# Facility for Investment Ready Nature in Scotland (FIRNS)

## Expression of Interest form

Use this form to tell us about your project. We will assess whether your project can meet the fund priorities and offer feedback before you start working on a full application.

If you are not sure whether your project can meet the fund criteria, please submit an Expression of Interest form with as much detail as you can. We may then get in touch to discuss your project idea.

Email your completed form to FIRNS@nature.scot as soon as it is ready but no later than **noon on Friday 3November 2023**. We strongly encourage the prompt submission of your Expression of Interest form, in order that you can consider feedback as soon as possible, and build the best project application.

## About You

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## About Your Project

## Is your project ready to apply for:

Development funding [ ]

Market and Investment Readiness funding [ ]

## What is the need for this project?

Tell us about the information or research that has led to this project being developed. What is the problem you are trying to solve (100 words max)?

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## What stage of the ‘path to investment readiness’ do you think your project is at and why?

This is set out in the [**Green Finance Institute Investment Readiness Toolkit**](https://www.greenfinanceinstitute.co.uk/gfihive/toolkit/) and in FIRNS scheme guidance. You should tell us about any discussions, consultation or engagement on your project (100 words max).

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## Describe what you will do during your project

Tell us about the main actions and activities you will take forward (400 words max)

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## If yours is a place-based project: what natural environments will the project focus on and where?

For example woodland, rivers and water, peatland or urban settings. Also tell us where project activities will take place and why this work is needed (200 words max).

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## If yours is a market infrastructure project: What aspects of the market framework will you be developing?

For example, a new code or standard, an aggregation or trading platform or a community benefit mechanism. Tell us why this is needed (100 words max)

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## What outcomes do you want to achieve?

Mandatory and additional FIRNS outcomes can be found [**in our Guidance for applicants**](https://www.nature.scot/doc/guidance-applicants-facility-investment-ready-nature-scotland). Outcomes for nature and community benefits are mandatory (200 words max)

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## Who will be involved in your project?

Tell us who will run the project, about any partnerships, about community engagement and participation, including volunteering. Involving a wide range of people is a high priority (200 words max)

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## How long do you think the project will take?

Tell us an estimated start and end date (50 words max).

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## How much is the whole project likely to cost?

Tell us about the most important and highest costs. Costs can be estimated at this point.

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## How much funding are you planning to apply for?

Costs can be estimated at this point too.

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