

HORIZON EUROPE PARTNER SEARCH FORM

Call Topic(s): HORIZON-EIE-2027-01-CONNECT-01: Startup Europe

Project Type: Coordination and Support Action (CSA)

Are you working with any other partners on this topic?: No

EXPERTISE/COMMITMENT OFFERED

Form of Participation in a Horizon Europe Project: I offer my expertise to participate as a Partner in a Horizon Europe Project

Description of Researcher/Research Team Expertise: Balteus specialises in blended finance strategies, combining public funding with private capital to make innovations investment-ready and bankable. Through strong access to regional innovation intermediaries and stakeholders in Slovakia, we support innovation-to-market pathways, pilot deployment, and cross-border scaling.

Keywords Specifying Your Expertise: innovation-to-market; ecosystem mapping; public-private partnerships; regional ecosystem access; pilot deployment; blended finance; private capital mobilisation; investment readiness support; consortium building; bankable projects; innovation financing; public-private funding; alternative financing models; proposal writing

Activity Offered: Dissemination, ecosystem integration and outreach; widening participation and regional engagement; innovation-to-market pathways and scaling strategies

Involvement Proposed/Added-Value to Consortia: Balteus specialises in blended finance strategies, combining public funding with private capital to make innovations investment-ready and bankable. Through strong access to regional innovation intermediaries and stakeholders in Slovakia, Balteus supports innovation-to-market pathways, pilot deployment, and cross-border scaling. We are seeking to join or co-develop consortia under HORIZON-EIE-2027-01-CONNECT-01: Startup Europe, contributing to a strong Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) dimension, with direct access to regional innovation intermediaries, clusters, accelerators, SMEs, and public stakeholders. Our core added value lies in: - Facilitating access to regional innovation ecosystems in Slovakia, enabling widening participation and local integration. - Strong

stakeholder engagement, supporting ecosystem interconnection and cross-border collaboration. - Ecosystem mapping and gap analysis to identify high-potential innovation pipelines. - Structuring blended finance strategies (public + private capital) to move beyond grant dependency. - Supporting investment readiness and bankability of innovation projects. - Enabling pilot deployment and real-world validation through our regional networks. Balteus can act as project partner, work package leader, or proposal co-developer, particularly in: - ecosystem integration and outreach - widening participation and regional engagement - innovation-to-market pathways and scaling strategies We are open to joining consortia at any stage. About the call: The call aims to strengthen the “Startup Europe” initiative by connecting innovation hubs across Europe and supporting cross-border acceleration of startups and scaleups in strategic digital and deep-tech sectors. It supports actions that improve access to markets, investment, and scaling opportunities (especially for startups in moderate and emerging innovation regions) while fostering stronger links between ecosystems, investors, and EU innovation programmes. Key requirements for the call: - Call deadline is 15 September 2027 (single-stage); - Coordination and Support Action (CSA) with ~€18M total budget and ~€2M EU contribution per project; - Focus on interconnecting European innovation ecosystems, especially supporting startup and scaleup growth across regions.

PROFILE OF PARTNER SOUGHT

Role: Technology Development, Research, Dissemination, Demonstration, Training

Country / Region: Leading Countries, Widening Countries

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Short Introduction of Key Areas of your previous Research/Innovation projects: Energy management, BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems), Advanced manufacturing, AI models in government management, Dissemination and Communication, Innovation support

Have you previously participated in a Framework Programme (FP) European project?: No

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