



ORGANISATION	<a href="#">FundingBox</a>
Profile	<p>FundingBox is the go-to platform for innovators in the quest for funding and investors and corporates hunting for the next unicorn.</p> <p>FundingBox supports entrepreneurs at every stage of their growth journey with adapted public and private funding opportunities. Besides, FundingBox helps corporates and VCs to find the perfect start-up and scale-up match so that they can boost their innovation processes and maximise their return on investment.</p> <p>And because it is not only about the amount of money but also how it is invested that makes a difference, the deep tech communities in the FundingBox platform gather over 30,000 funding stakeholders willing to shape the destiny of others in a brighter way by sharing experiences and thus triggering exponential growth.</p> <p>More information at: <a href="http://www.fundingbox.com">www.fundingbox.com</a></p>
Previous experience in European projects	<p>Over the years, FundingBox has become the EU leader in <a href="#">cascade funding</a> by distributing over €100 million equity-free. Cascade funding is an innovative mechanism that simplifies the administrative procedures for the beneficiaries who can participate through open calls in user-friendly application schemes. In short, cascade funding makes it much easier for digital start-ups and SMEs to apply to EU funding.</p> <p>For more than 20 years FundingBox has been participating in over 54 EU initiatives across different sectors and areas of expertise such as manufacturing (<a href="#">I4MS</a>), robotics (<a href="#">SPARC</a>), artificial intelligence (<a href="#">AI4EU</a>), Next Generation Internet (<a href="#">NGI</a>) or Digital Innovation Hubs (<a href="#">DIHNET.EU</a>).</p> <p>FundingBox is now developing other strong funding capabilities</p>



	<p>through partnerships with corporate players and the setting up of VC services.</p>
<p>Project ideas</p>	<p>We are looking for EU regions to join us in the following ongoing projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>DIH<sup>2</sup>:</b></p> <p><a href="#">DIH<sup>2</sup></a> brings together a network of 25 DIHs to generate innovation that will maximise productivity and optimise agility in over 300,000 manufacturing SMEs and mid-caps across the EU. Our ambition is to expand the network to over 170 DIHs by 2022.</p> <p><b>DIH<sup>2</sup> is looking for</b> Regional Development Agencies to join the Regional Alliance for Digitalisation and participate in its workshop on 27.05. The potential use of Open Calls, involvement of DIHs, labelling the quality projects and regional follow-up funding will be discussed.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>I4MS:</b></p> <p><a href="#">I4MS</a> is the EU program to expand the digital innovation of manufacturing SMEs in Europe and is one of the key initiatives of the European Commission to shape the pan-European network of Digital Innovation Hubs.</p> <p><b>I4MS is looking for</b> representatives from Regional Authorities, Digital Innovation Hubs, intermediary bodies supporting SMEs across Europe and other organisations to join as <a href="#">I4MS Contact Points</a> and help SMEs to benefit from the opportunities offered by I4MS to your stakeholders' network. Regional Authorities can participate in our Working Groups to help us in identifying best practices driven by regions in the area of digital transformation mechanisms including information on opportunities promoted at regional or local level.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>C-Voucher:</b></p> <p><a href="#">C-Voucher</a> was the first pan-European acceleration programme focused on Circular Economy. C-Voucher would like to contribute with its outcomes (such as its Circular Design Toolkit or its Circularity Open Space) to other projects</p> </li> </ul>



	<p>and initiatives aiming at the promotion of the transition to Circular Economy.</p> <p>C-Voucher is <b>searching</b> for regional players interested in joining a Circularity Multiregional Fund to support the transition to a Circular Economy, in line with their corresponding Smart Specialization Strategies and/or mobilizing the European Structural and Investment Funds in their corresponding regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cascade funding open calls:</b> FundingBox will be funding over 200 champions by the end of 2021 through different open calls. We invite you to visit our <a href="#">Money Box</a> to find ongoing funding opportunities.</li> </ul> <p><b>At FundingBox we are looking for</b> Regional Development Agencies to join us in mobilising their local companies to apply for our funding opportunities. We also want to help Regional Authorities design a tailored follow-up funding.</p>
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