	2026	AGROBIO-DERISK – DERISKING AGRICULTURAL BIODIVERSITY HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-06 • RIA, lump-sum • 36 months						
	Country	**Contract value (€)**	**% by Epsilon**	**Staff # provided**	**Client**	**Origin of funding**	**Date (start/end)**	**Consortium Members**
Epsilon	EU–9 countries	Pending award (Part A budget)	14.5% (165.0 of 1,135.40 PM)	TBC	European Commission	Horizon Europe (RIA, lump-sum)	36 months (pending GA)	EPSILON (MT, Coord.) • BONN/ZEF (DE) • CIHEAM Montpellier (FR) • FCAC (ES) • AREI (LV) • FSH (RS) • UNIWA (GR) • ZALF (DE) • G4G (BE) • UFZ (DE) • AgriSat Iberia (ES) • SCCL Fruits de Ponent (ES) • RSK ADAS (UK) • Erythres Coop. (GR) • MUSES (GR) • BPI (GR, Deputy Coord.)

The Project



AgroBio-DeRisk turns agrobiodiversity from a perceived farm risk into a rewarded opportunity. The 36-month Horizon Europe project (HORIZON-CL6-2026-01-BIODIV-06, RIA, lump-sum) proposal, aimed to deliver a TRL4-validated De-Risking Decision Support System, a Biodiversity Nature Credit methodology, and a European Replication Toolkit. Following the pathway MEASURE → DE-RISK → REWARD → ADOPT → VALORISE → SCALE across 15 Work Packages in two phases (Phase I, M1–M24, WP1–WP8; Phase II, M25–M36, WP9–WP15), separated by a formal M24 Evidence Gate, it generates multi-season biodiversity, soil, agronomic and economic evidence at seven Living Lab sites — six diversification pilots plus a UK statutory Biodiversity Net Gain comparator (RSK ADAS) — across Greece, Germany, Latvia, Spain and the UK, with farmers as co-partners holding decision rights over trial design under a shared pair-partnership governance model. The technical core combines Bayesian Belief Network risk modelling, the DAHBSIM bio-economic farm simulator, multi-criteria Nature Credit scoring benchmarked against UK Biodiversity Net Gain, and behavioural-science-based (COM-B) advisory support, anchored by a shared digital platform, a farmer-facing app and QR-based value-chain traceability. Phase II validates and integrates this evidence into transferability assessment, policy briefs and an EU-wide replication toolkit, with an EEIG positioned as the post-project exploitation and governance vehicle. The consortium brings together 16 partners across 9 countries, coordinated by EPSILON International (Malta), led by Prof. Marc Bonazountas, with Benaki Phytopathological Institute (Greece), led by Dr. Demosthenis Chachalis, as Deputy Coordinator and Pilot/Scientific Lead, supported by a Steering Committee, an external Advisory Board and a Monitoring & Sensor Technical Group convened at BPI.

Services by EPSILON

As project proposal coordinator, EPSILON International, holds overall contractual, administrative and financial responsibility and the EC-facing interface (T1.1), hosting the Project Management Core Team — Coordinator, Scientific/Technical, Financial, Quality/Risk and Data/IPR managers — and operating the project's three-tier governance structure (T1.5): General Assembly, Executive Board and WP-Leaders Committee, supported by a Steering Committee, an external Advisory Board and a Monitoring & Sensor Technical Group, while maintaining the consortium's decision/action register underpinning the M24 and M36 lump-sum completion gates, each evidenced through technical outputs, datasets, validated prototypes, reports, records, protocols and stakeholder evidence.

EPSILON runs the project-wide Quality Assurance and Risk Management framework (T1.3) using Teams/SharePoint, MS Project, Power BI/Excel, Gantt/PERT and a live Risk Register reviewed at every monthly WP-leader meeting, tracking deliverables, KPIs and milestones against the shared baseline, and establishes FAIR- and GDPR-aligned data governance and IPR management (T1.4), including the Data Management Plan (D1.2) and Key Exploitable Results register.

On the technical side, EPSILON leads the shared digital platform and data-collection app (D2.4), co-leads the De-Risking DSS prototype (D11.1), and leads the diversification scenario tool/Scenario Player (D13.3), the QR traceability system (D7.2), environmental impact/LCA assessment (D3.3, D10.3) and the European Replication Toolkit (D14.4), alongside the project's progress reporting (D9.1) and Data Management Plan (D1.1, D1.2). EPSILON covers 149.70 of the project's 1,135.40 person-months (13.2%) in coordination and management, with total participation of 165.0 PM (14.5%) once its technical contributions across all these work packages are fully and finally included in the project's accounting.