

*EUROSYN - Improve innovation services for SMEs
by enabling synergies between R&D&I European funds*



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CALL FOR APPLICANTS



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1. Foreword

This call is published within the **project “EUROSYN - Improve innovation services for SMEs by enabling synergies between R&D&I European funds”**, carried out by **Friuli Innovazione** (Italy), **FTI Burgenland GmbH** (Austria) and **KEPA - Business & Cultural Development Centre** (Greece), three innovation agencies supporting SMEs in their competitive development processes.

The **project objective** is to better support SMEs in exploiting **synergies** between European structural funds, Horizon 2020 and other funds **for research, development and innovation activities**.

2. Objectives and purpose of the call of applicants

This **call for applicants** aims at **selecting 15 Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) from the three participating Regions**, to be involved in the **project pilot action**.

In particular, a **customized Innovation Audit will be developed with each SME**, in order to **analyse the research and innovation projects ideas/needs** and **give indications on how to finance better their investments by exploiting synergies among different funds** at regional, national and European level.

3. Eligible entities

In order to be eligible for the Innovation Audit within EUROSYN Project, companies should fulfill all the **following requirements**:

- be a **Micro or Small Enterprise** according to the definition of the EU recommendation 2003/361¹;

¹ Companies dimension criteria:

Company category	Staff headcount	Turnover	or	Balance sheet total
Micro	< 10	≤ € 2 m		≤ € 2 m
Small	< 50	≤ € 10 m		≤ € 10 m



- be established in **one of the Regions involved in the project**: Friuli Venezia Giulia (Italy), Burgenland (Austria), Central Macedonia (Greece);
- operate in an **industrial/productive sector** - ICT included (consultancy firms and service providers - e.g. tourism, creative&cultural, social enterprises - are not included) and **be involved in Research and Innovation activities**.

4. Opportunities

Participation in activities is **free of charge**.

The project offers to SMEs the **opportunity** to take part in the project pilot action and receive:

- **tailored individual innovation audit** on their research and innovation projects ideas/needs;
- **indications on how to exploit better different financing programmes** at regional, national and European level in order to develop their R&D&I projects;
- an opportunity **to participate in the regional local workshops** (presenting the EUROSYN project's results) and **to present their innovative projects** to local stakeholders and relevant policy makers.

6. How to apply and deadline for submission of applications

Interested companies must **fill in the attached Application form** and **send it by e-mail to tommaso.bernardini@friulinnovazione.it** no later than Friday 31st March 2017 with the following object **“Participation to EUROSYN pilot action”**.



7. Criteria, methods and evaluation procedures

Once eligible criteria have been checked, the **selection process** is based on the **arrival of the application** (*on a first-come, first-served basis*).

8. Communication of Results

The selection results will be **communicated via e-mail** to SMEs which applied to the present call for applicants by the 6th April 2017.

9. Responsible for the procedure

Responsible for the procedure in Friuli Venezia Giulia is Tommaso Bernardini from Friuli Innovazione (e-mail: tommaso.bernardini@friulinnovazione.it - phone: 0432 629 922).

14. Privacy, data protection and transparency

The personal data (hereinafter the "Personal Data") provided by each Applicant, will be processed by project partners for the purposes related to this the Project.

The processing of Personal Data, therefore, carried out through electronic and/or automated or equivalent, will be based on principles of fairness, legality, transparency and will take place with appropriate procedures to ensure the security and confidentiality.