HREDD Support Fund

With support funds, Fairtrade strengthens the cooperation of fair trade companies, Fairtrade partners and Fairtrade producers in the implementation of corporate due diligence.

Who can apply?

Consortia consisting of one or more small and medium-sized enterprises and at least one smallholder producer partner who meet the following conditions are eligible to apply:

Companies that are either members of the Forum Fairer Handel, licensed partners of Fairtrade or Fairtrade-certified are eligible. They must be registered in the EU, the European Economic Area (EEA), Switzerland or the United Kingdom and should not employ more than 249 people.

Eligible smallholder producer partners must come from a fair trade supply chain and an OECD-DAC country and be active in one of the eligible product categories (see list in the general terms and conditions of the fund). Applicant producer partners must be eligible to receive foreign funding under national law.

General terms and conditions

Please read the terms and conditions carefully before you apply.

Terms and Conditions English
Conditions Générales Français
Condiciones Generales Español

Consortia wishing to submit a project must apply in one of the three application rounds listed below in 2026.

Deadline for submission of Concept Notes	Invitation for Full Proposal	Deadline for submission of Full Proposal	Notification on funding decision
02.02.2026	25.02.2026	23.03.2026	by 12.05.2026
04.05.2026	27.05.2026	22.06.2026	by 04.08.2026

03.08.2026	26.08.2026	21.09.2026	by 03.11.2026

Applications are accepted by <u>e-mail</u> in one of the following languages: English, Spanish, French. The application process comprises three steps:

Three steps to your application

• 1. Submission of a concept note

The first step is to submit a concept note by e-mail.

Concept Note English
Note Conceptuelle Français
Nota Conceptual Español

• 2. Invitation to submit a full proposal and budget

If your project idea is accepted, you will be invited to submit a full proposal and budget

Projects with a total budget of 50,000 euros or more must also complete a Logical Framework.

Full Proposal English
Budget Proposal English
Logframe English
Bank Account Confirmation

Proposition Complète Français
Plan de Financement Français
Cadre Logique Français
Confirmation de Compte de Banque

Propuesta Completa Español
Presupuesto Español
Marco Lógico Español
Confirmación de Cuenta Bancaria

• 3. Acceptance/Rejection of the full proposal by the fund Steering Committee

Once the Steering Committee has made a decision, you will be informed by e-mail.

Do you still have questions?

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Our online events:

- December 18, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CET
- January 7, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. CET
- March 24, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CET
- April 1, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CET
- June 30, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CET
- July 6, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CET

An access link to the events will be made available to you a few days before the event.

FAQ

How much financing does the fund provide?

EUR 10,500 to 50,000 per project

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Consortia of one or more companies and at least one smallholder producer partner, each of which fulfills the following conditions:

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- Eligible smallholder producer partners must come from the fair trade supply chain and one of the eligible countries, as well as produce one of the eligible goods. (see list of countries and goods in the general terms and conditions [link])

Who is sponsored?

The smallholder producer partners of the consortia are the ones receiving the financing of the HREDD Fund. Companies are co-applicants but never recipients of the Fund's money.

How long do the projects run for?

up to 12 months, but your project has to be implemented until 30th September 2027.

How often are funds made available?

Once in each of three annual selection rounds. Please see the table of deadlines for 2026 on our Website.

For which projects are the funds provided?

Funding is available for projects on the list of eligible countries and goods in the General Terms and Conditions .

How do I fill out the budget form for the full proposal?

Please fill out the budget according to the different budget lines. [see budget template]. For more information on the different budget lines, hover over the small purple symbol in each budget line - a comment with additional explanation will appear. Take care not to delete the automatic calculation formula already provided in the template. The first sheet of the excel document provides further information. If in doubt, you may always contact hredd-fund@fairtrade-deutschland.de







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