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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym	Definition
<b>SME</b>	Small and Medium Enterprise
<b>EEN</b>	Enterprise Europe Network
<b>FSTP</b>	Financial Support to third parties
<b>EIB</b>	European Investment Bank
<b>EIT</b>	European Institute of Technology
<b>KIC</b>	Knowledge and Innovation Community

# 1 Introduction

The intention of the Funding Opportunities Catalogue is to map funding programs focus on helping SMEs in their transition to more sustainable and efficient business models. Moreover, the Catalogue also intends to help Enterprise Europe Network Sustainability Advisors to identify sources of funding that would help their clients to implement the actions defined in their EENergy call applications and that were not selected as direct beneficiaries.

The Funding Opportunity Catalogue provides a first overview of the available funding programs that finance similar type of investments to the ones specified in the EENergy call for proposals. Furthermore, a fact sheet on each one of these fundings programs has been elaborated but for further information it's advisable to consult the program website and the call links and to get in contact with the managers of each program.

Although the Catalogue is mostly focused on Cascade Funding Opportunities, it also provides a general approach of other sources of funding available at European level.

## 1.1 Why Cascade Funding

Cascade funding, also known as **financial support to third parties (FSTP)**, is a funding mechanism primarily used by the European Union (EU) to simplify access to public funding for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), startups, and other stakeholders involved in innovation and research projects.

Applying for cascade funding offers numerous benefits, especially for startups and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Some key advantages of applying to cascade funding include:

- Simplified Application Process.
- Similar funding to the one foreseen at EENergy calls for proposals.
- Quicker Access to Funds
- Focused on Niche Areas
- Lower Financial Barriers

# 2 EU finance and funding Opportunities

The European Union (EU) offers various finance and funding opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to support growth, innovation, and competitiveness. These financial resources aim to help SMEs overcome challenges related to financing, research and development (R&D), market access, and internationalization.

In this Section we will provide an Overview of the most relevant EU financing and funding options available.

## 2.1 EU Finance

### 2.1.1 INVEST EU Programme

INVEST EU Programme	
<b>Description</b>	<p>The <b>InvestEU Programme</b> supports sustainable investment, innovation and job creation in Europe. With the EU budget guarantee provided to International and National promotional banks, the InvestEU programme aims to trigger more than €372 billion in private investments to high EU policy priority areas.</p> <p>The InvestEU programme consists of three components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The <b>InvestEU Fund</b>: implemented through financial partners that will invest in projects, benefitting from the protection of EU budget guarantee. The €26.2 billion EU budget guarantee backs the investments of financial partners (the “implementing partners”), increasing their risk-bearing capacity and thus allowing to mobilise at least €372 billion in additional investment.</li> <li>2. The <b>InvestEU Advisory Hub</b>: central entry point for project promoters and intermediaries seeking advisory support and technical assistance related to centrally managed EU investment funds.</li> <li>3. The <b>InvestEU Portal</b>: brings together investors and project promoters on a single EU-wide platform, by providing an easily accessible and user-friendly database of investment opportunities available within the EU and matchmaking and networking opportunities between projects and companies and their potential investors.</li> </ol>
<b>Link</b>	<a href="#">Invest EU Programme</a>
<b>Eligible applicants</b>	SMEs

## 2.1.2 EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK

EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK - EIB	
<b>Description</b>	<p>The European Investment Bank (EIB) plays a significant role in supporting Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) across Europe by providing a variety of financial products aimed at fostering innovation, growth, and employment. As the EU's development bank, the EIB works to bridge financing gaps for SMEs by offering loans, guarantees, equity financing, and other forms of assistance, often in collaboration with local banks and financial intermediaries.</p> <p>The EIB supports SMEs by providing loans and guarantees, which reduce the risk for lenders and enable SMEs to secure financing at favourable terms. These funds are usually channelled through local financial institutions (banks, leasing companies, microfinance institutions), making it easier for SMEs to access them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EIB SME Loans:</b> These loans are distributed through financial intermediaries, and the EIB shares the risk with the intermediary, which allows SMEs to receive loans with better terms (lower interest rates, longer repayment periods, etc.).</li> <li>• <b>EIB Guarantees:</b> EIB provides guarantees to local banks, encouraging them to lend more to SMEs. This reduces the financial risk for the lender, making them more willing to offer credit to SMEs.</li> <li>• <b>EIB Intermediated loans for SMEs, mid-caps and other priorities:</b> The EIB cooperates with a wide range of financial intermediaries that offer financial products targeting small and medium-sized companies (also including micro-enterprises)</li> </ul>
<b>Link</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">EIB SME Loans</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">EIB Guarantees</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">EIB Intermediated loans for SMEs, mid-caps and other priorities</a></li> </ul>
<b>Eligible applicants</b>	SMEs

## 2.2 EU Funding Programs

The European Union (EU) offers a variety of funding programs that specifically support innovation in areas such as research, technology, sustainability, digitalization, and business development. These programs aim to foster innovation across different sectors, from SMEs to large enterprises, universities, and research institutions.

We provide as follows a detailed overview of the key EU funding programs that focus on innovation.

### 2.2.1 HORIZON EUROPE

HORIZON EUROPE	
<b>Description</b>	<p>Horizon Europe is the European Union's (EU) flagship research and innovation funding program for the period 2021-2027. With a budget of €95.5 billion, it builds on the success of its predecessor, Horizon 2020, and aims to strengthen the EU's scientific and technological base, foster innovation, and drive economic growth, competitiveness, and</p>



	<p>sustainability. The program plays a pivotal role in achieving the EU’s climate, digital, and societal goals.</p> <p><b>Structure of Horizon Europe:</b></p> <p>Horizon Europe is divided into three main pillars and a horizontal program focused on promoting wider participation and creating synergies across Europe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pillar 1: Excellent Science</b> This pillar is dedicated to supporting frontier research and fostering excellence across Europe, laying the foundation for future innovations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ European Research Council (ERC): Provides substantial grants for ambitious, ground-breaking research led by top researchers in any field.</li> <li>○ Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA): Funds research mobility and training programs for researchers at all stages of their careers, encouraging collaboration and international research.</li> <li>○ Research Infrastructures: Supports the development and enhancement of world-class research infrastructures to facilitate cutting-edge research and innovation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Pillar 2: Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness</b> This pillar supports collaborative research to address major societal challenges and industrial competitiveness. It is divided into six clusters that align with key strategic priorities of the EU, such as the European Green Deal, digital transformation, and health. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Health: Improving health systems, tackling diseases, and fostering digital health innovations.</li> <li>○ Culture, Creativity, and Inclusive Society: Supporting innovations that strengthen cultural diversity, social inclusion, and democratic values.</li> <li>○ Civil Security for Society: Enhancing security technologies and addressing threats such as terrorism, cybersecurity, and natural disasters.</li> <li>○ Digital, Industry, and Space: Supporting cutting-edge technologies like AI, robotics, quantum computing, and space innovations.</li> <li>○ Climate, Energy, and Mobility: Developing sustainable energy systems, reducing emissions, and supporting smart mobility.</li> <li>○ Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment: Promoting sustainable agriculture, food security, and biodiversity protection.</li> </ul> <p>This pillar also includes missions, which are focused, goal-oriented initiatives that tackle specific societal challenges, such as climate change adaptation, cancer prevention, soil health, climate-neutral cities, and ocean restoration.</p> </li> <li>● <b>Pillar 3: Innovative Europe</b> This pillar aims to foster market-creating innovation and help scale-up high-growth companies in Europe. It focuses on driving Europe’s technological and industrial leadership. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ European Innovation Council (EIC): The EIC supports breakthrough innovations and high-potential, high-risk startups and SMEs. The EIC offers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EIC Pathfinder: Funding early-stage, high-risk research projects with breakthrough innovation potential.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EIC Accelerator: Blended funding (grants and equity) to help innovative startups and SMEs scale up disruptive technologies.</li> <li>○ European Innovation Ecosystems: Encourages collaboration among startups, investors, companies, and researchers to strengthen Europe’s innovation ecosystems.</li> <li>○ European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT): Supports partnerships between businesses, research, and education institutions to enhance innovation in key sectors such as climate, health, energy, and digital.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Horizontal Program: Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area (ERA)</b> This program aims to ensure broader participation across Europe and support countries with lower R&amp;D capacity in building their research and innovation systems. It promotes research excellence and fosters the mobility of researchers, collaboration, and knowledge exchange across the EU.</li> </ul>
<b>Link</b>	<a href="#">Horizon Europe</a>
<b>Eligible applicants</b>	Applications are open to a wide range of entities, including research organizations, universities, businesses (especially SMEs), public administrations, NGOs, and individual researchers, from both the EU and associated countries.
<b>How to apply</b>	Funding Calls: Horizon Europe offers funding through calls for proposals published on the Funding & Tenders Portal. Each call targets specific research and innovation challenges or topics within the program’s structure.

## 2.2.2 LIFE PROGRAMME

LIFE Programme	
<b>Description</b>	<p>The LIFE Programme is the EU’s funding instrument for the environment and climate action. While its focus is on sustainability, it also supports innovation in green technologies and eco-friendly practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Structure of the LIFE Programme:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Environment: focus on projects aimed at improving environmental management, sustainability, and biodiversity conservation.</li> <li>○ Climate Action: aimed at mitigating climate change, enhancing climate resilience, and promoting the transition to a low-carbon economy.</li> <li>○ Clean Energy Transition (CET): focus on accelerating the transition to a sustainable, decarbonized energy system in line with the EU's goal of achieving climate neutrality by 2050.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Funding Mechanisms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Action Grants: The most common form of support, offering co-financing for projects that fall within the LIFE sub-programmes. Typically, the EU contributes up to 60% of eligible costs, with 75% available for projects targeting nature conservation under the Nature and Biodiversity sub-programme.</li> <li>○ Integrated Projects: Larger-scale projects that support the implementation of EU environmental and climate policies on a broader regional or national scale. These projects often involve</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>substantial coordination between different stakeholders (e.g., governments, businesses, and NGOs) and leverage other sources of funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Technical Assistance Projects: These provide funding for activities aimed at preparing larger projects, particularly Integrated Projects, ensuring they are well-designed and ready for implementation.</li> <li>○ Capacity Building Projects: These aim to strengthen the capacity of national and regional authorities to effectively implement EU environmental and climate policies.</li> </ul>
<b>Link</b>	<a href="#">LIFE Programme</a>
<b>Eligible applicants</b>	Public and private organizations: Entities such as government agencies, NGOs, businesses (especially SMEs), and research institutions.
<b>How to apply</b>	Calls for Proposals: LIFE issues annual calls for proposals in its various sub-programmes. Detailed guidelines and requirements are published on the EU Funding and Tenders Portal.

## 2.2.3 European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY - EIT	
<b>Description</b>	<p>The EIT is an EU body aimed at strengthening Europe’s ability to innovate by integrating business, education, and research. It operates through Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) in various sectors.</p> <p>The EIT works through <b>Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs)</b>, which are dynamic and collaborative partnerships that bring together leading businesses, research organizations, and universities to focus on specific areas of societal challenges. Each KIC operates as a thematic innovation ecosystem that aims to accelerate innovation in its focus area.</p> <p>The main KICs under the EIT include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EIT Climate-KIC:</b> Focuses on climate innovation to help Europe transition to a zero-carbon economy. This KIC promotes solutions for climate mitigation and adaptation, fosters green entrepreneurship, and supports sustainable business models.</li> <li>• <b>EIT Digital:</b> Aims to drive Europe’s digital transformation by supporting digital innovation and entrepreneurship, with a focus on areas such as cybersecurity, smart cities, digital finance, and AI-driven industries.</li> <li>• <b>EIT Health:</b> Addresses the challenge of healthy living and active aging, by bringing together stakeholders from across the healthcare sector. It supports the development of innovative healthcare products, services, and solutions to improve health outcomes and quality of life.</li> <li>• <b>EIT InnoEnergy:</b> Focuses on innovations related to sustainable energy. Its goal is to drive the transition to renewable energy, enhance energy security, and foster a low-carbon economy through clean energy technologies.</li> <li>• <b>EIT RawMaterials:</b> Addresses the sustainable supply of raw materials needed for Europe’s industrial sectors. It promotes innovations in mining, material processing, recycling, and resource efficiency, aiming to reduce dependency on imported materials.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EIT Food:</b> Focuses on sustainable food production and innovation in the agrifood sector. It works on projects to ensure the future of food systems that are safe, healthy, and sustainable, while also reducing food waste and promoting circular economy models in food production.</li> <li>• <b>EIT Urban Mobility:</b> Promotes smart and sustainable mobility solutions for cities. It aims to tackle urban mobility challenges by promoting innovation in areas such as public transportation, electric vehicles, and urban logistics.</li> <li>• <b>EIT Manufacturing:</b> Supports the transformation of manufacturing industries through innovation, digitization, and sustainability. Its goal is to enhance Europe's competitiveness in global manufacturing by driving advanced manufacturing technologies and skills.</li> </ul> <p><b>Funding:</b> The EIT provides direct financial support and investment opportunities through its KICs. Each KIC is structured as a public-private partnership and receives co-funding from the EIT, but they also leverage private sector investment and resources from their partner organizations. KICs receive financial support for a wide range of activities, including <b>Grants for research and innovation:</b> KICs fund projects that aim to address specific societal challenges through research and innovation.</p>
<b>Link</b>	<a href="https://eit.europa.eu/">https://eit.europa.eu/</a>
<b>Eligible applicants</b>	Startups, SMEs, and academic institutions working on sector-specific innovation.

## 2.2.4 EU INNOVATION FUND

EU INNOVATION FUND	
<b>Description</b>	<p>The EU Innovation Fund is one of the world's largest funding programs designed to support the development and deployment of innovative low-carbon technologies. It is a key financial tool in helping the European Union meet its climate and energy goals, particularly the commitment to climate neutrality by 2050 as outlined in the European Green Deal. The fund primarily focuses on projects that can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and supports innovative technologies and solutions that may still be at an early stage of development or close to market deployment.</p> <p><b>Key Focus Areas of the Innovation Fund:</b></p> <p>The Innovation Fund supports low-carbon technologies and solutions in several key sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Renewable Energy:</b> This includes next-generation renewable technologies such as advanced solar power, offshore wind energy, and bioenergy.</li> <li>• <b>Energy Storage:</b> Innovation in storage solutions, such as batteries and thermal storage systems, to support the integration of renewable energy into the grid.</li> <li>• <b>Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS):</b> Technologies that capture CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from industrial processes and either store it underground or use it for other purposes.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy-Intensive Industries: Projects in industries such as steel, cement, chemicals, and refineries that seek to decarbonize production processes through innovations like electrification or hydrogen-based production.</li> <li>• Sustainable Fuels: Projects that develop low-carbon and renewable fuels for sectors that are hard to decarbonize, such as aviation and shipping.</li> <li>• Green Hydrogen: Innovation related to the production and use of hydrogen as a clean energy carrier, especially green hydrogen produced through electrolysis using renewable energy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Funding Mechanisms:</b></p> <p>The Innovation Fund provides grants to projects through competitive calls for proposals. There are two types of calls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large-Scale Projects: Projects with a total capital expenditure of over €7.5 million.</li> <li>• Small-Scale Projects: Projects with a total capital expenditure between €2.5 million and €7.5 million.</li> </ul>
<b>Link</b>	<a href="#">Innovation Fund</a>
<b>Eligible applicants</b>	Companies and consortia involved in large-scale projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## 3 Cascade Funding Opportunities

In order to identify alternative sources of funding for EEN clients not resulting direct beneficiaries of the EENergy call for proposals, we have carried out a thorough analysis of the available Cascade Funding Projects financed under the Single Market and Horizon Europe Programmes. This analysis is structured in 2 different phases:

1. Phase 1: identification of cascade funding projects that could finance similar types of investments to the EENergy ones.
2. Phase 2: Monthly updates of the information.

As a result of the Analysis<sup>1</sup>, we have identified 6 projects that fund similar types of investment to the ones financed by EENergy. We provide as follows more detailed information of each one of this alternative sources of funding.

<sup>1</sup> Result of the analysis performed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2024

## 3.1 SILEO Project

SILEO - Supporting the recovery and business transformation of lighting & furniture SMEs for the Europe Industry of Tomorrow	
<b>Denomination of programme/measure/instrument</b>	<a href="#">SILEO 2nd Call for SILEO Advanced Technology Uptake Projects</a>
<b>Main purpose of the programme/measure/instrument</b>	<p>The Advanced Technology Uptake Project is the successful implementation, development and/or integration of the new advanced technology(ies) and/or digital solution(s) into the SME business operations to support company resilience and <b>DIGITAL AND GREEN TRANSFORMATION</b>, executed with the support of the validated technology provider(s).</p> <p>The main goal of the Call is to leverage the latest innovations, advanced technologies, ideas, and insights to support lighting and furniture SMEs developing strategic products and services, improve their existing processes and methodologies, and uncover new growth opportunities, from the digital and circular viewpoint. But before diving in headfirst, SMEs must test the technology out on a small scale to determine its level of success and growth potential. The SILEO Call offers this chance through financial support (lump sum) for prototyping and/or a pilot application. This SILEO Call for Proposals is a unique opportunity for the EU SMEs to effectively uptake the selected advanced technologies (or digital solutions) into their business</p>
<b>Target applicants</b>	SMEs
<b>Eligible investments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Prototyping of new products or services.</li> <li>B. Pilot application.</li> <li>C. Prototyping + Pilot application.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible countries</b>	Single Market countries
<b>Funding mechanism/rate</b>	Grant (lump sum): <b>Up to € 10.500</b> per 1 Advanced Technology Uptake Project.
<b>Further Information</b>	<p>Details are available on the <a href="#">SILEO Application portal</a> and the <a href="#">SILEO ECCP profile</a></p> <p>Marta Krakowiak            ELCA European Lighting Cluster Alliance – SILEO Coordinator            Email: <a href="mailto:marta.krakowiak@elcacluster.eu">marta.krakowiak@elcacluster.eu</a></p>

## 3.2 POLREC Project

POLREC - Supporting a green and resilient Europe through POLymer RECycling	
<b>Denomination of programme/measure/instrument</b>	<a href="#">POLREC Training on Polymer recycling</a>
<b>Main purpose of the programme/measure/instrument</b>	The POLREC Training Open call focuses on SMEs from plastic, rubbers and composites industries to improve the skills of the companies' staffs through the implementation of trainings

	<p>related to polymer recycling, with the overall aim to foster the adoption by SMEs of polymer recycling methods to reduce their CO2 emissions and increase their collaboration with other European SMEs.</p> <p>SME applicant must develop or plan to develop recycling projects or solutions of polymer/elastomer waste or digital solutions for recycling processes and apply to training linked to those projects or solutions</p>
<b>Target applicants</b>	<p>SMEs</p> <p>NACE codes allowed to participate:</p> <p>C13 - Manufacture of textiles</p> <p>C20 - Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products</p> <p>C22 - Manufacture of rubber and plastic products</p>
<b>Eligible investments</b>	<p>Type of training activities funded:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Training on adopting innovative recycling methods (1,460€ per SME applicant)</u>: An SME can apply for a sub-grant to have access to a training course for its staff targeting the testing of a recycling process for chemical, biotechnological or mechanical recycling of plastic and rubber waste, which the applicant presently does not recycle or apply currently.</li> <li>2. <u>Training on adopting digital processes (1,460€ per SME applicant)</u>: an SME can apply for a sub-grant to have access to a training course for its staff targeting digital processes that will contribute to improved quality control and tracking of the applicant's recycled materials and/or recycling processes.</li> <li>3. <u>Training on specific technical profiles related to polymer recycling (1,460€ per SME applicant)</u>: an SME can apply for a sub-grant to have access to a training course for its staff to improve the technical skills on a specific topic regarding recycled polymer regulations and certifications, polymer recycling methods and techniques (quality control or traceability).</li> </ol>
<b>Eligible countries</b>	Single Market countries
<b>Funding mechanism/rate</b>	<p>Grant (lump sum).</p> <p>The SMEs applying to this call can apply to other POLREC Open Calls, provided that the total amount granted under the different applications does not exceed <b>60.000 €</b>.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<p>Details are available on the <a href="#">POLREC website</a></p> <p>Contact name: Ona Bombí</p> <p>Email Address: info@clustermav.com</p>

## 3.3 RESIST Project

RESIST – RESilience through Sustainable processes and production for the European automotive InduSTry	
<b>Denomination of programme/measure/instrument</b>	Training FSTP
<b>Main purpose of the programme/measure/instrument</b>	<p>RESIST will provide financial support to European small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), start-ups and very-small businesses (VSBs) for training services. Applicants can apply to be funded under the Training FSTP call. Applications can be submitted for one of the following Training actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– FSTP for online training: ≤250 €</li> <li>– FSTP for physical training: ≤750 €</li> </ul> <p>The maximum contribution by the open call for training activities is 750 €.</p> <p><u>Place of the training:</u> We invite participants to partake in training sessions, whether they are held online or in person, regardless of the location. Please be aware that any costs related to travel and accommodation will not be reimbursed under this program.</p> <p><u>Expected impact:</u> Training activities for SME employees are the basis for the INDUSTRIAL GREEN AND DIGITAL TRANSITION as they contribute to raising awareness of linked benefits, opportunities, and needs. Re-upskilling the workforce is also necessary to ensure the best use of these new solutions, in product design as well as on an operational level, and to transport the objectives of the EU Green Deal, the SME Strategy for a sustainable and Digital Europe, EU Circular Economy Action Plan, and other strategies into European SMEs.</p>
<b>Target applicants</b>	SMEs, start-ups and VSBs working in the MOBILITY, TRANSPORT AND AUTOMOTIVE (MTA) ECOSYSTEM
<b>Eligible investments</b>	<p>Training actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FSTP for online training: ≤250 €</li> <li>- FSTP for physical training: ≤750 €</li> </ul> <p>The maximum contribution by the open call for training activities is 750 €.</p>
<b>Eligible countries</b>	EU Member States and SMP/COSME countries
<b>Funding mechanism/rate</b>	Grant (lump sum)
<b>Further Information</b>	<p>Webpage: <a href="#">RESIST: Training Open Call</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:Info@resisteurocluster.eu">Info@resisteurocluster.eu</a></p>



## 3.4 SILICON Eurocluster Project

Silicon Eurocluster – Serving the electronics value chain for maintaining sovereignty in microelectronics, components and systems for a greener, more digital and resilient future Europe.	
<b>Denomination of programme/measure/instrument</b>	<a href="#">Silicon Eurocluster open call for Green Financial Support</a>
<b>Main purpose of the programme/measure/instrument</b>	The Silicon Eurocluster project aims to achieve greater European self-sufficiency, with increased competitiveness and resilience in the electronics value chain, with specific attention to SMEs.
<b>Target applicants</b>	SMEs operating in the ELECTRONICS ECOSYSTEM in areas such as: Radio communications, Cyber security, Artificial intelligence, Energy harvesting, Photonics, Sensors. The mentioned areas are only examples, and additional areas within the electronics ecosystem are equally relevant in the framework of this call
<b>Eligible investments</b>	<p>GREEN CONSULTANCY SERVICES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The green consultancy services should have as main objective to support the SMEs-applicant to undertake substantive actions to transition its business operations towards environmental sustainability and to better embrace green transitions.</li> <li>2. SMEs cannot apply for services that have previously been financed with EU-funding.</li> </ol> <p>The green Financial Support can be utilised in various areas and type of services.</p>
<b>Eligible countries</b>	Single Market countries
<b>Funding mechanism/rate</b>	Grant (lump sum): Green Financial Support Value per SMEs: 3600€
<b>Further Information</b>	Funding & Tenders Portal: <a href="#">Silicon Eurocluster open call for Green Financial Support</a>

## 3.5 INGENIOUS Project

INGENIOUS - Building resilience and accelerating transition to green and digital economy in Energy Intensive Industries	
<b>Denomination of programme/measure/instrument</b>	<a href="#">INGENIOUS Training Grants</a>
<b>Main purpose of the programme/measure/instrument</b>	The INGENIOUS (Building resilience and accelerating transition to green and digital economy in Energy Intensive Industries) – Euroclusters project fosters SMEs operated in energy intensive industry to develop innovative projects. The INGENIOUS Training Grants will serve to expand the knowledge and skills of SMEs that want to stay competitive.

	<p>In today's ever-changing business landscape, it's essential for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to stay ahead of the curve. To help with this, INGENIOUS is offering <b>100 training grants each worth € 250</b>, to help SMEs improve their digital skills, green transition, resilience preparedness and reskilling and upskilling of the workforce.</p> <p>A combination of Training (current call), Innovation, Internationalization Grants is possible, but the maximum amount for one SME must not exceed €60.000</p>
<b>Target applicants</b>	SMEs in Energy Intensive Industries
<b>Eligible investments</b>	Training
<b>Eligible countries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)) and Ukraine</li> <li>– EEA countries and countries associated to the COSME part of the Single Market Programme or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Funding mechanism/rate</b>	Grant (lump sum)
<b>Further Information</b>	<p>INGENIOUS Webpage: <a href="https://ingenious-eurocluster.eu/Guide%20for%20Applicants">https://ingenious-eurocluster.eu/Guide for Applicants</a></p> <p>INGENIOUS contact: <a href="mailto:ku@balticnet-plasmatec.org">ku@balticnet-plasmatec.org</a></p>

## 3.6STAGE: Sustainability Transition Programme

STAGE - Sustainable Transition to the Agile and Green Enterprise	
<b>Denomination of programme/measure/instrument</b>	<a href="#">STAGE SUSTAINABILITY TRANSITION PROGRAMME</a>
<b>Main purpose of the programme/measure/instrument</b>	<p>STAGE is a unique sustainability transition ecosystem that provides companies with dedicated support to transform into competitive and sustainable leaders of the European industrial community.</p> <p>The aim of this call is to identify and work with SMEs to help them develop their sustainability transition plans, become investment ready and attract private finance.</p> <p>Each of the 2000 SMEs recruited during this call will be matched with experienced Sustainability Advisors who will guide them through the STAGE transformation journey.</p> <p>The Programme is divided in three phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– PHASE 1: Sustainability Assessment: Initial &amp; Performance assessment, Carbon Footprint assessment, EU Taxonomy assessment.</li> </ul>

	<p>Transition roadmaps and Sustainability Transition Plans shall be developed for at least 500 SME that complete this phase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– PHASE 2: Training and capacity building. Training modules in 4 Pillars have been created by the STAGE partners to help with SMEs’ sustainability transition.</li> <li>– PHASE 3: Advisory services to develop investment project plans and attract private funding.</li> </ul> <p>100 SMEs shall be granted up to EUR 50 000 through the STAGE Financial Grant Programme via separate calls and additional application process.</p> <p>The best performing 20 companies shall receive dedicated financial advisory.</p>
<b>Target applicants</b>	European industrial SME
<b>Eligible investments</b>	
<b>Eligible countries</b>	The company has its headquarters in an EU member state or in an eligible Horizon Europe country: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine.
<b>Funding mechanism/rate</b>	
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Questions can be redirected to: <a href="mailto:info@stagepartners.eu">info@stagepartners.eu</a></li> <li>– Details are available at: <a href="https://stagepartners.eu/call-for-enterprises">https://stagepartners.eu/call-for-enterprises</a></li> </ul>

# 4 Gantt Chart: Cascade Funding Opportunities

