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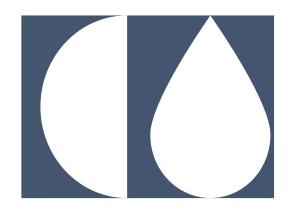




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Agenda

- Lump sum scheme and challenges ٠
- Zoom on the Innovation lump sum: • Guide for applicants
- Application form •
- CircInWater submission platform ullet
- Q&A •



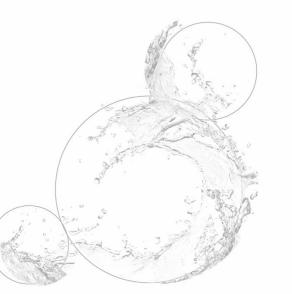
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Supporting European SMEs to bring water-smart solutions to market



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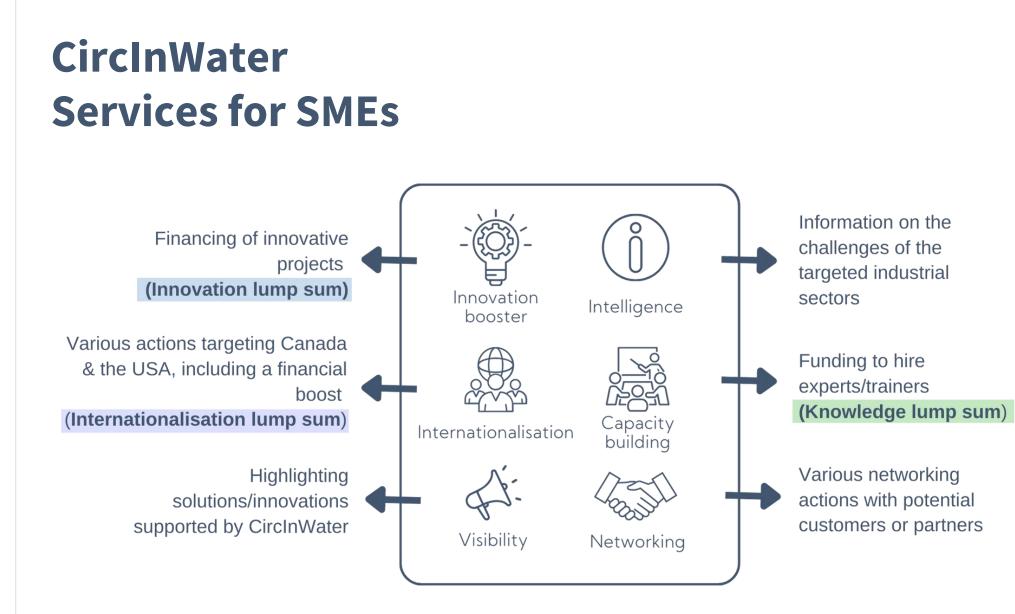
Lump sum scheme and challenges





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CirclnWater Lump sum scheme

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Goal: Innovative water-smart solutions (min. TRL5). Address challenges in the agri-food and energy-intensive industry.	Goal: External support on strategic issues that will accelerate the SMEs' triple transitions.	Goal: Travel and accommodation for Meet-the-buyer events and international fairs/events (targeted by CircInWater).				
Type of call: Closed: 1 call	Type of call: Open	Type of call: Open				
Type ofIndividual SME orparticipation:collaborative	Type of participation: Individual SME	Type of Individual SME				
Estimated number of beneficiaries: 14-42 SMEs	Estimated number of beneficiaries: 40-50 SMEs	Estimated number of beneficiaries: 20-25 SMEs				
Maximum amount 60 000€ per SME: lump-sum	Maximum amount4 000€per SME:lump-sum	Maximum amount 2 000€ per SME: lump-sum				
Total budget: 850 000€	Total budget: 160 000€	Total budget: 40 000€				
29th March – 31st May 2023 Open for 2 months	7th June 2023 Until exhaustion of budget	Beginning 2024 Until exhaustion of budget				





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Challenges

- Reducing water risk
 - #1. New water sources to reduce water stress
 - #2. Developing and testing scalable and affordable solutions
 - #3. Developing and testing affordable smart water use and efficient technologies

Circular economy

- #4. Resource recovery
- #5. Resource production
- #6. Water reuse

Digitalisation

#7. Smartening the agrifood and EII water systems: Big data, Earth observation, sensor/monitoring tools, robotics, machine learning, artificial intelligence, DSS, leak detection and/or scenario analysis

 ✓ If a project addresses a challenge not included in the list but is dully justified, it could still be eligible.



- Water quality monitoring and water treatment, remediation and disinfection
 - #8. Water quality control
 - #9. Water treatment and disinfection
 - #10. Contaminants of emerging concern, viruses and/or micropollutants



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Zoom on the Innovation lump sum: Guide for applicants





Eligible activities

• Link to develop and implement water-smart solutions for **agri-food** and **energy-intensive industries**

 Scaling up and close to market activities like prototype development, testing and demonstrating technologies



• TRL 5-9



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Where?

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Different options to participate

• Focus on **European SMEs**; individually or in a consortium (max. 3)

• Project coordinator and project partner

• Project Collaborators; no funding



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Where?

Funding conditions

- Lump Sum
 - Fixed amount, defined up-front
 - No detailed financial reporting
- Min. €20.000, max. €60.000 per SME; possibility to apply for different lump sum schemes

• Payment schedule

- 50% prepayment after signature Grant Agreement
- 50% after approval Final Report

Where?

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Funding conditions

- Eligible cost categories
 - Staff costs; hours
 - Subcontracting; external expertise
 - Purchasing costs; travel, equipment depreciation, etc.
- Budget plan (2.3.4 Resources) one of the most important evaluation criteria
- Payment to each beneficiary **individually**



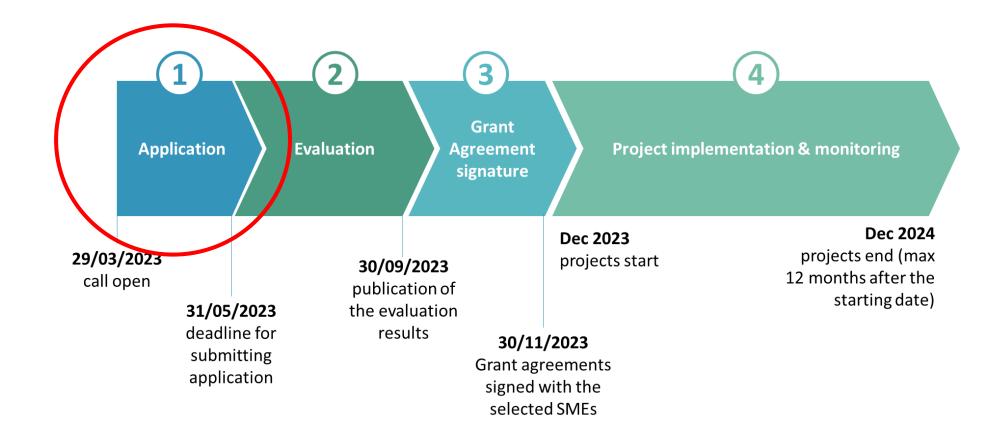


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Overall process







Application process

- Call period
 - **Opening**; March 29, 2023, 12:00 AM CET
 - Closure; May 31, 2023, 05:00 PM CET
- CirclnWater submission platform



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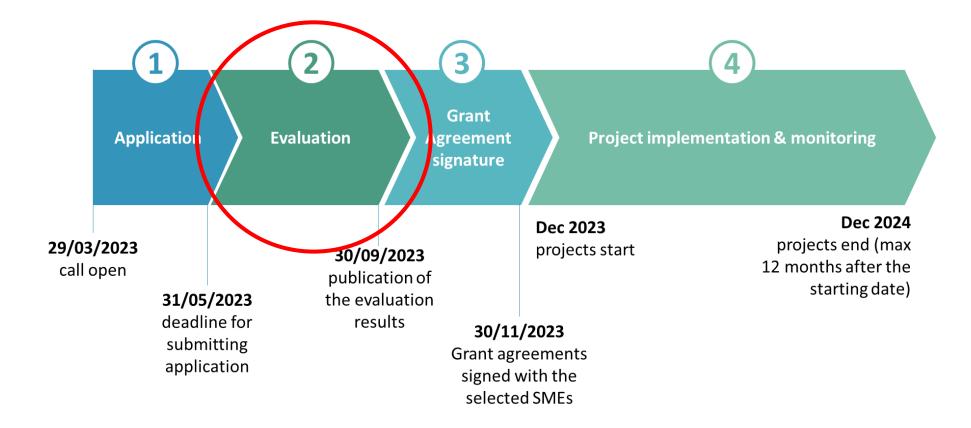
- Project coordinator or project partner
- Focus of the application (form)
 - Administrative / legal information
 - Project description
 - Declarations / signature

Where?





Overall process









Evaluation process *General*



• Will last max. 4 months; no later than 30/09/2023

• Publication of results via Submission platform + ECCP website





- 3 steps
 - Eligibility check
 - Technical evaluation
 - Selection

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Evaluation process *Step 1: Eligibility check*

- be an SME according to the <u>SME definition of the EU</u>
- be established in one of the eligible countries: EU Member States or other specific associated countries
- be a member of a cluster organisation registered on the <u>European Cluster</u> <u>Collaboration Platform (ECCP)</u>



• Don't request more than €60 000 within CircInWater lump sum schemes (innovation, knowledge, internationalisation)



Duration; max. 12 months

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Evaluation process

Step 2: Technical evaluation

- Evaluation Committee; CIW project partners
- Criteria:
 - Excellence
 - Impact
 - Quality and efficiency of the work plan; Budget plan!!
 - Bonus point; Collaborative projects

Equal scores?

- Women-led SMEs
- SME(s) established in EU-13 country
- SME(s) involved in EU ClusterXchange programme
- SME(s) established in less developed region



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Evaluation process *Step 3: Selection*

- Evaluation **check** by independent external expert
- Not a re-evaluation

• List of selected projects + reserve list





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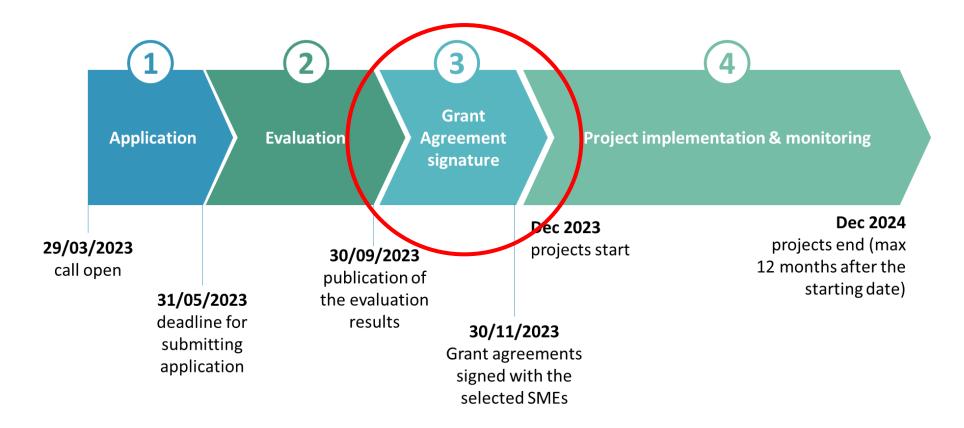
• Results will be communicated via email to the applicants



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Overall process







Grant agreement (GA) signature

• Individual contracts between CIW project and selected SMEs

• Important dates

• Signatures no later than **30/11/2023**

• Projects can only start **after** signing GA

• Start projects no later than 01/12/2023





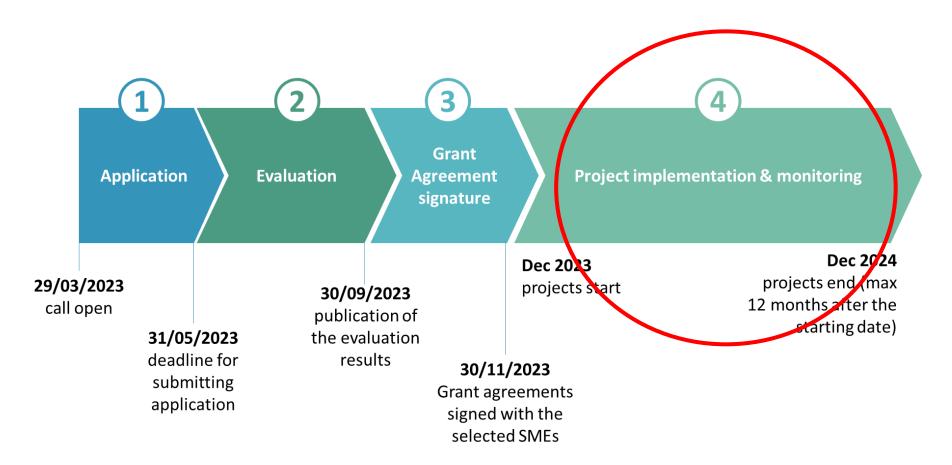
• Promotion and dissemination requirements

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Overall process







Project implementation & monitoring

• Your point of contact – **local 'sponsors'**

• Mandatory meetings / check points

- Month 3 start of the project
- Month 6 project running according to plan
- (If necessary) Month 9



• Mandatory final report; 30 days after project end

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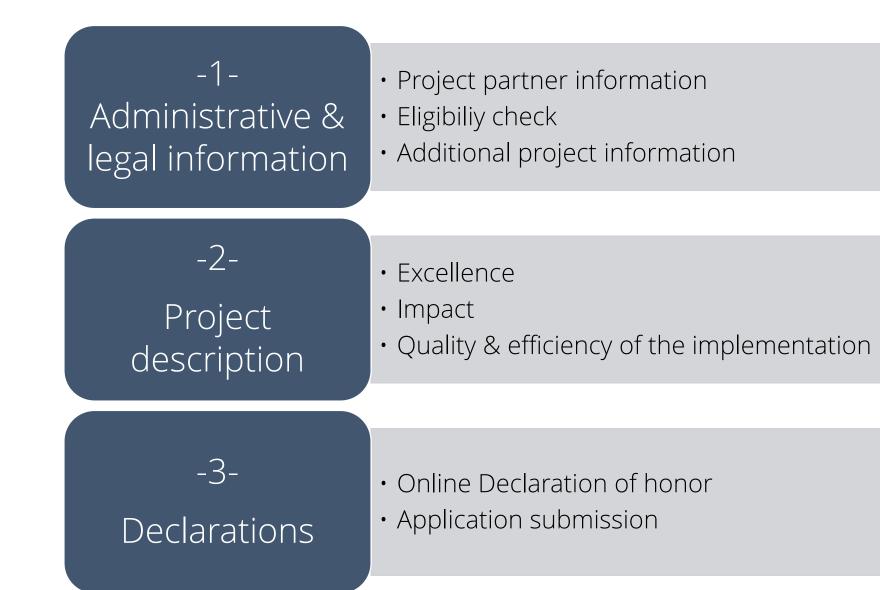
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Application form structure



Section 1 -Administrative & legal information

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Good to know

✓ Project stakeholders

PROJECT COORDINATOR

- Mandatory
- SME responsible for the proposal submission
- Main role in the project implementation & requesting funding

PROJECT PARTNER(S)

- Optional
- SME contributing in the project implementation
- Role clearly defined and
 - requesting funding

PROJECT COLLABORATOR(S)

• Optional



- Non-eligible or no-funded entities (RTOs, or large companies)
- Support the project implementation (demo sites/industrial partners...)
- Highly recommended







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Section 2 - Project description



Excellence

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

✓ The solution has an innovation potential aligned with a real challenge of Agrifood or Energy-Intensive Industries, and goes beyond state-of-the-art compared to existing or competing/ existing solutions



 The objectives defined are clear and realistic, considering the project duration and scope



✓ The methodology to address the objectives is clearly defined and solid



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Section 2 - Project description



Impact

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- ✓ The water smart solution will increase digitalisation, sustainability and resilience in the target industry
- ✓ The solution will have a sound impact on the whole value chain, considering providers and end users, and will be available in Europe and also integrating components produced in Europe
- ✓ The strategy to up-scale the solution and achieve the market is clearly defined and realistic. A clear business continuity plan for the solution considering both the technology development phase and the commercialisation is defined
- ✓ Realistic and relevant description of how the innovation will impact the participating companies is included







Section 2 - Project description



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Quality and efficiency of the implementation

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

✓ Relevant expertise:

- *For individual SMEs*: expertise for addressing the challenge proposed.
- <u>For consortium</u>: quality, and complementarity of the participants and the extent to which the consortium, as a whole, brings together the necessary expertise
- ✓ Suitable structure of the work plan, including high quality and effectiveness of the work plan, and realistic identification of critical risks and uncertainties
- ✓ Balance the allocation of tasks and resources, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role



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Section 3 -Declarations

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- \checkmark Online declaration of honor
- ✓ Disclamers
- ✓ CircInWater terms & conditions
- ✓ Privacy declaration

⇒Submission





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Usefull resources

Good to know

APPLICATION FORM TEMPLATE

Word document to work offline

Download the application form <u>template</u>







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Note: This is not the official Application Form. CircInWater applicants must apply by completing and submitting an online Application Form via the <u>CircInWater submission platform</u>. Application forms received in any other way will not be considered.



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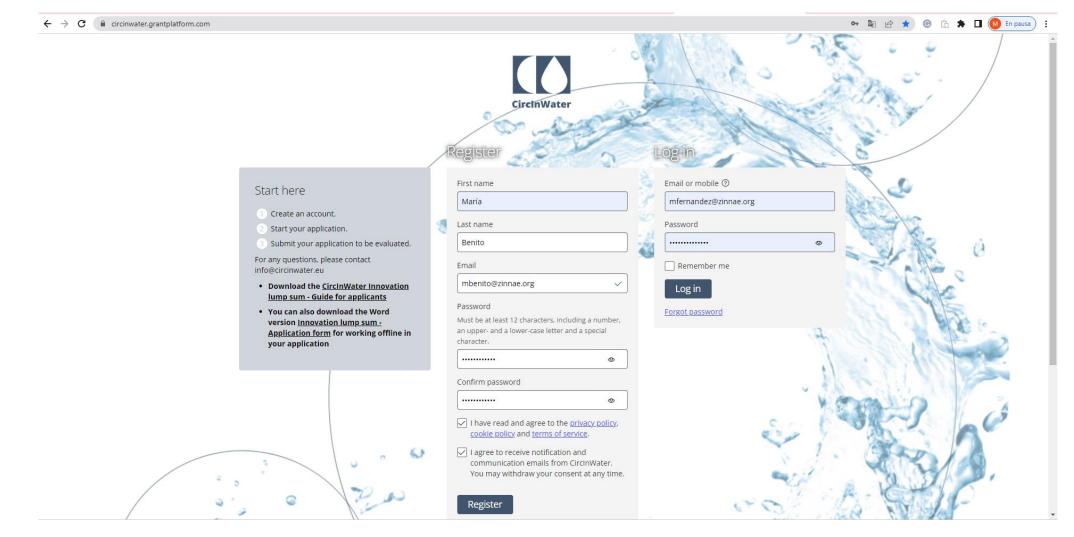


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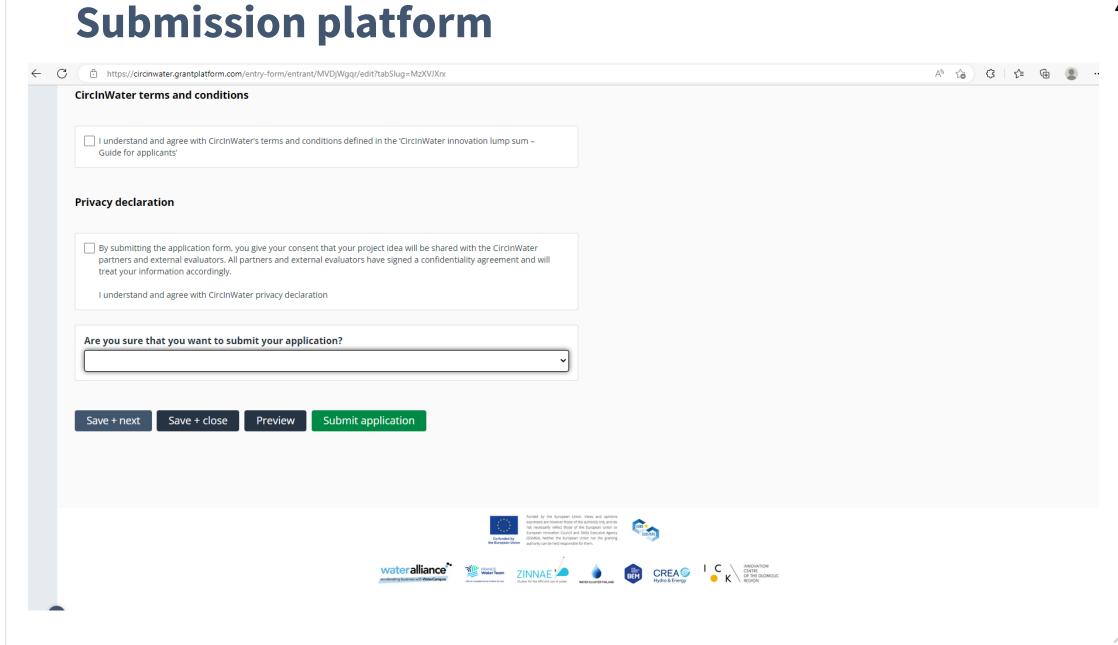


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