Overview

EKOO: Circulaire economie

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Donor: Netherlands Enterprise Agency

Location: Netherlands

Deadline: 3 December 2026

Open

Purpose and scope

EKOO is a subsidy under the EKOO scheme, administered by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency. It funds innovation activities in the Netherlands, where the innovation’s first application must take place.

Funding

The implementation period is 2 years for Innovation theme 1, excluding circular plastics, biobased circular and critical raw materials, and for Innovation theme 4.

Who can apply

Eligible project types include technological R&D developing a new or substantially improved product, process or service compared with existing circular alternatives, which must offer an alternative to the non-circular economy. Research into consumer behaviour, business models or revenue models is permitted, alone or combined, when it prepares actual development of a new or substantially improved product, process or service.

Priorities

For Innovation theme 1, projects may reduce material inputs per product while preserving function; extend product life through reuse, maintenance or repair, or develop new methods for these; develop rental or sharing services that replace product sales; or replace fossil feedstocks with recyclate, or with biologically produced biopolymers solely for product development. Partners may also improve biodiversity or reduce pollution of nature to lower the ecological footprint.

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For Innovation theme 4, projects may enable processing, recovery or reuse of strategic or critical raw materials, or use circular substitutes for strategic or critical raw materials. Priority is given to projects in the defence industry and permanent-magnet or battery value chains.

Sources

rvo.nl - Official call

zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl - Call document

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Salient One analysis. Official call documents and amendments govern the funding conditions.