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*Call for expression of interest*

## Selection of testimonial companies to test transnational innovation support services

### INTRODUCTION

The NUCLEI project, funded within the INTERREG Central Europe Programme (CE318), aims at developing innovation services concerning advanced manufacturing topics in a transnational dimension. More information can be found on the NUCLEI website: [www.interreg-central.eu/nuclei](http://www.interreg-central.eu/nuclei).

7 industrial clusters are involving Large Companies, SMEs and R&D performers in an open & collaborative environment for the testing of new, transnational innovation services. These 7 clusters are located in the Central European Regions of Emilia-Romagna (IT), Veneto (IT), Bavaria (DE), Upper Austria (AT), Slovakia (SK), Silesia (PL) and Bohemia (CZ).

The involved companies will have the opportunity to:

- Contribute to define 21 **open seminars** around specific technology domains (pilot 1)
- Express preferences to manage crosscutting innovation challenges in automation and mechatronics thanks to 6 **transnational working tables** (pilot 2)

### PARTNER DESCRIPTION

**T2i - Technology Transfer and Innovation** is the no-profit innovation consultancy firm promoted by the Chamber of Commerce of Treviso-Belluno, Verona and Delta Lagunare (Venice-Rovigo).

T2i is recognized by MIUR as a research body listed in the **National Research Registry** (code **61304BMV**) and belongs to the university laboratories network.

T2i is a Digital Innovation Hub that fosters the regional innovation ecosystem in the framework of I4MS initiatives performing networking, matchmaking, brokerage and dissemination activities.

T2i supports companies by establishing technology transfer networks and deploying value-added services organized in the following 5 areas:

- **TRADEMARKS, PATENT AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS**: services for safeguard and development of IP as well as guidance on UNI/CEI/ISO standards
- **METROLOGY, TESTING LABS AND USER-CENTERED DESIGN**: acknowledgement, certification and development of new products through innovative technologies
- **INNOVATION, RESEARCH AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**: development of innovation driven projects and adoption of research results through international networks
- **TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**: professional and training opportunities, orientation services, education, mentoring on work placement
- **INNOVATIVE START-UPS AND BUSINESS INCUBATOR**: services to support launch of new and innovative enterprises through coaching and settlement opportunities



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## WHO CAN APPLY

The call is open to industrial companies with the following requirements:

- Be engaged in economic activity
- Be active in the field of advanced manufacturing and processing
- Invest part of their turnover in R&D
- Have at least one premise in the Central European Area
- Be willing to invest time and resources to participate in NUCLEI pilot actions, which includes also travelling abroad at own costs to participate in seminars relevant for their business

## COMMITMENTS AND BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPANT COMPANIES

The companies to be involved in the present tender will be requested to:

- Participate in **one inception day, to be held in T2i premises on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2017**, where they will be requested to express preferences and views around the pilot action
- Contribute to define and participate in **at least one customised open seminar or one transnational working table**

By participating in the present call, the companies will get the following benefits:

- to **steer the organisation of 21 open seminars and 6 transnational working tables** around the Central European region, on cutting-edge technological issues related to advanced manufacturing and processing
- to **benchmark with peers** in innovation management practices, problem solving, and other issues related to innovation and technology transfer
- involvement in **transnational knowledge transfer**, with the possibility to conclude business deals with relevant stakeholders \*

### **\* Information about indirect state aid**

*Pilot companies will receive a free of charge bilateral assistance from NUCLEI partners to discuss initial contractual agreements to buy/sell KETs application for manufacturing processing.*

*The finalization of actual bilateral contractual agreements will be subjected to State Aid and de minimis rule, according to EU regulation n. 1407/2013, thus committing the evaluation with the involved partner (T2i).*

## INFORMATION ON THE USE OF PERSONAL DATA

Participants may consult the privacy policy: [www.t2i.it/privacy](http://www.t2i.it/privacy)

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Application form: <https://t2i-nuclei.typeform.com/to/VMUa1q>