



## GALACTICA first call for proposals Results

**GALACTICA first call for proposals with 1.2M€ to support new value chains by European innovative SMEs has the final list of Projects selected for funding.**

**26 projects involving 40 SMEs selected for funding in the first Galactica Open Call!**

- ✓ **8 Orbital Projects vouchers.**
- ✓ **18 Pioneer Acceleration vouchers**

*July 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2021– GALACTICA, which aims to demonstrate the viability of new industrial value chains regarding the textile and aerospace sectors based on advanced manufacturing across the EU, has the final list of projects selected for funding, with a total budget of 1.160.000€. All the selected proposals funded will be contact in the following days.*

*The Call for proposals was addressed to the European SMEs and start-ups that plan to develop innovative solutions that could be part of cross-sectoral and cross-border value chains with two different funding lines.*

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Galactica consortium, led by AEI TEXTILS, has evaluated the 83 proposals received and select the best projects to be funded with grants of **€20,000 for 18 pioneers** and **€100,000 for 8 orbitals**. The evaluation has been carried out between May and June and now we can confirm the final ranking list.

Every funded proposal has gone through an in-depth evaluation process which included an assessment of the eligibility criteria and an external evaluation by a panel of 28 experts in each of the three fields of GALACTICA.

Each proposal was reviewed by independent experts (three for orbital and two for pioneer) that have applied the evaluation criteria, with a special focus on innovation, cross sectorial and cross-border aspects.

Those proposals that have not succeed in the 1st call, have another opportunity to improve and apply to **Galactica second call for proposals**. It will **open in January of 2022 with 1.85M€**.

GALACTICA's 1st Call for proposals had **two different types of funding instruments, in the form of lump-sum vouchers**, that are addressed to SMEs and start-ups with innovative solutions that could be part of cross-sectoral and cross border value chains in the relevant sectors.

- **Pioneer Acceleration voucher** support the exploration of new cross-sectoral value chains with focus on developing a Minimum Viable Product (MVP).

- **Orbital Projects voucher** aims to support the demonstration of new cross-sectoral value chains connecting the different sectors of GALACTICA with initial market tests of the products and services developed.

The GALACTICA consortium received 83 applications (43 in Orbital Projects and 40 in Pioneer Acceleration) and has selected 26 for funding. In total, those 26 projects comprise 40 SMEs from the textile, aerospace and advanced manufacturing sectors coming from across 14 European Countries.

In terms of distribution by country, Spain is first in funded SMEs with 10 companies, followed by France (5), Portugal (4) and Germany (4).

**The projects selected for funding are as follows.**

**Funding instrument**

- ✓ 8 Orbital Projects vouchers.
- ✓ 18 Pioneer Acceleration vouchers

**Congratulations to all the winners!**

PIONEER ACCELERATION					
Country		Total	Country		Total
	Austria	2		Ireland	1
	Belgium	1		Italy	1
	Bulgaria	3		Latvia	1
	Czech Republic	1		Netherlands	1
	Estonia	1		Portugal	2
	France	1		Spain	4
	Germany	2		Sweden	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>24 beneficiaries and 14 countries</b>			



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ORBITAL PROJECTS					
Country		Total	Country		Total
	Austria	1		Ireland	1
	France	4		Portugal	2
	Germany	2		Spain	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16 beneficiaries and 6 countries</b>			

## ABOUT GALACTICA

GALACTICA project is a cross-regional partnership across eight EU countries that involves eight innovation clusters from advanced manufacturing, aerospace, and textile industries, one investor network, and one business incubator and accelerator.

The project will foster the creation of unidentified or unexplored market opportunities for existent and new companies in developing latent and emergent value chains. It will overcome information and market failures by gathering together companies from diverse industrial sectors, R&D organizations, clusters, and bringing to life a set of tools, instruments, and triggering initiatives that will create a basis for establishing new value chains across textile and aerospace industries.

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