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NOSTRADAMUS Open Call #1

Open Call Analysis

Programme	Call position	Deadline
Horizon Europe Cluster 6 · NOSTRADAMUS (GA 101134888) · FSTP	Open Call #1 of 2 · open since 29 September 2026	2 December 2026, 17:00 CET (Brussels time)

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Decision in brief: CONDITIONAL GO for agri-tech, Earth Observation and farm-software SMEs that already have a cereal decision-support component at TRL 4 or above and can earn from services rather than code. The €50,000 is fully funded and the application light, but the application must be built on the NOSTRADAMUS stack, published as open source and demonstrated at a project site abroad, and most of the grant arrives after month ten. HOLD for proprietary-code businesses and idea-stage teams.

1 Executive summary

NOSTRADAMUS Open Call #1 funds five third-party projects — at least one in each of five topics — to build open-source digital applications that support farm decision-making in cereal-based systems. Each project receives a lump sum of up to €50,000 at 100% of eligible costs, with no co-financing, and runs for a fixed twelve months in four sprints. The call opened on 29 September 2026 and closes on 2 December 2026, 17:00 CET (Brussels time); applications are accepted only on F6S. [S1, S2, S11]

The call is the cascade-funding arm of NOSTRADAMUS, a €5.0 million Horizon Europe research and innovation action (grant agreement 101134888) coordinated by the ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence in Cyprus, running from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2028. Its purpose is to extend the project's technology beyond the consortium: funded teams build on its Data Cubes, Copernicus Earth Observation services, IoT Observatory and four agronomic modules, and test their applications at the project's demonstration sites. A second call, on applications for agri-food policy, is expected in January 2027. [S2, S4, S12, S14]

Three conditions decide most applications. The lead applicant must be a business entity — an SME, start-up or small mid-cap — established in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe associated country; Romania is eligible. The solution must start at TRL 4 or above and reach TRL 7 by the end of the programme. And the funded application must be built on the NOSTRADAMUS stack, published under an OSI-approved open-source licence and field-tested at the primary demonstration site for the chosen topic, in Germany, Cyprus, Serbia, Slovenia or Switzerland. [S2, S4, S11]

The application is light — an F6S form and a 20-page proposal — and the programme brings data, mentoring and test sites. The weak points are cash flow, with no pre-financing and 65% of the grant paid after months ten and twelve, and a tight technical frame. [S2, S10, S11]

2 Call at a glance

Parameter	Verified position	Practical reading
Funding body and project	NOSTRADAMUS, Horizon Europe RIA, GA 101134888; coordinator ECoE (Cyprus); call run by F6S	Its parent topic is open-source edge-cloud agriculture apps
Status	Open since 29 September 2026	About eight weeks remain
Deadline	2 December 2026, 17:00 CET (Brussels time); late submissions rejected	Submit by 30 November 2026
Grant per project	Up to €50,000 lump sum; requests above are ineligible	Covers both partners in a pair
Funding rate	100%; indirect costs at a 25% flat rate	No co-financing, but pre-financing by the applicant
Projects and budget	Five projects, at least one per topic, two in reserve; no Call #1 total stated; €400,000 for Calls #1 and #2	Effectively one winner per topic
Applicants	SME, start-up or small mid-cap alone, or leading a pair with a research or sectoral/end-user organisation	Universities and farmer bodies only as second partner
Countries	EU Member States and Horizon Europe associated countries	Romania eligible
TRL	At least TRL 4 at the start; at least TRL 7 by the end	Needs a lab-validated component
Duration	12 months in four sprints: M1–2, M3–4, M5–10, M11–12	Fixed
Payments	10% / 25% / 40% / 25% after each sprint is approved	65% paid after months ten and twelve
Open source	Public repository under an OSI-approved licence (e.g. MIT, Apache 2.0)	Earn from services, not code
Submission	F6S only; English only; official template; 20 pages	Any non-English part voids the proposal
Questions	opencall@nostradamus-project.eu or F6S discussion board; guaranteed answers until 30 November 2026, 17:00 CET	Ask early

Official basis: S1 (call page), S2 and S3 (Guidelines for Applicants, October and September files, identical on every point checked), S4 (Technical Specification), S10 (Sub-grant Agreement), S11 (FAQ), S12 (open-calls page), S14 (CORDIS) and S15 (topic record), checked on 6 October 2026.

3 What the grant funds and what it does not

Funded	Not funded
Personnel costs for design, development, integration, testing and demonstration	Subcontracting of any kind
Travel and subsistence for mandatory NOSTRADAMUS events, demonstration-site visits and training	Travel that is not explicitly necessary and justified for the project
Equipment depreciation for the share and period of project use, or leasing up to the depreciation cost	The full purchase price of equipment
Software licences, hardware, data and access to infrastructure, where justified	Reworking a product or activity already funded from the EU budget (double funding)
Other goods and services: consumables, workshop catering, promotion, publications, translations, certificates	Closed, proprietary deliverables for the funded code — it must be public under an OSI-approved licence
Indirect costs at a flat 25% of eligible direct costs	Any request above €50,000, which is ineligible
In-kind support: training, mentoring, helpdesk, data, development environment and demonstration sites	Solutions starting below TRL 4

Business implication: on a full €50,000 grant, the 25% flat rate means €40,000 of direct costs and €10,000 of indirect costs. With subcontracting excluded, the build and the field work must be done by the applicant's own staff or its partner's, so a company that normally outsources development or agronomic trials has to reorganise before applying. Mandatory travel to NOSTRADAMUS events and the primary demonstration site comes out of the same lump sum. Because the grant is a lump sum, audits look at technical delivery, not at cost records — but payment depends entirely on deliverables being approved. [S2, S10, S11]

4 Programme and evaluator logic

NOSTRADAMUS was funded under Horizon Europe topic HORIZON-CL6-2023-GOVERNANCE-01-13, ‘Open source solutions for edge, cloud and mixed model applications to strengthen production and administrative capacities in agriculture’, in the Cluster 6 work programme. That origin explains the call's two non-negotiables: applications must be open source, and they must implement and compare edge, cloud and mixed computing solutions. [S4, S15, S16]

The open call exists to extend the project's technology beyond its partners. Annex 1.1 lists obligatory requirements for every application: use one or more outcomes of the NOSTRADAMUS modules, integrate any external data under FAIR principles, build on stakeholder feedback from the project's Multi-Actor Platforms, adopt open-source principles, address social, economic and environmental aspects, support interoperability with other EU digital-agriculture initiatives and give decision support to farmers and agri-industrial actors. Applications using IoT data must use the project's IoT Observatory Python SDK, and Data Cube work must be done in Python inside the project's Cube-in-a-Box environment. [S4, S11]

Evaluators therefore read for fit before novelty. The first criterion, Alignment, scores the problem, the solution and the consistency of the TRL path against the chosen topic. At interview, technical, work-package and pilot-site leads from the consortium join the external experts and complete a survey on technical compatibility, operational fit, IPR conflicts and ethics. The consortium may pass over a higher-ranked proposal on documented objective grounds, including incompatibility with the infrastructure, demonstration-site limits or commercial competition. A proposal that cannot run on the NOSTRADAMUS

environment, or that competes with a partner's own product, is at risk even with a good score. [S2]

5 Calendar and action points

When	Official or indicative event	Action
29 September 2026	Official: call opened; documents and FAQ published	Register on F6S; read Annex 1 and 1.1 in full
October 2026	Indicative (EUnita)	Choose topic and site; confirm eligibility, VAT and PIC; agree any partner
Early November 2026	Indicative (EUnita)	Finish proposal, sprint budget and cash-flow plan
30 November 2026, 17:00 CET	Official: last guaranteed answer to questions; two working days before the deadline, the last guaranteed resubmission request	Submit by this date
2 December 2026, 17:00 CET	Official: deadline; F6S closes automatically	Keep the F6S confirmation email
By 31 December 2026	Official: eligibility and technical check	Answer clarifications promptly
By 31 January 2027	Official: remote expert evaluation	—
By 26 February 2027	Official: 30-minute interviews, top three per topic	Bring the developer who will integrate
By 31 March 2027	Official: results	Procedural appeals within 3 working days
April 2027	Official: contracting, KYC within about two weeks	Have registry, VAT, ID and bank documents ready
Programme months 1–12	Official: project months M33–M44 — May 2027 to April 2028 on the CORDIS start date (EUnita's calculation)	Staff the sprints; book site travel
January 2027	Indicative: Open Call #2 on policy applications	An entity is funded only once — choose the better call

The Guidelines allow the consortium to adjust every date except the application deadline, with notice on the project website. Note that 2 December 2026 is a Wednesday, so the two-working-day margin for a guaranteed resubmission falls on Monday 30 November. [S2, S11, S12, S14]

6 Funding, eligible costs and cash flow

Budget or payment item	Call rule	Decision implication
Grant ceiling	Up to €50,000 lump sum at 100%	Ask for what the work needs
Indirect costs	Flat 25% of eligible direct costs	€40,000 direct + €10,000 indirect = €50,000
Subcontracting	Not eligible	Do the work in-house or through the partner
Travel	Must include mandatory events, site visits and training	Price several trips to the primary site
Equipment	Depreciation for project use only, or leasing up to that cost	Sensors are only partly chargeable
Sprint 1 (months 1–2)	10% on signed agreement, Report 1 and payment request	€5,000 on a full grant
Sprint 2 (months 3–4)	25% on timely results and positive review	€12,500
Sprint 3 (months 5–10)	40% on Report 3 and positive assessment	€20,000
Sprint 4 (months 11–12)	25% on Report 4 and review	€12,500
Review and payment timing	Report within a week of sprint end; review within 30 calendar days; payment request within 5 working days of approval; payment preferably within 30 calendar days	About two months from sprint end to cash
Consortium split	Lead receives the grant and pays the partner's share per the Consortium Declaration	Agree split and timing in writing
Checks and audits	Technical checks for up to five years; no cost records required	Keep evidence of deliverables

The cash curve is the practical constraint. On EUnita's reading of the review and payment periods, a full grant pays about €5,000 around month four and €12,500 around month six, so roughly €17,500 has arrived by month ten, when most of the development budget has been spent. The final €32,500 follows the Sprint 3 and Sprint 4 reviews, in the months after the programme ends. A company should therefore be able to carry roughly €25,000 to €33,000 of its own cash at the low point, around months ten to twelve, and more if a review slips. Failure to meet milestones can lead to suspension, budget reduction or termination, with no payment beyond the last approved sprint. [S2, S10, S11]

7 Strands and geography

Topic	Module the application must build on	Primary site options and mentor
T1 — Sustainable cereal production under changing climate and soil conditions	Crop Suitability and Yield module	Serbia or Slovenia · BioSense Institute
T2 — Nutrient and soil health management	Soil Fertility and Nutrition module	Slovenia or Serbia · ITC – Innovation Technology Cluster
T3 — Water efficiency and drought resilience (Early Warning System, IoT soil moisture)	Drought Monitoring module	Germany or Switzerland · German Aerospace Center (DLR)
T4 — Smart and predictive pest and disease management	Pest Management module	Cyprus or Germany · ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence
T5 — Integrated cross-domain application (at least two of T1–T4)	Two or more of the modules above	One primary country from the combined options · mentor by domain

The applicant picks one primary site from its topic's pair. All physical trials, field activities and on-site events take place there; the other country becomes a secondary context for desktop replication and transferability analysis, with no travel required. There is no Romanian demonstration site, so a Romanian applicant would run its field work in Serbia, Slovenia, Germany, Switzerland or Cyprus, depending on the topic. [S4, S11]

Eligibility is by establishment, not by site: legal entities from all EU Member States, including Romania, and from Horizon Europe associated countries may apply. The Commission's list of 16 September 2026 shows, among others, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Serbia, North Macedonia, Türkiye, Ukraine, Moldova, Israel and Tunisia as associated to the whole programme, and Canada, Japan, the Republic of Korea and New Zealand as associated to Pillar II only. NOSTRADAMUS sits in Pillar II, but the call documents do not address Pillar II-only associations, so applicants from those countries should confirm with the Open Call Team. [S2, S11, S17]

8 Applicant and partner eligibility

Gate	Official condition	Evidence or decision to prepare
Legal form and size	Incorporated SME or start-up (under 250 staff; turnover ≤ €50 million or balance sheet ≤ €43 million) or small mid-cap (under 499 staff; ≤ €100 million or ≤ €86 million)	Count partner and linked enterprises; start-ups may use estimates
Excluded types	Natural persons, unincorporated start-ups, larger mid-caps, large enterprises	Incorporate first if needed
Lead in a pair	The business entity providing the solution	Decide who owns product and code
Second partner	Research organisation or university, or sectoral/end-user representation organisation	Choose one with users or validation capacity at the site
Country	EU Member State or Horizon Europe associated country	Romania qualifies
Registration	Verifiable VAT where required; PIC 'if applicable' (Guidelines) or required (FAQ)	Register a PIC now
One proposal per entity	Duplicates disqualify all proposals involving the entity; funded once only	Confirm partners are in no other bid
Conflict of interest	No NOSTRADAMUS partner or formally linked entity	Screen against the CORDIS partner list
Exclusion grounds	No bankruptcy, difficulty, fraud or misconduct; no EU sanctions	Declaration of Honour at contracting
Double funding	Earlier EU funding declared and shown to be distinct	Keep the earlier grant's scope to hand
Maturity	Starting TRL 4 or above	Evidence of lab validation
Proposal rules	Official template, English, one topic, ≤ €50,000, 12 months, F6S, on time	Use Annex 2 unchanged

At submission the F6S form only asks applicants to confirm the declarations; the signed Declaration of Honour, Consortium Declaration and SME Declaration are needed at contracting. The project website lists 16 partners in 10 countries; checking for formal links is the applicant's job. [S2, S6, S7, S8, S9, S14, S18]

9 Application package and portal sequence

Sequence	Control point
1. Register on F6S and open the NOSTRADAMUS Open Call #1 form	Applications are only accepted on F6S; the form saves automatically
2. Proposal identification	Title, acronym and an abstract of up to 1,500 characters including spaces
3. Applicant and partner data	Organisation name, type, country, VAT number, PIC, website and contact for the lead and any second partner
4. Topic selection	One topic only, T1 to T5
5. Upload the Technical Proposal	Annex 2 template as PDF, at most 20 pages, acronym in the file name, no special characters, no print restrictions
6. Mandatory confirmations	Programme conditions and privacy, Declaration of Honour, Consortium Declaration, SME Declaration, truthfulness and information sharing with F6S and the consortium
7. Submit before 17:00 CET on 2 December 2026	Keep the F6S confirmation email
8. Resubmission if needed	Email opencall@nostradamus-project.eu with ‘RESUBMISSION REQUEST’; guaranteed only if asked at least two working days before the deadline

The F6S application page could not be read with our tools on 6 October 2026, so the sequence above is taken from the Annex 2.1 form model (v1.1) and the Guidelines. Technical problems with F6S go to support@f6s.com. [S2, S6, S11]

10 Proposal content and limits

The Technical Proposal must follow the official Annex 2 template, be written entirely in English and run to no more than 20 pages; it is saved as PDF and uploaded to the F6S form. A proposal outside the template is ineligible and is not evaluated. The F6S form itself carries only identification, organisation data, the topic choice and declarations, so the proposal carries the whole case. [S2, S6, S11]

We downloaded the Annex 2 template but could not read its structure with our tools, so section headings, sub-limits and the budget table format are not verified here. The Guidelines confirm that it contains the ethics self-assessment questionnaire, and the evaluation criteria show what it must cover: clear and measurable objectives; the problem and the users; starting and target TRL; the technical approach on the NOSTRADAMUS stack, including data dependencies; a work plan by sprint with milestones and KPIs; a justified budget; risks; team capacity, gender balance and, for a pair, roles; and dissemination and exploitation. Earlier EU funding for related work must be declared. [S2, S5]

Two limits deserve attention. The FAQ says pages beyond 20 are disregarded, while the Guidelines say they ‘may disqualify the sections under evaluation’; either way, the excess is lost. And because any non-English content makes the whole proposal ineligible, screenshots, letters of support and quotations should all be in English. [S2, S11]

11 Evaluation and selection

Criterion	Maximum	Threshold	What to prove
Alignment — strategic fit and contribution to the ecosystem	5	3	The problem fits the chosen topic and module; needs are clear; starting and target TRL are consistent; added value for the agricultural sector
Excellence — innovation, method, maturity, responsible design	5	3	Measurable objectives; advance beyond common solutions; credible integration, testing and validation; Trustworthy AI, inclusive design, bias mitigation; team gender balance
Impact — benefits, adoption, exploitation, dissemination	5	3	Credible economic, environmental and societal benefits; use after the grant; market or exploitation path; scalability; barriers to uptake and how to address them
Implementation — capacity, work plan, budget, risk	5	3	Track record and funds management; clear partner roles; realistic sprint plan; tasks linked to milestones and KPIs; transparent budget; credible risk mitigation
Total	20	12	No weights are stated; scores are in whole points

Each eligible proposal is scored by two external experts; where they differ by more than two points on a criterion, they agree a consensus. Five ranking lists are drawn up, one per topic. Ties are broken by Impact, then Alignment, Excellence and Implementation, and finally by the gender balance closest to 50/50. The top three in each topic are invited to a 30-minute online interview — a short pitch and questions — after which the experts may confirm or adjust their scores. [S2, S11]

By default the consortium selects the highest-scoring proposal in each of the five topics and keeps two on a reserve list. It may pass over a higher-ranked proposal on documented objective grounds: technical or architectural incompatibility, demonstration-site constraints, IPR or commercial conflicts, topic balance, or unmitigated ethical, data or safety risks. If funded projects request less than €50,000, the residual budget goes first to Topic 5 reserves and then to reserves across T1–T4, possibly as partial funding. Appeals are limited to procedure and must reach the Open Call Team within three working days. [S2, S11]

12 Legal, IP, data and ethics

Results belong to the third parties: each beneficiary keeps the intellectual property in its solution, and evaluators sign confidentiality agreements. Ownership does not remove the open-source duty. Source code developed in the funded activities must be deposited in a public version-controlled repository such as GitHub or GitLab under an OSI-approved licence, with installation, deployment, dependency and API documentation, following the principle ‘as open as possible, as closed as necessary’. Personal data, confidential information, credentials and security keys must stay out of the repository, and third-party components must be used in line with their licences. [S2, S4, S10, S11]

External datasets used by the application must follow FAIR principles, be recorded in the NOSTRADAMUS Data Dictionary and be openly accessible after the project; farm-level personal data must be anonymised or pseudonymised. Data is exchanged through documented REST APIs and OGC and ISO standards, and GDPR applies throughout. [S2, S4, S11]

Ethics is assessed through a self-assessment questionnaire in the proposal template and through the Excellence criterion, which looks at Trustworthy AI where relevant, gender-sensitive and inclusive design, accessibility and bias. The sub-grant agreement is governed by Greek law, with disputes settled by ICC arbitration with three arbitrators in Cyprus; the beneficiary's liability is capped at its maximum grant, and confidentiality runs until five years after NOSTRADAMUS ends on 31 August 2028. [S2, S10]

13 Contracting, implementation and reporting

Selected applicants pass a Know Your Customer check — legal existence, VAT, ID, proof of residency and bank details — normally within two weeks, and sign the sub-grant agreement electronically with ECoE. Missing documents mean the next proposal is invited. Minor changes may be agreed at contracting, but KPIs and results cannot be reduced. [S2, S10]

The programme runs in four sprints, each closed by a report and a review. Sprint 1 (months 1–2) is mandatory onboarding of at least ten hours of guided learning on the Data Cubes, IoT Observatory and architecture; the final execution environment is also confirmed here. Sprint 2 (months 3–4) is co-design with the Multi-Actor Platforms, fixing the functional specification and deployment model. A use-case brief on users, problem, functionality, data needs and impact is due at the end of Sprint 2 under Annex 1.1, although the FAQ lists it under Sprint 1 — plan to have it ready early. Sprint 3 (months 5–10) is development and validation on the NOSTRADAMUS data and infrastructure. Sprint 4 (months 11–12) delivers an on-site demonstration with at least ten participants, user training, an EIP-AGRI practice abstract and an exploitation plan. Each team has a primary mentor and access to a technical helpdesk. [S2, S4, S11]

Visibility duties are specific: the EU emblem and funding statement on all materials and software interfaces, a monthly social media post with #NostradamusProject, one podcast appearance, one video and at least one EIP-AGRI practice abstract for EU-FarmBook. Poor quality or missed deadlines can lead to suspended payments, a reduced budget or termination. [S2, S10, S11]

14 Best-fit applicant profiles

- **Strong fit:** an agri-tech SME with a working crop, soil, irrigation or disease-risk model at TRL 4–5 that wants to run it on Copernicus Data Cubes and IoT data and prove it with real growers.
- **Strong fit:** an Earth Observation or GIS start-up that already works with Sentinel data, STAC and Python and can build an edge-cloud decision tool quickly.
- **Good fit:** a business-led pair with a farmers' cooperative or agricultural university near the chosen demonstration site.
- **Weak fit:** a company whose value lies in proprietary code, or an idea-stage team without lab validation.
- **Weak fit:** tools for horticulture, livestock or forestry with no cereal decision at their core.

For Romanian applicants, the call works best for agri-digital SMEs that already serve cereal growers at home and want an EU-validated, open reference implementation they can then deploy commercially in Romania. The demonstration has to take place at a project site abroad, so the Romanian market enters the proposal through the exploitation and replication plan rather than the pilot. [S2, S4, S11]

15 Strategic application angles

- T3 drought and water: soil-moisture or irrigation-advice tools using the drought module and Early Warning System outputs, with an edge mode for poor connectivity.
- T4 pest and disease: disease-risk or phenology models turned into field-level spraying decisions that cut pesticide use.
- T2 soil and nutrients: precision-fertilisation tools combining soil-fertility indicators with prescription maps.
- T1 crop production: yield-forecasting or crop-choice tools combining the suitability and yield module with market data.
- T5 integrated: farm-management platforms combining two modules in one adviser-facing tool; residual budget goes to Topic 5 reserves first.

Whatever the topic, the strongest proposals will make three things concrete: which NOSTRADAMUS APIs, datasets and modules they depend on and why; what the edge, cloud and mixed versions will be

and how they will be compared on accuracy, latency and energy; and who will use the tool after month twelve, under what open-source licence, and how the company earns from it. A second partner is worth adding only if it brings users at the primary site or validation capacity; otherwise a single SME applicant keeps the €50,000 and the coordination simple. [S2, S4, S11]

16 Risks and decision blockers

Risk	Why it matters	Mitigation
No pre-financing	Only about €17,500 of a full grant arrives by month ten	Plan cash for €25,000–€33,000 of exposure; keep Sprint 1 and 2 deliverables lean and on time
Deliverable-based payments	Rejected reports delay or reduce payment, or end the agreement	Map each sprint's deliverables from Annex 1.1 into the work plan; submit within a week
Technical lock-in	The topic fixes the module, Python environment and SDKs	Prototype against the public Cube-in-a-Box image and SDK before applying
Environment not final	The execution set-up is confirmed only in Sprint 1	Design for portability across the three execution options
Open-source licence	Funded code becomes public	Keep proprietary assets outside the funded scope and state this in the proposal
One winner per topic	Competition is concentrated and interviews decide close calls	Pick the topic where your evidence is strongest; prepare the developer for the interview
TRL 4 to TRL 7 in a year	Unrealistic plans lose Excellence and Implementation points	Start from an existing validated component; keep scope narrow
Travel and site access	Physical work only at a site abroad	Budget trips; consider a partner near the site
Duplicate participation	Any second appearance disqualifies all proposals	Get written confirmation from partners
Earlier EU funding	Overlap means rejection or cancellation	Document how the work differs from earlier grants
Contract terms	Greek law and ICC arbitration in Cyprus	Read Annex 5 before applying

17 EUnita opportunity scorecard

Provisional public-market score: 58/100. This is EUnita's commercial and delivery assessment of the call, not an official evaluator score or applicant success forecast. The call is fully funded and light to apply for, but the grant is small, the technical frame narrow and the cash flow back-loaded.

Dimension	Score / 20	Rationale
Funding value	11	€50,000 at 100% with no co-financing, plus data, mentoring and test sites; modest in absolute terms
Access and fit	12	Single SMEs eligible and Romania included, but limited to cereal decision tools built on one stack

Dimension	Score / 20	Rationale
Strategic value	14	Access to Copernicus Data Cubes, IoT sites and EU agri-digital networks; a credible first FSTP reference
Delivery burden	10	TRL 4 to 7 in a year, mandatory stack, open-source release, travel abroad and detailed communication duties
Timing and competition	11	About eight weeks remain; five places, effectively one per topic
Total	58 / 100	Conditional go for teams with a ready component and an open-source business model

18 Official sources and document availability

The links below are the official source set used for this analysis. URLs are printed in full so they can be checked; all were checked on 6 October 2026.

S1 NOSTRADAMUS — Open Call #1 page
https://nostradamus-project.eu/open-call-1/

S2 NOSTRADAMUS OC#1 Annex 1 — Guidelines for Applicants (file v1.1, October 2026; text labelled v_1.0)
https://nostradamus-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Nostradamus-OC1-Annex-1-Guidelines-for-Applicants-v_1.1.pdf

S3 NOSTRADAMUS OC#1 Annex 1 — Guidelines for Applicants v1.0 (September 2026)
https://nostradamus-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Nostradamus-OC1-Annex-1-Guidelines-for-Applicants-v_1.0.pdf

S4 NOSTRADAMUS OC#1 Annex 1.1 — Technical Specification v1.0
https://nostradamus-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Nostradamus-OC1-Annex-1.1-Technical-Specifications-v_1.0.pdf

S5 NOSTRADAMUS OC#1 Annex 2 — Technical Proposal template v1.0 (Word)
https://nostradamus-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Nostradamus-OC1-Annex-2-Technical-Proposal-Template-v_1.0.docx

S6 NOSTRADAMUS OC#1 Annex 2.1 — Application form at the F6S platform (model) v1.1
https://nostradamus-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Nostradamus-OC1-Annex-2.1-Application-form-at-the-F6S-platform_v_1.1.pdf

S7 NOSTRADAMUS OC#1 Annex 3.1 — Declaration of Honour (non-individuals) v1.0
https://nostradamus-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/NOSTRA2.pdf

S8 NOSTRADAMUS OC#1 Annex 3.2 — Consortium Declaration of Honour v1.0
https://nostradamus-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Nostradamus-OC1-Annex-3.2-Consortium-Declaration-of-Honour_v_1.0.pdf

S9 NOSTRADAMUS OC#1 Annex 4 — SME Declaration v1.0
https://nostradamus-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Nostradamus-OC1-Annex-4-SME-Declaration_v_1.0.pdf

S10 NOSTRADAMUS OC#1 Annex 5 — Sub-grant Agreement template v1.0
https://nostradamus-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Nostradamus-OC1-Annex-5-SubGrant-Agreement_v_1.0.pdf

S11 NOSTRADAMUS OC#1 — FAQ v1.0 (29 September 2026)
https://nostradamus-project.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/FAQ-Nostradamus-OC1_V1.0_29.09.2026.pdf

S12 NOSTRADAMUS — Open calls overview page
https://nostradamus-project.eu/nostradamus-open-calls/

S13 F6S — NOSTRADAMUS Open Call #1 application page (link as published by NOSTRADAMUS; not machine-readable on 6 October 2026)
https://www.f6s.com/nostradamus-open-call-1/apply

S14 CORDIS — NOSTRADAMUS project record, GA 101134888
https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101134888

S15 EU Funding & Tenders Portal — topic record HORIZON-CL6-2023-GOVERNANCE-01-13
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/data/topicDetails/horizon-cl6-2023-governance-01-13.json

S16 Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023–2025, Part 9 Cluster 6 (C(2024) 2371, 17 April 2024)
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023-2024/wp-9-food-bioeconomy-natural-resources-agriculture-and-environment_horizon-2023-2024_en.pdf

S17 European Commission — EU Grants: List of participating countries in Horizon Europe, v4.1 (16 September 2026)
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-euratom_en.pdf

S18 NOSTRADAMUS — project homepage
https://nostradamus-project.eu/

S19 Cascade Funding Hub — NOSTRADAMUS OC#1 listing (discovery only)
https://cascadefunding.eu/open-call/nostradamus-oc1/

Checked but not fully readable or not found: the F6S application page (S13) could not be read by our tools because of the site's robots rules, so the form was verified from the Annex 2.1 model; the Annex 2 Word template (S5) was downloaded but its contents could not be read; Annex 1.1 (S4) could be read only to section 4.3, so its later sections on demonstration sites, sprint tables, KPIs and outreach targets were checked through the Guidelines and FAQ instead. The Guidelines file published in October 2026 is named v1.1 but its text is still labelled v_1.0 and no change log was found. No webinar or info session was announced on the project pages checked. Cascadefunding.eu (S19) was used only as a discovery lead.

19 Final verdict

CONDITIONAL GO. Apply if four conditions hold: the lead is an incorporated SME, start-up or small mid-cap in the EU or an associated country with no link to a NOSTRADAMUS partner; it already has a cereal decision-support component at TRL 4 or above; it can live with publishing the funded code under an OSI-approved licence; and it can carry roughly €25,000 to €33,000 of costs until the Sprint 3 payment arrives. Pick the topic by module and demonstration site, write to the four equally scored criteria with Impact in mind, and submit by 30 November 2026, ahead of the 2 December, 17:00 CET deadline. HOLD for companies whose value is proprietary code and for idea-stage teams. [S2, S4, S10, S11]

20 How EUnita can help

EUnita can check eligibility and conflict-of-interest risk, help choose the topic, module and demonstration site, and identify a suitable second partner if one adds value. We can structure and draft the 20-page Technical Proposal against the four criteria, build a sprint-based budget with the 25% flat rate and a cash-flow plan, review the open-source and exploitation strategy, and prepare the team for the interview. After selection, EUnita can support contracting, sprint reporting and payment requests. Each assignment would be scoped to the applicant's verified facts and the current official documents.

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