

# Innovate Together 2024

## *Call process*

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Call opens:  
October, 2nd 2024, 12:00 CEST

Call closes:  
December, 6th 2024, 12:00 CEST

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### Innovate Together 2024 Call

The second edition of the Innovate Together 2024 Call, launched by **CIT Manufacturing** in collaboration with the **European Factories of the Future Research Association (EFFRA)**, and co-financed by the **Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD)**, is designed to foster collaboration between disruptive entrepreneurs and established industry leaders to develop market-ready solutions that drive innovation, sustainability, and competitiveness in the European manufacturing sector.

The Call focuses on strengthening European manufacturing in key strategic areas defined by the European Commission, with a particular emphasis in 2024 on technologies outlined in the **Net Zero Industry Act (NZIA)**. By supporting the European Green Deal, Innovate Together helps European industry adapt to forthcoming regulations and bridge the gap between open research under Pillar 2 of the Horizon Europe Framework Programme and open innovation in Pillar 1.

The total budget of this call is of **EUR 5 millions**.

### Call focus

This Call will focus on two topics, **First-Time-Right Manufacturing** and **End-of-Lifecycle Management**.

#### First-Time-Right Manufacturing

One of the objectives of the European Green Deal is to promote sustainable manufacturing practices that minimise waste, pollution, and enhance efficiency. A key concept in achieving this objective is **First Time Right (FTR)**, which encompasses a range of activities from **Zero-Defect** processes to strategies for **Zero-Waste** value chains. FTR is a manufacturing philosophy that prioritises getting things right the first time, rather than relying on rework and correction to achieve quality. By implementing FTR, manufacturers can reduce scrap and waste, improve efficiency, and ultimately enhance their bottom line. This approach involves the use of various solutions such as simulation, in-line quality monitoring, and non-destructive testing to ensure high-quality outcomes.

To achieve **First Time Right (FTR)**, manufacturers should leverage the following technologies and solutions, in particular, applied to critical production processes:

# Timeline

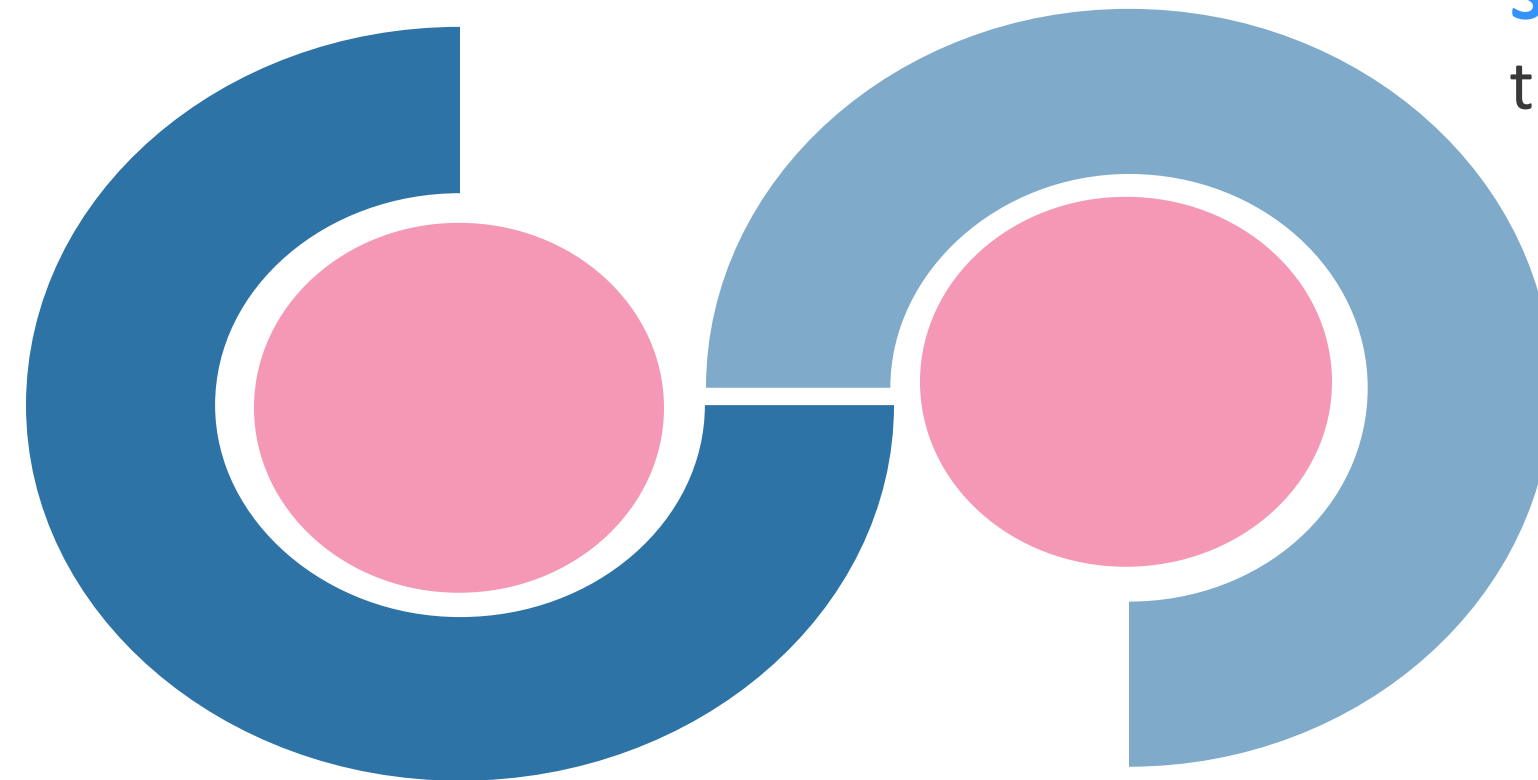


# Proposal preparation

## Application system

Before submitting a proposal, all applicants **must register** on the:

EU participant Portal  
to obtain a PIC number



**Submission system**  
to start the process

- ! All applicants must be registered in the submission system as early as possible and **no later than 3 working days before the call closing**, 02/12/2024 17:00 CET

# Application Form

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The proposal contains two parts:

- **Web-based form:** generated by the IT system based on the information entered by the applicants through the Netsuite submission system.
- **Annexes:** Applicants need to upload them following the templates downloadable in the submission system.



# Evaluation process

# Admissibility

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Applications must be

- submitted before the call deadline;
- submitted in English;
- submitted electronically via the submission tool. Paper submissions are NOT possible; and
- complete and contain all the mandatory information in the online application form and all mandatory documentation.

# Eligibility

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**Consortia composition:** The consortium shall be composed of a minimum of 3 legal entities independent of each other, established in countries covered by at least 2 different EIT Manufacturing regions. The following roles shall be covered within the consortium:

- 1 Lead Partner
- 2 End users
- 1 Business Owner

**FoF / MiE past project:** Applicants must build the proposal on the results of a successfully closed project funded by a Factories of the Future (FoF)/Made in Europe (MiE) call



# Who is eligible for funding?\*



## EU COUNTRIES

- Member States (MS) including their outermost regions
- The Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the MS.



## NON-EU COUNTRIES

- Countries associated to Horizon Europe (AC) and low and middle-income countries

*\*Please note that successful applicants will be required to become partners of the EIT Manufacturing community when initiating their projects. <https://www.eitmanufacturing.eu/partners/partnership-models/>*

# Standard Evaluation Criteria

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There are five standard evaluation criteria for proposals:

Excellence

Impact

Implementation

Strategic fit

European  
dimension

# Standard Evaluation Criteria

## Excellence

- Clear, measurable objectives.
- Significant innovation beyond the current state-of-the-art.
- Feasible path to achieve TRL 8 by the end of the project.

## Impact

- Comprehensive market opportunity of the solution
- Robust and credible Business Plan
- Demonstrated environmental, social impact, and diversity.
- Credible plan for exploitation and reaching EIT Core KPIs. Dissemination plan (including communications)

## Implementation

- Well-justified budget and resources.
- Aligned workplan, KPIs, and risk management.
- Consortium has relevant expertise and clearly defined roles.

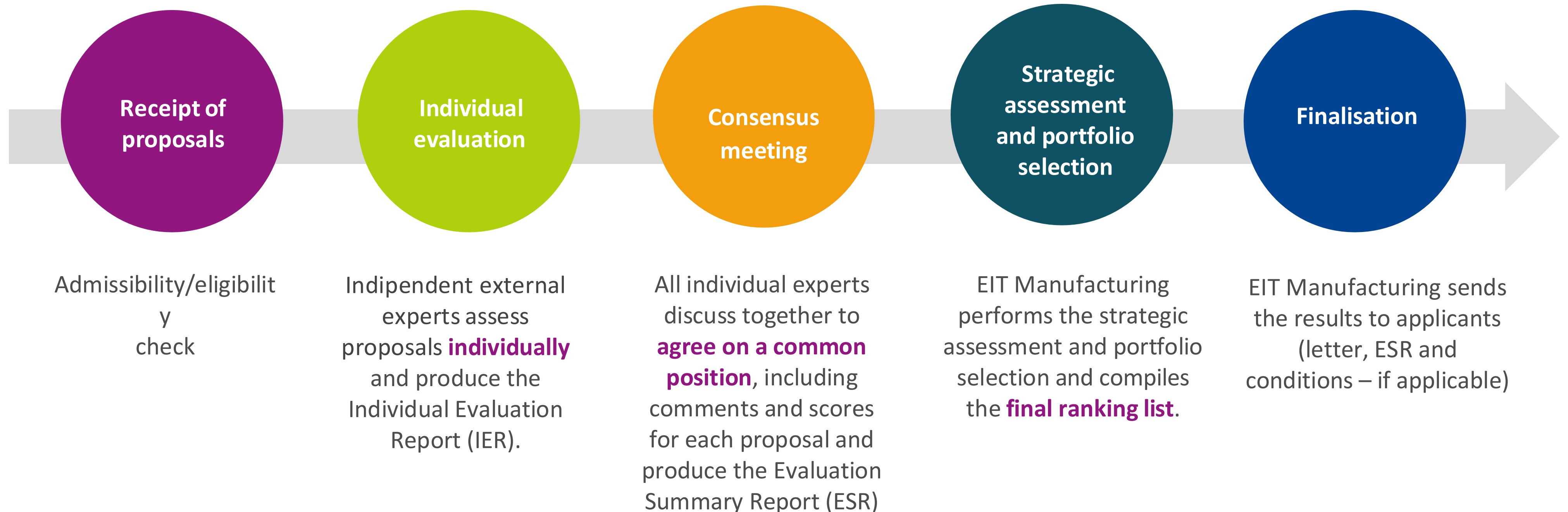
## Strategic Fit

- Alignment with the selected topic and expected outcomes.
- Credible skills development plan.
- Ambitious financial sustainability return to the KIC.

## European Dimension

- Pan-European outreach and fair budget distribution.
- Meaningful engagement and impact in RIS countries.

# Overview of the evaluation process

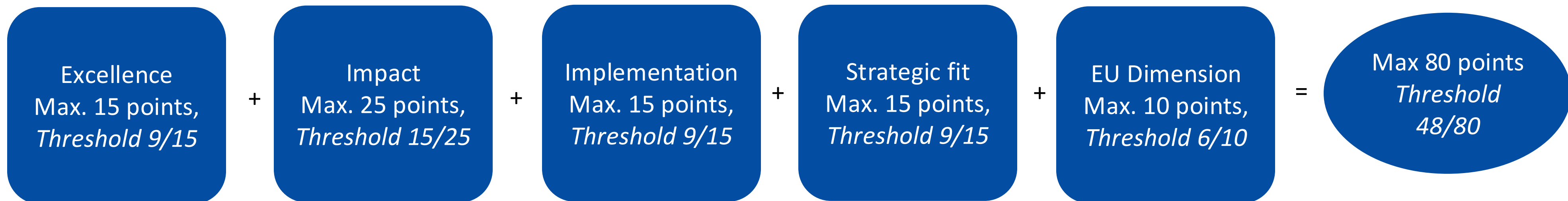


# Evaluation Scores

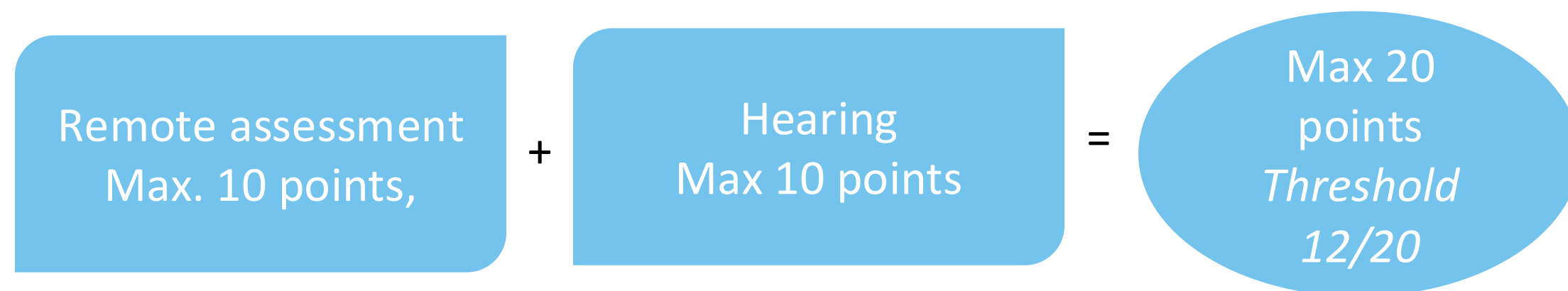
The maximum overall score is **100 points**

A pre-defined threshold on each criterion and an overall threshold need to be achieved.

## External evaluation



## Strategic assessment



# Final remarks



# Optimising the chances for success

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## Optimise the time available to prepare the proposal

Last-minute preparations are often reflected in a lower quality which largely reduces the chances of success.

Check the submission system and download the annexes templates

Start a draft early + submit on time.

## Be clear and explicit

Evaluators must judge only what they read and not on the proposal potential. They have limited time.

## Consortium

Check carefully the applicants profile needed to meet the minimum eligibility requirements when preparing the partnership.

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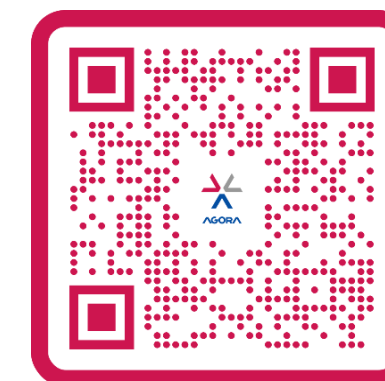
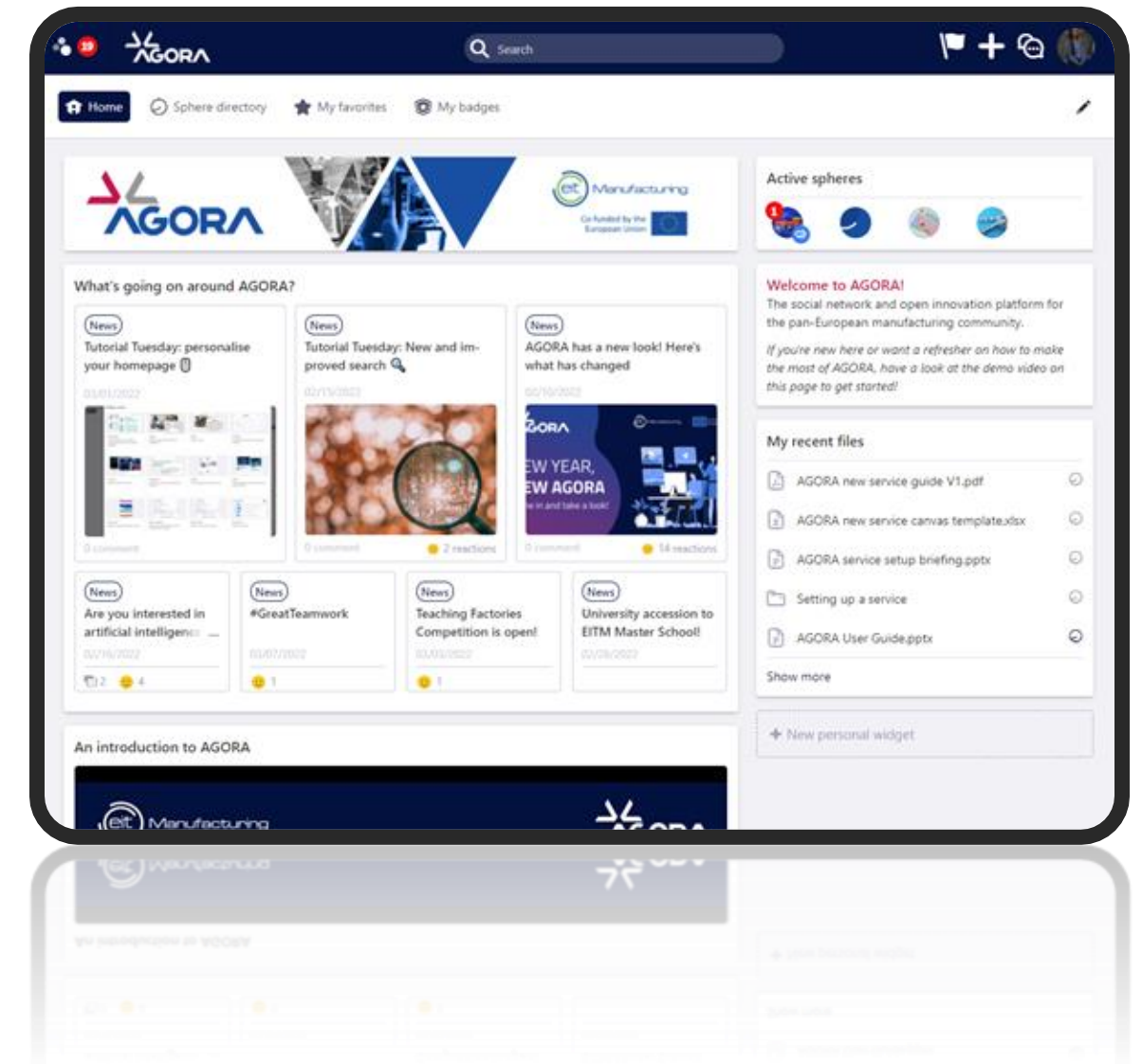
# AGORA – bringing industry together, online



**Social network for European manufacturing innovation community – 3,000+ members, 1,600+ organisations, 38 European countries**

**Access custom matchmaking features to find relevant connections based on sector, technology and other manufacturing interests**

**Share and find proposal ideas and contact idea posters to build your consortium in dedicated *Ideation – Innovate Together* sphere**



[agora-eitmanufacturing.eu](https://agora-eitmanufacturing.eu)  
Also available in mobile app!



# Three steps to share and find proposal ideas on AGORA



## 1. Share your proposal idea in the AGORA *Ideation – Innovate Together* sphere

Access ideation via the Call for Proposals 2025 sphere or the sphere directory

Check out the posting instructions first for easier discovery and review of your idea

## 2. Browse and find ideas of interest

Scroll down to see all ideas, the last posted or commented on appear on top

Search for specific keywords in ideas using the message search bar under posting area

Filter ideas based on the tags for call topic or partner sought from the sidebar

## 3. Express interest and connect on proposals

Favourite, like and comment on your favourite proposal ideas

Send a private message to an idea poster to discuss consortium-building further

Create an instant video meeting room from a comment in a private message

Ideation - Innovate Together

Welcome to the ideation sphere! Please read the instructions before posting your idea. To browse ideas, click on the tags in the sidebar to filter by call topic, status of proposal or type of partner sought, or use the message search bar under the posting space to search by keywords.

Write a new message to members or privately: text, links, @member mentions, #tags, @@groupname, @@role-name, etc.

With members Share in "Ideation - Innovate Toget..."

Search for a message

**Nina NÄSMAN**  
@nasmann • EIT Manufacturing

Welcome to the ideation sphere! Here's how to post your idea

- Add the name of the **previous FoF/MiE project as title** (use Heading 3 or bold text)
- Add one **hashtag** from each of the below lists (minimum 2) in one row:
  - #topic1, #topic2
  - #enduser, #businessowner, #technologyprovider for type of partner(s) sought
- Write one short paragraph to **explain the proposal focus and aims**: What is the proposal aiming to commercialise? What is the technological focus?
- Write a short paragraph to **explain the consortium and partner needs**: Do you already have partners? What kind of partners are you looking for? Where should/should they not be based?
- **Add link to the previous project** (and attachment if relevant)

**Notes:**

- The call topics and references can be found in the right sidebar.
- Please keep the post short, with further details in a possible link/attachment.
- If you forget the hashtags, you will be asked to edit the post, as this is key for discoverability.
- If you have updates, please edit the original post rather than posting it again.

**Example idea post** (you can copy-paste the below text to get started on your own)

SmartCom | Communication and validation of smart data in IoT-networks  
#topic2 #enduser

**Idea description:** We are looking to further develop and exploit the IoT networks for communication and validation of smart data related to end of lifecycle management. See link for more details on the former project.

**Looking for:** Most of the former consortium is participating in this consortium, and we are looking to strengthen it with one end users, ideally in x sector and y country. Reach out to myself or @colleague to discuss!

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2 members  
All Administrators  
Invite Directory  
Read full call guidelines here.  
Innovate Together call topics  
• Topic 1: First-time-right manufacturing  
• Topic 2: End-of-lifecycle management  
Proposal eligibility in brief  
• Proposal and core technology (exploitable output) to be based on project funded by a Factories of the Future (FoF)/Made in Europe (MiE) call under Horizon Europe  
• The FoF/MiE project must have been successfully closed on or after May 2022 and before May 2025  
Consortium requirements  
• Minimum 3 independent legal entities  
• Based in at least 2 different EIT Manufacturing regions  
• Applying consortium may be whole or part of former FoF/MiE project and may include new partners  
• The project consortium shall own the IPRs of the core technology  
Click on the tags below to filter ideas posted.  
Topic 1 Topic 2 End user  
Business owner Technology provider  
Innovate Together  
Apply by 5 December 2024



# Do not miss... Time to MatchMake!

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You will have the opportunity to organize 1:1 networking...

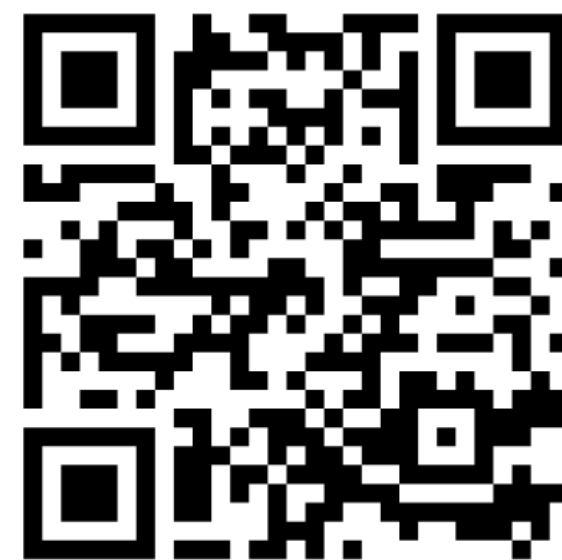
Thursday, October 17, 2024

12:45- 17:30 CET

Friday, October 18, 2024

9:30 – 17:30 CET

Book your place!







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# Thank you!

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