

Launch of the H2020 project METABUILDING

3.75M € for Financing and Supporting Collaborative Innovation Projects of SMEs and to Boost the Construction Sector

15 EUROPEAN PARTNERS JOIN FORCES TO SUPPORT SME INNOVATION IN 6 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

The construction industry plays an essential role in the European economy, providing 18 million jobs, which represents 31% of all industrial employment. Unfortunately, it has significant deficits in innovation investment and productivity growth, and particularly where SMEs are involved, which represent 99,9% of the companies, producing up to 80% of its economic output.

The METABUILDING project aims at bringing innovation to the "traditional" value chain of the Construction sector through collaboration with other more innovative sectors.

The METABUILDING project will support more than 140 SMEs, belonging to one of the following industrial sectors:

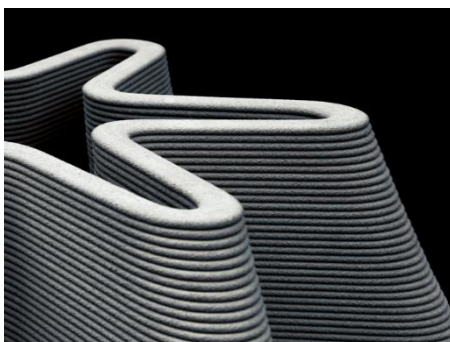


Construction
Additive Manufacturing
Nature Based Solutions
Digital Industry
Recycling

reaching out to more than 6.000 SMEs through 90 regional clusters in 6 target countries:

Austria · France
Hungary · Italy
Portugal · Spain

This financial support to SMEs is available in the form of **Innovation Vouchers of 5 000 €** dedicated at analysing technical, legal and business aspects of innovation project ideas and in the form of **Grants for Collaborative Projects of up to 55 000 €** for SMEs of the Construction sector partnering at least with an SME of one of the other involved sectors.



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SMEs from the 5 Industrial sectors interested in receiving financial support are invited to participate in different calls for proposal over the three-year duration of the project. The first call will open in November 2020.

The SMEs will also receive **Non-Financial Support** from the consortium partners helping them to identify project partners and innovative technologies and to evaluate project ideas.



The **METABUILDING** project will also establish a **Digital Platform**, open to all stakeholders of the enlarged Built Environment sector, which will support collaborative work, provide information on innovation support and available funding, showcase innovative technologies ready to be deployed in the Construction sector and help companies to enter to new markets. This digital platform will be intricately linked to the **European Construction Technology Platform** (ECTP) and is expected to become an important tool for SME innovation and collaboration for the related industrial sectors in Europe.

Next Actions / Deadlines

- Announcement of call for innovation vouchers (SEED call) on www.metabuilding-project.eu: November 2020
- Bottom-up definition of joint roadmap and requirement elicitation for METABUILDING digital platform: November/December 2020
- Announcement of call for collaborative projects (GROW/HARVEST calls) on www.metabuilding-project.eu: February 2021

METABUILDING · Impact in a nutshell ·

- Provide direct financial and non-financial innovation support for SMEs.
- Increase competitiveness of SMEs through international business collaboration.
- Support SMEs to get out of the COVID-19 crisis through innovation.
- Stimulate the innovation potential of the Construction sector through cross-sectoral and cross-border collaboration.
- Create a digital platform facilitating business and innovation in an enlarged Built Environment Sector.

Project Partners:

METABUILDING is coordinated by



and involves:

4 EU level Industrial Platforms



3 National Technology Platforms



Run by:



Represented by:



2 National Construction Industry Associations



1 Large ICT Industrial



An Indra company

1 Business Network



as well as the following Consortium Partners:

