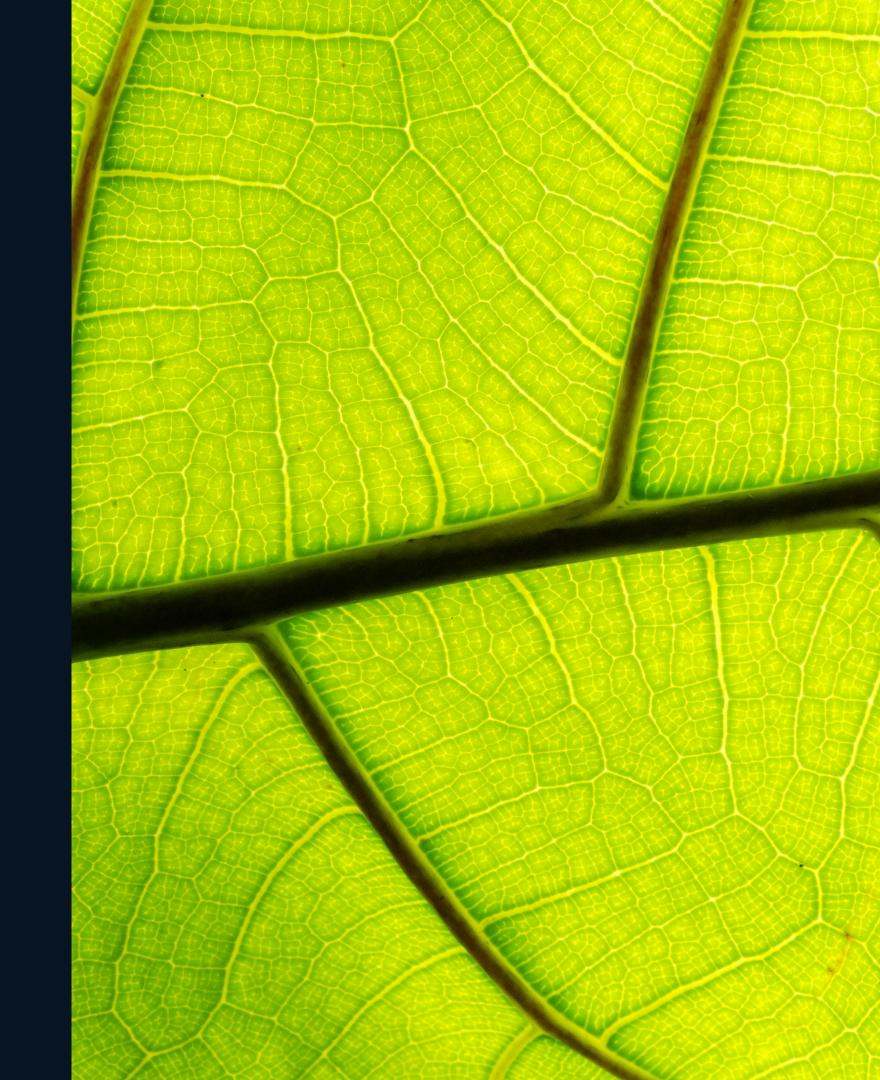


The Call for Innovative Projects





SMARTIES for SMEs is offering technical and financial support

for **75** innovative project from five countries in the Mediterranean region of the EU





THE PROJECT MUST INVOLVE:

- Green and Digital **Transformation**
- Regenerative Tourism
- Synergy between tourism and agrifood systems



Projects and solutions that support the <u>twin transition</u> of tourism SMEs, enhance their own resilience and the sustainability of the EU tourism ecosystem.

Projects and solutions that develop and promote a tourism offer that <u>respects the</u> <u>authenticity of the local territory</u> and contributes to the <u>wellbeing of local</u> <u>communities.</u>

Projects and solutions that develop the synergy between tourism and the agri-food ecosystem, especially promoting the Mediterranean Diet as a model of food sustainability in the tourism sector.

THE 75 BEST PROJECTS WILL GET:

- **€25,000** in funding
- 15 months of mentoring
 - The opportunity to get to know other international innovators in the world of tourism

Lump Sum Funding

Four payments of 25% of the sum

Start in March 2025
Finish by June 2026

Mentoring by local experts

one-to-one and peer-learning sessions

International Networking Events in Pafos, Cyprus - October 2025 in Rome, Italy - June 2026





WHO CAN APPLY?

Single Tourism SMEs

A group of 2 to 4 tourism SMEs

A group of 2 to 4 partners, with at least 1 tourism SME (other partners can be public or private organizations instrumental for the innovative project)





TIMELINE

24th of January 2025 h.12.00 CET

Deadline for submission of proposals

March 2025





Interim progress reports on projects

May 2026

Final report





SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY!

You have until 24 January 2025.

See the full rules and regulations at: www.smartiesforsmes.eu

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