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ELEVATEX Open Call 2026

FAQ

How broadly is the “textile ecosystem” defined?

SMEs must belong to the textile value chain, so material transformation, functionalization, treatment, etc. must appear in their work. For example, a brand that produces garments would be eligible, but not a retail company.

Digital or green solutions for the textile industry can be eligible if there is a clear, instrumental and demonstrated link with textiles. The link with the adoption of the solution by a textile manufacturer must be clearly established, explained and addressed by the application.

Is a manufacturer of carbon fibre components eligible? (composites sector)

Yes if the project has a clear textile focus/impact, e.g. the reuse or recycling of carbon fibres.

Can a project focus mainly on market preparation and market testing, or must it include technical development or validation?

It can focus on market preparation and testing; the benefits as regards the green/digital transition or innovation must still be explained.

Are micro enterprises also eligible?

Eligibility is restricted to for-profit SMEs that are not sole traders, a company with person who is the exclusive owner of the business, entitled to keep all profits after tax has been paid but liable for all losses. Only incorporated SMEs are accepted.



Which is the difference between subcontracting and external services?

External services refer to the purchase of goods, works, or services needed to carry out the project but that are not part of the project's core tasks. Subcontracting implies that an essential and significant part of the project is not performed by the beneficiary SME and must undergo a procurement process applying the principle of best value for money.

Are equipment, software, licenses, or digital tools eligible costs under the call?

Yes.

Will the funding fall under the “de minimis” regime?

No.

What is the private contribution requested?

It must represent at least 1% of the global budget. Example: In the case of a 36.000€ budget with a 6.000€ private contribution, the private contribution represents more than 1% of the global budget (private contribution + fixed lump sum). It can be used to cover the same cost categories as the lump sum. In-kind contributions are not accepted.

Is it possible to add appendices with photos etc.?

Only the mandatory annexes can be uploaded, and only the content filled in the platform will be considered for the evaluation of applications.

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