

SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION FUND - TE Connectivity

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Environmental Sustainability & Green Innovation Projects

Accepting proposals from NGOs & Research Institutes across:

Portugal • Brazil • China • India • Global

Submission Deadline: 30th July 2026

About TE Connectivity

TE Connectivity plc (NYSE: TEL) is a global industrial technology leader creating a safer, sustainable, productive, and connected future. As a trusted innovation partner, our broad range of connectivity and sensor solutions enables the distribution of power, signal, and data to advance next-generation transportation, energy networks, automated factories, data centers enabling artificial intelligence, and more.

Our more than 90,000 employees, including 10,000 engineers, work alongside customers in approximately 130 countries. In a world that is racing ahead, TE ensures that EVERY CONNECTION COUNTS. Learn more at www.te.com and on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [WeChat](#) and [Instagram](#).

1. Introduction

TE Connectivity invites proposals from qualified NGOs, academic institutions, and research organizations to implement innovative projects under its Sustainable Innovation Fund (SIF).

The objective of this RFP is to identify and support high-impact, scalable, and innovative environmental sustainability initiatives across key geographic regions, including:

- Portugal and Southern Europe
- Brazil and Mexico
- China
- India

These projects should align with TE's purpose of creating a safer, sustainable, productive, and connected future and contribute to advancing sustainability outcomes across climate, circularity, resource efficiency, and community resilience.

We are seeking projects with a projected budget between \$25,000USD and \$100,000USD for the specified term.

2. Objectives of the Fund

The Sustainable Innovation Fund aims to:

- Support innovative solutions addressing environmental challenges
- Enable scalable, technology-driven sustainability initiatives
- Foster cross-sector partnerships (industry, academia, NGOs)
- Deliver measurable environmental and social impact
- Strengthen alignment between sustainability, innovation, and community impact

3. Scope of Work

Proposals should fall under one or more of the following thematic areas:

A. Climate & Decarbonization

- Renewable energy deployment (e.g., solar, microgrids)
- Carbon reduction technologies and practices
- Energy efficiency and optimization

B. Circular Economy & Waste Management

- Waste reduction and Zero Waste initiatives
- Recycling, reuse, and resource recovery systems
- Innovative material lifecycle solutions

C. Water Stewardship

- Water conservation, reuse, and treatment
- Community-based water access and resilience solutions

D. Nature-Based & Biodiversity Solutions

- Ecosystem restoration and conservation
- Climate adaptation through nature-based approaches

E. Community-Driven Sustainability Innovation

- Localized solutions with community participation
- Projects combining environmental impact with livelihood or education benefits

4. Eligibility Criteria

Eligible organizations must meet the following criteria:

Organizational Requirements

- Registered NGO / Non-Profit / Academic Institution / Research Organization
- Minimum 3–5 years of operational experience in sustainability or related areas
- Proven track record in implementing environmental or green projects
- Presence or operational capability in one or more target countries (Portugal, Southern Europe, Brazil, Mexico, China, India, or other countries)

Capability Requirements

- Demonstrated technical expertise in relevant sustainability domains
- Experience managing projects of similar scale and complexity
- Ability to deliver data-driven monitoring and reporting
- Strong governance and financial accountability systems

Partnership Preference

- Collaborations between NGOs + research institutes / universities
- Partnerships with local communities, governments, or industry stakeholders

5. Proposal Requirements (Submission form shared below)

Organizations must submit proposals including:

A. Project Overview

- Title and location(s)
- Problem statement and relevance
- Proposed solution and innovation approach

B. Objectives & Expected Outcomes

- Clear environmental and/or social impact goals
- Alignment to sustainability priorities (climate, circularity, etc.)

C. Implementation Plan

- Timeline and milestones
- Key activities and deliverables
- Stakeholder engagement approach

D. Innovation & Scalability

- Explanation of what makes the solution innovative
- Potential for replication or scale across geographies

E. Impact Measurement

- Key performance indicators (KPIs)
- Monitoring and evaluation methodology

F. Budget & Funding Request

- Detailed breakdown of costs
- Co-funding or partner contributions (if applicable)

G. Organizational Profile

- Experience, past projects, and references
- Governance and compliance structure

6. Deliverables

Selected organizations will be expected to deliver:

- Detailed project implementation plan (within agreed timeline)
- Mid-term and final impact reports with measurable outcomes
- Financial utilization reports
- Case studies/storytelling content for internal and external communications
- Participation in periodic review calls, site visits, and volunteer opportunities (if applicable)

7. Evaluation & Shortlisting Criteria

All proposals will undergo an internal review process. Shortlisting will be based on:

A. Strategic Alignment

- Fit with TE's sustainability priorities and SIF objectives
- Relevance to regional and community needs

B. Innovation & Differentiation

- Novelty of approach
- Use of technology or unconventional solutions

C. Impact Potential

- Clear, measurable outcomes
- Environmental and social co-benefits
- Long-term sustainability of project impact

D. Scalability & Replicability

- Potential to expand across geographies or sectors

E. Feasibility & Execution Capability

- Strength of implementation plan
- Proven organizational capability and experience

F. Cost Effectiveness

- Efficient use of funds relative to impact delivered

G. Partnerships & Stakeholder Engagement

- Inclusion of local communities and multi-stakeholder collaboration

8. Review Process

The proposal selection process includes:

1. Initial Screening – Eligibility & completeness check
2. Technical Evaluation – Review by sustainability and subject-matter experts
3. Internal Review Committee Assessment – Cross-functional assessment
4. Shortlist & Final Selection – Based on weighted evaluation criteria

9. Submission Guidelines

- Proposals must be submitted in English

- **Submit to:** [SIF Proposal Submission Form](#) (While filing the application, please select **Yes** for the question 'Is this application specific to the Sustainable Innovation Fund?')

10. Additional Notes

- Preference may be given to projects that leverage technology, data, or innovation ecosystems
- Projects that demonstrate co-benefits across sustainability and social impact will be prioritized
- TE reserves the right to co-develop or refine proposals post-shortlisting

Note: TE Connectivity reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informalities or irregularities in any proposal, to request additional information or clarification, and to cancel, modify, suspend, or terminate this RFP process at any time, without notice or liability. Submission of a proposal does not create any obligation on the part of TE Connectivity to select any respondent, award any contract, or reimburse any costs incurred in the preparation or submission of a proposal. Any selection decision shall be made by TE Connectivity in its sole discretion and may be based on such factors as TE Connectivity deems appropriate, whether or not expressly outlined in this RFP.