Introduction to EFPF Open Call
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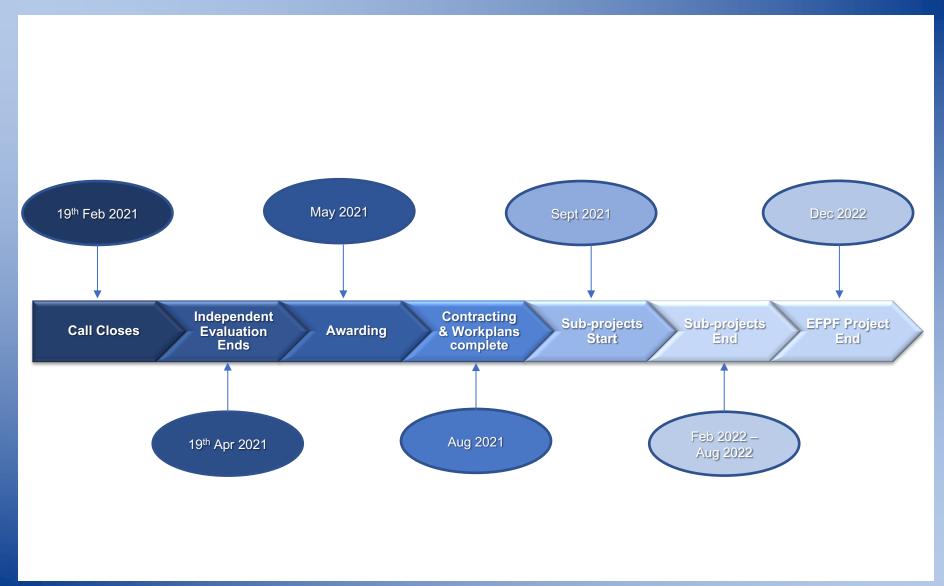
Open Call Overview

Total funding	€2.5 Million
Funding range	€50,000 - €150,000 per project Circa 20 sub-projects
Call for proposals	Launch Date: 19 October 2020 Closing Date: 19 February 2021
Sub-projects duration	6, 9 or 12 months
Sub-projects types	1. Creating new applications 2. Testing / validating EFPF platform and services 3. Integrating new platforms or services with EFPF
Funding Percentage	70% for profit organisations and 100% for non-profit organisations of eligible costs

Open Call Key Dates

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19th Feb 2021 → Call Closes

May 2021 → Awarding

Sept 2021 → Sub-projects Start

Dec 2022 → EFPF Project End

Call Closes → Independent Evaluation Ends → Awarding → Contracting & Workplans complete → Sub-projects Start → Sub-projects End → EFPF Project End

19th Apr 2021 → Independent Evaluation Ends

Aug 2021 → Contracting & Workplans complete

Feb 2022 – Aug 2022 → Sub-projects End

You will receive €50-150K funding and support to develop new services/products

You will get access to established 4.0 ecosystems and the associated market

You will get support both during application and experimentation phases

Different project durations and types are available to suits you best

You will own what you produce and will be able to exploit outcomes

Types of Sub-projects

Open Call Type 1 Activities: CREATION

Develop new tools or services, either by using the EFPF Software Development Kit (SDK) or by combining and/or /extending the functionalities of existing EFPF solutions.

- Development of high-quality end-to-end solutions by extending EFPF services in order to provide added value to the platform

- Development of solutions to address current and urgent issues in manufacturing domains in connection with the general trends in society

- Development of bespoke solutions for EFPF Partner pilot domains of Aerospace, Furniture Manufacturing and Smart Waste Management (Circular Economy)

- Development of new services and applications that can enhance EFPF platform functionality and reach in different Industry4.0 domains

Rules & Regs:
- Up to €150,000 - 9 or 12 month sub-projects only - Single applicant bids only

Open Call Type 2 Activities: VALIDATION

Validation will ensure the quality of EFPF software solutions and will bring these solutions to a broader industry community.

- Validation and/or testing of core concepts and functionalities of EFPF platform such as the interoperability, integration and data harmonization of the Data Spine, or platform security, blockchain…etc. functionalities (Functional Validation)

- Validation and/or testing of individual components and tools offered through the EFPF platform such as matchmaking; product catalogues; data analytics; factory connectors…etc. in new manufacturing (or other) domains (Scenario Validation)

Rules & Regs:
- Up to €100,000 - 6 or 9 month sub-projects only - Consortia bids allowed

Types of Sub-projects

Open Call Type 3 Activities: INTEGRATION

Aims to extend the EFPF platform functionalities by integrating additional software solutions, other platforms, and/or their services, with the EFPF platform.

- Integration of third-party applications/services with the EFPF platform. The sub-project must provide a validation scenario to demonstrate seamless access and use of the third-party system/application by platform services and users.

- Integration or connection of third-party platforms and marketplaces with the EFPF platform. The respective user communities should be able to be seamlessly integrated or connected into the EFPF federation.

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Your Frequently Asked Questions (so far) & Answers

Theme 1: Eligible Type of Applicants

- SMEs, legal entities of any size operating in the manufacturing or supply chain domain, technology providers / software developers, research institutes/universities

  start-ups and larger companies from ICT domain are accepted (no sole traders)

- Single applicants only, except Type 2 sup-projects(consortia of 2)

- Sub-contracting is allowed but the sub-contractor should be named and his role should be justified (not be the core-role of the proposal). The maximum funding for sub-contracting is up to 20% of the proposal's budget

Theme 2: Other Eligibility Obligations

- Companies established in an EU Member State, the UK or an Associated Country (see EC Countries List)

- Stable, solvent, legal entities eligible for participation and funding in H2020 programmes.

- A PIC number is required

- No formal business partnerships with any EFPF consortium member

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Theme 3: Business/Exploitation Considerations

- Third parties (the sub-projects) have the right to exploit the outputs of the Open Call across their business as long as they honor the license of any components originating from the EFPF project

- EFPF expects that sub-project outputs will be hosted, maintained and be operational on the EFPF Marketplace up to the end of the EFPF project free of charge both for the third party and for the EFPF project.

- Relevant sub-project outputs will need to be hosted for one year after the end of the EFPF project on the EFPF platform. Ongoing hosting will be subject to bilateral negotiations

- Only non-confidential results, such as a summary of the project and other communication elements (videos, diagrams or infographics of the solution, etc.) would be expected to be made public for one year

Theme 4: Payment Considerations

- Lumpsum payments procedure will be followed

- The payments will be connected with a series of Milestones and the corresponding deliverables

Steps to Create my Application

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1. Check EFPF web page and public info about the project and open call

2. Select a type of experiment that fits best to your idea/application, company etc.

3. Check again EFPF material and especially Open Call documents. Guide for Applicants is the official document of reference

4. Visit and register to EFPF portal in order to get more details for available tools and services

5. Form your team

6. Download the Application Template from our webpage and start writing your application/proposal there as an exercise (optional)

7. Document and submit your application through F6S EFPF page

in every step check carefully the Guide for Applicants text, the FAQ section and feel free to contact us

Where I can Found Available Material?

- Project web page: https://www.efpf.org/

- Open Call Material: https://www.efpf.org/materials

- FAQ / Answers to your Questions: https://www.efpf.org/faqs

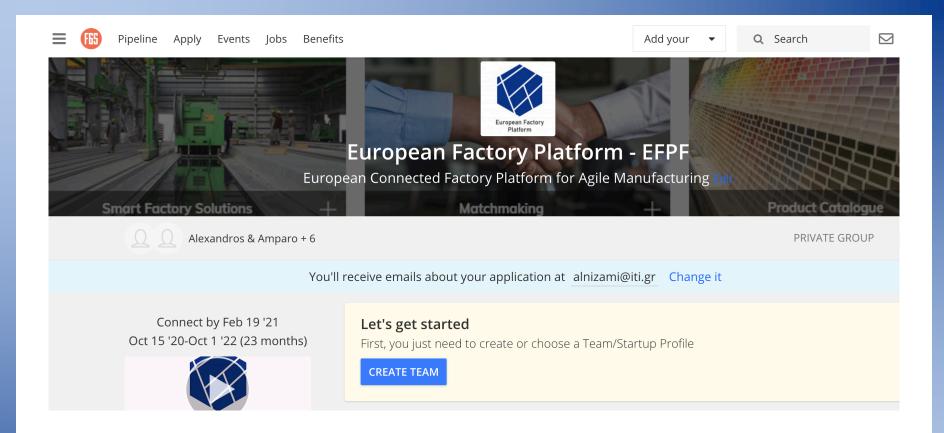- Services Description and Documentation: https://efpf-portal.ascora.eu/

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News: Check out what partners have to say about their involvement in the project on the the partner stories page

Join the EFPF ecosystem … Get financial support through Open Call Funding

The EC funded EFPF project has allocated 2.5 Million Euros to provide Financial Support to third parties to undertake up to 20 sub-projects. We are inviting manufacturing companies, digital solution providers, software developers and researchers to apply for sub-projects related to the development, prototyping, integration and validation of innovative solutions using the EFPF platform and federated services.

Apply for Funding   **Resources & Documentation**   **EFPF Community**

Total call budget	2.5 million Euros
Funding per sub-project (circa 20 in total)	50K - 150K Euros
Expected duration of sub-project	6 months - 12 months
Important dates	Call Launch: 19-10-2020 Call Deadline: 19-02-2021

EFPF F6S Application Page and How to Apply

- EFPF F6S Page: https://www.f6s.com/efpf/about

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