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# SEE BRIDGE

## ANNEX I

### APPLICATION FORM TEMPLATE

OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS

For Social Economy SMEs in Energy  
Intensive Industries



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The form is available for direct submission on the [F6S Platform](#)  
The SEE BRIDGE Open Call application kit is available on the [SEE BRIDGE project website](#) and includes:

1. Guidelines for Applicants
2. Frequently Asked Questions & Answers (FAQ)
3. Sub-grant Agreement template
4. SME Declaration
5. Declaration of Honour (DoH)
6. Bank account information template

The questions in this applications form are designed in such a way, to enable the external evaluators to make an effective assessment against the SEE BRIDGE evaluation criteria.

Please be aware that your application will be evaluated as it is submitted, and not based on its potential, and/or certain changes to be made. This means only applications that are successfully addressing all required aspects will be funded. There will be no possibility for significant changes to content and budget during the implementation phase, if your application is selected.

The SEE BRIDGE application form is a self-contained document. Therefore, evaluators will be instructed to ignore hyperlinks when such are not explicitly requested under the respective section.

Please do not consider the limit of the characters under each section as a target! It is in your interest to keep your text as concise as possible since evaluators rarely view unnecessarily long applications in a positive light.

## SECTION 1: Legal Data

**Q: Legal Company Name \***

**Q: Main contact person: First Name and Last Name \***

**Q: Position in the organization \***

**Q: Email \***

**Q: Phone**

**Q: Registration number \***

*Explanatory text: Provide registration or VAT number as per national registration.*

## SECTION 2: Eligibility

### Q: Is your organization an SME? \*

To be eligible to receive funding through this Open Call, the applicant should be a legal entity that complies fully with the EU definition of SME:

*Explanatory text: Consult the EU definition here:*

[https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/sme-definition\\_en](https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/sme-definition_en).

{Tick box: Yes / No}

### Q: What kind of enterprise are you in terms of linkages to other companies? \*

*Explanatory text: If unsure of the terms below, make sure you consult p. 15-22 in the SME definition Guide:*

<https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/42921/attachments/1/translations/en/renditions/native>

{Tick box}

- Autonomous / Independent
- Partner (e.g. my SME has a holding of 25 % or more of the capital or voting rights in another enterprise and/or another enterprise has a holding of 25 % or more in my SME)
- Linked (e.g. a wholly owned subsidiary)

### Q: What is the headcount of your SME (at the time of submission of this application)?\*

*Explanatory text: If unsure how to measure this, check p. 12 in the SME definition Guide:*

<https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/42921/attachments/1/translations/en/renditions/native>

{Tick box}

- < 10
- < 50
- < 250
- 250 or more

### Q: What is the annual turnover of your SME (for 2023)?\*

*Explanatory text: If unsure how to measure this, check p. 13 in the SME definition Guide:*

<https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/42921/attachments/1/translations/en/renditions/native>

{Tick box}

- ≤ € 2 m
- ≤ € 10 m
- ≤ € 50 m
- > 50 m
- Data is not available at the time of submission of this application.

### Q: What is the annual balance sheet total of your SME (for 2023)?\*

*Explanatory text: If unsure how to measure this, check p. 13 in the SME definition Guide <https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/42921/attachments/1/translations/en/renditions/native>)*

*{Tick box}*

- ≤ € 2 m
- ≤ € 10 m
- ≤ € 43 m
- > 43 m
- *Data is not available at the time of submission of this application.*

### Q: Country \*

To be eligible to receive funding through this Open Call, the applicant should be a legal entity (SME) established and based in an EU member state, a country that is part of the European Economic Area or an EU Associated country.

*{Drop-down list of eligible countries}*

### Q: Industry sector \*

*Explanatory text: To be eligible to receive funding through this Open Call, the applicant should be a **Social Economy SMEs** operating in the energy intensive industries or in sectors that are part of upstream or downstream value chains in the energy-intensive industry ecosystem, such as chemicals, steel & aluminum, paper, plastics, mining, extraction and quarrying, refineries, cement, wood, rubber, non-ferrous metals, glass and ceramics, construction, waste management, digital and tech, transportation, etc. Find more information in the SEE BRIDGE Guidelines for applicants, p. 14.*

*{Drop-down list of the listed eligible sectors, with an option “Other”, allowing the applicant to specify a sector that is not on this list.}*

### Q: Is your company a Social Economy SME? \*

*Explanatory text: A social economy company is a company contributing positively to the environment and the society by following those main principles:*

- *primacy of people as well as social and/or environmental purpose over profit (e.g. through the provision of services or goods that generate a social return or through the employment of methods of production of goods or services that embody social objectives).*
- *reinvestment of most of the profits and surpluses to carry out activities in the interest of members/users (“collective interest”) or society at large (“general interest”)*
- *democratic and/ or participatory governance (e.g. by involving workers, customers and stakeholders on whom business activities have an impact).*

For further information, check the definition of Social Economy SME in the SEE BRIDGE Guide for Applicants.

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/smp/wp-call/2022/call-fiche\\_smp-cosme-2022-see\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/smp/wp-call/2022/call-fiche_smp-cosme-2022-see_en.pdf)

{Tick box: **I declare that my company qualifies as a social economy SME as per the provided definition.**}

**Q: Briefly describe how your company relates to the social economy ecosystem. \***

**Explanatory text:** Up to 3,000 characters

*This question aims to understand how your business activities align with the principles and practices of the social economy, and how your company contributes to social, economic, and environmental goals. Please briefly explain:*

- Describe how your company's mission and core values align with the principles of the social economy, such as promoting social inclusion, sustainable development, and community well-being.
- Provide examples of activities or projects your company is involved in that reflect your commitment to the social economy.
- List any policies or practices your company has in place to promote social economy principles within your organization.
- Mention (if any) certifications, memberships, or recognitions that validate your commitment to the social economy.

{Open question}

### SECTION 3: Alignment

**Explanatory text:** This evaluation criteria aims to assess how well the needs and challenges of the applicant fit within the core objectives of SEE BRIDGE. It also aims to assess how well the company's overall strategy, short-term and long-term goals for green and digital transition align with the SEE BRIDGE goals.

**Q: What is your plan and ambition for green and digital transformation, including short-term and long-term goals. Please also mention any challenges and specific needs you might have. \***

**Explanatory text:** Up to 3,000 characters

{Open question}

**Q: Describe any current sustainable practices that your company implements, such as reducing carbon footprint, recycling, etc. \***

**Explanatory text:** Up to 3,000 characters

{Open question}



## SECTION 4: Excellence

**Q: Which of the following SEE BRIDGE funded activities best meet(s) your needs and challenges? \***

**Please, select Eligible Activities (EA) from the list below for which you want to apply for funding that fits within the funding limit (i.e. between 4,000 and 8,000 Euro).**

*A detailed explanation of the Eligible Activities is available in the Guidelines for applicants.  
{Tick box – multiple choice}*

- **Eligible Activity 1 (EA1)** – Business support services
- **Eligible Activity 2 (EA2)** – Consulting services for certification or labelling assets, including Intellectual Property rights
- **Eligible Activity 3 (EA3)** - Events attendance on CBAM, digital and green transition topics
- **Eligible Activity 4 (EA4)** – In-company training(s) on CBAM, and digital and green transition topics

**Q: Provide a brief description for each activity you selected and its objectives. \***

**Explanatory text:** Up to 5,000 characters

**For example:** Eligible Activity 2 (EA2): Consulting services for obtaining an ISO 14001 Environmental Management system certificate with the aim to improve our environmental performance through more efficient use of resources and reduction of waste, gaining a competitive advantage and the trust of stakeholders.

*{Open question}*

**Q: Describe how the funding is relevant to your business, specifically to your long-term goals and concrete business needs, and how it can leverage your SME sustainability performance. \***

**Explanatory text:** Up to 3,000 characters

*{Open question}*

## SECTION 5: Impact

**Q: Will the SEE BRIDGE funded activities that you have selected in Section 4 have direct environmental impact (for the local community and beyond)? \***

*{Radio button box: Y/N}*

**Q: If yes, briefly describe the expected environmental impact (such as reductions in carbon emissions, energy consumption, or waste generation, etc.). \***

**Explanatory text:** Up to 3,000 characters

*{Open question}*

**Q:** Will the SEE BRIDGE funded activities that you have selected in Section 4 have **economic impact** (for the local community and beyond)? \*

{Radio button: Y/N}

**Q: If yes,** briefly describe the expected economic impact (such as, increased competitiveness, cost savings, access to new markets or funding opportunities, etc.) \*

*Explanatory text: Up to 2,000 characters*

{Open question}

**Q:** Will the SEE BRIDGE funded activities that you have selected in Section 4 have **social impact**? \*

{Radio button: Y/N}

**Q: If yes,** briefly describe the expected social impact (such as, job creation, skills development, or community engagement, etc.) \*

*Explanatory text: Up to 2,000 characters*

{Open question}

## SECTION 6: Implementation

**Q:** Outline the roles, responsibilities, and expertise of the **key personnel** involved in implementing the funded activities by SEE BRIDGE. \*

*Explanatory text: Up to 2,000 characters*

**For example:** Project manager: Oliver Jones - responsible for the implementation of the company's Green Strategy.

{Open question}

**Q:** List the **specific indicators** by which you will measure the impact of the implemented actions and progress. Please provide at least one quantifiable indicator for each activity you request funding for as per Section 4 "Excellence". \*

*For suggested indicators, please consult the SEE BRIDGE Guidelines for applicants, table 4, p.17 – SEE BRIDGE open call activities eligible for funding.*

*Explanatory text: Up to 3,000 characters*

{Open question}

**Q:** Provide the **preliminary indicative budget** for each of the selected activity(ies) in Section 4, and briefly explain how they are cost effective. \*

*Explanatory text: Up to 4,000 characters*

**For example:** Eligible Activity 2 (EA2): Consulting services for obtaining an ISO 14001 Environmental Management system certificate – 1500 Euro. The 1500 Euro to obtain an ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) certificate is cost-effective as it aligns with typical market rates in our country. This investment will enhance our operational



*efficiency, ensure regulatory compliance, and open up new market opportunities, ultimately leading to long-term cost savings and increased revenue.*  
{Open question}

## SECTION 7: Additional Information

**Q: How did you hear about the SEE BRIDGE Open Call? \***

{Tick box}:

- Social Media
- News and Media
- F6S platform
- Event
- SEE BRIDGE partners
- Other (please, specify)

**Q: Do you have women in managerial positions? \***

{Radio button: Yes/No}

## SECTION 8: Conflict of Interest and Consent

**Q: Ability to receive European Union support \***

To be eligible, the applicant must comply with the following requirements:

- 1) Have not had convictions for fraudulent behaviour, other financial irregularities, unethical or illegal business practices.
- 2) Have not been declared bankrupt or have initiated bankruptcy procedures.
- 3) Is not under liquidation or is not an enterprise under difficulty according to Commission Regulation No 651/2014, art. 2.18.
- 4) Is not excluded from the possibility of obtaining EU funding under the provisions of both national and EU law, or by a decision of either national or EU authority.

{Tick box: The company does not fall under point 1 to 4}

**Q: Conflict of interest\***

Beneficiaries must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the proposal is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest.

{Tick box: To the best of our knowledge, there is no conflict of interest}

**Q: Acceptance of the SEE BRIDGE Open Call conditions\***

The conditions of the SEE BRIDGE Open Call are available in the [SEE BRIDGE Guidelines for Applicants](#).

{Tick box} We have reviewed and accept these conditions.

**Q: Acceptance of the Data Protection Policies\***

To process and evaluate applications, SEE BRIDGE consortium will need to collect personal and industrial data. F6S Network Ireland Limited (F6S), will act as Data Controller for data submitted through the F6S platform for these purposes. Please see our privacy policy (<https://www.f6s.com/privacy-policy-participants>). A Data Protection Officer (DPO) has been appointed by F6S generally, to ensure compliance with data protection regulations, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and that personal data is collected, processed, and stored in a secure manner.

The F6S platform's system design and operational procedures ensure that data is managed in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR). Each applicant will have to accept the F6S terms to ensure compliance. Please refer to <https://www.f6s.com/privacy-policy> to review the F6S platform's privacy policy and data security policy.

Apart from the F6S platform, data will also be stored in the F6S Google Drive.

Please note that the SEE BRIDGE consortium must retain generated data until five years after the balance of the SEE BRIDGE project is paid or longer if there are ongoing procedures (such as audits, investigations or litigation). In this case, the data must be kept until the end.

*We have reviewed and accept the data protection policies.*

{Tick box}

*I hereby declare that the information provided is true and correct. I also understand that any willful dishonesty may result in funds and support being withdrawn.*

{Tick box}



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