

Funding programme European Environment Initiative (EURENI)



New funding programme of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)

Environmental degradation does not stop at national borders. EU Member States and their European neighbours face similar challenges in achieving their environmental goals in many areas of environmental policy. However, the starting points in individual countries often differ widely.

Experience has shown that dialogue, knowledge-sharing and mutual learning play important roles in the successful implementation of policies. Close cooperation across European borders is therefore an important factor in environmental protection.

In 2021, the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) started to increase its support for this cooperation through its European Environment Initiative (EURENI).

This programme intends to strengthen actors from civil society, facilitate dialogue with governmental and non-governmental actors on environmental protection and promote the benefits of European integration in this field.

As from 2022, BMU will provide an annual funding totalling up to EUR 2.6 million within the scope of EURENI.

At a glance

Programme name:	European Environment Initiative (EURENI)
Donor:	Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)
Implementing agency:	Zukunft-Umwelt-Gesellschaft (ZUG) gGmbH
Target groups:	Non-governmental organisations (NGOs), foundations, think tanks, universities and research institutes, non-profit enterprises and organisations based in EU or EFTA member states and neighbouring countries.

Funding opportunities

With EURENI, BMU promotes a broad range of topics to advance environmental protection in the EU. These include immission control, air pollution control, water management, circular economy, chemicals policy, resource conservation, marine conservation, soil conservation as well as other aspects that will help implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Funding can also be granted to projects that address cross-cutting issues of environmental policy (e.g. participation processes, gender equality).

Climate change mitigation measures are not eligible. In this respect, reference is made to the National Climate Initiative (NKI), the European Climate Initiative (EUKI) and the International Climate Initiative (IKI).

BMU is seeking projects that are located in Europe and will strengthen intra-European cooperation among EU Members and EFTA States through dialogue and the sharing of knowledge and experience. In exceptional cases, other European countries can be involved as well. Projects involving activities carried out exclusively in Germany are not eligible for funding.

Projects will be selected based on an ideas competition. Once BMU has announced the funding priorities, applicants are invited to submit project outlines.



More information on the ideas competition, the thematic priorities and application details will be published at <https://www.z-u-g.org/en/responsibilities-and-tasks/european-environment-initiative/> in due course.

Zukunft-Umwelt-Gesellschaft (ZUG) gmbH is the project implementing agency responsible for the EURENI funding programme.

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