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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In Transit aims to strengthen the resilience of textile, aerospace 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. In Transit will provide an open online collaborative platform involving innovation actors from the aerospace, construction, and textile sectors that will serve as a space for sharing best practices and as a matchmaking system for new ideas for innovation and circular economy and new collaboration partnerships.

The present document compiles the main aspects for the operation of the online grant management platform addressed to external SMEs interested in presenting applications for any of the calls for In Transit, including travel vouchers, Innovate voucher and Develop voucher.

The present deliverable is developed within the framework of the Work Package 3 - *Open calls for SMEs Circular Transformation Scheme (to INNOVATE and DEVELOP)* with AEI Tèxtils as platform manager.

The aim of the deliverable is to support SMEs to better understand the procedures and operation of the online platform for submission of proposals and their follow-up.

KEY WORDS: IN TRANSIT; TEXTILE SECTOR; AEROSPACE SECTOR; CONSTRUCTION SECTOR; SMES; OPEN CALLS

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In Transit Project

European construction and textile industries are seeking to embrace new market opportunities to grow and increase their competitiveness through the creation of high-added value products, which is particularly relevant in this unprecedented time.

In Transit will provide dedicated support to SMEs through a combination of different mechanisms to enable cross-sectoral and cross-border innovative activities. In Transit will facilitate the uptake of advanced manufacturing technologies as part of the digital transition of the textile construction and aerospace industries.

The consortium partners that bring this cross-regional partnership to life have an extended network, which comprises seven innovation clusters from advanced manufacturing, construction, and textile industries, one business incubator and accelerator, one university and one research center.

Participant Organization Name	Country
ATEVAL - Asociación De Empresarios Textiles de La Región Valenciana	Spain
AEI Tèxtils - Associació Agrupació d'Empreses Innovadores Tèxtils	Spain
CSS – Slovenski Gradbeni Grozd, Gospodarsko Interesno Zdruzenje	Slovenia
ATHENA/CORALLIA - Athina-Erevnitiko Kentro Kainotomias Stis Technologies Tis Pliroforias, Ton Epikoinonion Kai Tis Gnosis	Greece
FCTA - Fundación Corporación Tecnológica de Andalucía	Spain
TUS – Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest	Ireland
POLIMI – Politecnico di Milano	Italy
SPG - Science Park Graz GmbH	Austria
PRODUTECH - Associação Para As Tecnologias De Produção Sustentável	Portugal
IRT JULES VERNE – Institut de Recherche Technologique Jules Verne	France

Table 1 – In Transit Consortium Partners

The consortium will capitalize on their ecosystems and their strong networks and partnerships across Europe and their participation in other European projects.

The IN TRANSIT project enables SMEs to benefit from the rise of sustainable and innovative business models and practices. The Project can significantly disrupt business practices by merging advanced technologies and contributing to a more sustainable eco-system. IN TRANSIT offers services leading to digital uptake towards more sustainable production patterns, connecting SMEs with innovation networks and digital solutions providers to assess them about the system that better suits their circular business model. The Project will collaborate with SMEs, connecting them with innovation, knowledge networks, and digital solutions providers with a multi-sectoral approach.

IN TRANSIT members can offer cross-border high-level expertise in various domains of competence. Moreover, IN TRANSIT is a bridge to connect SMEs with other relevant stakeholders in Europe (technology clusters, digital innovation hubs, open innovation test-beds) with whom close connections are already established.

1.2 In Transit objectives

The In Transit project enables SMEs to benefit from the rise of sustainable and innovative business models and practices. The project can significantly disrupt business practices by merging advanced technologies and contributing to a more sustainable eco-system. In Transit offers services leading to digital uptake towards more sustainable production patterns, connecting SMEs with innovation networks and digital solutions providers to assess them about the system that better suits their circular business model. The Project will collaborate with SMEs, connecting them with innovation, knowledge networks, and digital solutions providers with a multi-sectoral approach. In this regard, In Transit presents the following main objectives of the project:

Support Objectives of the European Green Deal with EU SME Strategy

To promote business models innovation by SMEs with a mixed support mechanism including individual assessment support and a lump sum and coaching to ensure their consolidation and sustainability. All the activities shall be aligned with the EU Circular Economy Action Plan, setting out sustainability principles and specific requirements linked to environmental and social aspects in resource-intensive industries (textile & construction as such, and ICT & electronics for aerospace). The activities also reflect the European Industrial Strategy, improving resilience in three industrial ecosystems prioritized as textile, construction and aerospace.

Stronger innovation support ecosystems supporting the green, social and economic transition of SMEs as a path towards building a more resilient European industry

Provide an open online collaborative platform involving innovation actors from the aerospace, construction, and textile sectors and countries that will share best practices and as a matchmaking system for new ideas for innovation and circular economy and

new collaboration partnerships. Incentives for leaders to share their best practices with peers should be identified in the context of EU support to industrial ecosystems.

In this open innovation and collaborative space, In Transit will implement a strategic framework to seed, explore, and scale-up new sustainable and digital value chains based on the EU Green Deal, New EU Industrial Strategy: building resilient, autonomous European industries, and EU SME Strategy guidelines to shape the SMEs' transition towards a greener business model. Joining pioneering technologies, innovative business models, and new partnerships transforms a business's ability to drive economic and societal impact.

Foster cross-regional and cross-sectoral links

With dedicated learning visits in combination with innovation workshops and matchmakings to establish the seed for collaboration among sectors by identifying potential partners for commercial and innovation cooperation that will ultimately generate growth opportunities for SMEs. Increase competitiveness and resilience of SMEs through the uptake of advanced technologies to become greener to support capabilities and capacities to increase uptake by SMEs to adopt resource efficiency, eco-innovation and/or circular economy strategies and practices through advanced technologies.

In Transit enables strategic collaborations with technology companies to access state-of-the-art digital technologies in the textile, construction, and aerospace industry. The competitiveness of the European industry concerning scalable new products implies overcoming barriers not just in terms of higher technology readiness but also access to testing facilities (DIH).

Increase the resilience of SMEs by supporting their transition to more sustainable business models

Increasing SME competitiveness and resilience through cross-sectoral inter-cluster cooperation and establishing new sustainable and digital business models.

The In Transit space for innovation will foster open innovation tools among SMEs to promote a cultural shift to collaboration with other SMEs and innovation actors. In addition, it will create a marketplace (and entry point) for potential entrepreneurs and investors to engage and identify suitable partners to build collaborative structured projects capable of addressing cross-sectoral and emerging challenges offered by CE and digitalization.

2. ONLINE PLATFORM

2.1 Good Grants software

The online submission and call management platform is based on Good Grants software and is accessible through the following link: <https://calls.intransitproject.eu/>

The platform is accessible from the main page of In Transit project through the link pointing to the calls platform as well.

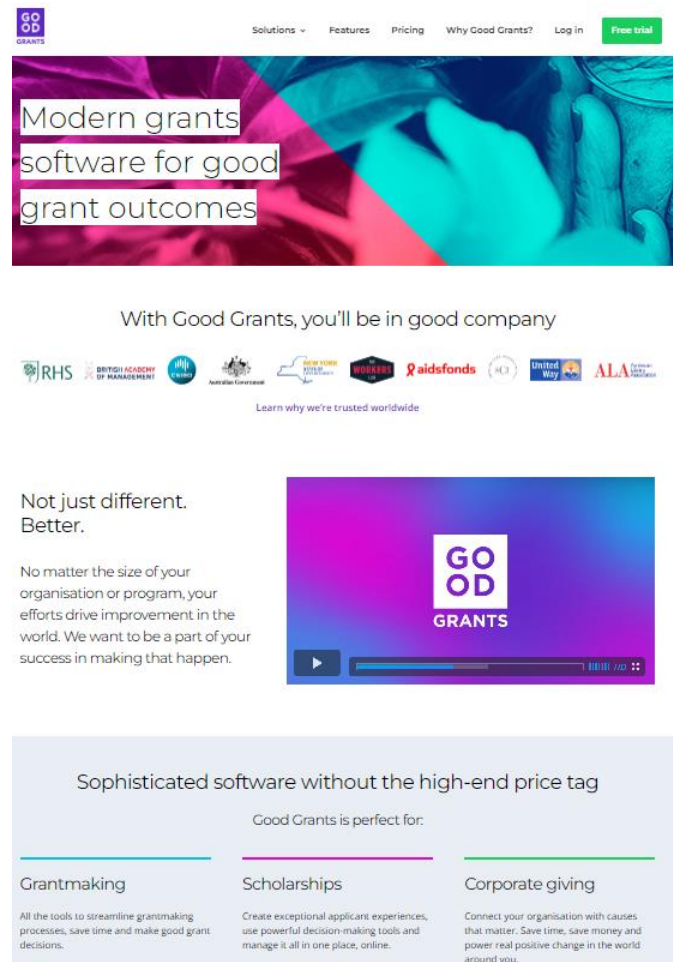


Figure 1 – Homepage of the GoodGrants software website

2.2 How does it work?

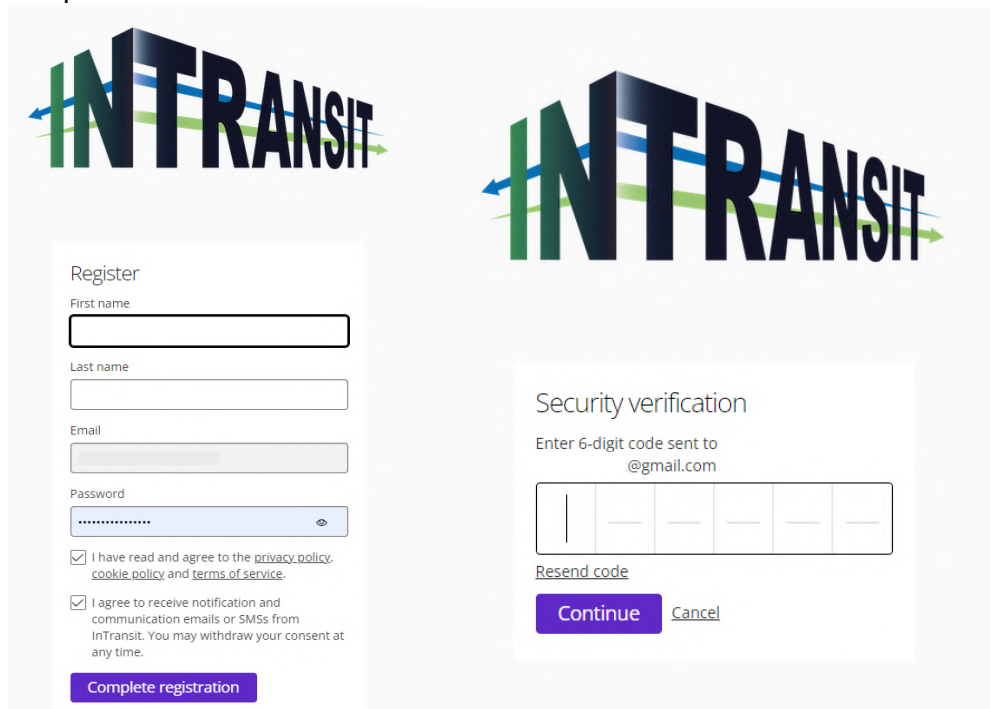
1. Register

Register via the [Home page](#) by entering your name, Email, and define a password in the selected fields as shown in the figure below (left). Participants should confirm that they have read and agreed to the different privacy policies, cookie policy and terms of service.

In addition, participants should agree to receive notifications and communication emails or SMSs from In Transit.

After confirming all these details, click on the “complete registration” button.

Then, check your email. A code has been sent to you. Write it in the cells as shown in the image below (right). This second step will be the same in case of lost password.



Register

First name

Last name

Email

Password

☒ I have read and agree to the [privacy policy](#), [cookie policy](#) and [terms of service](#).

☒ I agree to receive notification and communication emails or SMSs from InTransit. You may withdraw your consent at any time.

[Complete registration](#)

Security verification

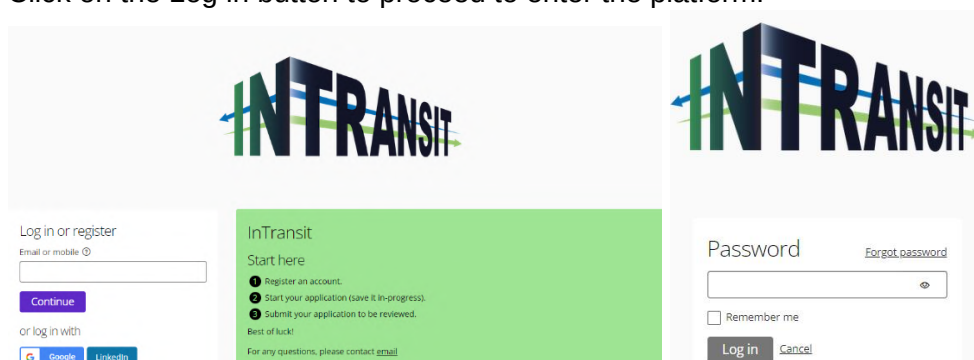
Enter 6-digit code sent to @gmail.com

[Resend code](#)

[Continue](#) [Cancel](#)

2. Platform login

Login via the [Home page](#) by entering your Email (left image below). Then enter the chosen password in the selected field as shown in the figure below (right). Click on the Log in button to proceed to enter the platform.



Log in or register

Email or mobile

[Continue](#)

or log in with

[Google](#) [LinkedIn](#)

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Start here

- 1 Register an account.
- 2 Start your application (save it in-progress).
- 3 Submit your application to be reviewed.

Best of luck!

For any questions, please contact [email](#)

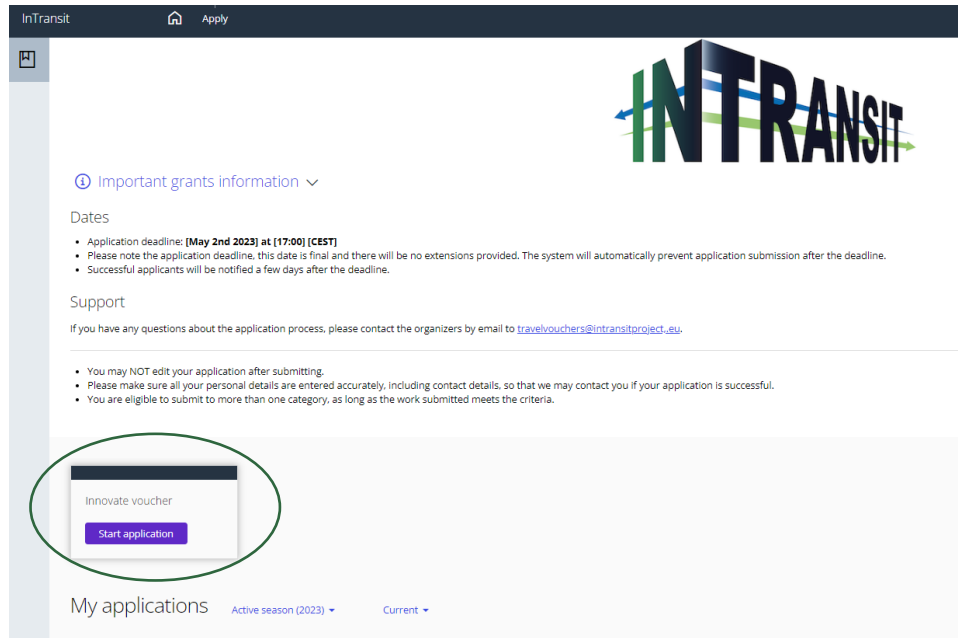
Password [Forgot password](#)

☐ Remember me

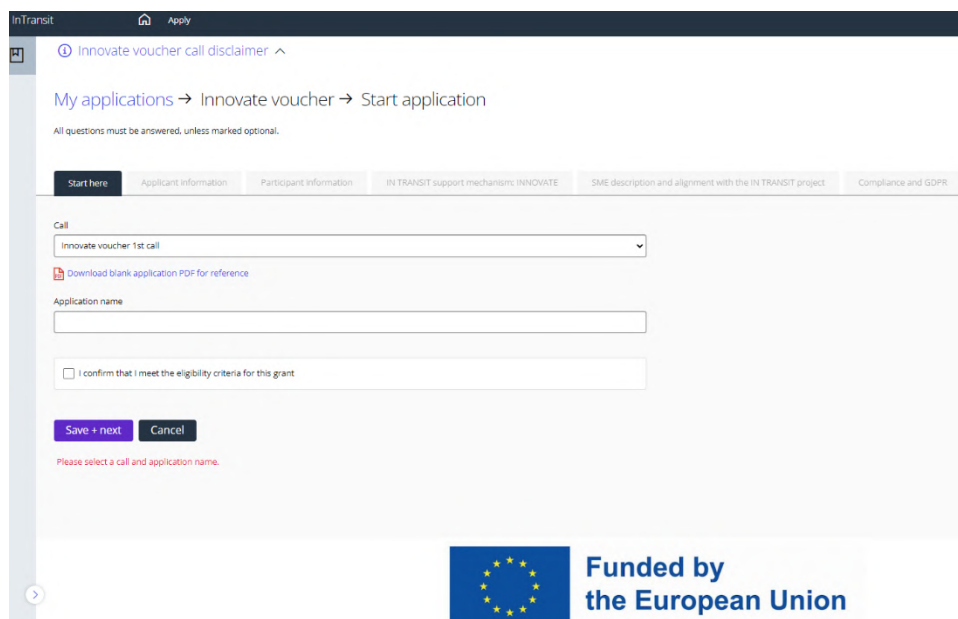
[Log in](#) [Cancel](#)

3. Start a new application

After logging in to the platform, click on the purple “start application button, as shown below:



The applicants will then be asked to: Select the call they want to apply (the open calls available will unfold); Choose an acronym for you application; Confirm the terms of participation for the call and that they meet the eligibility criteria as well and press the button “Safe+next”.



Then, the applicant must follow the form indications and fill the fields with the requested information. The applicant has the possibility to save the current application draft, to make a preview of the application, to continue with the application process and uploading any extra material required for the application form and all supporting documents required for the evaluation.

The proposal submission (“submit application” green button) will only be enabled by the system once all the fields have been filled correctly.

After the submission, edition of the proposal will still be enabled, until the deadline of the call.

[My applications](#) → [Innovate voucher](#) → [Start application](#)

All questions must be answered, unless marked optional.

Start here	Applicant information	Participant information	IN TRANSIT support mechanism: INNOVATE	SME description and alignment with the IN TRANSIT project	Compliance and GDPR
Organization name					
Company VAT number					
I declare we are an SME according to EU definition ☐ Yes ☐ No					
Country where the company is established:					
In case your organization is established in more than one location (i.e. delegation, office, etc in several countries), please select the country where the participant will come from (optional)					
Address:					
Website					
Main sector where the company operates:					
☐ Aerospace ☐ Textile ☐ Construction ☐ Advanced manufacturing					
Are you member of any of the clusters in IN TRANSIT?					
☐ Yes ☐ No					
Save + next Save + close Preview Submit application					

Important notes on the application process:

- o Each call has a specific deadline, please visit [In Transit project website](#) for more information.
- o Please note the application deadline, this date is final and there will be no extensions provided. The system will automatically prevent application submissions after the deadline.
- o Successful applicants will be notified by email automatically.

Support from In Transit team:

- o If the applicants have any questions about the application process, they should contact the organizers via this [email](#).
- o Applicants may edit the application after submitting, up until the deadline date.
- o Applicants should ensure all their personal details are entered accurately, including contact details, so that In Transit team may contact them if the application is successful.
- o Applicants are eligible to submit to more than one category, as long as the work submitted meets the criteria.

3. ONLINE PLATFORM SUPPORT

3.1 Access & account modifications

What do I do if I forget my password?

- Go to the [Login](#) section of the website
- Insert the mail your account had been registered with
- Click the "Forgot password?" link
- Check your Email
- Click the "Reset Password" button or access using the 6-digit number sent
- Click the "Save" button and enter your new password in the empty space

Please check your spam and/or promotions inbox in case you did not receive the password reset email!

How do I change my password?

- [Log in](#) using your email address and your password.
- Go to your [user name](#) in the top-right side of the screen
- Click on [Profile](#)
- Go to the "Password" empty field
- Type the new password in the field
- Repeat the new password in the "Password confirmation" field and save.

Please check your spam and/or promotions inbox in case you did not receive the password reset email!

How do I change my email address?

- [Log in](#) using your email address and your password.

- Go to your **user name** in the top-right side of the screen
- Click on **Profile**
- Go to the " Email address (Verified) " field where your current Email is written
- Type the new Email in the field

3.2 General help

How do I get any other kind of help?

- Go to [GoodGrants help section](#)
- Select the topic
 - o Getting started (FAQs)
 - o Manage users
 - o Settings
 - o Help for applicants and reviewers
 - o Etc.
- [Submit](#) a specific request