



# 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 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 Open Call 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 February to November 2024 for the 2nd OpenCall cut-off**



**Partners in the project will accompany beneficiaries throughout project implementation**



**Beneficiaries must submit a mid-term report and a final project report following a specific monitoring 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/January 25**



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# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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



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.



Beneficiaries can **re-apply to this cut-off** if the application for the 1st cut-off was not successful.



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# FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND FUNDING CONDITIONS

Up to  
**15 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 (as pre-financing)
- **40% of agreed lump sum** after evaluation of the mid-term project report and the mid-term financial report.
- **40% of agreed lump sum** after evaluation of the final project report and the final financial report

## 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.





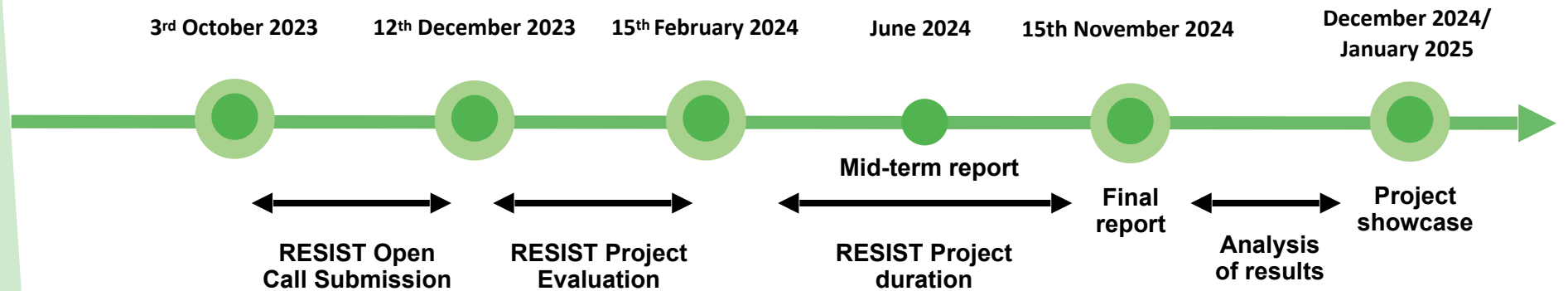
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# OPEN CALL 2<sup>ND</sup> CUTT-OFF TIMELINE

RESIST 2nd Open Call cut-off for innovative projects on green and digital transition will remain open from the **3rd of October** until the **12th of December 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 **Commitment Declaration**: to guarantee the veracity of the information provided.
- 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; Short-term implementation plan for the RESIST support period; Fit with RESIST priorities.*



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Find full information in the Guide for Applicants.

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