



Enterprise Europe Network 2025–2028

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Cascade Funding

Fast-track EU Innovation opportunities for Cypriot SMEs



The world's largest support
Network for innovative SMEs
with international ambitions



Cascade Funding, in one slide

The EU term is “Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)” – funding is passed downstream through competitive open calls.



Why cascade funding deserves a place in your SME funding pipeline

FOCUSED

Calls target a defined technology, sector, pilot, challenge or transition need.

PRACTICAL

Funding is often linked to prototypes, testing, demonstration, adoption or external services.

SME-FRIENDLY

Many calls accept a single SME or a small consortium and use lump-sum or milestone payments.

VALUE BEYOND CASH

Selected SMEs may also receive mentoring, pilot access, matchmaking, visibility or technical support.

Cascade Funding Hub

The hub by Sploro curates calls; your go/no-go decision should be based on the project's official call page and guidelines.

cascadefunding.eu

Useful filters and signals

DISCOVER

- Technology / domain
- Beneficiary type
- Closing date
- Funding range
- Calls for proposals / evaluators / mentors

Before you invest proposal time

VERIFY

- ✓ Official Guidelines for Applicants
- ✓ Eligibility / exclusions / country rules
- ✓ Challenge text and expected results
- ✓ Funding rate, co-funding and payment model
- ✓ TRL / maturity requirements
- ✓ Application portal, templates and deadline



Opportunity radar

Selected SME-relevant calls checked on 4 September 2026 – not exhaustive list.

TECHNOLOGY

DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

Call for Proposals	Domains	Type of Beneficiary	Closing Date
EIT Culture & Creativity - Financial Support to Startups and Scaleups (Scale Post Acceleration) Scale Post-Acceleration supports mature cultural and creative startups and scale-ups with up to €200,000, or €500,000 for eligible RIS ventures, to accelerate international expansion and fundraising. https://eit-culture-creativity.eu/your-opportunities/calls-funding/financial-support-startups-and-scaleups-shape-acceleration-scale	Arts; Culture and Heritage	startups	12 October 2026
EIT Culture & Creativity - Financial Support to Startups and Scaleups (Shape Acceleration) Shape Acceleration supports early-stage cultural and creative ventures with up to €100,000, plus potential follow-on funding, to strengthen product-market fit, commercial growth and investment readiness. https://eit-culture-creativity.eu/your-opportunities/calls-funding/financial-support-startups-and-scaleups-shape-acceleration-scale	Arts; Culture and Heritage	startups	12 October 2026
EIT Raw Materials - Call for KAVA 14 (RIS Innovation) EIT RawMaterials funds RIS-focused consortia to validate and upscale TRL 5+ raw-materials innovations towards industrial deployment and market entry. https://eitrawmaterials.eu/call-ris-projects	Advanced Manufacturing and Industry; Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials	SMEs; startups; university; research organisations; NGOs; large company; MidCaps; Public Authorities	16 October 2026

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EIT Raw Materials - Call for KAVA 14 (Upscaling) EIT RawMaterials funds consortia to validate and upscale mature raw-materials technologies from TRL 5 towards market entry and industrial-scale deployment. https://eitrawmaterials.eu/kava-call-14-upscaling	Advanced Manufacturing and Industry; Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials	SMEs; startups; university; research organisations; NGOs; large company; MidCaps; Public Authorities	16 October 2026
GRAPPA Innovation Open Call - Cut-off 2 Funding for SMEs to develop and commercialise innovative upcycled products, processes and technologies enhancing agri-food biomass and side-stream valorisation. https://i4be.eu/grappa/#	Agriculture and food; circular economy and sustainability; Advanced Manufacturing and Industry	SMEs; startups	20 October 2026
Perform Europe - OC 2026-2028 Funding for cross-border touring of existing performing arts works through international partnerships promoting inclusion, diversity and environmental sustainability across Creative Europe countries https://performeurope.eu/open-call/	Arts; Culture and Heritage; Tourism and Culture Heritage; Gender Equality and Diversity; Circular Economy and Sustainability	Individuals; SME; startups; MidCaps; Large Company	22 October 2026

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HERIFORGE - OC#2 Funding innovative XR technical solutions for cultural heritage that address specific challenges set by HERIFORGE hubs in Cyprus, Poland and Türkiye. https://www.heriforge.eu/	Arts; Culture and Heritage; Information and Communication Technologies	SME, startups, NGOs, individuals	27 October 2026
RIZA - Call for Proposals Cycle 2 Funding supports grassroots NGOs to implement projects promoting fundamental rights, equality, and democratic participation of migrant and refugee women across EU Member States. https://www.migrantwomennetwork.org/riza/funding-cycle-2/	Gender Equality and Diversity; social innovation and community development; public policy and governance	NGOs	31 October 2026
FORTIS - OC#2.2 Exploiting the FORTIS solution in other key sectors Funding for consortia to transfer and validate the FORTIS human-robot interaction solution in new civilian sectors and application environments https://fortis-project.eu/open-call-2/	Robotics and automation	Research organisation; university; SME; startups; MidCaps	4 November 2026
Women TechEU 2 EIC - Eligibility Strand Supports women-led early-stage deep tech startups in Europe through eligibility screening for grants and business development services under the Women TechEU programme https://womentecheuropa.eu/active-calls/	Gender Equality and Diversity; Information and communication technologies; advanced manufacturing and industry; robotics and automation	startups	14 June 2027

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ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

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FutureProofTextiles - 1st Open Call round Grants for European textile SMEs to develop digital innovation or green transition projects that improve resilience, efficiency and sustainability. https://www.clustercollaboration.eu/content/deadline-approaching-futureprooftextiles-open-call-smes-have-until-18-september	Advanced Manufacturing and Industry; Circular Economy and Sustainability; Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)	SMEs; startups	18 September 2026
MANTRA 2nd Open Call for Manufacturing SMEs Funding for EU manufacturing SMEs to implement green, digital and social transformation projects through adoption of advanced technologies and external services supporting sustainability and innovation. https://mantra-project.eu/community-platform-open-calls/traditional-smes-guidelines-for-applicants/	Advanced Manufacturing and Industry; Circular Economy and Sustainability; Information and Communication Technologies (ICT); Energy and Environment	SMEs; startups	30 September 2026
Women TechEU 2 EIC - Eligibility Strand Supports women-led early-stage deep tech startups in Europe through eligibility screening for grants and business development services under the Women TechEU programme https://womentecheuropa.eu/active-calls/	Gender Equality and Diversity; Information and communication technologies; advanced manufacturing and industry; robotics and automation	startups	14 June 2027

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AI AND BIG DATA

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TRUNSPORT - OC#1 TRUNSPORT Open Call 1 funds the testing and validation of cybersecurity solutions that strengthen the resilience of European transport systems. https://trunSPORT.eu/open-calls/	Security and Defence; Transportation and Mobility; Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)	SMEs; public authorities; research organisations; university; NGOs; startups	30 October 2026
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MATERIALS

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QUANTUM

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ROBOTICS

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SECURITY AND CONNECTIVITY AND CLOUD

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BLOCKCHAIN

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IoT

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INDUSTRIAL BIOTECH

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How EEN Cyprus can help

1. Opportunity Scan

Match your innovation, sector, TRL and timing to relevant calls

2. Eligibility Check

Test SME status, country, consortium, funding rate and call-specific rules

3. Partner Search

Use EEN's international network when the call requires an end-user or partner

4. Application Support

Structure the value proposition, impact, workplan and submission readiness

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