PRESS RELEASE

SURE5.0 launches its second Acceleration Programme, a new opportunity for SMEs to receive tailored services and up to EUR 50k funding for their transition projects.

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The EU-funded SURE5.0 project has just launched its second Acceleration Programme addressed to SMEs in need of adopting technologies or services to digitally transform their production processes and turn them more human-centric, sustainable and resilient. Eligible candidates are SMEs established in the European Union or EU Associated Countries working in the Mobility, Transport and Automotive; Aerospace and Defence; and Electronics industrial ecosystems.

The support will be provided in two sequential phases:

- **Phase 1–assess & recommend:** up to 83 SMEs will receive individual assessments and recommendations to design their roadmap. They will also be supported with tailored services from partners such as investment readiness assessment, 5.0 training module, and initial support on social innovation & human centricity.
- **Phase 2–business transformation & resilience:** at least 36 SMEs will receive up to €50,000 of funding to implement their transition project, with the help of experts included in the SURE5.0 Catalogue of Service Providers. Additionally, partners will keep on providing further tailored services such as business support, other on-demand training modules, introduction to the Social Innovation Tournament and advanced technological services.

BENEFITS

Phase 1 – Assess & Recommend

Individual assessment and recommendations for roadmap design

Investment Readiness (IR) Support
(IR level and recommendations)

Training activities
(Compulsory module on industry 5.0)

Social innovation and human-centricity
(Guide for social innovators and training on business modelling)

Community of Practice Alliance
(LinkedIn group to foster exchange and experience on Industry 5.0 practices, as well as the networking of its members)

Phase 2 – Business Transform. & Resilience

Equity – free funding up to EUR 50K
(at least 60% used to hire supporting experts from our **Catalogue of service providers**)

Investment Readiness (IR) Support
(Support on business modelling, planning, financial assessment, funds scouting, etc.).

Training activities (on-demand)
(Technological and innovation modules)

Social innovation and human-centricity
(Session on Social Innovation Tournament and other funding opportunities; engagement of stakeholders and local ecosystems to support SMEs in their transformation process).

Advanced technological services
(individual assessment and proof-of-concept testing)

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In case of interest, companies must take the following steps:

1. **Fill in the self-assessment tool**, a questionnaire to know their current situation and potential for transformation in terms of smart factory, strategy and organization, environmental sustainability, industrial resilience and human-centricity.
2. **Apply to phase 1,** entering the F6S platform and submitting the corresponding application form duly filled in, together with their self-assessment report. The phase 1 call will be opened from 28th July with three cut-off dates:
   - 25th October 2023
   - 3rd January 2024
   - 28th February 2024

3. **Apply to phase 2** (just for phase 1 beneficiaries), presenting their transition plan towards a more human-centric, sustainable and resilient manufacturing process. The phase 2 call will be launched the 1st of March 2024 with two cut-off dates:
   - 8th May, 2024
   - 31st July, 2024

All relevant information about the 2nd acceleration programme is available on the SURE5.0 project website: https://sureproject.eu/acceleration-programme-2/

SURE5.0 is a European project funded under the Horizon Europe program of the European Union. Its main objective is to support SMEs in the Mobility, Transport and Automotive; Aerospace and Defence; and Electronics industrial ecosystems, so that they can integrate in their manufacturing processes the industry 5.0 principles: human centricity, sustainability and resilience. For that aim, more than 2.6 million Euros will be provided as cascade funding. The project, which lasts 3 years, is an initiative promoted by 11 partners from 8 different countries: Aerospace Valley (France), AIMEN (Spain), ANFIA (Italy), CEAGA (Spain), Corallia (Greece), EIT Manufacturing West (Spain), Fraunhofer IPT (Germany), F6S Network Ireland Limited (Ireland), Iniziativa (Italy), Silicon Alps Cluster (Austria) and Taltech University (Estonia).

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