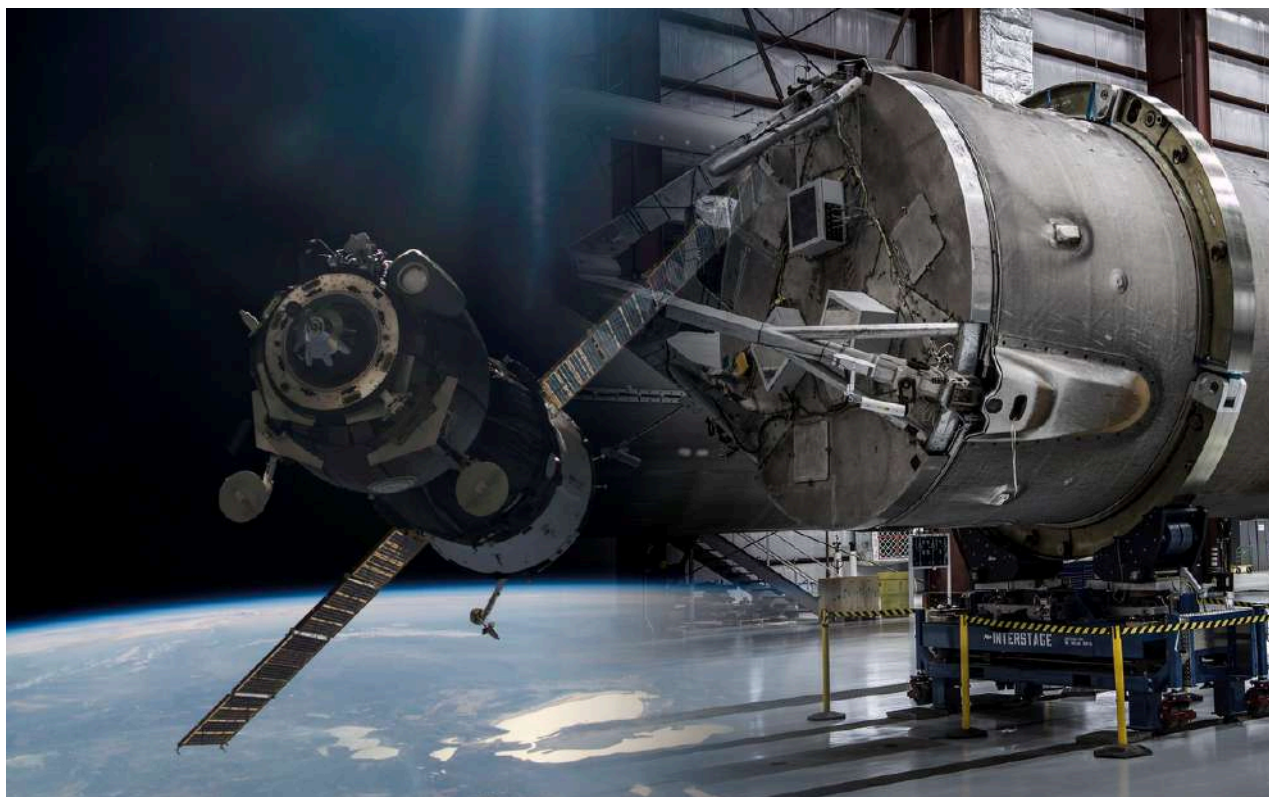


INTRANSIT

4th NEWSLETTER



In Transit project

In Transit aims to strengthen the resilience of textile, aerospace, advanced manufacturing and construction SMEs towards greener and more digital sectors with social and business model, with a mixed support mechanism including individual assessment support and a lump sum and coaching to ensure their consolidation and sustainability.

The project has a total budget of 5M€ from which 3M€ will be distributed using cascade funding to SMEs and will use 1M€ to provide services to SMEs to thrive their digital and green transition over a period of 36 months.

It aims to support the main objectives of the European Green Deal and EU SME Strategy and to boost competitiveness in EU regions, providing SMEs with support from incubation to scale-up of cross-sectoral solutions, focusing on circularity, digitalisation, and sustainability.

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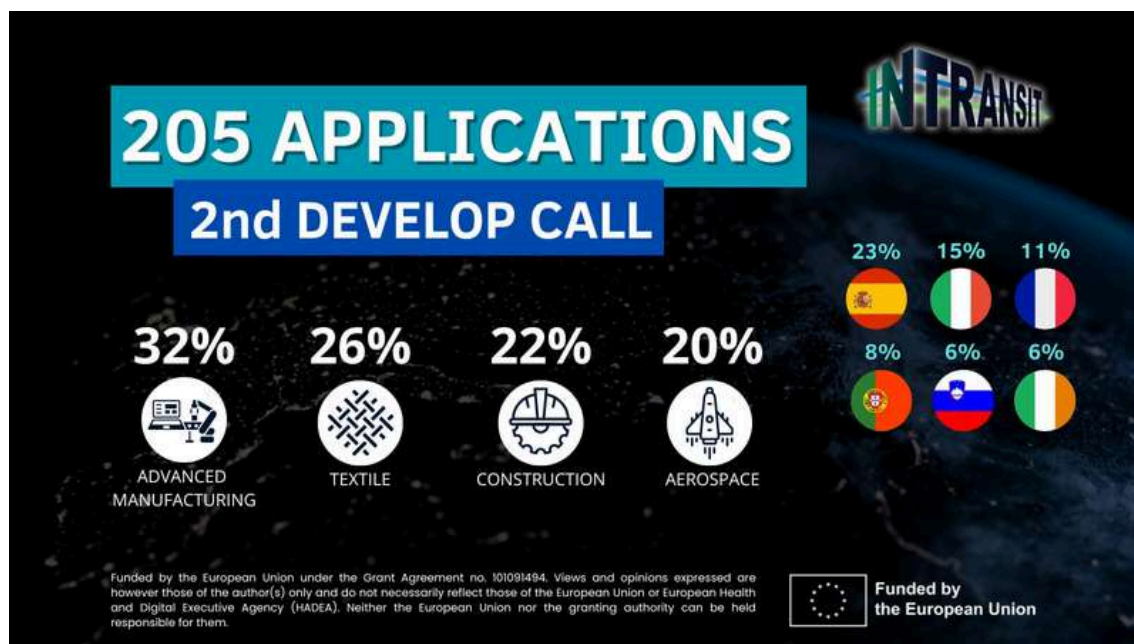
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2ND DEVELOP CALL APPLICATIONS



In Transit's second call for proposals with **1.42M€** to support sustainable projects in improved processes, products and new circular business models by European innovative SMEs closed last 16th January 2025.

205 applications have been received with **281 SMEs registered**. Those selected will be informed in February, to start the projects in March 2025.

Spain is the first country with the highest number of participant companies, accounting for 23% of the total proposals. **Spain, with 64 SMEs, is the first in the ranking of the 26 participating countries, preceded by Italy (42), France (31), Portugal (21), Slovenia (17), and Ireland (16).**

The 205 proposals primarily target the **advanced manufacturing sector (32%)**, followed by the **textile sector (26%)**, **construction sector (22%)**, and **aerospace sector (20%)**.

This call allocates €1.42 million to support sustainable proposals in improved processes, products and new circular business models in the fields of textile, aerospace, advanced manufacturing and construction.

The final beneficiaries will also receive a 50-hour coaching support to accelerate their launch to the market.

2ND INNOVATE CALL WEBINARS

In the context of the 2nd Innovate Call, the different partners that make up the consortium provided customised advisory services through a total of 10 webinars that addressed topics revolving around digitalization, sustainability and circular economy.

Sustainability & Circular Economy in practice: strategies and tools to be implemented by SMEs

Partner: POLIMI

Introducing Circular Economy practices to have an impact for a sustainable transition: 9R and other strategies, how to implement them in the SMEs production design through the analysis of case studies. It also reasons on how to plan for a circular production to meet EU standards of sustainability.



Business model elaboration

Partners: Corallia and CSS

Addressing the importance of understanding business models and methods of rapid prototyping & verification. Main sections to be addressed include the understanding of its visualisation, examples and patterns, as well as the difference vs. business plans and the review of digital and circular business models.



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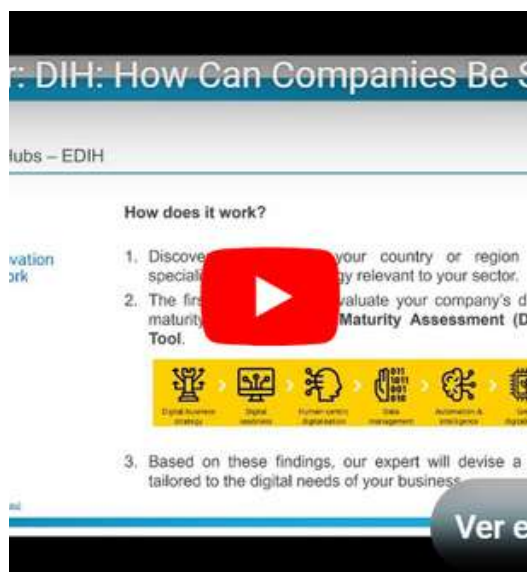
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2ND INNOVATE CALL WEBINARS

Business Planning and Financial Essentials

Partner: SPG

Providing information about business model canvas with a focus on the cost structure – whereby the most important types of costs are discussed – as well as on the revenue streams, i.e. how to determine prices and forecast sales volumes (TAM, SAM and SOM).



Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH): how companies can be supported in their digital and green transition

Partner: PRODUTECH

Focusing on the role of Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH) in supporting companies in their digital and green transition. The European DIHs network is explained as well as the main areas of expertise and services to be provided. Some examples of DIHs in the partnership countries are also presented.



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Industry 5.0

Partners: IRT Jules Verne and CTA

Making a presentation of the main technological areas of industry 5.0: robotics and cobotics, supervision, innovative 3D printing processes, modeling and simulation, data management and drones. This is illustrated with five examples in the fields of aerospace robotics, industrial processes, construction and the medical field.



Platforms for challenge and innovation

Partners: CTA and CCS

Driving open innovation platforms to provide a meeting point for innovative companies and organisations that supply and demand technology. Platforms at European level providing a meeting point for enterprises, promoting networking, transnational cooperation and internationalisation of enterprises are shown during the webinar.



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Lower costs and routes to the market

Partner: IDEAM

Delving into lower costs – factors influencing the increasing costs within industries and how to find opportunities to identify areas to control costs in terms of international costs comparison and through cross industry collaborations. It also looks at how collaborations between clusters foster internationalization through several case studies.



Firm growth and Upscaling

Partner: IDEAM

Addressing the following points: Comparison of firm with living creatures – survival and expansion modes; firm growth – towards agility; types of growth inducing factors – Technological, multi-dimensional (data analytics), re-skilling and upscaling; how do we measure firm growth through time periods – KPIs and environmental impact and sustainability factors' importance.



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New Technologies & Artificial Intelligence

Partner: IDEAM

Exploring data, analytics and the emergence of machine learning, as well as the importance of the connection "human + machine with data analytics" for streamlined performance. Catching up and staying ahead in evolving industrial eco systems.



Exploring funding opportunities for SMES in research, innovation, technology transfer, and international expansion

Partners: ATEVAL and Tèxtils.CAT

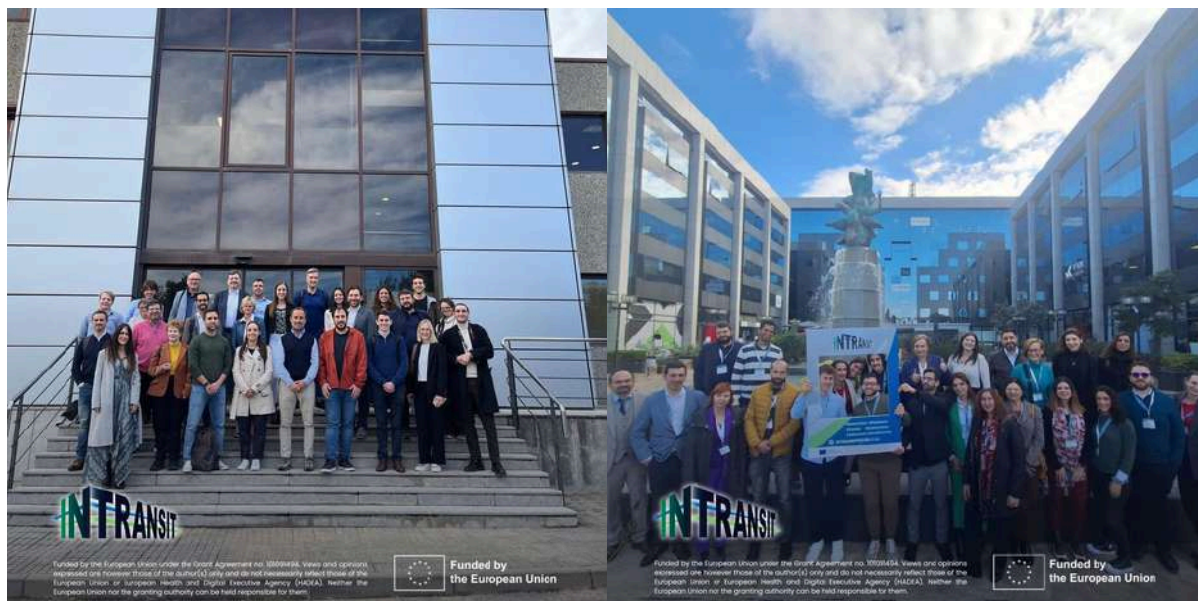
We are learning about upcoming In Transit Develop call designed to fuel innovation within SMEs, helping you stay competitive and cutting-edge in your industry. Also, we are exploring strategies and funding sources for SMEs looking to expand their reach into international markets. Finally, we are taking a look at opportunities offered by the Euroclusters projects.



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LEARNING EXPEDITIONS



In Transit project carried out its **two Learning Expeditions** that took place during November 2024.

The first event took place in **Barcelona (Spain) on 12th-13th November**. Tèxtils.CAT, the catalan cluster of advanced textile materials, held the event which brought together a dynamic group of companies from across the European Union for two days of collaboration, innovation, and learning in the textile sector.

On the first day, they visited two standout companies pushing the boundaries of textile technology: ANTEX and Sensing Tex. They gave an inside look into their advanced and smart materials, and sustainable practices, highlighting the future of textiles, blending sustainability and technology.

Day two was all about connecting and collaborating. They organized a workshop and speed-dating sessions where SMEs shared insights, brainstormed solutions, and explored potential partnerships.

The second Learning Expedition took place in **Athens (Greece) on 19th-20th November** and it was guided by Corallia. Over two days, companies from across the European Union came together in the heart of Greece to explore cutting-edge technologies in the aerospace industry.

The event featured discussions on sustainable construction, smart manufacturing, and industry trends, along with tailored B2B meetings with the Greek space ecosystem and a fascinating site visit showcasing the latest trends.

CALL FOR EXPERTS



The In Transit consortium launched a **call for experts** with relevant expertise in the **CONSTRUCTION sector** to evaluate proposals submitted under In Transit 2nd call for DEVELOP projects.

8 construction experts were selected and 4 will stay in the reserve list. A total amount of 25 proposals were submitted, of which 18 were eligible.

NURTURING EVENTS



On October 24th and November 18th, the In Transit project held two **Nurturing Events** for the beneficiaries of the 2nd Innovate Call and the 1st Develop Call. These events were aimed to facilitate cross-border networking among both call's beneficiaries.

A total amount of **26 companies** took the opportunity to present their companies, share experiences, engage with peers, foster cross-sectoral awareness and strengthen contacts to build future projects jointly.

COMMUNICATION SURVEY



Thank you for engaging with the In Transit project!

We are committed to providing clear and effective communication to support EU SMEs in the textile, aerospace, construction, and advanced manufacturing sectors, so that we kindly ask for a few seconds of your time to complete our **Communication Satisfaction Survey**.

To help us improve, we kindly ask you to answer a few questions about your satisfaction with the project's communication. Your feedback will help us better meet your expectations.

Thank you for your valuable contributions to the In Transit project!



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