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Green Energy and Economy Sector

finMED Project: Boosting the financing of innovation for green growth sectors through innovative clusters services in the MED area

PUBLIC CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
TO TEST SUPPORT SERVICE TOOL FOR SMEs
WP 4.3

1. Introduction

The Autonomous Region of Sardinia – Industry Department, Green Energy and Economy Sector is partner in finMED project supported by the Interreg MED Programme 2014-2020. finMED involves 15 partners from 9 Mediterranean countries, including regional authorities, regional agencies, clusters, chambers of commerce, universities and research centers, development agencies. finMED objective is to boost the financing of innovation in the Green Growth sectors by the improved delivery of policies and strategies and the introduction of innovative cluster services for the benefit of SMEs. In this context, finMED partners have developed the Support Service Tool in order to increase knowledge, understanding and capabilities related to mechanisms and solutions used by private and public actors to finance green sectors in the Mediterranean area.

2. Objective

Within the framework of finMED project, the Autonomous Region of Sardinia – Industry Department, Green Energy and Economy is launching the public call for expression of interest to select n.5 SMEs operating in green sectors, which will be included in the testing phase for the "Support service tool" (SST) - support instrument for the SMEs, developed by the project (WP 4.3).

The SST is an IT decision support tool to help the SMEs which want to plan the adoption of solutions for the implementation of investments in the fields of innovation and green economy, guiding them in the process of identifying and finding the most suitable sources of financial coverage.

It should be noted that the testing phase, for which the participation of the companies is requested, is free of charge and, not constituting State aid within the meaning of Articles 107 - 108 TFEU, it does not entail any obligation for the Autonomous Region of Sardinia to provide financial resources to the selected companies.

3. Purpose of the Experimentation and Transfer of Results

1. The testing phase consists of filling in an online questionnaire in English of about 60 minutes, divided into several sessions.
   The compilation will be conduct through the support of a dedicated technical assistance contact person, and it can be carried out at the offices of the company or at another location to be agreed upon.

2. At the end of the test, following the processing of the entered data, the tool (SST) will issue a report to the single company that illustrates the mapping of the company's financial needs and possible sources of coverage.

3. At the end of the test, an evaluation questionnaire on the use of the tool (SST) will be submitted to the single participating companies in order to provide useful suggestions to improve its effectiveness.
4. The final results of the testing phase are property of the finMED Project and they will be published – in aggregate and totally anonymous form - on the website of the Autonomous Region of Sardinia – Industry Department, Green Energy and Economy Sector at

https://www.regione.sardegna.it/j/v/47?s=1&v=9&c=64&c1=13277, and on the official finMED Sardinia Project page https://www.regione.sardegna.it/j/v/2420?s=1&v=9&c=93394&na=1&n=10&esp=1&tb=13769

4. Eligibility Conditions

1. Expressions of interest may be submitted by companies within the meaning of All.1 Reg.651/2014, operating in the Green Economy sector and having an operational office in Sardinia.
2. Companies that have made innovative investments in sectors relevant to green development fall within the definition of Green Economy of point 1.

5. Procedure for the Presentation of the Expression of Interest

1. Expressions of interest may be submitted from 30 January 2020 until 15 February 2020.
2. The expression of interest consists of the following forms: Application form (Annex 1) and Participation Agreement (Annex 2), published on the website of the Autonomous Region of Sardinia – Industry Department, Green Energy and Economy Sector on page https://www.regione.sardegna.it/j/v/47?s=1&v=9&c=64&c1=13277 and on the official finMED Sardinia Project page https://www.regione.sardegna.it/j/v/2420?s=1&v=9&c=93394&na=1&n=10&esp=1&tb=13769

3. The documents mentioned in point 2, duly signed by the legal representative of the company, must be sent, together with a photostatic copy of the signatory's ID, exclusively by PEC to the following address: industria@pec.regione.sardegna.it.

4. The subject line of the PEC shall include the following words: **finMED Project: expression of interest for the experimentation of the support instrument for SMEs - WP 4.3.**

6. Selection of Participating Companies

The selection of companies admitted to the test phase is made in chronological order.

7. Requests for Information

Requests for information regarding this notice may be sent by email to finmed@regione.sardegna.it during the entire duration of the testing phase.

8. Privacy

1. The Autonomous Region of Sardinia, Department of Industry, in the person of the Director, as data controller (hereinafter, "Data Controller") by delegation of the President by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia (Decree No. 48 of 23.05.2018), informs that will be processed in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 ("GDPR") and current national legislation

Annex

1. Annex n.1 : Application form
2. Annex 2: Cooperation agreement