



EUSAFE

Introducing SAFE to European deep tech industry

Guidelines for the first call for expressions of interest for startups and scaleups

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About EU SAFE

DeepSAFE wants to make it easier for European startups to raise investment. We're creating a simple, fair, and EU-friendly SAFE agreement – called EUSAFE.

It cuts out legal hassle, speeds up early-stage deals, and helps startups grow faster.

We'd love to invite you to be among the first to test our approach!

What is it about?

DeepSAFE is kicking off two Calls for Expressions of Interest, designed to spot and support bold startups and scaleups ready to shake things up with a powerful mix of EU investors.

We're looking for high-potential start-ups that align with a diverse pool of cross-border investors. The goal? To pilot real investment deals under the EU SAFE framework – including the tools, templates, best practices, and playbook to make it all work seamlessly across Europe.


This call will spotlight around 10 standout startups and invite them to the Venture Readiness Support Programme to prepare startups for the demands of the market and investor expectations and help them understand the EU SAFE agreements.

 Call #1 is open from July 8th, (at noon Brussels time) until September 9th, 2025 (at 17:00 Brussels time) - joining is easy:

1. [Sign up](#) for OnePass with your company email,,
2. Create your workspace & complete your startup profile (in English),
3. Check your welcome message – click the [link to express interest](#) in EU SAFE, read and accept the clauses, and submit the form.

Selected startups will be invited to join the Venture Readiness training program and matched with investors.

Who are we looking for?

 DeepSAFE is looking for tech startups and scaleups! If you're based in Latvia, the Czech Republic, or Germany, and working on cutting-edge digital or deep tech solutions, this is for you.

We're looking for early-stage companies with some initial market traction, ready to pilot a new investment approach.

✓ Who can apply?

You're eligible if your startup:

- Is legally registered in Latvia, the Czech Republic, or Germany,
- Meets the [EU SME definition](#)¹,
- Has filled out your OnePass profile in English, including:
 - Legal information,
 - Company description (including your website or domain),
 - Team info, and
 - Pitch deck.
- Works in areas like AI, Advanced Computing, Cybersecurity, Blockchain, IoT, Metaverse, Energy, GreenTech, AgriTech, FinTech..., and
- Is open to piloting the EU SAFE agreement.

🌟 We'll prioritize startups that:

- Have early market traction,
- Already raised a pre-seed round, and
- Are women-led².

Do you comply with these criteria and want to be prioritized? Make us aware: include your "Past funding rounds" and your team composition in your OnePass company profile. You can also use the "Highlights" section of the profile to prove your market traction.

✓ What's expected of you?

If you are selected, you will be expected to:

- Join the training sessions: You are expected to join all the training sessions. You need to understand what is and how the EU SAFE agreement work to easy any potential process for investment.
- Connect with matched investors: You're encouraged to respond to investor outreach, though you're not obligated to engage with all of them. We do ask that you reply within a reasonable time.
- Share your feedback: Open, test, and provide feedback about the [EUSAFE_Template](#). Help us improve the experience and the EUSAFE templates and tools by letting us know what worked and what didn't. Your input matters!

¹ You can read the EU user guide to understand SME definition at <https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/42921> or use the [SME self-assessment questionnaire](#) if you want to check if you fit in the definition.

² For the purpose of this call for expressions of interest, women-led company is one where a woman holds a key executive role (e.g., CEO, CTO, COO, CSO) or owns a significant share of the company, typically interpreted as 25% or more of ownership.

How will the selection work?

We'll keep it straightforward. Here's what to expect:

1. First check. Once the call closes, we'll check if your startup meets the basic criteria. This will be based on the info in your OnePass profile.
2. If we get a lot of eligible applications (over 60), we'll do a quick extra step to screen. We'll check if your startup fits the DeepSAFE scope and matches what investors are looking for (in terms of tech, market stage, etc.).
3. Final evaluation. If you make it to the final stage, your startup will be reviewed by our experts based on:
 - a. Innovation: How new or different is your solution?
 - b. Team & Execution: Can your team bring it to market successfully?
 - c. Market Impact: Is there real potential, a clear need, and room to grow?

Each area will be scored from 1 to 5. Your final score will be an average of both reviewers' scores.

The highest-ranked startups will be reviewed by our Selection Committee, which will pick up to 40 startups in total (throughout the 2 rounds) to join the Venture Readiness training and Investor Matchmaking.

In special cases, the committee may consider other important factors like ethical concerns, market overlap, or alignment with DeepSAFE's goals.

Our decision will be final, and there is no complaint procedure.

Final Notes

DeepSAFE may cancel or change this call at any time, or extend the deadline. If that happens, we'll inform all applicants as soon as possible.

Participation doesn't guarantee investment. This is a pilot program, and while we aim to support your fundraising journey, success depends on many factors.

Before signing any investment agreement, we strongly recommend you consult your legal and tax advisors to make sure that it's the right fit for your company.

Contact us

For more information about the DeepSAFE and EU SAFE agreements, please check our website: <https://eu-safe.eu/>

If you have any extra questions regarding the expression of interest or the selection process, you can send us a message to eusafe@fundingbox.com.

Visit the OnePass Help Center at <https://help.getonepass.eu/>, if you have doubts while creating or completing your startup profile.