



**FONDAZIONI IN RETE**  
PER LA RICERCA  
AGROALIMENTARE

## AGER- AGroalimentare E Ricerca

**Call for proposal «*From soil to field*  
*Multidisciplinary approaches to improve crops adaptation*  
*to climate change*»**



AGER is a project supported by Italian banking Foundations that aims to support research aimed at **improving production processes** and **developing technologies** and **facilities** to **support the sustainability of the agro-food sector and the food safety**



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- ❖ The objective of the call is to support **multidisciplinary projects** aimed at identifying specific solutions to **combine the environmental and economic sustainability of agricultural value chains with an increase in the quality of production**
- ❖ Projects should focus on the **interactions between field crops and soil**, in order to increase its health and fertility
- ❖ **Soil microorganisms** and the assessment of their **capacity to optimize the use of water and nutrients** are of particular interest.
- ❖ The proposals have to deepen the **study of microbial consortia**, focusing on **synergies** between micro-organisms in the consortium in order to develop **specific application models** for crops/groups of crops particularly relevant in the Italian context



- ❖ Please note that AGER pays attention to the potential impacts of research projects in terms of:
  - **specific impact** on the identified crop/crop group
  - **transferability** of the studied model
  
- ❖ The projects will have to deepen the effects of the action of microbial consortia on the **productivity of crops** and on the **qualitative characteristics** of agri-food production obtained











- ❖ Projects should present a **highly multidisciplinary approach** in order to foster the integration of different disciplines and competences
- ❖ The call is addressed to **public or private non-profit research organizations**
- ❖ **Leading organizations** must be located within the **territory of intervention of the Foundations adhering to Ager** (so only in Italy)
- ❖ Partners from outside Italy can participate if they contribute in a significant way to the realization of the research.
- ❖ **Partnerships** consisting of **at least three subjects**
- ❖ Projects should represent an **opportunity for training and professional growth for young researchers** and they should adopt mechanisms **to promote gender balance** in researchers' careers
- ❖ The projects should include a "**Plan for dialogue with civil society**" to promote the dissemination of research results to the scientific community, stakeholders and civil society



- ❖ Budget **2,5 M€**
- ❖ Minimum grant contribution: 500.000 euros for each project
- ❖ Maximum grant contribution: 1.000.000 euros for each project
- ❖ The grant will cover **100% of project costs**
- ❖ Eligible costs:
  - A03 – Equipment and software- **max 15% of project costs**
  - A04 - Other amortizable costs (patenting)
  - A06 – Temporary staff
  - A07 – Subcontractor and consultants
  - A08 – Materials and supplies
  - A09 – Overhead - **max 5% of project costs**
  - A10 - Communication/dissemination activities and other operating costs- **max 10% of project costs**



-  **Scientific relevance:** 15%
-  Innovation: 10%
-  **Impact** and transfereability of results: 20%
-  Communication; 5%
-  **Sustainability:** 20%
-  Food quality and security: 5%
-  Team and young researchers: 15%
-  Coherence and adequacy of the project: 10%



Website (in Italian):  
[www.progettoager.it](http://www.progettoager.it)

You will find a dedicated page on open call for proposals

**Direct Link to the specific platform to apply to the call**



The screenshot shows the 'BANDI' (Calls) section of the website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'AGER', 'ATTIVITÀ E RISULTATI', 'BANDI', and 'CONTATTI'. The main heading is 'BANDI' with a sub-link 'ARCHIVIO BANDI'. A prominent orange clock icon indicates a deadline: 'Scadenza 05.10.2022' with '89 Giorni al termine'. Below this, the title 'Dal suolo al campo' is followed by a 'SCARICA IL BANDO' button. A list of resources includes: 'Project form', 'Linee guida alla comunicazione', 'Communication plan', 'Partecipa alla presentazione', 'Linee guida alla rendicontazione', and 'F.A.Q.'. A large green button at the bottom right says 'CANDIDATI AL BANDO'.





The Platform to apply (in Italian)

Leading organizations and partners must be registered on the Platform.

Entering in the Platform you will find

- **Project form e Communication plan**
- **Models for «Lettera accompagnatoria» e «adesione al partenariato»**
- **Tutorial to complete the application**



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## Area riservata

Accedere a questa sezione per:

- Registrarsi all'area riservata (*per consultare il tutorial* [CLICCA QUI](#))
- Gestire l'anagrafica dell'organizzazione
- Presentare richieste di contributo
- Verificare lo stato delle tue richieste
- Effettuare la rendicontazione del progetto
- Compilare i questionari sulla qualità dei servizi erogati (Feedback) e sulle realizzazioni dei progetti (Ren.de.re)

Sono ora disponibili anche i servizi dedicati alla gestione delle richieste rendicontative.

Per assistenza tecnica sull'area riservata è attivo il servizio [HELP DESK](#)

Accedi all'area riservata



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