

November 2019 Newsletter

SMART X
EUROPEAN SMART TEXTILES ACCELERATOR



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Submission deadline: January 15, 2020

SmartX Europe has recently opened a call for Expressions of Interest for innovative projects in the smart textiles manufacturing chain. **It is intended for European SMEs and start-ups within the smart textile and related sectors.**

This short confidential document will help us understand your innovative project and assess if it could be eligible for SmartX support. **It is a necessary first step before the formal project application.** The first call for applications is expected to open in early December 2019 and close in February 2020.

More information about the Expression of Interest and the submission form can be found on the SmartX platform. [Read more and apply...](#)

UPCOMING EVENT

**SmartX Workshop at Science Park
Borås**

November 26, 2019 Borås, Sweden

At this regional workshop, you will get to know all about applying for SmartX support and funding. You will also have an opportunity to attend round table discussions addressing the challenges and obstacles in the value chain. [More...](#)



UPCOMING EVENT

Boosting Innovation(s) Seminar

November 27, 2019 Porto

The full-day seminar aims to promote the importance of Key Enabling Technologies (KETs) and spark a debate around research, development, innovation and entrepreneurship in the Portuguese and European industrial ecosystem. [More...](#)



UPCOMING EVENT

**Sustainable Textile and Leather Forum
December 3, 2019 Budapest**

The bilingual workshop is intended to strengthen the contribution towards innovation, entrepreneurship, circular economy and sustainable production in the TCLF sector, as well as the exchange of experiences and best practices. [More...](#)



WHAT YOU HAVE MISSED

**Workshop: Accelerate and Finance
Your Smart Textiles Project
Barcelona, November 2019**

The event highlighted state-of-the-art innovation in Smart Textiles through presentations, explained applying for SmartX support and funding, and featured a moderated networking session. [More...](#)



WHAT YOU HAVE MISSED

**SmartX Workshop: Information Event
on Smart Textiles Funding for SMEs
Denkendorf, November 2019**

The workshop offered first-hand information about funding opportunities, current and future developments for Smart Textiles, plus networking with potential partners. [Read more...](#)



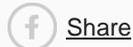
WHAT YOU HAVE MISSED

IoT Hackathon

Berlin, October 2019

Our first hackathon aimed to raise the Smart Textiles market innovation potential amongst SMEs and start-ups in Europe.

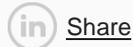
The results of the hackathon will help fine-tune SmartX coaching methods, future workshops, and hackathons. [Read more...](#)



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Call Announcement, December 2019



NOW OPEN: THE FIRST CALL FOR FUNDING

We are pleased to announce that the first SmartX call for funding is now open.

In our [**Guide for Applicants**](#), you will find all the information about eligibility and selection criteria, the selection process, and details on how SmartX coaches will help candidates submit a clear and valid application.

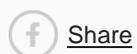
If you wish to apply for SmartX support, the first step is to send an [Expression of Interest](#), so that a dedicated coach can get in touch and start helping you.

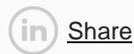
After that, in order to file an Application, you will have to sign and/or complete several documents, including the Technical Application Form, Declaration of Honour, and the Conflict of Interest Declaration. All links are on our platform.

The deadline for sending your Expression of Interest is February 15 and for submitting the finalised Application February 29, 2020. [Read more and apply...](#)



[Have a look at this video](#), featuring our Project Coordinator Lutz Walter, to learn more about SmartX and our mission to fund up to 40 Smart Textile projects by 2022.





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Community Announcement, January 2020



THE SMARTX COMMUNITY IS LIVE

We are pleased to announce that the [SmartX online community](#) is now live!

This secure and moderated community is a dedicated networking tool for businesses and experts in the field of Smart Textiles in Europe.

It is designed to allow registered and verified users to post information, share ideas, and use the **searchable SmartX Directory** to connect with other professionals and potential future partners: technology service providers, textile manufacturers, financiers, and many more.

To make the most of the community, [register and complete your profile](#).

Make sure to [provide all the necessary and useful information](#) about you and your organisation, so that you are visible to other members. Include a profile photo or company logo, sector of activity, website and relevant social media links, company description etc. **Rest assured that your data is safe with us!**

We hope that this exclusive SmartX tool will be useful to your organisation and result in fruitful connections that further accelerate smart textile innovation.

Please enjoy and feel free to [share your feedback](#) with us.
The SmartX Team

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February 2020 Newsletter



FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINES FAST APPROACHING

This is a reminder that the deadline for sending your Expression of Interest is February 15 and for submitting the finalised Application February 29, 2020.

Our team has received numerous Expressions of Interest from businesses

with innovative projects for which they are seeking SmartX support. Some of them need to find partners to carry out their project and submit a strong application together. In each case, dedicated SmartX coaches will provide the necessary help, while fully respecting the required high level of confidentiality.

DO YOU HAVE A PROJECT TO SUBMIT?

Don't wait to allow our experts to devote as much time and energy as possible to help you design a very solid application! [**View the Selection Committee**](#)

If you wish to apply for SmartX support, the first step is to send an [Expression of Interest](#), so that a dedicated coach can get in touch and start helping you.

We look forward to your submission!

Team SmartX

UK APPLICANTS: We are pleased to inform that applicants from the UK will be eligible to receive SmartX funding, if the contract regulating their relationships with the SmartX programme - in the case of a successful selection - is signed before 12/31/2020.

[Read more and apply](#)

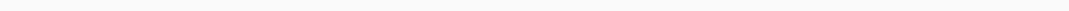


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WHAT YOU HAVE MISSED

**Smart textiles through
IoT technologies
Lille, January 2020**

The workshop provided an overview of the possibilities currently offered by IoT technologies for the textile industry through the testimonies and feedback from solution providers. **[Read more...](#)**





THE SMARTX COMMUNITY

Register and get involved!

This secure and moderated online community with a searchable directory is a dedicated networking tool for businesses and experts in the field of Smart Textiles in Europe. **Become a registered user** to connect with other professionals and potential partners.

SMARTX IN THE NEWS

Shaping the future of European smart textiles (WTIN, login required)

Entrevista a Mònica Olmos:

SmartX (Pinker Moda)

SmartX il programma europeo a sostegno del tessile (Business Weekly)

SmartX veut faire prendre son envol au marché du textile connecté (JDN)



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March 2020 Newsletter



RECAP: FIRST CALL FOR FUNDING

The first open call for funding of the SmartX Accelerator Programme closed on February 29, 2020. **We were thrilled to see that SmartX was met with such an interest and enthusiasm across Europe!**

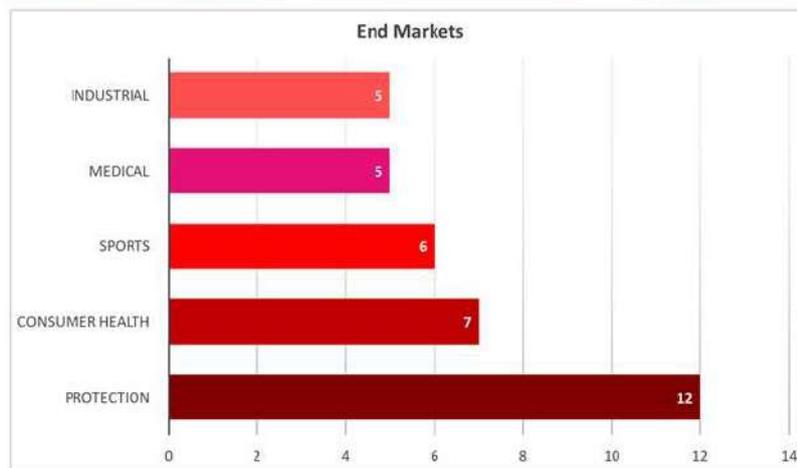
After 120 Expressions of Interest, 96 potential applicants received

coaching and 38 submitted their application, with 35 being eligible.

We expect more applications from the initial batch of Expressions of Interest to be submitted during the second call. Some companies chose to wait and make their application stronger, some are not ready to submit a proposal, and others are looking for a project partner (this is where our [online directory](#) can help).

The 35 eligible project proposals were from 54 SME applicants in 15 different EU and H2020-associated countries. 22 of those projects were submitted by single SMEs and the remaining 13 by SME partnerships. Most of the projects address the protection or consumer health markets, while the rest are divided among sports, medical and industrial applications.

Statistics of the 1st Call



The selection process involving our **12 Experts on the Selection Committee** ([click here to meet them](#)) will take place in the coming weeks. The first funded projects are expected to start in May 2020.

The recent COVID-19 outbreak is an unprecedented time in our industry. We hope that the community will stay strong and united to overcome this global crisis . The SmartX Online Community (see below) is a perfect place to discover and connect with potential future business partners remotely. Our SmartX coaches stand ready to keep guiding SME applicants through

the application process in our upcoming 2nd call and provide the resources you need.

The second call for Expressions of Interest will open soon. Stay tuned!



Have a look at this video, featuring our Project Coordinator Lutz Walter, to learn more about SmartX and our mission to fund up to 40 Smart Textile projects by 2022.



MAKE THE MOST OF THE SMARTX ONLINE COMMUNITY

Our professional community is growing every day! **We hope it will help you find future partners and business opportunities.** We currently have over 500 registered users from nearly 30 countries, representing a variety of fields in the textile and technology industries.

To make sure that you are visible to other members, take a moment to **register and complete your profile**. When you add a company description, fields of activity, or a profile picture / company logo, other users will be able to find and connect with you more easily.

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April 2020 Newsletter



1st CALL FOR FUNDING: STATISTICS

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the first open call for SmartX funding was met with **great interest and enthusiasm across Europe!** We received over 100 expressions of interest leading to almost 40 project proposal submissions.

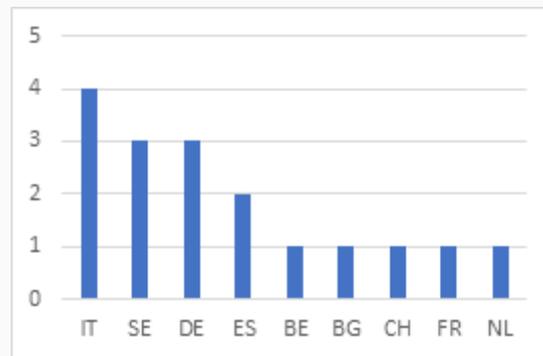
Here are key statistics of the first call:

Out of 35 eligible applications that were submitted, 16 exceeded the evaluation threshold, which can qualify them for SmartX funding.

Approximately 750,000 € of EU funds are available for the first call, which allows us to support the 10 highest ranked projects.

These 10 projects include a total of 17 individual SMEs. Each of them will receive direct funding of up to 60,000 €.

The 17 funded SMEs are from 9 different European countries (see chart).



The projects are expected to start between May and July 2020 and last for 12 months. Their focus will be on smart textile innovations in the field of **personal protection, sports, health and well-being**.

More information about the funded projects and participating SMEs will be available in June. Stay tuned!

Coming soon: 2nd call for funding

The second SmartX funding call with a budget of about 1 million € is **expected to open in June 2020**. Details will be included in a future newsletter and posted on [our website](#) and social media channels (see below).

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The best way to network!

Our professional community has over 400 members already! To make sure that you are visible to them, take a moment to [register and complete your profile](#).

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SMARTX CHANNELS

Real-time updates on social media

Another way to stay in touch with our community is to follow SmartX Europe on social media. That is where you can get the latest news about our funding calls, regional workshops, partner events, and more. [Follow us on Twitter](#) or join our new [LinkedIn page](#). See you there!



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May 2020 Newsletter



NOW OPEN: CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SmartX Europe has opened the second call for Expressions of Interest for innovative projects in the smart textiles manufacturing chain. It is intended for European SMEs and start-ups within the smart textile and related sectors.

[See also: [Key statistics of the first funding call.](#)]

The Expression of Interest is a necessary first step before the formal project application. This short, confidential document will help us understand your innovative project and assess if it could be eligible for SmartX support. We encourage you to search our directory for potential project partners. The second call for formal applications will open on June 15, 2020.

The submission deadline is September 4, 2020. More information and the submission form can be found on the SmartX platform. [Read more and apply.](#)



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A partner is needed to develop an IP68 heating system for a watersport life vest. [Read more...](#)



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