

# Montenegro 2026

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## *From Commitment to Delivery*

### **Working Session IV: Pipeline Development**

**Pipeline:** *Climate, Natural Resources and Energy*

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## How to read the pipeline: calls roles ► participants ► activation

### 1. Most relevant calls

- Immediate activation lines with a realistic 2026 fit
- Strategic build-up lines that require positioning now
- Focus on the calls that can actually mobilize actors after the conference

### 2. Realistic roles

- Lead / co-lead where Montenegro has system ownership
- Host where strong institutions can attract talent or activity
- Join as partner where participation builds credibility toward future leadership

### 3. Potential participants

- Universities, research institutes, national parks, environmental and energy agencies, environmental NGOs
- Ministries, municipalities, utilities, energy companies, water management bodies

## Logical grouping of the most relevant calls

Pipeline group	Most relevant calls	Main strengths / benefits	Realistic Montenegro role	Best-placed participants	Indicative timing
Climate Science, Adaptation and Resilience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Horizon Cluster 5 (Climate);</b></li> <li><b>Mission on Climate Adaptation and Cities Mission;</b></li> <li><b>LIFE Climate Action.</b></li> </ol>	Montenegro's vulnerability and active climate monitoring provide credible scientific data for EU consortia.	Research partner; pilot site; case-study contributor in climate adaptation consortia.	ZHMS, EPA Montenegro, Institute for Marine Biology, UDG Centre for Climate Change, municipalities.	Sept–Oct 2026
Energy Transition & Clean Tech	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Horizon Cluster 5 (Energy);</b></li> <li><b>Just Transition Fund;</b></li> <li><b>LIFE Clean Energy.</b></li> </ol>	Small-country energy transition with high renewables potential and EU grid integration pathway.	Research partner; energy modelling contributor; pilot site for clean energy demo projects.	EPCG, CGES, energy agencies, Ministry of Energy, UDG Centre for Climate Change.	Sept–Oct 2026
ERA Capacity Building	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>WIDERA Twinning;</b></li> <li><b>ERA Chairs;</b></li> <li><b>MSCA Staff Exchanges;</b></li> <li><b>MSCA PF.</b></li> </ol>	Structural EU research integration: staff mobility, joint grant writing, proposal capacity.	Applicant institution (WIDERA); host or individual applicant (MSCA); partnership co-designer.	UDG faculties, individual climate, energy & environment researchers.	Ongoing / Sept 2026
Natural Resources & Ecosystem Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>LIFE Nature &amp; Biodiversity;</b></li> <li><b>Soil Mission;</b></li> <li><b>Ocean Mission;</b></li> <li><b>IPARD III.</b></li> </ol>	Rich natural heritage and freshwater assets. Direct EU entry for conservation and water management.	Direct applicant (IPARD); lead or co-applicant (LIFE); pilot site (Missions).	National parks, EPA, water utilities, municipalities, Ministry of Environment.	Apr–Sep 2026

Four strategic tracks: climate science (research-driven); energy transition (clean tech & modelling); ERA integration (WIDERA, MSCA); natural resources & ecosystems (LIFE, IPARD, Missions); transnational cooperation (Interreg).

# Selected examples: how calls, roles and actors connect in practice

## Example 1 - LIFE Climate Action direct entry

- Call(s): LIFE Climate Action (2026 calls published on 21 April)
- Actors: UDG Climate Centre + municipalities + EPA + EU conservation partner
- Why it works: direct EU programme entry; Montenegro leads the application; UDG provides science; EU partner satisfies consortium rules.

## Example 2 - Adaptation Mission territory

- Call(s): Horizon Europe Adaptation Mission (22 Sep 2026)
- Actors: Municipalities + UDG/UCG + ZHMS + EU research institution
- Why it works: Montenegro's documented coastal and mountain climate vulnerability qualifies it directly as a resilience territory.

## Example 3 - Just Transition Fund planning

- Call(s): Just Transition Fund — Pljevlja coal region (2026–2027)
- Actors: Ministry of Energy + Pljevlja municipality + EPCG + UDG technical analysis
- Why it works: Pljevlja region is directly eligible; UDG provides roadmap and economic impact analysis; real investment capital available.

## Example 4 - Cluster 5 clean energy consortium

- Call(s): Horizon Europe Cluster 5 Clean Energy (Oct–Nov 2026)
- Actors: EPCG + CGES + UDG/UCG + EU energy research consortium
- Why it works: Montenegro's hydropower and renewables profile gives it a genuine data and demo-site role in EU clean energy research.

**Thank you for your attention!**

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