



DIMOFAC

Digital & Intelligent **MO**dular **FAC**tories

DT-FOF-08-2019 Pilot lines for modular factories

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Expression of Interest

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1 What is DIMOFAC?

DIMOFAC is a EU-funded H2020 project that will help SMEs by providing R&T and services supporting process validation and implementation. DIMOFAC is a European initiative that came to life to help factories implement a smart factory architecture that will allow them to be more reactive to a personalised demand and changing market dynamics.

The project is supported by a consortium of 30 complementary European partners including research & technology organisations, industrial software & technology companies, industrial pilot lines and industry associations.

Together, and over a period of 4 years, the partners of the consortium are working on creating, testing, validating and disseminating a homemade industrial solution to reconfigure assembly lines faster and thus make factories more responsive to demand changes.

2 Why should you apply?

If you are a Manufacturing SME and you are interested in mass customisation, then DIMOFAC will help you with a variety of services of consultancy, process development, pre-series and trainings.

3 Who can apply?

Eligible applicants are manufacturing SMEs registered in:

- [The Member States of the European Union and its Overseas Countries and Territories \(OCT\)](#) or
- [Associated Countries to H2020](#)
- The United Kingdom

4 Can I submit my application if my company is not yet established?

No, you can't. It's only for registered entities (registered before the Expression of Interest starts: 20th April, 2023), with an active production line.

5 What could be a perfect candidate for DIMOFAC?

A good candidate is a manufacturing SME that is interested in testing or evaluating the benefits of investing in low volume modular production lines. To fit perfectly in the DIMOFAC project, the company should have a production facility that they want to upgrade by adding the ability to customize products in large quantities through flexible and modular production lines.

Ideally, this company already has a good idea of how mass customization can give them a competitive advantage, and how the EOI service will help them achieve their goals.

6 What happens if I do not submit my application within the deadline?

We do not accept applications after the deadline. We strongly encourage you not to wait until the last minute to submit your proposal. Failure of meeting the submission deadline for any reason, including extenuating circumstances, will result in rejection of the proposal.

7 How long does it take to fill in the application?

It shouldn't take more than 1 working day as an average. Consider that specific character limits have been established in each field of the online application form, so we encourage you to keep your proposal focused on the requested information, keeping in mind the DIMOFAC concept and the requirements gathered in the Application Guidelines for this EOI.

We also recommend you start the submission process quite in advance before the deadline in order to avoid last minute circumstances.

8 Will I be able to modify my proposal after submission?

Yes. You can modify your proposal as many times as you like after submission, before the deadline: **20th June 2023, 13:00 Brussels time.**

9 Can a company submit two project ideas?

No. Only one proposal per entity is admitted in this DIMOFAC EOI. If more than one application is identified, only the last application which has been submitted in order of time will be evaluated.

10 What is the criteria to assess the proposals?

The proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria: PRODUCT IDEA, ENVISAGED RESULTS AND THEIR IMPACT and OBJECTIVES AND APPROACH OF THE SME TO DIMOFAC. See more details in section 6 of the [Application Guidelines](#).

11 What are the different evaluation phases and the expected schedule?

The table below presents the indicative dates in which each of the evaluation phases will end and the number of expected applicants that would go through the next phase:

Phase	Duration	Indicative Date	N° of applicants passing to the next phase
Full proposals submission	2 months	20 th April – 20 th June 2023	All applications submitted correctly within the deadline
Eligibility check	1 week	21 st June 2023	All applications in line with the eligibility criteria set in the Guidelines
Evaluation	2 weeks	21 st – 30 th June 2023	All applications above the threshold
Consensus Meeting	1 day	5 th July 2023	Minimum of 4
Formal check	2 weeks	10 th – 24 th July 2023	Minimum of 4
Signature of the Agreement	2 weeks	25 th July – 8 th August 2023	Minimum of 4

12 What is an SME?

An SME will be considered as such if it complies with the European Commission's Recommendation 2003/361/EC. As a summary, the criteria defining an SME are:

- Headcount in Annual Work Unit (AWU) less than 250;
- Annual turnover less or equal to €50 million OR annual balance sheet total less or equal to €43 million.

Note that the figures of partners and linked enterprises should also be considered as stated in the SME user guide. For detailed information check EU recommendation: https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_en

13 How will you check our SME status?

Before signing the Agreement, we are going to verify your entity status. More specifically, we will request you to provide the following information and documentation via an online form:

1. Legal existence and information about your company. Data needed to conclude the agreement: address of the registered office, legal representatives who will sign the agreement, VAT number (or tax id). To confirm those data you will be requested to provide the current extract from the registration document confirming your data - company register, official journal or equivalent. Please remember that the document should have been issued no more than 6 months ago.
2. Financial information. It includes the headcount (AWU), balance sheet total and the annual turnover for the last closed financial year. You will be requested to provide the financial statement for the last closed year.
3. We will check if your company is autonomous or belongs to a group of companies - it has a partner and or linked companies.
4. In the event you declare being non-autonomous - your company have partner/linked entities, you will be asked to indicate the partner/linked entities owner structures, information about your partner/linked company relations with other companies (partner/linked entities) and staff headcount and financial data (annual turnover/balance sheet) for the last closed year.
5. Information about other H2020/Horizon Europe grants already received.

14 How many services can I choose in my application?

You will have to choose a priority service (mandatory) and you will be able to choose two optional services, as second and third options, from the listed services in section 4 of the Application Guidelines.

15 When will the services be provided?

The planned period for the reception of the services will be between September 2023 and October 2023. Check section 7 of the [Application Guidelines](#) for further details.