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H2020-INNOSUP-1 results & other funding opportunities for SMEs

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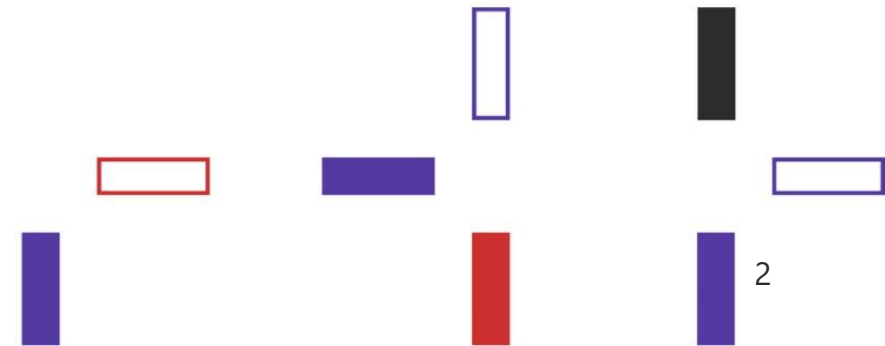
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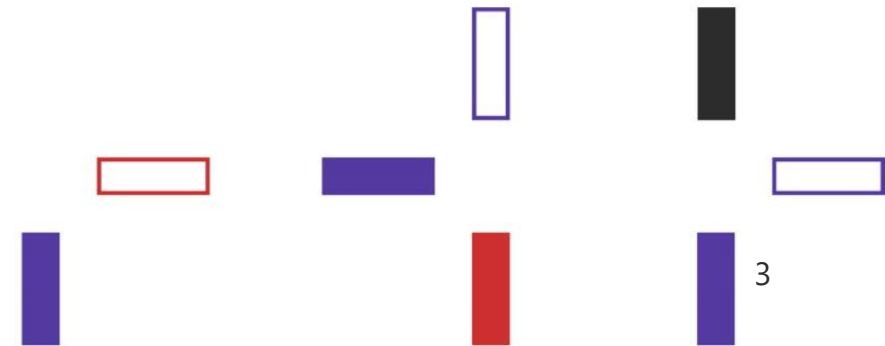
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Overview of the H2020-INNOSUP-1 action: presentation and results



H2020-INNOSUP-01 projects overview

« Cluster facilitated projects for new industrial value chains »



Specific challenge:

- to develop new industrial value chains, by fostering the collaboration & integration of different innovation actors (especially SMEs), across different sectors.
- to support the development of emerging industries.

Scope:

- **Cross-border & cross-sectoral collaboration**, innovation & entrepreneurship across different regions & value chains.

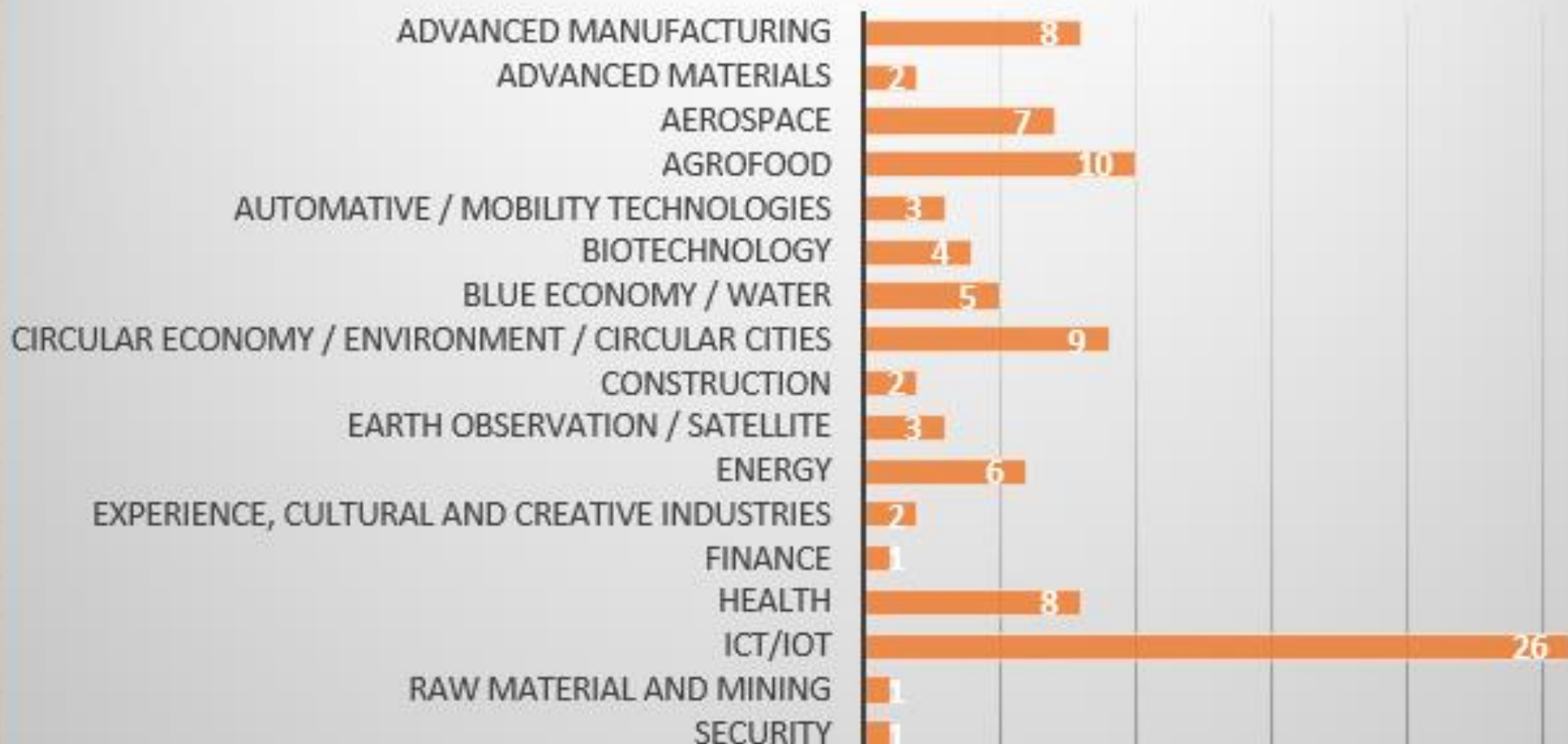
Projects:

- Total EU budget for the action 2015-2020: 130M euros
- 29 projects funded
- budget: +- 5M € per project
- to support innovation activities & channel a mix of different targeted entrepreneurial and innovation support measures directly to the innovation actors. **At least 75% of the total budget shall be allocated to support innovation in SMEs directly.**

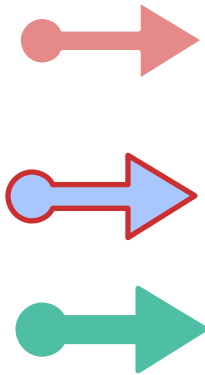
Open Calls for vouchers / grants for up to 60 000 EUR per SME

Sectors covered by the 29 INNOSUP-1 projects

(for each sector, the number of projects adressing it is mentioned)



Key Outcomes



>€ 95 million
given to SMEs in funding and
services

>4500
SMEs
supported

> 500
SME-led
consortia

across 40
countries

covering
all 27
member
states

and 13
H2020
associated
countries

>2000 SMEs
received
direct
funding for
innovation

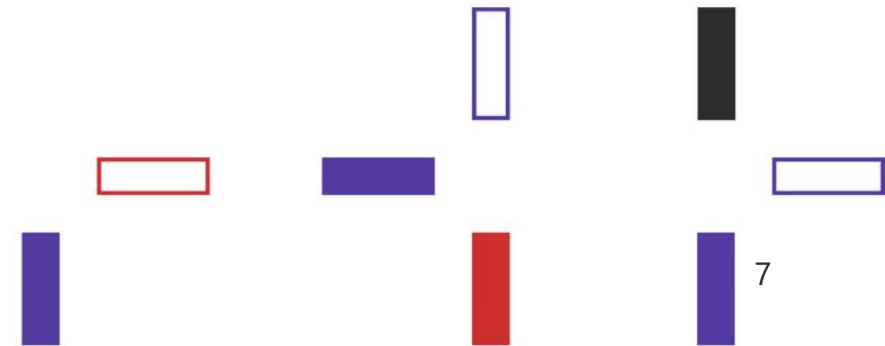
Out of
>7000
applicants

Under the
supervision of
> 320 project
partners



Cascade funding opportunities for SMEs

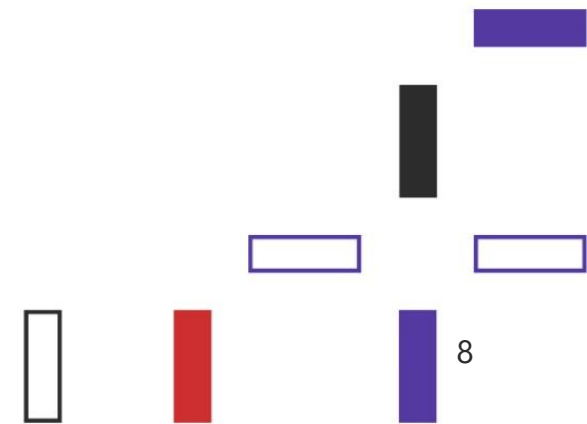
« *Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)* »





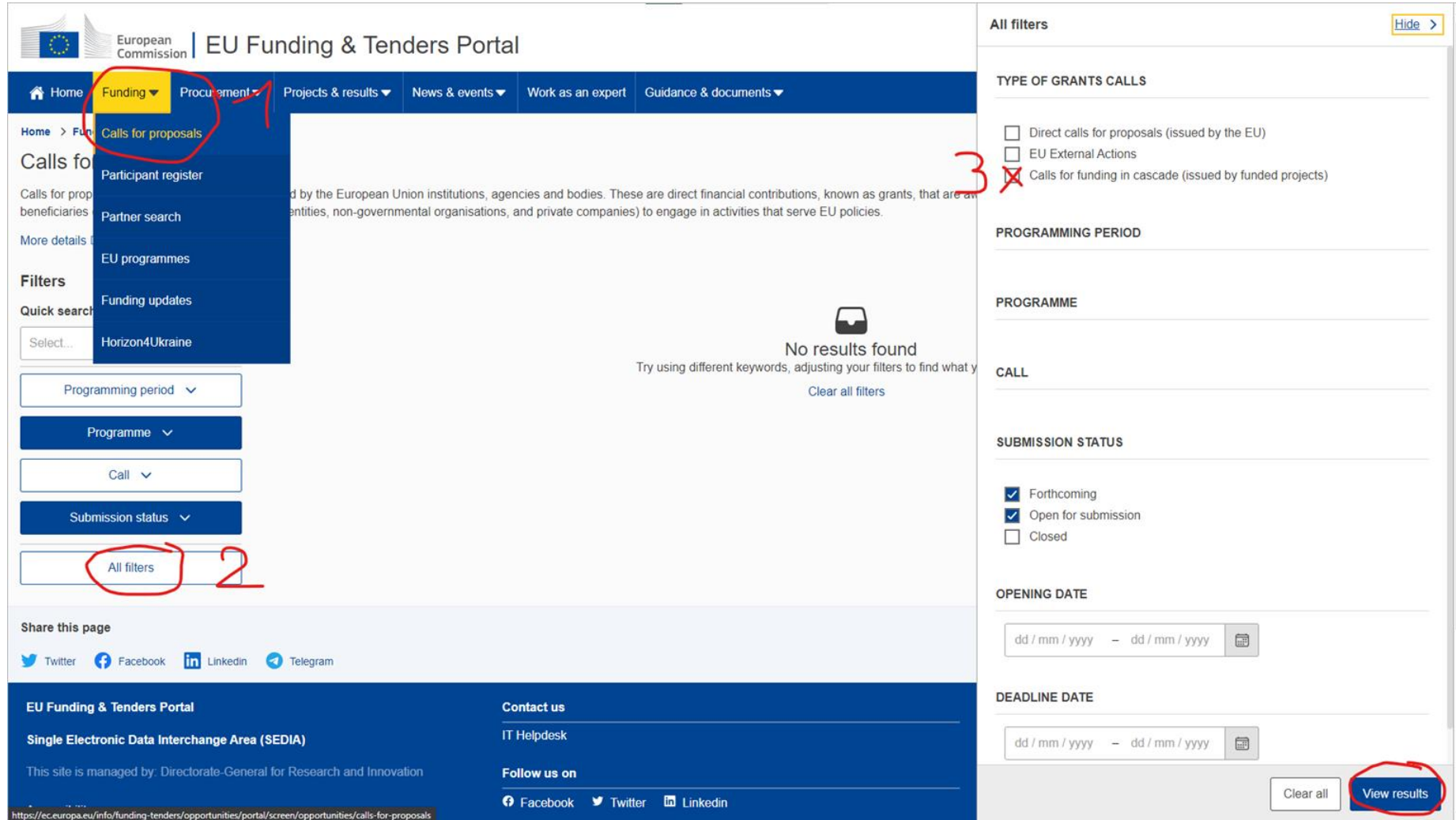
Main features of cascade funding

- Direct funding of intermediaries
- Organisation of sub-calls for third parties
- Less competition than direct funding
- Less formalities / administrative burden
 - *Faster access to financial support*
- Max EUR 60K per third party



How to find open calls for FSTP ?

All calls for FSTP published by EU projects announced on the [EC F&T Portal](#) :



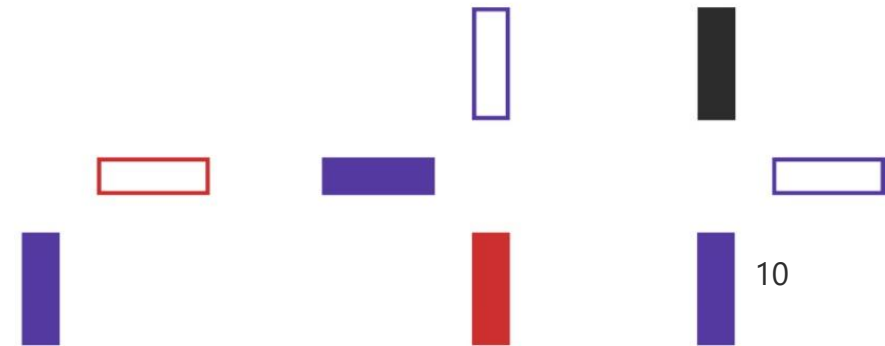
The screenshot displays the 'EU Funding & Tenders Portal' interface. The 'Funding' menu is open, highlighting 'Calls for proposals' (marked with a red circle and '1'). The 'All filters' section on the right is expanded, showing the following settings:

- TYPE OF GRANTS CALLS**
 - Direct calls for proposals (issued by the EU)
 - EU External Actions
 - Calls for funding in cascade (issued by funded projects) (marked with a red '3')
- PROGRAMMING PERIOD**
- PROGRAMME**
- CALL**
- SUBMISSION STATUS**
 - Forthcoming
 - Open for submission
 - Closed
- OPENING DATE**
dd / mm / yyyy - dd / mm / yyyy
- DEADLINE DATE**
dd / mm / yyyy - dd / mm / yyyy

The 'View results' button at the bottom right of the filter panel is circled in red (marked with a red '2'). The 'All filters' button in the left sidebar is also circled in red (marked with a red '2'). The main content area shows 'No results found' with a red '3' next to it.



Examples of actions with FSTP (but not only 😊)



Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument

Cohesion Policy - 490 M euros (2021-2027)



INTERREGIONAL

- Creating links between EU regions around **shared or complementary smart specialisation (S3)** areas and involving all components of the regional or national innovation ecosystems
- Supporting the development of value chains in less developed regions



INNOVATION

- Testing, demonstration, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication, adaptation of existing prototypes
- Accelerating innovation, bringing innovative solutions and new products in:
 - **Digital transition**
 - **Green transition**
 - **Smart manufacturing**



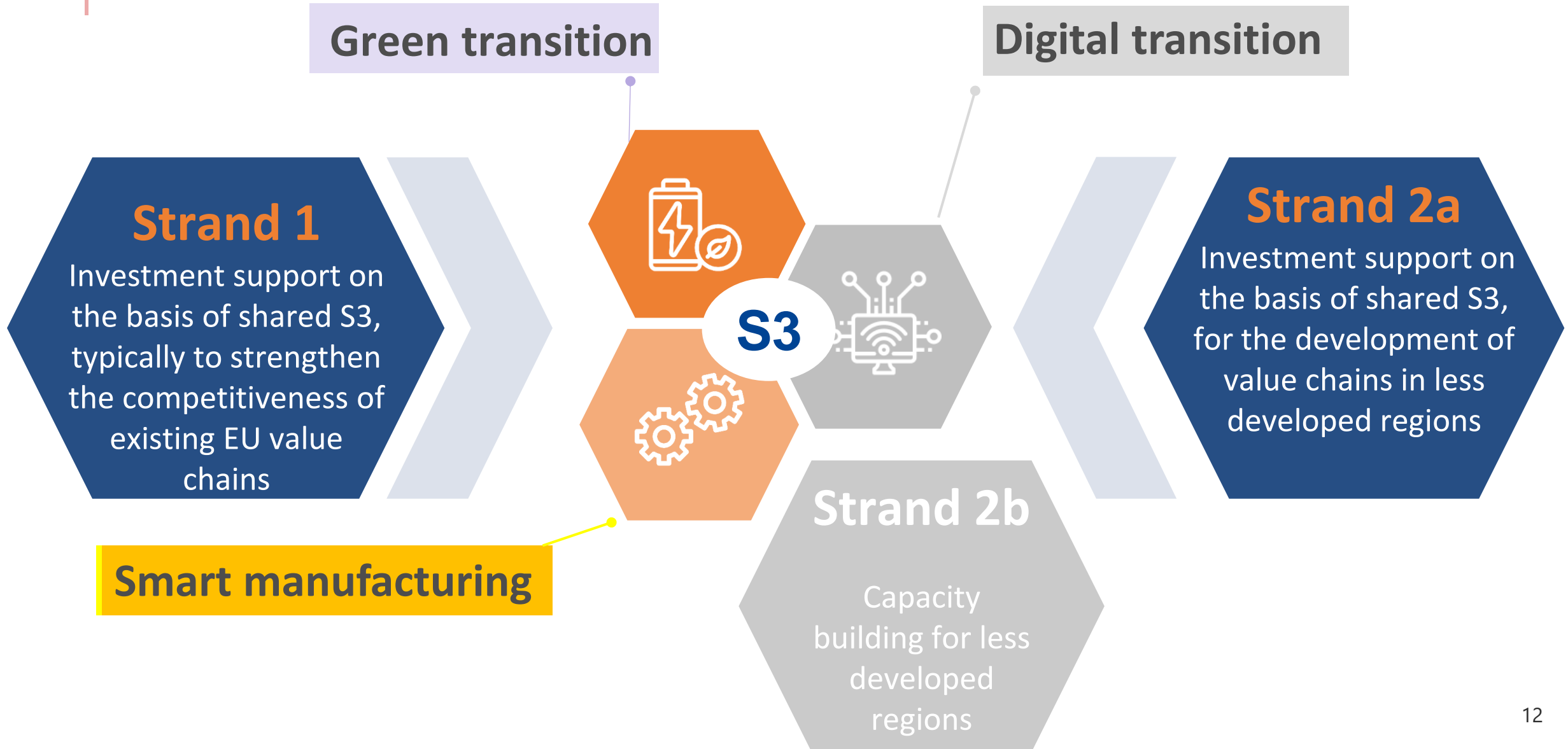
INVESTMENTS

- Financial and advisory support for joint innovation projects
- Smart economic transformation by moving from investment ideas to actual implementation
- Direct investment to companies (mainly SMEs)

Thematic priorities

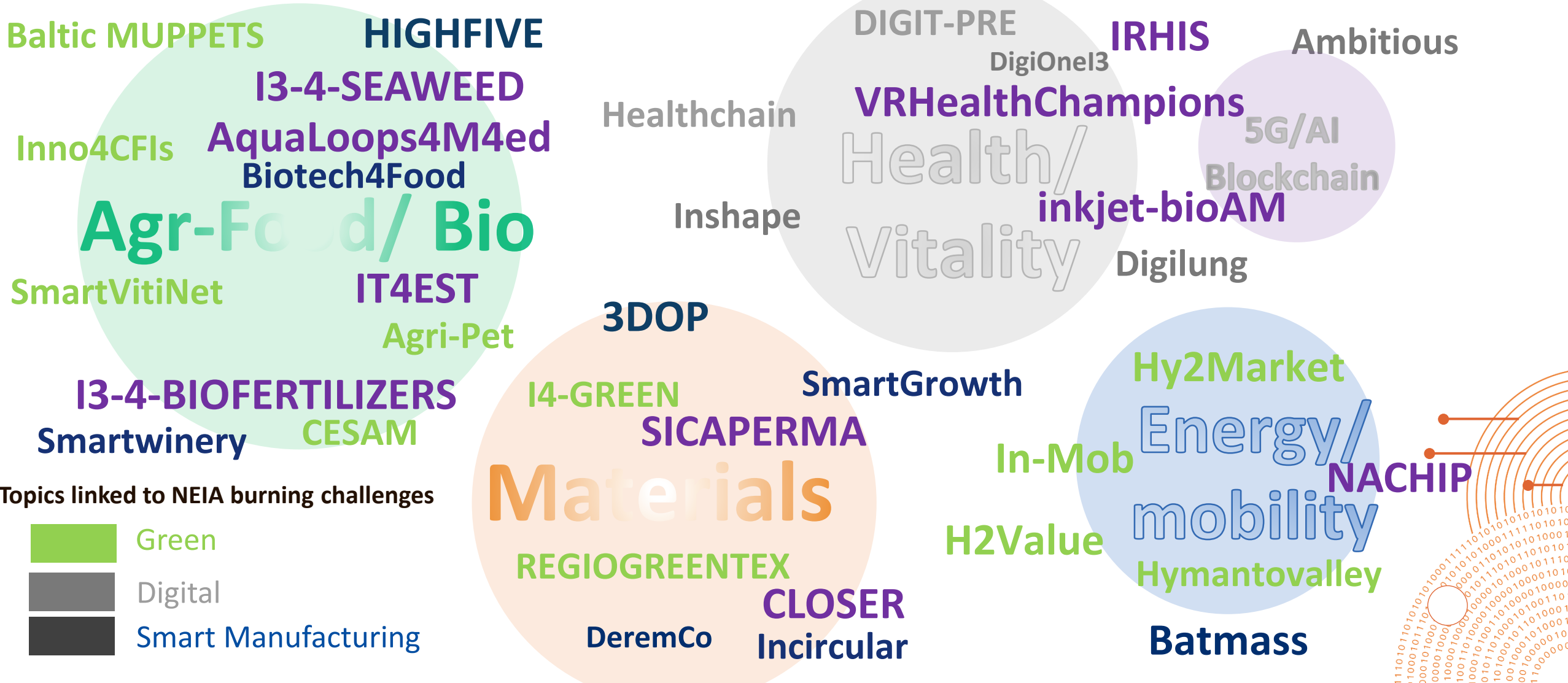
Website:

https://eisma.ec.europa.eu/programmes/interregional-innovation-investments-i3-instrument_en



13 Strand 1/2a projects, value chains and synergies
EU grant: EUR 1.5-10 million

[Projects Abstracts here](#)



DEREMCO project

- **Objectives**: to establish a systemic, cross-sectorial, Demand-Driven Circular Economy solution that will unlock the cost-effective reuse of post-use composite materials and components in new high-added value products.
 - 2 pilot strategies: i) mechanical demanufacturing and hybrid reprocessing, ii) thermo-chemical demanufacturing and textile reprocessing.
- **Duration**: 36 months, starting December 2022
- **Consortium**: 30 partners, from 7 EU countries and Regions (Italy, Finland, Spain, Austria, Slovenia, Belgium, Portugal) – 14 SME-led demonstration pilots
- **Coordinator**: Politecnico di Milano (IT)
- **Budget**: 13 M euros
- **Cascade funding**: 1,26 M euros
 - 1° call closed in September 2024
 - 2° call to open in December 2024


More information: <https://deremco.afil.it/>




INCIRCULAR project

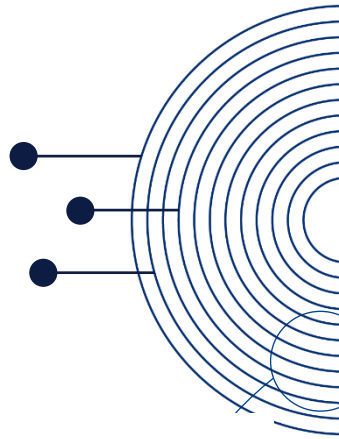
- **Objectives**: to enhance collaboration within the recycled plastics industry sector, aiming to improve its capabilities and promote the transformation of recycled plastics into new materials through the adoption of innovative technologies.
- **Duration**: 36 months, starting October 2023
- **Consortium**: 8 partners, from 3 EU countries and Regions (Rhones Alpes (FR), Andalusia (ES), Vzhodna Slovenija (SI))
- **Coordinator**: TECOS (SI)
- **Budget**: ca 4,3 M euros
- **Cascade funding**: 360,000 euros

 Funding available: Up to €60,000 per project

 Who can apply? Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with innovative solutions in plastic waste recycling and circularity

 Deadline: Applications are open until 13 November 2024

More information: <https://incircular-project.eu/>



Euroclusters

- 30 **Euroclusters** projects launched in 09/2022 (budget of **€42 million**)
- **€1.5 M** per project; at least 75% to be distributed through FSTP
- Several open calls published

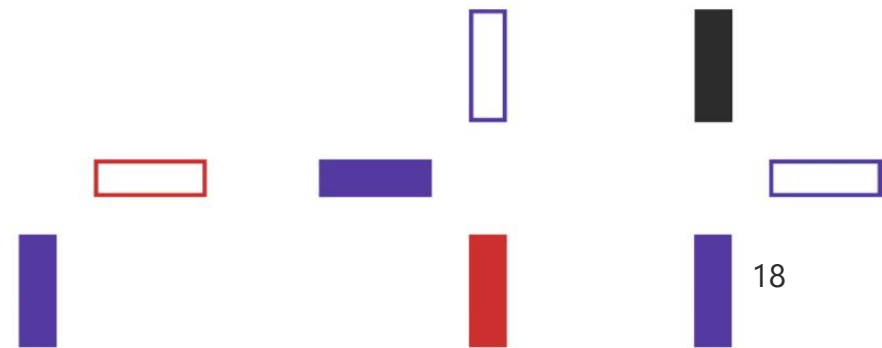
- **6 specific objectives:**
 - **Network**
 - **Innovate**
 - **Adopt processes and technologies**
 - **Train** to foster **up- and re-skilling** of the workforce
 - **Go international** to boost access to global supply and value chains.
 - **Outreach** to attract economic actors, mainly SMEs, beyond Euroclusters' locations

SMP WP2024 - Euroclusters II

Objective	For whom	How	How much
Support implementation of the Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age as well as REPowerEU Plan	Consortia of cluster organisations teaming up with Q-helix actors When <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 October 2024-• 5 February 2025• Start of action: Q3 2025• Info day 14 November 2024	<i>Activities:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• improve the resilience of EU industrial ecosystems;• build industrial capacity to ensure that strategic dependencies do not put the green and digital transition at risk;• foster up- and re-skilling;• reconnect and boost access to global supply and value chains.	Total call budget is 42 000 000 90% co-funding + 100% for FSTP Min 75% FSTP



Not to forget...



- Technology maturation from proof of concept to validation
- Business and market readiness
- Grants up to 2.5 million EUR

Pathfinder

- Early stage research on breakthrough technologies
- Grants up to 3 to 4 million EUR
- Successor of FET (Open & Proactive)

Transition

- Development & scale up of deep-tech/disruptive innovations by startups/SMEs
- Blended finance (grants up to 2.5 million EUR; equity investment up to 15 million EUR)
- Successor of SME Instrument

Accelerator

European Innovation Ecosystems

DESTINATIONS

CALLS



CONNECT

Interconnected Innovation Ecosystems | strengthening and expanding cooperation between innovation players to better support the next generation of innovative companies whose solutions will lead the shift towards a more competitive EU and a more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient world



SCALE UP

Elevating the scalability potential of European business | helping innovation ecosystems to support companies to better sustain their growth and gain new competitive advantage



INNOVSMES

INNOVSMES - Partnership on Innovative SMEs | cooperation among European and/or international partners, with at least one innovative SME as the project leader

Other actions
not subject to call for
proposals

Procurements | IP Helpdesk, EIC Forum, Legislation around Emerging Tech, Frugal and Reverse Innovation, ...

European Innovation Ecosystems - examples

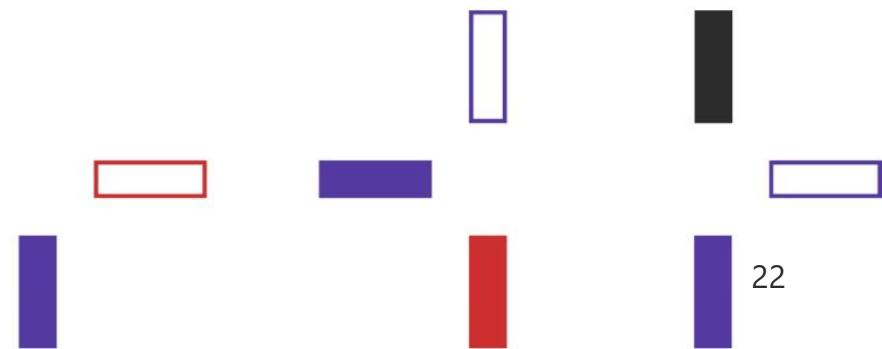


1. [Women TechEU](#) supports early stage, deep tech startups founded and led by women
 - In two years, **4 calls** to be launched for women led startups, the first call closed on 20 May, the second on 30 September 2024.
 - € 12 M to be allocated to support 160 startups with € 75k grants.
 - Besides financial support, each beneficiary will profit from a personalised business development programme which includes mentoring, coaching and targeted training among other options.
2. The [Ready2scale](#) Program offers a 6-month journey supporting 25 digital and deep tech startups with grants up to 60k EUR.
 - support on business development plans, mentorship on investment readiness, and access to funding opportunities like the EIC; workshops, Market Discovery Missions and exclusive Future Founder Club events
 - Deadline: 20 December 2024

More information on EIE calls and opportunities available on [EISMEA website.](#)



For support, you can rely on...



Clusters are key as they...

- ... Offer a favourable eco-system
- ... Host innovative companies
- ... Reach out to groups of related SMEs
- ... Are well positioned as facilitators & bridge-builders
- ... Create strategic partnerships at the level of policy-makers & intermediaries
- ... Channel customised business support services to specific groups of SMEs

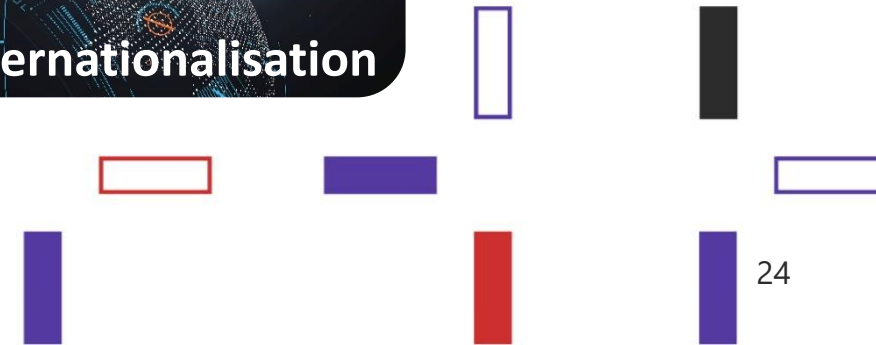




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