

The research group *Ecological and Inclusive Transition* at [Artevelde University of Applied Sciences](#) is looking to join a consortium for the Horizon Europe call [HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-03](#).

Artevelde University of Applied Sciences is one of Flanders' largest Universities of Applied Sciences. With approximately 18,000 students, almost 2000 staff members, 230 researchers and 12 campuses within and near Ghent's historic city centre, AUAS offers a wide range of study programmes (levels 5-6) in Business & Management, Communication, Media & Design, Education, People & Society, and Health & Care, including 17 international programmes. AUAS provides education, applied research and services with a strong emphasis on quality, sustainability, and internationalisation. AUAS is a founding member of the European University alliance UP University. UP University, a network of 11 higher education institutions, facilitates joint research and education aimed at empowering students, staff and regional stakeholders to take social responsibility, live sustainably, and adequately address societal challenges.

Our research group *Ecological and Inclusive Transition* conducts applied and practice-oriented research on sustainable and inclusive transitions, with expertise in:

- sustainable food environments and food system transformation,
- food waste reduction in commercial kitchens,
- protein transition and circular food systems,
- system dynamics and transition management,
- stakeholder engagement and behavioural change,
- circular business models and value-chain orchestration.

Our approach is strongly based on co-creation and multi-actor collaboration, involving businesses, public authorities, civil society organisations, and citizens throughout the innovation process. We have experience with living labs, participatory research, pilot implementation, and impact-driven innovation.

Within this call, we are particularly interested in contributing to:

- stakeholder engagement and ecosystem building,
- co-creation methodologies,
- behavioural and societal dimensions,
- pilot actions and validation,
- dissemination, implementation, and impact generation.

Examples of our projects:

[Project portfolio](#)

We welcome collaboration with universities, research institutes, public authorities, NGOs, cultural organisations, and industry partners.

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