



INNOVATION OPEN CALL



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OBJECTIVE AND KEY CHALLENGES

RESIST Eurocluster will provide financial support, also known as Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP), to European small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) working in the Mobility, Transport and Automotive ecosystem, so they can implement **innovation projects on green and digital transition**, leading to economic success and resilience improvement in the face of future market changes and crisis.

FSTP is an instrument used by the European Commission to distribute public funds and generate opportunities for SMEs, start-ups and/or mid-cap companies, in the adoption or development of digital technologies.

THREE KEY CHALLENGES

1. Optimised digitalisation in my company through the incorporation of **advanced technologies** in the MTA

2. Provide innovative solutions to obtain **to obtain greener production systems or products**

3. Turning to **renewable energy innovations** in my production line

(*) Beneficiaries have to select one of the three above challenges as a topic for their innovation project proposal.



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CONDITIONS OF THE OPEN CALL



Beneficiaries can apply for this OpenCall as a consortium or individually:

For projects with a consortium of several eligible applicants, a Project Manager will be assigned and will mentor and guide the team throughout the whole project



Projects will last a maximum of 9 months

From September 2023 to May 2024 for the 1st OpenCall cut-off



Partners in the project will accompany beneficiaries throughout project implementation



The OpenCall beneficiaries conduct the project with one mid-term report about project advancement following a given follow-up document template



At least one Open Call project partner must participate in the Project Showcase event. The Showcase will take place in France on December 24

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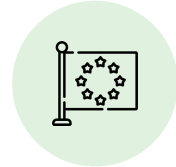


ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following **eligibility criteria** must be complied in order to get through the evaluation process:



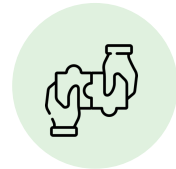
Being a European **SMEs** from the **Mobility-Transport-Automotive** (MTA) ecosystem. SMEs to be understood within the meaning of Recommendation 2003/361/EC in the version of 6 May 2003.



Beneficiary must come from Eurocluster partners' country or from **EU regions** different from the countries of individual Euroclusters' partners.



The **resilience check** must be completed. This document enables beneficiaries to audit their market situation, production, and processes towards potential risks and future market evolutions, and to set-up an action plan for mitigation of the main risks. This document will be sent once the beneficiary expressed its desire to apply for this call.



Beneficiaries applying in a consortium with other beneficiaries must come from at least **two different regions** and **maximum 3** to enhance collaboration and regional development. The projects must be led by an SME, start-up and/or mid-cap companies.



There will be two Open Calls cut-offs. Beneficiaries can **apply to both cut-offs** if the first application was not successful.



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FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND FUNDING CONDITIONS

Up to
20 projects
will obtain financial support

Total budget available distributed among
the two Open Call cut-offs
€ 800,000

- **20% of agreed lump sum** at Innovation Project start
- **40% of agreed lump sum** after evaluation of the mid-term project report
- **30% of agreed lump sum (1st cut-off only)** After evaluation of the final project report
- **10% of agreed lump sum (1st cut-off)** After the Project Showcase participation, **or 40% of agreed lump sum (2nd cut-off)** after the evaluation of the final project report and Project Showcase participation

Individual Projects

20,000 €/applicant*

Consortium Projects

30,000 €/applicant*

SMEs have the possibility of participating in all open calls to be launched within the framework of the RESIST initiative, but the maximum financial support possible for a single SME in all calls is limited to €60,000. It is the responsibility of the SME to check that the requested funding sums do not exceed this limit.



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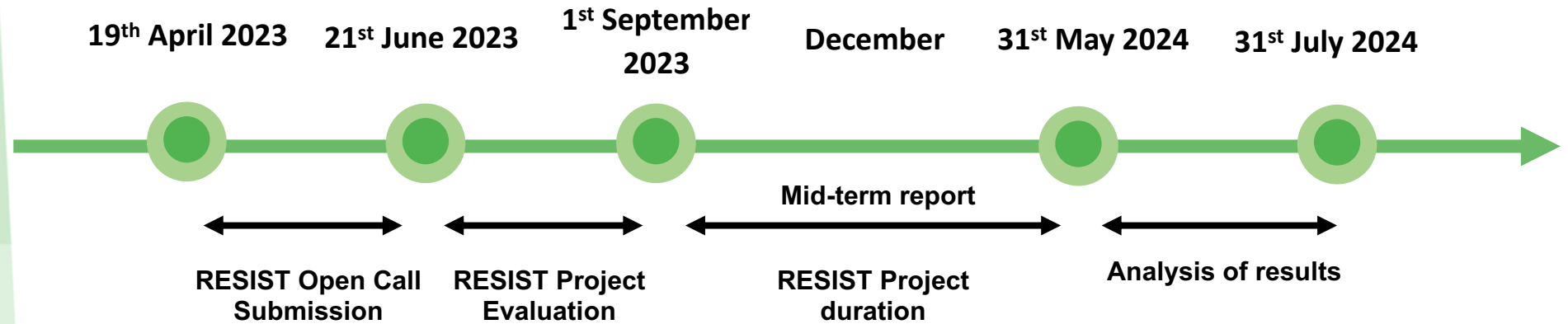
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OPEN CALL 1ST CUTT-OFF TIMELINE

RESIST 1st Open Call cut-off for innovative projects on green and digital transition will remain open from the **19th of April** until the **21st of June 2023** at 12:00 CET (Central European Time).



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HOW TO APPLY

Submission via the Clusters Submission Platform

Open call link

Documents to be submitted

- The **application form** presenting the project concept, the Consortium if any, the planned activities and the expected results
- The **resilience check** completed. It will be sent by Euroclusters' Project partners to the beneficiary(es) once they manifested their interest to apply for the Open Call Innovation.

Evaluation is conducted by to at least **three independent evaluators** that audit the proposal. Applications will be evaluated according to 5 criteria: *Innovation of the idea; Potential impact of the solution; Growth plan during and beyond the RESIST support period; Fit with RESIST priorities.*



Find full information in the Guide for Applicants.

For any enquiries regarding this RESIST Open Call, please contact:

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