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The general objectives of the AEC EUROCLUSTER project:

- Form a EUROCLUSTER joint strategic initiative of clusters in Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC) sectors across Europe and reach a **critical mass of entities** (firms, research and technology institutions, science and financial providers, non-profit organisations and public bodies) in order to boost collaboration, accelerate green as well as digital transformation and increase social and economic resilience in and beyond the fields of built environment.
- Contribute to both the New Industrial Strategy for Europe and the SME Strategy by detecting deeply entrenched dependencies in AEC sectors, by fostering industrial partnerships on international level that wouldn't be established otherwise and by focusing specifically on upskilling and support for SMEs on their pathways to twin transition and better preparedness for crisis and other reasons for supply chain disruptions.
- Collaborate with existing business support networks as e.g. the European Cluster Collaboration Platform, the Enterprise Europe Network, national and European Digital Innovation Hubs.

Selected areas for grants:

- **BIM,**
- **Construction Robotics,**
- **Construction Project Management,**
- **Advanced Building Materials,**
- **Offsite Construction,**
- **Construction Worker Safety,**
- **Construction Monitoring,**
- **Green Building,**
- **3D Printing,**
- **Connected Construction Site**
- **IT and related deep-tech sectors (AI, AR/VR, sensors, robotics, drones and other unmanned aerial vehicles, advanced materials, nanotechnology, photonics) if the project proposals will have an impact on the AEC sectors.**



The search for beneficiaries will be launched as single call package with 4 components:

a) Innovation training

- maximum EUR 5,000 per SME
- at least 10 SMEs will be supported with training focused on problem identification and solution development in the fields of digital and green transformation.

b) Internationalization

- maximum EUR 2,000 per SME
- at least 20 SMEs to participate in fairs during a larger period of time.

c) Innovation

- maximum EUR 60,000 per SME
- at least 5 projects

d) Adoption of new technologies

- maximum EUR 60,000
- minimum of 11 grants

The interested SMEs will have a clear overview of all funding opportunities at the same time and can make sure that all potential funding cumulated won't exceed the maximum of EUR 60,000 per SME.

The call documents published at call opening in April 2023 will contain:

The objectives, guidelines, evaluation criteria, timeline, application forms and annexes for each of the 4 components.