included in the proposal budget, please indicate whether these costs are covered elsewhere and specify that they are not being requested from this grant.
- Short CV for the Scientific Leader and proposal partners, no longer than 2 pages for each. Previous experience in communication with a broad audience should be highlighted.
- Letter of Intent duly signed by the Beneficiary (i.e. the legal entity receiving funding for a Project selected as a result of the Call for Proposals) certifying the Beneficiary's agreement with (1) receiving the funds in case of proposal success and; (2) the Rules of Participation defined in the documents downloaded from our website (which includes the template for the Letter of Intent).

Please read all of the requirements carefully before submitting the form to ensure that your proposal will be assessed. Proposals that do not meet all eligibility requirements (for both the applicant and the costs) will not be evaluated by the selection committee.

All submission materials should be written in English and **sent via the form on our website**. If you have any questions concerning the submission process, you can contact rosie.harrington@futureearth.org.

Deadline: You have from the 24th of September 2024 to the 22nd of December 2024 23:59 CEST to apply for this grant.

Evaluation Criteria

Eligible proposals will be evaluated based on:

- The fit of the proposal to the scope of the call,
- The clarity and relevance of the proposal,
- The novelty and potential impact of the communication product on the uptake, understanding and reach of place-based research on pathways for sustainability beyond the scientific community
- The quality and originality of the research outputs forming the basis for the communication product
- The competences and quality of the team (relevant expertise, level of interdisciplinarity between natural and social sciences and/or transdisciplinarity, diversity in terms of geography, gender, career stage)
- The overall communication and dissemination approach

Administrative Information and Post-Award Requirements

Selection committee: Each application will be evaluated by a selection committee composed of scientific experts and communication professionals.

A final statement of expenditures summarizing all eligible costs/expenditures made by the Beneficiary for the Project over its total duration shall be sent by the Beneficiary to the Future Earth Secretariat within 4 months after the end date of the Project. Please note that transfers to countries outside of Europe may take longer due to administrative constraints.

A Final Statement of Expenditures summarizing all eligible costs/expenditures made by the Beneficiary for the Project over its total duration shall be sent by the Beneficiary to the Future Earth Secretariat within 3 months after the end date of the Project. The published work will be advertised and, as far as possible

downloadable, on the Future Earth Pathways Initiative website. Future Earth must be acknowledged within the published work, through the following mention: “this (*name of the product*) received financial support from the Future Earth Pathways Initiative”.

Where the published work is protectable by Copyright, the Beneficiary shall grant Future Earth Secretariat, free of charge the right to diffuse the published work on the Future Earth website or any other Future Earth communication media under the following Creative Common License:



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